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Something In the Air

By David Larson

Let's guess that these photos were taken in 1891 and 1913. We can see streetcars, telephone and electric poles, and the lack of automobiles.

Something unseen but sensed in these old photographs--taken long before anyone alive can remember--may suggest answers to some of today's issues. Here are two photographs taken in the heart of Belvidere's "new town" district at South State Street and Logan Avenue. "New town" because it was not until the railroad came to Belvidere on the south side of the Kishwaukee River that development jumped across the river and began Belvidere's most significant growth. The economic opportunity of being close to the railroad line changed Belvidere, and brought the unincorporated farming village into the industrial age.

What were people in Belvidere thinking in 1891? Superficially, we're probably little different than them, despite the technological tools available today.

But was what they hoped for and valued in life different? It is unlikely that their sense of the world was identical to ours. It was probably much different because of the time and place where they lived. No better or worse, just different.

It would be naive to suggest that these were the "good old days." The gathering and preparation of food, for instance, was organic and sourced from local farms through local merchants or backyard gardens. Wood fired stoves and simple refrigeration in cellars required either fresh or cured food. A daily stop for fresh meat, bread, and milk required visiting three different merchants. There were no brand names filling their minds with expectations. Just the quality of the butcher, baker, and dairy, and the abilities of the cook. In that way, they thought differently.

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House Passes Bill to Bar Officials Convicted of Corruption From Holding Public Office

Proposal comes as former Illinois House speaker prepares for trial

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

The Illinois House passed a bill Friday that would bar anyone convicted of a felony, bribery, perjury or misuse of public funds while serving as a public official from ever being elected to a state or local office again.

That measure was introduced as an amendment to House Bill 351 on Thursday and moved quickly through the House Ethics and Elections Committee Friday morning with bipartisan support. It then went to the House floor where it passed 106-0.

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General Assembly Approves Criminal Sentencing Reforms For Minors

Measure supported by coalition of victim advocates

By Andrew Adams Capitol News Illinois

Illinois lawmakers have approved a measure that reforms criminal sentencing for minors, particularly victims of child sex trafficking.

House Bill 3414 adds to the factors that judges must consider in the process of sentencing children found guilty of a crime. The bill would require a judge to consider a child's involvement in the child welfare system, whether they have a history of domestic abuse or sexual exploitation

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Foster to Host Town Hall Meeting in Belvidere

On Saturday, May 20, at 10:30 AM, Congressman Bill Foster (IL-11) will host a town hall in Belvidere where he will share what life is like as a scientist in Congress and discuss his work serving Illinois' 11th Congressional District.

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Latest Bill Limits Marketing Strategies

By Peter Hancock Capitol News Illinois

Illinois lawmakers are considering further legislation restricting the possession and marketing of firearms, even as state and federal courts are weighing the constitutionality of an assault weapons ban passed in January.

On Wednesday, the Illinois House passed a bill that would subject firearms manufacturers and dealers to the state's Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, restricting them from using certain marketing strategies.

"The Firearm Industry Responsibility Act, House Bill 218, is designed to hold gun manufacturers accountable and ensure that families devastated by gun violence have a path to justice in Illinois civil courts," Rep. Jennifer Gong-Gershowitz, D-Glenview, the bill's lead sponsor, said during floor debate.

If passed, dealers, manufacturers and others involved in the firearms industry could be held civilly liable if they market any firearm, accessory or component to people under the age of 18 or in a way that appears to support or encourage unlawful militia activity.

They also could be held liable if they "knowingly create, maintain, or contribute to a condition in Illinois that endangers the safety or health of the public by conduct either unlawful in itself or unreasonable under all circumstances, including failing to establish or utilize reasonable controls."

"Reasonable controls" would include procedures to prevent the sale of weapons to "straw purchasers" or to people who are prohibited under federal law from possessing firearms.

The bill would allow suits to be filed by the attorney general, state's attorneys or any individual. It was backed by Attorney General Kwame Raoul, who sat next to Gong-Gershowitz during floor debate.

"The Firearms Industry Responsibility Act will clarify my office's ability to use the Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, which is a primary tool available to hold businesses accountable for fraudulent or deceptive practices through civil litigation," Raoul said in a news release. "It is how my office has protected the public from opioid manufacturers, vaping companies, tobacco companies and predatory lenders."

Gong-Gershowitz said the bill was needed so that judges don't mistakenly assume that the industry is exempt from civil suits under the Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act, or PLCAA. That's a 2005 federal law that says dealers and manufacturers cannot be sued when their products are used in a crime.

Republicans, however, argued that the bill would be unconstitutional and would quickly be struck down by federal courts.

"What we have here is, at best, a constitutionally questionable bill that is going to require our state to expend resources in defending it because it's already been said that a challenge is going to come," said Rep. Dan Ugaste, R-Geneva. "It's happened in every other state that's passed this legislation."

The bill passed the House on a partisan vote of 71-40 and was sent to the Senate for consideration. But it may not be the only gun-related bill lawmakers consider in the waning days of the spring session.

On Friday, the House also passed House Bill 676 by Rep. Maura Hirschauer, D-Batavia. That bill contains several provisions, including one that would require

people who are subject to a domestic violence order of protection to surrender their weapons to a local law enforcement agency. Current law only requires them to transfer their weapons to someone with a valid Firearm Owners Identification card.

The bill also would create a task force to study the feasibility of requiring gun owners to carry liability insurance. It passed on a vote of 70-36 and now awaits action in the Senate.

The efforts in Illinois to impose more restrictions on gun ownership and gun sales come at a time when the U.S. Supreme Court, dominated by conservatives, has taken a much more expansive view of the Second Amendment than in the past.

State officials are currently waiting to learn whether Justice Amy Coney Barrett will grant an emergency restraining order to block enforcement of the assault weapons ban while a challenge to that law is being appealed.

Hirschauer, however, said in an interview that she and other supporters of gun control in the General Assembly are confident they are doing the right thing.

"I think it's really important to remember who we're fighting for right now, and it's survivors and families affected by domestic violence, and it's my job to craft the strongest policy that will keep people safe," she said. "I believe we're doing that and it will hold up to judicial scrutiny."

