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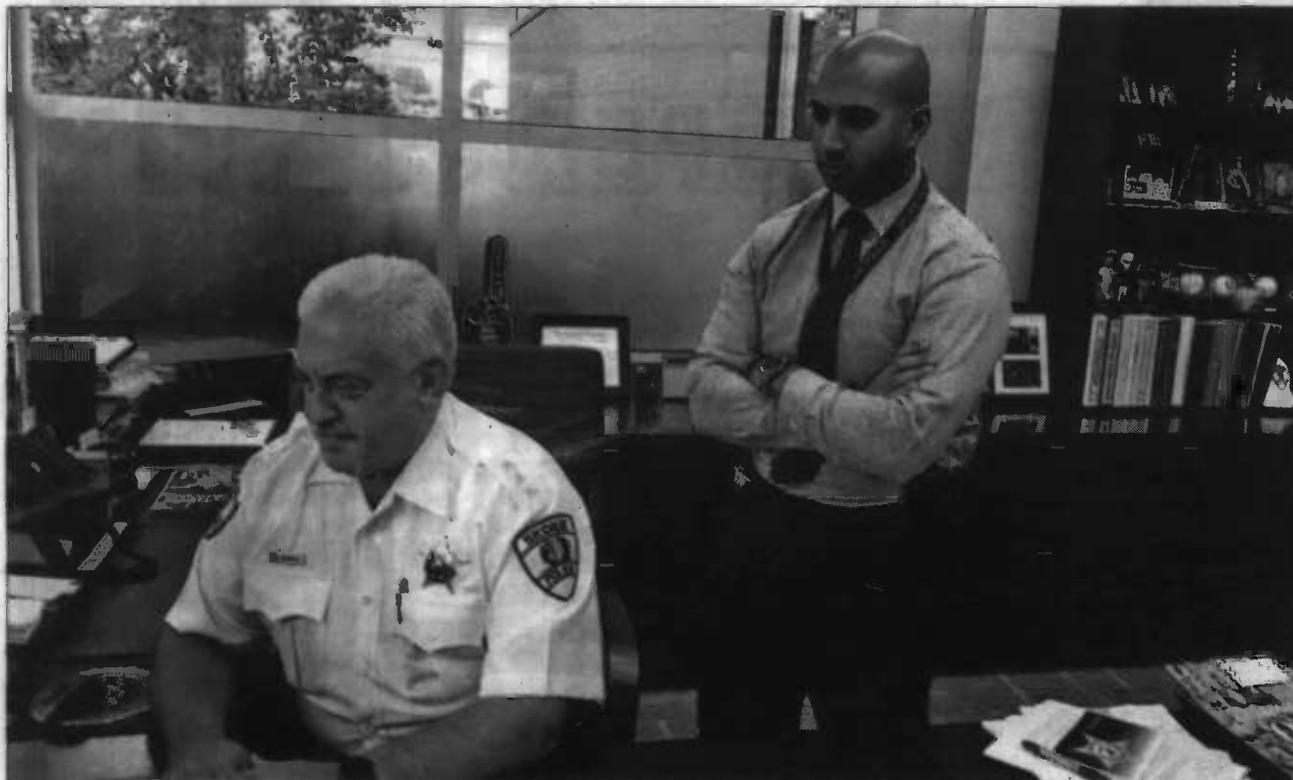
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2017 brings new laws

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Skokie Police Chief Tony Scarpelli, seated, and Officer Sabih Khan look at crime statistics in Skokie in this October file photo. A new state law will impact how police agencies throughout the state use cell site simulators, devices commonly known as "Stingrays," that collect cellphone data and can be used to track someone's location.

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Tani Mintz, Former U.S. speed skater

Tani Mintz was born and grew up in Skokie. She was on the U.S. speedskating team for 10 years, she said, and competed in three Olympic trials. She came close to making the U.S. Olympic team, she said.

Q: What do you do for a living?

A: I'm looking to open a CrossFit box in Skokie. I also work at Starbucks on Dempster Street and Karlov Avenue.

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: I was born in Chicago. I lived in the Gold Coast until I was 2. Then we moved to Skokie, and my mom has lived in the house I grew up in ever since — for 30 years.

