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## Context and the Times Are Everything in A Kiss

By David Larson

It is interesting to view two strikingly similar events with entirely different backgrounds inspire entirely different reactions: one is the end of WWII in Time Square and the other is the winning of Woman's World Cup in soccer.

Since Luis Rubiales, the president of the Royal Spanish Football Federation (RFEF), kissed forward Jennifer Hermoso in the excitement of the moment when the Spanish woman's soccer team won the Women's World Cup. Media reports have characterized the kiss as being forced and not welcomed, which put the shame of immorality into the kiss.

Rubiales has apologized for his actions and described the kiss for him as, in the moment, "mutual" – a claim Hermoso denied, saying she felt disrespected.

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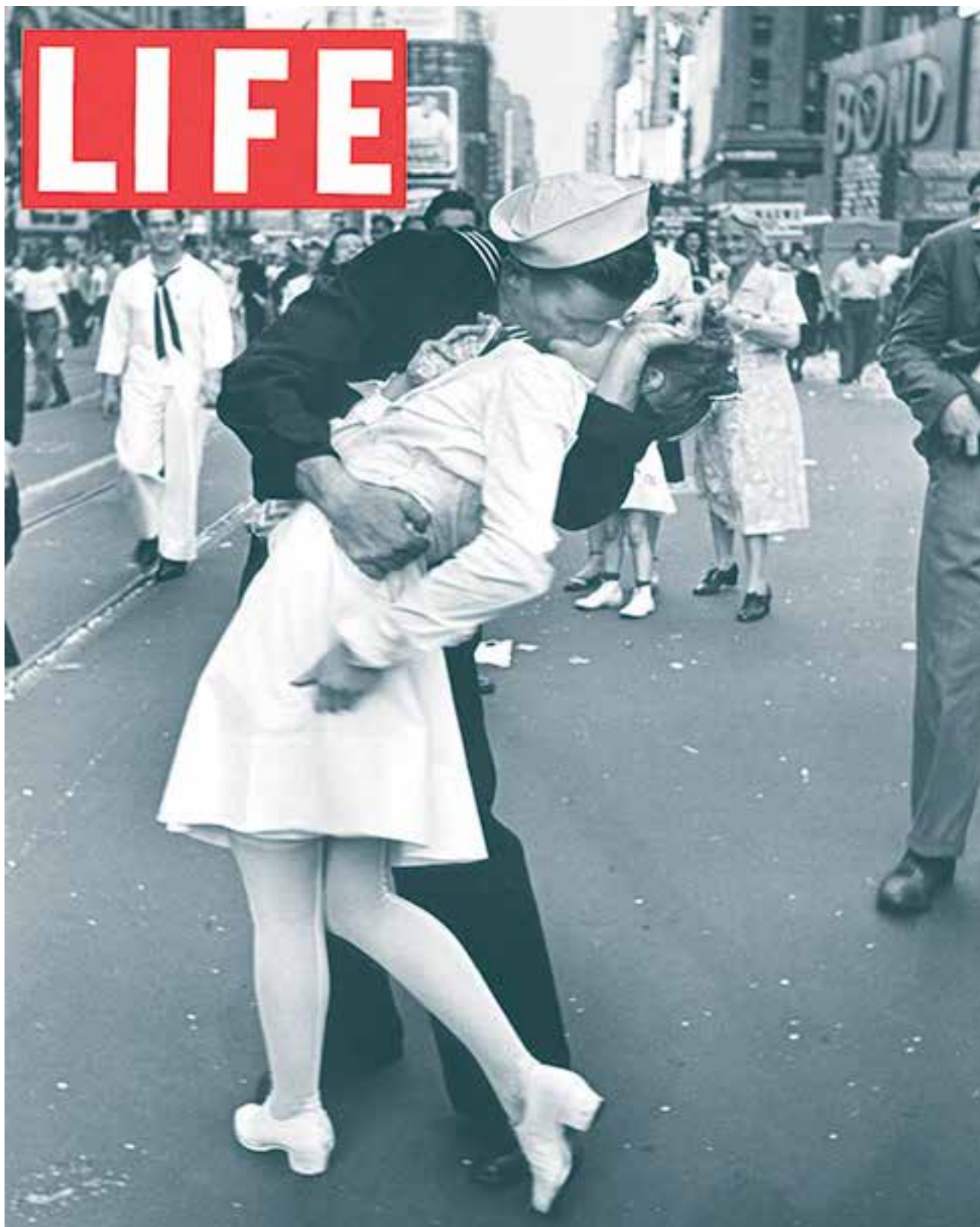
## County Clerk Arrested

Press Release

Following an investigation by the Illinois State Police's Zone 2 Major Crimes Unit, on August 31, 2023, Boone County Clerk and Recorder Julie Bliss, 53, of Belvidere, was arrested on one count of Theft of Government Property, a class 2 felony, and one count of Official Misconduct, a class 3 felony. A class 2 felony is punishable by 3 to 7 years in the Department of Corrections. A class 3 felony is punishable by 2 to 5 years in the Department of Corrections. Although the maximum penalty for each charge is a prison sentence, both charges are also eligible for probation pursuant to Illinois statute. The investigation is ongoing.

