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The Glass Dress and the Columbian Exposition

By James Middleton

Of course, the event was spectacular and unprecedented but how could the entertainment fail with a name of "The World's Columbian Exposition." That was the Chicago World's Fair that opened to the world in the late spring of 1893 and it was an event created to celebrate Chicago, to celebrate the accomplishments of America and also to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492. And, the Chicago World's Fair also had the premiere of the famous glass dress that was described as the "Royal Robe of Princess Eulalia" of Spain.

With an object such as a dress created from finely spun glass that was designed specifically for a Spanish Princess, how could the Columbian Exposition fail to please the visitors, even those from Iowa?

The story that accompanies this glass dress is as much legend as any myth can be understood. The event, the Princess and her dress were all elements of myth that survived the running of the exposition.

Certainly a number of glass engineers, glass blowers and creative employees at the Libby Glass Company were solicited to set forth to create the raw material from which this garment would be made. The order for the garment was communicated to the Libby Glass Company and the glass fabric would be prepared, shipped to New York City to be sewn and delivered to the 600-acre exposition site in Chicago to be held and shown at the Crystal Palace, the site where the Libby Glass Company would display the dress and items they manufactured. The date for her arrival was set for Saturday, June 10, 1893. It should be presumed that the Princess was not accustomed to being denied anything she wanted, even a glass dress on a preordained date.

It is written that the glass fiber for the dress was spun from solid glass canes that were said to have been three-eighths of an inch in diameter. The aggregate of these fibers was over 70-feet long and the aggregate weight of the fiber was almost 10 pounds.

It is likely to imagine that the workers were under a tight deadline. Perhaps the Spanish Princess had other options to decide between before she chose to have a dress made from glass. The history of this remarkable garment and the steps needed to manufacture the dress states that the fabric



was spun in 37 hours and 39 minutes. No information was available regarding why the company would assign someone to keep track of how long it took those in the factory to spin fiber for this garment but perhaps someone at the Libby Glass Company imagined that their feat would one day be an item that the company could promote or at least, should remember.

The compiled record of the effort to manufacture the fibers and to weave the fabric also noted that the wheel used for spinning the fiber stood 18 ¾ feet in circumference and

made as many as 256 revolutions per minute. It remains remarkable that such data was noted in 1893. Further, for anyone truly interested, a continuous length of glass thread used to fabricate this eccentricity was estimated to have extended an unbelievable length of more than 1,914 miles- stunning.

The people that wove the fabric might have celebrated the decision to use silk thread for the warp of the fabric. No data remains regarding the length of silk thread used or any other element associated with the use of silk thread.

The Spanish Princess must have been a lusty woman but perhaps most women in 1893 were large of build and strong of bone because the total weight of this affectation was more than 13 pounds, 4.5 ounces. Another remarkable aspect of this garment was the price the Libby Glass Company charged the regal Spanish monarch.

After spinning the glass thread around a wheel and continuously winding the thread for more than 1,900 miles, the company charged the Spanish Royal Family a mere \$2,500 for this glass garment that would be worn by the woman that ordered the garment only once.

The many yards of glass and silk fabric was shipped to a Madame Victorene in New York City and she was the tailor that created the design and patterns for the dress. She actually cut and sewed the various pieces into a functional garment.

It should be noted that the mannequin used in this photograph to display the famous glass dress wore no jewelry. The person that dressed the statue did not apply a necklace to accent her throat nor bracelets to accent her wrists or arms. The decision to be seen without jewelry, even when the Spanish Princess Eulalia wore the glass dress for her one and only showing, was decided to allow the beauty of the dress to be seen unencumbered.

One explanation of why the decision was made had, "Resplendent with softest sheen, no further ornamentations are requisite to the melee of harmonious glitter and luster into which the foot lights pour their sparkling rays."

A more succinct explanation would hold that nothing more was needed. For those that attended the "World's Columbian Exposition" that was the "Chicago World's Fair," nothing more was needed for them, either.

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City Agrees to Ease Payment of Fees

By James Middleton

Periodically Belvidere elected city officials are asked to reduce, diminish, alter or amend fees and current zoning ordinances by residents and business people that wish for these items to be amended to meet their specific needs. Though people and entities might ask, not all requests are granted.

In the Monday Belvidere City Council meeting, one business owner that had asked the city to create a payment contract to pay the necessary water and sewer connection fees over five years left the City Council chamber after being granted his wish. The request was affixed to the property in Belvidere bearing the address of 1925 North State Street.

In a unanimous roll-call vote, city aldermen approved enacting a contract between the city and the property owner to allow that owner to make a down payment of \$4,842 to obtain the water and sewer connection. The contract between him and the city articulates that he will make four annual payments of \$4,800 and complete payment of the full water and sewer connection fees where his business will

arise.

What led the aldermen to agree to this contract arose on December 27, 2011 when a letter was received at City Hall from Kevin Olson of Poon & Le LLC. The letter was addressed to the city and said, "My company has been in the process of trying to open a Laundromat here in Belvidere for a couple of months."

Mr. Olson went on to say that he was informed he would have to pay an approximate fee of \$26,000 to the city. He explained that he could not afford to make that payment in one check and, though his is a small business, he believed he has a greater risk of failure than a larger business. Further, Mr. Olson agreed that he would not employ a large number of people but he would employ some people and would be paying taxes on the property.

Finally, Mr. Olson said he had negotiated with the utility companies to upgrade his service from them. The gas company had agreed to waive their fees for their service upgrade. He indicated that improvement to the existing

water system would cost over \$10,000 with installation of a larger water meter.

Mr. Olson concluded his letter, "So we are asking the city to waive the connection fee to help us move forward and bring another new business to Belvidere."

Mr. Olson appeared before the Belvidere City Council Committee of the Whole meeting on January 9 to answer questions from the aldermen.

