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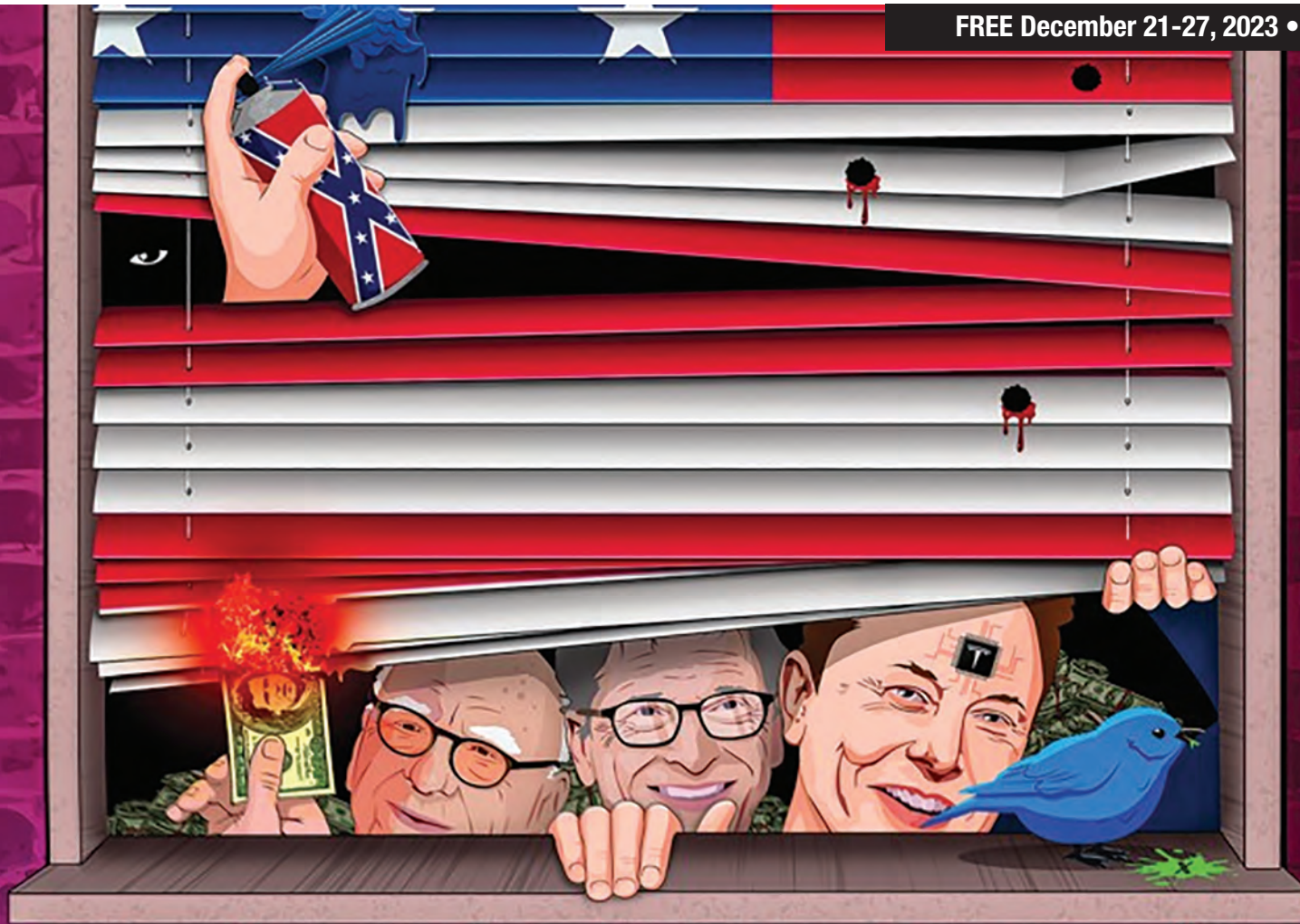


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# Wrongful incarceration

Illinois Innocence Project helps free man who served 35 years

CRIMINAL JUSTICE | Scott Reeder

Brian Beals walked out of prison this month after serving 35 years for a murder he didn't commit.

He blames his wrongful incarceration on a corrupt legal system and credits his freedom to the Springfield-based Illinois Innocence Project.

"I got involved in the Innocence Project because my sister and my family petitioned them to take my case and I'm really glad she did," he told *Illinois Times*.

Lawyers from the Innocence Project visited him in prison, listened to his concerns and advocated for him in courtrooms.

A Cook County judge overturned the conviction Dec. 12 and dismissed all charges against Beals, marking the end of a legal ordeal that began in 1988 when he was falsely accused of murdering a 6-year-old boy in Chicago's Englewood neighborhood.

In 1988, Beals was a senior at Southern Illinois University and a college football player. He was visiting his Chicago home when he became the target of a local drug dealer's threats. Bullets aimed at Beals' fleeing vehicle struck 6-year-old Demetrius Campbell and his mother, Valerie Campbell. Demetrius died of his injuries.

During his trial, Beals was convicted in part on the testimony of Valerie Campbell, who identified him as the shooter despite not being shown any lineups or photographs. But newly surfaced evidence included statements from five additional witnesses showing that Beals was the intended target, not the perpetrator. Photographic enhancement of police images also revealed bullet holes in Beals' car, further bolstering his claims of innocence.

Chicago police detective Thomas Ptak, the lead investigator, has been linked to eight



Brian Beals with, from left, Illinois Innocence Project staff investigator Lynn Bagley, IIP paralegal Taryn Servaes and IIP co-director Lauren Kaeseberg. Beals was released from prison this month after serving 35 years for a murder he didn't commit, becoming the 24th client freed by IIP. PHOTO COURTESY ILLINOIS INNOCENCE PROJECT

other proven wrongful convictions.

"Brian was locked up for something he didn't do, and he missed out on so much, but I also firmly believe that we missed out on so much by not having him be a part of our world out here," IIP co-director Lauren Kaeseberg told *IT*. "He is so capable and so inspiring. There's so much good that he has inside of him to do in the world."

Ironically, at the time of the 1988 incident, Beals was studying to become a police officer.

According to IIP, Beals is the 521st individual to be exonerated in Illinois. He served the third-longest term of wrongful incarceration in the state's history.

Kaeseberg added, "I think a lot of times people look at cases of people who are wrongfully convicted and they think to themselves, 'Well, there must be a reason the police thought it was him.' Like, maybe he did something else or he had some other record, or he was a bad guy in another part of his life. And the truth is, wrongful convictions happen to everybody. Brian Beals was on a trajectory of not only success, but of service. He wanted to be a police officer."

Beals served time in some of Illinois' toughest prisons but he said the fear he experienced came from the institutions themselves – not fellow inmates.

"Prison can be a scary place," he said. "I think everybody there is a little afraid. I'm no exception to that. But I think the

misconception is, what are you afraid of? I was not afraid of the other prisoners. It was the system itself, the way we were targeted for certain things. ... trying to have a stable life in prison was difficult, not knowing what was going to happen next. There was wave after wave after wave. ... I don't know how many different directors I've experienced over the years, dozens and dozens of wardens, being transferred. Yeah, those were the scary things – the system itself."

The Illinois Innocence Project, which was formed in 2001 at University of Illinois-Springfield, provides free legal advocacy and guidance to those believed to have been wrongfully convicted in Illinois. It also educates law enforcement, students and the public about wrongful convictions. And it works with policymakers to change rules, laws and practices to minimize wrongful convictions. □

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## Editor's note

The Springfield Immigrant Action Network and its president, Veronica Espina, had the most helpful response to recently exposed divisive anti-immigrant rhetoric from Teresa Haley, Illinois NAACP president. "We need to stop using the lenses in which we see 'us' versus 'them,'" SIAN said in a statement. "What we need instead is an analysis in which we view communities as whole, fully human, deserving of our respect and assistance. ... When we lift one group, when we support and elevate communities, we are also lifting our neighbors and other marginalized peoples." We are all reminded to renew efforts to support the advancement of colored people, with an expanded definition that includes people of color immigrating from the Global South, as well as the rainbow-draped LGBTQ community. There are "many intersections of being and of experience among marginalized peoples," SIAN said. The divisive rhetoric "thus requires response and repair of these important relationships. We don't heal alone but in community." — Fletcher Farrar, editor

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# Problematic bug makes its way to Springfield

Global warming leads kissing bug to migrate from Latin America

CLIMATE CHANGE | Scott Reeder

Dr. Meredith Mahoney, a zoologist for the Illinois State Museum, made a discovery in her Springfield home that could be a bellwether not only to global climate change but to a deadly disease making its way into the Midwest.

Perhaps the actual discovery should be attributed not to Mahoney but to her cat, Darcie.

"She was playing with something in my living room, and I've discovered it's best to find out what she's playing with. It was a bug," Mahoney said.

What Darcie was batting about was a triatominae, which is better known as a kissing bug.

The insect is a scourge in Latin America. It clamps onto people's faces while they sleep and sucks their blood. Worse yet, it is the vector for a parasite that causes Chagas disease.

While the ailment can be mild, causing swelling and fever, it also can be long lasting and lead to congestive heart failure in infected humans and dogs.

Little did the cat – or the insect – know, but Mahoney's institution was working with a researcher at Saint Louis University tracking the northward migration of kissing bugs.

Ellen Santos, an epidemiologist at SLU, published an article this month in *Entomology Today* tracking the presence of kissing bugs in Illinois and Missouri. She said there has been at least one case of a Missouri resident believed to have been infected with Chagas disease in their local community.

Kissing bugs are black or dark brown, with red, orange or yellow stripes around the edge of their bodies. They can be up to an inch long.

Typically, U.S. physicians only find the disease among those who have immigrated from or visited Central or South America. Part of the reason for this is because kissing bugs thrive in warm climates.

But global warming may mean that the bugs are migrating farther north. Santos said the purpose of her study is to establish a baseline to track migration of the insect species as the planet continues to warm.

Already, the presence of kissing bugs in places like Sangamon and Champaign counties indicates that the creatures' range is much farther north than previously thought.

Dr. Becky Smith, a veterinarian and epidemiologist at the University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine in



Dr. Meredith Mahoney, a zoologist for the Illinois State Museum, recently found her cat, Darcie, playing with a kissing bug in her living room. The ISM is working with St. Louis University to track the northward migration of the insects, which carry disease. PHOTO BY LEE MILNER

Champaign-Urbana said global warming is a reasonable hypothesis for why insects not previously found in central Illinois are becoming more common.

"Vectors (disease carriers) are now more common and in our area. And I am concerned. I mostly work with ticks and we know that there are species of ticks that didn't used to be able to survive winters in Illinois that we have this far north. But now they are in Champaign County," she said. "There are mosquitoes that are surviving the winter, and now apparently these kissing bugs that can spread Chagas disease are also surviving the winters here."

In decades past, kissing bugs were occasionally found in northern Illinois, Smith said. Today, there appear to be established populations in central Illinois.

In Illinois, the mammals most likely to be infected with Chagas disease are raccoons, she said.

Animals are more likely to be infected than humans because they sometimes eat bugs, Santos said.

But Smith added there are other factors that make canines more vulnerable,

"I think dogs are more vulnerable than humans in the U. S. because dogs are more likely to be exposed to the outside," she said. "Kissing bugs like to feed at night and they

tend to not be able to get into our houses. But if the dog lives outside or lives in a kennel, then the kissing bugs might find a potential host for biting."

There is no vaccine or other preventive treatment for Chagas disease in dogs or humans, Smith said.

"Unfortunately, there's not much good treatment after infection," she said. "The treatment of Chagas disease in dogs is not very strong yet. And for prevention, it's all about vector control," she said. "Kissing bugs really like wooded areas, brush piles and wood piles. So, cleaning those up is one of the pieces of advice that people give. They are active at night and attracted to light – if you have a light outside your house, they may be attracted to it. So, you want to turn off those outdoor lights and clean up the brush and wood pile."

Dr. Vidya Sundareshan, a professor of infectious disease at Southern Illinois University School of Medicine in Springfield, said the primary concern for the spread of Chagas disease in the United States has been through blood transfusions and organ transplants from infected donors who contracted the disease in Central or South America.

She added that in Latin America, "It's most common in more rural areas where there are houses made of mud or straw. In those kinds of houses, the bugs hide and at nighttime they come out and then they bite people. After the blood meal, the bugs actually defecate and in their gut is the parasite *Trypanosoma cruzi*. ... The people that they bite will scratch and they can put it in their eye or other places."

Initial symptoms of infection can include diarrhea, nausea and labored breathing, she said. Sundareshan added there are some antiparasitic medications that can be used to treat infected patients.

But sometimes the disease is not detected early enough and permanent heart damage can result. She said area residents should not be unduly alarmed but there is reason for concern.

"Yes, when you're seeing these (insects), they're telling us something. So, we want to be careful and definitely track (their population migration.) So, surveillance is very, very, very important." □

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# Haley suspended by NAACP

Calling immigrants 'savages' and rapists creates uproar

NAACP | Dean Olsen

The national NAACP has suspended Teresa Haley as president of the group's Illinois State Conference after the Springfield resident was recorded on video in October calling immigrants "savages" and saying they are "raping people" and attracting more sympathy than Black people with similar needs.

Haley's comments, made during an online monthly video call with NAACP leaders throughout Illinois, drew criticism from Gov. JB Pritzker, state and local groups advocating on behalf of immigrants and a call for her resignation from a former suburban Chicago NAACP leader.

Haley, who received the "activist of the year" award at the 2020 NAACP Image Awards, issued a written apology in a Dec. 14 news release from the Illinois NAACP.

The news release also said NAACP branch presidents from throughout Illinois met Dec. 13 and "unanimously supported Haley's quintessential leadership skills."

But the national NAACP, based in Baltimore, said in a statement Dec. 15 that it suspended Haley Dec. 13.

It's unclear whether national NAACP officials had communicated with Illinois branch presidents before the Illinois NAACP meeting. Champaign's NAACP branch president, Minnie Pearson, told *Illinois Times* on Dec. 15 that the suspension was a surprise to her. She declined further comment.

Haley initially scheduled a news conference Dec. 16 in Springfield, where she is president of the Springfield NAACP branch, but an emailed statement to the news media said the news conference was canceled "in accordance with the recent request from the national NAACP office. Ms. Haley stands by her heartfelt apology and will not provide any further comments at this juncture."

The Dec. 15 statement from the national NAACP, the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization, said the nonprofit "stands firm in our commitment to advancing racial justice and cultivating a society where human dignity is respected."

The NAACP didn't respond to requests for more information or clarification, didn't say how long the suspension will last, whether the group will consider permanently removing Haley as statewide president or whether the suspension also applies to Haley's position as president of the Springfield NAACP branch.

"As an internal matter, there will be no additional comment at this time," the statement said, adding, "The NAACP will continue to

foster an environment that is reflective of our mission and respective of our membership."

Haley, 58, a retired state employee who was elected to her first two-year term as president of the Illinois NAACP in 2015, hasn't responded to *Illinois Times*' requests for an interview.

Television station ABC7 Chicago reported that Haley told one of its reporters in early December, in a phone call while she was on vacation in Dubai, that she didn't make the comments and that the video was fake and was created with artificial intelligence.

"With AI, anything is possible," Haley told the Chicago reporter.

Then, in the Dec. 14 Illinois State Conference news release, Haley reversed course without explanation.

"First and foremost," she said, "I express my sincere apologies to anyone who may have been hurt or offended by my comments. I love and value all members of our communities — including immigrants. I have worked tirelessly to advocate for the underserved and the voiceless. I remain focused on denouncing injustices, racism and discrimination.

"I am empathetic to the plight of all people, and I proudly serve as a beacon of hope to the hopeless. I embrace the mission of the NAACP, which is to 'Achieve equity, political rights and social inclusion by advancing policies and practices that expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination and accelerate the well-being, education and economic security of Black people and all persons of color.'"

Elbert Betts, 82, a retired principal of Southeast High School who is a member of the Springfield NAACP's executive committee, said Haley "has my support 100%."

Regarding Haley's comments on the video, Betts said, "I don't think she was lashing out at anybody."

Betts said he hopes the national NAACP "gives her due process" before making any final decision about her status.

Patrick Watson, 40, a small business owner in the Chicago suburb of Lisle, said he recorded the October statements by Haley when he was president of the NAACP's DuPage County branch.

Watson told *Illinois Times* he had complained to the national NAACP for months about what he called Haley's disregard for NAACP bylaws on acceptable business practices.

"She tends to create her own facts and creates her own reality," he said.

Watson also said Haley has engaged in "hate speech against the LGBTQ community."



Springfield NAACP Branch President Teresa Haley

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He said Haley, in a November monthly video meeting with Illinois NAACP officials, questioned national NAACP officials' use of "they" and "them" pronouns preferred by certain staff members. According to Watson, Haley said, "What the hell is that?"

Watson said he resigned from his post on Dec. 12 in protest of Haley's conduct and requested her resignation. That same day, he notified the media about Haley's October comments and provided an approximately two-minute section of a recording of the two-hour-long video meeting.

"I could no longer be a part of the organization," he said. "Hate has no home in the organization."

Watson said he also notified the national NAACP and the media because Haley is campaigning to be named to the NAACP's national board of directors in an internal election taking place in December and culminating at the end of the month.

In the video clip, Haley talked about immigrants who have been bused to Chicago and other Northern cities from the U.S. border with Mexico.