Q: What is an interesting factoid about yourself?

A: I started speedskating at 17 and then qualified to compete in my first Olympic Trials four years later. That was pretty cool.

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: I have two mini Shih Tzus. They are my babies — Cabrini and Walter Payton.

Q: What book are you currently reading, and what book would you like to read next?

A: I'm currently reading "The Sports Gene: Inside the Science of Extraordinary Athletic Performance" by David Epstein. He's an Evanston Township High School alum and I actually ran track with his younger brother. I'm also reading "Shoe Dog: A Memoir by the Creator of Nike" by Phil Knight. I love reading. I don't know what I want to read next. I want Malcolm Gladwell to come out with a new book.



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Tani Mintz

Q: What are your words of wisdom?

A: "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams. Live the life you have imagined." Henry David Thoreau. Truly. Read the words and live by them.

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Jan. 1 brings bevy of new state laws

But Rauner and Democratic lawmakers have yet to reach agreement on budget

By **MONIQUE GARCIA**
Chicago Tribune

SPRINGFIELD — They couldn't agree on a full state budget at the Capitol, but Democrats in the legislature and Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner were able to set aside their differences to eliminate taxes on the purchase of tampons and other feminine hygiene products, create more flexible sick leave rules for workers and add wage protections for domestic workers such as nannies and housekeepers.

Those are among about 190 new Illinois laws that take effect with the new year. The state gets an official state artifact in the form of a pirogue, a canoe made from a hollowed-out tree trunk, and hairdressers will be required to undergo training to spot signs of domestic violence among their clients. Students enrolled in driver education classes will now be taught what to do if pulled over by police, and community colleges will see tougher oversight following numerous revelations about questionable spending at the College of DuPage.

And one controversial measure that is set to take effect Jan. 1 is under review in the courts. At issue is state law that allows medical providers to decline to perform abortion procedures if they have moral objections. A change to that law would require health care providers that oppose abortion to provide patients with information about or a referral to other providers that will perform the procedure.

Supporters say the legislation is designed to give patients timely access to legal medical care. But opponents led by a group of anti-abortion pregnancy centers sued to block the law, arguing the legislation violates their free speech. Last week, a judge in Win-



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Students walk and bike across campus at College of DuPage on May 6, 2016.

nebago County said the state can't enforce the law against the handful of centers involved in the lawsuit while the case plays out.

Here's a look at some of the new rules for 2017:

Tampon tax

The state will no longer collect sales tax on tampons, sanitary napkins and menstrual cups — a rare area of agreement on taxes between Republicans and Democrats who can't agree on a budget.

Feminine hygiene products are subject to a 6.25 percent state sales tax, unlike some other necessities such as shampoo. That figure can be higher depending on local taxes. For instance, before the Chicago City Council voted to exclude tampons and sanitary napkins from the city's sales tax

earlier this year, feminine hygiene products purchased in Chicago were taxed at a rate of 10.25 percent.

State budget officials estimate the change could cost the state roughly \$15 million a year in tax revenue.

Advocates for the repeal said it was an unfair tax that's part of a broader trend in which women continue to earn less than their male counterparts in the workplace but are charged more for everything from razors to haircuts. They often call the trend a "pink tax" because women's products are so often marketed in pink packaging.

"It's important that women know they are paying more for things," said sponsoring state Sen. Melinda Bush, D-Grayslake. "This is a necessity that women have to have, and I don't think

they should have ever been taxed. It's a wrong tax, and we are righting a wrong."

Contraception choices

Women will have more choices when it comes to contraceptive options under a new law that eliminates a complicated waiver process they must go through to get birth control medications not offered by their insurance companies.

Supporters say women should be able to choose birth control that's best for their bodies without having to pay more, contending the measure will save money by preventing more unintended pregnancies. Opponents questioned if a wider range of options would add costs to insurance companies.

Workplace changes

Nannies, housekeepers and other domestic workers will now be entitled to the state's minimum wage and various human rights protections, under legislation dubbed the Illinois Domestic Workers Bill of Rights.

