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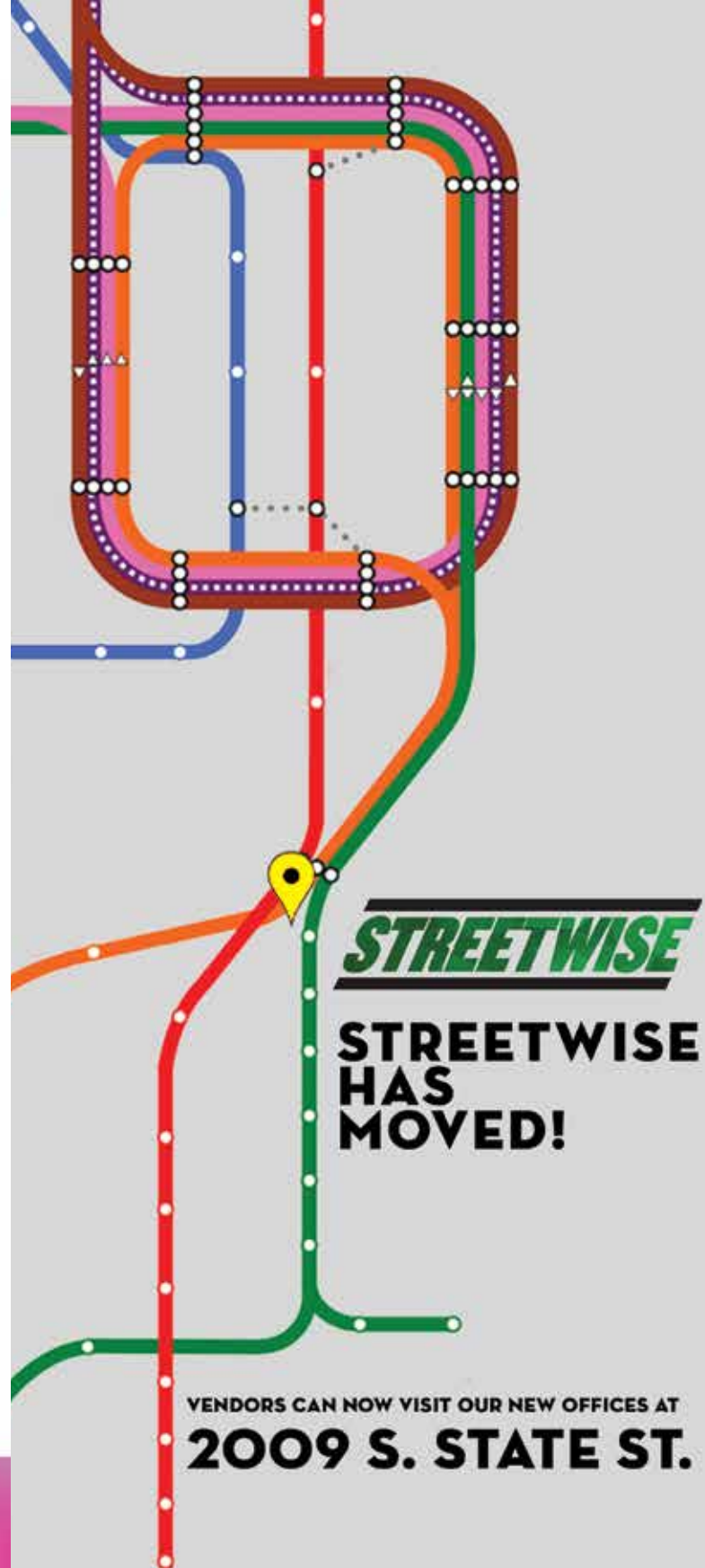
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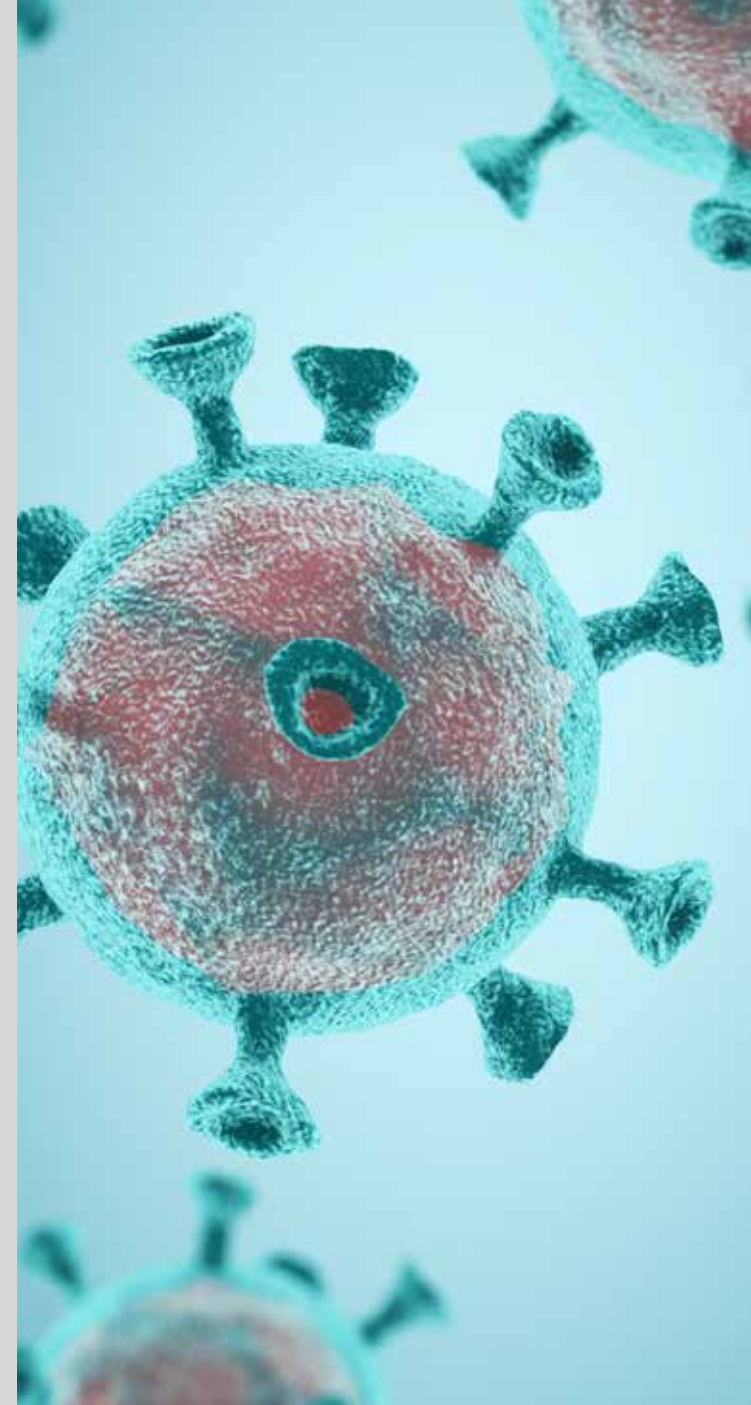
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ARTS & (HOME) ENTERTAINMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