But Republican Rep. C.D. Davidsmeyer, of Jacksonville, said in an interview that he doesn't believe the gun control measures Democrats are pushing through will reduce gun violence.

"The reason why a lot of gun owners don't want any type of regulation on guns is because that's always the first step. And we're seeing that here," he said. "As I said (Wednesday) in debate, we seem to want to go after everybody but the criminal who's committing the crime."

Editor's note: The story has been updated to reflect the Friday passage of House Bill 676.

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OP-ED

Is it Hard to Create Common Sense Legislation or is it Something Else

By Scott Reeder

When I read about four adults and one child being killed last month in a shooting rampage in Cleveland, Texas, I just cringed.

We live in a society where gun violence has become commonplace. Mass shootings have become weekly occurrences. During the first 18 weeks of 2023, our nation experienced 20 shootings that have each taken the lives of at least four people.

The five killed in Cleveland were just ordinary folks, immigrants from Honduras. Their next-door neighbor was reportedly outside late firing his rifle into the sky. They asked if he could stop because the gunfire was keeping their baby awake.

It would seem a reasonable request. Instead, police say Francisco Oropeza, 39, took his AR-15 style semiautomatic rifle and killed five people, including an 8-year-old child.

The Washington Post reported three children survived the shooting. "Two of the women who were killed were found lying on top of the young children in a bedroom. 'They were trying to protect the children,'" San Jacinto County Sheriff Greg Capers told The Washington Post. "It's horrific," Capers said. "No one should ever have to look at this scene, the blood, the trauma that went on in that house."

A massive manhunt ended May 2 when a law enforcement team found Oropeza in a closet hiding under some laundry. Brave fellow.

When I read that story, I couldn't help but remember when I was in Cleveland, Texas, five years ago. Oddly enough, I was investigating a different murder.

When I was a young reporter, fresh out of graduate school, I covered a shooting at a day care center near Galveston, Texas. A man walked into the nursery with a gun and shot two teachers in front of two dozen screaming kids.

I covered his trial. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Thirty years later, I found myself in a state prison in Cleveland sitting across a table from him as he awaited his release. He tried to write-it off as a big misunderstanding. I have never had such a strong desire to slap someone I was interviewing.

I had spent the preceding days with the family of the teacher he killed, talking to the worker he shot three times but survived and listening to one of the children whose earliest memory was his act of violence.

After I finished the interview in the prison, I did what I always do when I visit a small town for the first time. I ate at the local diner, sat at the "community table" and learned about the town. Two cops sat across from me eating their breakfast.

When I told them why I was in town, they invited me back to their station and regaled me with stories of cases they had investigated over the years. After a few hours of listening,

they took me to lunch at a Mexican restaurant. (Nothing is better than TexMex in small town Texas.)

When I learned of the recent violence in Cleveland, I thought about the cops I met and wondered if they were working the case. I also thought about the killer I interviewed in the Cleveland prison.

He's proof that this senseless gun violence is nothing new. It's an ongoing American tragedy. I don't like to write about gun rights because I don't have much new to say.

The U.S. Supreme Court has said that the Second Amendment gives Americans a right to own firearms. I'm a gunowner. I spend November and December weekends shivering in a deer blind with a gun on my lap.

But I'm the first to acknowledge that no constitutional right is an absolute. Freedom of speech doesn't protect perjury. Freedom of the press doesn't include child pornography. Free exercise of religion doesn't cover human sacrifice.

When I reported on the daycare center shooting 35 years ago, I learned the killer had purchased a cheap handgun in a pawnshop shortly before the crime. In those days before the federal waiting period, he was able to leave the shop angry and fully armed.

I can't help but wonder if a whole lot of heartache could have been avoided if he had had two days to cool off and wait to pick up his firearm like he would today. That's an example of a gun control measure that has worked and saved lives.

I have never understood why some people feel the need to go outside and fire their gun into the air. According to the New York Times in many areas of rural Texas a person can stand in their front yard and fire a gun repeatedly and not violate so much as a village ordinance.

The night of the Cleveland massacre, Oropeza reportedly had been drinking alcohol, waving a rifle in his front yard and firing off bullets with his military style rifle. His neighbors called the police five times to complain. Each time, a dispatcher told the callers the officers were on their way.

Such calls are a pretty-low priority, particularly when the complaint doesn't involve someone violating a law.

After hours of hearing a crying baby kept awake by gunfire and finding the police unresponsive, the mother of the child walked next door to ask her neighbor to quiet it down. In the moments afterward, five people ended up dead.

It seems to me that Texas lawmakers ought to consider banning the recreational firing of guns in neighborhoods. And we don't allow people to drink while driving cars, how about banning drinking and firing guns?

If some measures such as these had been on the books, police officers may have had a pretext to intervene and prevent the tragedy that ensued.

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Foster Statement on Republicans' Partisan Immigration Legislation

Press Release

Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) has issued the following statement after voting against H.R. 2:

"There's no denying that we need to address the crisis at our southern border, and rank-and-file lawmakers on both sides of the aisle recognize the need and potential to pass a bipartisan, comprehensive immigration reform package. However, today's vote made it clear that Republican leadership is more interested in forcing a vote on a partisan stunt than finding real solutions to our broken immigration system.

"At its core, H.R. 2 is a step back to the Trump Administration's failed and inhumane immigration and border policies. This legislation diverts critical resources away from a Customs and Border Protection (CBP) overwhelmed with an influx of migrants and illicit fentanyl and, instead, wastes billions on a futile border wall. This bill would also effectively end our decades-old asylum system in violation of international law, criminalize nonprofits and faith organizations that assist migrants, send unaccompanied children back to dangerous situations, and jail children indefinitely.

"I've long supported increases in funding for our CBP officers, high-tech border security, and fentanyl detection in Congress' annual appropriations process. This funding is becoming all the more important as Title 42 comes to an end. The Biden Administration has begun to support these priorities, but more must be done.

"If we want to make progress on this issue, we can no longer tolerate inaction – we need bipartisan compromise from Congress and the Administration. We must effectively secure our border while respecting the humanity of the children and families who try to migrate here."

