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and perhaps  
it is a good thing  
for most of us  
that it is not.

—Oscar Wilde

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## No injuries reported in double-explosion and fire at General Iron

Chicago police and fire department units were called to the scene of two explosions and a fire Monday at General Iron, located at both 1909 N. Clifton Ave. and 1909 N. Kingsbury, in Lincoln Park. No injuries have been reported.

Later on Monday the City of Chicago Dept. of Buildings ordered the shut down of General Iron indefinitely.

People up to a mile away from the site reported hearing a loud boom around 9:10 a.m. Others reported seeing gray smoke rising from the site. The Office of Fire Investigation and relevant city departments responded to the scene.

The explosions damaged critical facilities, including a new piece of recently-installed equipment to comply with the federal EPA consent decree entered in 2018.

On Monday Ald. Brian Hopkins [2nd] said their was a “major explosion and fire” and a “sudden increase in pollution readings” that were detected in nearby residential areas.

The initial explosion occurred in a Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer [RTO]. The heat was so intense that it flowed back to the initial point of entry, triggering the safety “blow-out doors” of the



General Iron management says they are fully cooperating with city officials in their investigation of a recycling explosion Monday.

filter building, damaging it significantly. A building to the north was also damaged.

According to the Fire Cmsr. Richard Ford, ferrous metal from various sources are taken from the “claw dump” to the shredder, which then go to a filter building, which removes some contaminants from the air, and then sends them to the newly installed RTO, which is supposed to burn off Volatile Organic Compounds and convert them into steam. The RTO heats the materials to about 14,000 degrees.

“Witnesses reported a fireball and ‘mushroom cloud’ of smoke generated by the explosion,” Ald. Hopkins tweeted.

CFD declared a Level 1 HAZMAT response around 9:40 a.m. That is the lowest of four hazardous material levels recognized nationally.

City Hall has reportedly tick-

eted the scrap yard five times in December and January for pollution issues. Each of the violations issued suggested pollution-control equipment required by the U.S. EPA failed to properly control harmful emissions from the facility.

General Iron staff and management are fully cooperating with city officials during the investigation.

Level 1 situations incidents “present little risk to the environment and/or to public health with containment and cleanup,” according to the National Fire Protection Assoc.

The HAZMAT declaration does not necessarily mean any hazardous materials are involved, but it did draw additional fire department resources to the site for precautionary testing of conditions.

## Front lines for war on church services now in Ravenswood

STORY AND PHOTOS  
BY SANFORD B. DOLE

One day after Ravenswood’s Philadelphia Romanian Church of God, 1713 W. Sunnyside Ave., held its first Sunday morning service in two months, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said she will fine all Chicago churches that had allowed more than 10 people to attend.

The mayor also directly threatened a second church by name located in the Belmont Cragin neighborhood.

While the Church of God was able to hold Sunday services on May 17 with a portion of its congregation in attendance, it was not without an obstacle. On Saturday afternoon - and without the required 24 hours’ legal notice - Pastor Florin Cimpean had been notified by Ald. Matt Martin [47th] that Mayor Lightfoot had banned on-street parking within a nine-block area surrounding the church.

That ban was in affect for all cars, not just those of church members, which was verified during a drive around through the impact zone by this reporter. The



Philadelphia Romanian Church of God, 1713 W. Sunnyside Ave.

streets were indeed empty.

“The no-parking signs will be in effect tomorrow, May 17th, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Residents who have a vehicle parked on either side of the street should move their vehicle before 7 a.m., as it is possible that the vehicles will be ticketed,” said Ald. Martin in a letter sent to the congregation and to local residents.

Speaking to Inside Publications after the church’s services, the congregation’s treasurer was

puzzled by the mayor’s severe actions, because the church has its own parking lot and generally the congregation does not park on the nearby adjacent streets.

“The only reason they might do that is to have the neighborhood turn against us,” he said Sunday afternoon.

The parking lot was accessible throughout the day and the congregation even offered residents

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Like Hamlet of long ago, we bemoan the pain, sickness and suffering of our lives, especially in these times of the Corona virus, but acknowledge that the alternative might be worse.

“To die, to sleep, perchance to dream, Aye, there’s the rub. For in sleep of death, what dreams may come?”

Photo by James Matusik

### What to do when your employee tests positive for COVID-19

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## Census outreach ‘incredibly stymied’ by COVID-19, in-person outreach efforts put on hold

BY JERRY NOWICKI  
*Capitol News Illinois*

— which was 64.2% as of May 13, putting Illinois in 8th place of all states.

Illinois’ census outreach coordinators have had to adapt to a new reality during the COVID-19 pandemic, and have now announced plans to put in-person outreach efforts on hold.

“As drastic as this change has been for everyone, it’s the same thing for us,” said Marishonta Wilkerson, who was named co-director of the state census office last September.

Wilkerson and fellow co-director Oswaldo Alvarez are leading Illinois’ \$29 million outreach effort through their office within the Illinois Dept. of Human Services. Their positions were created by Gov. JB Pritzker’s June executive order aimed at maximizing participation in the decennial head count.

The pair oversees a “hub and spoke” model in which funding passes through IDHS to 31 intermediary organizations that lead outreach efforts in 12 regions of the state. Those organizations partner with other community groups to target outreach at a hyperlocal level.

Thus far, Illinois has hovered in the top 10 for state self-response rate since the census portal opened on April 1. While Wilkerson and Alvarez are pleased with the high ranking, they said there is room to grow the response rate

While good against the national average of 59.1%, the numbers were well below the state’s 2010 final self-reporting tally of 70.5%. In 2000, the self-response rate in Illinois was 69%. Illinois outpaced the national average of 66.5% in 2010 and 67.4% in 2000.

There’s still time left to push this year’s numbers upward, as the self-response period deadline has been extended to Oct. 31. But for organizers, one difficulty is maintaining momentum as the pandemic puts door-knocking efforts on hold and strict social distancing requirements cancel the planned pizza parties, booths at fairs and local library events while driving outreach online.

Anita Banerji, director of the Democracy Initiative of the non-profit organization Forefront, agreed that 2020 is presenting challenges both foreseen and unforeseen. Forefront is partnered with the city of Chicago for community-based census outreach as part of the program, and Banerji said they are noticing lagging numbers in minority communities that have not had points of contact with census organizers.

She said one continued challenge is fear of a citizenship ques-

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# As truth is imperiled and crisis increased, frightened public seize unsettling issues



By Thomas J. O'Gorman

Are there any boundaries or parameters to the crises in which we now find ourselves? Having the correct measurements of any crisis is critical. Without the right measurements can we really know what we are in for? Can any expectation be honest or for real?

Whether we are facing a failed spelling test or a failed marriage, without an honest assessment of the size of a crisis can we really hope to act with the proper strategies and solutions?

What are our options if we are unable to wrap our minds around the Coronavirus crisis? Is our imagination capable of understanding what's unfolding? That's certainly true of the current pandemic. Just look at the issues it's raising.

State by state, town by town, house by house. A second wave is coming, they say. Fifty to 300 deaths a day, Gov. Pritzker's office claims. Meanwhile some belligerent pastors say this is all made-up. An attempt to crush the power of churches. Could it be any more conflicting?

From where did this pandemic originate? Is someone actually responsible for it? Some deranged government, international attention-seeker or dystopian despot? Where do we go for answers and the truth?

Is anything believable once any government begins to politicize the contours of reality?

Is it even possible to conceive our political leadership has failed us so thoroughly? Do you see any political hero in this crisis in our nation?

Does anyone stand out as a leader of articulate reason or intelligence? Has any one person given you a reason to be strengthened or encouraged? Or are you with the rest of us in America

clinging to any shred of evidence that might lift our hearts to hope.

Does any American leader bolster your patriotism or humanism? How have people coped in other periods of mass human tragedy? How have Americans embraced heartache and tragedy in our shared history?

Here in Chicago, the population has often, in our short, less than two centuries of history, had to face several plagues, disease outbreaks and life threatening challenges. The vast expansion in our population and the steady influx of immigrants in the last five decades of the 19th century, created an urban nightmare before medicine could provide any hope of relief or cure. Chicago suffered a crippling series of Cholera outbreaks that shattered the population of the city. Between 1846 and 1860 Chicagoans were rarely free of that pandemic. It wiped out one-fifth of the population in 1854, a time in which medicine was primitive.

Urban government had few ways of caring for the sick. Most people simply died at home, infecting further portions of the population. The Sisters of Mercy, an order of Irish nuns with nursing skills, began Mercy Hospital in 1852, the first chartered hospital in the city, along the river, amid that growing crisis. Since the nuns were the only care-givers to visit the sick in their homes, it wasn't long before the sisters themselves became victims of the pandemic.

Suffering and sacrifice was the order of the day, in an era when basic soap and hot water were items of medical luxury and scarcity.

That pandemic is now thought to have begun in India and made its way across the world all the way to the prairie. Before it was finished, that vast Cholera epidemic took the lives of millions, not least of which was Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria. She and the empire never really recovered from the loss. In Nashville, it took the life of former U.S. President James Knox Polk. Drinking water contaminated by sewage and the effluvia of the urban streets, looked an unstoppable, potent killer impossible to



overcome.

At the present moment, it doesn't help to have the dramatic instability that, sadly, social media breeds. You know the constant barrage of news and questionable information. With little opportunity to verify what passes for truth, is anything believable? The shifting soil of truth and false reporting conjures up great hearsay of what is real. The numbers of legitimate testing for the disease is suspiciously tracked, off setting any attempt to frame the truth about the measurement of the virus.

How many die. How many live. Are the numbers rigged?

The frightened public resorts to seize unsettling issues of Constitutional prerogatives about the enforcement of social distancing and relaxing of commercial restrictions on non-essential businesses. All demanded as if the disease were Red Coats at the village green. All adding to the psychological unrest fomented by the complexity of the pandemic.

Is it just a matter of finding more ice cream, cocktails or a Gibson's steak? Or the chance to run along the lakefront, after putting your children back in school?

Or the chance to say the Rosary in a church that is locked up?

Or just to flee and get out of the house, away from the spouse, with healing social distance from all teen-agers and in-laws.

Or the prospect of unchaining the gates of Wrigley Field. The Saddle and Cycle. The East Bank Club. Or of getting the Coq d'Or up and running with Brandy Ices all around.

Is it the chance, off-hand, to wed and bed? A simple shag away from prying eyes and forked tongues?