Since being stuck inside, which shows have you been watching? Which movies? Have you read any good books lately? Any new music releases have you dancing in your living room? StreetWise vendors, readers and staff are sharing what is occupying their attention during this unprecedented time.

To be featured in a future edition, send your recommendations of what to do at home and why you love them to: Creative Director / Publisher Dave Hamilton at dhamilton@streetwise.org

Dance for a Cause!

Dance for Life 2020: United As One

August 10 - 15, Chicago Dancers United (CDU) will post videos of past Dance For Life performances, which will remain available throughout the week. Dance supporters and enthusiasts who donate \$20 or more will receive emails with links featuring different videos daily, along with the background on the works themselves.

The culminating virtual celebration on August 15 will be a festive event featuring a world premiere choreographed by Hanna Bricton in response to COVID-19 with dancers from throughout the Chicago area, along with a Dance For Life Highlight reel, celebrity MCs, remarks from sponsors, information about resources available through The Dancer's Fund, news about the 30th Anniversary of Dance For Life next year, and more. Donors of \$20 or more will receive a special link to virtually attend the event. For more information, visit chicagodancersunited.org

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Virtual Rush Hour Concerts

Rush Hour Concerts revamps the traditional classical music concert format by presenting short, high-quality chamber music performances in an intimate and informal setting, accessible to all. Each free half-hour concert is performed by world-class musicians from Chicago ensembles including the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, the Lyric Opera of Chicago and numerous independent chamber music groups. In previous years, Rush Hour Concerts have taken place as live performances at St. James Cathedral. However, due to COVID-19 and in an effort to prioritize the safety of Chicagoans and visitors alike, IMF has opted to stream this season's Rush Hour Concerts online **Tuesdays through September 22** at 5:45 p.m. at <https://imfchicago.org/programs/rush-hour-concerts/> FREE.



- August 4 Poulenc Trio
- August 11 Samuel Coleridge & Taylor's Clarinet Quintet
- August 18 Deborah Sobol Memorial
- August 25 Brahms Horn trio
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- September 8 Avalon String Quartet
- September 15 Rebecca Clarke Trio
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Oriental Institute Explorers! Summer Family Workshop

The Oriental Institute goes virtual for its weekly summer family program series **through August 27!** Each week, tune in for live, interactive activities

all about life in the ancient world. Discover mummy secrets, hear ancient stories, create Egyptian and Mesopotamian-style art, and learn about the science of archaeology. Throughout July and August, we'll take a virtual trip together across the ancient Middle East, covering new topics each week. All are welcome to attend! Please note that these workshops are designed for children ages 5 to 12 and their families. 1:30 - 2 p.m.; register online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/oi-explorers-summer-family-workshop-series-ages-5-12-tickets-111058394648>



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Pitch in for the Parks

The nonprofit Chicago Parks Foundation (CPF) is leading a new citywide volunteer initiative to help keep the city's 600+ public parks clean. "Pitch in for the Parks!" invites community groups, corporate teams and individual volunteers to participate in this season-long effort. Park budgets have been stretched thin this year and there are fewer seasonal employees. In partnership with the Chicago Park District and communities across the city, CPF is providing trash pick-up supplies, volunteer coordination and safety guidelines to support the parks' ongoing maintenance throughout the summer. Volunteers can learn more and get involved online at chicagoparks-foundation.org/pitch-in. Safety guidelines are aligned with the Chicago Park District's response to COVID-19 and the latest City of Chicago information.



Give A Shi*t!

