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Declaring Japan guilty of a dastardly unprovoked attack, President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked Congress to declare war, Dec. 8, 1941. Listening are Vice President Henry Wallace, left, and House Speaker Sam Rayburn.

One of Just Three Left, USS Arizona Survivor Recalls Attack on Pearl Harbor

By Phil Luciano (Peoria) Journal Star

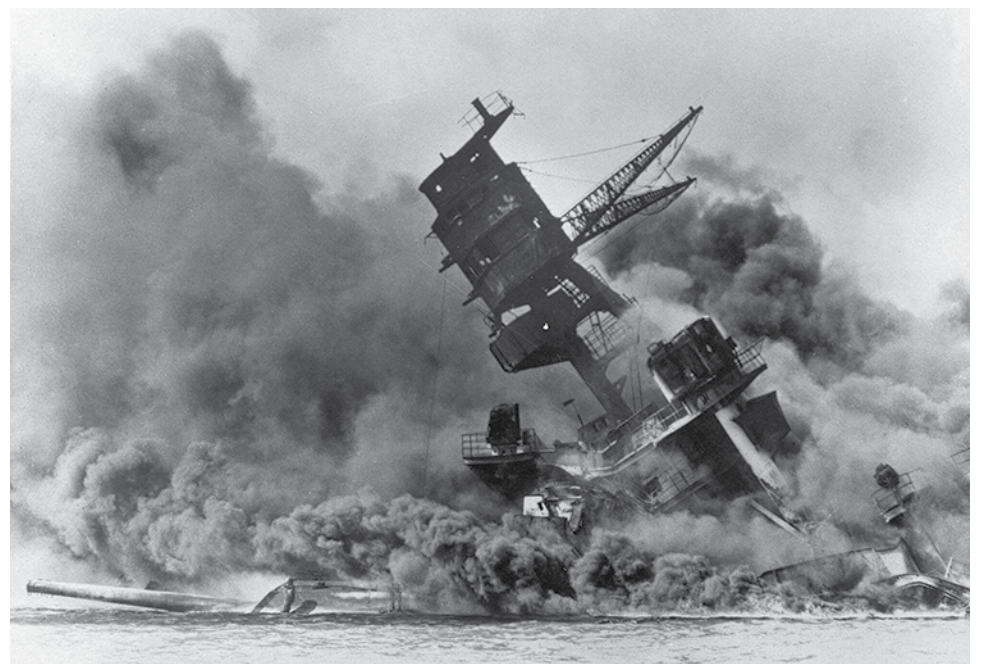
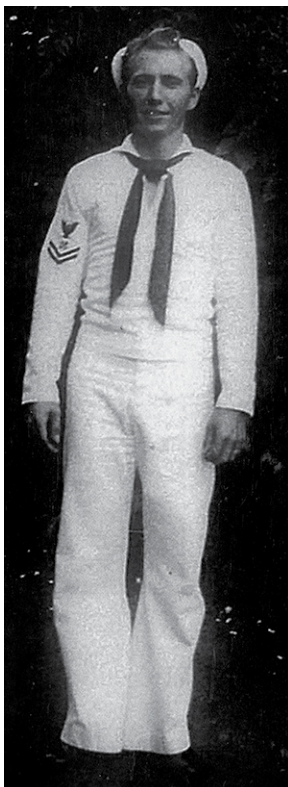
Looking for a job and a future, Ken Potts saw little hope in central Illinois. Born and raised in tiny Honey Bend, Potts — like other teens on the brink of manhood — found few career opportunities as the Great Depression continued to squeeze America. So, when he turned 18, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. The move seemed sensible: not only did the service mean steady work, but the United States seemed unwilling to poke its nose into growing political unrest in Europe.

Potts found his naval assignment to his liking, as a coxswain stationed aboard the USS Arizona at Pearl Harbor, amid sunny skies and a picturesque ocean.

But, that serenity — as well as the Arizona — suddenly exploded the morning of Dec. 7, 1941. The Japanese sneak attack took 2,403 American lives, nearly half of them — 1,177 sailors and Marines — aboard the Arizona, which sunk after a cataclysmic bombing.

Amid the greatest loss of life ever aboard a U.S. warship, just 335 from the Arizona survived, including Potts. Now 98, he is one of only three remaining survivors of the warship. When Potts thinks back to the world-shaking chaos, confusion and clamor — as well as the men he

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(above) In this Dec. 7, 1941, photo, smoke rises from the battleship USS Arizona as it sinks during a Japanese surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. [ASSOCIATED PRESS]

(left) Ken Potts, a native of Honey Bend, Illinois, was 18 when he enlisted in the U.S. Navy. He is one of only three remaining survivors of the USS Arizona that was attacked on Dec. 7, 1941, at Pearl Harbor. Source: Ken Potts

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helped save and the bodies he recovered — he remains amazed at how the quickly and brutally hellfire rained down on that terrible morning.

“It was unbelievable how it could happen,” Potts says. “It was turmoil.”

Potts was born in Honey Bend, a hamlet about 40 miles south of Springfield. The town consisted of about a dozen modest dwellings, a one-room schoolhouse, a post office and a general store. For the first 12 years of Potts’ life, his home had no electricity or indoor plumbing. But he remains wistful about a slice of yesteryear that, despite tough times, seemed a lot simpler.