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Preservation*from page 1*

The ideas of private property and enterprise were probably more profound and personal than today. The individuals and businesses we see in this photograph were a product of 50 years of prosperity, basically invented from the raw earth. It was a world of opportunity for independent business. Ideas like freedom and liberty were goals to be acted upon for anyone with the desire to apply themselves. Today, most people are in corporate employment. We would be hard-pressed to equate the environment in the picture with the Walmart/McDonald's environment of today. In that way, their frame of mind - their sense of place - was different than ours.

The organization of local government had just been established within the decade. And for most, the idea of local government was very informal and democratic. Media was a newspaper, local or otherwise, and for those who could read, books were, as is true today, the way to rise above the noise. When these photographs were taken, the country was a generation away from the Civil War and they knew nothing of European wars in the atomic age. Their pride in having preserved the Union (or at least the progress of doing so) was likely to be what was in the front of the national conscientiousness. The country, for better or worse, was run by past Civil War generals from Grant to McKinley. President Benjamin Harrison (1889-1893) was President at the time of the first photo.

The industrial revolution sweeping the nation brought enterprise to the banks of the Kishwaukee River, as Belvidere made sewing machines for the nation. Individuals created business in this community while living in the community, prospering, and creating wealth. The wealth of the community migrated from the countryside to the city. From farm commodities and labor to the creative merchants and inventive industrialists in need of labor. Belvidere created clubs, charities, sports, bands, churches with stained glass windows, and a YMCA to be inclusive, moral, and enhance the pleasure of life.

The local merchants and restaurateurs were the spirit of the community and the conduits of local news and gossip. The prosperity they enjoyed brought a level of comfort that was illustrated by the many large, Victorian homes throughout the city, with embellished interiors that were unique in design. With comfort and security, they fostered a way of life that was no longer frontier strife, but rich enough to build buildings bearing their names and decorated as richly as they could afford. This is the cultural heritage of Belvidere. Unfortunately, the many altered facades of today shame that legacy.

The day-to-day life in these photographs show people who likely became acquainted on a regular basis and had the opportunity to share their values face-to-face. What they created is what we call Belvidere. But much of what has come after has not captured the imagination of subsequent generations. Economic growth today comes in the form of the purchase of jobs and future property tax revenue through tax abatements. The economy was different in 1889, and corporate welfare would never have occurred to them in a world of virgin opportunity.

As time moved forward, world wars, the growth of nationalism, and new media undoubtedly changed the perception of our place in the world. Would we trade our world for theirs? What would be the point of even considering it? We can see a certain genuineness in their time, while we feel uncertain in ours. As we enter a new revolutionary period of artificial intelligence, will we return to a sense of a comfortable, secure community or will our anxieties be further magnified?

Corruption*from page 1*

Current law bars anyone convicted of a felony from holding a state office until they've completed their sentence. And a provision of the Illinois Municipal Code bars anyone who has ever been convicted of a felony from holding an elected municipal office.

But those people are free to run for the General Assembly, governor or any other constitutional office once they've completed their sentence.

"I think it's important to note that Illinois is the only state in the nation that bars an individual from running for office based on the office sought, as opposed to the crime committed," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Curtis Tarver, D-Chicago.

Former Democratic Gov. Rod Blagojevich was barred from running for state or local office in Illinois after his impeachment in 2009, but the ban was specific to him.

HB 351 would allow exceptions for people whose convictions have been reversed, if they are restored the right to run by terms of a pardon, if they've received a restoration of rights by the governor or their rights are otherwise restored by law.

It also calls for setting up a task force to review current laws and policies about disqualification standards and make recommendations as to what criminal conduct should preclude an individual from holding public office.

The measure comes less than two weeks after the conclusion of the "ComEd Four" trial in which four former officials of Commonwealth Edison were convicted of engaging in a yearslong scheme to bribe former House Speaker Michael Madigan. They were convicted of giving lobbying contracts and no-work jobs to Madigan allies in exchange for favorable legislation in Springfield.

Madigan himself is scheduled to go on trial starting April 1, 2024, on racketeering charges related to his dealings with ComEd as well as his similar alleged dealings with AT&T Illinois, which agreed to pay a \$23 million fine in a deferred prosecution agreement in October. Madigan is also accused of improperly wielding his power as both House speaker and head of the state's Democratic Party to enrich himself via his real estate law firm.

The bill also came during the same week that the Illinois Senate confirmed Michael P. McCuskey, a retired state and federal court judge, to a full term as legislative inspector general. McCuskey was appointed to that post in February 2022 to succeed Carol Pope, who resigned in July 2021 saying she was frustrated at the General Assembly's lack of action on meaningful ethics reform.

In recent days, Republican lawmakers have been harshly critical of Democrats for not taking swift action on ethics reform following the ComEd Four convictions. Meanwhile, former Democratic Gov. Pat Quinn, who succeeded Blagojevich after his impeachment, made a rare appearance in Springfield to deliver letters to Gov. JB Pritzker and legislative leaders urging them to call a special session to focus on ethics reform.

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and the results of any mental health evaluations the child has gone through. This is in addition to existing factors that judges already consider, such as age, maturity and potential for rehabilitation.

The bill also creates a method for judges to depart from sentencing guidelines, including mandatory minimums, or to transfer a minor offender to juvenile court for sentencing.

Judges may do so if they find "by clear and convincing evidence" that the child's crime was committed against someone who had, in the past three years, committed one of several specified crimes against the child, such as sexual abuse or forced prostitution.

The bill also adds to the factors judges must consider when a prosecutor asks to transfer a case to adult court. These new factors include whether the child has any involvement in the child welfare system, whether the child was subjected to "outside pressure" and the child's degree of participation in the crime.

The measure passed 33-20 in the Senate Wednesday after passing the House on a 67-40 vote on March 22. It can become law with a signature from the governor.

Proponents of the bill say it is part of a nationwide movement to include protections in law for victims of child sex trafficking. These laws are sometimes called "Sara's Law" after Sara Kruzan, a survivor of child sex trafficking who killed her trafficker in 1995. After being sentenced to life in prison, Kruzan's sentence was later commuted, allowing her to be paroled in 2013. In 2022, Kruzan was granted a pardon by California Gov. Gavin Newsom.