Marz Community of the Future Market

The Community of the Future Market is a City of Chicago Licensed Farmers Market and food distribution program hosted in the parking lot behind Marz Community Brewing, 3630 S. Iron St. **every Sunday** from 10 am - 2pm. The market strives to provide a space for the community to purchase directly from farmers and vendors in a safe and comfortable manner. In addition, the market features local restaurants and makers including Buddy, Sauce and Bread Kitchen, Inflorescence Flowers and Plants and more. Give A Shi*t, who donates 100% of their profits to StreetWise, will also be there weekly to sell and showcase its ever-evolving and irreverent T-shirt collection. RSVP is \$5 and space must be reserved to promote social distancing at communityofthefuture.org



Sam Out!

Dead and Company 'One More Saturday Night'

Dead and Company is three of the four still living members of the Grateful Dead: Bob Weir, Bill Kreutzmann and Mickey Hart, playing in their newest reiteration of the Dead, which has pop superstar John Mayer taking the reins of Jerry Garcia's legendary lead guitar parts. Many Deadheads, who originally viewed Mayer's addition to the group with skepticism, were quickly converted into John Mayer fans when he played disciplined and passionate tributes to Garcia's music without abandoning his own musical personality. The group, which formed in 2015, has been one of the Dead's most successful touring acts since Garcia's death. Bassist Oteil Burbridge and keyboardist Jeff Chimenti round out the band. The weekly broadcasts happen every Saturday night at 7 p.m. at youtube.com/deadandcompany -Recommended by StreetWise contributor Kathleen Hinkel



WOMEN & COVID-19: UNEQUAL RISK

by Cathleen Draper

They said a virus didn't discriminate. But as the COVID-19 pandemic gripped the United States, it became clear that the reassurances were wrong.

The coronavirus, coupled with systems that negatively impact the lives of communities of color, has disproportionately affected these communities—especially women.

In terms of both health and the workplace, “what COVID did was just pull the covers off the inequities that exist,” Women Employed CEO Cherita Ellens said during a series of panels hosted by the nonprofit advocacy organization in the middle of the pandemic.

In March, more than 700,000 employees in the U.S. were laid off. The 14.7 percent April unemployment rate was the highest recorded since 1939. The unemployment rate in Illinois hit a historic high of 16.4 percent.

Of the jobs lost in March, nearly 60 percent were held by women. The female unemployment rate in April was 16.2 percent, compared to 13.5 percent for men.

“The New York Times published an article and said we should go ahead and call this a ‘she-cession’—that the scale and the crisis is unlike anything they’ve seen since the Great Depression,” Ellens said.

Jill Gigstad, Midwest researcher at the Illinois Economic Policy Institute, called the effects of the recession “unusual.”

“Men are typically more impacted by recessions due to the industries they work in and how they’re closely tied to economic labels,” Gigstad said. “But more men are in essential occupations, or ones that are deemed essential now, such as construction workers and doctors, firefighters, police officers, and they also work in more industries that can work from home.”

More women are employed in non-essential industries, like hospitality, hotels, restaurants and retail. Twenty-four percent of men work in occupations deemed essential, compared to 17 percent of women.

Plus, 28 percent of men hold jobs that can transition to telecommuting, while only 22 percent of women hold such jobs.

In its April report, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics detailed just how much women have been impacted by the crisis nationally:

- The health and education sector—in which women make up 74.8 percent of employees—lost 2.5 million jobs.

- The retail sector—in which women make up 73.2 percent of employees—lost 2.1 million jobs.

- The leisure and hospitality sector—in which women make up 51.2 percent of workers—lost 7.7 million jobs.

And, with schools and childcare centers closed, and the majority of caregiving and domestic responsibilities historically falling on women, working mothers must now balance an increased caregiving workload—which likely includes serving as a teacher— with their typical workday.

The face of the pandemic’s implications isn’t just female. It’s non-White, too.

“While the virus doesn’t discriminate, that doesn’t mean that all parts of society are equally at risk,” Gigstad said.

Between March and April in Illinois, Black women faced a 22.4 percent drop in employment and Hispanic women faced a 22.1 percent drop. Meanwhile, White women saw just a 17.6 percent drop in employment.

All parts of society aren’t equally at risk because of pre-existing gender and racial disparities. In Illinois, more than 55 percent of confirmed coronavirus cases are people of color, but Black, Brown and Asian people comprise 23 percent of tested populations.

People of color die at disproportionate rates from COVID, too. Black people account for nearly 30 percent of deaths, while Hispanic populations account for nearly 20 percent.

A report by the Economic Policy Institute shows Black workers and their families face greater risk of illness because Blacks comprise a huge portion of the essential workforce. One in 6 essential workers are Black. Gaps in healthcare coupled with greater exposure leaves these communities especially vulnerable to COVID-related illness and death.

Greg Kelley, president of SEIU Healthcare Illinois Indiana, Missouri and Kansas—one of the largest local unions in the country representing healthcare workers—said the majority of SEIU’s members are women, particularly women of color, who work in hospitals, nursing homes, home care, as housekeepers, janitorial aides and childcare providers.

“They are truly on the front lines,” Kelley said. “It has been a challenging moment as you can imagine. They’ve been undervalued jobs, underpaid jobs where workers have been understaffed [or] having to work double jobs just to make ends meet. So COVID-19 really has just only exacerbated what’s already been a difficult time.”