“It’s a different world today, buddy,” Potts says. “There are a lot of things that are nicer now. But (life back then) was more honest. It was a nicer place to live.”

The schoolhouse offered classes through eighth grade. To attend high school, teens had to commute on foot to Litchfield. Potts declined.

“Hell, I’d would’ve had to walk 14 miles a day,” he says.

But dropping out meant he had to find a job, which were scarce not just in central Illinois but across the country. Many bread-winners went to great lengths to support a family: Potts’ father worked for a radiator company in Springfield, where he would live in a cheap apartment weekdays and hitchhike back and forth to home on weekends.

Potts considered farming, but the pay was a 50 cents a day, or \$9 in today’s dollars. For a while at age 17, he worked a Civilian Conservation Corps project near Congerville, more than 100 miles from home. But all the while, like many other young men, he eyed the only reliable employer: the service.

A military tour or two seemed safe enough, Potts says. Though winds of war were blowing in Europe, America seemed intent on isolationism. Besides, foreign news and politics rarely grabbed

the attention of Potts and his pals.

“We weren’t concerned about the war,” he says. “Back in Honey Bend, we didn’t give a damn. No TV, no radio — we didn’t know what was going on.”

He wanted to join the Coast Guard, but its ranks were full. So when Potts turned 18 in 1939, he joined the Navy. In December 1939 — three months after Germany invaded Poland, triggering war in Europe — he sailed from San Pedro, Calif., aboard the USS Arizona, bound for Pearl Harbor. By 1941 at Pearl Harbor, he had been assigned as a crane operator on the Arizona.

“Anything that went onto that ship or came off, I had something to do with,” he says

Potts spent Dec. 5 and 6 on liberty in nearby Honolulu. He headed back the morning of Dec. 7 during the 7 o’clock hour, returning to the ship with a load of fruit and expecting a quiet Sunday.

Instead, his world exploded.

At 7:55 a.m., a low whine in the air perked the ears of service personnel. From Ford Island in the harbor, a radio man sent out a Morse-code bulletin: “AIR RAID ON PEARL HARBOR X THIS IS NOT A DRILL.”

The first of a swarm of Japanese warplanes — eventually more than 350, in two waves — descended on Pearl Harbor. Explosions roared as bombs and torpedoes dropped from the sky while machine-gun fire strafed ships, with U.S. air-raid sirens screeching throughout the harbor.

Amid the tumult, the crew atop the Arizona scrambled to fire anti-aircraft guns. Meantime, one, two, three bombs struck and stunned the ship, rendering return fire minimal and ineffective.

“We were just dead in the water,” Potts says.

On Battleship Row, Japanese torpedo planes blew holes in the Nevada, Utah, California, Maryland, West Virginia and Oklahoma, the latter of which quickly listed toward one side. As warship fuel poured into the harbor, an inferno erupted.

“The whole place as on fire,” Potts says. “The water was burning because the oil was on fire.”

About 8:09 a.m., 14 minutes into the attack, a fourth bomb hit the Arizona, with devastating finality. Dropped from a high-altitude plane, the armor-piercing bomb blasted through the forward deck, igniting a million pounds of gunpowder and sparking a massive fireball shooting flames 500 feet high.

“When it blew up, people say, it lifted up the Arizona,” Potts says.

By some accounts, the massive ship jumped up as much as 20 feet. Minutes later and mortally wounded, the Arizona began to sink. Below deck, multitudes of sailors and Marines were trapped, accounting for most of the ship’s 1,177 fatalities.

Up top, Potts and others abandoned ship in transport craft. Sliding through the flaming harbor, Potts and other crewmen pulled men from the water and headed to Ford Island. There, they regrouped as the attack raged 90 hellish minutes.

Later, Potts was assigned with five others with the grim task of pulling bodies from the Arizona. They looked for survivors, but found only bodies.

“That,” he says with a sigh, “was a hell of a job.”

After the clamor at Pearl Harbor subsided, Potts was assigned to the port director’s office.

He delivered classified information to captains of ships, a job he held until he was discharged at the war’s end, in 1945.

Back in the States, he worked for a while in Decatur as a carpenter. Eventually, seeking new surroundings, he headed West. He’d heard Utah offered plenty of jobs, so he stopped there and caught on as a car salesman. He settled in Provo, where he and wife Doris have lived in the same house for 54 years.

The Arizona remains sunken in Pearl Harbor, the final resting place for more than 1,100 of its crew. The USS Arizona Memorial straddles above the sunken hull of the battleship. Reunions of shipmates have grown tiny: two survivors died in the summer, leaving Potts just one of three remaining. Though he has visited the site on previous Dec. 7 anniversaries, leg trouble will keep him home this year.

He otherwise is in good health, and recently renewed his driver’s license. He muses about making a long road trip next spring to visit his hometown. Over the decades, Honey Bend has become even smaller. Though a campground there is popular, the community consists of just a few houses and no commerce. Potts has not been back there in decades, but he’d like to take a glimpse come spring.


“If my legs get better by then,” he says with a chuckle, “I’m going to get back there.”

Sources for this story include the Pensacola News Journal, historynet.com, military.com, the Omaha World-Herald and wikipedia.org.