In April of 2023, an employee of the Boone County Clerk's Office reported irregularities that she had discovered in two of the County Clerk's bank accounts. Upon receiving that report, Boone County officials immediately notified the Illinois State Police, and took appropriate steps to ensure fiscal oversight of the Clerk's office during the course of the investigation. Additionally, the County contracted with Sikich, LLP, an accounting firm, to assist the Illinois State Police in the investigation, and to make recommendations with respect to ensuring the future fiscal integrity of the Boone County Clerk's Office.

*The public is reminded that these are only charges and are not proof of the defendant's guilt. Every defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the State's burden to prove his or her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.*



## Complaint Alleges ComEd Violated State Law By Raising Fees On Customer Bills

*Regulatory filing is among the first  
dealing with state's 2021 climate law*

By Andrew Adams Capitol News Illinois

A group of businesses filed a complaint with state regulators last week alleging that Chicago electric company Commonwealth Edison improperly raised customer bills this summer.

The complaint – centered on a portion of the 2021 Climate and Equitable Jobs Act that allows utilities to recoup carbon mitigation investments – alleges the utility failed to follow the proper regulatory channels laid out in Gov. JB Pritzker's marquee climate policy.

The complaint was filed by the Chemical Industry Council of Illinois, a trade group

that lobbies for chemical businesses, alleging the change in billing will cost its roughly 100 member companies about \$100 million combined between June 2023 and May 2024. Eight other groups are also listed as complainants, including Loyola Academy, a suburban Catholic school.

Read the ICC complaint

It's the latest salvo in the industrial sector's opposition to elements of CEJA. Other major business groups have long warned that CEJA could result in increased energy costs, especially to large industrial customers, which are among the biggest users of electricity.

The Illinois Commerce Commission will consider the complaint, which could set a precedent allowing the oversight agency to have tighter control over how fees are calculated. All five of the commission's members were appointed by Pritzker.

The fee at the center of the complaint is the "Carbon-Free Resource Adjustment," or CFRA.

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## The Kiss

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Jorge Vilda the head coach of the Spanish women's soccer team in turn was fired amid the ongoing fallout over the unwanted kiss that soccer chief Luis Rubiales gave the player at the Women's World Cup final. Tensions over Vilda's behavior as coach, either inappropriate or differences of opinion, appears to be at the root of the public frenzy.

The following is a reprint of another kiss in the moment that caught the eye of the media, which James Middleton wrote about in the September 16, 2016 issue of the *Boone County Journal*. It is remarkable to recognize the ethos in the public mind of the two similar events.

This image commemorates for some the excitement that passed through Times Square in New York City on August 14, 1945 with the

announcement of the Japanese surrender to end World War II. The image also conjures an opportunity to visit again the joy that spread across the nation with the end of World War II. Yet, many remember the photograph merely remember the image as "The Kiss."

The shot was captured by the renowned photojournalist, Alfred Eisenstaedt who was assigned by his editor at *Life* magazine to walk through Times Square and shoot photographs of the revelers. The story of these two people is of particular interest.

For many years after the photograph appeared in the magazine the couple was virtually unknown and no one knew who they were. The photograph appeared in a section of the magazine titled as, "Victory Celebrations." In addition to the couple shown here on Times Square, there were photographs from other publications across the nation, Kansas City, Miami, Washington DC showing other couples in their embrace.

Eisenstaedt always claimed that the photograph was spontaneous. He turned from where he was facing and saw the couple. He elevated his Leica 35mm camera and tripped the shutter. In total, he captured four shots of the couple. For many years people who saw the shot in the magazine claimed that the images was staged before Eisenstaedt shot the photograph, but he maintained that the photograph was spontaneous.

A few years later, in 1950, another photograph appeared that was also titled "The Kiss." That photo was found to have been staged. That shot was captured by the photojournalist and artist, Robert Doisneau in front of the Hôtel de Ville in Paris. That image also appeared in *Life* magazine.

However, no one could prove that Eisenstaedt's contention was not correct. Along the way a number of men and women claimed to have been the iconic sailor and nurse embracing on V-J Day. There was also another version of the same image shot by another photographer. A US Navy photojournalist Victor Jorgensen captured another view of the same scene that was published the next day in the *New York Times* that resulted in far less notoriety than the Eisenstaedt image.

No one surfaced claiming to be the couple and

Eisenstaedt did not get the names of the sailor or the nurse. In the late 1970s Edith Shain stepped forward claiming to be the nurse. This claim aroused curiosity with some asking just who those people were. The magazine issued a request in August 1980 asking that the sailor come forward. By October 1980, 11 men and 3 women claimed their appearance in the photograph. The women who came forward included Ms. Shain, Barbara Sokol and Greta Friedman.