"We're giving the courts extra opportunities to check and see: Was this victim brought into this situation because of some sort of trauma?" the bill's sponsor, Sen. Mike Simmons, D-Chicago, said in an interview.

The bill was supported by a coalition of state and national advocacy groups including the Juvenile Justice Initiative, the Women's Justice Institute, Rights4Girls, the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence and the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

The Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Assault, or CAASE, took a leading role in pushing for the bill.

"There's an understanding that youth require more support and more compassion than our system gives them," Madeleine Behr, CAASE's policy director, said in an interview.

Behr also said the bill is part of an ongoing movement toward racial justice in the criminal legal system.

"This is going to be really important for Black and brown girls in particular," Behr said.

A U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics report from 2011 found that over a two-year period, victims of sex trafficking were disproportionately Black and disproportionately Hispanic.

In the past few years Illinois has passed several high-profile criminal justice reform laws, including the broad-ranging SAFE-T Act that is currently under review by the Illinois Supreme Court. The high court heard oral arguments in March around several constitutional questions related to the bill.

Republicans in the Senate raised concerns with the bill, mostly around the fact that judges will have to consider additional factors even when the perpetrator has not been the victim of abuse or trafficking.

"The crimes we are talking about, where a person is being transferred to adult court, these are

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not retail theft,” Sen. Steve McClure, R-Springfield, said. “These are not minor crimes. These are the worst of the worst.”

McClure added that some of the provisions in the bill already have similar considerations in law, such as if there was involvement in the Department of Children and Family Services or if the parent had been found to be neglectful or abusive.

“In situations where there should be leniency, the tools are already in our statute to provide for leniency,” he said.

Sen. Jason Plummer, R-Edwardsville, said the bill is a “get-out-of-jail-free card” for young offenders.

Senate Minority Leader John Curran, R-Downers Grove, said the bill would make it more difficult for prosecutors to crack down on things like carjacking in the city and suburbs, something he called “an epidemic of violence.”

“This bill is going to make it more difficult in prosecuting and enforcing those crimes,” Curran said.

Curran also criticized the expanded list of factors judges would have to consider in sentencing.

“This bill now has a factor that a judge must consider: Was the accused offender subject to peer pressure? Not sure how that’s relevant,” he said.

Simmons defended the bill after it passed by saying it would not require judges to do anything other than take more information into consideration.

“This legislation gives judges the space to look at these other categories,” Simmons said. “But the legislation does not put a thumb on the scales of justice.”

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Reps. Foster, Hill Introduce Bipartisan Resolution to Promote Financial Literacy for Students

Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) and Congressman French Hill (R-AR) have introduced a resolution to encourage collaboration between the public and private sector to promote financial literacy for students. The resolution also emphasizes the importance of financial literacy for consumers of all ages and supports the efforts of federal agencies to expand financial education resources.

“In our increasingly complex financial marketplace, young people often find themselves lacking the knowledge to make difficult financial decisions that can have profound effects on their futures,” said Rep. Foster. “Studies have shown that promoting financial literacy at an early age helps equip young people to make sound financial decisions that will set themselves up for success.”

“As a father and former community banker, we should make every effort to encourage our youth to develop responsible financial habits,” said Rep. Hill. “Acquiring these critical skills at a young age will empower our youth to make smart financial decisions as adults and will put them on a path towards lifelong financial stability.”

Gov’s Office Revises Revenue Estimates, Calls on Lawmakers To ‘Defray’ Noncitizen Health Care Costs

Current-year estimates revised downward while next year’s projections increase

By Jerry Nowicki Capitol News Illinois

Gov. JB Pritzker said this week that the state remains “on a great trajectory from a fiscal perspective,” even as his office decreased its current-year revenue estimates in light of falling tax revenues.

The Governor’s Office of Management and Budget this week shaved \$616 million off its estimate for current-year revenues, marking a downward revision of about 1.1 percent. The move corresponded with a \$532 million, or roughly 1 percent, increased revenue estimate for the upcoming fiscal year.

The governor’s office now projects the current year will end with \$50.7 billion in revenues collected. In his February budget proposal, he had proposed about \$790 million in supplemental spending for the current year that would have brought total spending to \$51.2 billion – an amount exceeding the new revenue estimate.

The proposed supplemental spending included \$490 million in increased appropriations for state agencies, a \$200 million added pension payment and \$100 million for additional capital improvements at early childhood centers across the state.

Pritzker suggested at an unrelated news conference Thursday that spending for the current year could

of our agencies to make sure that we could cover that 1 percent difference.”

The downward revision to the current Fiscal Year 2023 estimate was due to revenues for the month of April coming in \$849 million below what GOMB had projected, an indicator that pandemic-era state revenue spikes are beginning to slow.

“We understand that the broader economy is slowing down a bit,” Pritzker said at a Wednesday news conference. “And we also understood that the benefit to the economy of some of the stimulus that was put into it in prior years will also wane.”

As for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2024 that begins July 1, GOMB’s revenue estimate rose to nearly \$50.5 billion. The governor’s office now projects to have \$840 million more in revenues than the \$49.6 billion spending amount he proposed for FY 2024.

That increase was partially driven by an expected influx of income tax revenue tied to an annual reconciliation process for prior-year business taxes. Recent changes to state and federal tax codes have led to a greater-than-normal amount of money being subject to the statutory reallocation process, according to the Illinois Department of Revenue, although GOMB warns some the revenue bump will be “one-time in nature.”

Still, that upward revision for the upcoming year would not be enough to cover a shortfall created by a cost overrun related to a state expansion of health care to noncitizens who would otherwise be ineligible for Medicaid benefits.

Those programs, which provide health care benefits similar to Medicaid to noncitizens aged 42 and older, are now expected to cost about \$1.1 billion next year – a 400 percent increase from the original estimate of \$220 million included in Pritzker’s February budget proposal.

The program was an initiative of Illinois’ Legislative Latino Caucus, passed in 2020 during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic when Latinos were getting sick at a higher rate than white Illinoisans. It officially launched in 2021 for those age 65 and older but exceeded its anticipated cost within one month.