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Traffic Stop Leads to Muti-County, and Department Chase

Sheriff's Department

On Thursday, November 28, 2019, The Boone County Sheriff's Office arrested a Rockford man on multiple charges including, Aggravated Driving Under the Influence, Aggravated Fleeing to Elude a Police Officer and Unlawful Use of a Weapon. The Boone County Sheriff's Office was assist by the Belvidere Police Department, Winnebago County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois State Police.

Jabari McIntyre, 26 years old of Rockford, Illinois, was charged with one count of Aggravated Driving Under the Influence (Class 4 Felony), Aggravated Fleeing to Elude a Police Officer (Class 4 Felony), Unlawful Use of a Weapon (Class A Misdemeanor) and multiple traffic offenses. McIntyre remains in the custody of the Boone County Jail on a no Bond.

On Thursday, November 28 at approximately 4:20 am, a Boone County Sheriff's Deputy attempted to stop a suspected DUI driver in the area of Business Route 20 and Distillery Road in rural Boone County. The vehicle, which originally stopped, fled eastbound towards Belvidere at a high rate of speed. The pursuing deputy was advised the vehicle had been reported stolen out of Rockford and the suspect possessed an automatic handgun. The vehicle continued to flee through Belvidere, rural Boone County and into Winnebago County. A Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputy successfully deployed Stop Sticks to disable the fleeing vehicle in the area of Perryville and Walton in Rockford. The vehicle continued to flee on multiple flat tires. The driver was finally taken into custody after the vehicle struck a Belvidere Police Squad and a tree in the area of Midway Village. The driver, Jabari McIntyre, was transported to St. Anthony's Hospital by Rockford Fire with minor injuries. A 9 mm handgun was recovered in the vehicle. McIntyre was release from the hospital and transported to the Boone County Jail.

A class 4 felony is punishable by One (1) to Three (3) years in the Department of Corrections. The Boone County Sheriff's Office continues to investigate and additional charges are expected.

The Boone County Sheriff's Office encourages anyone having information on a crime, suspicious activity or narcotic trafficking to call the Boone County Sheriff's Office at 815-544-2144 or Crime Stoppers at 815-547-7867.

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Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor,
Why is Kinzinger covering up for Trump?
Kinzinger voted against the impeachment inquiry. Am I the only one in IL-16 who thinks this is wrong?

I believe no one is above the law, not even Trump. I've written to Kinzinger repeatedly asking him to hold Trump to account. Once in a while Kinzinger will write me back, always with the same form letter. Perhaps others in IL-16 have gotten the letter. In it Kinzinger says that what Trump has done does not rise to the standard required for impeachment.

If that is the case, why is Kinzinger not willing to do an investigation? If indeed Kinzinger is right, an impeachment inquiry would vindicate him.

Instead of addressing the question whether Trump's misdeeds rise to the standard required for impeachment, Kinzinger cowers.

Am I the only one in IL-16 who thinks this is wrong?

Debra L. Carr de Legorreta

Lawmakers Move to Boost Online Sales Tax Compliance

Veto session legislation puts cyber, brick-and-mortar stores on level playing field

by Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Lawmakers passed a legislative fix during the recently adjourned fall veto session which proponents say could help the state realize \$380 million in annual tax revenue by increasing compliance with existing online retail transaction tax laws.

Supporters say the new law will ensure the state's full 6.25 percent sales tax rate and any locally-imposed taxes will be collected at the point of destination on sales made through online marketplaces or by remote retailers that do a certain amount of business in the state.

That means retail products purchased online and shipped to Illinois addresses will generate the same tax revenue as products purchased locally in stores no matter where they are shipped from.

While the state has already been collecting the revenue on several transactions, proponents say the recently passed bill is aimed at increasing compliance with an existing law created in response to a 2017 U.S. Supreme Court decision, *South Dakota v. Wayfair Inc.*, which paved the way for state taxation

on out-of-state retailers.

The Illinois Retail Merchants Association was one of the most vocal backers of the online sales tax measure. Rob Karr, IRMA's president, said the change passed in the veto session would shift reporting requirements away from individual sellers, therefore streamlining tax remittance.

The new measure would require online marketplaces to collect and remit the tax to the state on behalf of the sellers that utilize their platforms, including third-party sellers.

"The marketplaces asked to do this because it's just easier," Karr said. "And it's easier for the department of revenue and others to do it because now instead of having to monitor, audit every single marketplace seller, they now just do that for the marketplace facilitator."

For remote retailers selling independent of online marketplaces, the tax would apply to those that do \$100,000 or more worth of business or complete 200 or more separate transactions annually in Illinois, as they would be considered under law to be maintaining a place of business in the state. Karr said that threshold was deemed reasonable by the Supreme Court in the Wayfair decision.

Per the new legislation, these sellers would have the option to contract with certified service providers, which are companies that collect and remit the tax to the state. Those providers would retain the retailer's discount of 1.75 percent of the taxes remitted, which the sellers would otherwise have been entitled to under state law.

The new legislation also reinserts use tax language which was removed when the original budget implementation bill passed in June. According to IRMA, the language is needed to protect state revenue in the event of an "adverse court decision" regarding the retail tax.

Per IRMA estimates, the added compliance resulting from the legislative fixes could result in more than \$460 million in combined state and local revenue in fiscal year 2021, which begins July 1, 2020, and ends June 30, 2021. That sum breaks down to \$200 million from remote retailer provisions for state government and \$40 million resulting from locally-imposed taxes, and \$180 million from state marketplace sales with \$45 million generated for locally-imposed taxes.