The question of the identity of the woman in the photograph became the subject matter of a book published in April 2012. The result of the authors' research found that Shain could not have been in the image because of the height of the woman and the height of the sailor.

The authors concluded that Greta Friedman was who Eisenstaedt had shot that day. The uniform that the woman wore was found to have been that of a dental hygienist and that was Friedman's occupation.

In an interview, Ms. Friedman had at the Library of Congress, she said, "It wasn't my choice to be kissed. The guy just came over and grabbed me." Ms. Friedman also said, "That man was very strong. I wasn't kissing him, he was kissing me."

The man in the photograph also was a mystery. Eisenstaedt merely shot the photograph when he saw the couple kissing. He did not take names. Since the photograph appeared many men came forward claiming to be the sailor. Of all the men who claimed to be the subject of the photograph, George Mendonsa was determined to be the man who was shot that day.

He was in New York City on leave from the USS The Sullivan's and was watching a movie with his fiancé, Rita. They were watching the film at radio City Music Hall when the announcement of the surrender occurred and the theatre emptied. Everyone rushed into the streets and to share the joy, the relief and to become a part of the huge street party.

As couples were dancing and skipping through Times Square, Mendonsa saw the 21-year old hygienist. Mendonsa remembered, "I had quite a few drinks that day, and I considered her one of the troops, she was a nurse." He just went over to her, grabbed her and embraced her for a big kiss even though his fiancé was behind him. On one of the four images of the moment that Eisenstaedt shot, Rita, Mendonsa's fiancé was seen a few steps behind him on the street.

In addition, to the photographic image that continues to be seen by many people, a fiberglass sculpture of the couple was made a few years ago that travelled the nation. The sculpture holds a permanent spot today along the coastline on Tamiami Trail, US Route 41 in Sarasota, Florida. The sculpture remains one of the most photographed sites in the west Florida city. For many tourists who visit Sarasota, it is expected that they will pose with their sweetheart or mimic the pose that was captured as they stand beside or under the flowing skirt that Ms. Friedman wore on V-J Day, August 14, 1945 when she and George Mendonsa stepped into eternity with the trip of a camera shutter.

The *Journal* wants to recognize the estate of Alfred Eisenstaedt, *Life* magazine and Getty Images for holding the rights to the photograph. We also want to acknowledge that background material used to write this piece came from a number of sites within the network of Wikipedia.com, CBS News and the BBC. We recognize their material and appreciate the use of the material.

The *Journal* would also thank the well written article that originally appeared in the *Journal* in 2016 by James Middleton.


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# OP-ED

## We Should Be Concerned About McConnell

By Bob Evans Rockford University

There is currently a great deal of interest in the health of Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell. How serious is his condition? Is it incapacitating?

Given the short attention span we seem to have developed, however, people may conclude that this issue is merely of passing concern. That would be a mistake. McConnell's health should be of profound concern to the nation as a whole. This issue is not just a passing "bump in the road" for several reasons. The issue might well "have legs", as they say in Washington. It raises several potentially significant and related issues.

First, the Senate is now 51-49 Democratic. Between 6 and 8 Democratic seats are really vulnerable for 2024. If Republicans gain one seat the resulting tie would be broken by either the Republican or Democratic VP. McConnell's leadership would matter in this scenario.

If the Republicans gain two or more seats McConnell would become the majority leader, and thus a key to the success of whoever is President. Remember the work that McConnell did with Supreme Court nominees. The point is that a leader McConnell would be crucial to the success of whoever is President. This is especially true since the Democrats have a pretty well developed, and plausible, plan to retake the House. Divided government would enhance the influence of the Republican leader.

Second, there is legislation. McConnell is very crafty, even wily. He could help or hurt greatly the legislative agenda of whoever is President. This would be true especially if the Republicans flip the Senate.

Third, judges, judges, judges. There is currently a 7-2 "conservative"; majority on the Supreme Court. Remember what was said above. McConnell did yeoman work shepherding Trump appointments through the confirmation process. He could help or hurt greatly the efforts of whoever is President.

Lower federal court appointments matter greatly also. Biden and Shumer have gotten quite a few lower court appointments through. How would Biden fare with Leader McConnell? What about all the other federal administrative appointments that must go through the Senate?

Fourth, there is the election itself. The health question with respect to McConnell, especially if it persists as is likely, will almost certainly have an impact on the Presidential race. The impact will be felt by both Presidential candidates.

McConnell's health will bring more scrutiny to the question of Biden's health. Questions are, of course, already being raised. The age and infirmity questions about Biden would seem to be unavoidably

analogous to the questions that the presence of McConnell will raise or present. Republicans can be relied upon to deflect any McConnell questions toward Biden. "Whataboutism" is currently a disease of epic proportions in DC. It is in fact a plague.