The chance for a Starbucks moment, again, the barista kind, or the chance to mow the lawn, pay a cemetery call, launch your sailboat or spit roast a pig? You might have a taste for a cocktail out of doors, or a courtroom full of turmoil, or the adventure of the mile high club or a haircut, manicure, or just a sashay down ol' Boul Mich.

In Chicago our truth stars live beyond the slaughter of our pioneer past and a smoldering stockade fort. Or the dying embers of our neighborhood infernos, charred and melted. Or the memorable moment America found itself introduced to its cowboys and farmers, Irish maids and Mayflower elite. Our star of truth

high in the lakefront skies as Musolini's air force dodged the swastika rigged Graf Zeppelin flying in circles and Sally Rand danced with plumed fans. All flagged, measuring the surface of everyday living and the virtual angularity of critical mass.

### EATERY CLOSURES:

Owner Frank Di Piero has been forced to close Jeri's Grill, the beloved North Center 'Greasy Spoon' on N. Western Ave., after six decades, amid the pandemic: It's a sad end for the diner known as "Home to the bone-in ham." Sadly, so too for Al Miceli and family, owners of Man Jo Vins on Damen Ave. in North Center. We'll need to find a new source for Italian Beefs. Not all victims of the virus get the virus; but we all got the 'cure.' According to the IL Restaurant Assoc. there are many more victims of the cure to come.

**REST EASY: Shirley A. Mahoney**, 84, retired from the Ryerson Library at the Art Institute of Chicago after over 20 years of service. A dear soul and a friend to art.

**BEST NEWS: Cook County Treasurer Maria Pappas** is waving any interest on late property taxes for two months providing relief for many tax payers. She gets it. She cares. Sadly the city, county and state are still flat broke. We were broke before the virus came to town.

**TENT CITY: Dan Balanoff** is paying it forward with **Mark Pierre Stevenson** and **Stevie Robinson** spending an afternoon bringing hot meals and care bags to the residents of Tent City, a homeless encampment under the viaducts in Uptown.

**SKIP THIRD PARTY:** The UPS Store at Clark and Wellington is printing 24"x36" signs encouraging customers to "Order Direct" by skipping third-party delivery apps and ordering directly from your neighborhood business, free of charge for all local restaurants/bars. If you would like a sign, stop into the UPS Store at 3023 N. Clark to pick one up. This UPS Store is also printing black-and-white paper disposable menus for 5¢ each. Call 773-281-8988 or email upsclark@gmail.com beforehand and to ar-

range pick up.

**NEW ILLINOIS BISHOPS:** Pope Francis has recently announced that two pastors in the Archdiocese of Chicago have been chosen to fill vacancies in two dioceses in Illinois. **Father Lou Tylka** to Peoria, **Father Michael McGovern** to Belleville.

**MORE PAY IT FORWARD:** Buy a family meal for your family, at Maple and Ash, and they invite you to buy one at half price for another family as a gift. Pay it forward again. It's contagious. While you're at it, give that beggar a buck and don't worry about how he plans to spend it.

### SALVE ET VALDE: Judge Mitchell Ware



Judge Mitchell Ware

died last week at his home in Chicago. Born in 1933, the youngest of three children to **Dr. Robert Arthur Ware** and **Bertha Mae Ware** who predeceased him. He was an athletic star at St. Elizabeth High School, where he led the

Iron Men of St. Elizabeth in scoring for both the Catholic League All-Star basketball and football teams during his senior year. In the early 1980's, Ware joined, Wilkins, Jones & Ware and later became the founding partner of Jones, Ware & Grenard, a firm that became known as one of the largest and most respected minor-

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# Handmade bracelets help Lurie Children's Hospital



**Heart of the 'Hood**  
By Felicia Dechter

Hayley Orlinsky may only be seven-years-old, but her heart is already as big as a grown-up's.

Each day, Hayley is busy creating colorful bracelets out of "tiny, little rubberbands," which she sells to raise money for Lurie Children's Hospital's COVID-19 fund. So far, Hayley has sold nearly 3,000 bracelets and as of Sunday, she had raised a whopping \$13,100!

Last weekend, I was lucky to have a phone conversation with this feisty young powerhouse. Her undeniable maturity and strong desire to help others during this crazy time blew me away.

"It makes me feel amazing and like I'm really helping," Hayley said.

Apparently Hayley's mom, Lori Olinsky, watches a lot of news. Hayley told me she had overheard that hospitals were running out of masks and other PPE that they needed for the coronavirus.

"I said to my mom, 'I see they're struggling with no masks, so I just want to help,'" said Hayley, who had just learned how to make the bracelets while face-timing with a friend when all of this started.

Her original goal was to raise \$200, but obviously, this awe-inspiring kid has far exceeded that. Hayley did have a bit of financial assistance from her grandparents, who early on, before they knew bracelet

sales would take off, said they would match what Hayley raised. LOL, not expecting \$13K, each set ended up chipping in \$1,500.

Then there's the Michigan-based company Rainbow Loom, who sells the rubberbands and kits that Hayley uses to create her charming bracelets. When Hayley's mom, Lori, contacted the company about what her daughter was doing, they not only sent Hayley a bunch of products, but they also kicked in \$500.

The story behind this heartwarming tale is that seven years ago, Hayley was born at Prentice Women's Hospital. Afterward, due to swallowing meconium during her birth, she spent a little time in Lurie Children's Hospital's Neonatal Care Unit. Moreover, Hayley has asthma and her treatments for that are at Lurie. Her mom also told me that Hayley was small when she was young and bullied for it, so she, "always feels for the underdog."

It's "amazing," said her mother. "She's the kind of child that when she sets her mind to something, she does it well. We're really proud. She's such an entrepreneur."

Actually, Hayley has become so much of an entrepreneur that she had to enlist help, and now a handful of her friends are lend-



Hayley Orlinsky has made nearly 3,000 bracelets to benefit Lurie Children's Hospital.



Mayor Lori Lightfoot sports Hayley's fun handmade jewelry.

"It's really cool," Hayley said of her interaction with the mayor.

But wait, there's more here.

Gov. JB Prizker also recently placed an order for a bracelet with Northwestern U. colors "because that's where he went to college," Hayley informed me. The gov also asked Hayley to make him a surprise.

"So I made him Black-hawks and Bears colors," said Hayley, who, even though she is a White

Sox fan sees more Cubs color requests. Oh, and this little White Sox fan even got herself written up on the team's blog. They tipped their caps to her and named her a "Hero Beyond the Diamond," which, "recognizes the compassion and positivity that has helped foster, and will continue to support, a safer, more connected Chicago."

"I'm just one little girl and I'm sure I made them smile," said Hayley, who also has WGN news anchor Ana Belaval on her client list.

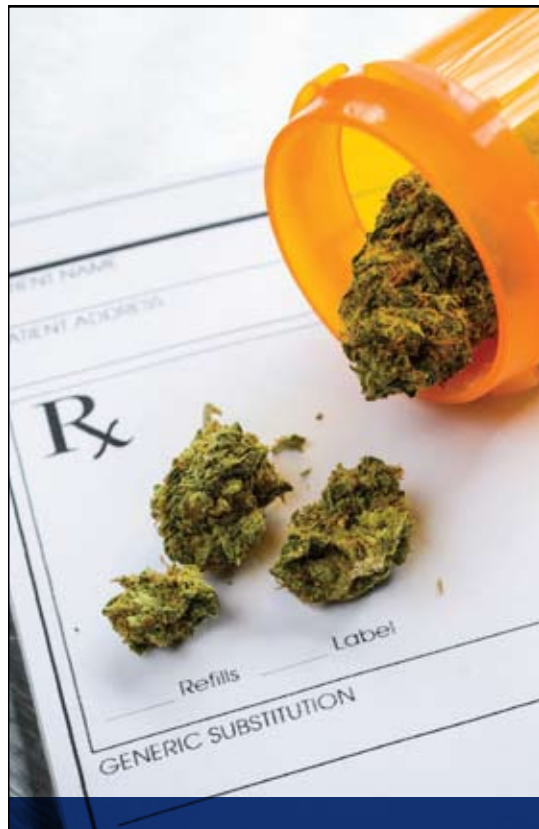
And when this big-hearted little girl made a bracelet with a bumble bee charm on it for her teacher, Miss Bee, she teared up and told Hayley that if she can't get some of her school work done not to worry because, "This was far more than what I can teach you."

ing a hand too. Children's bracelets take about 20 rubberbands to make while adults take about 30. They sell for \$3 each or two for \$5.

"One-hundred percent goes to the COVID fund," said Lori. "Wherever the highest need is -- masks, PPE, ventilators... it goes to the highest need."

What this magnificent moppet has accomplished already caught the eye of Mayor Lori Lightfoot who ordered bracelets the colors of the Chicago flag and of our sports' teams, including a special edition White Sox bracelet. And it was thrilling for the Olinskys that the mayor sent Hayley a letter saying that she loved the bracelets and she hoped Hayley and her family stay safe and healthy. Mayor Lightfoot even sent Hayley a photo of herself wearing her new jewelry, and, she sent her own mayoral photographer to shoot some pix of Hayley!

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## Medical vs. Recreational Cannabis

*Presented by Jessica Harshbarger, Advocate, Educator, and Patient of Medical Cannabis and Plant-Based Healing*



Cannabis became legal in Illinois for both medical and recreational purposes on January 1, 2020.

Join this interesting and informative webinar where Jessica will explain the differences between cannabis and hemp, medical and recreational use, which medical conditions qualify for treatment and the importance of getting a good consultation. Ms. Harshbarger became an expert advocate for cannabidiol (CBD) medicine in 2011 to treat her own rare blood cancer.

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Due to COVID-19 pandemic fears, high-rise living has lost its luster, while walk-up apartments are now in high demand Downtown and on the North Side.

## High-rise renters fear elevators, seek outdoor space of walk-ups



### The Home Front

by Don DeBat

The attraction of swank high-rise apartments with roof-top swimming pools, communal decks, fancy workout rooms and high-speed elevators may be losing some of their glitter because of the novel coronavirus pandemic. Same too for those tiny shared-space high-density apartments with the communal kitchens in Transportation Oriented Developments. Ya, thanks but no thanks!

Imagine what the “shelter-at-home” lifestyle is like in a high-rise tower with little or no outdoor space and long elevator rides while wearing a protective mask? During those elevator rides residents reportedly are required to face the walls in a six-foot-square box.