Apparently in response to comments made by other people on the call, Haley said Peoria, Springfield and other cities should prepare for immigrants wanting services and noted that cities are being more eager and generous about finding immigrants safe housing than they have in serving low-income Black people.

"But Black people have been on the streets for ever and ever, and nobody cares because they say that we're drug addicts, we've got mental health issues. But these immigrants who come over here, they've been raping people, they've

been breaking into homes, they're like savages as well. They don't speak the language, and they look at us like we were crazy because we were the only people in America who were brought over here against our wills and were slaves, sold into slavery.

"But everybody else who comes over here? We're so kind, we're so friendly. You need some clothes, you need a place to stay? We're gonna make it happen. So brother, I feel your pain. I'm right there with you. I'm trying not to be a (N-word), but you know I'm pro-Black."

Pritzker called Haley's comments on the video "reprehensible" and told the news media he hoped she would apologize.

The governor said "people should recognize that immigrants in this country are all around us" and "virtually all of us came here from somewhere else. So remarks like that are commentary on our entire society."

Watson said he doubted the sincerity of Haley's apology because she directed it to "anyone who may have been hurt or offended."

Watson called the national NAACP's suspension of Haley "a great first step to begin the healing of the community to show there's no hate in the organization."

Veronica Espina, founder and president of the Springfield Immigrant Advocacy Network, didn't comment on Haley's apology or suspension but said she was "sad and upset" after hearing Haley's taped comments.

"It's not just disappointing. It's hurtful," Espina said.

"The NAACP has a history of supporting immigrants and refugees in this country," she said, adding that low-income Black people and immigrants often live in the same neighborhoods and share the same concerns and challenges.

"We need to stop using the lens of 'them vs. us,'" Espina said, adding that those who oppress marginalized groups benefit when those groups criticize each other.

"They divide and conquer," Espina said. "It's a way of thinking we need to reject. There are resources out there."

A joint statement from the network and the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights said the groups rejected Haley's comments on the video:

"Divisive rhetoric damages communities. It reinforced harmful stereotypes, which, in turn, hurt entire groups of people. Apologies must include strategies to begin dialogue, deliberate actions to repair relationships and commitment to share accurate information." □



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NEED TRANSPARENCY

This project is supposed to be a public/private initiative with each entity covering half of the total \$67 million cost (“Scheels Sports Park development on track,” Dec. 14). According to Ryan McCrady, president and CEO of the Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance, “Money from the banks isn’t needed by the developers yet; drawing on funds that have been committed by the banks too soon would incur unnecessary interest charges.”

Using this logic, the developer should not use any private funding until the city of Springfield has spent its share of the \$67 million in order to save unnecessary interest charges. It is time for the City Council to do their due diligence and not pay one dime until the developer can show proof of financing for their share of the project. The developer should be providing receipts for work already completed, and the council should insist on complete transparency on all transactions by this developer, including paying prevailing wage.

Bill Baskett  
Springfield

NEED SELECTIVITY

Regarding the Scheels Sports Park, Ward 3 Ald. Roy Williams observed, “We do a whole lot for this developer that we don’t do for other developers.” He’s right, and I think it’s important to explore it further to determine value guidance for future developer requests.

A new grocery or hardware store mostly cannibalizes customers from established stores with little or no gain to the overall economy. Housing projects, especially downtown, are often risky with predictable downside and developers seek TIF dollars to cover their losses. Strip malls rarely bring in impact business. Nonprofits do not generate appreciable revenue.

Local business transacted in Springfield is money spent from resident to resident. Tax revenue and payroll dollars that chain stores leave behind also originates from residents. Conversely, state of Illinois payroll and manufacturing bring money here from elsewhere.

Scheels Sports Park will draw a steady stream of outsiders spending hundreds of dollars while visiting. Tax revenue from hotels, restaurants, gas stations and souvenir sales will boom. Wages from new jobs will expand. Locally owned businesses will share in the harvest of outside money.

That is the key to understanding why Scheels Sports Park is so valuable and why its



Land immediately north of Scheels is included in the footprint of Scheels Sports Park at Legacy Pointe on Springfield’s south side. The park, being developed as a public-private partnership, is scheduled to open in spring 2025. Grading work that began in April is expected to resume in spring 2024, and crews will begin underground work as weather permits in the next few months, according to Legacy Pointe Development partner Dirk McCormick. PHOTO BY DEAN OLSEN.

developer gets better consideration. Almost all the money spent at or near this expanded athletic facility will be new money – money brought here from somewhere else and left behind.

Regarding Ald. Williams’ observation, I suggest Springfield should be openly selective and demanding about which developers they do more for. Springfield should reserve its best effort for projects where it stands to gain the most in return.

John Levalley  
Springfield

CHRISTMAS IN VIETNAM

On upper Tu Do Street in downtown Saigon – Christmas Eve, 1967 – me and my fellow 7th Air Force Information Radio Newsmen gathered together at Papa San John’s Pizza Pagoda to celebrate the holidays and the

Christmas truce that was turning out to be nothing more than a ruse by the Viet Cong in biding their time to prepare for what U.S. intelligence expected to be the great Tet Offensive of 1968. But we didn’t let that stop us from indulging in libations while singing Christmas carols of the secular kind – out of respect for Papa San’s religion, Buddhism.

We began the celebration by singing the famous holiday tune that began with “I’m dreaming of a white Christmas...,” made popular by the terrific, prolific, holiday crooner Bing Crosby, although it was highly unlikely to snow in tropical Saigon, where it hadn’t done so since the beginning of time.

Dreams seemed to be the theme of the party, like another song we sang that was also recorded by Crosby in 1943, at the height of World War II. Its heart-tugging lyrics that ended with “I’ll be home for Christmas, if only in my dreams” may have been written with the soldiers of that war in mind, thinking perhaps they’d be singing it too in their foxholes on Christmas Eve. Those who fought in the so-called “forgotten war” of Korea may have sung it, too. And our brethren GIs in Vietnam might be singing it now while hunkered down on the dangerous front lines, far away from where we were in the friendly confines of a Vietnamese pizzeria and bar in relatively safe Saigon on this magical night when Christ was born. Even Papa San John, a devout Buddhist, sang along since it was a secular song.

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## This year's Top 10 underreported stories

By Paul Rosenberg / Illustration by Anson Stevens-Bollen

"We have made the planet inhospitable to human life." That's what the lead researcher in Project Censored's No. 1 story this year said. He wasn't talking about the climate catastrophe. He was talking about so-called "forever chemicals," per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), linked to prostate, kidney and testicular cancer and additional health risks, and the study he led found unsafe levels in rainwater worldwide.

Even though this story received some corporate media attention – in *USA Today* and the *Discovery Channel* – the starkly shocking bottom line clearly didn't come through to the general public. Have you heard it before? Has it been the subject of any conversation you've had? No? Well, that, my friend, is the very essence of what Project Censored's signature top 10 list is all about: Exposing the suppression (active or passive) of vitally important information from the public, which renders the public unable to act in the way that a healthy democratic public is supposed to. They've been doing it since Carl Jensen began it with a single college class in 1976, inspired in part by the way the Watergate story got this same sort of treatment until well after the election cycle it was part of.

But there's a second story intertwined with the forever chemicals' pervasive presence: the revelation that companies responsible for them have known about their dangers for decades, but kept those dangers hidden – just like fossil fuel companies and climate catastrophe. The intersection of environmental/public health and corporate criminality is typical of how certain longstanding patterns of censored news weave together across the years, even decades, and how the spotlight Project Censored shines on them helps to make sense of much more than the individual stories it highlights, as vitally important as they are in themselves.

The themes in the No. 1 story – environmental harm and corporate abuse – so dominate the top 10 story list that they send another message as well, a message

about the fundamental mismatch between our needs as a species living on a finite planet and a rapacious economic system conceived in ignorance of that fact. The climate catastrophe is just the most extreme symptom of this mismatch, but it's far from the only one. Corporate abuse figures into every story in the list – though sometimes deep in the background, as with their decades-long efforts to destroy unions in story No. 6. Environmental harms 'only' show up in seven of the 10 stories.

There are still other patterns here, to be sure, and I encourage you to look for them yourself because seeing those patterns enriches your understanding of the world as it is, and as it's being hidden from you. But this dominant pattern touches us all. The evidence is right there, in the stories themselves.

### 1. "Forever chemicals" in rainwater a global threat



Rainwater is "no longer safe to drink anywhere on Earth," Morgan McFall-Johnsen reported in *Insider* in August 2022, summing up the results of a global study of so-called "forever chemicals," or polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), published in the journal *Environmental Science & Technology*. Researchers from Stockholm University and the Institute of Biogeochemistry and Pollutant Dynamics at ETH Zurich concluded that "in many areas inhabited by humans," PFAS contamination levels in rainwater, surface water and soil "often greatly exceed" the strictest international guidelines for acceptable levels of perfluoroalkyl acids.

They're called "forever chemicals" because they take so long to break down, "allowing them to build up in people, animals, and environments," *Insider* reported. Project Censored notes, "Prior research has linked

these chemicals to prostate, kidney and testicular cancer and additional health risks, including developmental delays in children, decreased fertility in women and men, reduced vaccine efficacy and high cholesterol."

### 2. Blurred lines between big tech and big brother



highly politically sensitive fields, wielding considerable control over how its products work and what the world sees on its screens and in its search results."

And more broadly, "a former CIA employee is working in almost every department at Google," Project Censored noted.

But Google isn't alone. Nor is the CIA. "Former employees of U.S. and Israeli intelligence agencies now hold senior positions at Google, Meta, Microsoft and other tech giants," Project Censored wrote. A second report focused on employees from Israel's Unit 8200, its equivalent of the CIA, which is "infamous for surveilling the indigenous Palestinian population," MacLeod wrote. Using LinkedIn, he identified hundreds of such individuals from both agencies, providing specific information about dozens of them.

"The problem with former CIA agents becoming the arbiters of what is true and what is false and what should be promoted and what should be deleted is that they cut their teeth at a notorious organization whose job it was to inject lies and false information into the public discourse to further the goals of the national security state," MacLeod wrote, citing the 1983

testimony of former CIA task force head John Stockwell, author of *In Search of Enemies*, in which he described the dissemination of propaganda as a "major function" of the agency.

Reinforcing that concern is big tech's history. "As journalist Nafeez Ahmed's investigation found, the CIA and the NSA were bankrolling Stanford Ph.D. student Sergey Brin's research – work that would later produce Google," MacLeod wrote. "Not only that but, in Ahmed's words, 'senior U.S. intelligence representatives, including a CIA official, oversaw the evolution of Google in this pre-launch phase, all the way until the company was ready to be officially founded.'"

This fits neatly within the larger framework of Silicon Valley's origin as a supplier of defense department technology.

### 3. Toxic chemicals continue to go unregulated



The United States is "a global laggard in chemical regulation," *ProPublica* reported in December 2022, a result of chemical industry influence and acquiescence by the Environmental

Protection Agency over a period of decades, according to reporters Neil Bedi, Sharon Lerner and Kathleen McGrory. A headline example: asbestos, one of the most widely-recognized toxic substances, is still legal in the U.S., more than 30 years after the EPA tried to have it banned.

"Through interviews with environmental experts and analysis of a half-century's worth of legislation, lawsuits, EPA documents, oral histories, chemical databases and regulatory records, *ProPublica* uncovered the longstanding institutional failure to protect Americans from toxic chemicals," Project Censored reported. *ProPublica* identified five main reasons for failure:

- The chemical industry helped write



**the 1976 Toxic Substances Control Act.** The law “allowed more than 60,000 chemicals to stay on the market without a review of their health risks” and required the EPA to always choose the “least burdensome” regulations. “These two words would doom American chemical regulation for decades,” *ProPublica* reported.

• **The EPA lost its resolve.** In 1989, after 10 years of work, the EPA was banning asbestos. But companies that used asbestos sued and won in 1991, based on a court ruling that they’d failed to prove it was the “least burdensome” option. However, “the judge did provide a road map for future bans, which would require the agency to do an analysis of other regulatory options ... to prove they wouldn’t be adequate,” but rather than follow through, the EPA simply gave up.

• **Chemicals are considered innocent until proven guilty.** For decades, the U.S. and EU used a “risk-based” approach to regulation, requiring the government to prove a chemical poses unreasonable health risks before restricting it, which can take years. In 2007, the EU switched to a “hazard-based” approach, putting the burden on companies when there’s evidence of significant harm. As a result, *ProPublica* explained, “the EU has successfully banned or restricted more than 1,000 chemicals.” A similar approach was proposed in the U.S. in 2005 by New Jersey Sen. Frank Lautenberg, but it was soundly defeated.

• **The EPA mostly regulates chemicals one by one.** In 2016, a new law amended the TSCA to cut the “least burdensome” language, and created a schedule “where a small list of high-priority chemicals would be reviewed every few years. The first 10 were selected, including asbestos,” *ProPublica* reported. “The EPA would then have about three years to assess the chemicals and another two years to finalize regulations on them.” But six years later, “the agency is behind on all such rules. So far, it has only proposed one ban, on asbestos, and the agency told

*ProPublica* it would still be almost a year before that is finalized.” Industry fights the process at every step.

• **The EPA employs industry-friendly scientists as regulators.** “The EPA has a long history of hiring scientists and top officials from the companies they are supposed to regulate, allowing industry to sway the agency’s science from the inside,” *ProPublica* wrote. A prime example is Todd Stedeford. “A lawyer and toxicologist, Stedeford has been hired by the EPA on three separate occasions,” *ProPublica* noted. “During his two most recent periods of employment at the agency – from 2011 to 2017 and from 2019 to 2021 – he was hired by corporate employers who use or manufacture chemicals the EPA regulates.”

#### 4. Stalkerware could be used to incriminate people violating abortion bans



Stalkerware – consisting of up to 200 surveillance apps and services that provide secret access to people’s phones for a monthly fee – “could become

a significant legal threat to people seeking abortions, according to a pair of articles published in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to overturn the constitutional right to abortion,” Project Censored reports.

“Abortion medication is safe. But now that Roe is overturned, your data isn’t,” Rae Hodge wrote for the tech news site CNET just two days after the Dobbs decision. “Already, the digital trails of abortion seekers can become criminal evidence against them in some states where abortion[s] were previously prosecuted. And the legal dangers may extend to abortion seekers in even more states.”

The next month, writing for *Slate*, University of Virginia law professor Danielle Keats Citron warned that “surveillance accomplished by individual privacy invaders

will be a gold mine for prosecutors targeting both medical workers and pregnant people seeking abortions.”

It’s not just abortion, she explained, “Your phone’s data, your social media accounts, your browsing and geolocation history, and your ISP’s detailed records of your internet activity may all be used as evidence if you face state criminal or civil charges for a miscarriage.”

And “abortion bounty hunter” provisions adopted by states like Texas and Oklahoma, add a financial incentive. “Given the inexpensive cost of readily available stores of personal data and how easily they can be de-anonymized, savvy informants could use the information to identify abortion seekers and turn a profit,” she noted.

“The law’s response to intimate privacy violations is inadequate, lacking a clear conception of what intimate privacy is, why its violation is wrongful and how it inflicts serious harm upon individuals, groups, and society,” Citron explained. “Until federal regulations and legislation establish a set of digital privacy laws, abortion-seekers are caught in the position of having to create their own patchwork of digital defenses, from often complicated and expensive privacy tools,” Hodge warned. While the bipartisan American Data Privacy and Protection Act is still “slowly inching through Congress” it “is widely thought toothless,” she wrote.

#### 5. Certified rainforest carbon offsets mostly “worthless”



corporations are largely worthless and could make global heating worse, according to a new investigation,” the *Guardian* reported on Jan. 23, as part of a joint nine-month reporting project with SourceMaterial, and *Die Zeit*.

“About 90% of rainforest carbon offsets

certified by Verra, the world’s largest offset certifier, do not reflect real reductions in emissions,” Project Censored summed up.

Specifically, “The investigation of 29 Verra rainforest offset projects found that 21 had no climate benefit, seven had significantly less climate benefit than claimed (by margins of 52% to 98% less), while one project yielded 80% more climate benefit than claimed. Overall, the study concluded that 94% of the credits approved by these projects were ‘worthless’ and never should have been approved.”

“Rainforest protection credits are the most common type on the market at the moment. And it’s exploding, so these findings really matter,” said Barbara Haya, director of the Berkeley Carbon Trading Project, who’s researched carbon credits for 20 years. “But these problems are not just limited to this credit type. These problems exist with nearly every kind of credit,” she told the *Guardian*. “We need an alternative process. The offset market is broken.”

#### 6. Unions won more than 70% of their elections in 2022



Unions won more than 70% of their certification elections in 2022, according to reporting by NPR and The Conversation, and workers of color were

responsible for 100% of union growth, according to an analysis by the Economic Policy Institute reported by Payday Report and the *New Republic*. The National Labor Relations Board reported 2,510 petitions for union representation filed in fiscal year 2022, up 53% from F 2021. Seventy-two percent of the 1,249 certification elections were held voted to certify a union as their collective bargaining agent. “The entire increase in unionization in 2022 was among workers of color – workers of color saw an increase of 231,000, while

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white workers saw a decrease of 31,000,” EPI wrote in a February 2023 press release.