One could suggest that McConnell's health might also impact Trump in the impending election. If Trump is the nominee Democrats can be relied upon to tie Trump and McConnell together as the out of touch, aging leadership of a generally out of touch, aging party. The voters sought by Democrats appear to be very responsive to such a negative image of Republicans. That image is likely to be burnished.

Polls reveal that many of our fellow citizens distrust and disdain the current generation of politicians. The age of their leaders and their political platform render Republicans vulnerable to caricature. We may be certain that Democrats will respond accordingly.

We should conclude that, for the reasons catalogued above, the health of Mitch McConnell matters enormously as we go forward. It matters enormously, and for a variety of reasons. McConnell is one of the most consequential legislative leaders in modern history. There will be books written about him in the future after he passes from the scene. When that future begins matters very much for the present.

## Words

By Scott Reeder

An unexpected conversation with a college acquaintance this past week has me thinking about the power of words.

I first met Bill 40 years ago when I was a freshman in college. I was going through a rough time. I was away from home for the first time and was assigned a roommate that I just couldn't stand.

Bill was a community college transfer from the Chicago suburbs. He had grown up in a devout home but wasn't regularly attending church. One day, I was sitting in the laundromat in the basement of my dorm when he came and sat beside me.

He asked what I was reading and I told him it was the New Testament. He asked where I went to church and I explained that I attended a congregation near campus but wasn't particularly happy there. Although the church was the same denomination that I had grown up in, the pastor's messages were about as deep as a coat of varnish.

For whatever reason, I shared this with Bill. He told me of a church that he visited once that met in the college student union. The pastor was elderly and battling cancer. But he was sincere. There was no stained glass, pews or organs. Folks sat in folding chairs in a borrowed upper room.

Bill told me I should try that church.

His suggestion altered my life. I fell in love with the tiny congregation and adored the pastor and his wife. My cynicism dissipated. For the first time since leaving home, I felt like I had a place where I belonged.

The pastor joked that Bill made me a regular attendee, even though he didn't come himself.

During the past 40 years, I have lived in cities all over the United States. But the first thing I would do when moving to a new community is join a church. Some advice given 40 years ago by a casual acquaintance altered the trajectory of my life.

When Bill and I spoke this past week, his recollection of me was dim at best. I'm certain he doesn't remember that conversation. But his words mattered.

A number of years ago a co-worker took me aside and told me how something I had said changed her life.

The two of us were young reporters working the nightshift at a newspaper and as she tells it she joked about getting drunk after work and driving home.

According to her, I said I didn't respect that and asked: "How would you feel if you killed someone because you were driving drunk?"

Years later, she took me aside and told me how my words altered her life. She immediately quit drinking and driving.

When she told me this, I was flummoxed. While it sounded like something I might say, I have no memory of that long-ago discourse.

I have chosen a career of words. Words matter particularly when they are delivered with sincerity and kindness.

Another former co-worker, Gary Schneeberger, tells of how a past supervisor's words changed his life.

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**ComEd***from page 1*

The complaint alleges the fee was calculated without proper oversight and asks the ICC to order ComEd to stop using CFRA to recover costs and reimburse the complainants for any fees already collected this year. ComEd began collecting money from customers using CFRA in June.

While businesses filed the complaint, the CFRA charge appears on residential customers' bills as well. ComEd serves 3.8 million residential customers and 400,000 non-residential customers, according to data from the ICC. For residential customers, this fee currently accounts for around 7 percent of total monthly bills, depending on local taxes and electric usage.

The hearing process, which is overseen by an administrative judge, could take up to a year unless the parties agree to an extension. The case will then be decided by the five governor-appointed commissioners of the ICC.

**CEJA's role**

The authority to charge such a fee comes from a provision in CEJA that provided subsidies to nuclear power plants in an effort to save three aging plants from going offline.

The law outlined a program that allows the state to purchase energy in bulk from three of the state's six nuclear power plants at fixed rates using a financial instrument called carbon mitigation credits, or CMCs, which are then sold to electric utilities.

This guaranteed income was intended to entice Exelon, the then-owner of Illinois' nuclear fleet, to keep open several plants it had planned to close. In early 2022, Exelon – which remains ComEd's parent company – spun out its nuclear generation arm into an independent company, Constellation Energy. Constellation's executive team is entirely made up of former ComEd and Exelon executives and managers.

Under the CMC program, if the actual market rate for electricity is lower than the cost of CMCs, utilities can credit consumers for the difference – something they did last year, saving the average customer around \$20 per month, according to a press release from Pritzker from the time. If the market rate is higher than the fixed price, utilities may add a charge to customer bills to make up the difference.

The complaint alleges that ComEd increased the CFRA charge to customers in June to include a “clawback” of money that was credited to customers last year in addition to compounded interest on those fees. This change was outlined in a set of revisions to the legal document outlining how ComEd calculates CFRA fees based on its “tariff” – the document that defines what rates utilities can charge. These revisions were not “suspended,” meaning the ICC held no formal hearings on the subject.