Sounds like being incarcerated at the Metropolitan Correctional Center, the 28-story federal lock-up in the South Loop.

No wonder there’s an exodus underway at some downtown and suburban high-rises. More and more apartment hunters in Chicago are not renewing high-rise

leases and hunting for safer housing in smaller walk-up buildings.

“Demand for residences in low-density walk-up buildings is at an all-time high, especially in Old Town, Lincoln Park and River West,” noted broker Sara Benson, president of Benson Stanley Realty based in Chicago. “Rents for move-in ready units are on the rise.”

A retired suburban couple residing in a Wilmette high-rise condominium building recently booked 60-plus nights in a one-bedroom Old Town Airbnb unit with a private garden. For a unit with hotel-like amenities, the rental rate was only about \$68 a night, much more affordable than standard hotel rates.

“Even though their condo overlooks Lake Michigan and was close to the beach, they were worried about the negative impact of elevators and high-rise living during the pandemic,” Benson said.

While touring a one-bedroom-plus-den unit with an expansive deck, water fall and garden pool, Kiley Cox of the Dawn McKenna Group of Coldwell Banker said: “High-rise renters seeking medical security say there is something magical about leafy outdoor space and the fresh air of a private garden in a walk-up.”

A woman in the medical profession couldn’t wait to book an appointment for a two-bedroom-

plus den, two-bath unit in Old Town with a private deck and Weber barbecue grill. “I’m looking to escape the congested high-rise life in River North,” she confessed.

*Imagine what the “shelter-at-home” lifestyle is like in a high-rise tower with little or no outdoor space and long elevator rides while wearing a protective mask? During those elevator rides residents reportedly are required to face the walls in a six-foot-square box.*

To take advantage of the shift from swank high-rise living to the more down-to-earth walk-up apartments, many small landlords are offering significant cosmetic upgrades and flexible leasing terms.

A typical freshly upgraded two-bedroom-plus den, two-bath apartment with fireplace on the second floor of a restored Victorian building in Old Town is available for approximately \$2,700 a month—a few hundred dollars less than a comparable-size unit

in a new high-rise downtown. The landlord recently installed new laminate wood floors in both bedrooms, and new ceiling fans.

The 1,000-square-foot apartment has a gourmet granite kitchen, stainless-steel appliances—French door refrigerator, range, dishwasher and microwave, LED lighting under-and-over 42-inch hardwood cabinets, a granite bar and a ceiling fan. The unit has central air conditioning, gas forced-air heating, and an intercom system.

Amenities also include a private 120-square-foot deck with Weber gas barbecue grill and chaise lounges. The apartment also has access to a 1,200-square-foot outdoor entertaining space featuring a large deck with built-in seating and Weber gas barbecue grill, and overlooks a gated private walled patio and garden with peaceful water features.

Some high-rise apartment managers are fighting back with incentives, including the first month’s rent free and other perks,

from early payment discounts and flexible lease terms to on-line rent payments and property upgrades, such as new paint and carpeting and appliance upgrades.

#### Tenants paying rents on time

Nationwide, 87.7% of renters paid full or partial rent by May 13, according to the National Multifamily Housing Council’s rent payment tracker. The report was released after the latest job figures showed 36.5 million Americans have filed for unemployment.

During May of 2019, some 89.8% of renters paid full or partial rent payments. The data analyzed 11.4 million professionally managed rental units across the country that vary widely by size, type and average rental price.

For more housing news, visit [www.dondebat.biz](http://www.dondebat.biz). Don DeBat is co-author of “Escaping Condo Jail,” the ultimate survival guide for condominium living. Visit [www.escapingcondojail.com](http://www.escapingcondojail.com).

## CTA gets \$817.5 million COVID-19 bailout

The U.S. Dept. of Transportation’s Federal Transit Administration (FTA) announced a \$817.5 million grant award to the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) May 15 as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, signed by President Donald J. Trump on March 27.

The CTA, which has suffered an estimated \$551 million drop in revenue this year due to a dramatic drop in ridership, will use the grant award to fund transit operations as well as expenses incurred due to COVID-19, including pro-

ective barriers for bus drivers and personal protective equipment (PPE) such as gloves and respiratory protection for transit staff. See FTA’s apportionment tables for the totals apportioned to each area.

This funding is based on the agency’s current request and may not represent the full amount the agency will receive. In total Illinois will be getting \$1,430,312,048 in bailout funds. The Regional Transportation Authority also estimated a loss of \$300 million for Metra and \$71.2 million for Pace.

“This historic \$25 billion in grant funding will ensure our nation’s public transportation systems can continue to provide services to the millions of Americans who continue to depend on them,” said U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao.

“We know many of our nation’s public transportation systems are facing extraordinary challenges and these funds will go a long way to assisting our transit industry partners in battling COVID-19,” said FTA Acting Administrator K. Jane Williams. “These federal funds will support operating assistance to transit agencies of all sizes providing essential travel and supporting transit workers across the country who are unable to work because of the public health emergency.”

The CTA has experienced an 80% decline in ridership in March and April and Metra is suffering from an even more stunning 97% drop.

Combined, the CTA, Metra and Pace could see almost \$1 billion in revenue losses this year. The CTA has the largest operating budget of the three agencies, at \$1.57 billion for 2020. Before the pandemic, it transported about 1.6 million riders every weekday.



#### 3110 N Sheridan Road, Unit 702 1st OFFERING

Spacious 1BR plus a Den, corner unit contemporary (2017) bathroom, Brazilian Cherry floors in the living space. Kitchen has a breakfast bar, Stainless Steel appliances, oak cabinets and granite counter-tops. Secured assigned Parking included in price.

#### 2800 N Lake Shore Drive, Unit 308

Immaculate modern one bedroom, close to the park! Large open concept, hardwood floors throughout, walk-in closet, **SOLD** bathroom, and fantastic storage space. Building features 24-hour door staff, fitness center, outdoor pool, rooftop deck and party room.

#### 3550 N Lake Shore Drive, Unit 2211

This condo features beautiful gray wood floors throughout, a cook’s kitchen with white shaker soft-close cabinets, white & **SOLD** counter tops with glass tile backsplash, LED under-cabinet lighting, undermount sink & a full range of stainless steel appliances, along with a breakfast bar. Gorgeous bathroom with new floor & wall tile & vanity.



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## New job training programs for unemployed begin in June

BY REBECCA ANZEL  
*Capitol News Illinois*

New U.S. Dept. of Labor data shows an additional 72,993 Illinoisans filed for unemployment the week ending May 9, bringing total new jobless claims to nearly 1.1 million since COVID-19 began shutting down the economy.

A path forward for unemployed North Siders may soon open up with access to free, online skills-based training programs.

Beginning in June and lasting through the end of the year, 3,800 courses and 400 specializations will be offered by over 160 universities through the online learning platform Coursera, Gov. JB Pritzker said May 14. Formal certification programs will also be available.

This initiative's aim is to provide skills training for those who lost their jobs due to the novel coronavirus pandemic.

Pritzker said that is just one way Illinois officials are helping those suffering economically.

"It's critical that our state do everything possible to help our residents get back to work, whether returning to positions they once held or with employers who are seeking to hire," he said.

A "one-stop shop" dedicated to connecting unemployed residents with jobs is now available at [illinois.gov/gethired](http://illinois.gov/gethired). The

governor said it is a "hub" for those looking to participate in online career fairs, for example.

"The financial stability and success of our residents are key to getting Illinois' economy back on its feet," Pritzker said. "Illinois won't be restored until our workers and families have the opportunities and resources they need to build and fill in their lives, and I won't rest until we see that mission through."

He added his administration is encouraging employers to use the resource to post jobs.

Pritzker said the Illinois Dept. of Employment Security received more than 50,000 applications for federal pandemic unemployment assistance in the first three days of the program, although the official number of claims filed will not be announced until May 21, per federal government rules.

The department processed over 1,076,000 other unemployment claims from March 1 through May 9, the governor added. That is "about six times" as many the department processed during the first months of the Great Recession in 2008. The sudden halt in economic activity following Pritzker's order to close "non-essential" businesses has caused the state's unemployment rate to surge to an estimated 20.7%, or a total

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## Local media outlets launch joint fundraiser

Facing drops of revenue as high as 85%, 43 independent Chicago media outlets have joined forces to raise funds in a monthlong campaign in May. The for-profit and non-profit organizations represent a wide cross-section of authentic community media in the city and nearby suburbs.

The public can give at [savechicagomedia.org](http://savechicagomedia.org) through June 5. The website offers the option to donate one amount to be split among all of the outlets, or donors can select one or more outlets to give a specific amount to.

"We who are in independent media find ourselves in a unique and dangerous economic situation," said Tracy Baim, publisher of the Chicago Reader. "In response to COVID-19, national news outlets are tallying death tolls and assessing the situation globally. While that coverage is important, it leaves the average citizen confused and unsure of how to proceed within their community."

The campaign is being coordinated by the Chicago Independent Media Alliance (CIMA), a project launched in 2019 by the Chicago Reader. Sixty media companies and nonprofit newsrooms belong to CIMA, which is coordinating grants, advertising, and editorial projects to assist in strengthening the local media landscape.

CIMA's goal is to lift all boats through partnerships. Donations are not tax deductible, but those wishing to provide money to a pooled matching fund can donate to The Chicago Independent Media Alliance 2020 Matching Fund at the Crossroads Fund. Several foundations have already committed to donating to the matching fund, and full details on the match will be available in mid-May.

"Local media outlets deliver authentic, community-driven journalism, reporting on the stories that matter most for communities largely affected by this, and future, health crises," said Yazmin Dominguez, CIMA project coordinator. "Unfortunately,

ly, community media outlets are not getting the resources they need and are thus facing the real possibility of closure. This includes media serving African American, Latinx, Asian American, immigrant, LG-BTQ, and other Chicago communities."

A one-minute animated video was produced by artist Emma Biancak and narrated by multiple Chicagoans, including Kevin Coval in English and Yazmin Dominguez in Spanish. More translations by media outlets may become available in May. Amber Huff created the digital and print campaigns. The campaign hashtag is #SaveChicagoMedia.

CIMA is a national partner with the Center for Community Media (CCM) at the Craig Newmark Graduate School of Journalism in CUNY. While CIMA is focused on boosting local media it has the potential to inform the nation on Chicago's media landscape via its partnership with CCM.