The measure was passed as part of Senate Bill 119, a broad-ranging follow-up to the budget implementation bill passed in June. It had bipartisan support in both chambers and has been sent to Gov. J.B. Pritzker.

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Lincoln Artifacts Will Not be Auctioned, Foundation Announces

Group says a three-year loan extension will provide more time to raise funds

by *Rebecca Anzel Capitol News Illinois*

The foundation supporting the 16th president's library and museum announced Wednesday it no longer needs to auction off a collection of more than 1,000 Abraham and Mary Todd Lincoln artifacts.

Officials with the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation secured a three-year extension on a loan used to buy historical items — including the bloody gloves the former president had in his pocket when he died and a huge number of Mary Lincoln documents — from former board member Louise Taper in 2007.

The terms of the original loan, for \$23 million, dictated Lake Forest Bank & Trust Company be paid back in October 2019. After it stopped making significant payments and the state refused to contribute taxpayer dollars, the foundation threatened to sell pieces from the Taper Collection to raise the remaining funds.

But the foundation, a private organization formed in 2000 which retained ownership of the artifacts, now has until Oct. 31, 2022, to repay about \$8.8 million it still owes, Nick Kalm, a foundation board vice chairman, said.

"In addition to giving us the flexibility to continue fundraising, this extension means the foundation no longer needs to consider auctioning off any of the artifacts to satisfy the debt," Ray McCaskey, chair of the foundation's board of directors, said in a news release. "Selling these unique artifacts was clearly something no one wanted to do. Now, this important collection will remain available to everyone who visits the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum."

Rep. Tim Butler, a Republican from Springfield, said it is "a good sign" the foundation was able to secure the new loan deadline, something

he advocated for more than a year ago. The collection, he added, is "one of the crown jewels we own collectively as a state."

"The foundation will tell you — at least they've told me — that this controversy surrounding the collection has resulted in a drop in their fundraising ability, but I think ... with collaboration between both the (museum on the) state side and the (foundation on the) private side, you can really leverage, hopefully, some good relationships and some good will to try to get things done," Butler said. "At the end of the day, this is Abraham Lincoln. I

think it's a great thing to raise money for, and hopefully the foundation should be able to raise the money."

A spokesperson for the museum declined to comment.

Library Foundation officials made a "larger-than-normal payment" earlier this year, according to a news release, and the new loan terms include "a more favorable interest rate," according to an announcement.

"Having a significant loan extension at more favorable terms allows us to continue and even accelerate our fundraising efforts," Kalm said in an email. "We have already paid down so much, and look forward to the day when we can pay it off completely."

Sarah Phalen, foundation treasurer, said in a news release the group has "secured a viable path forward to allow us to retire the debt in its entirety."

Abudayyeh said the work will take place in the governor's second-floor Capitol working office, as well as in the reception area outside of it. The renovations will include soundproofing in the office and installation of a partition to make the reception area "more accessible to staff."

The governor's staff said the changes to the reception area, which is the public-facing office space visible through plate glass windows on the Capitol's second floor, are temporary and can be easily removed at a future date.

According to a news release, the administration worked with the Architect of the Capitol to ensure modifications "will not compromise the historical integrity of the office."

The "ceremonial office" — an area which frequently hosts news conferences and is complete with a 1918 Robert Root painting of an 1858 debate between Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas — will be unaffected by the renovations.

Pritzker's office also said the work will be done by a union firm and union subcontractors.



That path is "continued private fundraising," Kalm said, which includes an event in Chicago in February.

The Taper Collection also includes a stovepipe hat that was believed to be one of three belonging to Lincoln, but documents obtained by WBEZ in September showed the FBI, Smithsonian National Museum of American History and Chicago History Museum could not authenticate that.

Several non-Lincoln-related items are in the collection as well. A black Marilyn Monroe dress included in the trove sold for \$50,000 at an auction earlier last year.

In the foundation's annual report, Phalen wrote it concluded the most recent fiscal year "with a strong increase in net assets over last fiscal year."

The Taper Collection is "certainly something that — we've said all along — want to remain in the hands of the state of Illinois and available to the public through Lincoln's Presidential Museum," Butler said. "I think it's a great thing for Illinois and I think it's a great thing for the people of Illinois."

Governor to Foot \$40,000 Bill for Capitol Office Renovations

Work will be non-cosmetic, 'functional' in nature

by *Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois*

Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker is planning to spend \$40,000 of his own money to renovate his State Capitol office next month, according to a news release distributed by his staff.

Those changes will be mainly functional, however, with no major changes planned for the carpeting, wallpaper, furniture or other cosmetic areas.

"The Office the Governor in Springfield will undergo renovations beginning the week of Dec. 10 with the goal of improving functionality for staff. It is expected to conclude before the end of the year," Jordan Abudayyeh, Pritzker's press secretary, said in a statement last week.

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Holiday Symbols In Capitol Offer Wide Range Of Views

From nativity scene to satanic sculpture, rotunda has become focal point of religious debate

by Rebecca Anzel Capitol News Illinois

Seasonal decorations are filling the Illinois Capitol rotunda — a holiday tree, nativity scene, satanic sculpture and Winter Solstice sign surround the ever-present “Illinois Welcoming the World” statue in the center of the space.