Belvidere Mayor Frederic Brereton presented the question in the Committee meeting and said, "This relates to a strip mall on North State Street where there have been improvements. Mr. Olson wants an installment agreement and in the event that the business is not successful, he asks if the city would waive the remaining installments and I think that is appropriate."

A number of the aldermen spoke in that earlier meeting with all supporting the extension of an installment contract and further, providing for a waiver of any uncollected fees if the business fails during the installment period. The result of the Committee meeting had city attorney Michael Drella being asked to create a preliminary contract agreement to

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Editor,

Wind Turbines

When it comes to Wind Turbines, I think there are two groups that are strongly in favor of wind turbines. They are venture capitalists and environmentalists. The first group is taking advantage of a lucrative situation, and the second group is either uninformed or misinformed.

The venture capitalists are enthusiastic about making money with someone else paying the majority of the freight. I say this because the 400 foot wind turbines that are being constructed today cost 2 million dollars each, but the government pays a majority of the cost. A wind turbine cannot generate enough electricity in its lifetime to return 2 million dollars. A wind turbine would have to last almost double its expected lifetime to pay for itself and then start creating a profit. However, since the investors only pay about 1/3 or 1/4 of the cost they eventually make a profit, again at someone else's expense.

Speaking of turbine life expectancy, the largest wind farm in the country, at the time it was constructed, 1600 turbines, was built in the mid 80s near San Francisco. It did not last 25 years and today sits abandoned. It is not the only wind farm that has been abandoned, it is just the largest.

Another thing, since they operate only approximately 30% of the time it does not cut back very much on the generating capacity for the utility companies, since they must be capable of generating the needed energy when the turbines are not generating. Still another fact, these towers plus turbines weigh between 300 and 400 tons (unbelievable, isn't it?) and to be sure they do not tip over, a base of equal, or even greater, weight must be under each one. If the turbine becomes inoperable or if the site owner changes his or her mind they are facing quite an obstacle. Even if it's in the contract that the turbine company is liable, it still could be an ordeal.

Also it has been insisted by some people that wind turbines do not devalue adjoining property. However, it would be hard to convince the people in the Township of Lincoln, Wisconsin of that fact. In 2003, which was prior to the 2006 and 2007 drop in real estate property, everything within one mile of turbines was selling at 78% of assessed valuation, but in the same area prior to turbines, everything had been selling for 104% of assessed valuation. In England the property devaluation has been concluded to be 30% and in Denmark similar results. Anyone that questions wind turbine devaluing neighboring property should ask realtors, not wind turbine people. Realtor have nothing to gain by giving a wrong answer.

And then about the environmentalists, who love the idea of wind turbines. Their first thought is, "Oh, the wind is free." Is it really free if it costs 2 million dollars per turbine to harvest it?

Then if you quote engineers and scientists saying that the rhythmic thumping sound, a pattern found at a distance from the turbine of up to .9 of a mile, but sometimes not immediately under the turbines, it can be sufficient to prevent or interrupt sleep and even cause migraine headaches and vertigo for some people. In 2010 Prairie Farmer quoted the Hulthens telling how terrible and devastating it is living close to turbines. In April 2009 an issue of the Wisconsin State Farmer included a letter to the editor from Tony S. Moyer of Fond du Lac County that verifies what the Hulthens family said. As the Hulthens stated, in their opinion the setback should be one mile. In support of that idea is the fact that Europe is ahead of us in experience with wind turbines and today England and France are also suggesting one mile setback and Denmark says one and one half miles.

One other point I would like to make- environmentalists are very concerned about carbon foot print. Isn't an enormous carbon foot print being created with the manufacturing of a 300 to 400 ton tower and turbine, and then the delivery and erection of the monstrosity.

Don Ellingson

Editor,

Recently there have been many rumors regarding our pantry and the clients we serve. I have decided to write this editorial to set the record straight regarding the people we serve, what geographical area we serve, and what guidelines we follow.

We receive USDA foods each month and in order to receive food products from this agency, we must follow their guidelines. The monthly income allowed by the USDA for a one person household is \$1,180.00. For each additional household member, we add \$414.00. Each client signs a signature sheet that is sent into USDA at the end of each month. This signature sheet states that anyone who gives false information regarding their income, there is a \$25,000.00 fine and up to 5 years in jail and each client is informed of this information before they sign the signature

sheet. Each client is screened every time they visit the pantry and they are entered into a client data program where their file is updated each time they visit our agency.

Regarding the geographical location of our clients, we serve all of Boone County. When someone arrives at our facility, they must provide us with proof of residency. To do this, they bring in two pieces of mail that come to their home (such as a utility bill) with a recent date. They must also bring in a picture ID proving they are who they say they are. Each new client gives us the names and birth dates of everyone in their household as well as any income that the household receives each month. This income should include child support, unemployment benefits, disability, social security, and the amount of each family member's paycheck.

There has been some concern that some of our clients drive up in a nice vehicle or they dress nice. Just to set the record straight, we have volunteers who pick up clients and bring them to the pantry. Many of our clients receive transportation assistance from friends, neighbors, or family members. In some cases, people lend our clients their vehicle for a few hours to pick up food, non-food products, clothes, etc. from our facility. Some of our clients have had good paying jobs but have been laid off, their unemployment benefits have run out, and they are forced to come to our pantry to feed their family. These nice cars are the same cars they had when they were gainfully employed. Let's face it....how many of us are just a paycheck away from needing assistance from a food pantry.

It is my hope that this editorial will set the record straight once and for all. If anyone has any doubts about what we do here at the Belvidere/Boone County Food Pantry or about the people we serve, I would ask you to take a tour of our facility and spend some time here when we distribute food.

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda Clark, Executive Director

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Searching For Reliance

Some law school professors claim that laws are enacted to control the chaos. The logic could follow, without law chaos rules the society. The end of the argument in support of law could claim that citizens living without law could not find refuge from willfully inflicted evil from myriad perpetrators. This argument is not to be confused with another that asks if humans can act morally without the presence of a God. That argument is better held for another day.