Employers will be required to pay domestic workers at least \$8.25 an hour, above the federal minimum of \$7.25. And they must get at least 24 hours of rest in each calendar week and a meal period of 20 minutes for every 7.5-hour shift, according to the new law. They will also be covered by the Illinois Human Rights Act, which protects against sexual harassment, and the Wages of Women and Minors Act, which prohibits employers from pay-

ing women and minors "an oppressive and unreasonable wage."

Advocates say the changes will help protect domestic workers who are more vulnerable to exploitation and abuse.

Another measure would ban noncompete clauses between an employer and an hourly employee who earns \$13 an hour or less. The law becomes effective after Jimmy John's agreed to a \$100,000 settlement with the state attorney general over agreements that prevented employees from working at another sandwich shop for two years after they left a job at Jimmy John's.

Meanwhile, workers will now have more flexibility when using their sick leave.

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Laws, from Page 6

Under a new law, employees who qualify for sick leave benefits can use that time off to provide care for family members who are hurt or ill. Rauner signed the legislation against the wishes of many in the business community, who called it a mandate that limits an employer's ability to make decisions.

Personal information

One measure aims to toughen the state's rules regarding data breaches and when companies, hospitals, banks, retailers and others must inform customers if their personal information has been compromised. Under the new rules, a customer must be alerted if their electronic medical information, health insurance information, claims information or biometric data such as fingerprints have been improperly accessed. The law also requires notification if a username or email address has been compromised.

A separate law prevents employers from accessing an employee or applicant's personal online accounts. It bans employers from requesting, requiring or coercing workers into giving their username or password to any online account, or accessing that account in the presence of the employer.

Community college rules

Community colleges will face tougher oversight under a package of laws put in place following a Chicago Tribune investigation that uncovered numerous revelations about questionable spending and lax oversight at the College of DuPage.

The measures would require schools to undergo special audits every five years to examine contracts, transparency and compensation to school leadership; require extra training for community college board members on ethics, financial oversight and fiduciary

responsibilities; and limit what income can be factored into pension benefits for university and college presidents. Under the change, pensionable income would be limited to salaries and not other benefits.

Law and order

Police agencies across Illinois will have new regulations on how they use cell site simulators, devices commonly known as "Sting-rays" that collect cellphone data and can be used to track someone's location. The devices are commonly used by police to investigate crime, but those pushing for restrictions said police also were able to collect data from people who aren't the focus of an investigation at the same time.

New rules would require police to delete all data not related to the target of an investigation at least once every 24 hours, or within 72 hours if the simulators are used to identify an unknown communication device, unless there is a court order directing otherwise.

A different law would require jails to accept cash to post bail. The measure came about after a Rockford teen was arrested for a traffic offense. When his mother tried to bail him out, the credit card machine was broken, and the Winnebago County Juvenile Detention Center had a policy to refuse cash. That meant her son was forced to sit in jail all weekend.

On a related note, it'll soon be cheaper for state prison inmates to make calls under a new law that requires the state to find a cheaper phone provider. Rates cannot exceed 7 cents per minute for debit, prepaid and collect calls. The current rate is about 11 cents a minute. Supporters argue for-profit companies were gouging inmates, preventing them from staying in touch with family.

Meanwhile, police officers who are partnered with a police dog will get the first chance to adopt that dog when it's no longer fit for service. If the officer does

not wish to keep the dog, other officers in the department could seek an adoption or it would go to a no-kill shelter.

Some of the rest

■ Hairdressers will be required to take domestic violence and sexual violence awareness courses before they can renew their cosmetology licenses. The idea is to take advantage of the close relationship many customers have with their stylists.

■ Students enrolled in driver education classes will soon be required to learn what to do if they are pulled over by police. Backers hope to prevent standard stops from escalating into violence.

■ Insurance companies must now consult the federal master file to determine if a policy holder has died and whether benefits are owed. The change pushed by Treasurer Michael Frerichs is aimed at closing a loophole that led to companies failing to pay out benefits because they would not check to see if a customer had died.

■ Property owners will be required to notify potential renters or buyers of any lead hazards. The notice must be given in writing before a lease is signed or renewed, or before a sales contract is signed.