EPI also noted that “Survey data show that nearly half of nonunion workers (48%) would vote to unionize their workplace if they could. That means that more than 60 million workers wanted to join a union, but couldn’t. The Protecting the Right to Organize Act and the Public Service Freedom to Negotiate Act provide crucial reforms that would strengthen workers’ rights to form a union and engage in collective bargaining.” It passed the House in 2020 and 2021 but died in the Senate, where it needed 60 votes to pass because of the filibuster.

“Corporate media coverage of the labor resurgence of 2022 was highly selective and, in some ways, misleading,” Project Censored reported. There’ve been hundreds of articles on union organizing at Starbucks and Amazon and among graduate students, “Yet corporate coverage of current labor organizing often fails to address the outsized role played by workers of color in union growth.” Nor has it placed recent union successes in the historical context of prolonged decline, largely due to private employers’ heavy-handed efforts to undermine organizing campaigns and labor laws that strongly favor employers.

## 7. Fossil fuel investors sue governments to block climate regulations



“Litigation terrorism” is what Nobel Prize-winning economist Joseph Stiglitz called the practice of fossil fuel companies and investors suing governments in secretive private

tribunals to thwart climate change policies. Litigants claim climate change laws undermine their profits, and thus they must be compensated under what’s known as “investor-state dispute settlement” legal actions, Rishika Pardikar reported for *The Lever* in June 2022, following a paper in *Science* by lead author Kyla Tienhaara the month before. It found that “Global action on climate change could generate upward of \$340 billion in legal claims from oil and gas investors,” which, “is more than the total level of public climate finance globally in 2020 (\$321 billion).”

A good portion threatens the Global South. “The five countries with the greatest potential losses from ISDS are Mozambique (\$7-31 billion), Guyana (\$5-21 billion), Venezuela (\$3-21 billion), Russia (\$2-16 billion) and the United Kingdom (\$3-14 billion),” Tienhaara reported. What’s more, “If countries decide to also cancel oil and gas projects that are currently under

development, this could introduce substantial additional financial losses from ISDS claims.”

“Such [litigation] moves could have a chilling effect on countries’ ability to take climate action because of the fear and uncertainty they cause,” Pardikar noted. “New Zealand, for example, recently said that it could not join the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance, an international consortium of governments working to phase out fossil fuels, because doing so ‘would have run afoul of investor-state settlements,’” Lois Parshley reported for *Grist* in January 2023.

Project Censored also cited Lea Di Salvatore’s December 2021 report that fossil fuel “investors succeeded in 72% of all cases,” winning an average over \$600 million, “almost five times the amount awarded in non-fossil fuel cases.” In addition, secrecy is the rule. “54% of the concluded fossil fuel cases are confidential – while their existence is known, no case-related documents, such as awards or decisions, have been made public.”

## 8. Proximity to oil and gas extraction sites linked to health risks



“Two epidemiological studies, from 2021 and 2022, provide new evidence that living near oil and gas extraction sites is hazardous to human health,”

Project Censored

reports, “especially for pregnant mothers and children, as reported by Nick Cunningham for DeSmog and Tom Perkins for the *Guardian*.”

Based on 1996-2009 data for more than 2.8 million pregnant women in Texas, researchers from Oregon State University found that “for those pregnant women within one kilometer of drilling there’s about a 5% increase in odds of gestational hypertension and 26% increase in odds of eclampsia,” researcher Mary Willis told DeSmog. “So, it’s this really close range where we are seeing a potential impact right on women’s health.” Eclampsia is a rare but serious condition where high blood pressure results in seizures during pregnancy.

“Notably, the data in the OSU study predate the widespread development of ‘fracking,’ or hydraulic fracturing, the process of extracting gas and oil from shale beds by injecting fluids at high pressure,” Project Censored pointed out. The second study, from Yale, did study fracking. It found that “Young children living near fracking wells at birth (approximately 1.2 miles) are up to three times more likely to later develop leukemia,” according to an August 2022 *Guardian* story. The study, based on 2009-

2017 data from Pennsylvania, compared 405 children aged 2-7 diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia with an additional 2,080 children, matched on birth year, who didn’t have leukemia.

The findings aligned with others, as DeSmog discussed. “One consistent takeaway from so many health studies related to fracking is that proximity is key,” they reported. “The allowable setback in Pennsylvania, where our study was conducted, is 500 feet,” Yale researcher Cassandra Clark told them. “Our findings ... in conjunction with evidence from numerous other studies, suggest that existing setback distances are insufficiently protective of children’s health.”

State and local governments have tried to create health buffer zones, but “The oil industry has consistently fought hard to block setback distance requirements,” DeSmog reported. For example, “In 2018, the oil industry spent upwards of \$40 million to defeat a Colorado ballot measure that would have imposed 2,500-foot setback requirements for drillers.” Regulations are so weak that “In Texas, drilling sites can be as close as 45 meters from residences,” Willis told them.

## 9. Deadly decade for environmental activists



At least 1,733 environmental activists were murdered between 2012 and 2021 – nearly one every two days across 10 years – according to the Global Witness study, *Decade of Defiance*. They were “killed by hitmen, organized crime groups and their own governments,”

Patrick Greenfield reported for the *Guardian*, “with Brazil, Colombia, the Philippines, Mexico and Honduras the deadliest countries.” Half the attacks took place in the first three countries, each reporting around 300 killings.

“The killing of environmental activists has been concentrated in the Global South,” and “Indigenous land defenders are disproportionately impacted,” Project Censored warned. “*The Guardian* reported that 39% of those killed were from Indigenous communities, despite that group constituting only 5% of the global population.”

“This is about land inequality, in that defenders are fighting for their land, and in this increasing race to get more land to acquire and exploit resources, the victims are indigenous communities, local communities, whose voices are being suppressed,” the BBC summed up.

But, “campaigners are hopeful that progress is being made,” the BBC reported, citing the sentencing of a former energy executive to 22 years in prison in Honduras for the murder of world-renowned activist Berta Cáceres in 2016, as well as promising international agreements. The Escazú agreement, the first environmental and human rights treaty for Latin America and the Caribbean “commits countries to prevent and investigate attacks on environmental defenders,” and went into force in 2021. Mexico has ratified it, but “others including Brazil and Colombia have not” so far, the BBC said. There are also plans by the European Union to pass laws making companies responsible for human rights abuses in their supply chains.

“These are game-changing decisions that could make a real positive impact for environmental defenders,” Shruti Suresh told the BBC. “We should be optimistic. But it is going to be a difficult and challenging road ahead.”

## 10. Corporate profits hit record high



“Corporate profits in the U.S. surged to an all-time record of \$2 trillion in the second quarter of 2022 as companies continued jacking up prices,

pushing inflation to a 40-year high to the detriment of workers and consumers,” Jake Johnson reported for Common Dreams in August 2022. “Astronomical corporate profits confirm what corporate executives have been telling us on earnings calls over and over again: They’re making a lot of money by charging people more, and they don’t plan on bringing prices down anytime soon,” the Groundwork Collaborative’s chief economist, Rakeen Mabud, said.

This followed Johnson’s reporting in March that the average bonus for Wall Street employees rose an astounding 1,743% between 1985 and 2021, according to an analysis by Inequality.org of New York State Comptroller data. Then, in December 2022, he reported that “earnings inequality in the United States has risen dramatically over the past four decades and continues to accelerate, with the top 0.1% seeing wage growth of 465% between 1979 and 2021 while the bottom 90% experienced just 29% growth during that same period,” according to research by the Economic Policy Institute. As a result, the average incomes of the top 0.1% rose from 20 times that of the bottom 90% in 1979 to more than 90 times as much in 2021. □

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# Eggnog, the divisive drink

Love it or hate it, here's how to make it

FOOD | Ashley Meyer

Of all quintessential holiday flavors, eggnog might be one of the most divisive. Folks either love it or hate it, however it's hard to argue that this richly spiced and strongly spiked holiday beverage has left an indelible mark on the American holiday tradition. Eggnog is widely believed to be a descendant of posset, a medieval British recipe that consisted of warm milk that had been curdled with alcohol such as wine or ale and infused with spices. It was considered a restorative beverage with medicinal benefits. Monks are said to have added the egg component and sweetened the mixture with dried fruits. Serving eggnog came to be seen as a sign of wealth, thanks to the costly nature of the ingredients, which at that time often included sherry or Madeira.

The popularity of eggnog swelled in the American colonies, where eggs and cream were plentiful and rum from the Caribbean was inexpensive. Variations of the drink grew along with the nation, making use of the different combinations of spices and liquor that waves of new Americans brought with them. George Washington himself was known to make a mean nog that included brandy, rye whiskey, Jamaica rum, sherry and a dozen egg yolks, along with milk and cream.

The commercial eggnog that most of us know and love, or hate, is practically unrecognizable from its origins. I realized this when I tasted the real thing last Christmas. Travis Booth is an award-winning home brewer who lives in Springfield, and when he brought his "Aged-Eggnog" to my house last Christmas I was skeptical. However I quickly pushed all my Scrooge notions aside when I tasted the delicious concoction. Creamy but not thick, it had a texture more akin to a cream liqueur like Baileys, rather than melted ice cream like the eggnog I was used to. And thanks to the high alcohol content, the product, when refrigerated, is safe to drink. Safe enough that, according to an article in *Popular Science*, microbiologists at Rockefeller University's Laboratory of Bacterial Pathogenesis and Immunology have been making a batch of aged eggnog every Thanksgiving for five decades to serve at their Holiday Party in December (<https://www.popsi.com/blog-network/our-modern-plagues/why-you-shouldnt-fear-eggnog/>).

Booth's eggnog is a combination of recipes from Alton Brown and other historic sources, including George Washington's recipe. Booth ages his eggnog for at least 30 days. "I usually do mine in August to have it ready in December." It improves with age, he



said. "I have bottles from 2015 thru 2020 in my refrigerator. I usually make five gallons at a time and bottle it to give as Christmas presents."

I live in a blended family of prepared eggnog lovers. My husband and eldest daughter love the stuff and, while I like the flavor, I can't handle the viscous texture. This eggnog French toast bake is a great compromise and perfect for Christmas morning. Prepared the night before, it makes for a hands-off holiday breakfast, perfect alongside crispy bacon and a festive fruit salad.

## Travis's Aged Eggnog

This will last indefinitely in the refrigerator, says Booth. Make sure to shake it vigorously if you've aged it over a year.

6 cups raw milk with the cream, or 3 cups whole milk and 3 cups heavy cream  
3 cups bourbon  
¾ cup cognac

½ cup dark rum  
12 eggs, separated  
2 cups sugar  
1 teaspoon each nutmeg and cinnamon  
1 tablespoon vanilla extract  
¼ teaspoon salt

Whisk the egg whites until creamy but not quite peak-forming. Beat the yolks with the sugar and spiced in a large mixing bowl until it is light in color and falls off the whisk in a solid ribbon. Combine the two egg mixtures slowly and mix well. Combine the remaining ingredients and mix/swirl in a large container. Refrigerate and age for at least 30 days. Shake or swirl once a week. Shake before serving.

## Baked Eggnog French Toast

½ cup butter  
1 loaf day-old challah or French bread, sliced ½-inch thick  
2 ½ cups storebought eggnog  
8 large eggs  
2 tablespoons rum or bourbon, optional

½ teaspoon each freshly grated nutmeg and cinnamon

¼ cup turbinado sugar, optional

Whipped cream and maple syrup, to serve

The night before you want to serve it, melt the butter and pour into a 9-inch by 13-inch casserole dish, tilting the dish to coat the bottom and sides with melted butter. Arrange the bread in the buttered dish, slightly overlapping the slices.

Whisk together the eggnog, eggs, booze if using, and spices, then pour this mixture over the bread. Wrap tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight.

In the morning, preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Remove the plastic wrap and sprinkle the turbinado sugar over the top of the soaked bread, then cover with foil. Place the casserole in the oven and bake for 45 minutes, then remove the foil and bake 10 minutes more, or until the top is golden. Let rest for 20 minutes before serving with whipped cream and maple syrup. □



# Holiday memories of downtown Springfield

HOLIDAYS | Anne Moseley

For some, a big family Christmas dinner is how they celebrate, while for others, it is baking cookies, singing carols or remembering family members who have passed away. Sangamon Experience asked several individuals to share their special holiday memories of growing up in Springfield.

For those whose memories go back far enough, nothing will ever compare to the era when downtown was the heart of retail and crowds thronged its sidewalks during the holiday season. In the past, the streets of downtown Springfield were decorated for Christmas before Thanksgiving, the holiday season's opening. Children could stop by Santa's house on the Old State Capitol grounds in the 1940s to tell him what they wanted for Christmas.

Myers Brothers, Sears, Bressmer's, Herndon and several other national retailers, including Montgomery Ward, were spaced out within an eight-block area. You could go to every type of retail operation, from small dress shops and shoe stores, to full-size department stores.

John Simpson grew up in Taylorville in the 1950s. He stated that most of his memories of Christmas shopping were in Springfield, considering it was the closest place to shop.

"Our holiday shopping in Springfield was usually on a weekday night. [One of] my sisters was in nurses' training at Memorial Hospital. The student nurses lived at the hospital. Both my parents worked; Sunday was for church, and Christmas shopping in downtown Springfield was so crowded (on Saturdays) that my parents avoided that. So as soon as my parents were home from work after 5 p.m., we would drive to Springfield to pick up my sister at Memorial, and the shop-a-thon was on," Simpson said.

"The first floors of Myers and Bressmer's were overwhelming to a kid. The smell from the perfume counters near the door nearly knocked you over. Dozens, hundreds of people milling around the cosmetic and ladies' accessory counters on the first floor were a maze to find your way through. When headed upstairs to the clothing and furniture floors, you rode in the elevators. All the floors were covered in holiday decorations and trees, and young women in elf costumes directed the customers.

"If the gift was more upscale clothing for a woman relative or friend, you went to Roland's or Herndon's. Sometimes I would get dragged in there by my sister or mother. Inside was a completely baffling multitude of dresses, skirts and blouses. I do recall that Herndon's



Santa Claus visits with a young girl as other children look on during a parade in December 1957.

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had elevator operators who sat by the buttons and levers and guided you up and down. And they always seemed to have another suggestion – the operators had excellent merchandising training.

"Often, my father and I would escape the clothing stores and head over to Fishman's at Sixth and Washington streets. We both fished, hunted and camped. The place was a multistory jumble of everything outdoors. I do not recall any particular order to the store. You just wandered around, which was actually perfect from the store's perspective, because you always found something you wanted. If a particular item was desired, you spoke to one of the ancient clerks, and they shuffled their way through piles and stacks and invariably found the exact item.

"Of course, the Old Capitol square was also surrounded by many specialty shops – The Hub for men's clothing; B & F and a number of shoe stores; candy stores, small

restaurants, florists, drug stores and many others. Downtown even had a barber college. Several barbers were around the square, and most had a shoeshine stand.

"Finally, exhausted from shopping, my parents' wallets depleted (no one had credit cards), we would head home and drop my sister off. But one more stop was on the agenda. At South Grand and Ninth stood The Georgian restaurant. We might get a sandwich and a drink, but we always got banana cream pie. Sitting by the windows looking out on the street, maybe snow falling, the booths hung with pine garlands, a Christmas tree up at the hostess stand, a sprig of spruce in a tiny vase on the table, we would enjoy our pie, imagine what we'd open on Christmas and whether Aunt Bea would like her gift. I suppose my parents would count up the evening's financial toll. But I didn't worry about that."

Steve Myers started working in his family's business in the late 1970s. He worked in

the warehouse and distribution center for Myers Brothers at 118 S. Fourth St. At the time, the company had 10 department stores throughout central Illinois. "All of the 18-wheelers would pull down that alley between Fourth and Fifth streets, and they would offload goods to be tagged with price tags," Myers said. "We distributed out the merchandise... Some would go across the alley into the main building, and then the rest would be distributed to the other stores for products that would go out on the floor for sale, but Christmas was always the magical time of the year."

According to Myers, display windows were the key to attracting attention to the products and hopefully motivating people to walk into the store.

"There were about seven or eight different windows that went around Washington and Fifth streets," he said. "When you look at recounts on social media of people's favorite memories of the holiday season while shopping downtown, many recall walking by those stores and seeing what was in the display windows."

While working at the family department store, Myers would enter not through the front doors on Fifth Street, but the door right at the corner of Fourth and Washington. It was across the street from the parking ramp, and many people parked in that parking ramp at that time.

"You walked in, and guess what? The first department that you walked into was cards and candy, and it smelled like peppermint and roasting nuts," Myers said. "It made you want to buy something and eat it right then and, on the way, out, you got that smell too, and you had to buy it before you walked out. Santa was there during business hours, and the decorations throughout the store were orchestrated to set a mood, a tone and a feeling. There was no way you could not get that feeling when you strolled through the store, so the activity and the bustling nature of the holiday season is something that can translate every year. Our key now is to recreate that feeling (in downtown Springfield)."

A magical Christmas experience awaits all interested in making memories that will last a lifetime. □

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## MUSIC

# Last call for Christmas music

NOW PLAYING | Tom Irwin

We've surely had ourselves a fun December time as the final, pre-holiday *Now Playing* of the season sits before your eyes. After this, we prepare for the New Year (eve, day and beyond), welcoming 2024 with open arms and open hearts, and for some of us at a certain age, with open mouths at the surprise of it all. But let's not get ahead of ourselves and return to the present for this coming weekend before a Monday morning Christmas day.