The display gained national attention in 2018 for the Satanic Temple of Chicago’s contribution of a sculpture of a woman’s left arm, with a snake coiled around it, holding an apple. The statue is a metaphor representing the biblical story of Adam and Eve, according to two leaders of the Temple, who said the apple was to represent enlightenment.

These winter displays are installed for 30 days, and are protected by the U.S. Constitution’s freedom of speech guarantees, a sign posted near the tree states.

“The State of Illinois is required by the first amendment of the United States Constitution to allow temporary, public displays in the state capitol so long as these displays are not paid for by taxpayer dollars,” it reads. “Because the first floor of the Capitol Rotunda is a public place, state officials cannot legally censor the content of speech or displays.”

This is the second holiday season the satanic sculpture is displayed in the rotunda. Its design “keeps with The Satanic Temple’s values of advocating knowledge and rationality over superstition, ignorance, and dogma,” according to a press release.

Lex Manticore and Lux Armiger, the Temple’s Chicago chapter heads, said they were surprised by the backlash the installation, called “Knowledge is the Greatest Gift,” received last year.

“I don’t think people object to the substance of our message — the objection is to the messenger,” Armiger added. “The people that object to the sculpture are part of that supremacist belief. Certain people perhaps believe that their religious perspective should be the only one that’s recognized.”

For the 11th straight year, a Winter Solstice sign, installed by Kathryn Koldehoff of the Freedom from Religion Foundation, will also have a spot in the Capitol Rotunda. It is meant to make “freethought’s presence felt in the land of Lincoln,” according to a press release.

“At this season of the Winter Solstice may reason prevail. There are no gods, no devils, no

angels, no heaven or hell,” the sign reads. “There is only our natural world. Religion is but myth and superstition that hardens hearts and enslaves minds.”

Winter Solstice, the shortest and darkest day each year, is on Dec. 21. The display represents “the real reason for the season,” Foundation Co-President Annie Laurie Gaylor said in a press release.

The group, which describes itself as “the largest national association of freethinkers,” has installations across the country. It began displaying its sign in Illinois’ Statehouse due to requests from members, a spokesperson said. He added he does “not believe we have any controversy” linked to its presence.

Dave Druker, a secretary of state spokesperson, said the “holiday tree” on display is owned by the state. He does not know whether the state purchased it or whether it was donated because, he said, it “predates” Secretary of State Jesse White’s administration.

The nativity scene was installed by Julie Zanoza of the Springfield Nativity Scene Committee, Druker said. She did not return a request for comment.

While a Chanukah menorah was present in past years, Druker said he is unaware of an application to place one in the Statehouse this year.

Rep. Sarah Feigenholtz, a Democrat from Chicago and a member of the Jewish Caucus, said she has made an inquiry with the secretary of state’s office about when a menorah will be installed.

“Of course it should be there. Wherever there’s celebration, there should be diversity,” she said.

About 10 years ago, a Festivus pole was included in the Statehouse’s holiday display in recognition of a satirical holiday popularized by the sitcom “Seinfeld.” Druker said he heard a group may want to bring it back this year but does not know definitively whether it will happen.

Groups interested in adding to the installation need to apply with the Physical Services Office, and only three have done so thus far, Druker said.

Manticore and Armiger, from the Satanic Temple, said while the application “is not burdensome,” the process is an “opaque” one because it is “not advertised” on the secretary of state’s website.

They added the Temple was required to carry insurance for its display, in case it falls over and causes damage to the Statehouse.

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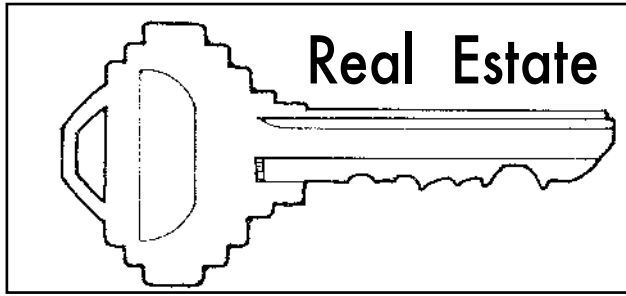
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
 U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE OF CVF III MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST II, Plaintiff,
 -v- 2019 CH 69
 ERVEY B. ROMERO A/K/A ERVEY ROMERO, ARMANDINA ROMERO
 Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on July 30, 2019, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on December 20, 2019, at the NLT Title L.L.C., 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), BELVIDERE, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:
 Commonly known as 1098 W. 5TH STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-35-182-002
 The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
 The judgment amount was \$63,592.22.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

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

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

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

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 19-7226.

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 Case Number: 2019 CH 69
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 JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION; Plaintiff,
 vs. 18 CH 111
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Commonly known as 908 Saint Croix Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008. P.I.N. 05-22-251-006.

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 Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, Manley Deas Kochalski, LLC, One East Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (614) 220-5611. 18-030927 F2

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
 NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC DBA MR. COOPER; Plaintiff,
 vs. 19 CH 90
 BARBARA K. WHALEN AKA BARBARA WHALEN AKA BARBARA K. ROACH; VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE, AN ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; Defendants,

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Commonly known as 203 South State Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065. P.I.N.03-24-282-009.

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.

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Commencing at a point on the Range line 300 links North of the southeast corner of the northeast Quarter of section 24, Township 45 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, and running thence West 300 links; thence North 110 links; thence East 300 links; thence South 110 links to the place of beginning, being a part of Lot One in Block One in the Village of Shermantown, in Boone County, Illinois.

