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A Very Attractive Gas Station

Where was this gas station and who owned it?

By David Larson

Standard Oil Company of New York, or Socony, later known as Mobil, was a spinoff of the Standard Oil breakup. It merged with Exxon in 1999 to form a parent company called ExxonMobil. Mobil was previously one of the “Seven Sisters” that dominated the global petroleum industry from the mid-1940s until the 1970s. Today, Mobil continues as a major brand name within the combined company, as well as being the gas station brand seen in this week’s picture from the 1950s in Belvidere.

The original Standard Oil Company grew by increasing sales and making acquisitions. John D. Rockefeller, the largest stockholder of Standard, shut down those he believed to be inefficient and kept the others. In a seminal deal, in 1868, the Lake Shore Railroad, a part of the New York Central, gave Rockefeller’s firm a going rate of one-cent a gallon or forty-two cents a barrel, an effective 71% discount from its listed rates, in return for a promise to ship at least 60 carloads of oil daily. Smaller companies decried such deals as unfair because they were not producing enough oil to qualify for these discounts.

In 1896, John Rockefeller retired from the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, the holding company of the group, but remained president and a major shareholder. In the year 1904, Standard Oil controlled 91 percent of oil refining and 85 percent of retail sales in the United States. In 1911, the U.S. Justice Department sued the group under the federal antitrust law, seeking its breakup. The Supreme Court of the United States ruled, in *Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey v. United States*, that Standard Oil of New Jersey must be dissolved under the Sherman Antitrust Act and split into 34 companies. Two of these companies were Standard Oil of New Jersey (Jersey Standard or Esso), which eventually became Exxon, and Standard Oil of New York (Socony), which eventually became Mobil; those two companies later merged into ExxonMobil.

In 1933, Socony-Vacuum and Jersey Standard, which had oil production and refineries in Indonesia, merged their interests in the Far East into a 50–50 joint venture. Standard-Vacuum Oil Co., or “Stanvac”, operated in 50 countries, including New Zealand, China, and the region of East Africa, before it was dissolved in 1962. In 1935, Socony Vacuum Oil opened the huge Mammoth Oil Port on Staten Island, which had a capacity of handling 250 million gallons of petroleum products a year and could transship oil



Photo of Mobilgas station

photo Boone County Historical Museum

from ocean-going tankers and river barges.

In 1940, Socony-Vacuum’s gasoline buying practices led to the major antitrust law case, *United States v. Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.* The case concerned Socony-Vacuum’s practice of organizing a cartel among the “major” oil companies in which they bought oil—known as “hot oil”—from independent producers and stored the surplus in tanks to limit the supply of oil available on the market and keep the price of oil artificially high. In its decision, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that regardless of the purpose of the price fixing or if the prices varied, such conduct was illegal in and of itself: “Under the Sherman Act, a combination formed for the purpose and with the effect of raising, depressing, fixing, pegging, or stabilizing the price of a commodity in interstate or foreign commerce is illegal per se...” This rule remains in use today for agreements that appear on their face to always or almost always restrict competition and reduce output.

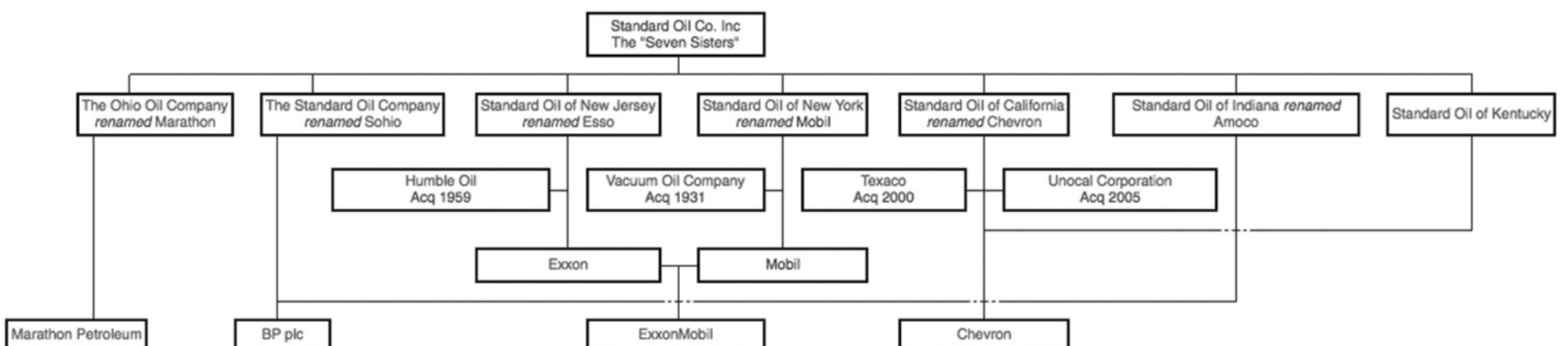
In 1955, Socony-Vacuum was renamed Socony Mobil Oil Company. In 1963, it changed its trade name from “Mobiloil” to simply “Mobil”, introducing a new logo to celebrate its 100th anniversary in 1966, “Socony” was dropped from the corporate name.

Through the years, Mobil was among the

largest sellers of gasoline and motor oils in the United States and even held the top spot during the 1940s and much of the 1950s. In 1962, the gasoline product lines marketed as Mobilgas and Mobilgas Special were rebranded as Mobil Regular and Mobil Premium in a move to emphasize the shortened brand name “Mobil” in promotional efforts, although Mobiloil continued as a single-word term until the 1970s. After a few years of advertising Mobil gasolines as “Megatane”-rated and as “High Energy” gasolines, Mobil began, in 1966, to promote both its Regular and Premium fuels as “Detergent Gasolines”, due to the inclusion of additives designed to clean carburetors and various internal engine parts.