Last year, if I remember correctly (and I do because I double-checked on the calendar), Christmas proper fell on a Sunday which pretty much whacked out our weekend music schedule with Christmas Eve festivities taking over for our usually rockin' Saturday night. We were also experiencing our first wintry weather of the season so many Friday gigs never happened. This month holds a much better forecast for weather and for live music, and I believe — with boatloads of confidence — that is a good thing.

I see several holiday happenings around town through Saturday, then that's it for this year. On Thursday, Amy Battles and I sing songs at It's All About Wine with special guest Elvis Himself for one more night of mostly seasonal selections before retiring the setlist until next year. The UIS Performing Arts Center presents *The Prophecy*, a St. Louis-based group "performing in the style of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra." They promise in promotion "to create an extravagant holiday musical production," and that sounds great and will sound great.

On Friday, Angel Brown pulls double duty with a trio show at Boone's (5:30-7:30 p.m.), before heading on over to Lime Street Cafe for a full Smooth N' Blue band performance starting at 8:30. Angel will most definitely be dropping in her fine renditions of many Yuletide numbers for your listening pleasure.

Marty Brown, a Nashville-based, contemporary country music legend and hit songwriter (it's a long list, my friends) brings his self-styled Christmas Show to Jeb Brown's (no relation) Backroom Lounge in Riverton, also on Friday.

The Hoogland Center for the Arts delivers Robbie Howard, "a world-renowned impersonator and tribute artist," doing his Sinatra and Friends Christmas Show featuring familiar versions of holiday standards from Frank, Dino, Andy, Burl and more, this Friday and Saturday.



Angel Brown plays this Friday at Boone's (5:30 p.m.) doing a trio show, then with the Smooth N' Blue Band at Lime Street Cafe (8:30 p.m.).

Johnnie Owens lands at Buzz Bomb on Saturday, from 2 to 4 in the afternoon, to croon your favorite Christmas classics in classic Johnnie style during the final downtown Holiday Walk of 2023.

And Mary Kate Smith and Damian Zimmerman do their duo show at Broadgauge this Saturday evening, where they've requested you to "summon the Christmas spirit together" at the gorgeous upstairs ballroom in the restored building on the historic Petersburg square.

For an item not holiday-related, how about attending a brand-new acoustic open mic on Friday, especially designed for all ages and hosted at a new coffee house café by Jack Reilly from 5 to 8 p.m. Jack and his cohorts are offering an opportunity for all to join in playing music at what they're calling the Rhythm of the Railyard held at The Railyard (2242 S. Sixth St.), that neat-looking place near the train overpass where the old steakhouse of many names used to be. After this Friday's kickoff, the open mic will continue on Thursdays (4 to 6 p.m.) as long as it does.

That concludes our holiday happenings edition for 2023 as a look at the listings for Sunday, Dec. 24, results in absolutely no live music, nowhere, no how, by no one anywhere.

Now go have yourself a merry little Christmas...now. □

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## MUSIC

Live music within 40 miles of Springfield. Dates, times and locations are subject to change, so we suggest calling before attending an event.

Attention bands, bars and musicians: submit your shows and photos online at [www.illinoistimes.com](http://www.illinoistimes.com) or by email [calendar@illinoistimes.com](mailto:calendar@illinoistimes.com).

### Thursday Dec 21

**Kortney and friends  
open mic**  
The Blue Grouch Pub,  
7-11pm

**Jackpot Karaoke with  
Debbie Cakes**  
Curve Inn, 7-11pm

**Open mic with Bob Besser**  
Door 4 Brewing Co., Decatur,  
6pm

**Solista Mariachi Gabriel**  
El Arriero Mexican Restaurant,  
6-8pm

**it Amy Battles and Tom  
Irwin with Elvis Himselvis**  
It's All About Wine, 12pm

**J.C.B. Entertainment  
Karaoke**  
La Fiesta Chatham, 6-10pm

**Open mic with Silas Tockey**  
Spirited Republic/Limerick  
Brewing Company, Lincoln,  
7-10pm.

### Friday Dec 22

**Daniel Cavanagh**  
The Alamo, 5:30-7:30pm

**EaZy PeTey**  
Amber's Place, 7-10pm



Amy Battles and Tom Irwin with Elvis Himselvis play at It's All About Wine Thursday night.

**Marty Brown**  
The Backroom Lounge, Riverton,  
7pm

**J.C.B. Entertainment Karaoke**  
Bald Buddha Brewing, 7-11pm

**Friday Night Jazz - Angel  
Brown Trio**  
Boone's, 5:30-7:30pm

**Buzzed Karaoke with DJ  
Smokey J**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,  
6-10pm

**The Stone Giants**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**UNCHAINED**  
Danenberger Family Vineyards,  
New Berlin, 7pm

**Wolf Crick Boys**  
George Rank's, 8pm

**Elvis Himselvis & DTCB band**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse  
Brews, 6-9pm

**Angel Brown's Smooth N'  
Blue Band**  
Lime Street Cafe, 8:30pm-12am

**Rod Grant**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 8-11pm

**Open mic with Jack Reilly**  
The Railyard, 5-8pm

**Menace to Sobriety**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm

### Saturday Dec 23

**Brice Bailey**  
1st and 3rd Boutique and Wine  
Bar, Petersburg, 3-6pm

**The Tangents**  
Boone's, 6-9pm

**it Mary Kate Smith and  
Damian Zimmerman**  
Broadgauge, Petersburg,  
7pm

**Johnnie Owens**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,  
2-4pm.

**Unthynk, Sonic Sunday,  
Misery Garden**  
Buzz Bomb Brewing Co.,  
7-10pm

**Kapital Sound**  
Curve Inn, 6-10pm

**Gracia Harrison**  
Harvest Market Farmhouse  
Brews, 6-9pm

**Angel Brown's Smooth N'  
Blue Band**  
Lime Street Cafe, 7-10:30pm

**Hi-Tek Redneck Karaoke**  
Locals Bar, Pawnee, 7pm-2am

**it For The Love Of Lennon**  
Mowie's Cue, 8-11pm

**Renegade Karaoke**  
Northern Lights Lounge,  
8:30pm-12:30am

**Open mic**  
Stella Coffee & Tea, 10am-  
12:30pm

**Karaoke**  
The Next Stop Saloon, Mount  
Pulaski, 8pm-12am

**Father Hank &  
The Hammerheads**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7pm

### Tuesday Dec 26

**Karaoke with Debbie Cakes**  
The Blue Grouch Pub, 7-11pm

**After School Special**  
El Arriero Mexican Restaurant,  
6:30pm

**Open jam with Jay and  
Kimberly Larson**  
George Rank's, 8-11pm

**Songwriter open mic with  
Tom Irwin**  
It's All About Wine, 6-9pm

**Open mic with  
Jim Ackerman**  
Silver Sevens Gaming Pub &  
Parlor, 6:30-9:30pm.

**Open mic with Tom and Geoff**  
Wings Etc, 6:30-8:30pm

### Wednesday Dec 27

**The Blues Deacons, Andrew  
Duncanson**  
Benderz, Auburn, 7-10pm

**Open mic with Joel Honey  
and Silas Tockey**  
Boone's, 7-10pm

**Karaoke**  
Clique, 9pm-1am

**After School Special**  
Coz's Pizza and Pub, 7pm.

**Karaoke**  
Crows Mill Pub, 8-11pm

**Al Kitchen and friends**  
Route 66 MotorHeads Bar &  
Grill, Museum & Entertainment  
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**Karaoke with Debbie Cakes**  
Weebles Bar & Grill, 7-11pm



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# CALENDAR



**Holiday Ice Jamz**  
Fri., Dec. 22, 7-9pm  
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## HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS | Park district plans night of skating, holiday-themed fun

**it** There's nothing like gliding across the ice on skates. This Friday night, the whole family can take to the Nelson Center ice for Holiday Ice Jamz, a holiday-themed night of skating and fun hosted by the Springfield Park District. The event will feature music, a hot chocolate bar and even an ugly sweater contest. In addition, Santa Claus will visit and be available for photos. Admission is \$9 per person, or just \$6 each with a donation of canned food or a new, unopened toy. Need to skate more? There's still time to hit the temporary synthetic ice skating rink at Union Square Park from noon to 6 p.m. Saturday and also on Dec. 30-31. Skate rental will be free for these final dates. Pick up a pair of skates at Union Station and check out the rink, a project of the Sangamon CEO program for high school students.

## ■ Special Music Events

**The Prophecy Show**  
Thu., Dec. 21, 7:30pm. A tribute to the Trans-Siberian Orchestra. This St. Louis powerhouse, performing in the style of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, will bring its signature and highly-energized rock opera back to create an extravagant holiday musical production. uispac.com. \$39-\$85. UIS Performing Arts Center, One University Plaza, 217-206-6160.

### Sinatra and Friends Christmas Show

Fri., Dec. 22, 7pm and Sat., Dec. 23, 2pm. Starring Robbie Howard, a world-renowned impersonator and tribute artist. Hear Dean Martin, Randy Travis, Andy Williams, Burl Ives and more. Students \$28, adults \$32 and seniors \$30. hcfta.org. Hoogland Center for the Arts, 420 S. Sixth St., 217-523-2787.

## ■ Theater & Comedy

### Comedy open mic

Fourth Wednesday of every month. Hosted by Lance Cain. Signup is at 6pm with show at 7pm. See the Facebook page

for more info. Anvil and Forge Brewing and Distilling Company, 619 E. Washington St., 217-494-6200.

## ■ Art & Architecture

**"Portraits"**  
Fridays, 12-6pm. Through Dec. 29. See a display of the exceptional portrait photography by Zach Adams. Also find artist-made gift items for the holidays. pharmacygallery.com. Free. The Pharmacy Gallery and Art Space, 623 E. Adams St., 217-622-7903.

## ■ History

**"Christmas in the Capital City"**  
Through Dec. 31. A historical photography exhibit of the Christmas holiday in Springfield. See images of community events, downtown, White Oaks Mall, parades and of course, Santa Claus. In the store windows just outside of Macy's. Call for more details. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-787-0110.

## ■ Faith & Philosophy

**Christmas at West Side**  
Fri., Dec. 22, 5pm and 7pm, Sat.

and Sun., Dec. 23 and 24, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm. A starting point for people to discover how much the birth of Jesus matters for them. West Side Christian Church, 2850 Cider Mill Lane, 793-2800.

### Christmas Eve Candles & Carols

Sun., Dec. 24, 6pm. Celebrate a special evening of music and metaphor, candlelight and fellowship and laughter and silence that will both inspire and bring comfort. aluuc.org. Free. Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation, 745 Woodside Road, 217-585-9550.

### Christmas Eve Service

Sun., Dec. 24, 5pm. First Presbyterian Church, 321 S. Seventh St., 217-528-4311.

### Christmas Eve Services

Sun., Dec. 24, 8-9, 9:15-10:15, 10:30-11:30am, 2-6:30pm. In addition to regular morning services, 30-minute afternoon services will be offered at the tops of the hour from 2pm to 6pm, and will include candlelight, music, a short devotion and communion. Everyone is welcome. athenschristian.net. Free. Athens Christian Church, Athens, 1411 E. Route 29, 217-636-8463.

### Christmas with Hope Church

Sat., Dec. 23, 7-8pm and Sun., Dec. 24, 11am-12pm, 1-2, 3-4pm. We see different pictures in different seasons of our life. This holiday season we consider our different frames for Christmas and share the most wonderful time of the year. Children's programming both days for kids up to fifth grade. ASL interpreter provided at Saturday's 11am program. myhope.church, which will be streamed live. myhope.church. Hope Church, 3000 Lenhart Road, 217-787-1446.

### it Interfaith Breakfast

Mon., Dec. 25, 8:30am-12pm. Join members of Temple Israel and Temple B'rith Sholom for breakfast, holiday greetings and fellowship. Menu includes scrambled eggs, turkey sausage, pancakes and more. Proceeds benefit St. Martin de Porres Center. No reservation or RSVP required. templebrithsholom.com. Adults \$10, children 5-12 \$5 at door. Temple B'rith Sholom, 1004 S. Fourth St., 217-525-1360.

## ■ Holiday Observances

### Longest Night Worship Service

Thu., Dec. 21, 7pm. Attend this worship experience filled with light, peace and healing, to acknowledge our loss and grief on this longest night of the year. Features beautiful music, candle lighting a healing message and a beautiful gift to take home. The service also will be livestreamed on the church Facebook page. Free. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 217-546-4631.

### Christmas Eve worship services

Sun., Dec. 24, 4pm and 8pm. Attend either of two services, with the first and interactive and energetic service for all ages. Featuring lots of singing, a fun telling of the Christmas story and Christmas message, and candle-lighting with electric candles. A traditional service follows at 8pm and features special music with the Brickhouse Brass, Chancel Choir and Praise Band. The pre-service music and service begins at 7:30 p.m. There will be a livestream on the church's Facebook page. Free. douglassavenue.org. Douglas Avenue United Methodist Church, 501 S. Douglas Ave., 217-546-4631.

## ■ Holiday Happenings

### it Christmas at the Conservatory

Sat., Dec. 23, 6:30pm. Music by the Tommy Sagins Band and performances by the Springfield Youth Performance Group and alumnae. Includes hors d'oeuvres and holiday cheer. \$25. Grant Conservatory of Music and Dance, 501 W. Elliott Ave., 217-679-3005.

### Holiday Ice Jamz

Fri., Dec. 22, 7-9pm. Music, hot chocolate bar and an ugly sweater contest. Admission is \$9 or discounted to \$6 with a donation of food or a new, unopened toy. Plus, you know who will be there and available for photo ops. Nelson Center Ice Arena, Lincoln Park, 1601 N. Fifth St., 217-753-2800.

### Holiday Zoo Lights

Thursday through Sunday, 5-9pm through Dec. 17, then daily through Dec. 23. Take a stroll through the zoo and enjoy thousands of lights and themed lighted displays, stopping at the photo opportunities for your holiday pics. Enjoy the Zoo Choo Express hot chocolate bar or roast a marshmallow over the fire pit. Henson Robinson Zoo, 1100 E. Lake Shore Dr., 217-585-1821.

### Jacksonville Festival of Lights

Thursdays-Sundays, 5-9pm. Through Dec. 31. This magnificent drive-thru experience will be the festive highlight of the holiday season. Food pantry donations accepted. \$10 per car. Morgan County Fairgrounds, Jacksonville, 110 N. Westgate, 217-245-5119.

### Old Capitol Holiday Walks

Every Wednesday and Saturday through Dec. 23. See Holly, the Lighted Bus, join activities at the Abraham Lincoln President Museum, go ice skating at Union Station, visit Abe and Mary at the Visitors Center and more. Visit DSI, Inc.'s website for all the info. downtownspringfield.org. Downtown Springfield, Downtown.

## ■ Children's Corner

### Santa Claus at White Oaks Mall

Thu., Dec. 21, 10am-8pm, Fri., Dec. 22, 10am-8pm, Sat., Dec. 23, 10am-8pm and Sun., Dec. 24, 11am-4pm. Last days to see Santa Claus in 2023. Shorten the wait with a reservation. See site for photo package costs. www.WhereIsSanta.com. \$19.99-\$49.99. White Oaks Mall, 2501 Wabash Ave., 217-787-0110.

### Treat Tree Workshop

Thu., Dec. 21, 9-11am. Get messy and make wildlife-friendly ornaments for your trees. Participants ages 5-9 will make different kinds of edibles out of birdseed, spices, and fruits. springfieldparks.org. \$35-\$40. Washington Park Botanical Garden, 1740 W. Fayette Ave., 217-546-4116.

## ■ Lectures & Meetings

### Al-Anon District 19 of Greater Springfield

Mondays-Saturdays. Ten meetings are held in the local area each week. Five are in-person and four are hybrid of in-person and via Zoom. One meeting is Zoom only. Visit spi-alanon.weebly.com or call for more information. Various locations, Springfield, 217-891-2981.

### Overeaters Anonymous

Mondays, 5:30pm. The only requirement is a desire to stop eating compulsively. Unity Church, 417 E. Cordelia St., 217-416-1648.

### Overeaters Anonymous

Saturdays, 10am. Springfield First United Methodist Church, 2941 S. Koke Mill Road, 217-416-1648.

### Refiner's Recovery

Thursdays, 6:30-8pm. A safe place to heal from addictions and life-controlling issues with a journey through nine biblically based pillars to healing, freedom and growth. Free. Destiny Church, 1425 N. Fifth St., 217-685-4124.

### Rise Up and Recover

Tuesdays, 7am. Enter through the northeast door. Call for more information or find other meetings at spi-alanon.weebly.com. St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, Chatham, 700 E. Spruce St., 217-280-0220.

### Staying Connected Al-Anon

Thursdays, 5:15pm. Zoom only. Call for link. Via Zoom, Springfield, 217-415-3489, 217-652-8131.

## ■ Bulletin Board

### Light up the Park

Thursdays-Sundays, 6-9pm. Through Dec. 25. Be wowed by the nearly 1-mile drive through hundreds of thousands of lights and beautiful displays. A \$5 per-vehicle donation is requested. Vans and buses are welcome. Donations accepted for Toys for Tots, Ball Chatham Food Pantry and Titan Fuel. See the Chatham Friends of the Park Facebook page. Chatham Community Park, Chatham, 731 S. Main St.