Fundraising media partners include Air-Go Radio, Better Government Association, Chicago Crusader, Chicago Music Guide, Chicago Public Square, Chicago Reader, The Chicago Reporter, CHIRP Radio, Cicero Independiente, City Bureau, E3 Radio, Free Spirit Media Growing Community Media [Austin Weekly News, Wednesday Journal], Hyde Park Herald, Inside Publications [Skyline, Inside Booster, News Star], Injustice Watch, Invisible Institute, Kartemquin Films, Korea Times Chicago, La Raza Newspaper, Left Out Magazine, Loop North News, Newcity, North Lawndale Community News, Public Narrative, Rebellious Magazine for Women, Rivet, Sixty Inches from Center, SoapBox Productions and Organizing, South Shore Current Magazine, South Side Weekly, StreetWise, StudentsXpress Magazine, The Beverly Review, The Daily Line, Third Coast Review, West of the Ryan Current Magazine, The West Side Current Magazine, Windy City Times.

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## Career felon charged with burglarizing Lincoln Park apartment building

A career criminal who's on parole for burglary is accused of breaking into a Lincoln Park apartment building May 12. Prosecutors charged Maurice Kirby, 57, with residential burglary.

Residents of a residential complex on the 1800 block of N. Lincoln Park West called police after they heard him break glass on the front door and struggle with a second entry door around 1:30 a.m., prosecutors said. Witnesses saw Kirby enter the residents' mail room, place a white box inside a shopping bag, and leave, according to allegations made in bond court.



Maurice Kirby

Police found Kirby carrying a shopping bag 20 minutes later about a block away. The witnesses identified him as the burglar, prosecutors said.

Kirby was released from prison on Nov. 27, 2019, after serving half of an eight-year sentence he received for residential burglary in 2015, according to state records. He has also been sentenced to prison for one year in 2009 for retail theft; for 25 months in 2008 for retail theft; for six years in 2004 for attempt residential burglary; for four years in 1999 for retail theft; for 42 months in 1997 for retail theft; for two years in 1994 for bringing cannabis into a penal institution; for five years in 1994 for robbery; for three years in 1993 for attempted robbery; for three years in 1989 for robbery, and for three years in 1989 for forgery.

## Now police say auto thieves are stealing idling cars in the Loop

Chicago police are warning drivers about a series of auto thefts in the Loop just a week after detectives issued a similar warning for the Lakeview neighborhood.

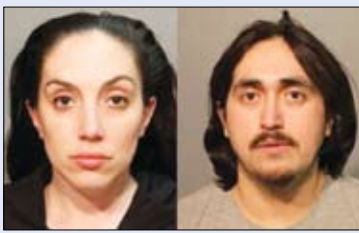
Police said in both alerts that young thieves are stealing vehicles that have been left idling and unattended during evening hours. The two crime sprees have not been linked to the same thieves, however.

Detectives linked six auto thefts over the past month to a pattern in the Loop and South Loop, including one on the 1000 block of S. State at 9:25 p.m. April 15; on the 100 block of N. Wabash at 10 p.m. on April 23; on the first block of N. Wells at 6:30 p.m. May 6; on the 400 block of S. Dearborn at 7:45 p.m. May 6; on the 1200 block of S. Canal at 9:48 p.m. May 6, and one on the 400 block of S. Dearborn at 8:45 p.m. May 8

Anyone with information about the Loop crimes can contact Area 4 investigators at 312-744-8263 regarding pattern P20-3-102.

In Lakeview, at least nine thefts of idling vehicles have been reported within a block of Clark and Belmont since April 21. Anyone with information about the Lakeview cases can contact Area 3 detectives at 312-744-8263 regarding pattern P20-3-094.

## Duo charged with armed carjacking at Lincoln Square gas station



Ursula Burnett Alexander Luciano

Two people allegedly carjacked a man at gunpoint outside a Lincoln Square service station May 11 and then eluded a multi-jurisdiction traffic pursuit in the north suburbs. Prosecutors today Alexander Luciano, 35, and Ursula Burnett, 33, with multiple counts of aggravated vehicular hijacking.

Luciano and Burnett approached the man around 5:15 a.m. as he filled his Chevy Spark with gas at Mobil, 5300 N. Western, according to police and prosecutors. Burnett pulled out a handgun, went through the victim's pants to get his car keys, and tossed the keys to Luciano, officials said during a bond appearance Wednesday.

She then jumped into the front passenger seat while Luciano got into the driver's seat and they drove away, prosecutors said. The victim, age 65, was not injured.

An off-duty CPD sergeant began following the stolen car after he spotted it in traffic near Peterson and Cicero avenues while monitoring a police radio, prosecutors said. He then broadcast updates on the vehicle's location as they traveled up the Edens Expressway.

At least five suburban and state police vehicles attempted to box the car in near Highland Park, but prosecutors said the car got away.

Officers located the vehicle around 6 p.m. Monday with Luciano driving and Burnett in the passenger seat, according to prosecutors. Police allegedly found a gun similar to one described by the carjacking victim inside a backpack that was on the vehicle's back seat.

Judge David Navarro set bail for Luciano and Burnett at \$100,000 each. They will need to individually post \$10,000 deposit bonds to get out of jail before trial.

Prosecutors said Luciano has four felony convictions including a 2010 aggravated DUI and an armed robbery for which he received an 11-year sentence in 2001.

Burnett has been convicted of aggravated battery of a merchant and narcotics possession, an assistant state attorney said during bond court. Her defense lawyer said she has four children.

## Wrigleyville man gets probation for beating cab driver in road rage incident

A Wrigleyville man who allegedly beat a cab driver in a West Loop road rage incident two years ago has been sentenced to 30 months probation.

John Danuk, 22, became enraged at the 52-year-old cabbie in the 500 block of W. Adams on the afternoon of April 17, 2018, prosecutors said. Danuk jumped out of his car, spit in the victim's face, and repeatedly punched the cabbie in the head as he sat behind the wheel of his taxi, according to allegations made in court.

A witness reportedly gave police descriptions of the man who struck the cab driver. They also provided investigators with a description and license plate number of the car the at-



John Danuk

tacker used to leave the scene. Police used that information to locate Danuk at his home on the 1000 block of W. Byron.

The cab driver, who lives in Bolingbrook, received "numerous stitches" over his right eye at Stroger Hospital, according to police. He identified Danuk in a photo line-up, police said.

Danuk pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated battery of a taxi driver in a deal with prosecutors. Three additional felony counts were dropped. Judge William T. O'Brien oversaw the case.

## Fake Uber driver who robbed River North bar-goers gets 9 year sentence

A man has been sentenced to nine years in prison for posing as an Uber driver to rob at least two victims in the River North neighborhood while he was on parole for murder.

Stacey Means, 47, pleaded guilty to two felony counts of robbery in exchange for the two concurrent sentences. Prosecutors dropped a long list of other felonies including kidnapping as part of the deal.

Prosecutors said Means lured two men into his vehicle on different nights during



Stacey Means

April 2018 by posing as a ride-hail service driver.

In one case, a 27-year-old suburban man said Means pointed a handgun at his face and ordered him to surrender his phone and debit card. Means then demanded the man's PIN and drove to an ATM where Means withdrew \$1,800 from the victim's account, according to police records.

Means returned to the car and continued driving with the victim in the back seat. Police said the victim jumped out of Means' car at a red light and ran to a gas station for help.

One week later, a covert police unit put Means' vehicle under surveillance after detectives developed information about an SUV that was being used by a fake Uber driver in River North.

Undercover officers watched as Means and another man again posed as a ride-hail car to rob another victim in River North, according to court records. The officers said they tailed Means' car as he drove to a nearby ATM where the victim was forced to withdraw money.

Means and his alleged accomplice were arrested minutes later. Prosecutors said Means was carrying more than \$4,000 when he was arrested, including \$3,600 in hundreds.

State records show that Means was paroled in July 2015 after serving 18 years of a 32-year sentence for murder. He also has previous prison sentences for narcotics in 1997 and illegal possession of a firearm in 1991.

His nine-year sentence will be reduced by 50% if he exhibits good behavior in prison. His parole date is set for April 9, 2024.

## Woman carjacked in Streeterville

Two men carjacked a woman May 11 as she sat in her vehicle near Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Streeterville, according to Chicago police.

The 26-year-old woman told officers that two men got into her car and ordered her to get out as she sat on the 200 block of E. Huron around 4:45 p.m., a CPD spokesperson said.

She complied and the offenders drove away with her black 2013 Hyundai Sonata. Police later spotted the car as it fled through the Loop and onto the expressway. A city license plate reader detected the car traveling in the Garfield Park neighborhood

## Golf course burglar busted in Lakeview

Sure, the city has closed our lakefront and municipal golf courses, but that apparently didn't stop a man from burglarizing the Sydney Marovitz Golf Course clubhouse May 15.

Joseph Malewski hid in a storage room when officers responded to the pro shop at 3600 N. Recreation Dr. around 3 a.m., according to police and prosecutors. He's been charged with felony burglary.

The first cops who responded to a burglar alarm at the course didn't notice anything unusual. Officers suspected the alarm was activated by a passing rainstorm, which can set off sensitive security systems.

But a course manager who inspected the building about 30 minutes later found a broken window and heard movement in a storage area, prosecutors said in bond court Saturday. He called 911 and officers returned to the scene.

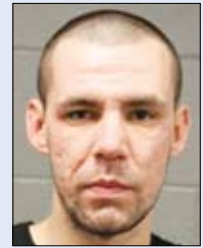
Cops entered the building and found Malewski hiding behind a door in the storage area, according

to police. He allegedly had a book bag stuffed with clubhouse merchandise, including clothes, an umbrella, and food. Prosecutors

said he admitted to taking the items so he could sell them.

Judge David Navarro released Malewski on his own recognizance.

Police records show Malewski, 26, was arrested for criminal trespass to a vehicle, criminal trespass to land, and possession of a controlled substance in the Loop earlier this year. That case is ongoing.



Joseph Malewski

about 20 minutes after it was taken.

A Northwestern Univ. police officer who helped the woman said she described the robbers as two black males who are under 25-years-old. One had a tattoo by his right eye and wore a red shirt.

No arrests have been made.

## Grubhub driver strikes restaurant worker with car in Lakeview

Chicago police said that a man has surrendered to investigators in connection with an auto accident by a Grubhub driver.