It has since been expanded twice to cover noncitizens age 42 and older, and the Democratically controlled legislature is considering expanding the program to noncitizens between the ages of 19 and 42. Under the state’s pre-existing AllKids program, noncitizens age 18 and under are already eligible for Medicaid benefits.

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services noted recently that the agency expects the federal government to cover about \$100 to \$120 million in health care costs in FY 2024 for noncitizens who are seeking asylum in the U.S.

Pritzker said Wednesday that he is hopeful lawmakers will come up with a solution for defraying some of the rest of that projected cost. On Thursday, he gave suggestions for solutions that he said were made possible by the flexibility the state has since the program is not subject to the same regulation as Medicaid, which is a joint program administered by the state and federal governments.

“It is possible, for example, that there could be – for some people at certain income levels – copays that would defray the costs of the program,” he said.

Another example, he said, would be to reexamine reimbursement rates.

“These are all things that I think are reasonable to consider to make sure that we’re reining in the cost but also serving the people who most need this health care,” Pritzker said.

The recent upward revisions to estimated

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be brought in line with revenues by slowing the pace of agency spending.

“We’re talking about approximately 1 percent of the entire budget,” he said. “So knowing that this might be coming, we’ve ramped down some of the spending here and there within all



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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS FEDERAL HOME LOAN MORTGAGE CORPORATION, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE FREDDIE MAC SEASONED CREDIT RISK TRANSFER TRUST, SERIES 2021-2, PLAINTIFF VS. Case No.: 2023FC27 TIM MILLER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR KEVIN L. MASON A/K/A KEVIN MASON A/K/A KEVIN LEE MASON, MATTHEW MASON, SAMUEL MASON, UW MED FOUNDATION, INC, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF KEVIN L. MASON A/K/A KEVIN MASON A/K/A KEVIN LEE MASON; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY, AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS DEFENDANTS Property Address: 108 Edson Ct Poplar Grove, IL 61065

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to: Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kevin L. Mason a/k/a Kevin Mason a/k/a Kevin Lee Mason and Unknown Owners, and Non Record Claimants, Defendants in the above-entitled action, that a Complaint for Foreclosure and Other Relief has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County, by said Plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of certain mortgages conveying the premises legally described as follows:

SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS: LOT 8 AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT NO. 2 OF ROLLING MEADOWS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE 3RD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND A RE-SUBDIVISION OF LOT 5 AND EDSON ROAD AS DESIGNATED ON THE PLAT OF ROLLING MEADOWS, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDERS OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN PLAT INDEX FILE ENVELOPE NO. 26, AS DOCUMENT NO. 77-3206. P.I.N.: 03-24-426-022 COMMON ADDRESS: 108 Edson Ct, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

And which mortgages were made by Kevin L. Mason a/k/a Kevin Mason a/k/a Kevin Lee Mason, as Mortgagor(s); and given to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. as Mortgagee; to wit: that certain "Mortgage" dated (a) 06/26/2006, and recorded as Document No.2009R08765, that Summons was duly issued out of said court against you as provided by law, and that the said Complaint is now pending for foreclosure of said mortgages and for other relief.

Now, therefore, unless you Unknown Heirs and Legatees of Kevin L. Mason a/k/a Kevin Mason a/k/a Kevin Lee Mason and Unknown Owners, and Non Record Claimants, file your Appearance and Answer to the Complaint in said action in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Boone County, Chancery Division, on or before JUNE 12, 2023, default may be entered against you at any time after that day and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer for relief in said Complaint.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT Kluever Law Group, LLC 225 West Washington Street Suite 1550 Chicago, IL 60606 312-236-0077 courtresults@klueverlawgroup.com Atty. No. 6275308 6088-932597

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff, -v- 2022 FC 67

DEREK S. SWANSON et al, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 15, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 16, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-FOUR (334) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 4, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PORTIONS OF SECTIONS 27 AND 28, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-415 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 128 BENEDICT DR SW, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065

Property Index No. 03-28-427-003

The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

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

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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

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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, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876 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.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100 BURR RIDGE IL, 60527 630-794-5300 E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-06452 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2022 FC 67 TJSC#: 43-1124

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.

Case # 2022 FC 67 I3219388 Published in The Boone County Journal May 4, 11, 18

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

601 NORTH MAIN STREET, BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS ESTATE OF Larry Ohlendorf, DECEASED. 23 PR 10

Notice is given to creditors of the death of the above named decedent. Letters of office were issued to Nance Ohlendorf, 422 Pembroke Road SW, Poplar Grove, Illinois 61065, as Independent Executor, whose attorney of record is Terrence E. Davey, Malman Law, 205 West Randolph Street, Suite 1700, Chicago, Illinois 60606.

The estate will be administered without court supervision, unless under section 5/28-4 of the Probate Act III. Compiled Stat. 1992, Ch. 755, par. 5/28-4) any interested person terminates independent administration at any time by mailing or delivering a petition to terminate to the clerk.

Claims against the estate may be filed with the clerk or with the representative, or both, on or before November 4, 2023, or, if mailing or delivery of a notice from the representative is required by section 5/18-3 of the Probate Act, the date stated in that notice. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

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.

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

In the Matter of Jose Francisco Gonzalez, Sr., DECEASED. Case No. 2023-PR-19

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given in the death of Jose Francisco Gonzalez, Sr. of Belvidere, Illinois. Letters of office were issued on April 26, 2023, to Jose Francisco Gonzalez, Jr., 624 Douglas Avenue #1, Elgin, IL 60120, whose attorney is Charles Herbst, 345 Bienterra Trail, Suite 3, Rockford, IL 61107.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the representative, or both, on or before November 9, 2023, which date is not less than 6 months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Any claim not filed within that period is barred. Copies of any claim filed with the Clerk must be mailed or delivered to the representative and to the attorney within 10 days after it is filed.