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff, v. MATTHEW L. WILSON, a/k/a MATTHEW WILSON, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants. No.: 2023FC80 NOTICE OF COURT SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court. (A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Timothy J. Rigby Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 (B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 208 West Pine Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704 (C) Tax Identification Number: 22-04.0-205-005 22-04.0-205-006 2 (D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: 2,190 sq ft two story building with three units:

Unit 1: 1,060 sq ft, four rooms, including, two bedrooms, and 1.5 baths  
Unit 2: 680 sq ft, three rooms, including, one bedroom, and one bathroom  
Unit 3: 450 sq ft, three rooms, including, one bedroom, and one bathroom  
(E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale.  
(F) The time and place of the sale are: Time: 9:00 a.m. January 9, 2024 Place: Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street Springfield, Illinois 62701  
(G) The terms of the sale are: Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours.  
(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of United Community Bank, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any. UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff  
Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)  
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)  
Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: (217) 753-0055  
[trigby@hsw.net](mailto:trigby@hsw.net)  
[aprilaman@hsw.net](mailto:aprilaman@hsw.net)  
NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, Plaintiff, -v- LITTITA ROBINSON Defendant  
2023 FC 000091  
NOTICE OF SALE  
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 30, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 9, 2024, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:  
Commonly known as 215 N CLEVELAND, THAYER, IL 62689  
Property Index No. 34-27-353-002, 34-27-353-003  
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.  
The judgment amount was \$43,506.85. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation

as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES Plaintiff's Attorneys, 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 239-3432. Please refer to file number 23IL00097-1. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at [www.tjsc.com](http://www.tjsc.com) for a 7 day status report of pending sales. RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140 Chicago IL, 60602 312-239-3432 E-Mail: [ilpleadings@rsmalaw.com](mailto:ilpleadings@rsmalaw.com) Attorney File No. 23IL00097-1 Case Number: 2023 FC 000091 TJSC#: 43-4283 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2023 FC 000091

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. VICKI M BEARUP; MICHAEL J BEARUP; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 22 FC 000094 121 EAST JEFFERSON STREET AUBURN, IL 62615 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on September 27, 2023, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 01/23/2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 34-10.0-278-001 and 34-10.0-278-002 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 121 East Jefferson Street

Auburn, IL 62615 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is aluminum siding. The color is white. The property has a fence. The property is occupied. The Judgment amount was \$72,281.61. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 22-099611L PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3230488

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY N.A. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO ALL PERMITTED SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, OF THE GREENPOINT MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT TRUST, PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2000-3, PLAINTIFF, VS. RICHARD A BRITZ A/K/A RICK BRITZ; KRISTY E BRITZ A/K/A KRISTY ELIZABETH BRITZ A/K/A KRISTY ELIZABETH FURLOW A/K/A KRISTY ELIZABETH STOLL; HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION, III; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 23 FC 000038 3523 RADFORD ROAD SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure



and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on September 27, 2023, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 01/23/2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: TAX NO. 15-06.0-401-011 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3523 Radford Road Springfield, IL 62707 Description of Improvements: The property is a mobile home. The property has no garage. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. The property has a fence. The property is occupied. Little to no yard maintenance, property is cluttered with various yard decorations. There are horses & Alpaca on the property. The pasture for them goes alongside the driveway and goes around th back of the home. The Judgment amount was \$74,863.33. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at <http://ilforeclosuresales.mrplc.com>. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-14319IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. 13230486

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST;

Plaintiff, vs. BETTY L. THOMPSON; MURRAY L. THOMPSON; RUTLEDGE JOINT VENTURES, L.L.C; STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 23 FC 98 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate: P.I.N. 22-03-428-023, Tax ID: 22-03.0-428-023. Commonly known as 2103 SOUTH 17TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703. The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection. For information call Mr. Chad Lewis at Plaintiff's Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 205 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109. INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION intercountyjudicialsales.com 13233769

NOTICE OF SALE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SS SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff, vs. JERAD WOOSLEY, NATHANIA WOOSLEY, PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC, BANK & TRUST COMPANY AND RICK VERTICCHIO, Defendants. CASE NO. 23-FC-112 PROPERTY ADDRESS: 698 S. TOWER RD. DAWSON, IL 62520 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of the above Court entered in the above entitled cause on September 27, 2023, the following described real estate, to-wit: Permanent Index Number: 16-31.0-400-029 aka 16-31-400-029 Commonly known as: 698 S. Tower Rd., Dawson, IL 62520 will be offered for sale and sold at public vendue on January 30, 2024, at 9:00 AM, in the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300 South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois. The Judgment amount is \$305,634.48. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon County. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate

of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the mortgaged real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The Sale is further subject to confirmation by the Court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the Court file to verify all information. For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney: Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, 601 East William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217) 422-1719 The purchaser of a condominium unit at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, who takes possession of a condominium unit pursuant to a court order or a purchaser who acquires title from a mortgagee shall have the duty to pay the proportionate share, if any, of the common expenses for the unit which would have become due in the absence of any assessment acceleration during the 6 months immediately preceding institution of an action to enforce the collection of assessments, and which remain unpaid by the owner during whose possession the assessments accrued. If the outstanding assessments are paid at any time during any action to enforce the collection of assessments, the purchaser shall have no obligation to pay any assessments which accrued before he or she acquired title. If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1). If the sale is not confirmed for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the purchase price paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that the Law Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC, is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. SECURITY BANK, Plaintiff, Amanda J. Wiese (#6320552), Its Attorney Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihlar, LLC Amanda J. Wiese (#6320552) HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 740 Decatur, IL 62525 Send Notice/Pleadings to: Veronika J. Miles (#6313161) Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Telephone: (217) 422-1719 Facsimile: (217) 422-1754

# PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of December, 2023 a Certificate of Ownership of Business was filed in the Office of the County Clerk of Sangamon County, stating that: Min Yu, ZengQin Lin, Chun D Hu intend to transact, or are transacting business in Sangamon County, State of Illinois, under the fictitious name to wit: Ruby Nail and that they are the sole owner(s) and proprietor(s) of said business, and the principal place of said business is located at: 3121 Hedley Road, Springfield, IL 62704

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS in the Matter of the Estate of: Margaret Jane Jabusch, Deceased. PROBATE Case No. 2023-PR-000427 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Claimants of the Estate of Margaret Jane Jabusch, deceased. Letters of Office were Issued on December 4, 2023, to John W. Jabusch, Executor, whose attorney is David R. Reid, Reid Law Office, LLC, P.O. Box 9680, Springfield, IL 62791. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before March 4, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Dated this 13th day of December, 2023. David R. Reid Attorney At Law REID LAW OFFICE, LLC P. O. Box 9680 Springfield, IL 62791 (217) 415-4310

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS PROBATE DIVISION IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF STELLA B. DAVIDSON, DECEASED Case #2023-PR-453 DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of STELLA B. DAVIDSON. Letters of Office have been issued to JOHN S. DAVIDSON, JR., 12171 Atlanta Drive, Pawnee, IL 62558, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 27, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 13th day of December, 2023. William P. Sheehan SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C. 1215 South 4th Street Springfield, IL 62703 (217) 544-0701

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD THOMAS UHRIG, Deceased. NO. 2023PR000439 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION — CLAIMS Notice is given of the death of RICHARD THOMAS UHRIG of Divernon, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 11, 2023 to SHARON UHRIG whose attorney is RICK VERTICCHIO, of VERTICCHIO & VERTICCHIO Law Office, 238 East Side Square, P.O. Box 474, Carlinville, Illinois 62626. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Macoupin County Courthouse in Carlinville, IL 62626, or with attorney RICK VERTICCHIO or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to attorney RICK VERTICCHIO within ten (10) days after it has been filed. DATED this13th day of December 2023. SHARON UHRIG, Executor of the Estate BY: /s/Rick Verticchio Attorney for the Estate

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS Estate of: JUDITH MARIE GOODING, Deceased. NO. 2023-PR-441 CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given of the death of Judith Marie Gooding of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 5, 2023, to Matthew J. Cate, 831 E. Monroe, Springfield, Illinois 62701, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before June 12, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 7th day of December, 2023. Matthew J. Cate - 06272040 Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP P.O. Box 79 Springfield, IL 62705 (217) 544-4868 matthewcate@barberlaw.com 348517

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS In the matter of the estate of: Richard McBride, Deceased Case No. 23-PR-431 Claim Notice Notice is given of the death of Richard McBride. Letters of Office were issued on Dec. 5, 2023 to Cindy Krumwiede as Representative, 133 N. Third St., Riverton, IL 62561. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, or with the Representative, on or before, June 21, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative

within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF THOMAS E. EGIZII, Deceased NO. 2023-PR-000446 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of THOMAS E. EGIZII, Deceased. Letters of Office were issued on December 07, 2023, to TODD B. EGIZII, 129 Mill Pond Cove, Freeport, FL 32439 and JEFFREY T. EGIZII, 4905 Longfellow Drive, Springfield, IL 62711 as Independent Administrators, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr & Rabin, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before June 06, 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed. Dated this 11th day of December, 2023. Alex B. Rabin Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP 1119 S. Sixth Street Springfield, IL 62703 217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: ROBERT M. HALL, SR. Deceased. Case No. 2023-PR-445 DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE NOTICE IS GIVEN of the death of ROBERT M. HALL, SR., of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on November 10, 2023. Letters of Testamentary were issued on the 7th day of December, A.D., 2023, to ROBERT MICHAEL HALL, II, 18466 Cass County Line Street, Petersburg, Illinois, 62675, and LESLIE ANN THORNTON, 2023 Cambridge Road, Springfield, Illinois, 62704, as Independent Co-Executors, whose attorney of record is SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C., 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Sangamon County Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62701, or with the representatives, or both, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representatives and to the Attorney at the above addresses within ten (10) days after the claim has been filed. DATED this 8th day of December, A.D., 2023. ESTATE OF ROBERT M. HALL, SR., Deceased, BY: /s/Pamela E. Hart Pamela E. Hart, one of its Attorneys. PREPARED BY: Pamela E. Hart (6299974) SCOTT & SCOTT, P.C. Attorneys at Law 611 East Monroe Street, Suite 200 Springfield, IL 62701 Telephone: (217)753-8200 Email: [peh@scottscottlaw.com](mailto:peh@scottscottlaw.com)



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
DARREN L. BURRIS, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2023-PR-000447  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of Darren L. Burris, Deceased.  
Letters of Office were issued on December 7, 2023, to THERESA LOKAITIS, PO Box 393, New Berlin, Illinois 62670, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is ROBERT A. STUART, JR., Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the June 17, 2024, or three months out from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 7th day of December, 2023.  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Robert Stuart, Jr.  
Registration No. 2761122  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
P.O. Box 2459  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
(217) 544-8491  
rstuart@bhslaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of  
GEORGE R. STONE, Deceased.  
NO. 2023-PR-414  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of George R. Stone of Pleasant Plains, Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 22, 2023, to Matthew J. Cate, 831 E. Monroe, Springfield, Illinois 62701, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Matthew J. Cate, Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the representative or both, on or before May 29, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 29th day of November, 2023.  
Matthew J. Cate - 06272040  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
JAMES ALAN RENN, DECEASED  
Case #2023-PR-444  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of JAMES ALAN RENN. Letters of Office have been issued to CLAUDIA FABIAN, 503

Wintergreen Drive, Chatham, IL 62629, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 20, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 6th day of December, 2023.  
William P. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
ROBERT L. EMERSON, DECEASED  
Case #2023-PR-428  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of ROBERT L. EMERSON. Letters of Office have been issued to SHIRLEY M. EMERSON, 4004 Obriant Place, Greensboro, NC 627410, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 20, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 6th day of December, 2023.  
William P. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
RYAN GREY LOPEZ, Deceased.  
No.: 2023-PR-375  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION  
Notice is given of the death of Ryan Grey Lopez. Letters of office were issued on October 24, 2023 to Julia and Domenic Lopez, 625 Jetty Drive, Chatham, Illinois as Independent Representatives.  
Notice is given to Unknown Heirs, who are heirs of the Decedent and whose names or addresses were not stated in the Petition for Letters of Administration, that an order was entered by the court on October 24, 2023.  
Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative, or both, on or before April 24, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-3), on or before the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and the attorney within 10 days after filing.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. You may obtain a copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration from the Clerk of Court at the above address.  
Dated this 4th day of December, 2023.  
Ashley D. Davis, #6303183  
FELDMANWASSER  
1307 So. 7th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217/544-3403  
217/544-1593 (Fax)  
adavis@feldman-wasser.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
ELLEN WERMCRANTZ, Deceased.  
No.: 2023-PR-440  
WILL NOTICE AND CLAIM NOTICE - INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATION  
Notice is given of the death of Ellen Wermcrantz. Letters of office were issued on December 4, 2023, to Steven Wermcrantz of 51 Brighton Road, Springfield, Illinois as Independent Representative. Notice is given to Unknown Heirs, who are heirs of the Decedent and whose names or addresses were not stated in the petition to admit the will to probate, that an order was entered by the court on December 4, 2023 admitting the Will to probate. Within 42 days after the effective date of the original order of admission you may file a petition with the Court to require proof of the will by testimony of the witnesses to the will in open court or other evidence, as provided in Section 6-21 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-21). You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) to contest the validity of the will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the will to probate. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative, or both, on or before June 4, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by Sec. 18-3 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/18-3), on or before the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and the attorney within 10 days after filing. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk. You may obtain a copy of a form of a petition to terminate independent administration from the Clerk of Court at the above address.  
Dated this 4th day of December, 2023  
Ashley D. Davis, #6303183  
FELDMANWASSER  
1307 So. 7th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217/544-3403  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
CURTIS M. DORSEY, SR., DECEASED.  
NO. 2023-PR-434

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - CLAIMS  
NOTICE TO HEIRS AND LEGATEES  
Notice is given of the death of CURTIS M. DORSEY, SR., of Springfield, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on December 4, 2023 to LaSHAUNDA SMITH of 108 N. State Street, Springfield, IL 62702, whose attorney is DelGiorno Law Office, LLC; 2160 S. 6th Street, Suite D-1, Springfield, Illinois 62703.  
Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 S. 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois or with the representative, or both, within 6 months from the 14th day of December 2023 being the date of first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. You also have the right under Section 8-1 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/8-1) and pursuant to Section 6-11 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/6-11) to contest the validity of the Will by filing a petition with the Court within 6 months after admission of the Will to probate.  
Dated this 5th day of December, 2023  
LaSHAUNDA SMITH, Administrator of the Estate of CURTIS M. DORSEY, SR., Deceased  
BY: DelGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC  
By: /s/ Anthony J. DelGiorno, Attorney  
Attorneys for Estate:  
Anthony J. DelGiorno (IARDC 6277358)  
DELGIORNO LAW OFFICE, LLC  
2160 S. Sixth St., Ste. D-1  
Springfield, IL 62703  
Tel: (217) 773-5337  
Service: [service@delgiornolawoffice.com](mailto:service@delgiornolawoffice.com)

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT  
OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the estate of:  
Russell A. Allmon, Deceased  
Case No. 2023-PR-000385  
Letters Testamentary  
Notice is given of the death of Russell A. Allmon. Letters Testamentary were issued to Roberta Shippen as Executor, whose attorney is Martin J. Haxel. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62702, with the Executor, or with the attorney, on or before, June 6, 2024. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of the claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Executor within 10 days after it has been filed. Joseph B. Roesch  
Clerk of the Circuit Court  
Attorney for Estate:  
Martin J. Haxel  
Haxel Law  
310 East Adams Street  
Springfield, IL 62701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CAROL S. VANCIL, Deceased  
NO. 2023-PR-438  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of RONALD VANCIL, Deceased.