In Belvidere, a gas station of this size would not be able to meet the demand of multi-automobile households and a population that has nearly tripled. The building, on the other hand, is quite attractive and would be an asset to the central business district if properly cared for. Perhaps this was located where Dr. Degner’s dentist office is or Maynard’s was. Or it could have been where Logan Avenue Mobil is today. The large building in the background would be either St. James School or the United Methodist Church respectively.

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Welch Calls For Broad, Systemic Reforms

'Statewide' response needed to hold police accountable, address racism

By PETER HANCOCK Capitol News Illinois

In the wake of nationwide protests over the death of George Floyd, Chicago-area Rep. Emanuel "Chris" Welch is calling for a statewide response to hold police accountable for excessive use of force and to address what he sees as "institutional racism" that has devastated many black communities in Illinois.

"We need a statewide system where bad police officers can be held accountable for the deaths of our black men and women in Illinois and across this country," he said during a recent interview. "We can't have police officers fired from one department and then bounced to another department. We have to hold them accountable. But we also have to address poverty. We have to create a pipeline to advance black students at community colleges, state colleges and private universities."

Welch, a Democrat from the western Chicago suburb of Hillside, spoke during a podcast interview as part of Capitol News Illinois' Perspectives on Progress series, a collection of conversations with black leaders in Illinois about their views on the current state of unrest in the United States and how they believe the state can move forward.

The protests erupted in the days after George Floyd, an unarmed black man in Minneapolis, died as a result of a white police officer holding him on the ground with his knee on Floyd's neck for nearly nine minutes while three other officers stood by and did not intervene. Floyd's death was captured on cell phone and security camera video, and the footage immediately went viral on the internet.

"I watched the video a couple of times and I was just in disbelief that that was actually happening, or that it actually happened," Welch said. "To see that officer's knee on his neck as he basically pled for his life, and the officer completely indifferent, was just unbelievable. I mean, I was really left speechless by the disbelief."

But that video was just one of the latest in a long succession of such killings of unarmed people of color, reminding people of Trayvon Martin, a Florida teenager shot and killed by a neighborhood watch captain in 2012; Michael Brown, the black teenager whose shooting death by police sparked riots in Ferguson, Mo., in 2004; and Breonna Taylor, a 26-year-old emergency medical technician who was shot and killed by police in her own home in Louisville, Kentucky in March of this year.

Together, those deaths and many others have exposed the extent to which African Americans and other people of color are treated differently by law enforcement agencies, the result, many say, of a pattern of systemic racism that has existed in America for more than four centuries.

All four officers involved in Floyd's death have since been fired. One is charged with second-degree murder while the other three are charged with aiding and abetting in the crime.

But even that has not been enough to quiet the anger of people who have taken to the streets, including the streets of Chicago and its surrounding suburbs, where peaceful protests last week escalated into violence and looting.

"I do not under any circumstances ... condone the violence and the looting," Welch said. "I don't think it's ever right to break into businesses, burn police cars, damage reporters' equipment and hurt reporters, people that are just doing their jobs. I don't condone that."

"But you have to understand," he continued, "why that behavior is happening. Some of it is happening just because you have provocateurs and opportunists out trying to make that happen. Some of it is happening because you literally have fringe groups out there trying to make those things happen. But a lot of the looting and things are happening because of poverty and institutional racism."

To address poverty and racism in Illinois, Welch said, the state should first make higher education more accessible to people of color.

"We have some of the top institutions of higher learning in our state, but the representation of black students is pathetic," he said.

He also noted that the COVID-19 pandemic exposed how African American communities lack adequate access to health care.

Virtual Public Meeting 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Rockford Region

Press Release

Region 1 Planning Council (RPC), acting as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO), is seeking public comment on the draft of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) for the Rockford Region. A 45-day comment period is afforded to the public to review and provide feedback on the draft 2050 MTP from May 15, 2020 to June 29, 2020.

The draft 2050 MTP and supplemental materials can be viewed at www.r1planning.org/mtp.

A 30-minute presentation on the draft 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan for the Rockford Region will begin at 6:00 PM CST and will be followed by a Q&A session from 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM CST. The time and logon instructions are as follows:

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Questions and comments on the draft 2050 MTP can be also submitted via the RPC website, email, telephone, or sending written comments. Staff contact information is listed below:

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About the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan

The 2050 MTP serves as a guide for the regional transportation system within the Rockford Metropolitan Planning Area (MPA), which covers the urbanized portions of Boone, Ogle, and Winnebago Counties. The plan provides an innovative and sustainable approach for the region's transportation network over the next thirty years. It addresses all modes of transportation within the MPA and stresses the integration and connectivity of the current and projected transportation system, including major roadways, public transportation facilities, rail, multimodal and intermodal facilities, and active transportation facilities.

This document goes beyond just current and forecasted transportation system by incorporating additional elements that are vital to understanding

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I should be given an award for keeping my mouth shut when there's so much that needs to be said.

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the overall system and how it works, such as land use, the environment, the economy, and other emerging trends.

The purpose of this document is to plan an effective transportation system within the Rockford Region through a continuing, comprehensive, and cooperative (3-C) planning process. The intent is to provide a multi-modal transportation system that minimizes costs and impacts to the taxpayer, society, and the environment. The plan is a cooperative venture of the MPO, the area's local governments, public transit providers, the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and the public. The plan seeks not only to satisfy existing federal requirements for MPOs, but to look at forthcoming trends and issues to better prepare the regional landscape for challenges and needs of the future.

Federal guidelines requires the MTP to be updated every five years. The last time the MTP, previously known as the Long Range Transportation Plan, was updated and adopted by the MPO Policy Committee was July 30, 2015. This updated version is tentatively scheduled for adoption at the MPO Policy Committee on Friday, July 31, 2020 at 8:30 AM.