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 NEWREZ LLC, F/K/A NEW PENN FINANCIAL, LLC D/B/A SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING,
 PLAINTIFF

vs. 2019CH58
 SHERRY ZACK, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ESTATE OF SIEGMUND R. COOPER; CASSIE MCDONALD A/K/A CASSIE COOPER; REINHARD COOPER; ROSA COOPER; SIEGMUND COOPER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF SIEGMUND R. COOPER; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, DEFENDANTS

PUBLICATION NOTICE
 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you, CASSIE MCDONALD A/K/A CASSIE COOPER; UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OF SIEGMUND R. COOPER; and UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant in the above entitled suit, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois by the plaintiff against you and other defendant, praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows to wit:

LOT 178 IN FARMINGTON PHASE 5, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE SOUTHWEST AND SOUTHEAST QUARTERS OF SECTION 31, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 4, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 23, 1999 AS DOCUMENT NO. 1999R07029, IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

COMMON ADDRESS:
 2307 Fairfield Trail, Belvidere, IL 61008
 P.I.N.: 06-31-380-003

and which said mortgage was signed by STEGMUND R. COOPER, Mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Compass Mortgage, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Boone County as Document No. 2015R02117; and for such other relief prayed; that summons was duly issued out of the Circuit Court of Boone County against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

YOU MAY BE ABLE TO SAVE YOUR HOME- DO NOT IGNORE THIS DOCUMENT. By order of the Chief Judge of the Seventeenth Judicial Circuit, this case is subject to the Residential Mortgage Foreclosure Mediation Program. You must follow the attached instructions to participate.

NOW THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU, the said above defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of this Court in Boone County in Room 303 at 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 on or before December 23, 2019, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint.

E-Filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or talk with your local circuit clerk's office.

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Lot Sixty-three (63) as designated upon Plat Number 1 of Landmark Crossings, being a subdivision of part of the East Half (1/2) of Section 22, Township 44 North, Range 3, East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the plat thereof recorded July 6, 2005 as Document Number 2005R07560 in Plat Index File Envelope 324-A in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; situated in the County of Boone and the State of Illinois.

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LOT FOUR (4) IN BLOCK TWELVE (12) OF COLUMBIA SUBDIVISION AS THE SAME IS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1098 W. 5TH STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008 Property Index No. 05-35-182-002

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, JOHNSON, BLUMBERG & ASSOCIATES, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 230 W. Monroe Street, Suite #1125, Chicago, IL, 60606 (312) 541-9710. Please refer to file number 19-7226.

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 GSMPS MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST 2006-RP1, MORTGAGE PASS-THROUGH CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-RP1, U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, Plaintiff(s),
 vs. 19 CH 136
 PATRICIA A. RICHTER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendant(s).

PUBLICATION NOTICE
 The requisite Affidavit for Publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: PATRICIA A. RICHTER, NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, UNKNOWN TENANTS AND UNKNOWN OWNERS, Defendants in the above entitled suit, that said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Chancery Division, by the said Plaintiff, against you and other Defendants, praying for foreclosure of a certain Real Estate Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit:

LOT 8 IN BLOCK 7 IN "HIGHLAND" AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 2, SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY ILLINOIS, ALSO, THE EAST HALF OF THE VACATED ALLEY LYING WEST AND ADJACENT TO AFORESAID LOT 8 IN BLOCK 7 OF HIGHLAND SUBDIVISION, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Tax Number: 05-36-329-011
 commonly known as 1419 FREMONT ST BELVIDERE IL 61008; and

which said Real Estate Mortgage was made by PATRICIA A. RICHTER, and recorded in the Office of the Boone County Recorder as Document Number 02R11035; that Summons was duly issued out of the said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending.

Now, therefore, unless you, the said named Defendant, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Circuit Court of Boone County, located at 601 N MAIN ST, BELVIDERE, IL 61008, on or before January 6, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint.

LAW OFFICES OF IRA T. NEVEL, LLC
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PUBLICATION NOTICE

In The Interest of: Cristian Campero, Minor
 No. 19-JA-21

To Ashlee Johnson/ To whom it may concern Respondent

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on September 25, 2019, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty. Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled " In the Interest of Cristian Campero, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 P.M. central Daylight time on 12-5-19 & 1-16-20; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

Dated November 18, 2019

Linda J. Anderson, Circuit Clerk

By: Heather Austin Deputy Clerk

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
 Case No. 19-MR-124
 Candi Sue Anderson

NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR NAME CHANGE

Notice is hereby given, that on January 14, 2020, at 10:00 am, I will present a Petition requesting that the Court change her present name of Candi Sue Anderson, to the name of Candice Sue Anderson. The hearing will take place at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 Courtroom #3

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PUBLIC NOTICE BOONE COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSESSOR'S 2019 ANNUAL MEETING

The Boone County Township Assessor's Annual Meeting will be held, Tuesday, December 19, 2019 at 3:00 P. M. in the Boone County Board Room, 1212 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008. This meeting is being held in accordance with the Illinois Property Tax Code, Article 9, Div 1, Section 9-15.

The purpose of the Assessor's Annual Meeting is for instruction on the updates in the Illinois Property Tax Code, methods of mass appraisal, functions and practices of the assessment process and plans for the 2020 Assessment Year. This meeting is open to the public.