Letters of Office were issued on December 04, 2023, to Ronald Vancil, 8 Maple Grove., Springfield, IL 62712, as Independent Administrator, whose attorney is Alex B. Rabin, Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin & Reinbold, LLP, 1119 S. Sixth Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the Representative, or both, on or before June 05, 2024 or six (6) months from the date the Representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 05th day of December, 2023.  
Alex B. Rabin Sgro, Hanrahan, Durr, Rabin, & Reinbold, LLP  
1119 S. Sixth Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
217-789-1200

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF JULIE GOSSAGE, Deceased.  
No. 2023PR292  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Julie Gosage, a resident of Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, who died in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, on July 25, 2023. Michael Boehm, whose post office address is 2350 Ramsey Road, Springfield, Illinois 62702, was appointed administrator of her estate on November 27, 2023. The attorneys for the administrator are Hart, Southworth & Witsman, One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501, Springfield, Illinois 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, or with the administrator, or both, within 6 months from the date of the first publication, or 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery, of this notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered to the administrator and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 4th day of December, 2023.  
Mike Southworth (ARDC #6186085)  
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)  
Hart, Southworth & Witsman  
One North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 501  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: (217) 753-0055  
[msouthworth@hswsnet.com](mailto:msouthworth@hswsnet.com)  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PROBATE DIVISION  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
VIRGINIA PALIC, DECEASED  
Case #2023-PR-430  
DEATH & CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of VIRGINIA PALIC. Letters of Office have been issued to TIMOTHY HOGAN, 5917 Dantawood Lane, Cincinnati, OH 45044, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Sheehan & Sheehan, Lawyers, P.C., 1215 South 4th Street, Springfield, IL 62703. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, Room 405, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Spring-

field, IL 62701, or with the Independent Executor, or both, on or before June 14, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Circuit Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the Independent Executor and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 1st day of December, 2023.  
Patrick J. Sheehan  
SHEEHAN & SHEEHAN, LAWYERS, P.C.  
1215 South 4th Street  
Springfield, IL 62703  
(217) 544-0701

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ESTATE OF  
JOHN WILLIAM THEILEN, Deceased.  
No. 2023-PR-416  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to creditors of the estate of the death of JOHN WILLIAM THEILEN. Letters of Office were issued to JANET E. THEILEN, as Independent Executor, whose address is 1543 E. Vernon, Springfield, Illinois. The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under 755 ILCS 5/28-4, any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County Complex, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before June 7, 2024, or if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by 755 ILCS 5/18-3, three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered such notice, whichever is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To efile, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/> service-providers.htm to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.  
Dated: December 4, 2023  
Attorneys for Independent Executor:  
Sorling Northrup  
David A. Rolf, Attorney (6196030)  
1 North Old State Capitol Plaza, Suite 200  
P.O. Box 5131  
Springfield, IL 62705  
Telephone: 217-544-1144  
E-Mail: [darolf@sorlinglaw.com](mailto:darolf@sorlinglaw.com)

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY - IN PROBATE  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
HARRY ZATLIN, Deceased  
No. 2023-PR-345  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is hereby given in the death of Harry Zatlin, 1412 Lake Pointe Court, Springfield, IL 62712, on July 2, 2023. Letters of Office were issued on November 28, 2023 to Michelle M. Miner and Kenneth A. Miner, 2325 Waterbury Pond Court, Springfield, IL 62712, as Independent Co-Personal Representatives. The attorney for the Estate is R. Timothy Leighton, whose address is 2712 McGraw Drive, Bloomington, IL 61704. The Estate will be administered without Court supervision unless under Section 28-4



of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk. Claims may be filed on or before June 21, 2024. Any claim not filed by June 21, 2024 is barred. Claims may be filed in the Office of the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk, 200 S. 9th Street #405, Springfield, IL 62701, or claims may be filed with the Independent Co-Personal Representatives, or both. If filed with the Clerk, then the claimant must, within ten (10) days, mail or deliver a copy of the claim to the Independent Co-Personal Representatives and to G. Timothy Leighton, attorney, and file with the Clerk proof of such mailing or delivery.  
Dated: December 14, 2023  
MICHELLE M. MINER and KENNETH A. MINER, Independent Co-Personal Representatives  
By: G. TIMOTHY LEIGHTON, Attorney  
Publication Dates: 12/14/2023; 12/21/2023; 12/28/2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
Estate of:  
RONALD HANDLIN,  
Deceased.  
NO. 2023-PR-436  
CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given of the death of Ronald Handlin of Sangamon County, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on November 30, 2023, to Noll Shawn Handlin, 3005 Springwood Drive, Springfield, Illinois 62712, as Executor, whose attorneys are Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP, P.O. Box 79, Springfield, Illinois 62705. Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701 or with the representative or both, on or before June 6, 2024, and any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 30th day of November, 2023.  
Randall W. Segatto - 06193211  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P.O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705  
(217) 544-4868  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
JAMES STEVEN BRADFORD, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
Case No. 2023-PR-000426  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of James Steven Bradford, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on November 22, 2023, to Charles E. Horn, 277 Circle Drive, Springfield, IL, 62703, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Daniel E. Kepner, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 7th day of May, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

Dated this 7th day of December, 2023.  
Charles E. Horn, Independent Executor  
By: /s/Daniel E. Kepner  
Daniel E. Kepner, his attorney  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Daniel E. Kepner  
Registration No. 6182842  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
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dkepner@bhsllaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:  
WILLIAM JAMES PIPER, Deceased.  
IN PROBATE  
No. 2023-PR-000418  
DEATH AND CLAIM NOTICE  
Notice is given to claimants of the Estate of William James Piper, deceased. Letters of Office were issued on November 21, 2023, to Terry Rae Jordon, 1413 South Park Avenue, Springfield, IL, 62704, as Independent Executor, whose attorney is Daniel E. Kepner, Brown, Hay & Stephens, LLP, 205 South Fifth Street, Suite 1000, Springfield, IL 62701. Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Sangamon County, 200 South 9th Street, Springfield, IL, 62701, or with the representative, or both, on or before the 7th day of May, 2024, or three months from the date the representative mailed or delivered a Notice to Creditor, whichever is later. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.  
Dated this 7th day of December, 2023.  
Terry Rae Jordan, Independent Executor  
By: /s/Daniel E. Kepner  
Daniel E. Kepner, her attorney  
BROWN, HAY & STEPHENS, LLP  
Daniel E. Kepner  
Registration No. 6182842  
205 S. Fifth Street, Suite 1000  
Springfield, IL 62705-2459  
Telephone: (217) 544-8491  
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dkepner@bhsllaw.com

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY  
Re: the marriage of  
Chioma Nwachukwu, Petitioner  
And  
Lumond Page, Respondent  
Case No. 2023-DN-000232  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
Notice is given you, Lumond Page, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 21st day of January, 2024, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Circuit Clerk

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY Re: the marriage of  
Jerome D. Webb, Petitioner  
And  
Cynthia Magee, Respondent  
Case No. 23DN297  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Cynthia Magee, Respondent herein, that this cause has been commenced against you in this court asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County, in Springfield, Illinois on or before the 7th day of January, 2024, a judgment of dissolution of marriage and other relief may be granted as prayed for in the Petition.  
Joseph B. Roesch  
Circuit Clerk

NOTICE OF HEARING  
In the Circuit Court of the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, in the Matter of the Petition of Roger Moore and Angela Moore, to Adopt Amiyah M. Moore, a Minor, Case No. 2023-AD-108  
NOTICE is hereby given to Taylor Moore and all whom it may concern, that a hearing is set for January 30, 2024 at 1:30 p.m., in front of the Honorable Robin Schmidt, in the courtroom usually occupied by him/her at the Sangamon County Complex, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701, on the Petitioners' Petition for Adoption, now therefore, unless you file your appearance, in the action in said Circuit Court in Sangamon County on or before the 30thday of January a default may be entered against you in accordance with the relief sought in said Petition.  
Attorneys for Petitioner:  
Randy S. Paswater  
Barber, Segatto, Hoffee, Wilke & Cate, LLP  
P. O. Box 79  
Springfield, IL 62705-0079  
217/544-4868  
paswater@barberlaw.com

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Richard Stanley Rulon  
For change of name to  
Krystal Renee Rulon  
Case No. 2023-MR-000400  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Feb. 13, 2024 I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from Richard Stanley Rulon to Krystal Renee Rulon pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Dec. 21, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
LeeAnn Marie Wells  
For change of name to  
LeeAnn Marie Reyes  
Case No. 2023-MR-000329  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Jan. 30, 2024, I will petition in said Court praying for the change of name from LeeAnn Marie Wells to LeeAnn Marie Reyes pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Dec. 14, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
In the matter of the Petition of  
Dakota Seth Loyd  
For change of name to  
Dakota Seth Loyd-Samson  
Case No. 2023-MR-000386  
PUBLIC NOTICE  
Public Notice is hereby given that on Jan. 30, 2024 I will petition in said Court pray-

ing for the change of name from Dakota Seth Loyd to Dakota Seth Loyd-Samson pursuant to the statute in such case made and provided.  
Dated: Dec. 7, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
CITIMORTGAGE, INC.,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF WALTER LEE HARBAUER, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WALTER LEE HARBAUER, DECEASED, UNKNOWN CLAIMANTS AND LIENHOLDERS AGAINST THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF WALTER LEE HARBAUER, DECEASED, JO DEAN WHITNALL AKA JODEAN M TRONE AND THEODORE HARVATIN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF WALTER LEE HARBAUER, DECEASED, Defendants.  
CASE NO. 23-FC-195  
PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
39 WINDSOR RD  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62702  
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Walter Lee Harbauer, deceased, Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Estate of Walter Lee Harbauer, deceased and Unknown Claimants and Lienholders Against the Unknown Heirs and Devisees of Walter Lee Harbauer, deceased, Defendants, this case has been commenced in this Court against you and others, asking for foreclosure of the Mortgage held by the Plaintiff on the property located at 39 Windsor Rd, Springfield, IL 62702, more particularly described as:  
i. The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.  
ii. The court in which said action was brought is identified above.  
iii. The names of the title holders of record are: Heirs and Devisees of Walter Lee Harbauer, deceased  
iv. A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
LOT 21 OF MORNINGSIDE PLACE, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY.  
Permanent Index Number: 14-29.0-105-013 aka 14-29-0-105-013  
v. A common address or description of the location for the real estate is as follows:  
39 Windsor Rd, Springfield, IL 62702  
vi. An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
Names of the Mortgagors: Walter Lee Harbauer, husband and Patricia E. Harbauer, wife  
Names of the Mortgagee: U.S. Bank National Association ND.  
Date of the Mortgage: January 31, 2008  
Date of the recording: February 19, 2008  
County where recorded: Sangamon County  
Recording document identification: Document No. 2008R06690  
UNLESS YOU FILE your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the Office of the Clerk of this Court at the Sangamon County Courthouse, 200 South 9th Street, Room 405, Springfield, IL 62701-1299 on or before JANUARY 22, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR RELIEF ASKED IN THE COMPLAINT FOR FORECLOSURE.  
CLERK OF THE COURT  
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
Julie Beyers (#6217185)  
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, Plaintiff,  
v.  
SANGAMO CLUB, an Illinois not for profit corporation; SANGAMO EQUITY PARTNERS, LLC; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
Case No. 2023FC000215  
The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, respectively, defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court for the Seventh Judicial Circuit, Sangamon County, Illinois, by said plaintiff PNC Bank, National Association against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage on the premises described as follows, to wit:  
Lot 8 in Block 16 of the Old Town Plat of the Town, now City, of Springfield.  
Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.  
Sited in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Also:  
Lots 1, 2, 3, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of John S. Schnepf's Subdivision Number Three.  
Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.  
Sited in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Tax identification number: 14-34-102-037  
Common address of mortgaged real estate: 227 East Adams, Springfield, IL 62701  
Mortgagor(s): Sangamo Club  
Mortgagee: PNC Bank, National Association  
Date and place of recording: June 17, 2013, Sangamon County Recorder of Deeds  
Identification of recording: Document Number 2013R19890  
Present owner of the property: Sangamo Club  
Notice is hereby given you that the said complaint prays for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.  
Now, therefore, unless, you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Sangamon County located at 200 S. Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701, on or before January 22, 2024, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.  
Carlson Dash, LLC  
216 S. Jefferson St., Suite 303  
Chicago, Illinois 60661  
I3234919

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
v.  
MATTHEW L. WILSON, a/k/a MATTHEW WILSON, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No.: 2023FC80  
NOTICE OF COURT SALE

JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
v.  
BRETT LONG, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No.: 2023FC000175  
NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE  
Notice is given to defendants, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, of the following described real estate, that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action is now pending, and the day on or after which a default may be entered against said defendants is JANUARY 16, 2024. The Plaintiff has certified that the above entitled mortgage foreclosure action was filed on October 3, 2023, and is now pending.  
(i) The names of all plaintiffs and the case number are identified above.  
(ii) The court in which said action was brought is identified above.  
(iii) The name of the title holder of record is:  
Brett Long.  
(iv) A legal description of the real estate sufficient to identify it with reasonable certainty is as follows:  
Lot 37 of Spaulding's Whittier Place Addition to the City of Springfield.  
Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any.  
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Sited in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
Tax Identification Number: 22-04.0-252-061  
(v) A common address or description of the location of the real estate is as follows:  
1927 South College Street, Springfield, Illinois, 62704  
(vi) An identification of the mortgage sought to be foreclosed is as follows:  
(A) Nature of Instrument: Mortgage.  
(B) Date of mortgage: July 23, 2021.  
(C) Name of mortgagor: Brett Long.  
(D) Name of mortgagee: United Community Bank.  
(E) Date and place of recording: July 26, 2021 in the Recorder's Office of Sangamon County, Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(F) Identification of recording: Document Number 2021R20266.  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff  
Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930)  
Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535)  
Hart, Southworth & Witsman  
Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza  
Springfield, Illinois 62701  
Telephone: (217) 753-0055  
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff,  
v.  
MATTHEW L. WILSON, a/k/a MATTHEW WILSON, CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants.  
No.: 2023FC80  
NOTICE OF COURT SALE



PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder. The sale shall be subject to Court approval. Buyer will be entitled to possession 30 days after the sale is confirmed by the Court.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Timothy J. Rigby Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is: 208 West Pine Street, Springfield, Illinois 62704

(C) The legal description of the real estate is: Lot 10 and the West Half of Lot 11 in Block 2 of Payne's Grand Avenue Subdivision. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Tax Identification Number: 22-04.0-205-005 22-04.0-205-006 2

(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: 2,190 sq ft two story building with three units: Unit 1: 1,060 sq ft, four rooms, including, two bedrooms, and 1.5 baths Unit 2: 680 sq ft, three rooms, including, one bedroom, and one bathroom Unit 3: 450 sq ft, three rooms, including, one bedroom, and one bathroom

(E) No times have been specified in the judgment of foreclosure for inspection of the real estate prior to sale.

(F) The time and place of the sale are: Time: 9:00 a.m. January 9, 2024 Place: Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street Springfield, Illinois 62701

(G) The terms of the sale are: Twenty-five percent (25%) of sale price at time of sale and balance within twenty-four (24) hours.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to any liens or encumbrances prior to the mortgage of United Community Bank, all general real estate taxes, special assessments if any, easements and restrictions of record, and all encroachments, if any.

UNITED COMMUNITY BANK, an Illinois banking corporation, Plaintiff Timothy J. Rigby (ARDC #6225930) Alexander S. Prillaman (ARDC #6339535) Hart, Southworth & Witsman Suite 501, One North Old State Capitol Plaza Springfield, Illinois 62701 Telephone: (217) 753-0055 trigby@hswnet.com aprillaman@hswnet.com

NOTE: This communication is made for the purpose of collecting a debt. Any information obtained in response to this communication may be used for that purpose. 8051-938028

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC

Plaintiff, -v.- LITITIA ROBINSON Defendant 2023 FC 000091 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on August 30, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on January 9, 2024, at the Do Realty Services, 600 S 6th Street, SPRINGFIELD, IL, 62701, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: LOT 1 AND 2 IN BLOCK 5 IN THE TOWN OF THAYER, EXCEPT ALL COAL, MINERALS AND MINING RIGHTS HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED OF RECORD, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 215 N CLEVELAND, THAYER, IL 62689 Property Index No. 34-27-353-002, 34-27-353-003 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$43,506.85. Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales. For information, contact RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES Plaintiff's Attorneys, 120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140, Chicago, IL, 60602 (312) 239-3432. Please refer to file number 23IL00097-1. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. RANDALL S. MILLER & ASSOCIATES

120 N. LASALLE STREET, SUITE 1140 Chicago IL, 60602 312-239-3432 E-Mail: ipleadings@rsmalaw.com Attorney File No. 23IL00097-1 Case Number: 2023 FC 000091 TJSC#: 43-4283 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Case # 2023 FC 000091 8051-937922

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, PLAINTIFF, VS. VICKI M BEARUP; MICHAEL J BEARUP; SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 22 FC 000094 121 EAST JEFFERSON STREET AUBURN, IL 62615 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on September 27, 2023, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 01/23/2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: LOTS 5 AND 6 IN BLOCK 10 IN WINE-MAN'S ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF WINE-MAN, SAID BLOCK BEING ALSO KNOWN AS BLOCK 23 OF THE TOWN (NOW CITY) OF AUBURN, ACCORDING TO IRA MERCHANT'S RE-SURVEY.EXCEPT ANY INTEREST IN THE COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS UNDERLYING THE LAND WHICH HAVE BEEN HERETOFORE CONVEYED OR RESERVED IN PRIOR CONVEYANCES, AND ALL RIGHTS AND EASEMENTS IN FAVOR OF THE ESTATE OF SAID COAL, OIL, GAS AND OTHER MINERALS, IF ANY. SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. TOGETHER WITH ALL EASEMENTS AND APPURTENANCES IN FAVOR OF SAID REAL PROPERTY. TAX NO. 34-10.0-278-001 and 34-10.0-278-002 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 121 East Jefferson Street Auburn, IL 62615 Description of Improvements: The property is a single family. The property has a two car garage. The garage is detached. The exterior is aluminum siding. The color is white. The property has a fence. The property is occupied. The Judgment amount was \$72,281.61. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of

Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 22-09961IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3230488

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST COMPANY N.A. AS SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO ALL PERMITTED SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS OF BANK ONE, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE, OF THE GREENPOINT MANUFACTURED HOUSING CONTRACT TRUST, PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2000-3, PLAINTIFF, VS. RICHARD A BRITZ A/K/A RICK BRITZ; KRISTY E BRITZ A/K/A KRISTY ELIZABETH BRITZ A/K/A KRISTY ELIZABETH FURLOW A/K/A KRISTY ELIZABETH STOLL; HOUSEHOLD FINANCE CORPORATION, III; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS. NO. 23 FC 000038 3523 RADFORD ROAD SPRINGFIELD, IL 62707 NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered by the Court in the above entitled cause on September 27, 2023, Sheriff of Sangamon County will on 01/23/2024, in the Sangamon South Auditorium #1 Copley Plaza (Old SJR Building) 1st Floor, Springfield, IL 62701, at 9:00 AM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Sangamon, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: Part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 6, Township 16 North Range 4 West of the Third Principal Meridian In Sangamon County, Illinois, being described is follows: Commencing at a stone at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of Section 6; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 59 seconds East 49.91 feet to

an iron pin at the point of beginning; thence North 89 degrees 49 minutes 59 seconds East 165.00 feet to an iron pin; thence North 00 degrees 04 minutes 01 seconds West 1320.00 feet to an iron pin.; thence South 89 degrees 49 minutes 59 seconds West 165.00 feet to an iron pin; thence South 00 degrees 04 minutes 01 seconds East 1320.00 feet to the point of beginning. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING MANUFACTURED HOME: FOUR SEASONS HOUSING 2000 SPRINGDALE 28X82, VIN# FS209739. TAX NO. 15-06.0-401-011 COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 3523 Radford Road Springfield, IL 62707 Description of Improvements: The property is a mobile home. The property has no garage. The exterior is vinyl siding. The color is tan. The property has a fence. The property is occupied. Little to no yard maintenance, property is cluttered with various yard decorations. There are horses & Alpaca on the property. The pasture for them goes alongside the driveway and goes around th back of the home. The Judgment amount was \$74,863.33. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder must deposit 10% down by certified funds; balance, by certified funds, within 24 hours. NO REFUNDS. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments or special taxes levied against said real estate, water bills, etc., and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to plaintiff. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the bid amount, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale. The property will NOT be open for inspection. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For Information: Visit our website at http://iforeclosuresales.mrpllc.com. Between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. only - McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC, Plaintiff's Attorneys, 1 N. Dearborn St., Suite 1200, Chicago, IL 60602. Tel. No. (312) 346-9088. Please refer to file# 23-14319IL PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, THE PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Plaintiff's attorney is not required to provide additional information other than that set forth in this notice of sale. I3230486

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SANGAMON COUNTY - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS Rocket Mortgage, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans, LLC f/k/a Quicken Loans Inc.