Aamir Mohammed was arrested on May 16, at the 19th District (Town Hall) Police Station. Mohammed turned himself in after he was identified as the wanted offender who, on May 15, struck a woman with his vehicle in Boystown and then fled the area.

The victim, Bijan Early, 24, remains in intensive care at Advocate Illinois Masonic Medical Center with head and arm injuries, according to Chicago police and a family member.

Mohammed was placed into custody and charged accordingly.

"You just threatened to run her over!" That's what a bystander yelled to a food delivery worker seconds before the driver accelerated his car and struck Early.

"You threatened to run me over," said Early standing near the car. In the driver's seat, Mohammed waves her out of the way of his idling car. But she doesn't budge.

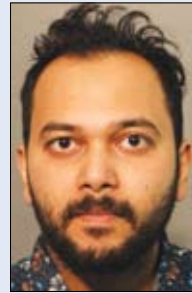
The events leading up to the video began around 6:15 p.m. while Early worked at her family's business, Mrs. T's Southern Fried Chicken at 3433 N. Broadway. Mohammed became irate when the restaurant's workers asked him to practice social distancing while waiting for his order, the family reported. Chicago police confirmed that the driver was working for a food delivery company.

Mohammed allegedly kicked the restaurant's front door and got into his car to drive away. But Early stepped outside to get his license plate number and prevent him from leaving the scene while police responded.

Video shows Early standing near the front driver's side of Mohammed's car for more than 40 seconds.

"We're just trying to be essential workers," Early is heard saying on the video just moments before she is struck. "This is totally ridiculous."

Then, the car begins moving, pushing Early out of view as it moves into the northbound lane of Broadway.



Aamir Mohammed

The Toyota Prius' license plate number is clearly visible in the video and general details of Mohammed's face can be seen.

Grubhub said in a statement that the company has provided the driver's information to Chicago police. The driver has been removed from the platform, the company said.

## Auto burglaries downtown

Chicago police are warning about burglary to automobiles committed downtown. The theft related incidents have occurred during the months of April and May on various Beats throughout the district.

In each incident, the offender is targeting vehicles located in a parking structure. The offender enters the vehicle by breaking a window and takes personal property.

Incidents include on on the 0-100 block of E. 16th St. - April 23-25, 1:05 p.m. - 7:05 a.m.; 0-100 block of E. Washington St. - April 29, at 8:13 a.m.; 200 block of S. Franklin St. - April 29, 0 from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m.; 600 block of W. Monroe St. - May 4, from 12:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.; 100 block of N. Franklin St. - May 5, at 10:25 a.m.; 1200 block of S. Indiana Ave. - May 6, from 12 a.m. - 8 a.m.; 600 block of W. Monroe St. - May 12, at 9 a.m., and 100 block of N. State St. - May 14, at 1 p.m.

## Rogers Park burglary spree

Police are warning residents of Rogers Park about recent burglaries. In these incidents, the offender(s) gained access to the facility/apartment through the front door, or side door/window, by causing damage and took electronic equipment and an unknown amount of cash.

Incidents include one on the 1400 block of W. Morse Ave. April 30 at approximately 01:28 a.m.; the 6900 block of N. Greenview Ave. May 5 at approximately 12 p.m., and one on the 1500 block of W. Morse Ave. May 11 at approximately 07:29 a.m.

The offender(s) are described as male, African American, 30 to 50 years of age, 5'-10" to 6'-2" in height, 230 to 300 lbs.

Anyone with information on these crimes is asked to contact the Bureau of Detectives - Area Three at 312-744-8263.

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# What to do when your employee tests positive for COVID-19

*Like many small business peers, Vanille Patisserie has been forced to make changes*

BY SOPHIE EVANOFF  
President, Vanille

*Like many small business peers, Vanille Patisserie has been forced to make heart-wrenching changes in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*Below is a message to fellow small business owners: when your employee tests positive for COVID-19.*

We are living in a new world and with this world comes a new set of rules, fears and protocols. As an owner of a small business determined to stay open and survive the pandemic, my worst fears were realized when one of our managers tested positive for COVID-19 and we were forced to suspend operations.

We were abiding by every health and safety guideline, including social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands, wearing gloves, sanitizing thoroughly and often, taking temperatures twice daily, etc. - and it still happened to us.

When I look back, there is nothing we could have done differently to prevent this situation.

I'm sure this same situation has arisen in other small businesses, although

I hadn't heard much about it or what needed to be done. I am fortunate in that I had a vast network to call upon to get accurate information when it happened to us. Because let me tell you - nothing comes up when you Google "employee tests positive now what?"

Below are suggestions based on our experience. My goal is to help business owners who don't know where to turn or simply don't have the resources to figure out what to do next. I am not addressing the various protocols (masks, sanitation, etc.) as I can safely assume you are already following these.

1. It's ok to panic. But get through it quickly and privately. Go cry in your car, closed door office, whatever you need to do and then put your leader hat back on. This is going to be our new normal and you are not alone. Once you accept that, you will be able to act quickly and make decisions not based out of fear but out of reason and pragmatism.

2. Notify the team members who were in direct contact with this employee (remember not to disclose the employee by name). Keep in mind, if you are a small company your team will probably figure it out anyway. Watch your messaging carefully. If you only have a few team members that were in contact with the affected employee, request that they begin self-isolating immediately.

For us, our entire team was affected since we are such a small company. This means a company-wide shut down.

3. If your entire team was exposed, the only reasonable action is to shut down for two weeks.

4. Be transparent with your customers and community. Draft

your messaging in a positive light (e.g. this is not a decision made from fear, this is a decision made out of safety and commitment to your team and community). This situation is happening frequently, so be honest and act quickly. Your customers will respect your transparency and integrity much

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more than if you tried to cover it up, stay open and continue operations. And for the few customers that don't respect your decision... well, you don't want them as customers anyway.

5. If you have preorders or existing demands, notify all customers and offer them a full refund, gift card, order on hold, etc. Yes, I said refund - this isn't about the financial implications. This is about the safety of your team and the long-term viability of your brand and business. As business

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owners, we have sacrificed way too much to let a virus take us down. The focus needs to remain on keeping our doors open for years to come.

6. Update your website and phone system/VM with a temporary closing announcement. Post an announcement on the door if you have a brick-and-mortar store. If you are food service, turn off delivery partner apps.

7. Wrap up operations as quickly as you can and get everyone home ASAP.

8. DEEP CLEAN the entire premises, preferably through a professional cleaning service. The

investment is worth the optics. Contact a professional cleaning crew and get the cleaning scheduled before reopening. We used ABM - www.ABM.com.

9. Stay in personal contact with all employees over the course of the next two weeks. If anyone shows symptoms they must be tested.

According to the CDC, a positive person can end isolation if they meet all three criteria:

- i. No fevers for 72 hours off all fever reducing medications
- ii. Improvement of cough or shortness of breath
- iii. 10 days since the start of symptoms

10. Once two weeks have passed, allow symptom-free employees back to work. (And remember, this does not mean they are in the clear - it means they are in the clear right now.)

11. Create "We're Back" specials/promos to excite the community about your re-opening.

Let your constituents know the steps you have taken to ensure their trust and confidence in the health and safety of your team and business.

12. DEEP CLEAN OFTEN. Set up the professional cleaning crew to

return once a week to sanitize on top of what you are already doing. The risk of this happening again isn't worth the few hundred dollars a week you would be saving by not having this done.

13. Rinse and repeat as needed. This is our new normal.

In our experience, symptoms of COVID-19 vary from person to person. Our positive manager never showed a fever. With allergy season, it is easy to mistake allergies and COVID-19. Remind your team to stay home if they exhibit any symptoms. Offer more

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Chicago Teachers Union president Jesse Sharkey.

Photo courtesy twitter.com/CTULocal1

## Chicago Teachers Union violates members' rights, forces them to keep paying dues, despite leaving union

BY DAN CHURNEY  
Cook County Record

as by the National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation.

A pair of teachers is suing the Chicago Teachers Union and the Chicago Board of Education for allegedly trampling teachers' freedom of speech by deducting union dues to subsidize the union's political positions without members' consent.

The putative class action was filed May 4 in Chicago federal court by Joanne Troesch and Ifeoma Nkemdi. They alleged the union and board violated their First Amendment right to freedom of expression. Troesch and Nkemdi demand damages for the more than 24,000 teachers and other school personnel who belong to the union. They are represented by the Chicago firm of Morris & De La Rosa, as well

Plaintiffs said the board deducts dues from their pay, passing the money on to the union. Every August, but at no other time of year, union members can stop dues deductions by giving written notice. The Illinois Educational Labor Relations Act governs the deduction of such dues.

Plaintiffs said they learned in fall 2019 of a U.S. Supreme Court ruling from June 2018, which said public employees have the First Amendment right to refrain from subsidizing a union's political positions through their dues or fees.

That case was brought by Mark Janus, a non-union Illinois state

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ity law firms in the country. In 1998, Ware's career culminated as a judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County.

**LOOK UP IN THE SKY:** **Rose Marie O'Neill**, and next door neighbor, **Cynthia Olson**, got a birds' eye view of the Blue Angels flyby from their N. State Pkwy. balconies as the U.S. Air Force honored Health Care workers, streaming in the afternoon sun and gave Chicago something to look up at. Those jets still gives us goosebumps.

**GOLDEN MOMENT:** **Norman Baugher** and **Shirley Baugher** have noticed an astonishing number of friends who have figured out that they are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. We're thrilled for them. The longtime denizens of Old Town are sassy and erudite, keeping their eyes peeled lest they miss some treasured piece of Chicago living. They're a couple who evolved hand in hand sustained by their generous commitment to thoughtful living and an unbeatable contribution to the arts. **NO LINE:** **Tracey Tarrantino DiBuono** celebrated the newest addition to the family to make **Great Grandma Tarrantino's** day complete. The picture of the "four generations" was given to great grandma when little **Sophia Pinello** first arrived. Blue skies smiling with **Disa DiBuono Simpson** and **Darci Pinello**.

**MEMORIES:** **Annie Friday** and mom, **Anne McNulty**, remembering back to the day when they could go to concerts together. Giving credit to **Lady Gaga**, who gets all the credit for teaching this lesson: "Don't you ever let a soul in the world tell you that you can't be exactly who you are." **Karin Carlson** says she just loves being a mom, grateful for her three big sons.