For more information on the 2050 MTP visit, www.r1planning.org/mtp.

OP ED

Our current crisis, ignited by videos of police misconduct, is so multifaceted, complex, and deep seated that it threatens to overwhelm and immobilize us. What are the root causes? How do we address them? In what order? What do we do?

First, this is no time for collective handwriting, no time for inertia resulting from causal uncertainty or ambiguity. It is no time to adopt the default position of doing nothing because we cannot do everything.

A piece, albeit a small piece, of our problem is the judicially created concept of "qualified immunity". We can address it now. It would be a start. Let us begin.

"Qualified" immunity is actually a misnomer. A judicially created doctrine, it results in what the New York Times has quoted Justice Sotomayor as labelling "an absolute shield for law enforcement officers". George Will, no liberal he, concluded recently that this doctrine "has essentially nullified accountability for law enforcement and other government officers even in cases where violations of constitutional rights are indisputable."

According to this doctrine, in order to be awarded financial compensation in a civil suit the injured plaintiff must demonstrate that the officer's type of misconduct already has been adjudged illegal in a previous case--but the precedent must be exact, not just correlative or similar. This is not, to put it mildly, the traditional definition of "precedent".

The legal conundrum is apparent and acute. There must be a virtually exact precedent for the current case. But what would be the source of that original "precedent"? As a conservative legal scholar concluded, "As long as an officer's conduct is sufficiently outrageous, it is impossible to hold him liable for it." To cite Will again, "Perversely, the more gross the unconstitutional behavior is, the harder it is to persuade courts to deny immunity because what the perpetrator did does not precisely fit the fact pattern of any prior case."

According to an article in The Hill, "Found nowhere in the law authorizing civil rights lawsuits, 42 USC § 1983, the doctrine prevents many cases of illegal conduct by police from even progressing to a hearing in front of a jury."

Remember that this is a judicially created doctrine. There are currently almost a dozen cases before the Supreme Court challenging this judicial construct.

One example, provided by The Hill,

will suffice. If a corrections officer subjects an inmate to pepper spray with no justification, the mere fact that other cases have held that the police cannot tase someone for no reason would provide no precedent. Also, no precedent would arise from the fact that courts have ruled that corrections officers cannot assault inmates for no valid reason. There is in the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals record no "pepper spraying an inmate" decision, and that is that. This is the issue in the case of *McCoy v Alamu*, which has been appealed to the Supreme Court. Numerous other, even more dramatic, examples are provided by other news articles. The precedent must indeed be exact.

The judicial doctrine of qualified immunity actually harms victims. To quote Will again, "Its victims include not only those whose civil rights have been violated, but the overwhelming majority of law-abiding law enforcement officers and other public officials who are tainted by the unpunished unconstitutional behavior of a few"

Finally, how can we begin to address the problem of excessive force until we can begin to guarantee minimum compensation for its victims? Current legislative proposals to address this one tiny part of an enormous problem must not be overrated. But should we not at least reassure our fellow citizens that we value justice sufficiently to take this one tiny step?

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Sadly, today's service stations use generic, national brand buildings that lack the character or individualism of stations such as this one. They just don't make 'em like they used to.



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Reforms

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“When hospitals are closing across the state, where are they closing? They’re closing in black and brown communities like Westlake Hospital did in mine,” Welch said. “We’re the first ones on the chopping block.”

He also said Illinois should also make sure that high-paying jobs being created through the state’s new capital plan, Rebuild Illinois, are available to African Americans.

“When I drive through construction zones all over the place. I don’t see anyone that looks like me. Those jobs pay at least \$45 an hour and time and a half at 60-\$70 an hour,” he said. “You address poverty by inclusion, and we need to be part of those capital projects all over the state. Health care.

Finally, Welch urged Gov. JB Pritzker to begin releasing federal funds the state is receiving through the stimulus packages that Congress approved for COVID-19 recovery and focus that money on communities of color that have been hit by both the business closures caused the pandemic as well as the rioting and looting that have taken place in recent days.

“Businesses are struggling and we’ve got to address it right away,” he said. “Poverty is real. People are already at home for the last three months. You know, many of them unemployed and can’t get through to our flooded (Illinois Department of Employment Security) system. They didn’t get a stimulus check. People are acting out. We need immediate stimulus checks so that people can be fed and clothed.”

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OP ED

Nation Cannot Afford Sloppy Election Count

by Jim Nowlan and Robert D. Michaelson

This essay is not about who should be elected president in November, but about something arguably as important: How to avoid a sloppy election count, which could throw the nation into chaos.

Election counts have been politicized throughout American history. As we are both native to Illinois, we have beaucoup homegrown examples. Over the early history of Chicago, for example, honest elections were considered quaint. In an 1883 election in the Windy City, the second precinct of the Ninth Ward recorded 1,183 votes — from the total of 351 persons found to be living in the precinct. George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Thomas Jefferson and other distinguished Americans were among those who signed in as voters. Need we go on?

In 1960, most close observers concluded that intensely loyal precinct officials of Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley, knowing who buttered their bread, stole the election in Illinois for John F. Kennedy. JFK “won” Illinois by 8,858 votes out of nearly 5 million cast statewide, on a surge of suspicious late-night returns from Daley’s most reliable precincts.

If the electoral votes of Illinois and Texas, one of several states with close tallies, had gone for Richard Nixon, he would have won.

To his everlasting credit, Nixon chose not to challenge the results, fearing, some say of his decision, that a drawn-out recount could throw

the nation into chaos.

The present election is already being politicized. Democrats appear to believe that dramatic increases in mail-in ballots, “required” by the handy rationale of the coronavirus, will benefit their party. President Trump apparently agrees, as he is already sowing seeds to invalidate a close election that relies heavily on such ballots.