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PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

In re the Marriage of Maria Villegas Casas and Martin Pinedo Belmontes Case No: 2019 D 102

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE

YOU, Martin Pinedo Belmontes, ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that this case has been commenced in this Court and is pending against you asking for a dissolution of marriage and other relief. Unless you file your Answer or Appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of the 17th Judicial Circuit, Boone County, Illinois located at 601 North Main Street in Belvidere, Illinois before January 22, 2019 or otherwise appear at the status hearing in this matter on January 22, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. in Courtroom 4 of the Boone County Courthouse, located at 601 North Main Street in Belvidere, Illinois, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT MAY BE TAKEN AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF ASKED IN THIS COMPLAINT. Prepared by: Alexis Simmons, The Law Offices of Alexis M.K. Simmons, LLC, 124 N Water St, Ste 204, Rockford, IL 61107, (815) 570-9662, alexis@simmonsllaw.org.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of: Shaun Thomas Clausen, deceased.
 CASE NO. 2019 P 75

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION -HEIRS AND CLAIMS

Notice is given of the death of Shaun Thomas Clausen of Belvidere, Illinois, Letters of Office as Administrator with Will Annexed were issued on November 12, 2019, to Jared A. Clausen, 2174 Derby Lane, Belvidere, IL 61008, whose attorney is Theodore Liebovich, 415 South

Mulford Road, Rockford, IL 61108.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before June 8, 2020, that being the date at least six (6) months from the date of the first publication, or within three(3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to Creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 5/18-3of the Illinois Probate Act, as amended whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court at Boone County Courthouse, Probate Division, 601 North Main Street, Suite 303, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 or with the estate legal representative or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

JARED A. CLAUSEN Administrator

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Youth Travel Opportunities As Youth Ambassadors

Boone County Youth between the ages of 15 and 20 are invited to apply for a two-week trip to either our sister city in France or Germany as part of our annual Sister Cities Association of Belvidere Youth Exchange Program.

Four teens again this year will be selected for this special exchange program. Those chosen will live with carefully screened families in Vaux-le-Penil, France, or Schwieberdingen, Germany for two weeks, experiencing new and different cultures. The exchange will be in late July.

To be selected, the youth must be US citizens, fill out an application, get three letters of recommendation from teachers, ministers, community leaders (one can be from a friend), and complete a 150 word essay on "Why I want to be a Youth Ambassador."

The deadline to apply is February 1, 2020. Applicants will be interviewed by our Sister Cities Selection Committee.

Those chosen will be awarded a \$1,500 stipend to cover airfare and a few related costs. Those chosen will need a passport and some extra money for incidentals and a gift for the host family.

For further information and applications visit belvideresistercities.org.

Boone County Habitat for Humanity Home Blessing and Dedication

Press Release

Belvidere, IL – November 21, 2019 – On Tuesday November 26th at 5:30 pm the Boone County Habitat for Humanity will help a well-deserving family celebrate the dream of homeownership.

There will be a new home blessing and dedication at 621 East Locust Street in Belvidere, IL for Jessica Torres and her three children Dom, Angelique and Vance.

Habitat for Humanity of Boone County broke ground on Jessica's home in April 2019, many community organizations and individuals have donated time and materials to complete the dream. The public is invited to celebrate with the family and following the program take a tour of the home. A big thank you to everyone who made this year's build possible!!

About Jessica

Jessica is determined, kind, and a hard worker, she proved this by going through the application process three times before being selected as a habitat partner family and by putting in over 300 hours of sweat equity towards the completion of the house.

Born and raised in Belvidere, Jessica received her Associates degree in massage therapy, and has worked for IHOP for last seven years. In her spare time she enjoys taking the kids to Six Flags (thanks to grandma), spending time with family and friends, and most importantly being a mom. Please join us in celebrating their new home.

About Habitat for Humanity of Boone County

At Habitat for Humanity, we build. We build because we believe that everyone, everywhere, should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. More than building homes, we build communities, we build hope and we build the opportunity for families to help themselves.

Your donation will help families break the cycle of poverty and build long-term financial security. With an affordable, stable home, families have more to spend on food, medicine, childcare, education and other essentials. Your support can help us do more in all the many ways that Habitat builds.

To donate please go to www.boone-il-habitat.org/donate/ or call (815) 980-6247 for more information.

We are raising money for Habitat for Humanity of Boone County - Illinois and your contribution will make an impact, whether you donate \$5 or \$500. Every little bit helps!

Why Start a Business When You Can Start a Movement?

By Jim Nowlan

This column proposes a powerful, practical, if highly unconventional, way to start a national conversation, even a movement, that could possibly help restore a healthy American democracy and solid economic future, and maybe even replace one of our two bankrupt political parties.

Politics and policy are today focused on supporting old coots like me (I'm 78), and the boomers who followed, through oppressive government debt, mountainous student loan burdens, inadequate investment in research and higher education, and generally listless K-12 education. The consequences of our selfish, debt-fueled pandering to my generation will be paid by those who are in college today. Embarrassing.

In the present era, national politics are shaped by winning intra-party primary elections, which are largely captured by activists at polar extremes. The great swath of us in the middle are marginalized, having little impact on who become candidates.