**CAROL'S PICNIC:** Carol's Pub, 4659 N. Clark St., is serving up their beloved burgers, fries, fried chicken sandwiches and more deliciousness Thursdays and Fridays 4-9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 2-9 p.m. Beer, craft beer growler specials and ten mixed drink packages available too. Phone in your order, 773-754-8000.

**NEXT:** **James Kinney** has finally been able to get an appointment for antibody test and recalling a trip to Miami for a conference in late February where people were somewhat "sick" with flu-like or severe cold symptoms; some during the conference and others on their way home, and then still others when they got home.

**SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE:** Writer **Sherrill Bodine** not kidding, but celebrating National Eat What You Want Day.

**LOCKDOWN SOCIETY:** **Sophia du Brul**, another master chef in the cucina, connecting us to recipes we need, recreating this week **Prince Charles'** French creamed eggs made with English cheeses and heavy cream that looks so delicious I am going to try it myself and bravo to her for having so much good fish. Sophia can always be counted on for balanced gourmand.

**LOCKDOWN FUNERAL:** **Gerry Gainer**, the inspiring Mamma of the Gainer Clan, herself a health care professional, seen lining the streetscape out in Beverly holding a sign to honor a neighbor at their funeral closed to public mourning. What a touching sight of people keeping social distance and placing themselves along the funeral route to honor one they loved and respected.

**LOCKDOWN LEG:** **Teresa Nelson Buescher** finally resting comfortably with her leg in plaster recovering from a nasty break. Teresa is the mother of **Nate Bue-**

**scher**, Chicago's most celebrated young actor and Goodman Theater star... Tiny Tim, remember?... A Dickens... literally.

**MOTHERSDAY:** Palm Beach style. **Kipper Lance Hendrick** thrilled to be with mom, **Colleen Joyce Lance**, in the balmy neighborhood of Worth Ave. and the Everglades Club. "You are simply the best mother in the world. Blessed to be your daughter and spend the day with you!"

**LOCKDOWN LIFE:** Honorary Old Town Mayor **Shelley Howard** reminisces about the days of the great **Dennis Rodman**... Congratulations to **Liz Gorecki** upon being accepted into the medical school of Univ. College Limerick in Ireland... The death of Chicago artist Louise Treacy, a staple at Art in the Open, has been announced. We mourn the loss of this talented Chicago artist... reminiscing of old friends living and dead **Susan Heitler**, **Hazel Barr**, **Mamie Walton**, **Meghan McKin-**

**BRACELETS** from p. 3

Recently, the folks at Lurie called and thanked Hayley. When it becomes possible, they want to give her a tour of the hospital and have a special party in her honor. And Hayley and a Lurie pharmacy worker named Kelly -- a customer who wears her bracelets to work each day -- have become good buddies. The pair even has plans to do lunch and have their nails done together at some point in the future.

"She's doing great things," Lori said of her daughter. "If this is a preview of what's to come she has a bright future ahead."

As I was saying goodbye to Hayley on the phone, she made me realize we have something in common -- a love for our city.

"I'm a Chicago lady," she told me, very matter-of-factly.

**ney, Bunky Cushing** and **Myra Reilly**.

**WINDOW TO THE SOUL:** **Banker Victoria Dal Santo** asks, "What is this world coming to? Our college daughter, **Cristina**, is doing my husband, attorney **John Dombrowski's**, eyebrows, and mine. Yikes! Wish I could have taken a video."

**PAX ET BONUM TIBI:** **Catherine Rose Wall**, nee **Coyle**, went to God on May 1 at the age of 101 years, the beloved wife of the late **John J. Wall, Sr.**, her favorite singer and dance partner. She is the mother of **Father Jack Wall** of Old St. Patrick Church. Catherine understood that the secret of life is to give it away in love. She lived accordingly, sharing her home with various relatives through the years, and caring for several through their final days. She welcomed unexpected guests to her table; lent her trusted ear and seasoned wisdom. Catherine gave her graciousness and vitality to the Old St. Patrick's Church re-

invigoration.

**LOCKDOWN TRIM:** **Patrick Griffin**, says, "My wife cut my hair then told me I look like an extra from the movie *The Town*."

**LOCKDOWN FACE-MASKS:** **Marcy Twardek** from Corboy & Demetrio writes, "Glad to have 'met' **Sylvia Wilczynska** and had the opportunity to order her stylish face masks through your column. We jumped on board the charitable "Buy a Mask/Share a Mask" train that she established with **Kathy O'Malley Piccone** and **Sherry Lea Fox** and ordered 150 masks for our office which then will give 150 masks to the staff at Gibson's! Thank you for keeping us - and your thousands of readers - informed about these good deeds of others."

**CHICAGO SYMPHONY NEWS:** Tune in "Maestro's Choice," music chosen from the CSO archives by **Maestro Riccardo Muti**, himself, aired on WFMT, 98.7 FM, Tuesday evenings, 8 to 10 p.m.

**LOCKDOWN DINING:** Well **Jim Kinney** and **Brian White** have carried us through every conceivable part of their elegant Lake Shore Dr. flat. Have they eaten in a closet yet? I say keep it up fellas. Standards keep us moving forward, like sterling silver in the powder room

**To be willing to die for an idea is to set a rather high price on conjecture.** -- **Anatole France** [tog515@gmail.com](mailto:tog515@gmail.com)



Lincoln Parker Todd Smith has opened the personal injury law firm Smith LaCien with business partner Brian LaCien.

"I am too!" I enthusiastically replied.

I know many of you also share that love for Chicago, and for the life-saving staffers at Lurie Children's Hospital. This is an easy way not only to help out, but also to show a certain magnanimous moppet that what she is doing is pretty darn special, because it truly is.

"It feels like I'm really making a difference and I make people smile," said Hayley.

Please email lori.

orlinsky@gmail.com if you'd like to buy a bracelet or two or three or more from Hayley.

**Legal eagles...** Congrats to Lincoln Parker Todd A. Smith. He and his law partner, Brian LaCien, have formed Smith LaCien LLP, a personal injury law firm concentrating in catastrophic injury, wrongful death and medical malpractice cases, at 70 W. Madison St.

The pair had previously practiced law at Power, Rogers & Smith and has more than 60 years of combined experience as trial lawyers with more than \$2 billion in verdicts and settlements and some 100 cases with results of at least \$1 million. (Wow, I know who I'm calling if I ever have the need.)

Now you may be thinking, why would anyone start a law firm in the middle of a global health and

financial crisis?

"Starting a law firm during a pandemic is challenging, but it can't compare to the challenges our injured clients face every day," said Smith, who received his law degree from Loyola U. School of Law. "We are inspired by the people we represent and work hard to help them receive a just resolution to their case."

"Early in my career, I learned that having a deep un-

derstanding of a client's situation would lead to more effective representation," said Smith, who is married to attorney Marcia Friedel-Smith. "I strive to help clients receive fair and reasonable compensation at a time in their lives when so such support is needed."

In a recent case against the city, Smith and LaCien obtained a \$9.5 million settlement for a bicyclist who suffered a head injury when his tire got caught in an exposed trolley rail crack. In another case, Smith obtained a \$20 million settlement for a college student who suffered severe brain damage while undergoing heart surgery.

Both Smith and LaCien have a lengthy list of impressive accomplishments, way too many to list. We wish them well and congratulate them both on their new endeavor.

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Sister Rosetta Tharpe, 1938.



King Oliver Creole Jazz Band, 1923..



Chuck Berry, 1957.



The Staple Singers on Soul Train.

## Vote for Our Kind of Town's greatest music moments of all time

### The artists who make Chicago sing

BY JAMES 'GUITAR' JULIANO

Music has always had a sweet home in Chicago. It's where Louis Armstrong cut his first big records in the 1920s. It's where Muddy Waters and Howlin' Wolf made the blues electric, building the foundation of rock & roll. And it's where genres are invented; from gospel, house, and footwork to whatever comes next, Chicago's influence can be felt around the world.

As Chicagoans face challenges due to COVID-19, it's important that locals celebrate what bonds the city and brings communities together during this "Year of Chicago Music." Now a local nonprofit aims to help shore up our local artists, so that Chicago will continue to be the vibrant, creative city it's known to be the world over.

To celebrate Chicago's music history and support local creative communities, the nonprofit Arts & Business Council of Chicago [A&BC] has invited the public to participate in the #ChiMusic35 campaign at ChiMusic35.com. That effort includes a challenge to define "The 35 Greatest Moments in Chicago Music History," and a raffle to help our city's creatives rebuild and recover.



Your favorite Chicago music moments can be submitted and voted on at ChiMusic35.com. All participants will be eligible to win a prize. The Challenge is underway now through Friday, June 19. DJs, performers, producers, and journalists from across the Chicago music landscape are participating in the Challenge.

Here are a few favorite Chi-

cago music moments that could make the final list of 35 Greatest Moments in Chicago Music History."

- 1920: Sister Rosetta Tharpe debuts and goes on to become known as the Godmother of Rock & Roll

- 1927: Louis Armstrong makes a defining recording of 1920s Chicago-style jazz with Potato Head Blue

- 1939: Mavis Staples, one of Rolling Stone's 100 Greatest Singers of All-Time is born

- 1958: Chuck Berry records Johnny B. Goode Chess Records studio, 2120 S. Michigan Ave.

- 1978: Wax Trax Records is founded and goes on to put industrial music on the global map

You can find more on ChiMusic35.com.

Participants in the Challenge and the general public will be encouraged to enter a raffle to be eligible to win prizes along with an opportunity to make a 100% tax-deductible donation to A&BC

to help fund the "77 Communities Initiative" in support of arts, cultural, and creative enterprises from across Chicago that are struggling to survive the impact of COVID-19, particularly those in areas that have historically suffered underinvestment. Artists living in these neighborhoods are among the most challenged as the economy comes under immense pressure. A&BC's nonprofit mission is to support Chicago's creative businesses by providing them with the essential support and knowledge they need to thrive. The fundraising campaign will run through Friday, July 3.

The winners of the #ChiMusic35 Raffle will be announced on July 24. "This campaign gives us a path to a common goal; to keep Chicago's art scene booming for the next 35 years," says Kristin Larsen, Executive Director, Arts & Business Council of Chicago. "Music gives Chicago a global voice that emanates from each of Chicago's 77 neighborhoods. As we face a new era of challenge and uncertainty, supporting and growing our music ecosystem is key to keeping our city together and keeping Chicagoans in tune with each other. When arts thrive in our neighborhoods, the city sings. And when Chicago sings, the world listens."