The pandemic exposed a series of critical flaws in the economic system beyond systemic racial inequities in labor and healthcare—and it exposed an opportunity to bring about change.

Almost 30 million Americans do not have access to paid sick leave, including one million Illinois workers. Many workers choose to go to work when they are sick because they cannot afford to miss a day of pay or put themselves at risk of losing their job if they stay home.

“Everyone deserves to have paid time off from work when they’re sick,” Gigstad said. “Ultimately, paid sick leave is about public health, but it’s really about good economics.”

Policies providing for paid sick leave have no negative effect on job growth. They reduce employee turnover and absenteeism and prevent a loss of productivity. Also, guaranteed paid sick leave boosts female labor force participation by 17 percent.

In addition to paid sick leave, Gigstad sees three other opportunities to address the needs of workers, particularly women.

“Millions of businesses across the country are now dealing with adjusting to working from home due to stay-at-home orders, and women are actually going to benefit most from this change in business culture,” Gigstad said. “Historically, they’ve been the primary providers of childcare in the household.”

The adoption of workplace flexibility in the form of increased opportunities for working from home or adjusted hours would be beneficial for working women. Some industry structures don’t allow for that type of flexibility.

Illinois’ Childcare Assistance Program provides subsidized childcare to roughly 160,000 children.

“We know how expensive childcare is,” Gigstad said. “If we could expand upon this and have more eligible children, especially for single parents and low-income families, it would really support women now and in the future.”

Kelley sees the aftermath of the pandemic as a moment for a reinvigorated labor movement to come up with a new social contract that respects all workers.

“It’s important that workers come out of this moment understanding that it’s through their collective power and strength that they’re going to be able to rethink and remove some of the barriers to real equality,” Kelley said.

And despite the overall goodwill toward front line and essential workers, the crisis they face isn’t going away, according to Women Employed. Their crisis continues because of pay inequity and a lack of labor rights that would promote their economic and physical well-being—and that of their community.

“Essential workers will be critical in recovering from COVID-19,” Gigstad said. “However, despite being called essential, their pay does not reflect that status. So, we should call upon our elected officials in Illinois to protect these frontline workers by strengthening workers’ rights, introducing hazard pay, and boosting labor standards in ways that support working families.”



ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA FOUNDATION TOWNHALL: WHY US?

by Suzanne Hanney

As African-Americans are contracting and dying of coronavirus disproportionate to their numbers in the US, AKArara Foundation of Theta Omega Chapter of AKA hosted a recent virtual townhall to answer the question, “Why us?”

Founded in 1908 at Howard University, Alpha Kappa Alpha – (AKA), is the oldest Greek-letter organization established by African-American college-educated women. Its 300,000 college-trained members are committed to advocacy that results in equity. Veletta Bell is AKArara Foundation president; Kimberley I. Egonmwan is vice president. The virtual event was produced by the Foundation's health committee, chaired by Dr. Causandra McClain-Hall. WGN-TV anchor Micah Materre, who is an AKA member, hosted the panel, which included a medical doctor speaking on heart health and two PhDs: one discussing immunology and the other talking about nutrition, food disparity and civil unrest. Two of the panelists are AKA members.

Iyabo Obasanjo, Ph.D. opened the townhall with a discussion on immunology: how the body protects itself against infectious diseases caused by microorganisms such as bacteria or viruses. A healthy immune system will help a body fight off infection, but a defective one could fail to protect a body, or even attack it.

By the end of June, there had been 10 million COVID cases (2.5 million in the U.S.) and 500,000 deaths (128,000 in the U.S.) since the first case in November 2019 in China, Dr. Obasanjo said.

Although African Americans are just 12 percent of the population, they are 20 percent of the cases.

The reasons for the disparity, Dr. Obasanjo said, are:

- “where we live”: in densely populated urban areas;
- “where we work”: overrepresented in occupations where it is difficult to social distance, such as certified nurse assistants and licensed practical nurses, hairdressers, nail techs, tourism and transportation;
- access to health care”: a higher percentage of African Americans lack health care than whites because of their jobs. People may be working three or four part-time gigs, none of them offering insurance.

Dr. Obasanjo showed a graphic of uninsured adults age 19-64. Only 8.5 percent of Whites were uninsured compared to 13.8 percent of Blacks and 25.1 percent of Hispanics, which could reflect an immigrant (undocumented) population, she said. The graphic showed a decline in the number of uninsured people since 2014 – the start of the Affordable Care Act or “Obamacare,” which has been threatened by the Trump administration.

The virus enters the body through the mucosa of the mouth and nose, replicates there and slowly travels through the respiratory system. The virus destroys lung cells and the body's

immune reaction to the organism does more of the same. Testing has gone very wrong from a public health perspective, she said. If it had been done in February, infected people and contact persons would have been isolated and “we would be dancing in the streets by the end of summer.”

You can get COVID-19 by touching a contaminated surface or breathing in droplets exhaled by someone less than 6 feet away. “Wearing a mask is life-saving,” said **Icilma V. Fergus-Rowe, MD**, who discussed clinical reasons for “why us.”

The moist surfaces of the nose and mouth are receptive to the virus, and more rarely, so are the eyes. That's why brushing your hands against your trendy, long false eyelashes is a no-no. The doctor said she also wears a cap around her own long hair.