■ The pirogue will become the official state artifact, after students at a Wilmette middle school pushed for the designation for the boat made of a hollowed-out tree used by native tribes of Illinois.

■ Grocery stores will now be allowed to consolidate eggs in cartons. Previously, if one egg in a dozen was cracked, the whole carton had to be thrown out.

■ Student musicians in grades six through 12 can now be excused from school to play taps at military funerals.

■ Catfish are now included on the list of fish that can be killed by a pitchfork, spear gun, or bow and arrow.

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Illinois hospitals watching politics, court rulings

BY LISA SCHENCKER
Chicago Tribune

Chicago-area hospitals are waiting.

They're waiting to see what Donald Trump does with Obamacare. They're anxious to see what a federal court decides in a case over a merger between two large Illinois hospital systems. They're closely watching the state Supreme Court in a case about whether not-for-profit hospitals should have to pay certain taxes.

They'll likely get their answers in 2017 — answers that could change the costs and types of care available to patients across Illinois.

Lynn Gordon, a partner at law firm Nixon Peabody in Chicago who represents hospitals, said hospital leaders are worried about how those issues will affect their revenues, and in turn, the care they're able to provide to patients.

"Will we have it? Is it sufficient?" she said they're wondering of their revenue for 2017. "Will it allow us to do what we need to do to continue to serve communities?"

Below are a few of the topics that could most affect local hospitals — and their patients — in 2017:

Obamacare or Trumpcare?

Hospitals in Illinois and across the country are arguably most concerned about Trump's plans for the Affordable Care Act federal health care law. He has pledged to repeal and replace the law, but it's not yet clear what that replacement will look like or when it might take effect.

The law requires all Americans to buy health insurance or face penalties; it barred insurers from refusing coverage because of pre-existing conditions; and it helped states expand Medicaid — a health insurance program for the poor.

In Illinois, the uninsured



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Nurse Nicole Martin, left, administers a Hepatitis B shot to a newborn baby girl while nurse Shayla Burke comforts the child Dec. 20, 2016, during a routine 24-hour checkup at Advocate Christ Medical Center in Oak Lawn.

rate dropped from 12.7 percent in 2013 to 7.1 percent in 2015 under Obamacare, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. About 645,000 Illinoisans gained coverage through Medicaid expansion in Illinois as of June, according to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

Many now are worried that a repeal of Obamacare, without a replacement, will cause a reversal in the number of Illinois residents with health insurance. That could mean more visits to hospital emergency rooms by people without insurance — people who wait until their medical needs become dire before seeking care.

"If Medicaid expansion were repealed not only would upwards of 650,000 (Illinois) adults lose coverage but there would also be significant financial pressure on hospitals in the

form of increased uncompensated care," said A.J. Wilhelmi, president and CEO of the Illinois Health and Hospital Association.

Higher costs for hospitals could mean reduced service offerings and higher prices for all patients, Gordon said.

"If you're not able to bring in other revenue, if you're not able to offset and subsidize those losses, hospitals have to start making really hard choices," Gordon said.

Hospital mergers

Chicago health care leaders — along with those across the country — are also watching one of the biggest court cases over a hospital merger in recent years.

If the merger between Advocate Health Care and NorthShore University HealthSystem is allowed to

proceed, the newly created system will be able to provide high-quality care at lower prices, leaders of those systems say. The Federal Trade Commission, however, says the merger will lead to higher prices for Chicago-area patients.

A federal district court likely will decide in the first half of 2017 whether to temporarily halt the union.

The court's decision also may chill or encourage further consolidation among hospitals in the area, depending on which way it goes, some have speculated.

In recent years, Illinois hospitals have been part of a nationwide consolidation frenzy.

Northwestern Memorial HealthCare is in discussions over a potential affiliation with Centegra Health System, based in Crystal Lake. Northwestern already has acquired a number of hospitals in recent years.

University of Chicago Medicine finalized a merger in the fall with Ingalls Health System, which has run a community hospital in Harvey. Hospital system Presence Health formed through a 2011 merger between Chicago-based Resurrection Health Care and Mokena-based Provena Health.