Love him or hate him, most would agree that Trump is an alley fighter. He will use a broken beer bottle or other

sharp edges at hand to achieve his objectives. Some see this is a good characteristic in a dangerous world; others are appalled. Either way, don’t expect him to go quietly into the night, like Nixon, should the vote be razor thin against him. Nor necessarily should he; that’s why there are recount provisions in the law.

But given the present intense polarization between political camps, it is critical that the vote count be seen by all sides as well-managed and honest.

The 50 states have always been responsible for the administration of elections. There is nothing in the U.S. Constitution to allow otherwise.

And mail-in ballots have been around for decades. We used to call it absentee voting, as for the military and those in nursing homes. The difference is, of course, that today some states have begun using mail-in extensively, and this year others will be as well, for the first time.

Our fine county clerks and municipal election boards are key to clean, authoritative elections.

- They must convince voters — and themselves — that all ballots will be received and counted after proper signature verification, and never misplaced or lost. We can’t have a repeat of miscues in the recent Wisconsin primary, where 9,000 ballots requested were apparently never sent out.

- Be sure local postal officials are prepared for an onslaught of applications and ballots.

- Make extra efforts to ensure voter rolls are clean and current. Officials always work on this, but it’s especially important when anticipating many mail applications.

- Hire additional staff to handle the increased workload; federal financial aid is expected for this.

- There will undoubtedly be efforts here and there at ballot fraud. Officials must be vigilant to limit occurrences such as manipulations of nursing home voting and “ballot harvesting,” where one person picks up and delivers (or not) ballots for multiple voters.

- States that are planning to use mail-in ballots extensively for the first time should seek out lessons learned from associates in states who are experienced in such.

With around 130 million ballots to be cast in November, perfection is not attainable. Yet, election officials must give voters confidence that they are at the top of their game, and that an honest count will be achieved, resulting ultimately in a clear winner.

We don’t think it is hyperbole to observe that the stability of the republic could be at stake in the administration of this election. Get cracking, state and local election officials. We cannot afford a sloppy vote count.

A retired professor of American politics, Jim Nowlan has worked for three unindicted Illinois governors. Robert D. Michaelson was executive director of the Illinois State Board of Elections from 1976 to 2003.



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Raoul, 17 Other AGs Ask Congress For Power To Investigate Police Misconduct

Group also wants access to departments' excessive force data

by *Rebecca Anzel Capitol News Illinois*

Illinois' attorney general asked Congress in a letter Thursday to grant his office the power to investigate "practices of unconstitutional policing."

After Rodney King was beaten by Los Angeles police officers in 1991, federal lawmakers established the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act. It allowed the Department of Justice to investigate alleged police wrongdoings.

Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul and 17 other attorneys general who signed on to the letter requested that authority as well due to the federal government's "refusal to confront the problem of police misconduct."

"The violent death of George Floyd at the hands of police has rightfully shocked and outraged a nation," Raoul said in a statement. "But the truth is that George Floyd and Breonna Taylor are two of the latest in a long line of African Americans who have lost their lives at the hands of police using excessive force."

Floyd, an unarmed black man, died May 25 in Minneapolis after being pinned to the ground for nearly nine minutes with a white police officer's knee on his neck.

The Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice launched 69 investigations between 1994, when the act took effect, and 2017, according to its website. Those inquiries resulted in 40 court orders for police departments to make changes.

But in a 2018 memo, former U.S. attorney General Jeff Sessions wrote state and local governments have the "responsibility" to hold their law enforcement departments accountable, not the federal government. The Department of Justice has not opened any such investigations since.

That decision "has left local communities without critical protections for their civil rights," the state attorneys general wrote. Allowing their offices to undertake such analyses as well as to access statistics about police departments' use of excessive force would allow "much more" to be done to combat an issue thousands of Americans are protesting across the country.

"One thing is certain: If US DOJ continues to abdicate its responsibility to pursue police reform, someone has to take action. We stand ready to do so," the attorneys wrote. "...Our country cannot move ahead — indeed our country will not heal — unless we ensure constitutional policing throughout our nation and accountability for police officers who fail to follow our most fundamental law."

They noted police officers take a "tremendous risk" daily to protect citizens, but added communities will continue to treat them with "mistrust" if those who break the law are not held accountable.

The letter was also signed by attorneys general from California, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Virginia.

New Jobless Claims Slow In Last Week Of May State Revenues Fall 23% During The Month

by *Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois*

While new unemployment claims remained historically high in the final week of May, the surge of new claims since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic appears to be starting to slow as a number of businesses begin to reopen after two months of forced closure.

The U.S. Department of Labor reported that 46,522 workers in Illinois filed first-time claims during the week that ended Saturday, May 30. While that number would be considered shockingly high in normal times, it was actually 20 percent lower than the week before when 58,263 new claims were filed.

The number of workers receiving continuing unemployment benefits was also down about 5.5 percent from the previous week, to 720,580.

From March 1 through May 30, the Illinois Department of Employment security has processed more than 1.36 million unemployment claims, nearly 11.5 times the number of claims processed over the same period last year.

The agency also processed 98,757 applications for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance, or PUA, a federally-funded program for workers who lost their jobs for specific COVID-19-related reasons and do not qualify for regular unemployment. IDES also processed 42,119 applications for

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation, or PEUC, another federally-funded program that extends benefits to people who have already exhausted their regular state unemployment benefits.

Gov. JB Pritzker ordered the closure of many nonessential businesses on March 20. In the days before that, he also ordered all K-12 schools to close and restricted restaurants to delivery, drive-thru or curbside pick-up service.