In a May 2023 filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Exelon told federal regulators and investors that ComEd lost \$1.1 billion due to the CMC program between June 2022 and March 2023.

The fact that ComEd determined losses on

its own, the complainants allege, violated a provision of CEJA that requires those determinations to be reviewed by the ICC in an annual proceeding.

“As a result of ComEd's lack of disclosure of the real nature of its filings of these tariff revisions with the Commission, no party had an opportunity to object to the massive impacts of ComEd's revisions,” the complaint reads.

The business groups also allege ComEd's maneuver violates the state's Public Utilities Act as an act of “imprudent management” of the Carbon Free Resource Adjustment credits and charges.

“It was never reviewed, there were never any hearings on it, it's a lot of money and our position is that it violates the law,” Patrick Giordano, a lawyer representing the business groups listed in the complaint, told Capitol News Illinois.

ComEd has denied impropriety in its use of the adjustment and CMCs.

“We are appropriately charging and crediting customers and have been clear about the CMCs and the charges and credits that implement them with the Commission and our customers,” Shannon Breymaier, ComEd's head of communications, said in an email. “We're still analyzing the complaint, but expect to vigorously defend our actions in implementing carbon mitigation credits.”

Constellation, which has attributed continued operations of three of Illinois' nuclear plants to the CMC program, signaled caution regarding the program to its investors in a February regulatory filing with the SEC. In it, the company noted that “regulatory or legal” challenges like this were possible and that the company “cannot reasonably predict the outcome of any such challenges.”

**CEJA's other effects**

The complaint is not the only matter before the ICC that will largely define the strength of CEJA's regulatory backbone.

The commission is currently considering sets of plans from both ComEd and Ameren Illinois that set the utilities' next four years of electric rates, infrastructure spending and long-term plans for the electric grid. These complex plans are the result of CEJA's reforms to the state's ratemaking process.

The ICC is expected to approve modified versions of these plans before the end of the year.

CEJA also opened the door for closer ICC oversight of utilities' profit rates and the energy sector's environmental impacts. This has attracted the attention of national and state-level advocacy groups.

Similarly, because of a requirement in CEJA, the ICC has requested all large gas and electric utilities in the state offer discounted energy rates to low-income customers. Consumer advocates are currently sparring with gas utilities over the question of how steep these discounts should be and who should be eligible for them in cases that are also expected to finish before the end of the year.

Electric utilities are expected to file low-income rate design plans in the coming years.

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**Words***from page 3*

“It was my first ever professional job review, and I think it might have been one of his first, because he had just become an assistant city editor when he did my evaluation. ... In the summary he said, ‘If Gary continues to apply himself and learn his craft I can see him working his way up into management one day. That was the first time, I ever thought higher than the byline. I was like, ‘Wow, you mean, being like an editor and a leader and helping other writers and reporters. Is that something that's open to me, too, someday?’”

Schneeberger has gone on to a distinguished career heading up public relations for Focus on the Family and other endeavors. He added the editor who gave him the encouragement has no recollection of doing so.

I'd be remiss in not noting that the person Schneeberger said inspired him to greater things, was the worst boss I've had in my 35 years in the workforce. He criticized me during a job evaluation for abstaining from alcohol and living too sheltered a life to be a good journalist.

The biblical book of Proverbs says: “The soothing tongue is a tree of life, but a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.”

In my 58 years, I too have said things I have regretted. To this I can only ask the listener's forgiveness. But I pray when I do speak, I'm offering words of encouragement.

Why? Because words matter.

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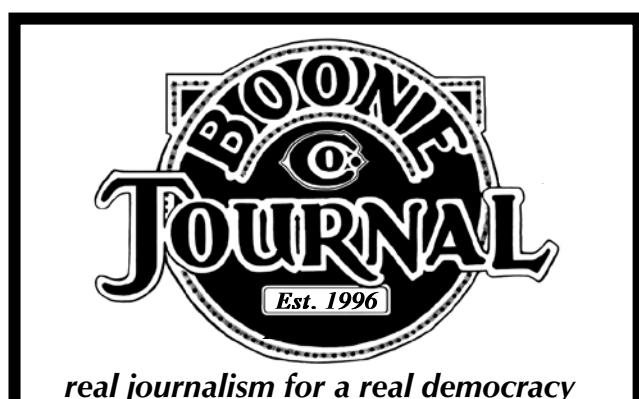


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# ‘Surge’ in Organization Efforts has Labor Leaders Optimistic for The Future

‘State of the Unions’ report shows increased organizing activity

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

As workers in Illinois prepare to celebrate Labor Day this weekend, a new report shows there has been a surge in efforts to organize labor unions in workplaces throughout the state, while overall public approval of labor unions nationally is the highest in nearly six decades.