PLAINTIFF Vs. Dexter Christiano; Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants; Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Steven Christiano; Dan Way, as Special Representative for Steven Christiano (deceased) DEFENDANTS No. 2023FC000094 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU: Unknown Owners and Nonrecord Claimants Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Steven Christiano That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 333 S State St Springfield, IL 62704 and which said Mortgage was made by: Steven Christiano the Mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for Quicken Loans, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Sangamon County, Illinois, as Document No. 2017R06289; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the Office of the Clerk of this Court, Joseph B. Roesch Clerk of the Circuit Court Sangamon County Courthouse 200 South Ninth Street, Room 405 Springfield, IL 62701 on or before January 8, 2024, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Attorneys for Plaintiff 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100 Burr Ridge, IL 60527 (630) 794-5300 DuPage # 15170 Winnebago # 531 Our File No. 14-23-02864 NOTE: This law firm is a debt collector. I3233962

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 7TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF SANGAMON - SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS U.S. BANK TRUST ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR RCF 2 ACQUISITION TRUST; Plaintiff, vs. BETTY L. THOMPSON; MURRAY L. THOMPSON; RUTLEDGE JOINT VENTURES, L.L.C.; STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE AND FAMILY SERVICES; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; Defendants, 23 FC 98 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, January 10, 2024, at the hour of 9:00 a.m., Harvatin Law Office, 1100 South Fifth Street, Springfield, Illinois 62703, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged



real estate:  
LOT ONE HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE (129), IN SPAULDING’S SECOND CAPITAL CITY ADDITION TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. EXCEPT ALL COAL AND MINERALS UNDERLYING SAID LOT ALL SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF SANGAMON, STATE OF IL.  
P.I.N. 22-03-428-023,  
Tax ID: 22-03.0-428-023.  
Commonly known as 2103 SOUTH 17TH STREET, SPRINGFIELD, IL 62703.  
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.  
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.  
The property will NOT be open for inspection.  
For information call Mr. Chad Lewis at Plaintiff’s Attorney, Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC, 205 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (708) 668-4410 ext. 52109.  
INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION  
intercountyjudicialsales.com  
I3233769

The Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission (SSCRPC) and Springfield Area Transportation Study (SATS) are seeking a consultant to develop an Active Transportation Plan (ATP) for Sangamon County to improve active transportation infrastructure, connectivity, and safety for residents and visitors. The ATP will identify opportunities for walking, cycling, and other non-motorized modes, and provide a strategic framework for their development. The consultant must have experience and knowledge in active transportation planning in both urban and rural settings. The successful consultant will work with SSCRPC staff, SATS members, stakeholders, and the public to develop the plan. A copy of the RFP has been posted to the SSCRPC website at www.sscrpc.com. For questions or additional information regarding this project, contact by Shannan Karrick by phone at (217)535-3110 or email at Shannan.Karrick@sangamonil.gov. This contract will be funded with Federal Highway Administration Metropolitan Planning (FHWA PL) funds. As such, FHWA Program requirements applicable to such contracts will apply. Firms interested in this project should send their proposals to the attention of: Shannan Karrick, Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission, Room 212, 200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL 62701. Proposals must be received before 3:00 P.M. on January 25, 2024.

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West for a public hearing and consideration proposing an amendment to Chapter 155, Section 155.049, Special Provisions for Residential Uses in the Inner City, of the Springfield Code, pertaining to square footage of lot area per dwelling unit. The petitioner is the City of Springfield. Docket No. 2024-005

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to

hear the following petition.  
A petition for a Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to section 155.031 (c ) ( 6), Conditional Permitted Uses in the S-2 Community Shopping and Office District: Package Liquor Sales, except for drive-in or drive-up windows for the sale of alcohol, and Section 155.210, Package Liquor Sales, and a variance of section 155.210 (b), Package Liquor Sales; and 155.187 (C) (3), General Conditions, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Subject property currently includes a restaurant serving alcoholic beverages, said restaurant being located generally on Parcels 14-34.0-407-005, 14-34.0-407-006, and 14-34.0-407-007 (identified as 812, 816, and 820 South 11th Street, being an approximate measurement of 100’ x 50’ to make up 5,000 square feet). Petitioner desires to convert the restaurant to operation of a convenience store including package liquor sales. To be in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests a Conditional Permitted Use in the S-2 District to allow for Package Liquor Sales, and a variance of Section 155.210 (b), to allow for a Convenience Store with package liquor sales, on a zoning lot located less than 100 feet from the nearest residential zoning lot, church, park, school, community facility or commercial daycare center; and a variance of the provisions of 155.187 (c) (3) requiring that the vehicular entrance or exit for such use will be at least 100 feet from any exit or entrance for a school (except trade schools for adults), and playground accessory thereto, or any noncommercial park or playground one-half acre or more, church or other house of worship or day care in the area. The request for CPU/ Variances are limited to tenant spaces identified as 812, 816, and 820 S 11th Street -that area being an approximate measurement of 100’ x 50’ approximately 5,000 square feet. Improvements (or Structures) located on said property is a multi-tenant retail development. Subject Real Estate is currently classified in the S-2, Community Shopping and Office District, Section 155.031.  
Legally described as: Barrett’s Addn L1 B5, L2 B5, L3 B5, L4 B5, L5 B5, L6 B5, L7 B5, L8 B5 SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. CONTAINING 1.335 ACRES MORE OR LESS. Parcel Tax ID: 14-34.0-407-001, 14-34.0-407-002, 14-34.0-407-003, 14-34.0-407-004, 14-34.0-407-005, 14-34.0-407-006, 14-34.0-407-007, 14-34.0-407-008. The property is commonly known as 802 – 828 S. 11th Street, (tenant spaces 812, 816, 820 S. 11th Street), Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is Bishop Properties, Inc. by William Bishop IV, President Docket No. 2024-004 John Harris Deputy Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.  
A petition for reclassification from B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033, to B-2 General Business Service District, Section 155.034, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. The Petitioner is contract purchaser of subject property for the development of an office and warehouse building for the Springfield Headquarters of Accel Entertainment. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests a reclassification of property from B-1 to B-2. Petitioner additionally requests, if not a reclassification to B-2, a use variance

for warehouse and repair in the existing B-1 district to allow for an office/storage/ repair facility for recreational gaming machines. Improvements (or Structures) located on said property are none, an unimproved vacant lot. The subject real estate is currently classified in the B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033. Legally described as: Parcel number: 22-10.0-180-012 situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. commonly known as Lot 41 Park South 5th addition with an approximate lot size of 90,347 square feet. The subject property is commonly known as 2831 Yale Boulevard, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is ZGSX, LLC, as Contract Purchaser, By Thomas Helmkampff, It’s Manager Docket No. 2024-003 John Harris Assistant Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.  
A petition for a Conditional Permitted Use of Section 155.033 (c) (8), Conditional permitted uses in the B-1 highway business service district: Liquor sales, package, exclusive of drive-in or drive-up windows for the sale of alcohol, & 155.210, Package Liquor Sales; and Variances of Section 155.210 (B), Package Liquor Sales, of the Springfield Zoning Ordinance. The petitioner desires to improve the property for use as a filling station and convenience store. Petitioner desires to include the sale of package liquor with its sale of fuel, food, grocery items and standard convenience store products. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioner respectfully request a Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to 155.033 (c ) (8) & 155.210 to allow for package liquor sales in the convenience store; and a variance of 155.210 (B) to allow the sale of package liquor within 100 feet of a residential zoning lot. Said property is currently a vacant lot. Subject real estate is currently classified in the B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033. Legally described as: Exhibit A: Parcel 1: Lot 17 of James F. Brook’s Subdivision. Except that part taken for roadway purposes by Deed recorded February 3, 1994 as Document Number 94-95595 and described as follows: Commencing at a 1/2 inch pipe at the Southeast corner of Lot 12 of said James F. Brooks Subdivision; thence South 89 degrees 04 minutes 20 seconds West along the South line of Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 18 and 17 of said James F. Brook’s Subdivision, also being along the North right of way line of Richards Lane, 1160.61 feet to the point of beginning; thence South 89 degrees 04 minutes 20 seconds West 40.00 feet along the South line of said Lot 17 and the North right of way line of Richards Lane to the Easterly right of way line of Federal Aid Route 666, also known as Business Loop 55 or Peoria Road; thence North 49 degrees 18 minutes 53 seconds East 30.00 feet along said Easterly right of way line; thence South 42 degrees 21 minutes 55 seconds East 25.59 feet to the point of beginning. Containing in said exception 384 square feet, more or less. EXCEPT that part conveyed to the State of Illinois for highway purposes in a deed dated June 20, 1936 and recorded with Sangamon County Recorder of Deeds in Book 275 at Page 474. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and

all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Parcel 2: The West 85 feet of Lot 16 of James F. Brooks Subdivision of part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 11, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, Lots 18, 19 and 20 of James F. Brooks Subdivision. EXCEPT that part of Lots 19 and 20 aforesaid, described as follows: Beginning at an iron pin 39.7 feet North 48 degrees 40 minutes East of the Southeast corner of said Lot 19, thence North 69 feet, thence East 83.73 feet, thence South 48 degrees 40 minutes West 80.30 feet to the point of beginning. EXCEPT also that part of said Lot 20 described as follows: Beginning at the Northeast corner of said Lot and running thence Southwesterly along the Lot line, 108 feet; thence Southeasterly to the South line of said Lot to a point 17 feet East of the Southwest corner thereof; thence Northeasterly 103 feet to the Southeast corner of said Lot and thence Northwesterly to the point of beginning. Except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois. Parcel # 14-11.0-402-041 The subject property is commonly known as 3840 N. Peoria Road, Springfield, Illinois. The petitioner is Mahi Short Shop, LLC, By It’s Attorneys Gates, Wise Schlosser & Goebel, Gordon W. Gates of Counsel. Docket No. 2024-002 John Harris Deputy Zoning Administrator

The Springfield Planning and Zoning Commission will meet on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Municipal Center West to hear the following petition.  
A petition for Reclassification of property from S-2, Community Shopping & Office District, Section 155.031, to B-1, Highway Business Service District, Section 155.033; and a Conditional Permitted Use Pursuant to Section 155.341 (b) & (c ), Height and size regulations for off-premises signs, and a variance of Sections: 155.001, Definitions, Lot, 155.340 (b), (d), (h), (i), & (j), General Provisions for Off-Premises Advertising Signs, 155.321 (a), Non-illuminated signs, 155.322 (b), Illuminated Signs, & 155.341 (a), Height and Size Regulations for Off-Premises Signs, 155.320 (a) .(b), & (e), Permitted accessory on- premise signs, and 155.480, & 155.480 (k), Landscape, Screening and Lighting Regulations, and 155.187 (c ) (3), General Conditions, of the City of Springfield Zoning Ordinance. Subject property contains an easement area which contains a billboard which is 35 feet in height and has two (2) back-to-back, parallel, faces, each measuring 14’ x 48’, and is supported by a monopole structure, and is illuminated with halogen lighting from below. The billboard is a non-conforming use. Pursuant to an oral lease, petitioner Weidig leases the easement area described on Exhibit B of the petition to a third party who operates an existing billboard within the Easement Area. The lease is terminable upon thirty (30) days written notice. If relief is granted, petitioner Weidig will terminate the lease and sell the Easement to petitioner WC Media, who will then replace the entirety of the Current Billboard with

a new billboard that will be identical in all respects to the Current Billboard except that it will be lit from the bottom by LED instead of halogen lighting. The New Billboard will be static and not electronic. To be in compliance with the zoning ordinance, petitioner respectfully requests: a Reclassification of property from S-2 to B-1; and a Conditional Permitted Use pursuant to 155.341(b) and (c) to permit the New Billboard on the Property with a maximum of 672 square feet for each sign face (a total of 1 ,344 square feet) in lieu of the Zoning Ordinance’s 175 square feet limit; and a variance of 155.341 (a) to allow an off-premises advertising sign of 35 feet height and a maximum 672 sq feet per sign face instead of the 175 square feet per code; in connection with the CPU, petitioner also requests a variance of Section 155.187(c)(3) regarding the provision that the vehicular entrance or exit for such use will be at least 100 feet from any exit or entrance for a school (except trade schools for adults), and playground accessory thereto, or any noncommercial park or playground one-half acre or more, church or other house of worship or day care in the area; a variance of 155.001 (Definition of Lot), 155.340(h), to permit more than one principal use consisting of the off-premises sign/ new billboard and the current allowable uses of the property; a variance of 155.340 (b) to permit the sign to be located within 500 feet of other off–premises signs; a variance of Section 155.340(d) (Off-Premises Signs) to permit the sign to be located within 500 feet of a lot zoned residential or on a lot used for residential purposes; a variance of Section 155.321 (a) (Nonilluminated Signs) and 155.322(b) (Illuminated Signs) to permit the new off premises sign with two sign faces back to back and parallel to each other each measures 14’ x 48’ (672 square feet for each sign face) in addition to any ground signage allowed for the businesses located on the Property; a variance of Section 155.340 (i) and (j) to permit the issuance of a sign permit approving the replacement of the current billboard with the new billboard without complying with the requirements of Section 155.340 (i)’s aesthetic requirements and other subsection provisions; a variance of 155.340 (j) so as to permit the replacement of the current billboard with the new billboard without the surrender of otherwise existing permits on a four for one basis as required by Section 155.340 (j); a variance of 155.320(a), (b) and (e) (Permitted Accessory On Premises Signs) to permit the New Billboard on the Property in approximately the same location as the Current Billboard to be located within 100 feet from and in addition to all other ground signs located on the Property related to the business use of the Property, and to allow the signs to remain where they are located in a yard that does not adjoin a street right of way, to which there is direct access, and an on premises ground sign which appears to be less than 10’ from a right of way; a variance of 155.480 to permit an off-premises advertising sign with two sign faces in the Easement area in the same location and configuration as the Current Billboard without complying with the Section 155.480 landscaping requirements; a variance of Section 155.480(k) in that petitioner not be required to comply with the light trespass provisions and not be required to submit a photometric pattern showing footcandle value at all property lines, as well as all other applicable lighting regulations. Pursuant to 155.212 (General Provisions-Variances) and 155.213 (Applications for Variances) of the Zoning Ordinance, Petitioner requests a variance of any other provision of the Zoning Ordinance applicable to permit the replacement of the current billboard

with the new billboard. Petitioner additionally requests if reclassification to B-1 is deemed unideal for any reason, petitioner would accept a variance of Section 155.340(a) (General Provisions for Off-Premises Advertising Signs) to permit an off-premises advertising sign with two faces on the property in its current S-2 classification and a variance of Section 155.341 (a) (Height and Size Regulations for Off–Premises Advertising Signs) to allow an off-premises advertising sign of 35 feet height and a maximum 672 square feet per sign face instead of the 175 square feet per code. Petitioner’s preference is a zoning variance so as to limit any impact to the other activities on, or uses of, the property by the property owner. Improvements (or Structures) located on said property are a Billboard which is 35 feet in height and has two (2) back-to-back, parallel, faces, each measuring 14’ x 48’, and is supported by a monopole structure, and is illuminated with halogen lighting from below; and commercial office building. Subject Real Estate is currently classified in the S-2, Community Shopping & Office District, Section 155.031. Legally described as: The North 110 feet of Lot 8 Monroe Park, being part of the Southwest Quarter of Section 31, Township 16 North, Range 5 West of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded April 14, 1971 as Document No. 338980 in the Recorder’s Office of Sangamon County, Illinois, EXCEPT the East 135 feet thereof. All except any interest in the coal, oil, gas and other minerals underlying the land which have been heretofore conveyed or reserved in prior conveyances, and all rights and easements in favor of the estate of said coal, oil, gas and other minerals, if any. 711 Durkin Drive Springfield, IL 62711 14-31.0-376-045 The property is commonly known as 711 Durkin Drive, Springfield, Illinois The petitioner is John and Cynthia Weidig, & W C Media, Inc. By Attorneys Delano Law Offices, LLC, Thomas C. Pavlik Jr, of Counsel Docket No. 2024-001 John Harris Deputy Zoning Administrator

CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
IN THE MATTER OF  
Gabriel A. Kemp, Minor Child  
No. 2023 GR 000250  
To: Desiree Kemp, Robert Huddleston and All Persons Having A Right To Notice:  
Please be notified that Kimberly Smith has filed a Petition for the Guardianship of the Estate and Person of Gabriel A. Kemp, a minor child.  
You are required to answer said Petition before January 14, 2024 or be defaulted by the Court thereafter.  
Dated: Dec. 14, 2023

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, a Municipal Corporation, Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JANET HACKL AS HEIR OF JAMES R. MCCARTY SR., RENEE MARSHALL AS HEIR OF JAMES R. MCCARTY SR., JAMES R. MCCARTY JR. AS HEIR OF JAMES R. MCCARTY SR., THOMAS MCCARTY AS HEIR OF JAMES R. MCCARTY SR., UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JAMES R. MCCARTY SR., SECURITY BANK, S.B.,



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,  
a Municipal Corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
VERONICA M. NEWTON AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD R. NEWTON SR., BEN CAHILL D/B/A AB INVESTMENTS, SANGAMON COUNTY AS TRUSTEE FOR TAXING DISTRICTS, UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.  
No. 23-MR-396  
NOTICE OF PENDING OF ACTION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, VERONICA M. NEWTON AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF RONALD R. NEWTON SR., BEN CAHILL D/B/A AB INVESTMENTS, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that a complaint has been filed in the above named court on December 7, 2023 for demolition of the structure or structures located on the real estate commonly known as 1030 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Springfield, Illinois, and legally described as:  
The West 65 feet of Lot 9 in Block 8 of B. S. Edwards' Third Addition. Situated in Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(Permanent Parcel No. 14-35.0-316-008); and for other relief.  
UNLESS VERONICA M. NEWTON AS AD-

ESTATE OF SHIRLEY BIRKMAN, Unknown  
Owners and Non-Record Claimants FILE  
an answer or otherwise file an appearance  
in this case in the office of the  
clerk of this court, Room 405 Sangamon  
County Building, 200 South Ninth Street,  
Springfield, IL 62701, on or before January  
22, 2024, A JUDGMENT OR DECREE  
BY DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AT ANY  
TIME AFTER THAT DAY FOR THE RELIEF  
REQUESTED IN THE COMPLAINT.

/s/ Joe Roesch  
Clerk of Court  
Gregory E. Moredock  
Corporation Counsel  
Kateah McMasters ARDC #6309668  
Assistant Corporation Counsel  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
800 E. Monroe, Room 327  
Springfield, IL 62701-1653  
(217) 789-2375  
kateah.mcmasters@springfield.il.us

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS  
SANGAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD,  
ILLINOIS  
THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,  
a Municipal Corporation,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JOSEPH CARROLL COURTNEY, BELVA  
JANE COURTNEY, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT  
OF REVENUE, SANGAMON COUNTY  
AS TRUSTEE FOR TAXING DISTRICTS,  
UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS,  
Defendants.  
No. 23-MR-393  
NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF ACTION  
NOTICE IS GIVEN TO, JOSEPH CARROLL  
COURTNEY, BELVA JANE COURTNEY,  
Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants,  
that a complaint has been filed in the  
above named court on December 7, 2023  
for demolition of the structures located on  
the real estate commonly known as 1918  
Gregory Court, Springfield, Illinois, and  
legally described as:  
Lot 42 in Suttills Subdivision. Situated in  
Sangamon County, Illinois.  
(Permanent Parcel No. 22-02-0-180-015);  
and for other relief.  
UNLESS JOSEPH CARROLL COURTNEY,  
BELVA JANE COURTNEY, Unknown Owners  
and Non-Record Claimants FILE an  
answer or otherwise file an appearance in  
this case in the office of the clerk of this  
court, Room 405 Sangamon County Building,  
200 South Ninth Street, Springfield, IL  
62701, on or before January 22, 2024, A  
JUDGMENT OR DECREE BY DEFAULT MAY  
BE ENTERED AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT  
DAY FOR THE RELIEF REQUESTED IN THE

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH**  
**JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, SANGAMON COUNTY,**  
**ILLINOIS, Case No. 2023TX000187, Joe**  
**David.**  
**To: The Heirs and Devisees of Willie E.**  
**Carr, deceased; The Heirs and Devisees**  
**of Bella Carr, deceased; Occupants of;**  
**U.S. Bank Trust National Association, as**  
**Trustee of American Homeowner Preser-**  
**vation Trust Series 2015 A+; U.S. Bank**  
**Trust National Association, as Trustee of**  
**American Homeowner Preservation Trust**  
**Series 2014 B; City of Springfield; Andrew**  
**T. Carr; The Heirs and Devisees of Mark**  
**McMullen, deceased; Julia E. Carr; Dor-**  
**othy Gayton; Debbie Kyse; Unknown Heirs**  
**of Andrew T. Carr; Unknown Heirs of Julia**  
**E. Carr; Unknown Heirs of Dorothy Gayton;**  
**Diletta J. McMullen; Taylor Roberts; Jordan**  
**Roberts; Kaitlyn Roberts; The Heirs and**  
**Devisees of Natalie Carr, deceased;**  
**Natalie Carr; Amber Carr; Anthony Carr;**  
**Tamara Gayton White; The Heirs and**  
**Devisees of Delisa White, deceased; Alex**  
**White; Aries James Carr; Alexis White;**  
**Alayalia White; Unknown Heirs of Willie E.**  
**Carr; Unknown Heirs of Bella Carr; Un-**  
**known Heirs of Mark McMullen; Unknown**  
**Heirs of Natalie Carr; Unknown Heirs of**  
**Delisa White; Sangamon County Clerk;**  
**and all other persons/entities UNKNOWN**  
**having or claiming any right, interest or**  
**title in the following described real estate:**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
The regular monthly meetings of the  
Board of Directors of the Springfield

N&L No. 1353-455  
NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, LTD.  
(Attorney ID: 6193234)  
33 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1150  
Chicago, IL 60602  
STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF  
Cook, ss – IN THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT COURT, SANGAMON COUNTY,  
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, COMMUNITY  
LOAN SERVICING, LLC F/K/A BAYVIEW  
LOAN SERVICING, LLC, Plaintiff, vs  
KALL RESTAURANTS, LLC, an Illinois  
limited liability company; KEITH EUGENE  
LOUKINEN (GUARANTOR); LAURIE ANN  
LOUKINEN (GUARANTOR); UNKNOWN  
OWNERS- TENANTS AND NON-RECORD  
CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2023  
FC 000213. The requisite affidavit for  
publication having been filed, notice is  
hereby given to you: UNKNOWN OWNERS-  
TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS  
defendants in the above-entitled suit has  
been commenced in the IN THE SEVENTH  
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, SANGAMON  
COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS, by the  
said plaintiff against you and other de-  
fendants, praying for the foreclosure of a  
certain Mortgage conveying the premises  
described as follows, to-wit: LOT FOUR  
(4) OF CHARLES S. RIDGELY'S ADDITION  
TO THE CITY OF SPRINGFIELD. ALSO, THE  
NORTH 35 FEET OF THE EAST 184.90  
FEET OF LOT FIFTY-FIVE (55) OF ASSES-  
SOR'S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTHEAST  
QUARTER OF SECTION 33 AND PART OF  
THE WEST HALF OF THE NORTHWEST  
QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWNSHIP  
16 NORTH, RANGE 5 WEST OF THE  
THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, SITUATED  
IN SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS. COM-  
MONLY KNOWN AS: 517 S 4TH STREET,  
SPRINGFIELD, IL 62701. PROPERTY IDEN-  
TIFICATION NO: 14-34.0-156-023, and  
which said Mortgage was made by KALL  
RESTAURANTS, LLC, as Mortgagor(s) to  
SILVER HILL FUNDING, LLC, as Mortgagee  
and recorded as document number 2022  
R 19237, and the present owner(s) of the  
property being KALL RESTAURANTS, LLC,  
and for other relief: that summons was  
duly issued out of said Court against you  
as provided by law, and that the said suit  
is now pending.  
Now, therefore, unless you, the said above-  
named defendant, file your answer to the  
Complaint in the said suit or otherwise  
make your appearance therein, IN THE  
SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT, SAN-  
GAMON COUNTY, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS,  
SANGAMON COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 200  
South 9th Street, Springfield, IL on or  
before JANUARY 22, 2024, default may be  
entered against you at any time after that  
day and a Judgment entered in accor-



dance with the prayer of said Complaint. Dated, Chicago, Illinois, December 18, 2023.  
Clerk of the Sangamon County 7th Judicial Circuit Court.  
THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE.  
8051-938355

NOTICE OF SALE  
STATE OF ILLINOIS  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE  
SS SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT  
COUNTY OF SANGAMON  
SPRINGFIELD, SANGAMON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
SECURITY BANK,  
Plaintiff,  
vs.  
JERAD WOOSLEY, NATHANIA WOOSLEY,  
PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES,  
LLC, BANK & TRUST COMPANY AND RICK  
VERTICCHIO,  
Defendants.  
CASE NO. 23-FC-112  
PROPERTY ADDRESS:  
698 S. TOWER RD.  
DAWSON, IL 62520  
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that  
pursuant to a Judgment of the above  
Court entered in the above entitled cause  
on September 27, 2023, the following  
described real estate, to-wit:  
THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE  
SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 31,  
TOWNSHIP 16 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST OF  
THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EXCEPT  
THAT PART LYING NORTH OF CLEAR  
CREEK, SITUATED IN SANGAMON COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS  
Permanent Index Number: 16-31.0-400-  
029 aka 16-31-400-029  
Commonly known as: 698 S. Tower Rd.,  
Dawson, IL 62520  
will be offered for sale and sold at public  
vendue on January 30, 2024, at 9:00 AM,  
in the the Auditorium on the 2nd Floor, 300  
South 9th St, Springfield, Illinois.  
The Judgment amount is \$305,634.48.  
The real estate is improved with a single  
family residence.  
Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid  
by certified funds at the close of the sale  
payable to The Sheriff of Sangamon Coun-  
ty. No third party checks will be accepted.  
The balance, including the Judicial sale  
fee for Abandoned Residential Property  
Municipality Relief Fund, which is calcu-  
lated on residential real estate at the rate  
of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof  
of the amount paid by the purchaser not  
to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire  
transfer, is due within twenty-four (24)  
hours. No fee shall be paid by the mort-  
gagee acquiring the residential real estate  
pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by  
any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other  
lienor acquiring the residential real estate  
whose rights in and to the mortgaged real  
estate arose prior to the sale. The subject  
property is subject to general real estate  
taxes, special assessments or special  
taxes levied against said real estate, and is  
offered for sale without any representation

as to quality or quantity of title and without  
recourse to the Plaintiff and in "AS IS"  
condition. The Sale is further subject to  
confirmation by the Court.  
Upon payment in full of the amount bid,  
the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of  
Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a  
Deed to the real estate after confirmation  
of the sale.  
The property will NOT be open for inspec-  
tion. Prospective bidders are admonished  
to check the Court file to verify all informa-  
tion.  
For information contact Plaintiff's Attorney:  
Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC, 601 East  
William Street, Decatur, IL 62523, (217)  
422-1719  
The purchaser of a condominium unit  
at a judicial foreclosure sale, other than  
a mortgagee, who takes possession of  
a condominium unit pursuant to a court  
order or a purchaser who acquires title  
from a mortgagee shall have the duty  
to pay the proportionate share, if any, of  
the common expenses for the unit which  
would have become due in the absence of  
any assessment acceleration during the 6  
months immediately preceding institution  
of an action to enforce the collection of  
assessments, and which remain unpaid by  
the owner during whose possession the  
assessments accrued. If the outstanding  
assessments are paid at any time during  
any action to enforce the collection of  
assessments, the purchaser shall have no  
obligation to pay any assessments which  
accrued before he or she acquired title. If  
this property is a condominium unit which  
is part of a common interest community,  
the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure  
sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the  
assessments required by the Condomin-  
ium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5 (g-1).  
If the sale is not confirmed for any reason,  
the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled  
only to a return of the purchase price  
paid. The Purchaser shall have no further  
recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mort-  
gagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.  
IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOME-  
OWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN  
IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER  
ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701 (c)  
OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLO-  
SURE LAW.  
Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection  
Practices Act you are advised that the Law  
Firm of Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC, is  
deemed to be a debt collector attempting  
to collect a debt, and any information  
obtained will be used for that purpose.  
SECURITY BANK,  
Plaintiff,  
Amanda J. Wiese (#6320552), Its Attorney  
Of Heavner, Beyers & Mihar, LLC  
Amanda J. Wiese (#6320552)  
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC  
Attorneys at Law  
P.O. Box 740  
Decatur, IL 62525  
Send Notice/Pleadings to:  
Veronika J. Miles (#6313161)  
Email: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com  
Telephone: (217) 422-1719  
Facsimile: (217) 422-1754  
8051-938358

Legal Deadline,  
Thursdays at 4pm  
Call Daron at 217-679-7801  
or email [legals@illinoistimes.com](mailto:legals@illinoistimes.com)

You go first

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- Across
- 1. Fill beyond full
  - 5. Journalist Alexander
  - 10. Competent
  - 14. College VIP
  - 15. "You've got mail" message receiver
  - 16. Noodle
  - 17. \*\* Auto supply inventory
  - 19. E-mailed
  - 20. Put out again
  - 21. Bumps
  - 23. The Braves, on scoreboards
  - 24. \_\_\_easter
  - 25. Get \_\_\_ (be rewarded at work)
  - 29. \*\* Spaghetti topper
  - 34. Passbook amts.
  - 35. Draw aimlessly
  - 37. Caribbean, e.g.
  - 38. Met highlights
  - 40. Taina of "Les Girls"
  - 41. Lite
  - 43. Martini ingredient
  - 44. "Fair" heroine
  - 47. Bona \_\_\_
  - 48. \*\* Chinatown appetizers
  - 50. Embodiment
  - 52. Summer Games org.
  - 53. Sault \_\_\_ Marie
  - 54. Electrical gizmo
  - 58. Ring site
  - 63. Togo's capital
  - 64. Racing handicaps or the
- Down
- 1. Practice in the ring
  - 2. Singer India. \_\_\_
  - 3. Famous Amos
  - 4. Failing grades
  - 5. Paid respect to
  - 6. Suite spot
  - 7. A pint, maybe
  - 8. Dork
  - 9. Storehouse
  - 10. Soak up

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- beginning of the starred clues
- 66. Breaks down
- 67. Book club name
- 68. Fifth O.T. book
- 69. Exclude
- 70. "\_\_\_ Doone"
- 71. Slugger Sammy
- 11. Red vegetable
- 12. Rural route
- 13. Tolkien forest creatures
- 18. "Stupid \_\_\_ stupid..."
- 22. "Psycho" setting
- 25. Words of wisdom
- 26. Hook up again
- 27. Mimicking
- 28. "That \_\_\_ lie!"
- 29. Sculpt
- 30. Barely beat
- 31. Comparable to a fiddle
- 32. \_\_\_ double life
- 33. Not now
- 36. Eye, at the Eiffel Tower
- 39. \_\_\_-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930
- 42. Three \_\_\_ kind
- 45. Spirits
- 46. Cartoon partner of Boris
- 49. Most pickable
- 51. Not hor.
- 53. Alternative to a wagon
- 54. "The Sun \_\_\_ Rises"
- 55. Bad end
- 56. Prefix with dexterity
- 57. Seized vehicle
- 59. Chaps
- 60. Nabisco product
- 61. Heater stats
- 62. Are, in Argentina
- 65. Flight board abbr.

Puzzle answers from this week will appear here next week

P	I	C	K	S		B	R	A	S	S		P	I	T
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Crossword answers from #820

6	8	3	2	7	9	4	1	5
4	5	2	8	1	3	9	7	6
9	1	7	4	5	6	2	3	8
1	6	5	3	8	4	7	9	2
2	7	4	1	9	5	6	8	3
8	3	9	6	2	7	1	5	4
7	9	6	5	3	2	8	4	1
3	4	1	7	6	8	5	2	9
5	2	8	9	4	1	3	6	7

Sudoku answers from #820

4	3	5	6	2	1
2	5	3	1	6	4
5	1	6	3	4	2
3	4	2	5	1	6
6	2	1	4	5	3
1	6	4	2	3	5

JoshJosh answers from #820

JoshJosh by J. Reynolds - No. 821

Fill the grid with digits so as not to repeat a digit in any row or column, and so that the digits within each heavily outlined box will produce the target number shown, by using addition, subtraction, multiplication or division, as indicated in the box. A 6x6 grid will use 1-6.

1-			5-			1-		
2-			3-			1-		1-
3÷			3-					
2-			1-		5+			2÷
4-		1-			2÷			
			6x			6x		

Difficulty hard

Sudoku No. 821

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.

2				4				6
4				1				
					9			
		3			4		5	8
		6	5		8			
		2	7				3	
1		7			2			
		4			5	3	1	
				6				

Difficulty hard



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