I propose a nationwide competition — with big prizes — among teams at our business school MBA programs, to develop the best "business plan" for creation and implementation of a new, competitive political party. Why start a business, I say to the MBA students, when you can start a movement?

A new political party is really just a start-up, nonprofit enterprise. I used to run US Senate and other major political campaigns. For each, we developed a campaign plan to operate the equivalent of a lively business for one year. Without a good plan, no success. A new party would need a terrific plan.

Why focus largely on the business schools? (I would indeed open the competition to teams from elsewhere.) Because many of the brightest and most successful of the coming generation are enrolled there. They need to appreciate they have a huge stake in the future, and my generation is strewing shards of glass in their path.

We should also disabuse business school deans who might think the business of America is solely about business. Wrong. A stable, far-sighted political system is an absolute precondition to a flourishing, sustainable economy.

For example, after World War II, observers identified Argentina as the nation that had all the ingredients to be the next economic powerhouse — a well-educated, hard-working populace with substantial natural resources, unscathed by the war. Yet dysfunctional, populist Peronist and later governments crushed the dreams of a global powerhouse in Argentina.

My proposal is that MBA students, plus teams from elsewhere, be assigned the task of developing a plan for a new, national third party.

After all, the Republican Party began as a third party, founded in 1854 in the midst of the implosion of the Whig Party. Just six years later, Republicans captured the White House with 39 percent of the popular vote in a four-party contest, and saved the Union.

There would obviously be daunting challenges to creation of a successful competitive new party for the political contests after 2020.

For example, students of political parties will point out the original GOP rode the coattails of a searing matter in the North — extension of slavery — and that a new political party begun in 2020 would lack such a riveting issue.

Second, a new party would probably have to appeal to those of us located somewhere along the middle of the political spectrum; unfortunately, moderation famously lacks that emotional appeal necessary to drive voters to the polls.

Third, at least as I see it, a new, future-oriented party would have to promote some jarring, even painful policies; for example, reduce benefits a bit now to extend Social Security and Medicare programs into the future, increase revenues for long-term research investments, and curb health care expenditures.

To counter these challenges, a successful plan would have to arouse constructive fear — the great motivator — that our student generation will otherwise inherit a society bereft of the resources necessary to fuel a prosperous society for themselves and their children.

A new political party can also benefit from the immediacy and ubiquity of social media, for marketing, recruiting, fundraising.

I am thinking prizes of \$1 million for the winning team, half that for second, less for runners-up. I see half of each prize going to the team members, the other half to be applied as seed-money to start implementation. I am right now casting about among my few, really deep-pocketed friends and acquaintances to recruit interest in funding the idea.

Sure, the idea is eccentric. But I'll bet that in 1854 unimaginative folks in central Illinois thought the awkward, unschooled young lawyer from New Salem and his political buddies were also off on a fool's errand.

I think such a competition could fascinate America. The public might even be involved in the voting among competing finalist plans.

What might the bright young leaders of tomorrow come up with? Are they up to the challenge? Are we?

For many years, Jim Nowlan was a senior fellow and political science professor at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. He has worked for three unindicted governors and published a weekly newspaper in central Illinois.

Community News & Events

All You Can Eat Fish Boil- Friday, December 6, 2019. Icelandic Cod with Butter, Chicken and Potatoes, Onions, Cole Slaw, Bread with butter, Dessert and Beverage. Serving from 5-8 P.M. and \$15 per person. Carry Outs Available. Located at Capron Lions Community Building, 1st Friday in December, January, February and March.

What Happened to Kurdistan- Thursday, December 12, 2019. 6 P.M. at 201 Seventh Street (the former JustGoods), Rockford. Call 815-964-7111 for more information.

Christmas in Kirkland 2019- Christmas in Kirkland will be held on December 14, 2019, 3P.M. to 6 P.M. Events in downtown area include visits from Santa, tree decorating, Library craft and story time, face painting, raffles, wagon rides, free refreshments. The Hiawatha High School Band and Chorus will provide music. A craft sale will be held at Hiawatha High School from 2 P.M. to 6 P.M.

Christmas Model Train Show- Saturday, December 14, 2019. 10 A.M to 4 P.M. Located at the Capron Lions Community Building at Capron Lions Park. Santa visits from 11 A.M to 1 P.M. Chili, Hot Dogs and Concessions available. Free Admission and open to the public.

Meet Hometown Holiday Cast- Meet and mingle with the cast of J.R. Sullivan's Hometown Holiday at a reception following the Saturday, December 14 performance at the Nordlof Center, 118 N. Main Street. Tickets for the performance and reception are \$35 and available at jrsullivanhometownholiday.com or at local outlets, Rockford Area Arts Council, J.R. Kortman Design and both locations of Village Green Home and Garden.

Community Building Complex Committee Regular Board Meeting- Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 5:00 P.M. in the Community Building Board Room.

Boone County Township Assessor Announces 2019 Annual Meeting

The Boone County Township Assessor's Annual Meeting will be held, Tuesday, December 19, 2019 at 3:00 P. M. in the Boone County Board Room, 1212 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008. This meeting is being held in accordance with the Illinois Property Tax Code, Article 9, Div 1, Section 9-15.

The purpose of the Assessor's Annual Meeting is for instruction on the updates in the Illinois Property Tax Code, methods of mass appraisal, functions and practices of the assessment process and plans for the 2020 Assessment Year. This meeting is open to the public.