If laws control the chaos, citizens should harbor reliance that elected officials that enact law will also enforce the law. This end would seem elementary.

However, if you live in Belvidere, you may be disappointed because officials elected to enact and enforce the law provide only a modicum of reliance that they will enforce or follow the law. These questions arise when someone or some entity seeks to obtain "consideration" from the city to waive or to diminish an ordinance or fee resulting from a self benefitting reason. Of course all requests made are self-benefitting to the one that makes the request.

The question is not the extent to which someone seeks to bypass the letter or the intent of the law, but the question the city aldermen more often analyze is to ponder who is asking. If the person or the group bears the correct stripe of rank, the city will not deny them. However, if they are not of a favored lot, they must grovel at the table of those seated in the cushioned chairs in the City Council chamber.

An example of this behavior was a request for a waiver of fees for city services heard when a local businessman appealed to the city to waive, reduce and/or diminish and/or to allow him a payout arrangement for the requisite fees for water and sewer services. It was as if the aldermen were playing beside the silent film actor Harold Lloyd in a classic Mack Sennett comedy as they stumbled over each other lining up to proclaim what a marvelous idea it was to drop city fees so this guy could make a profit.

But this businessman is one of a line of people and entities that ask for the Belvidere officials to give them financial consideration to enhance the value of their investment because they are asking or that they have influence. We have often wondered about those that have no elevated status or are newcomers if they could obtain similar benefit?

Others that came begging to the City Council and were granted benefit included the local bank. Their counsel recited that the bank "has been a good neighbor to the city for years." The bank asked to be removed from the much heralded Historic Overlay District because they wanted to install a sign that did not meet with current zoning law. Of course, the aldermen stumbled over each other in their zeal to please the local bank that had earlier benefitted their net value when the city magnanimously created a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district where they wanted to build their main bank. How magnanimous to provide tax abatement to such "a good neighbor to the city for years."

Then the St. James Catholic Church wanted to rewrite zoning law regarding building elevations, building setbacks and, in a superior statement of self-aggrandizement, the church asked for consideration regarding the code

requirement to provide sufficient parking for an expanded body of parishioners. The supporters of these precedent setting steps did everything but parade icons of deceased Popes through the chamber to obtain the "consideration" they sought as if to proclaim that God supported their desire to erect a cathedral to the Diocese.

The other side of the question results when aldermen employ a narrow reading of the law. That policy has arisen when city liquor license fees reach the floor. The last time this debate arose the aldermen made it clear they did not want to debate the subject again.

The city has had more than two entrepreneurs wanting to open dining and liquor serving establishments in downtown Belvidere if they could obtain "consideration" for the exorbitant license fee of \$20,000. One tried to meet the restrictive zoning code regarding the façade of his establishment then he sought to obtain financing to buy the license. The effort failed.

Another spoke of the excessive fees and asked to pay over a one-year period. The reluctant response from one alderman was to calculate, if the restaurant failed in six months, what was the loss to the city? The alderman concluded, with \$10,000 in the bank, the city would be out nothing if the restaurant failed. The entrepreneur went to Rockford and opened his fine dining establishment at a fraction of the cost needed in Belvidere. He is doing just fine, thanks to the Belvidere aldermen and their intransigent focus in support of an exorbitant liquor license fee.

No involved financial exercise accompanied the joyous approval by City aldermen for the most recent request from the businessman seeking a break on water and sewer connection fees. The aldermen not only allowed the fees to be paid over five years but, no interest will accrue on this loan with the city. This is another magnanimous move by the city to refuse to follow the letter of the code they enacted.

With this behavior as policy, what can taxpayers rely upon when someone begs for unwarranted "consideration?" The answer is taxpayers should hold little or no reliance that elected officials will follow the law, especially if the party begging is the local bank, a favored church (not to include His Glory Belvidere Mission) or some businessman looking for a means to beat a fee that would cut into his profit margin.

Taxpayers should demand from their aldermen that they follow the law they enacted.

Taxpayers should rely on a clear adherence of the law as enforced by aldermen when requests come to the City Council. A careful analysis of what is being asked for and precedents that are established if such a request is granted should be part of the debate. But with respect to certain entities in this city a debate of precedent is not part of the public record.

That is not to say that every request should be denied but, instead of the city having elected officials that taxpayers can rely on to follow the law, the city has elected officials that judge the measure of a request by the position the requester holds in the community. This current Belvidere policy means that the people that obtain benefit from city government will be only those that hold the most stripes on their sleeve.



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bind the parties, Mr. Olson and the City of Belvidere, if the city approved entry into this relationship in the following meeting.


In the "Memorandum of Understanding to Pay Connection Fees and Lien," the document identified that Mr. Olson is responsible to pay a connection fee for city water and sewer services totaling \$24,042. An initial payment of \$4,842 was specified to be made when a building permit would be issued. The document set a date of May 1, 2016 as the end date of the agreement. Further, the city agreed that no interest would be charged during the term of this credit agreement.

When the question came for consideration in the Monday City Council meeting, Second Ward alderman Bob Bowley, the chairman of the city public works committee, introduced the question for consideration.

Mayor Brereton told the aldermen, "In your packet is a copy of the agreement that will cover the payment of the connection fees and the lien." According to the agreement the city will file and hold a lien against the property until the total of the water and sewer connections fees are paid. Then the lien would be released.

The mayor also said that an amendment was needed to complete the transaction to allow the aldermen to approve the agreement. A voice vote on the amendment to allow the payment agreement to be approved was unanimous. No further discussion resulted and a roll-call vote noted unanimous approval of the agreement.

No date was identified when Mr. Olson will apply for the building permit to perform the improvements to that property and also, no date was set when he would make his first payment to the city for the water and sewer connections to be made.