Jose Francisco Gonzalez, Jr., Representative Charles Herbst, Esq., Attorney

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

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2019-RPL5 TRUST Plaintiff, -v- 2022 FC 74

DALTON DANIELSON et al Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 9, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 23, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT EIGHT (8) IN BLOCK ONE (1) OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF GARDEN PRAIRIE, ILLINOIS, AS PLATTED AND RECORDED IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, IN BOOK S OF DEEDS ON PAGE 268, (EXCEPTING THEREFROM; BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF LOT EIGHT (8) OF SAID BLOCK ONE (1) OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF GARDEN PRAIRIE; THENCE WESTERLY ON THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LOT EIGHT (8), SAID LINE HAVING A BEARING OF NORTH 87°-39'54" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 66.28 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID LOT EIGHT (8); THENCE NORTHERLY ON THE WEST LINE OF SAID LOT EIGHT (8), SAID LINE HAVING A BEARING OF NORTH 00°-54'44" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 5.22 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE EASTERLY ON A LINE HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 82°-54'40" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 14.65 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE EASTERLY ON A LINE HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 87°-39'54" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 43.41 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ON A LINE HAVING A BEARING OF NORTH 32°-33'16" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 15.04 FEET TO A POINT IN THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT EIGHT (8), THENCE SOUTHERLY ON SAID EAST LINE OF LOT EIGHT (8), SAID LINE HAVING A BEARING OF SOUTH 0°-59'16" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 17.03 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 11050 ROUTE 20, GARDEN PRAIRIE, IL 61038

Property Index No. 06-36-102-010

The real estate is improved with a residence.

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

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

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

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

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SURE 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, examine the court file, CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C. Plaintiff's Attorneys, 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL, 60527 (630) 794-9876

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E-Mail: pleadings@il.cslegal.com Attorney File No. 14-22-06995 Attorney ARDC No. 00468002 Case Number: 2022 FC 74 TJSC#: 43-1942

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.

Case # 2022 FC 74 I3220364 Published in The Boone County Journal May 18, 25; Jun 1, 2023.

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

In the Matter of the Estate of: JACQUELINE D. O=KEEFE, Deceased. CASE NO. 2023PR20

CLAIM NOTICE

Notice is given to creditors of the death of JACQUELINE D. O=KEEFE. Letters of Office were issued on May 1, 2023, to Elizabeth R. Brown, an executor, whose attorney of record is David J. Brown, 101 E. Rapp St., Mt. Carroll, IL 61053.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the Office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, IL 61008 or with the representative, or both, on or before November 18, 2023. (that date being at least six (6) months from the date of 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 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed on or before that date is barred. Copies of a claim filed with the clerk must be mailed or delivered by the claimant to the representative and to the representative's attorney within 10 days after it has been filed.

DATED: 5/18/23 Elizabeth R. Brown, Executor Estate of Jacqueline D. O=Keefe, deceased David J. Brown (#6185050) Attorney at Law 101 E. Rapp St. Mt. Carroll, IL 61053 815-291-8161 E-MAIL: Djbrownlaw@aol.com Published in The Boone County Journal May 18, 25; Jun 1, 2023.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF TOWNSHIP BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Township of Caledonia in the County of Boone, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024 will be on file and available for public inspection, by appointment (815-222-9907), at 610 Constitution Dr., SW, Poplar Grove from 6:00 PM to 8:00PM.

Notice is further given that a public hearing on said Budget and Appropriation Ordinance will be held at 7:30 PM, Thursday, June 8, 2023 at the Caledonia Township Building and that final hearing and action will be taken at that time.

Dated this 7th day of May, 2023 Valerie Alt, Supervisor Theresa Balk, Town Clerk Published in The Boone County Journal May 18

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF ROAD DISTRICT BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that a Tentative Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Road purposes of the Township of Caledonia, in the County of Boone, State of Illinois, for the fiscal year beginning April 1, 2023 and ending March 31, 2024 will be on file and available for public inspection, by appointment (815-222-9907), at 610 Constitution Dr., SW, Poplar Grove from 6:00 PM to 8:00PM.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

BELVIDERE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION Notice is hereby given that the City of Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the City Council Chamber, Belvidere City Hall, 401 Whitney Boulevard, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 upon the following:

Application of Michael Leidig, 1250 Centennial Centre Boulevard, Hobart, WI, 54155 on behalf of the property owner, DMD Investments, Inc. 923 Logan Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008 for a special use to permit in-vehicle sales or service. Specifically, a car wash at 2002 Gateway Center Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008 (Belvidere Zoning Ordinance Sections 150.105(C)(4)(B)(2) In-vehicle sales or service and 150.904 Special use Review and Approval Procedures) in the PB, Planned Business District on approximately 1.5 acres. The property is legally described as:

Lot Five (5) as designated upon the Plat of Gateway Center, being a subdivision of part of the northwest quarter of Section 6, Township 43 North, Range 4 East of the Third Principal Meridian, according to the Plat thereof recorded March 23, 2005 in Plat File Envelope 316-A as document No. 2005R03084 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, State of Illinois. PIN: 08-06-101-004.

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

Paul Engelman, Chairman, Belvidere Planning and Zoning Commission Published in The Boone County Journal May 18

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Village of Caledonia
Boone County, Illinois

OWNER - The Village of Caledonia acting through its Board of Trustees, hereby gives notice that sealed bids will be received in the office of McMahon Associates, Inc. for the following described project.

PROJECT The work shall consist of resurfacing of various streets, bituminous surface removal, mill, shape and compact existing base material, aggregate shoulders and culvert pipe replacement with associated traffic control and restoration.

Bids will be received on the following contract(s):

Contract: Section 23-00000-00-GM

TIME Sealed bids will be received until 10:00 AM, local time, as indicated on the website <https://www.time.gov> CST on June 8, 2023 in the office of McMahon Associates, Inc., at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

BIDS All bids shall be addressed to Christopher D. Dopkins, P.E., McMahon Associates, Inc., 1700 Hutchins Road, Machesney Park IL 61115. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the bidder and the contract for which the bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the contract documents.

EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS The bidding documents are on file for inspection at the offices of McMahon, 1700 Hutchins Road, Machesney Park, IL 61115.

PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS In order to be a 'Plan Holder' or 'Bidder', each firm or organization shall download Bidding Documents from the McMAHON website (www.mcmgrp.com) utilizing QuestCDN eBidDocTM. Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.mcmgrp.com or www.questcdn.com. Digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable \$35.00 by inputting Quest Project No. 8529876 on the website's Project Search page. *Contractors must be pre-qualified and have a current certificate of Eligibility with the Illinois Department of Transportation to be eligible for this project.* Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

BID SECURITY No bid shall be received unless accompanied by a certified check or satisfactory bid bond payable to the Village of Caledonia in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the maximum bid as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the contract, performance/payment bonds and insurance certification, as required by the contract documents, within twenty (20) days after the Notice of Award.

BID REJECTION The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interests of the Village of Caledonia.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER.

STATE OF ILLINOIS GOVERNING LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Contract Letting

1.) The contract letting shall be subject to Illinois Statutes and Motor Fuel Tax procedures and policies.

Equal Employment Opportunity

1.) CONTRACTOR shall comply with the Equal Employment opportunity requirements in the contract documents and certify that the Contractor is not barred from contracting with a local unit of government as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code.

2.) The CONTRACTOR and subcontractors must comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights, and Orders of the Illinois Human Rights Commission, provisions of the Public Works Employment discrimination Act, 775 Illinois Compiled Statutes, 10/0.01, and the requirements of the Illinois Equal Employment Opportunity clause.

Minimum Wage

1.) The CONTRACTOR shall be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates established by the OWNER, as stated in the Advertisement For Bids.

2.) Copies of the applicable wage rates are on file with the OWNER and/or incorporated in the contract documents.

3.) The CONTRACTOR shall pay prevailing wages in accordance with, "An act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the state county city or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works" (820 ILCS 130 et Seq.). The minimum hourly rate of wages, as determined by the Wage Determination Decision of the Department of Labor referred to in these standards is included in the bid packet.

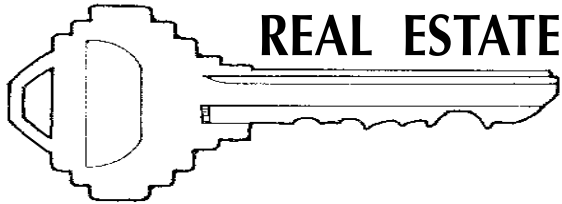
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WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY, BUT SOLELY AS OWNER TRUSTEE OF CSMC 2019-RPL5 TRUST Plaintiff,
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Property Index No. 06-36-102-010

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

NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC Plaintiff,

-v.- 2022 FC 67

DEREK S. SWANSON et al, Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on March 15, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on June 16, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

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Property Index No. 03-28-427-003

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

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

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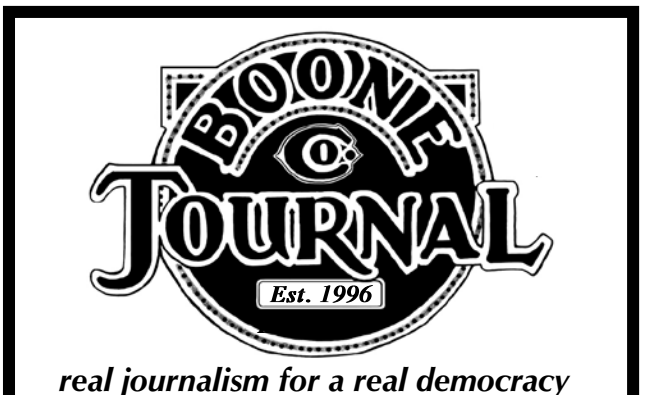
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Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder

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program costs have prompted sharp criticism from Republicans. But in a news conference earlier in the week, state Rep. Lilian Jimenez, D-Chicago, pushed back against calls to end the program.

“Many immigrants in the state of Illinois do contribute to taxes. They pay their taxes when they work, they file their taxes with an ITIN number,” she said. “They are taxpaying members of this state and should be treated as such. And they’re also human beings, most of all, and we have to remember that when we talk about cutting this or cutting that.”

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‘Crisis Pregnancy Centers’ Could Face Legal Action Under Measure Poised for Pritzker’s Signature

Democrats pass three other measures shoring up reproductive health access

By Hannah Meisel Capitol News Illinois

Illinois would become one of the first states to make so-called crisis pregnancy centers subject to the same consumer fraud standards as car dealerships, retailers and service-based businesses under a bill that will soon head to Gov. JB Pritzker.

Upon the measure becoming law, crisis pregnancy centers could be sued under the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act if they engage in “unfair methods of competition” or “deceptive acts or practices.”

Crisis pregnancy centers are facilities affiliated with anti-abortion, often religious, organizations designed to deter newly pregnant women from seeking an abortion.

Democrats working to expand Illinois’ role as a “haven” for abortion-seekers in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision last summer overturning *Roe v. Wade* say CPCs often intentionally deceive those who are trying to end their pregnancies.

“Back in 2010, I walked into one of these fake clinics,” Rep. Dagmara Avelar, D-Bolingbrook, said during debate on the bill in the state House this week. “When I was talking to the person in this clinic and I asked for my options, abortion was out of the question.”

Avelar, who sits on an abortion access working group that also pushed three other reproductive health-related bills through the House on Wednesday, remarked that 13 years after her visit to a CPC, “this is the right thing to do.”

CPC crackdown

Democrats who control supermajorities in the General Assembly easily passed Senate Bill 1909 on a 70-40 vote this week after a lengthy and emotional debate. The measure already passed the Senate in late March.

Read more: Senate approves measure to crack down on ‘crisis pregnancy centers’

Under SB 1909, the attorney general’s office can investigate crisis pregnancy centers and take them to court. Alternatively, individuals can also sue the facilities under the state’s longstanding consumer fraud law.

CPCs frequently open in the vicinity of real abortion clinics and will advertise services ranging from pregnancy tests, ultrasounds and even material help like baby formula, clothing

and parenting classes. The centers range from volunteer-run outfits that can’t offer much more than counseling to facilities with licensed medical professionals on staff who can perform exams.