Those restrictions remained in place until Friday, May 29, when Illinois entered Phase 3 of Pritzker's reopening plan. Since then, retail stores,

barber shops and hair salons have been allowed to open, with capacity limits, while bars and restaurants have been allowed to open for outdoor dining.

While the stay-at-home order was in place, however, the state of Illinois suffered a historic drop in revenue, according to the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, or CoGFA.

The biggest hit came in the form of retail sales taxes, which were down \$182 million, or 23.1 percent.

CoGFA's latest monthly report also detailed the extent of the economic slowdown. Based on the number of routing requests made to Apple Maps, driving was down more than 60 percent in the state of Illinois and the city of Chicago during the third week of March compared to mid-January. It remained down about 40-50 percent in April for both Illinois and the nation.

Those numbers steadily improved throughout May and are now back to about the same levels as before the pandemic, CoGFA said.

Also, restaurant reservations on the website OpenTable.com were down 100 percent in Illinois during April and May. And even in states that reopened sooner than Illinois, reservations were still down 60-70 percent.

CoGFA additionally cited data showing a large drop in hotel occupancy as well as new housing starts.

"Both the U.S. and the State of Illinois have a difficult path to walk as concerns between public health and economic health must be weighed," the report stated. "The key to

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CLAIMANTS; UNKNOWN OCCUPANTS DEFENDANTS
PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you Michelle Patnaude; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants; Unknown Occupants. Defendants in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, by the said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 6 IN BLOCK 12, EXCEPTING THE EASTERLY 3 FEET OF EVEN WIDTH THEREOF, IN THE VILLAGE OF CAPRON, BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED 06/11/1862 IN BOOK X OF DEEDS AT PAGE 119. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS. Commonly known as 225 East Ogden Street, Capron, IL 61012 Permanent Index No.: 04-11-134-007 and which said Mortgage was made by Leon Patnaude and Michelle Patnaude Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as Nominee for GSF Mortgage Corporation as Mortgagee, and recorded in the office of the Recorder of Deeds of Boone County, Illinois, Document No. 05R06751. And for other relief, that summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the suit is now pending. Now therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, e-file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, on or before the 30th day after the first publication of this notice which is July 13, 2020. Default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <https://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

Clerk
Shapiro Kreisman & Associates, LLC
Attorney for Plaintiff
2121 Waukegan Road, Suite 301
Bannockburn, IL 60015
(847) 291-1717
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Published In The Boone County Journal June 12, 19, 26

LEGAL NOTICES

Public Notices

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH
JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF Megan Frances Siete
Case No.2020-MR-65

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE
Notice is hereby given, that on July 14, 2020, at 10:00 am, I will present a Petition requesting that the Court change her present name of Megan Frances Siete, to the name of Maggie Willow Badran. The hearing will take place at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 Courtroom #4
Published in the Boone County Journal May 29, June 5, 12

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
POPLAR GROVE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
Notice is hereby given that the Village of Poplar Grove Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the Village Board Room, 200 North Hill Street, Poplar Grove, Illinois, 61065 upon the following:

The applicants, Cassie Kramer and Aaron Ekberg, 7861 North Boone School Road, Capron, IL 61012 are proposing an amendment to the Poplar Grove Zoning Ordinance pertaining to Sections 8-6-9(B) General Business District, 8-6-11(B) Light Industrial District, 8-6-13 Permitted Uses Table, 8-7-11 Indoor Retail Sales/Slaughterhouse and 8-7-12 Temporary Uses and Special Events in accordance with Section 8-5-4, Text Amendment. The request will permit meat processing facilities that are attached to on-site retail sales in the General Business and Light Industrial Districts.

The proposed text amendment is available for public review at the Poplar Grove Planning Office (401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere) during regular business hours.

All persons interested in the petitions may attend and be heard at the stated time and place.

Gina DelRose
Community Development Planner
Published in the Boone County Journal June 5

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY

In the Matter of the Estate of William L. Lockhart, deceased
Case No. 2020 - P - 38

CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE is given of the death of William L. Lockhart. Letters of Office were issued on May 26, 2020 to David Lockhart, 12568 Tweed Drive, Loves Park, Illinois 61111, who is the Independent Executor of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Burkhard Geissler, Geissler Law Office, P.C., 6845 Weaver Rd., Suite 100, Rockford, Illinois 61114.

Claims against the estate must be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court or with the representative, or both, on or before December 10, 2020, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this Notice and any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

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Dated: May 28, 2020
/s/ David Lockhart

Burkhard Geissler ARDC - #0930601
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Rockford, IL 61114
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of THOMAS J. KENNY, Deceased.

No. 2020-P-39
CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given of the death of THOMAS J. KENNY, Belvidere, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on May 27, 2020 to JACQUELINE HOULE, as Independent Executor whose attorneys are WILLIAMS McCARTHY LLP, 120 W. State St., P.O. Box 219, Rockford, IL 61105.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Winnebago County Courthouse, Room 108, 400 W. State St., Rockford, IL 61101 or with the representative, or both, on or before December 7, 2020, or within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

JACQUELINE HOULE
Independent Executor
Published in the Boone County Journal June 5, 12, 19

VILLAGE OF CAPRON, ILLINOIS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Capron, Illinois, will hold zoning/planning hearings on June 22, 2020, at 6:40 p.m. at the Village of Capron Village Hall, 250 West Main Street, Capron, Illinois 61012 to consider the following described zoning/planning matters:

1. A request for a zoning map amendment for a portion of the Property having PIN No. 04-02-400-013 proposing that said Property be zoned to the "C-2 Commercial District" zoning classification within the Village upon annexation. Filed by Capron DG, LLC with the express written authorization of Mark & Lisa Priest, LLC.

Members of the public are invited to attend this public hearing, at which time an opportunity will be given to address the members of the Village of Capron Board of Trustees.