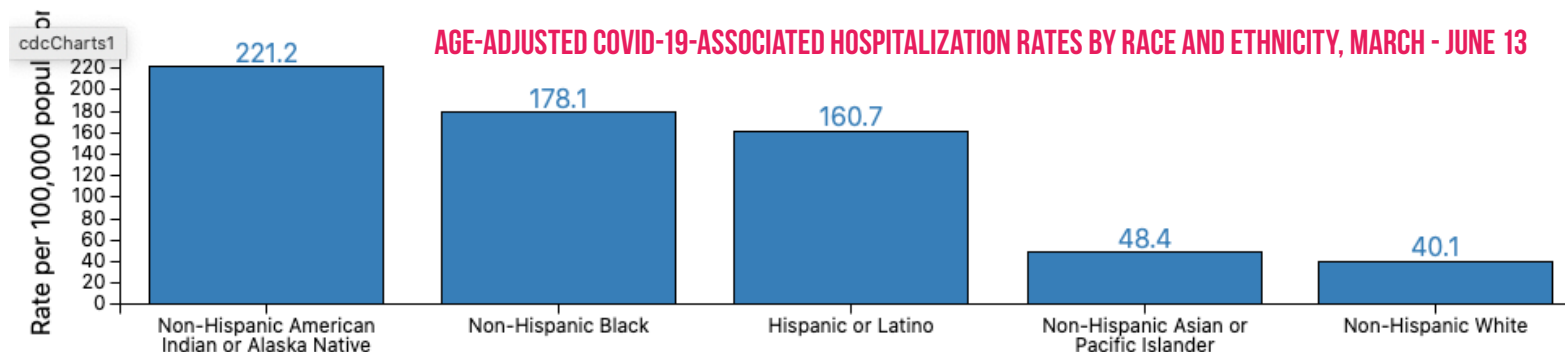
The virus can live for 24 hours on cardboard or hard surfaces, so washing your hands is essential. Soap up for 20 seconds, the time it takes to sing “Happy Birthday” twice.

Although coronavirus goes away, its effects may be lasting. Heart muscles can become inflamed, leading to heart attacks. Clots can break off in major arteries and cause pulmonary emboli, strokes and seizures. Kidneys can also become inflamed, leading to dialysis.

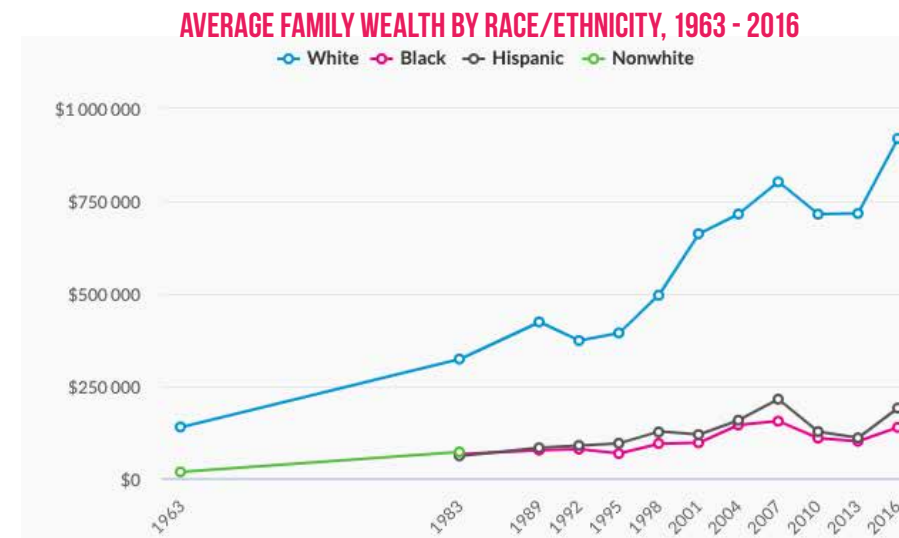
Dr. Fergus-Rowe agreed about Blacks working on the front lines and about them having less access to health care. But she also cited their mistrust based on history, such as the U.S. Public Health Service study of Black men with untreated syphilis from 1932-72 in Tuskegee (Macon County, AL). Penicillin became available in the 1940s, but was not given to them. Much was learned about the disease – at the men's expense. Dr. Fergus-Rowe had a patient who preferred to stay at home with the coronavirus, who came to the hospital too late and who died of multiple organ failure in her 50s.

Eighty percent of corona patients will have only mild symptoms two to 14 days after contact, but some symptoms demand immediate hospitalization: shortness of breath, persistent pain in the chest, sudden confusion, inability to wake up or to stay awake, bluish lips or face.

Just the same, she said eating the right foods – fresh, green vegetables and fruit – are good measures, along with vitamins: B for blood pressure, C to build the immune system, Vitamin D, and zinc. “Get rest, exercise. If you do get the virus



Income is connected with where you live, which is connected to education, (because of property taxes) which in turn affects the health equity you are able to achieve.



when the body is strong, you will fight it off.”

The slavery of 400 years ago has had lasting structural determinants that undermine health equity, said **Angela Odoms-Young Ph.D.**, as she cited a study of Chicago ZIP codes that showed people in Lincoln Park and the Loop reaching the ages of 81 and 85, respectively, but those in Washington Park and East Garfield Park only 69 and 72.