Some credit the Affordable Care Act, which encourages hospitals to lower costs and improve quality, for the mergers. But Douglas Swill, chairman of law firm Drinker Biddle & Reath's health care practice group in Chicago, said the hospital merger craze began before Obamacare and likely will continue even if it's taken apart. He said the Affordable Care Act sped up some of that consolidation.

"The area is still probably going to see a few more affiliations," Swill said.

Larry Boress, president and CEO of the Midwest Business Group on Health, said such acquisitions can give hospitals a competitive edge.

"It's about being able to acquire a great reputation as well as great volume and leverage in negotiations when it comes to working with (insurers)," Boress said.

Hospital tax exemptions

Illinois hospitals also are waiting anxiously for the Illinois Supreme Court to weigh in on a tax-exemption case that could lead to not-for-profit hospitals across the state having to pay more money to municipalities. Oral arguments in the case are scheduled for Jan. 12.

The court will decide whether a state law that defines what not-for-profit hospitals must do to get tax breaks is constitutional. That law, passed in 2012, was meant to provide clarity around tax exemptions for hospitals. The law states that in order for a not-for-

profit hospital to be considered tax-exempt, the value of its charitable services must be equal to or greater than its estimated tax liability. Of Illinois' more than 200 hospitals, 156 are not-for-profit.

The case arrived at the state Supreme Court after a state appeals court ruled the law unconstitutional in January 2016. The case involves the city of Urbana and the Carle Foundation Hospital in Urbana.

Urbana Mayor Laurel Prussing said that the city lost 11 percent of its assessed value for taxes when Carle and another Urbana hospital, now called Presence Covenant Medical Center, were relieved of paying more than \$6 million a year in property taxes.

But hospitals say it's important state law clearly define when they can get exemptions. They say exemptions for not-for-profit hospitals allow the hospitals to provide better care for patients. About 40 percent of Illinois hospitals already are operating in the red or on slim margins, said Wilhelmi, with the Illinois Health and Hospital Association.

"We feel that taxing local hospitals would hurt the communities they serve by diverting significant dollars away from efforts to care for their patients and upgrade their equipment, modernize their facilities and hire needed staff," Wilhelmi said.

Prussing questions that assertion, noting that Carle made a top 10 list of the nation's most profitable not-for-profit hospitals in the country in a study published in the journal *Health Affairs* earlier this year.

"There may be hospitals that can't afford it, but that's not Carle," Prussing said.

Another state appeals court recently upheld the law as constitutional in a separate case.

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Niles gambling ordinance tweaked based on demand

BY MIKE ISAACS
Pioneer Press

The village of Niles has tweaked its ordinance allowing local businesses and others to apply for video gambling licenses, but the overall number of licenses will remain the same, according to village officials.

The Niles Village Board approved the amended ordinance Dec. 13, which allows for a maximum of 16 licenses in the village. But how those licenses are allocated is now slightly changed based on response since the original ordinance was approved last May, officials said.

The original ordinance made available 10 licenses to current or "established" liquor license holders: two to new video gambling cafes that open up in strip malls with a vacancy rate greater than 30 percent; two to business owners who have operated within the village for the past five years, have experienced a decline in business and who have applied for and received a liquor license; and two to fraternal or veterans' organizations that have operated within Niles for the past five years.

The change made in December takes one away from fraternal or veterans' organizations and one away from

five-years-plus business owners, leaving one license for each of those categories. The number of licenses for established liquor license owners increases from 10 to 12, under the ordinance change.

Niles Village Manager Steven Vinezeano said the changes were made because the village did not see much interest in the licenses from fraternal or veterans' organizations or businesses.

"We found that the fraternal organizations, which were allowed two of these licenses — no one was jumping on those," Vinezeano said.

The village had two unclaimed licenses, Vinezeano said, so the thought was to reallocate them into the category of established liquor licenses where there is greater demand.

According to Illinois Gaming Board records, there are six establishments in Niles that are licensed to offer video gaming, operating a total of 30 terminals.

Under state law, each licensee can have up to five machines in its establishment and all terminals must be in an area restricted to individuals 21 or older.

A task force appointed by Niles Mayor Andrew Przybylo recommended the village lift its ban on video

gambling more than two years ago, and a report from a revenue enhancement ad hoc committee presented to trustees earlier last year indicated that allowing video gambling would bring in additional revenue to the village.