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County Expands Legal Staff

By James Middleton

Steps taken by the Boone County Board in their January meeting on Wednesday had been predicted to occur for years. County representative Marshall Newhouse (District 1) said late in the debate, "Yes, we are using contingency money to fund this but we have a need." Both points he made in that brief statement were understood by his colleagues on the County Board.

Since early in the new millennium county leaders knew that the current configuration of the Boone County Courthouse could not accommodate the expanded judicial needs as caseloads escalated from 2000 until today. Further, the entire 17th Judicial Circuit and the Chief Judges knew that, at some point, more judges were needed, more courtroom space was needed and more attorneys and staff was needed to manage an expanding backlog of cases.

It has been stated often by Boone County state's attorney Michelle Courier that there is a serious backlog of cases in the district and this assessment was affirmed by the Boone County public defender, Azhar Minhas. Steps to manage the situation were begun in the 17th Circuit with the reconfiguration of court space and usage in Rockford and in Belvidere.

This change means that by March 1, four courtrooms will be in usage weekly in Belvidere and the circuit clerk, the state's attorney and the public defender knew they did not have the personnel to manage the escalated caseload. Last week in the County Board finance committee the members and county administrator, Ken Terrinoni, found money that could manage the hiring of a new clerk, a new attorney in the state's attorney's office and a new public defender. The next step after committee approval was to obtain approval from the County Board and that matter was debated Wednesday.

Chairman of the finance committee Paul Larson (District 2) introduced the steps as three motions that the representatives took individually. A fourth measure will come for consideration in March that asks the County Board to approve the hiring of a part-time clerical worker for the public defender's office.

The first motion asked for the allocation of \$18,688 to hire of a full-time clerk to work in the circuit clerk's office. Circuit clerk Nora Ohlsen was offered an opportunity to speak but she declined. Funding for this position would come from the circuit clerk's automation fund if approved by the state's attorney and the Chief Judge of the 17th Circuit.

County representative Pat Mattison (District 3) has been critical of how Boone County funds their activities and he spoke out, "I am concerned that this comes up often in the funding of these positions. The funds are coming from reserves and we don't have these funds and are not

resolving our reserves. This should be a priority."

Representative Mike Schultz (District 3) spoke to all three measures, "A need has been identified and this is an urgent need that we must address. These positions are necessary."

A colleague of Mr. Schultz, Laura Guerin-Hunt (District 2) added, "We are incurring additional expenses because of the backlog with people staying in the county jail longer. These are expenses that we would not normally incur. We also run the risk of people here not getting a speedy trial. We need these people because this is a team."

Representative Cathy Ward (District 2) spoke to the funding, "We are concerned how to fund this. I am worried about using contingency money but we are way behind according to other counties (in prosecuting trails)."

When the vote occurred on the question to hire a clerk for the circuit clerk's office, Representatives Terri Glass (District 3) and Mr. Mattison were opposed to the hiring while Representative Tricia Smith (District 1) abstained and the motion was approved.

The next question asked for approval to spend \$37,500 to hire a new assistant state's attorney.

Mr. Mattison asked of the status of the recovery of fines and fees through the state's attorney's office. Ms. Courier said, "We are over what was budgeted."

No further questions followed and the vote approved the hiring request with Ms. Glass opposed and Ms. Smith abstained.

The final question to allocate \$26,500 to hire a new public defense attorney had no discussion. The vote approved the hiring with Mr. Mattison, Ms. Glass and Representative Ken Freeman (District 3) opposed. Again, Ms. Smith abstained.

With the approval of these hires, Ms. Ohlsen had said last week, if approved, she would hire someone immediately to train the individual to be prepared to begin on March 1. Ms. Courier said she believed it could take a month to find, interview and to hire a new attorney for her office. Mr. Minhas said that he too would need at least a month to find and to hire a suitable candidate.

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Police Blotter

Belvidere Police Department

On January 12, Belvidere Police detectives and patrol officers executed a search warrant on a residence in the 100 block of East Madison Street, Belvidere. Members of the Belvidere Police narcotics unit arrested Sharon J. De Angelis, 54, of Belvidere on drug charges.

De Angelis was charged with three counts of unlawful delivery of a controlled substance within 1,000 feet of a church. The drug was alleged prescription medications; hydrocodine and this charge is a Class 1 felony.

De Angelis remains in the custody of the Boone County Jail under a \$25,000 bond.

The arrest of De Angelis concluded a one month investigation by the BPD narcotics unit.

Seized during the search were hydrocodine pills, drug packaging material and US currency.

A Class 1 felony is punishable by serving from four to 15 years in the Illinois Department of Corrections if the defendant is found guilty by a jury of her peers.

Members of the public are 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.

Belvidere Police were called to the Belvidere High School in reference to possession of drugs by a student. While being escorted to the office by the principal, it was alleged that the juvenile placed a piece of white paper into a trash can as the two entered the office. The principal witnessed the disposal and recovered the paper found it to contain a plastic baggie holding a green leafy substance. The juvenile subject admitted it was cannabis. The subject was arrested and processed at the Public Safety Building where he was later released to a parent.

Boone County Sheriff's Department

Criminal trespass to a residence was reported in the 100 block of Titleist Trail on January 14. There was no property taken or damaged according to reports from Boone County Sheriff's officials.

Residential burglary was reported in the 200 block of Stone Hollow on January 14. Property taken in the incident included a Panasonic digital camera with the value of \$150, a Dell Inspiron N4030 lap top computer with mouse and charging cord holding the value of \$680.

Illinois State Police District #16

Illinois State Police (ISP) Troopers patrolling Interstate 80 uncovered more than 340 pounds of cannabis during routine traffic stops within a 24 hour period from Sunday until Monday.

On Sunday, January 15, at 11:30 a.m., an ISP Trooper saw a vehicle on I-80 eastbound at Cicero Avenue for a

vehicle equipment violation. Upon further investigation, the Trooper uncovered approximately 250 pounds of cannabis inside the Honda Accord, with an estimated street value of \$300,000. The driver, Pedro Herrera, 23 of Calumet City and the passenger, Manuel Orona, 50 of Calumet City, were both charged with possession and intent to deliver.