Health equity is a matter of everyone in society having the opportunity to gain their full potential, she said. But there are layers of inequities that get in the way, such as lack of access to quality education, health care, and other resources like car seats for children and grocery stores with healthy food.

Microaggressions from outsiders – intentional racism or not – can cause physical stress in an individual. Internalized racism – beliefs about inferiority – can erode the sense of self and physically impact the immune system, which leaves it more prone to disease.

Government has the power to decide, to act, and to control resources. Obamacare provides health care for low-income people of color, and the previous administration also invested in neighborhoods, Dr. Odoms-Young said. First Lady Michelle Obama also stressed the importance of healthy school lunches.

A decade from now, there may be yet another virus on top of chronic disease already in the community. “If we don't look at the structural factors, we will be in the same position we are in now.”

OUR EXPERTS



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ANGELA ODOMS-YOUNG, PH.D., promotes healthy lifestyles in underserved communities and community-driven solutions that promote health and economic development. Dr. Odoms-Young is an associate professor in the Department of Kinesiology and Nutrition in the College of Applied Health Sciences at University of Illinois Health. She is also associate director for research and education in the U of I Health Office of Community Engagement and Neighborhood Health Partnerships. She is a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated.

RENTERS FACE EVICTION WORRIES AS COVID-19 PROVISIONS COME TO AN END

by Suzanne Hanney

Attorneys and advocates expect evictions to spike this month, with the July 31 expiration of Gov. J.B. Pritzker's moratorium and many Illinoisans still jobless due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We had a number of landlords give five-day notices, which is illegal," Alan Mills, executive director of the Uptown People's Law Center (UPLC), said in mid-July of three large Section 8 buildings in the neighborhood and tenants who had lost their jobs. When UPLC told the landlords to back off, they did, Mills said.

UPLC subsequently did a mailing to all subsidized tenants in Uptown telling them how their rights differed during the pandemic.

Similarly, the Autonomous Tenants Union is pulling evictions filings from the Cook County Court docket and reaching out to these people with mini-campaigns in buildings, asking landlords to forgive rent or to do payment plans – to commit to avoiding eviction. "Technically, landlords are not allowed to file unless the tenant is causing property damage or is a threat to other tenants," ATU organizer Jake Marshall said of the governor's executive order.

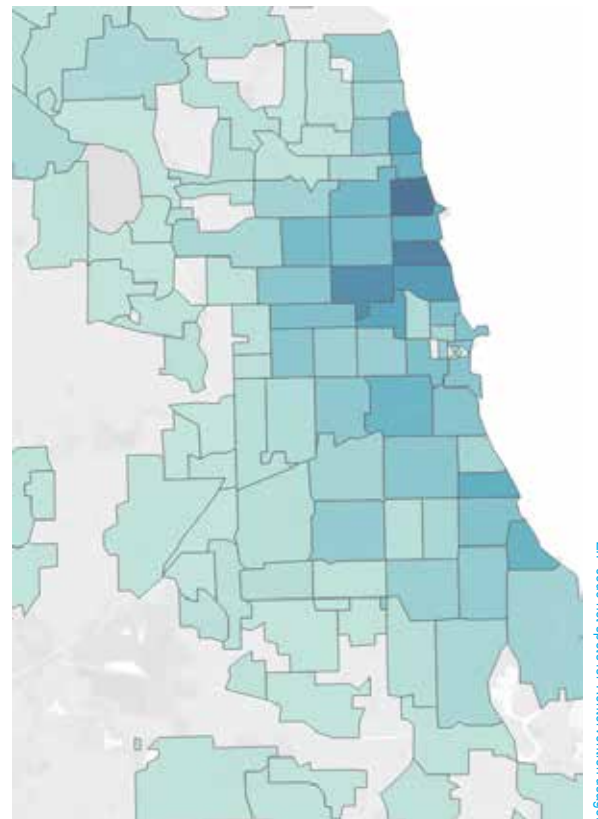
The moratorium means a landlord cannot commence an eviction, but a landlord's attorney would say that filing a court case and making a demand on a tenant doesn't count. A tenant's attorney would say it does, said Conor Malloy, an attorney who is Rentervention project director at the Lawyers Committee for Better Housing (LCBH).

Rentervention is a free resource for Chicago renters through LCBH, Illinois Legal Aid Online, the Lawyers Trust Fund of Illinois and others, which provides answers about evictions, utility shutoffs, housing conditions and security deposits via Renny, Rentervention's bot. Tenants can also get help writing a letter to their landlord and receive a referral to free lawyer assistance.

Visits to the Rentervention website went from 1,400 in the January-March period to 11,000 for April-June – a 650 percent increase, Malloy said. The top ZIP codes were 60640 (Uptown), 60657 (Lakeview), 60647 (Logan Square), 60614 (Lincoln Park), 60622 (West Town), 60626 (Rogers Park), 60615 (Kenwood), 60613 (Lakeview), 60649 (South Shore) and 60660 (Edgewater).

A five-day notice hasn't been filed with the court – which means it is still between just the tenant and the landlord – and an eviction can be avoided. An ordinance passed by the Chicago City Council in June says that if someone lost income from the pandemic and tells their landlord when he gives them a five-day notice, he must give them an additional seven days to work out a negotiation.