According to an online map maintained by researchers at the University of Georgia’s Department of Public Health, Illinois has approximately 100 crisis pregnancy centers.

Regardless of how many services or what kind of support a CPC offers, their core goal is to discourage those seeking to end their pregnancies from going through with an abortion. CPCs also don’t refer patients to health care providers who do perform abortions or prescribe abortion pills, the most common method for ending pregnancies in the first trimester.

In 2016, lawmakers passed a state law aimed at forcing any health care provider opposed to abortion – including both crisis pregnancy centers and Catholic hospitals – to give information about where to get an abortion. While a federal judge blocked the law in 2017 on First Amendment grounds, litigation is still ongoing and a Rockford-area judge recently indicated the matter would be heard in a bench trial.

1st Amendment or ‘deception’?

Anti-abortion groups have promised litigation over SB 1909, and Rep. Bill Hauter, R-Morton, who is also an anesthesiologist at OSF St. Francis Medical Center in Peoria, took issue with the fact that any “aggrieved party” would be able to sue a CPC.

“So Planned Parenthood of Chicago can rain down complaints as an ‘aggrieved party’ on a pregnancy center in Peoria, Illinois,” Hauter said during debate on the bill.

Hauter, whose wife is the director of the Living Alternatives Pregnancy Resource Center in Pekin, described the couple as “heavily involved” in crisis pregnancy centers. Under SB 1909, Hauter’s wife could be sued under Illinois’ consumer fraud law, although as a licensed physician, Hauter could not. The bill exempts medical professionals with active licenses who work or volunteer at CPCs are exempted from the extended purview of the state’s consumer fraud law as they’re subject to other state regulations like medical malpractice laws.

Hauter also characterized the bill as “viewpoint discrimination.”

But Democratic proponents of the bill say they’ve intentionally crafted it to not tread on CPCs’ First Amendment rights.

“There is nothing in this bill that limits speech, nothing at all,” lead bill sponsor Rep. Terra Costa Howard, D-Glen Ellyn, said while debating the bill. “Cause if you’re not lying, what do you have to worry about?”

Some CPCs are upfront about their mission and will tell abortion-seekers early on that their facilities neither perform abortions nor write prescriptions for abortion pills – or even refer patients to providers who will.

But critics of CPCs claim that keeping abortion-seekers in the dark for as long as possible is a central tenet of their strategy, claiming that initial consultations are stretched into subtle persuasion campaigns to stay pregnant.

Costa Howard said she’s heard from women who said they were held behind closed doors at CPCs.

“Yes, I believe that happened because I believe women,” she said.

CPCs’ persuasion campaigns can often include advice and support for single parents or legitimate medical information on how a pregnancy is developing. But if those persuasion campaigns also include misinformation that exaggerates the health risks of abortion – claims Costa Howard referred to as “debunked science” – that would qualify as deception under SB 1909. Misdiagnoses by CPCs could also put them in hot water, she said.

The advertising tactics used by CPCs would also be subject to scrutiny under the measure. Many centers keep their online profiles vague, sticking to language offering help and guidance

for those who have recently found out they’re pregnant – and those wondering if they may be.

Attorney General Kwame Raoul, who pushed for SB 1909, gave one example of alleged deceptive practices that he witnessed while visiting a Planned Parenthood location in Illinois.

Raoul said in a statement after SB 1909 passed the House on Wednesday that as he approached the clinic, “people who appeared as though they might work there were outside attempting to divert us away from the health center.”

Under the Illinois Consumer Fraud and Deceptive Business Practices Act, a court can award up to \$50,000 in civil penalties for each violation of the law, although that doesn’t limit the court from awarding other damages or granting injunctive relief.

During debate on the bill, Republicans asserted that CPCs saved lives. But in an emotional speech, Rep. Gregg Johnson, D-East Moline, told the story of how his mother died from preeclampsia in 1972 – just six months before the U.S. Supreme Court’s landmark ruling legalizing abortions.

After saving money and traveling to New York to get an abortion after her doctor advised that she wouldn’t survive another pregnancy, she was turned away because she was too far along, Johnson said. He was eight at the time of her death and said he didn’t remember her at all.

“Our lives were thrown into chaos, because our mother had no other option than to die and leave us,” Johnson said of his mother’s death at 33 years of age. “An increasingly activist Supreme Court has created a situation in which countless more families just like ours will be thrown into chaos and women and families all over the world will experience the same grief and trauma that ours did.”

Johnson also revealed that years later, his youngest sister became pregnant at an early age and walked into a crisis pregnancy center “that offered her nothing but group prayer and disturbing pictures.”

Other abortion-related measures

Another measure pushed through by Democrats would require university and community college campuses to maintain at least one vending machine where students can buy the emergency contraceptive Plan B “morning after” pill – a medication that, if taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, will stop or delay the female body from releasing an egg from an ovary.

That proposal, Senate Bill 1907, requires the colleges to sell Plan B or a generic alternative at a discounted rate from what they pay for it. If universities or community colleges were inclined, they could turn the vending machine mandate into a full-blown “wellness kiosk” and also offer prophylactics, non-prescription drugs, pregnancy tests and menstrual products. The measure already passed the Senate in March.

Another bill soon to hit Pritzker’s desk is a follow-up to a measure passed in January that mandates certain insurers cover medication abortion, gender-affirming hormone therapy and HIV medication. Bill sponsor Rep. Kelly Cassidy, D-Chicago, defined it as “clean-up” language.

Read more: Legal protections for abortion providers, seekers poised for Pritzker’s signature

But Senate Bill 1344 also explicitly exempts reports from the Abortion Care Clinical Training program from being subject to the Freedom of Information Act, in a move Cassidy said is aimed at protecting abortion-seekers in rural areas. The program, established last year, gives grants to fund abortion training programs at community-based provider sites.

Also this week, Democrats pushed through an initiative of Secretary of State Alexi Giannoulias. House Bill 3326 would prohibit out-of-state law enforcement from getting access to Illinois’ automatic license plate reader data unless they stipulate they won’t be using that information to investigate someone seeking an abortion in Illinois or based on his or her immigration status. The bill passed on partisan lines and has yet to be heard in a Senate committee.