In 2022, there were 72 successful petitions to organize labor unions in Illinois, which represent 9,600 new unionized workers, the highest single-year numbers at any point in the last decade.

That’s according to The State of the Unions 2023, an annual report by the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, a think tank with strong ties to organized labor, and the Center for Middle Class Revival at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

After decades of declining union membership

and declining unionization rates, U of I’s Robert Bruno, a coauthor of the report, said those numbers may signal a resurgence in the labor movement.

“That’s kind of a leading indicator of an upsurge, of growth in the movement,” Bruno said in an interview. “And if you look at where you’re seeing organizing happening – in a lot of growth sectors with larger numbers of employees – then you see the kinds of conditions for increasing the actual density of the labor movement.”

While the rate of unionized workers in Illinois had increased in 2020 – followed by a boost of nearly 16,000 new unionized workers the following year – the state saw declines in both metrics in the past year, according to the report. That continued the downward trend in unionization in the last decade. In 2022, there were 734,430 unionized workers in Illinois, which represented 13.1 percent of the state’s total workforce.

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The report attributes that to a shift in the state’s economy away from manufacturing and other unionized sectors toward more service-

and knowledge-based industries with low unionization rates. It also cites a large number of vacancies in federal, state and local government positions, which make up the bulk of union membership.

The authors also attribute some of that

to the 2018 U.S. Supreme Court case, Janus v. the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, which struck down an Illinois law that required public employees who chose not to join the union representing their shop to nevertheless pay a portion of their union dues known as “fair share” or “agency fees.” Those fees covered a portion of the union’s costs for collective bargaining.

“State and local government vacancies increased 78 percent following Janus as wages in the public sector failed to keep pace with those in the private sector,” said ILEPI’s Frank Manzo IV, the other coauthor of the report. “And in Illinois, unfilled positions at public school districts rose 164 percent. And Illinois also had thousands of vacant state local government jobs and in 2022 ... So it’s the labor shortage that’s in part caused by the Janus decision because workers are dissatisfied with pay in the public sector.”

Statewide, public sector union membership has fallen by about 24,000, or 3.3 percent, since the Janus decision and now averages around 334,000.

Still, the report notes, Illinois’ unionization rate of 13.1 percent of its workforce is significantly higher than the national average of 10.1 percent. Nationwide, however, total union membership grew in 2022 to nearly 14.3 million workers, the first time that has happened since 2017.

The report cites an August 2022 Gallup poll that found 71 percent of Americans say they approve of labor unions, up from 68 percent the year before and the highest union approval rating Gallup had recorded since 1965.

The demographics of union membership have also been changing, with younger workers aged 25-34 making up a larger share of the total. Since 2019, that age group saw a 2.3 percentage point

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September 16-17, 2023 | 305 E. North St, Capron, IL

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## Village of Capron Sesquicentennial List of Events September 16-17, 2023

305 E. North Street Capron, Illinois

Saturday  
9:00am - 10:00pm

Sunday  
9:00am - 6:00pm

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Kickoff Event!

6:00pm-8:00pm

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First Come First Serve  
Cash Prizes!!

Kickoff Event!

Lion's Building

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Time	Event	Location
9:00am	Parade	North, 3rd, Main, & 6th Streets
All Day	Carnival, Rock Wall & Mechanical Bull	Lion's Grounds
All Day	Food Trucks	Lion's Grounds
11:00am	Miss Capron Pageant	Lion's Pavilion
1:00pm-2:00pm	Kids Obstacle Course Contest	Lion's Grounds
2:00pm-4:00pm	Cornhole Contest	Lion's Baseball Diamond
3:00pm-10:00pm	Beer Garden by Stumble Inn	Lion's Grounds
7:00pm-10:00pm	Live Music: The Missing Links	Lion's Building

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All Day	Carnival, Rock Wall & Mechanical Bull	Lion's Grounds
All Day	Food Trucks	Lion's Grounds
All Day	Craft Fair	Lion's Building
NOON-1:00pm	Kids Obstacle Course Contest	Lion's Grounds
2:00pm-4:00pm	Cornhole Contest	Lion's Baseball Diamond
2:00pm-6:00pm	Beer Garden by Stumble Inn	Lion's Grounds



# Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful

By Corinne Sosso

Zero Waste Week, celebrated the first full week in September, is an international call to awareness and action for individuals, institutions, and corporations to reduce the amount of waste generated and promote sustainable use of Earth's resources.

The week's focus is on minimizing what goes into the garbage. Solid waste can be reduced by exercising the 3 R's: Refuse, Reuse, and Recycle. The first, Refuse, requires a little planning. When shopping, bring your own bags or boxes instead of using bags provided at the store. Bring your own mug and flatware to work instead of using then discarding that foam cup or plastic flatware. When dining out, provide your own container for restaurant leftovers and avoid that single-use box.