NOTICE IS FURTHER HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Capron, Illinois, will hold a public hearing on June 22, 2020 at 6:55 p.m. at the Village of Capron Village Hall, 250 West Main Street, Capron, Illinois 61012, to consider a proposed annexation agreement to be entered into by and between the Village of Capron, Capron DG, LLC, and the current Owner of the below described unincorporated property ("Unincorporated Property"). Said Unincorporated Property is described as follows:

A. A portion of the Property having PIN No. 04-02-400-013. Filed by Capron DG, LLC and Mark & Lisa Priest, LLC.

Members of the public are invited to attend this public hearing, at which time an opportunity will be given to address the Village Board of Trustees.

Dated: June 3, 2020
/s/ Darron M. Burke, Village Attorney
published in the Boone County Journal June 5, 2020.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of JENNIFER L. VALDEZ, Deceased.
No. 2020-P-43

CLAIM NOTICE
Notice is given of the death of JENNIFER L. VALDEZ, Caledonia, Illinois. Letters of Office were issued on June 8, 2020 to MICHAEL R. PETERSON, as Independent Administrator whose attorneys are WILLIAMS McCARTHY LLP, 120 W. State St., P.O. Box 219, Rockford, IL 61105.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under Section 28-4 of the Probate Act (755 ILCS 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the Clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court, Boone County Courthouse, 601 N Main St, Belvidere, IL 61008 or with the representative, or both, on or before December 14, 2020, or within 3 months from the date of mailing or delivery of notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Probate Act, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

MICHAEL R. PETERSON
Independent Administrator
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Members of the public are invited to attend this public hearing, at which time an opportunity will be given to address the members of the Village of Capron Board of Trustees. Notice of the aforementioned zoning/planning hearing was originally published on June 12, 2020.

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Members of the public are invited to attend this public hearing, at which time an opportunity will be given to address the Village Board of Trustees. Notice of the aforementioned public hearing was originally published on June 12, 2020.

Dated: June 11, 2020
/s/ Darron M. Burke, Village Attorney
To be published in the Boone County Journal on or about June 12, 2020.

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rebounding from this economic slow-down is to provide an environment where both customers and employees feel safe, while 'reopening' fast enough so that those employees who have been furloughed have a job to come back to. The longer it takes to ramp up economic activity, the more likely businesses will close down for good."

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Community News

Alcoholics Anonymous 12-step groups have moved their meetings to Zoom - Although there are in-person meetings that continue in the area and they are following the guidelines provided by the Winnebago County Department of Public Health, many of the members of A.A. are choosing to practice safe social distancing by attending meetings online.

A list of Zoom meetings can be found on our websites and members of the community who are struggling with a substance abuse or drinking problem can find help 24/7 by visiting: www.rockfordaa.org and www.district70aa.org or by calling 815-968-0333. Sober members of AA are available to take calls and provide guidance around the clock.

Burpee Museum offers FREE Virtual Reality Field Trips - Thanks to generous community support and donations from foundations and individuals, we are pleased to offer a limited number of virtual field trips at NO COST to school groups this spring! Using the teacher's choice of a simple web browser, students will enter the "museum" through their home devices. Clicking on the floor, students can "walk" the 360-degree virtual reality environment and click on "hot spots" for additional activities, videos, and more. Burpee will have a live stream with the class to complete a 30-45-minute field trip. Please contact nicole.hayes@burpee.org for more to reserve your spot while supplies last. For more information see Burpee.org or email Burpee@burpee.org

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To Renew Illinois, Read About Illinois

Prominent Illinoisans each recommend 5 books about the state

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Director, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute

The Paul Simon Public Policy Institute's Renewing Illinois program encourages Illinois university students to discuss and debate creative solutions to revitalize the Prairie State. While preparing background materials for the students who will participate in our annual summit, we recognized the need to provide additional sources to allow them to delve more deeply into the history, politics, and literature of Illinois.

To that end, we have compiled a recommended reading list. We asked more than 25 prominent Illinoisans to respond to the question: If you were teaching an "Illinois 101" course to highly motivated undergraduates, what five books you would assign them to read? They can be histories, biographies, novels, or essays. In sum, they would provide a wide-ranging and nuanced understanding of Illinois.

The Institute received a remarkable range of recommendations. We pass them on to all who are looking for a good read during this difficult time.

RICHARD DURBIN, U.S. senator from Illinois
"Frontier Illinois," by James Davis, 1998
"Lovejoy: Martyr to Freedom," by Paul Simon, 1964

"City of the Century: The Epic of Chicago and the Making of America," by Donald Miller, 1996
"Bloody Williamson," by Paul Angle, 1969
"Henry Horner and his Burden of Tragedy," by Thomas B. Littlewood, 2007

"Dreams from my Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance," by Barack Obama, 1995

Additional Reading

"The Cubs Way: The Zen of Building the Best Team in Baseball and Beating the Curse," by Tom Verducci, 2017

JIM EDGAR, former Illinois governor

"Horner of Illinois," by Thomas Littlewood, 1969

"Bipartisan Coalition in Illinois," by Thomas B. Littlewood, 1960

"Clout: Mayor Daley and His City," by Len O'Connor, 1975

"Bloody Williamson," by Paul Angle, 1969

"Illinois History: A Reader," by Mark Hubbard, 2018

RAY LaHOOD, former U.S. secretary of transportation, former Illinois congressman

"Fixing Illinois: Politics and Policy in the Prairie State," by James D. Nowlan and J. Thomas Johnson, 2014

"Robert Michel: Leading the Republican House Minority," edited by Frank H. Mackaman and Sean Q. Kelly, 2019

"The Education of a Senator," by Everett McKinley Dirksen, 1998

"Paul Simon: The Political Journey of an Illinois Original," by Robert E. Hartley, 2009