The following day, Monday, January 16, another ISP Trooper saw a Toyota Tundra pick-up truck improperly changing lanes and following too closely behind a vehicle. Upon further investigation, more than 90 pounds of high-grade cannabis was located inside the cargo area of the vehicle, with an estimated street value of \$351,000. The driver, Abdullah Abdur-Rahim, 35 of Alston, MA., was charged with possession of cannabis with intent to deliver.

Illinois State Police Officials confirmed that these arrests represent the largest seizures so far this year.

The State Line Area Narcotics Team (SLANT) arrested a Machesney Park resident for possession with intent to deliver cannabis.

Justin A. Garr 25, of the

8200 block of Mildred Road, Machesney Park, was arrested and charged with one count of possession with the intent to deliver cannabis that is a Class 3 felony.

The arrest of Garr comes after SLANT agents executed a search warrant at Garr's Machesney Park residence. Seized in the search were 307 grams of cannabis and a 9mm handgun.

Class 3 felonies are punishable by serving from two to five years in the Illinois Department of Corrections if the defendant is found guilty by a jury of his peers.

These charges are only an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

The preceding reports were provided by the Illinois State Police, Boone County Sheriff's Department, Belvidere Police Department, Boone County State's Attorney and other law enforcement agencies. If you have witnessed or know of facts pertaining to criminal activity, please contact Crime Stoppers at 815-547-7867 or 815-547-STOP and receive a reward of up to \$1,000. Boone County residents are encouraged to contact *The Journal* with information concerning criminal activity and traffic accidents that they believe have gone unreported.

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The Report

By James Middleton

The document in question, a report (Report) of an investigation consigned by the Boone County Board of Health, aroused speculation among the directors regarding what the report would find. The final version of the Report dated December 17, 2011 had been solicited by a motion in a closed session meeting of June 16, 2010 and had taken over a year to draft.

As late as last November and December, some Board of Health directors were unsure what the Report would say or if the investigators had made any finding. The need for the Report arose after receipt of an anonymous letter at the Board of Health that aroused significant anger and concern, as indicated by those that observed the behavior of some of the Board directors.

Some with knowledge claim the letter questioned the hiring of an unqualified administrator, the alleged mistreatment of staff at the Boone County Health Department and the letter allegedly impugned the integrity of Dr. Kenneth Hess, President of the Board of Health.

An introduction to the full Report identified that Board of Health treasurer, Allen Sisson, had "contacted with Mr. James Pirages of (the law firm of) Hinshaw & Culbertson LLP, Rockford to assess the cultural climate within the Boone County Health Department." No mention was made later of finding the author of the anonymous letter though many with knowledge have indicated this was an initial motivation to conducting the investigation.

Mr. Pirages was hired to oversee the investigation on behalf of the Board of Health and to hire a firm to conduct interviews. Mr. Pirages, according to the Report, "contracted Ms. Susan Buckwalter of (the firm) HR Concepts, Inc. of Rockford to conduct and summarize Health Department employee interviews."

Content found in the public record of open meetings of the Board of Health and closed session meetings are devoid of any detail or a recounting of any discussion of this investigation that would cost county taxpayers \$16,266. Only brief mention of rather innocuous detail is available from meeting Minutes following receipt of the anonymous letter until the release of the Report.

The Board of Health is publicly funded, in part, from tax revenue collected by Boone County. Though some directors on the Board of Health have worked years for a local bank, only brief mention is found disclosing details of a financial relationship or what the investigation would evaluate or what the law firm or HR Concept LLC would do to earn \$16,266.

It is curious that no formal public record exists to identify any discussion of the qualifications of Mr. Pirages, Ms. Buckwalter, the law firm of Hinshaw & Culbertson LLC or HR Concept LLC to provide this service. The most extensive record of these matters is available on the pages of this newspaper.

The Report recounted past administrators of the Health Department from Doug Beardsley who served from May 1994 until January 2008 to Malafu Tiata from April 2008 until July 2009 to Stephanie Crawford who served from February 2009 until March 2010.

Leadership qualities noted from the interviews focused on one administrator. That person's managerial style was noted and it was also noted that the Health Board President encouraged a perception that, "she was the 'chosen one.'" The Report summarized that the managerial style of that administrator diminished their success due to mistakes, misstatements and what was described as resulting from a "lack of trust in the department."

After that administrator's exit, the Board of Health took the unprecedented step to name two staff members to serve as co-administrators of the department. The appointment of the two co-administrators sustained for more than a year and a half. The two served without any job description from the state or the Board of Health. The step was unprecedented

and is not allowed under the rules and regulations of the Illinois Department of Public Health that governs county health departments, yet the Boone County Board of Health made those appointments.

The Board of Health elevated Lisa Gonzalez to serve as co-administrator of health services and Bill Hatfield to be co-administrator in charge of environmental services in April 2010. They sustained in those roles until November 2011 when a new administrator was hired. The lapse of time with the Health Department functioning in this unknown territory was such that last June the Illinois Department of Public Health reminded the Board of Health that they were operating in violation of the law and needed to hire an administrator.

Recommendations the Report gave to the Board regarding the co-administrators will not be disclosed here however, the Report advised the Health Board to "review" the "job description" of each. Without an actual "job description" the Report did not detail what material the directors should consult. The Report did not detail if the author of the Report consulted any source to find if there is a "job description" for co-administrators serving in a Health Department.

The Illinois Administrative Code for Illinois Health Department rules and regulations list expectations for an "executive" to lead a local health department. At 2 Ill. Adm. Code 1125/77/1 (h) 600.300 no guidance is found regarding co-administrators. The language identifies that a local health department should employ one administrator.