When you can't refuse, "Reuse" those single-use containers. Turn a plastic pop bottle into a bird feeder or a mini-green house for starting seedlings. An egg carton can be repurposed to serve as a mancala game board. Or snip off the bottom part that holds the eggs to create a 4- or 6- or 12-hole bubble blower.

Recycling is where KNIB has a huge hand in reducing waste down to zero. Those residents in the Rockford area for whom curbside recycling is not possible can drop their clean sorted items at either KNIB facility. Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful accepts glass, plastic, metal, paper, and cardboard – all the usual recycled items. KNIB also serves as a drop-off location for more unusual items that are not accepted in curbside recycling.

Did you know that it is illegal to toss TVs into the trash or recycle bin? These items contain harmful chemicals such as mercury and lead and need to be taken to designated locations where they will be safely disassembled so their valuable materials can be recaptured and recycled. Winnebago County, in collaboration with the Illinois EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) under the Consumer Electronics Recycling Act (CERA), has selected Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful collection facilities as drop-off locations for e-waste.

That means KNIB accepts consumer electronics: from cell phones to CPUs, microwaves to monitors, and TVs to tablets. Outdated electronics such as VHS recorders, landline phones, MP3 players and video game systems are welcome. These, along with computer mice, cables, chargers, adapters, modems, and all their wiring can be recycled with Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful for free. KNIB will also recycle your Christmas lights. Computer monitors and televisions require special handling, so these items carry a fee of \$20-\$30, based on screen size.

Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful is the place to properly dispose of any items that contain refrigerant gas. Freezers, refrigerators, water coolers, and dehumidifiers fall into this category. When these devices stop working, the refrigerant gas must be properly drained. A \$25 fee is assessed for each of these items to help recover the cost of draining these units. Refrigerant gas is 1400 times more potent than carbon dioxide in creating the greenhouse effect in our atmosphere. Release of this gas also harms the ozone layer. Once these items are free of their freon, KNIB sends them to other locations where the glass, plastic and metal they contain can be recycled.

Area residents already know the benefits of donating clothing and textiles to local charities and thrift stores for reuse or resale. Worn-out textiles

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admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g) (1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE, STATE OF ILLINOIS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

THE NORTH HALF (1/2) OF LOT ONE (1) IN BLOCK ONE (1) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF ROWAN'S ADDITION IN THE CITY OF BELVIDERE, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN BOOK 47 OF DEEDS ON PAGE 103 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 919 FREMONT ST, BELVIDERE, IL 61008  
Property Index No. 05-36-176-016

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, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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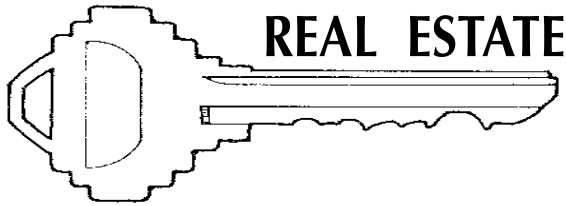
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

LAKEVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC Plaintiff,  
-v.- 23 FC 17

JEFFREY LYLE STAPLETON A/K/A JEFFREY L. STAPLETON, WYFONDA L. STAPLETON Defendant

**NOTICE OF SALE**

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on June 13, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on September 28, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 542 SPRINGMEADOW DRIVE, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

Property Index No. 05-11-227-021

The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$249,641.38.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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For information, contact The sales clerk, LOGS Legal Group LLP Plaintiff's Attorneys, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL, 60015 (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm.. Please refer to file number 22-097965.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

DISCOVER BANK Plaintiff,  
-v.- 2023 FC 8

KEVIN WHITE et al, Defendant

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## Labor

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increase in unionization. By contrast, there were declines in unionization among workers aged 35-44 and older workers over 65.

Unionization rates were highest among people with master's degrees but lowest among people with less than a high school diploma as well as people with professional or doctorate degrees.

The top four industries by unionization rates were public administration, construction, transportation and utilities, and the combined educational and health services industry.

The report notes that the manufacturing workforce, historically a leader in industrial unionization, is now only 8.8 percent organized in Illinois.

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# Presidential Retirements Used To Be More Diverse

By Tom Emery

In recent times, U.S. Presidents have followed a familiar pattern after leaving office. Rake in big bucks on the lecture circuit. Get a huge advance for writing a memoir that is usually panned by critics. Get involved in a global cause or two. Work on their presidential libraries.

By contrast, the lives of past retired Presidents were considerably different. Some continued their political careers, while others struggled with financial woes. Others made another run for the White House, while some died shortly after leaving it.

Today, a President's last day in the White House marks the end of his public service career. Some past Presidents, though, went back to Washington in lesser roles. A year after leaving office, John Quincy Adams was elected to the U.S. House, becoming the only former President to serve in that body. He spent seventeen years in the House.

Forty years later, Andrew Johnson failed in bids for the U.S. Senate in 1871 and the House a year later. Finally in 1875, he was a legislative appointment to the Senate, the only ex-President to serve in the upper chamber. He died a few months after taking office.