Cmsr. Mark Kelly, of the City of Chicago's Dept. of Cultural Affairs and Special Events said,

"We're honored that [they have] launched [this] campaign in support of the Year of Chicago Music to shine a spotlight on Chicago's global music legacy. We applaud their efforts to raise funds to support creative enterprises, to help them rebuild and recover during these challenging times and ensure they can shape [help] Chicago culture."

*When arts thrive in our neighborhoods, the city sings. And when Chicago sings, the world listens," said Kristin Larsen.*

To date, A&BC has trained and placed hundreds of skilled business volunteers on management consulting projects, providing over 100,000 hours of pro bono consulting to over 600 unique arts businesses. A&BC says they are now shifting more of its focus to underinvested neighborhoods as part of the "77 Communities Initiative" it launched last year, is expanding its Business Volunteers for the Arts program to "On Demand"-- one-on-one consulting to take place by phone or video conferencing, for creatives and their organizations, offering immediate and actionable advice, concrete recommendations, and the essential business knowledge they need to thrive.

## Jewell Events Catering says bartender posted company COVID email online, defamed them, endangered contract with CSO

BY JONATHAN BILYK  
Cook County Record

A noted local catering company that provides services to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and a range of other "social, philanthropic and corporate clients" has sued one of its bartenders, claiming he has endangered their contract with the CSO by divulging confidential company information and posted allegedly false statements online when the company shut down operations in March amid the onset of COVID-19.

On May 4, Wood Enterprises Inc., 424 N. Wood St., which does business as Chicago-based Jewell Events Catering, filed suit in Cook County Circuit Court against Bryan Wendorf.

According to the complaint, Wendorf, of Chicago, had worked for them as a bartender at the CSO Symphony Center. While he is only identified in the complaint as "a bartender at the CSO," Wendorf has a profile on LinkedIn, in which he is identified as the concessions supervisor and lead bartender at the CSO for Jewell.

Wendorf told the Cook County

Record on May 11 he had not yet seen the lawsuit, and declined comment.

The complaint says Jewell had obtained a contract in Sept. 2019 to operate the food and drink services for the CSO, for the orchestras "members, artists, employees, volunteers, officers, trustees, visitors and guests."

According to the complaint, the CSO and Jewell "ceased operations in response to the COVID-19 virus crisis" at the end of March.

Jewell said it sent an email to its workers on March 26 "advising them that the Company would be unable to continue normal operations which would have an impact upon payroll."

According to the complaint, Wendorf then posted that email on a GoFundMe page he created.

Jewell said that violated the company's "Confidentiality Agreement and the Jewell Employee Manual," by disclosing "that Jewell was the food service provider for the CSO and thus was a client of Jewell."

The complaint said Wendorf also allegedly "made false statements that the actions Jewell may

have to take as a result of the COVID-19 crisis violated Illinois law."

Jewell asserted Wendorf announced on his page the company "will not be paying us wages that we are due until after COVID-19 situation ends. This is after months of bouncing paychecks on their employees," among other allegations.

Jewell's complaint said Wendorf announced he and others were filing complaints against Jewell with the Illinois Department of Labor.

Jewell said it also believes Wendorf may have led the CSO to inquire with Jewell "regarding (Jewell's) payroll" in the months prior.

Wendorf declared on his GoFundMe that he was in communication with the CSO president, according to the complaint.

The complaint asks for a court order directing the Wendorf to take down the information, post a statement "acknowledging he posted false information about Jewell" and apologize. It also requests unspecified actual and punitive damages be order against the defendant.

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employee, who argued state rules requiring him to pay fees to a union for the costs of collective bargaining, contravened his constitutional rights. The union sued by Janus was the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

In accordance with the Janus ruling, Troesch and Nkemdi told the union in Oct. 2019 they were resigning from the union and told the board to no longer deduct dues or fees.

The board did not respond, but the union replied dues would continue to be taken until Sept. 1, because of the "August escape period." As a consequence, dues are still being deducted, according to plaintiffs.

Plaintiffs said neither the union nor the board told school employees after the Janus ruling that employees have a "con-

stitutional right not to financially support" the union. Further, the deduction forms, which employees sign, do not state an employee may waive their right or agree to waive their right by signing the form.

"Defendants' maintenance and enforcement of their August escape period is against public policy because it significantly abridges employees' First Amendment rights by compelling employees who do not want to subsidize Chicago Teachers Union [CTU] and its speech to subsidize CTU and its speech as a condition of their employment for up to a year," plaintiffs contended.

They want the August opt-out clause declared unconstitutional and for union members to be able to halt deductions at any time. In addition, plaintiffs want members to retroactively recover dues and fees already deducted.

happy you get a few days off based on these circumstances... eventually it will normalize. But remember, feelings aren't right or wrong, they are just feelings. Let them come and let them go and know we really are in this together.

Please don't hesitate to reach out if I can be of assistance. Best of luck and stay safe.

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sick time if possible. Again, these moves ensure the long-term viability of your business.

Throughout this process, you will experience all sorts of emotions: anger, fear, sadness, exhaustion, happiness when you get a few days off, then guilt for feeling

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE FOR NJCC FUND #5 TRUST Plaintiff, -v.- ROBERT B. MACASKILL, III AKA ROBERT B. MACASKILL, THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS OF THE CWHEQ REVOLVING HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2006-H, STATE OF ILLINOIS- DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, THE METROPOLITAN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Defendants 19 CH 07240 5320 N. SHERIDAN RD., APT. 1705 CHICAGO, IL 60640 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 16, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 17, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 5320 N. SHERIDAN RD., APT. 1705, CHICAGO, IL 60640 Property Index No. 14-08-209-022-1510 (Unit F-44); 14-08-209-022-1159 (Unit 1705) The real estate is improved with a residential condominium. The judgment amount was \$194,131.28. 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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the 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/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 residential 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 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 required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), 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 fore-

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closure 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, HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 111 East Main Street, DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 381506. 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.tjisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC 111 East Main Street DECATUR IL, 62523 217-422-1719 Fax #: 217-422-1754 E-Mail: CookPleadings@hsbattys.com Attorney File No. 381506 Attorney Code. 40387 Case Number: 19 CH 07240 TJSC#: 40-1529 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. I3150804

202020 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION 1900 CAPITAL TRUST II, BY U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS CERTIFICATE TRUSTEE Plaintiff, -v.- JOHN C. TURI, AS TRUSTEE UNDER THE TERMS AND PROVISIONS OF CERTAIN TRUST AGREEMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2012 AND DESIGNATED THE JOHN C. TURI REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2012, JOHN C. TURI, GRAN-OAK CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendants 18 CH 12532 2310 WEST GRANVILLE AVENUE UNIT 3 CHICAGO, IL 60659 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 4, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 5, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 2310 WEST GRANVILLE AVENUE UNIT 3, CHICAGO, IL 60659 Property Index No. 14-06-106-036-1020 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$268,757.11. 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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the 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/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 residential 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 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 required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), 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 fore-

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202020 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, NA, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO LASALLE BANK NA, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE WASHINGTON MUTUAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, WMALT SERIES 2006-AR10 Plaintiff, -v.- ELIZABETH A. KEELEY, ROBERT BIDDLE V. CITIBANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CITIBANK, FSB AND FIRMUS FINANCIAL, LLC Defendants 19 CH 3120 405-07 W. EUGENIE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 3, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 8, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 405-07 W. EUGENIE ST., CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-33-331-007-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$960,569.70. 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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the 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/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 residential 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 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). In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(h-1) and (h-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the property, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), 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, the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60563 (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit www.AnselmoLindberg.com. Please refer to file number F19040095. 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.tjisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120 NAPERVILLE IL, 60563 630-453-6960 E-Mail: ilpleadings@dallegal.com Attorney File No. F19040095 Attorney ARDC No. 3126232 Attorney Code. 58852 Case Number: 18 CH 12532 TJSC#: 40-1453 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 # 18 CH 12532

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Mark Janus sued to retrieve fees collected from him and other non-union state workers, but was stymied, with judges finding the fees, though now unconstitutional, were collected in "good faith." Those decisions followed other court decisions blocking Illinois home care assistants and child care workers, who were not employees of the state, from recovering millions of dollars in fees collected by the Service Employees International Union under a state law invalidated by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2014. In the decisions denying that class action, judges also found the union could keep the fees because they had been collected in "good faith" in reliance on state law.

The Troesch-Nkemdi suit is assigned to District Judge John Z. Lee. Neither the union nor the board have yet responded, and no hearing is yet slated.

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of 1.3 million workers when those idled since COVID-19 are added to those out of work before the pandemic. For context, the state's unemployment rate peaked at 12.2% during the Great Recession.

Perhaps a more telling picture of how bleak the state's labor market has become is to look at the employed share of the civilian non-institutionalized population (the number of working-age, non-military and non-inmate citizens). The state's employed share of the population suddenly dropped 19% to below 50% from February to May 9. Illinois' employment rate's previous low was 58% during the worst period of the Great Recession, declining 11% relative to pre-recession peaks.