"It adds some sand to the hourglass," Malloy said. **Ten-**



ants can create their Notice of COVID-19 Impact letter at rentervention.com/covid or by texting "covid" to 866-7-RENTER. They can simply forward it to their landlord.

When tenants submit this letter, they are invited to come into LCBH's virtual clinic to get attorney assistance so that both parties can negotiate in good faith and walk away happy. The landlord gets money to pay the rent and keep the tenant; the tenant is stabilized in housing.

Some tenants might be also eligible for homelessness prevention dollars from the city and state. People can initiate this process by calling the city's 311 non-emergency number.

Meanwhile, the Illinois unemployment rate for June was 14.6 percent, down 0.7 percent with the addition of 148,000 non-farm jobs over the previous month. Compared to a year ago, non-farm payroll employment was down by 598,300 jobs, across all industries. The biggest losses were in leisure and hospitality, down by 221,800 jobs, followed by professional and business services, down 88,100.

But while landlords are waiting for rent, they have mortgages and property taxes to pay or they could lose their buildings, said UPLC's Mills. "That's why giving out money is the best solution. And it has to be at the federal level. They're the only ones who can borrow that large an amount of money. It's a looming disaster."



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HOW TO FIND HEALTHY, SAFE FOOD DURING THE COVID-19 CRISIS

by Harry Rhodes

The COVID-19 pandemic profoundly impacted our food system, especially the meat and poultry sectors. Meatpacking plants have closed because workers became sick, leading to reports of meat shortages. The Trump Administration responded by ordering the meat plants to stay open, putting the workers at even greater risk. At the same time, there has been a surplus of meat and milk, forcing the food to be wasted even while people are going hungry. How can both of these scenarios be happening simultaneously?



There are many myths about the meat and poultry raised and produced in our country. It is often assumed that independent family farms produce this abundant, relatively inexpensive food and that it is safe and nutritious. In reality, four corporations control 80 percent of the meat produced in the United States. The terrible treatment of workers is just one of the many ways these giant corporations harm our communities and neglect public health. The problems begin with the farms supplying animals to the meatpackers, where crowding and unhealthy practices lead to routine antibiotic use and the consequent spread of antibiotic resistant superbugs.

The nonprofit organization I lead, Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT), promotes the safe and humane production of meat, milk, and eggs. We envision that all food-producing animals will be raised in a healthy and humane manner, so that everyone will have access to safe and humanely-produced food.

FACT is committed to helping livestock and poultry farmers raise their animals outdoors on well-managed pasture due to the numerous benefits associated with pasture-based animal production. Animals living on pasture can move freely and engage in natural behaviors. They also experience lower stress, disease and lameness, as well as fewer reproductive problems. Pasture-based animal production can help to improve soil health and fertility, and mitigate climate change.

In addition, studies consistently show that pasture-raised animals produce nutritionally superior meat, milk and eggs. When compared to food from animals that were fed grain and raised in confinement, food from animals raised on pasture has better fat quality and increased levels of essential vitamins and nutrients. You can find more free information about the nutritional benefits of pasture-raised foods and the truth about many claims that you find on packages at foodanimalconcernstrust.org/food-labels.

So, you may ask, where can I find this good, healthy food? FACT recently published its National Directory of Local Food Vendors (foodanimalconcernstrust.org/vendor-list) to support small family farms and to provide an alternative for consumers to large national distribution and supermarket chains. This directory helps consumers during this difficult period when so many of us are spending more time at home and looking for alternatives to shopping at big supermarkets. There are many affordable, healthy food shopping options in Illinois, Wisconsin and even Indiana that deliver to the Chicago metro area.



Farmers markets are also a good place to start, and Chicago has some fantastic options. Most were closed during the early months of the pandemic, but have since reopened. <https://foodanimalconcernstrust.org/markets>

The global coronavirus crisis has exposed the fragility of the industrial food system. It's clear that independent family farms are an essential part of a more resilient food system. We as consumers can change our food system, and demand that all food is produced humanely, that it is healthy and safe, and that the people working throughout the food system are treated fairly and are working in safe environments.

Harry Rhodes is Executive Director of a Chicago-based nonprofit organization Food Animal Concerns Trust (FACT). FACT promotes the safe and humane production of meat, milk, and eggs, and envisions that all food-producing animals will be raised in a healthy and humane manner so that everyone will have access to safe and humanely-produced food in communities across the country. For more information, visit foodanimalconcernstrust.org

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SAYING GOODBYE TO VENDOR LAWRENCE ANTHONY

by Suzanne Hanney

Lawrence Anthony had learned to enjoy the moment, wherever he was.

Mr. Anthony was born in Chicago Dec. 30, 1954 and grew up in the Near West Side ABLA Homes with his mother, five brothers and two sisters. Survivors include his sisters Felicia and Kimberly, brothers Victor, Lamont and John and his mother, Ms. Anthony. In the StreetWise Mother's Day edition, he described his mother as a "people person" who mimicked the Wicked Witch in the Wizard of Oz, saying "I'll get you!" on the way home from an ABLA community screening of the film.

Mr. Anthony came to StreetWise in the mid-90s because he was staying in Grant Park and Millennium Park, working hard jobs. He couldn't find stability in his life and he didn't want his family to go through that.

"We met on the L going to StreetWise one afternoon and then on another occasion at the office on Broadway. I will miss his humbleness, he was a really nice person," Vendor Robert Qualls said on Facebook of Mr. Anthony, who died the third weekend of July.