William Howard Taft was appointed Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court in 1921, a position he held for nine years to considerable accolades. It was a dream job for Taft, as he had always coveted a justiceship – even more than the Presidency.

On a state level, John Adams, James Madison, and James Monroe were each delegates to constitutional conventions in their respective states after their Presidential terms. Adams was one of several who were also Presidential electors at later conventions. On the other side, John Tyler, a secession advocate, was elected to a seat in the Confederate House of Representatives from his native Virginia in 1861.

In three cases, ex-Presidents made later runs for the White House on third-party tickets. Martin Van Buren was the Presidential candidate on the Free-Soil ticket in 1848, while Millard Fillmore ran as a Know-Nothing eight years later. In 1912, Theodore Roosevelt made a celebrated run on the Bull Moose party, which had helped split the Republicans. None of the three came close to winning.

Roosevelt was among the most traveled of Presidents in his era, taking excursions on an African safari and a Brazilian expedition in which he contracted malaria and nearly died. A proficient writer, he wrote dozens of books in his pre- and post-Presidential days, served as associate editor of Outlook magazine from 1910-1914, and was an editorial contributor to the Kansas City Star for a time in 1917.

Similarly, Calvin Coolidge wrote a daily newspaper column in his post-White House life, and contributed to such magazines as the Saturday Evening Post. Coolidge, though, enjoyed only a short retirement, as did Lyndon Baines Johnson, who both died four years after leaving office. The first President, George Washington, lived less than three years after his terms.

Chester A. Arthur, who was wracked with a severe kidney ailment, only lived for twenty months after his last day in office, while James Polk survived a mere three and a half months after leaving Washington.

Many former Presidents have lived in comparative wealth, but some were plagued by

financial woes, including Andrew Jackson. James Monroe left office \$75,000 in debt, a staggering figure for the time. Harry S Truman also suffered financial troubles in retirement.

Thomas Jefferson's chronic money troubles induced him to sell his 6,500-volume personal library

to the government after the British burned Washington in 1814. The Library of Congress was among the buildings lost, and Jefferson's collection became its new nucleus.

Ulysses S. Grant, who struggled with money throughout his adult life, was writing his memoirs just before his death in 1885 to provide for his family. Prior to that, he had traveled the globe, to great adoration. He was also a strong candidate in Republican convention balloting for a return trip to the White House in 1880 before falling victim to a deadlock.

After his second term in office, Grover Cleveland taught at Princeton, where his university president was future U.S. chief executive Woodrow Wilson. But Wilson's post-Presidential life was miserable, as he was largely incapacitated from a stroke he suffered in office and survived only three years.

Other ex-Presidents in poor health include Dwight D. Eisenhower, who may have suffered as many as six heart attacks, and Lyndon Johnson, another beset by heart issues.

Herbert Hoover had one of the longest Presidential retirements, living 31 years after exiting office. He continued his worldwide relief efforts to combat hunger, a departure from his image of leaving victims of the Great Depression to their own wares.

Though not considered a great chief executive, Jimmy Carter has won acclaim for his global initiatives, winning the 2002 Nobel Peace Prize for his humanitarian endeavors and efforts at peace between Egypt and Israel.

Eight Presidents had no retirements at all, as they died in office – four by assassination and four by illness.

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## Zero Waste

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that have stains and rips and holes may be thrown away if donated to these organizations. But KNIB sends unusable material to a factory where they are shredded and repurposed as carpet padding, insulation, or shop rags. Both KNIB locations accept clean textiles regardless of condition.

All metal can be recycled and should never be thrown away, but curbside bins can only handle food-related metals such as steel or aluminum cans. Other metal items like screens or toasters are too big, while paper clips, keys, or nails are

too small for the sorting equipment to process correctly. Long thin pieces of metal such as coat hangers, cords, chains or wire become tangled in the machines at the sorting facility. If any of these items are placed curbside to be recycled, they will be sent to the landfill. Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful is the answer to questions about metal: the recycling facilities accept metal of all kinds and shapes. KNIB is also the place to drop off appliances, lawnmowers, grills, and metal patio furniture.

Keep Northern Illinois Beautiful is not equipped to accept propane tanks, oxygen tanks, helium tanks or fire extinguishers.

### Drop-Off Locations:

4665 Hydraulic Road in Rockford;  
Saturdays, 9:00 A.M. - Noon and Tuesdays 2:00 – 5:00 P.M

8409 North Second Street in Machesney Park;  
Saturdays, 9:00 A.M. - Noon and Wednesdays, 2:00 – 5:00 P.M

Both facilities will be closed on Saturday, September 2.

More information, including a list of what items are accepted, can be found on the website: <https://www.knib.org/whate-we-take>

Zero Waste Week images and information: <https://www.zerowasteweek.co.uk/free-images-logos/>

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