The Report then offers recommendations to evaluate an administrative candidate, however the timing is curious. The date of the report is December 17, 2011 that falls after an offer was accepted by a candidate to serve as the new administrator. Yet, almost two full pages are dedicated to explaining some of what the Board should evaluate regarding each co-administrator. Almost a full page is also dedicated to explaining what and how the Board should evaluate the co-administrator that over a month earlier had resigned.

The resignation of this employee resulted in an eruption at the Health Department when the President arrived and ordered the co-administrator off the premises. This event occurred in violation of the bylaws of the Board of health and without any authority though two directors claimed the step could be taken by the President without full Board of Health consideration or approval. It is unknown if the Report was read or if the recommendations were followed by the Board of Health search team or if any directors plan to employ any of these recommendations in the near or distant future.

The Report recommended:

- 1) Verify candidate will pass IL Department of Public Health credentialing.
- 2) Perform screening phone interviews.
- 3) Conduct interview-
 - a) Have the Board Search Committee perform all initial interviews and reduce down to top 2-3 candidates.
 - b) Create an Employee Search Sub-Committee led by one Board member to interview the Board's top 2-3 candidates.
- 4) Verify degree(s).
- 5) Perform reference checks.
- 6) Perform criminal background checks.
- 7) Look up the National Sexual Offender Registry to insure they are not listed.
- 8) Following the verbal offer, require a drug screening by a third-party administrator.

These ideas should have
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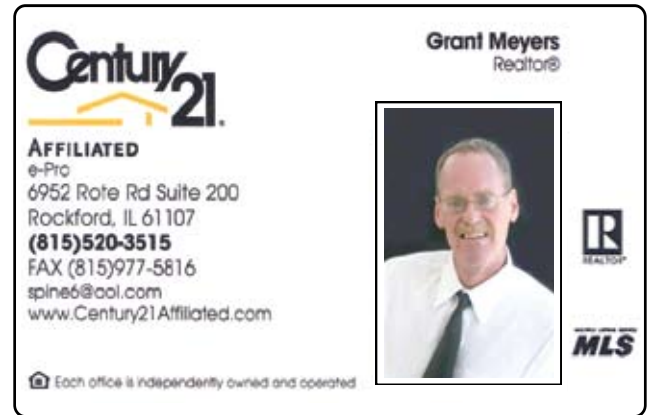
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Illinois Extension Office will be running a webinar addressing "Farm Savvy Risk Management" on January 23rd, January 30th, February 6th and February 13th. January 23rd will be "Risk Management Basics" You can attend one or all of the sessions. There is NO FEE!! To register please go to <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/bdo> or email Ellen Phillips at ephillips@illinois.edu

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The Belvidere Police Department will be hosting their annual Citizen Police Academy. Originally started in 1998 the 7-session academy will begin on Wednesday January 18, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and continue each Wednesday from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. through February 29, 2012. This will be the 14th year that we have been able to offer this free and informative program to the citizens of Boone County. The sessions will be held at the Belvidere / Boone County Public Safety Building in the lower level training room at 615 N. Main Street, Belvidere, IL. There will be a limit of 25 participants. For more information or to register for this free program, contact the Belvidere Police Department at 815-544-9626 Extension 5548 and leave your contact information. Registration will close at 3:00 p.m. on Monday January 16th.

The popular Quilt & Fiber Arts Walk returns to warm Genoa visitors January 25-29, 2012. The five-day event features displays of quilts, needlepoint, baskets, weaving, felting, lace, embroidery, knitting, tatting, quilting and just about every other needle or fiber art imaginable. There also will be daily demonstrations, speakers, workshops, lessons, and other treats. Children's activities will be held on Saturday

and Sunday. The event is hosted by Genoa Main Street, Inc. and sponsored by Basketcases Unlimited of Clare, IL. Area residents can arrange to display their work by contacting the Genoa Main Street office at 815 784-6961 or at genoamainstreet@atcyber.net.

become a professional in the aviation/automotive industry including maintenance and the education program must result in a degree or FAA certificate. Application packages are available by contacting the Museum office and can be either mailed or emailed to the applicant. Applications must be mailed to the Poplar Grove Aviation Education Association to be received by March 31, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 815-547-3115 or vintagemuseum@gmail.com.

Afterschool Arts & Crafts will be offered by Found it Gallery & Design Center located just off Main Street in Genoa at 107 N. Monroe St. starting January 9th Tuesday-Friday 3:30 -4:30 , ages 3-14. Sign up at least a day ahead& the hour is only \$3.00 or just drop in for \$5.00. For more information please call 815-501-2440 or 815-501-2375

Come see American Cat Fanciers Association 2011 Cat of the Year – "Frosty". "Our Feline Valentine" on February 4th and 5th from 9am-4pm. Sponsored by the Rock Valley Cat Club. Forest Hills Lodge at Rockford Speedway 1601 West Lane Road, Loves Park, IL. Adults \$5.00 Seniors/children 6-12 \$4.00 Children under 5 FREE. Look for our ad in the *Journal* on the 27th for a \$1 OFF coupon!!!

Byron Forest Preserve will also be hosting an "Owl Prowl" on January 26th at 7pm. For all ages, meet at the Jarrett Center. Come out to the nature center and learn about owls then take a night hike!! Call 815-234-8535 x200 to register by January 25th. \$2 per person.

Lifescape Community Services is gearing up for the annual tax preparation and Circuit Breaker sign up season. Beginning January 31st, AARP tax professionals will be offering free tax preparation to those seniors 60-plus. This is by appointment only, so everyone must call and reserve a space. These volunteers will be available throughout the tax season. please call Lifescape Community Services at 815.963.1609. In order to get the best times available, you are urged to make your appointment as soon as possible.