"Seeking Bipartisanship: My Life in Politics," by Ray LaHood with Frank H. Mackaman, 2015

SHEILA SIMON, law professor at Southern Illinois University, former Illinois lieutenant governor

"Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years and the War Years," by Carl Sandburg, 1939

"Dreams from my Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance," by Barack Obama, 1995

"Song of my life," by Harry Mark Petrakis, 2014

"Bloody Williamson," by Paul Angle, 1969

Anything by Gwendolyn Brooks

GLENN POSHARD, Poshard Foundation, former Illinois congressman, former president of Southern Illinois University

"Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years and the War Years," by Carl Sandburg, 1939

"Cornhuskers," by Carl Sandburg, 1918

"Southern Illinois: A Photographer's Love for the Countryside and its Beauty," by Ned Trovillion, 1995

"Staley: The Fight for a New American Labor Movement," by Steven Ashby and C.J. Hawking, 2009

"American Pharaoh: Mayor Richard Daley - His Battle for Chicago and the Nation," by Adam Cohen and Elizabeth Taylor, 2000

"Spoon River Anthology," by Edgar Lee Masters, 1915

"The Little Theatre on the Square: Four Decades of a Small-Town Equity Theatre," by Beth Conway Shervy, 2000

PAULA WOLFF, policy advisor, Illinois Justice Project

"Jane Addams, Spirit in Action," by Louise Knight, 2010

"From Bullet to Ballot: The Illinois Chapter of the Black Panther Party and Racial Coalition Politics in Chicago," by Jakobi Williams, 2013

"The South Side: A Portrait of Chicago and American Segregation," by Natalie Moore, 2016

"Frances Willard: A Biography," by Ruth Bordin, 1986

"Family Properties: How The Struggle Over Race and Real Estate Transformed Chicago and Urban America," by Beryl Satter, 2009

"Creating the Land of Lincoln: The History and Constitutions of Illinois, 1778-1870," by Frank Cicero Jr., 2018

JIM NOWLAN, political columnist, former state representative, former professor at University of Illinois

"Boss: Richard J. Daley of Chicago," by Mike Royko, 1971

"Illinois: A History of the Prairie State," by Robert Howard, 1972

"Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West," by William Cronon, 1991

"Trilogy of Desire: The Financier, The Titan, The Stoic," by Theodore Dreiser, 1972

"Abraham Lincoln: The Prairie Years and War Years," by Carl Sandburg, 1939

SAM WHEELER, Illinois state historian

"Cahokia: Ancient America's Great City on the Mississippi," by Timothy R. Pauketat, 2009

"Creating the Land of Lincoln: The History and Constitutions of Illinois, 1778-1870," by Frank Cicero Jr., 2018

"City of the Century: The Epic of Chicago and the Making of America," by Donald Miller, 1996

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Reading

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"Illinois: A History of the Land and its People," by Roger Biles, 2005
"Finding a New Midwestern History," edited by Jon K. Lauck, Gleaves Whitney, and Joseph Hogan, 2018
Additional Reading
"Kaskaskia: The Lost Capital of Illinois," by David MacDonald and Raine Waters, 2019
"Frontier Illinois," by James Davis, 1998
"Freedom's Champion: Elijah Lovejoy," by Paul Simon, 1994
"Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West," by William Cronon, 1991
"Race Riot: Chicago in the Red Summer of 1919," by William M. Tuttle Jr., 1996
"The Illinois Governors: Mostly Good and Competent Men," by Robert P. Howard, 1988
"Dreams from my Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance," Barack Obama, 1995
DAVID JOENS, director, Illinois State Archives
"The Illinois Governors: Mostly Good and Competent Men," by Robert Howard, 1988
"Creating the Land of Lincoln: The History and Constitutions of Illinois, 1778-1870," by Frank Cicero Jr., 2018
"Corn Kings & One-Horse Thieves: A Plain-Spoken History of Mid-Illinois," by James Krohe Jr., 2017
"The Devil in the White City," by Erik Larson, 2003
"Illinois Vignettes," by John H. Keiser, 1977
Additional Reading
"Bloody Williamson," by Paul Angle, 1969
"Boss: Richard J. Daley of Illinois," by Mike Royko, 1971
"The Jungle," by Upton Sinclair, 1906
"Illinois: A History of the Prairie State," by Robert Howard, 1972
"The Illinois State Archives: 100 Most Valuable Documents" online exhibit. https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/archives/online_exhibits/100_documents/home.html
ROGER BILES, emeritus professor of history at Illinois State University, author of "Illinois: A History of the Land and Its People"
"Twenty Years at Hull-House," by Jane Addams, 1910
"Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West," by William Cronon, 1991
"The Social Order of a Frontier Community," by Don Harrison Doyle, 1983
"The Promised Land: The Great Black Migration and How It Changed America," by Nicholas Lemann, 1991
"Illinois: A History of the Land and Its People," by Roger Biles, 2005
FRANK CICERO, Jr., attorney at Kirkland and Ellis, author of "Creating the Land of Lincoln: The History and Constitutions of Illinois, 1778-1870"
"Nathaniel Pope, 1784-1850: A Memoir," Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society, by Paul Angle, 1936
"French Roots in the Illinois Country: The Mississippi Frontier in Colonial Times," by Carl Ekberg, 1998
"Confronting Slavery: Edward Coles and the Rise of Anti-Slavery Politics in Nineteenth-Century America," by Suzanne Cooper Guasco, 2013
"The Illinois and Michigan Canal: A Study in Economic History," by James William Putnam, 1918
"Lincoln's Preparation for Greatness: The Illinois Legislative Years," by Paul Simon, 1971
ERIKA HAROLD, attorney at Meyer Capel, Republican nominee for Illinois attorney general in 2018
"There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America," by Alex Kotlowitz, 1991
"Corrupt Illinois: Patronage, Cronyism, and Criminality," by Thomas J. Gradel and Dick Simpson, 2015
"The Jungle," by Upton Sinclair, 1906