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202020 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. BANK NA, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE TO BANK OF AMERICA, NA, SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO LASALLE BANK NA, AS TRUSTEE, ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE WASHINGTON MUTUAL MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, WMALT SERIES 2006-AR10 Plaintiff, -v.- ELIZABETH A. KEELEY, ROBERT BIDDLE V. CITIBANK, N.A. SUCCESSOR BY MERGER TO CITIBANK, FSB AND FIRMUS FINANCIAL, LLC Defendants 19 CH 3120 405-07 W. EUGENIE ST. CHICAGO, IL 60614 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 3, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 8, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 405-07 W. EUGENIE ST., CHICAGO, IL 60614 Property Index No. 14-33-331-007-0000 The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$960,569.70. 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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the 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/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 residential 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 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). In accordance with 735 ILCS 5/15-1507(c)(1)(h-1) and (h-2), 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(5), and 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1), you are hereby notified that the purchaser of the property, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and legal fees required by subsections (g)(1) and (g)(4) of section 9 and the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of section 18.5 of the Illinois Condominium Property Act. IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), 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, the sales department, Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC Plaintiffs Attorneys, 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120, NAPERVILLE, IL, 60563 (630) 453-6960 For bidding instructions, visit www.AnselmoLindberg.com. Please refer to file number F19040095. 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.tjisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. Anselmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC 1771 W. Diehl Road, Suite 120 NAPERVILLE IL, 60563 630-453-6960 E-Mail: ilpleadings@dallegal.com Attorney File No. F19040095 Attorney ARDC No. 3126232 Attorney Code. 58852 Case Number: 18 CH 12532 TJSC#: 40-1453 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 # 18 CH 12532

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Plaintiff, -v.- BRETT E. OPIE, ELIZABETH B. OPIE, UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ORCHARD PARK HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION Defendants 2019 CH 10275 1479 CLYBOURN AVENUE UNIT D CHICAGO, IL 60610 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 5, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on June 8, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 1479 CLYBOURN AVENUE UNIT D, CHICAGO, IL 60610 Property Index No. 17-04-115-064-0000 The real estate is improved with a residence. 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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the 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/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 residential 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 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 required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), 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, Thomas M. Olson, KOVITZ SHIFFRIN NESBIT Plaintiffs Attorneys, 175 N. Archer Avenue, Mundelein, IL, 60060 (847) 537-0500. Please refer to file number CLOW001/39010. 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.tjisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. Thomas M. Olson KOVITZ SHIFFRIN NESBIT 175 N. Archer Avenue Mundelein IL, 60060 847-537-0500 E-Mail: tolson@ksnlaw.com Attorney File No. CLOW001/39010 Attorney Code. 38862 Case Number: 19 CH 10492 TJSC#: 40-1006 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 # 19 CH 10492

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ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION LOWELL HOUSE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION Plaintiff, -v.- TRINITY GREEN LLC-88 W SCHILLER Defendants 19 CH 10492 88 W. SCHILLER ST, #1001 CHICAGO, IL 60610 NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on January 14, 2020, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on May 28, 2020, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive, CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate: Commonly known as 88 W. SCHILLER ST, #1001, CHICAGO, IL 60610 Property Index No. 17-04-209-043-1008 The real estate is improved with a condominium. The judgment amount was \$60,897.28. 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, including the Judicial Sale fee for the 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/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 residential 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 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 required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), 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, Thomas M. Olson, KOVITZ SHIFFRIN NESBIT Plaintiffs Attorneys, 175 N. Archer Avenue, Mundelein, IL, 60060 (847) 537-0500. Please refer to file number CLOW001/39010. 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.tjisc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. Thomas M. Olson KOVITZ SHIFFRIN NESBIT 175 N. Archer Avenue Mundelein IL, 60060 847-537-0500 E-Mail: tolson@ksnlaw.com Attorney File No. CLOW001/39010 Attorney Code. 38862 Case Number: 19 CH 10492 TJSC#: 40-1006 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 # 19 CH 10492

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the opportunity to park in their lot. All with masks and maintained social-distancing guidelines in place, he added.

According to Martin's letter, "the no-parking signs were put up at the direction of the Mayor's Office, and in response to the knowledge that the Philadelphia Romanian Church plans to hold one or more religious services tomorrow in violation of Gov. Pritzker's and Mayor Lightfoot's stay at home directives."

On April 30, Gov. J.B. Pritzker had modified his "Stay At Home Order" which enabled Illinois residents to leave their home "to engage in the free exercise of religion" provided participants wear a face covering in public places when they are unable to maintain a six-foot social distance.

Mayor Lightfoot was not so accommodating in threatening to fine churches outright without first issuing any tickets, nor

offering any hearings as legal due process would require should churches be ticketed.

Pastor Cimpean, as well as many of his Pentecostal congregation, are immigrants to the United States. Many fled Romania during a time when it was led by the brutal regime of the Communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, who also denied Romanian citizens the right to practice their religion. Among the leading opposition voices who fought to topple the dictator was the Pentecostal pastor Tókés László, who today remains a leading political figure.

While some neighborhood residents had reported on social media that cars had been ticketed and even towed, Michael Sewall, the 47th Ward's director of constituent services and community outreach, said that

had not been the case.

"Ald. Martin and I visited the area where no-parking signs were posted this morning and spoke to police to ensure they were working to contact residents to make them aware of the restrictions. As of 10 a.m., police reported that no neighbors were ticketed or towed. The church's private lot was also not closed by the city (as was reported incorrectly on initial media reports) but was filled with churchgoer's cars on Sunday. We didn't learn about this order until Saturday afternoon, after signs were posted Saturday morning, and we communicated directly to the Mayor's Office about our concerns about the limited notice and the negative impact on neighbors," wrote Sewall.

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tion appearing on the official questionnaire, which does not appear on the final form.

"And then everyone also thought that with us going online, that was going to be an issue, but now coupled with the pandemic, there are so many challenges to the 2020 census," she said.

While respondents can still fill out their census by phone at 844-330-2020 or by mailing back the questionnaires that are delivered to one's household, the majority of responses this year – nearly 53% in Illinois – have been completed online at my2020census.gov.

**Hard-to-count communities**

Organizers agree that challenges are compounded in "hard to count" communities. One of those on the North Side is the Latino neighborhood in Rogers Park centered around Ashland Ave. and Clark St. north of Devon Ave.

Populations and geographies deemed "Hard to Count" by the U.S. Census Bureau are areas where the self-response rate in the 2010 census was 73% or less. Populations that have been historically undercounted include young children, immigrants, and low-income households.

Alvarez said the Illinois model puts nonprofit and other community organizations at the center of outreach in these communities.

"It's important to have them become the trusted messengers," he said, noting that nonprofits are often already making day-to-day contact with some of the hardest-to-count communities.

Education is key in the effort, organizers said, as residents need to know what they stand to lose in an undercount, what questions will or will not be on the form, and that their privacy is protected.

But strict social distancing guidelines have made that process more difficult for many local organizers.

Lynden Schuyler does outreach through the Illinois Public Health Assoc. She says there are "pockets where thousands and thousands of people don't have access to internet services" which makes them a hard-to-count communities.

She said many people are waiting for hand-delivered census forms, especially in rural areas that have only PO boxes which do

not receive the forms. The hand delivery effort has been postponed, however, and is tentatively scheduled to start again on June 13.

"You have a good majority that are still waiting on that folder," Schuyler said. "And in Hardin County, for example, you're talking 98% of those people don't even have their census invitation yet. So they're going to explode when that finally gets to them."

Hand delivery entails only slipping the census forms into one's mailbox or onto a door handle, meaning it is different than door-knocking efforts which require in-person contact and won't begin again until at least August.

Banerji said the lack of "touchpoints," or in-person contact, in minority communities in the Chicago area is creating problems as well. "Our outreach efforts have been incredibly stymied by the pandemic," she said. "And we need to make sure that people's priorities are health and safety first."

**Adapting outreach**

Unsurprisingly, social media has been important to getting the word out as organizations creatively adapt to new realities.

Banerji said one organization she worked with had not used Twitter much, but realized

its power when participating in a coordinated regional outreach "thunderclap" event where several organizations posted to several social media platform at a coordinated date and time to promote the census.

**Marishonta Wilkerson said about \$1,500 per year in federal funding is lost for each person not counted in the census, and the numbers shape federal funding for the next 10 years.**

**"We all win when we're all counted."**

"We've never utilized social media like this before," she said. "It is helping people get counted while they're home, [it's] helped us with our outreach efforts while we're all staying at home."

Organizations have also partnered with new entities to expand internet accessibility and hotspots, she said, and they've launched promotion efforts through grocery stores and food banks among others.

The effort includes billboards, distributing signage in yards and at grocery stores and other locations. One of her sub-groups launched a "boredom busters"

drive-thru where organizers handed bags of coloring books, other activities and census literature to parents while maintaining social distancing.

Groups also promoted social media "dance parties" and other shared virtual activities.

"We're encouraging parents to do videos about how they and the kids are doing the census and just post them on Facebook somewhere – encouraging people to try to do things together without being together," she said.

Alvarez said the census office is also partnering with the Illinois Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to "engage the business community to promote the 2020 census."

That includes marketing and media campaigns as well as working with essential businesses that are open during the pandemic, such as grocery stores in hard-to-count neighborhoods, to distribute posters and canvas tote bags and potentially launch advertising campaigns.

They are also looking at ways target materials to gig workers and work with chambers of commerce to designate a day for workers to take 10 minutes off to complete the census once pandemic restrictions are loosened.

"Because we do have more months added to self-response,

According to Joe Tabor, a policy analyst at the non-profit Illinois Policy Institute, the governor's authority to issue the "COVID-19 executive orders comes from Section 7 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act. In the case of a disaster such as a viral epidemic, the governor can issue a proclamation declaring that disaster, allowing him to exercise the emergency powers authorized in the act for a period of up to 30 days. State and local police can work together to enforce orders given under these emergency powers. Pritzker declared a statewide disaster on March 9, triggering his emergency powers."

Still Churches offer difficult enforcement and political problems for public officials due to clear First Amendment conflicts. Typically no smart elected official would cross local ministers a mere seven months from a major national election as these kinds of stories tend to go viral in the Internet age, as this one has now done.

it's an opportunity to think about more of these concerted outreach efforts, but I will tell you that it's an incredible challenge," Banerji said.

**Undercount**

While the pandemic has changed nearly everything about census outreach efforts, one thing remains the same – the consequences of an undercount. Those include a potential loss of local health resources, up to two seats in Congress and other federal funding.

Wilkerson said about \$1,500 per year in federal funding is lost for each person not counted in the census, and the numbers shape federal funding for the next 10 years. "We all win when we're all counted."

Some of the hardest-to-count communities Schuyler's organization serves have the most to lose in an undercount. Those communities are often reliant on local health departments, and a complete count is essential to ensuring they receive adequate funding.

The census numbers are utilized by the government to determine pass-through funds that go to health and well-being programs like health departments, Medicare, Medicaid, the Head Start programs, all kinds of education programs, Pell Grants, school lunches, senior programs like Meals on Wheels, and the various senior transportation systems.

An undercount could affect schools, roads, bridges and other public improvements that are at least partially funded by government pass-through funds.

Census organizers agreed the pandemic that has so drastically altered this year's plans it is further evidence that an accurate count is needed.

"Never before has it become more apparent to me that this kind of data is necessary to be collected for emergency crises," Banerji said. "We need to know where people reside so that resources can be deployed. And without that accurate data, we're not going to be able to plan for our future, we're not going to be able to ensure that when our next pandemic hits that we've got the necessary information we need."

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