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Real estate market continues to rebound

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The real estate market in Wisconsin continues to rebound. Figures from the Wisconsin Realtors Association show sales of existing homes rose 19 1/2 percent in April, the 10th consecutive month of double-digit sales growth in the state. The median sales prices rose slightly, up 2.4 percent. Association president Michael Theo tells the Journal Sentinel the state may have finally "turned the corner on sales." But, prices are another thing. Plenty of homes are still on the market in Wisconsin, including foreclosure properties. For the first four months of the year, prices are down about 1 percent. There were 5,218 homes sold in April, compared with 4,365 in April last year. The median price rose 2.4 percent statewide to \$128,000 from \$125,000 a year ago.

Suspects in beating appear in court

FOND DU LAC (GWM) — Three people allegedly involved in a beating that sent a 32-year-old Fond du Lac man to the hospital over the weekend made their initial court appearances Tuesday morning. Kelvin K. Lewis, 27, of Chicago, Carnell Lewis, 27, and Jasmine Bailey, 20, both of Fond du Lac were each charged with felony substantial battery, misdemeanor battery and disorderly conduct. Capt. Steve Klein said additional charges against a fourth suspect, a 29-year-old Fond du Lac woman, may be forthcoming. "During our investigation, there was information that led us to believe that she may have been the driver of the vehicle that struck the victim, Alejandro Santiago, prior to the fight," Klein said. Santiago and his companion, Joseph Morales,

30, of Fond du Lac, told police they were walking in the vicinity of Macy Street and Merrill Avenue at 1:53 a.m. on May 20, when a car drove toward them, allegedly running over Santiago's foot. The car then turned around and two men and a woman exited and attacked Santiago, punching, kicking and beating him with a belt until he lost consciousness, according to a criminal complaint. Witnesses told police the female driver of the vehicle also got out and was screaming and cursing at Santiago and Morales, the complaint said. Morales said he tried to pull the three men off Santiago when they turned on him, striking him in the face, according to the complaint. Judge Gary Sharpe ordered \$1,500 cash bond for both Kelvin and Carnell Lewis and a \$750 cash bond for Bailey with the condition of maintaining absolute sobriety. A preliminary hearing is set for June 1.

gave a false name to police. Her true identity was revealed when she was booked at the Dane County Jail.

Man claims \$2M Powerball prize

MADISON (AP) — A Milwaukee man has claimed his \$2 million Powerball prize from the Wisconsin Lottery. Joe White bought a Powerball ticket for the May 16 drawing and added the multiplier feature. So when his ticket matched all five regular numbers, his \$1 million prize was doubled. White gets \$1,345,000 after taxes are taken out. He bought his ticket at Vagyon Enterprises on Milwaukee's south side. The company earns a \$40,000 commission. White won his prize on the same night Jeannette Sroka of Malone won \$1 million. She claimed her prize last week.

Court reinstates man's claim

MADISON (AP) — A Wisconsin appeals court says a wrongly jailed man can seek reimbursement from the state. David Turnpaugh was convicted in 2006 of soliciting an undercover police officer for sex. He was sentenced to 60 days in the Milwaukee County jail. He spent three days behind bars and 57 on electronic monitoring. The 1st District Court of Appeals reversed Turnpaugh's conviction in 2007. He asked the state Claims Board for nearly \$18,700 in compensation. The board denied the claim, saying he didn't prove he was innocent or imprisoned. The appeals court ruled on Tuesday his claim can proceed. The court stated the board's denial makes no sense. The board's secretary, Greg Murray, issued a statement through a paralegal saying the board was reviewing the decision.

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Council OKs \$3M for hotel project in city

By Jeff Bollier of The Northwestern

The Oshkosh Common Council unanimously voted to give the new owners of the former City Center Hotel \$3 million in assistance for the renovation of the downtown hotel connected to the city-owned convention center. Councilors enthusiastically supported the resolution to create a tax incremental financing district, or TIF, with many saying they wished the project had moved forward years ago. The lone member of the public not associated with the proposal, former Chamco executive director Doug Pearson, said public investment will

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give the project the last piece of support it needs to be successful. "The economic development impact of this project alone is indeed significant. It is a cornerstone of the central business district revitalization. It is crucial to the city's convention center into which we have invested millions of dollars," Pearson said. "And it is prudently crafted in a way that is both progressive and includes provisions that protect the city and taxpayers to a

maximum degree." Mayor Burk Tower asked members of the ownership group present at Tuesday's meeting for information about private investment in the hotel's renovation and re-launch as well as how soon the group expected to raise the \$14 million projected to finish the project. Members of the investor group, which includes Rich Batley, John Pfefferle and the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh Foundation, said they expect to have all their financing in place within a month and expect to open the hotel and restaurant sometime in the first quarter of 2013.

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MAYTAG Dishwasher advertisement. Features: NEWLY DESIGNED Front-Load Washer and Dryer. Price: \$150 Rebate.

FRIGIDAIRE advertisement. Features: Huge 20 cu. ft. Free ice maker, Glass Shelves. Price: \$637.

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MAYTAG advertisement. Features: NEW 4-3 Top Select. Price: UP TO \$100. SPECIAL PRICING when you purchase selected LAUNDRY PAIRS.

Whirlpool Cabrio's advertisement. Features: NEW MODEL, NEW LOW PRICE. Savings of up to \$100.

Amana Side by Side Ice, Water, Crushed Ice advertisement. Price: \$899.95.

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MAYTAG Gas or Ceramic Top On Sale! advertisement. Price: \$599.95.

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