"The Transformation of Rural Life: Southern Illinois, 1890-1990," by Jane H. Adams, 1994
"Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln," by Doris Kearns Goodwin, 2012
CHUCK LEVESQUE, president, Depaul USA
"Fair Weather," by Richard Peck, 2001
"Chicago: A Novel," by Brian Doyle, 2016
"Rootabaga Stories," by Carl Sandburg, 1922
"The Essential Gwendolyn Brooks," by Gwendolyn Brooks, edited by Elizabeth Alexander, 2005
"City of the Century: The Epic of Chicago and the Making of America," by Donald Miller, 1996
GREG SHAW, political science professor at Illinois Wesleyan University
"The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration," by Isabel Wilkerson, 2010
"Division Street: America," by Studs Terkel, 1967
"There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America," by Alex Kotlowitz, 1991
"The Dealmakers of Downstate Illinois: Paul Powel, Clyde L. Choate, and John H. Stelle," by Robert Hartley, 2016
"Frontier Illinois," by James E. Davis, 1998
CHRISTOPHER BELT, Illinois state senator, 57th District
"A. Lincoln," by Ronald C. White Jr., 2009
"Freedom's Champion: Elijah Lovejoy," by Paul Simon, 1994
"A Righteous Cause: The Life of William Jennings Bryan," by Robert Cherny, 1985
"Mother Jones: The Most Dangerous Woman in America," by Elliott Gorn, 2001
"Behind the Smile: A Story of Carol Moseley Braun's Historic Senate Campaign," by Jeannie Morris, 2015
EMANUEL "CHRIS" WELCH, Illinois state representative, 7th District
"American Pharaoh: Mayor Richard J. Daley - His Battle for Chicago and the Nation," by Adam Cohen and Elizabeth Taylor, 2000
"Boss: Richard J. Daley of Chicago," by Mike Royko, 1971
"Mayor Harold Washington: Champion of Race and Reform," by Roger Biles, 2018
"Dreams from my Father: A Story of Race and Inheritance," by Barack Obama, 1995
"Our Culture of Pandering," by Paul Simon, 2003
LaTOYA GREENWOOD, Illinois state representative, 114th District
"Never Been a Time: The 1917 Race Riot That Sparked the Civil Rights Movement," by Harper Barnes, 2008
"Harold, The People's Mayor: The Biography of Harold Washington," by Dempsey Travis, 1989
"There Are No Children Here: The Story of Two Boys Growing Up in the Other America," by Alex Kotlowitz, 1991
"The Audacity of Hope," by Barack Obama, 1995
"A Raisin in the Sun," by Lorraine Hansberry, 1959
TERRI BRYANT, Illinois state representative, 115th District
"Down Don't Bother Me: A Novel," by Jason Miller, 2015
"Sins of the South: Big Secrets in a Small Town," by Maureen Hughes, 2012
"Roadside History of Illinois," by Stan Banash, 2013
"When Lincoln Came to Egypt," by George Smith, 2016
"The State of Southern Illinois: An Illustrated History," by Herbert Russell, 2012
MIKE LAWRENCE, former director, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute
"Dirksen: Portrait of a Public Man," by Neil MacNeil, 1970
"Governor Richard Ogilvie: In the Interest of the State," by Taylor Pensoneau, 1997
"The Dealmakers of Downstate Illinois: Paul Powel, Clyde L. Choate, and John H. Stelle," by

Robert Hartley, 2016
"Bloody Williamson," by Paul Angle, 1969
"The Defender: How the Legendary Black Newspaper Changed America," by Ethan Michaeli, 2016
Additional Reading
"The Illinois Tax Increase of 1983: Summit and Resolution," by Joan Parker, 1984
"Freedom's Champion: Elijah Lovejoy," by Paul Simon, 1994
"Adlai E. Stevenson of Illinois," by John Bartlow Martin, 1976
"We Don't Want Nobody Nobody Sent: An Oral History of the Daley Years," by Milton L. Rakove, 1979
BERNARD SCHOENBURG, political reporter and columnist, State Journal-Register
"Boss: Richard J. Daley of Chicago," by Mike Royko, 1971
"Paul Powell of Illinois: A Lifelong Democrat," by Robert E. Hartley, 1999
"Governor Richard Ogilvie: In the Interest of the State," by Taylor Pensoneau, 1997
"Golden: How Rod Blagojevich Talked Himself out of the Governor's Office and Into Prison," by Jeff Coen and John Chase, 2012
"The Illinois Governors: Mostly Good and Competent," by Robert Howard, 1988
Additional reading
"Dan Walker: The Glory and the Tragedy," by Taylor Pensoneau and Bob Ellis, 1993
"Len Small: Governors and Gangsters," by Jim Ridings, 2009
JOHN SHAW, director of Paul Simon Public Policy Institute
"Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West," by William Cronon, 1991
"The Heartland: An American History," by Kristin L. Hoganson, 2019
"Seeking Bipartisanship: My Life in Politics," by Ray LaHood with Frank H. Mackaman, 2015
"In the Fullness of Time: The Memoirs of Paul H. Douglas," 1972
"P.S.: The Autobiography of Paul Simon," 1994
Additional Reading
"One Shot at Forever: A Small Town, An Unlikely Coach, and A Magical Baseball Season," by Chris Ballard, 2012
"Played in Peoria," by Jerry Klein Sr., 1980
"Cleared for Takeoff: A Pilot's Story of Challenges and Triumphs," by William R. Norwood, 2014



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