The Rockford RiverHawks will host a free youth clinic on Saturday, February 11 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Wallbangers Academy in Loves Park. The clinic is for children ages seven through 13, and up to 25 kids can sign up. Spots are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. RiverHawks manager Rich Austin and other members of the coaching staff will be the instructors. "Our previous free clinics filled up very quickly, and I strongly encourage parents to sign their children up as soon as possible," director of operations Chris Daleo said. For more information or to reserve a spot, call the RiverHawks front office at (815) 885-BALL

PAWS Humane Society to hold "Volunteer with

PAWS" Open Houses on Saturday January 28, 2012. Love animals? Want to Help? PAWS Humane Society will hold a "Volunteer With PAWS" Open House on Saturday January 28, 2012 at two of their locations in Rockford. Visit with PAWS Humane Society representatives and let them tell you about the volunteer opportunities PAWS has for 2012. Saturday Jan 28, 2012 from 11am-4pm you can visit with PAWS Representatives at: Four PAWS ReSale Boutique at 1414 N Main Street, Rockford IL. PETCO at 6305 E State St (in the Forest Plaza Shopping Center

High school students interested in learning more about Rock Valley College's Career College programs are invited to attend a special information session on Thursday, February 2, 2012. The event will take place from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Rock Valley College's Stenstrom Center for Career Education (4151 Samuelson Road next to Jefferson High School). Students who attend will have the chance to learn more about dual credit courses (courses where students earn high school and college credits simultaneously), get help filling out RVC's application forms for Career College, and find out more about their Career College program of interest from the following options: Automotive Technology, Manufacturing Engineering Technology, Nursing Aide (CNA), Welding Technology, and Fire Science. For more information on this special information session, please contact Linda Auman at (815) 921-4086 or at l.auman@rockvalleycollege.edu.

University of Illinois Extension presents the 16th Annual Stateline Fruit and Vegetable Growers Conference on Monday, February 20 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Midway Village Museum, Rockford. The cost per person is \$40; each additional family member or business colleague can register for \$30. After February 16, the registration cost is \$50 per person. The conference fee includes continental breakfast, lunch, four general education sessions, as well as a choice of two breakout sessions. To register or for a complete conference schedule, visit <http://web.extension.illinois.edu/jsw> or call 815-986-4357.

The Workforce Connection Career Expo & Job Fair will be Thursday, February 2nd 12pm to 4pm Community Building Complex of Boone County 111 W. First Street, Belvidere

Winnebago and Boone Counties Genealogical Society meeting will be held on Saturday February 4th at 1:30pm at Spring Creek United Church of Christ, 4500 Spring Creek Road in Rockford. For more information please call 815-230-1040

Midway Village Museum will play host to the Time Line Trading Day – Re-enactor's Swap Meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, January 28, 2012 at Midway Village Museum, 6799 Guilford Road, Rockford. Admission is \$5 per person for all ages.

North Boone High School girls basketball will be hosting a "Pink it Out" Coaches vs. Cancer fundraiser to benefit our local Relay For Life! Come on out and celebrate birthdays for those living with cancer on behalf of the American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Boone County. When? Tuesday, January 24th Where? North Boone High School (17823 Poplar Grove Road in Poplar Grove) A spaghetti dinner will be served from 5:00 to 7:00 pm at the school and t-shirts will be for sale commemorating the event with all proceeds going to the Relay For Life of Boone County!



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Did you know... that Australian Simon Chapman, a professor of public health at the University of Sydney, earlier this year commented on the claims of the existence of "Wind Turbine Syndrome" by pointing out that, "In the September 21, 1899 issue of the *British Medical Journal*, Britain's doctors were warned of the dangers of a new technological scourge: the telephone" and that "Ever since, there has been a long history of sometimes protracted episodes of community concern about health risks said to be caused by new technologies. Some examples include television sets, computer screens, microwave ovens, electric blankets and other household electrical appliances, mobile telephones and base stations. Wind turbines seem likely to enter the annals of technophobic history." (***)

(*) www.telephonetribute.com/the_history_of_the_telephone.html

(**) www.schoelles.com/Telephone/telsocial.htm

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been employed, however not all were previously used when an unqualified administrator was earlier hired.

Further, the Report suggests the Health Board reevaluate the bylaws and practices. It is uncertain if any of these recommendations were followed or if these ideas were delivered for their edification without any action specified. No one knows if the Report will ever be followed or ultimately relegated to a dusty storage bin.

The Report concludes with suggestions how to initiate improved relations between staff and Board members. Suggestions included having directors identify staff by name when they attend meetings, Board members offering smiles to staff members and having more face-to-face meetings of key personnel.

The Report also discussed "Morale Breakers," without defining the term within any context. The report identified five "Morale Breakers" in descending order from the highest to the lowest as rated from staff interviews. No comparable list of "Morale Breakers" was offered to have similarly been compiled from responses made by the directors of the Board of Health.

Finally, the Report identified conclusions. One statement postulated, "It is important that all people of influence in the organization (staff and Board members) recommit to using the appropriate leadership restraint in communication. Messages that serve to fan the flames of emotion and controversy, that reveal a lack of management unity will undermine a healthy and balanced belief in the strength of an organization. In fact, it will contribute to instability and, often, negativity or dissension."

The Report added, "It is important that both sides extend the olive branch in unity as soon as possible, not just symbolically but in all future actions and communications so the mending and healing of work relationships can begin immediately." Again, the Report did not offer any suggestion how an "olive branch", to repeat the cliché, could appropriately be extended by either the directors or the staff.

The body of the Report makes no comment regarding conclusions specifically drawn from interviews that occurred among the eight Board members that were allegedly queried. The full effort by the law firm and HR Concept LLC was thrust behind the effort to identify the author of the anonymous letter though it appears the effort by these groups failed. Yet, even though the effort failed, Boone County taxpayers are still left to pay the bill of \$16,266.

The Report stands on the merits of those that contracted with the Boone County Board of Health. The Report is the Report and the value of this endeavor is similar to one's perception of art, the value rests in the eye of the beholder.