In the last year, Mr. Anthony had begun to assert himself as a vendor, mainly near Federal Plaza at Jackson and Dearborn Streets, with Saturdays at Randolph and State Streets. He usually worked 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. He admitted that at times he had been depressed and would want to leave after an hour or two, but he would be glad he didn't because he suddenly had an onslaught of customers.

"At StreetWise I've learned to communicate with customers and a lot of them have the same types of problems I had. They've been through it all and just want you to talk to them. I talk to them and give them a speech and they'll ask me how my family is doing," he said.

For fun, he liked to shoot pool and to listen to music. In another edition of the magazine, he described people shaking hands and hugging at a concert by the Four Tops and the Temptations. "It really takes a lot to still get out there, especially when they get up in age," he said of the two groups, which feature respective surviving original artists Abdul Fakir and Eddie Kendricks. "They still have the energy, and people still know them and want to have a good time. Everyone seemed so happy."

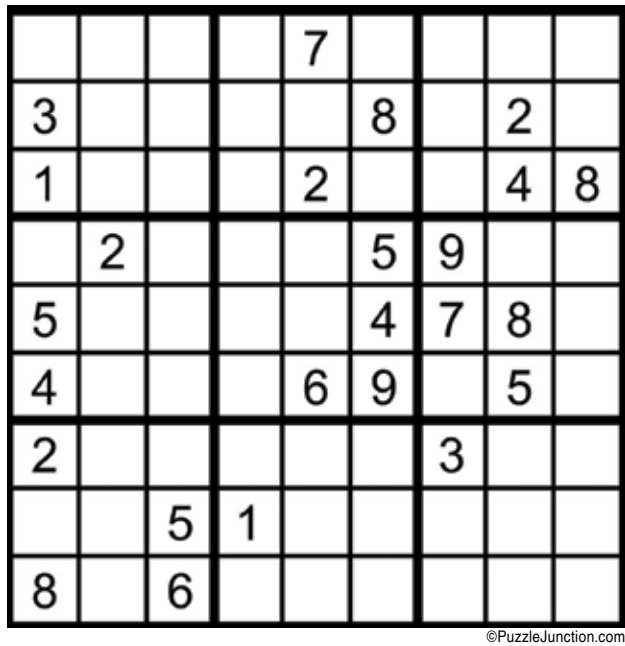
He was also featured in the International Vendor Week edition in February.

Mr. Anthony considered his profession to be stripping and waxing floors, something he had done for over 30 years, since his 20s. His goal was to get a job and an apartment on the North Side, but he still wanted to return and help StreetWise. In his sales pitch, he had incorporated the message that homelessness is happening throughout the nation, to anyone.

"I really like doing what I'm doing at StreetWise," he said. "I would like people to keep accepting me for who I am and I feel good about it. A lot of people hide their hats that have the StreetWise logo on it, but I'll wear it wherever I'm at. I'm proud of my job and good at it."

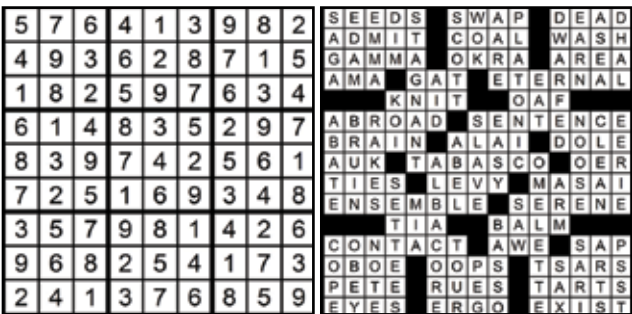


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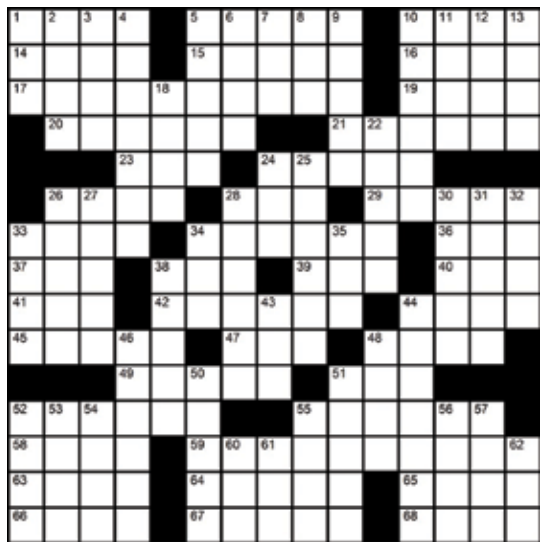
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To empower the entrepreneurial spirit through the dignity of self-employment by providing Chicagoans facing homelessness with a combination of supportive social services, workforce development resources and immediate access to gainful employment.



Orientation
Participants complete a monthlong orientation, focusing on customer service skills, financial literacy and time management to become a badged vendor.

S.T.E.P. Program

StreetWise's S.T.E.P. Program provides job readiness training and ongoing direct service support to ensure participants' success in entering the traditional workforce.



Financial Literacy
Vendors buy StreetWise for \$0.90, and sell it for \$2. The profit of \$1.10 goes directly to the licensed vendor for them to earn a living.

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