Film audiences from 1912 until 1917 were delighted by viewing the hilarious comedies produced by Mack Sennett at his Keystone Film Company. In particular, audiences roared with laughter at the frenetic running and jumping, falling and leaping of the inimitable yet fumbling and bumbling Keystone Kops. They had nothing over the directors of the Boone County Board of Health as witnessed by the sustaining public record of this group over the last three years.

Whether any of the recommendations that cost county taxpayers \$16,266 have been or will ever be integrated into policy at the Boone County Board of Health remains the substance of ongoing questions that might ultimately defy answers. The author of the anonymous letter that was deemed so damaging was never discovered. The inability to identify that author could be most difficult for some on the Boone County Board of Health to accept. However, the effect of not discovering the author of that anonymous letter on the staff of the Boone County Health Department has been described by some as "indiscernible."

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W11-0616
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF THE BANC OF AMERICA ALTERNATIVE LOAN TRUST 2005-7, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-7;
Plaintiff, vs.
RUTILO RAMIREZ; RUFINA RAMIREZ; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RUTILO RAMIREZ, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF RUFINA RAMIREZ, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
11 CH 125
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 8, 2011, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at the hour of 9:45 a.m. inside the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as 335 North 5th Street, Capron, IL 61012.
P.I.N. 04-02-352-001.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act. Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diana A. Carpentero at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455 W11-0616.
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W10-2658
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, IN TRUST FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS, MORTGAGE ASSET SECURITIZATION TRANSACTIONS, INC., FIRST FRANKLIN MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST, MORTGAGE LOAN ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FF7
Plaintiff, vs.
JORJEANNA DAVIDSON A/K/A JORGEANNA DAVIDSON; PHILLIP DAVIDSON; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF JORJEANNA DAVIDSON, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF PHILLIP DAVIDSON, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
10 ch 407
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 9, 2011, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at the hour of 9:45 a.m. inside the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as 405 Streamwood Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008.
P.I.N. 05-27-203-010.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence..
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diana A. Carpentero at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455 W10-2658.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
PNC Bank National Association successor by merger to National City Bank successor by merger to MidAmerica Bank, FSB Plaintiff, Vs.
Rafael Herrera; et. al.
Defendants,
10 CH 256
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on NOVEMBER 22, 2011 LENDER SALES OF ILLINOIS LLC will on FEBRUARY 24, 2012, at the hour of 11:30 a.m., or soon thereafter, at the front doors of the Boone County Courthouse located at 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:
The common address of said real estate is: 1121 8th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008
PIN:05-35-253-015-0000
Description of premises: RESIDENTIAL
Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds at the close of the auction: The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each

\$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, 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 shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney."

If the property is a condominium, the purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessments and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ALPINE BANK & TRUST CO. F/K/A ALPINE BANK OF ILLINOIS, Plaintiff, -v-
AURORA M. PICKLESIMER Defendants
11 CH 116
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 17, 2011, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on February 21, 2012, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance) Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 1324 PERRSONS PARKWAY, Belvidere, IL 61008
Property Index No. 05-36-427-009. The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$168,228.35 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL 60606, (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 11-9161. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjse.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125 Chicago, IL 60606 (312) 541-9710 Attorney File No.: 11-9161 Case # 11 CH 116 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON F/K/A THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-18
Plaintiff, -v-
JIM RODRIGUEZ, et al
Defendants
09 CH 185
NOTICE OF SALE PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 3, 2009, an agent of The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on February 8, 2012, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance) Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
Commonly known as 1010 CANDLEWICK DRIVE NE, Poplar Grove, IL 61065
Property Index No. 03-22-329-002.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence. The judgment amount was \$295,722.26 Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court. Upon payment in

full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information. If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1). IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW. For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, 105 W. ADAMS ST., SUITE 1100, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 212-4028. Please refer to file number 09-0057. THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjse.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales. NOONAN & LIEBERMAN 105 W. ADAMS ST., SUITE 1100 Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 212-4028 Attorney File No.: 09-0057 Case # 09 CH 185 NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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W10-2988
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST COMPANY AS TRUSTEE FOR THE HOLDERS OF NEW CENTURY HOME EQUITY LOAN TRUST, SERIES 2005-A, ASSET-BACKED PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES;
Plaintiff, vs.
BASILIO C. SANCHEZ; ANNA M. SANCHEZ A/K/A ROSA E. SANCHEZ; MUTUAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC.; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF BASILIO C. SANCHEZ, IF ANY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ANNA M. SANCHEZ, IF ANY; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON RECORD CLAIMANTS;
Defendants,
11CH 9
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on November 22, 2011, Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, March 1, 2012, at the hour of 9:45 a.m. inside the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as 1220 Kishwaukee Street, Belvidere, IL 61008.
P.I.N. 05-26-130-018 and 05-26-130-019.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Ms. Diana A. Carpentero at Plaintiff's Attorney, The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 West Monroe Street, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 360-9455 W10-2988.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
Wells Fargo Bank, NA Plaintiff, Vs.
Jesus Sanchez; et. al.
Defendants,
11 CH 198
NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on NOVEMBER 22, 2011 LENDER SALES OF ILLINOIS LLC will on FEBRUARY 24, 2012, at the hour of 11:30 a.m., or soon thereafter, at the front doors of the Boone County Courthouse located at 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:
The common address of said real estate is: 324 GREENBRIAR BLVD. POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065
PIN:05-11-276-018
Description of premises: RESIDENTIAL
Sale Terms: 25% down by certified funds at the close of the auction: The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, 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 shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.
If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney."

If the property is a condominium, the purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessments and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).
No refunds.
The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information: Sales Clerk, Codilis and Associates, P.C., Plaintiff Attorney, 15 W. 030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, Illinois 60527
Attorney Number 0468002
(630) 794 - 5300, (630) 794-9876 ex # 1320, File No: 14-11-07392
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
CHASE HOME FINANCE LLC Plaintiff,
-v-
ARISTEO ESPINO, et al Defendants
10 CH 138
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