Vinezeano said the village estimates the video gambling licenses will generate an additional \$100,000 to \$140,000 a year for Niles.

He said 25 percent of the revenue will be earmarked for the village's Department of Family Services to support addiction services, and the remainder will be used to pay for water fund infrastructure projects and shortfalls in the pension fund.

An IGB report shows that establishments in Niles generated \$68,432 in taxes last year, and the village is expected to reap \$11,405 of that. The state gets the \$57,027 lion's share.

"During the (December) meeting, the police chief was asked if there were any issues at any of these sites and he said absolutely not," Vinezeano said. "So we've been very happy with the ordinance. You walk into these establishments and you barely even see (the terminals) in there."

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Angles health care clinic set to close

Angles, a Northfield-based nonprofit that encourages healthy sexuality in young people, will close its reproductive health care clinic at the end of March, officials said in a press release.

"Our clinic volume has been gradually declining over the last five years and much of that is due to greater numbers of insured young people who can obtain these services as cov-

ered preventative care," said medical director Loren Hutter in the press release.

The clinic first opened its reproductive health care clinic in the basement of the Josselyn Center in Northfield in 1973. The clinic's current location 1779 Maple St., in Northfield, opened in 1986, according to the release. Angles previously was known as LINKS — North Shore Youth Health Service.

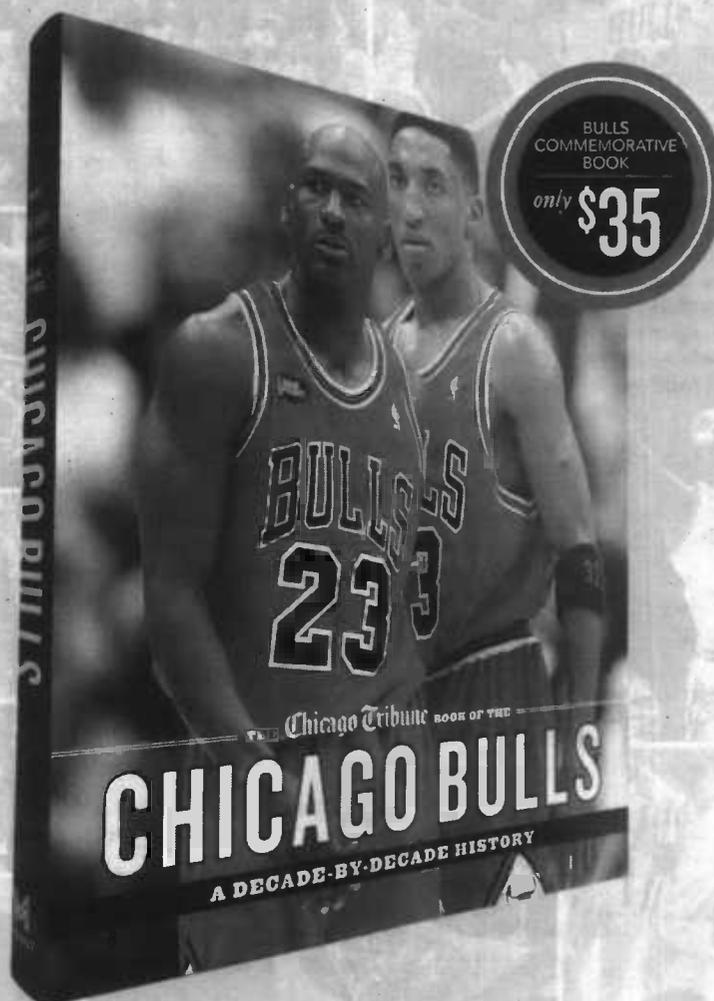
Clinic officials said that privacy policies prohibit the clinic from informing current and past patients directly by mail or email of the closure.

However, they said, patients needing medical records from the Angles clinic can request them online at www.angles.org or by calling 847-411-6191.

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BATTERY

■ A 19-year-old Chicago man told police he was attacked in the 6900 block of West Oakton Street on Dec. 19. The victim reported that he was punched in the face multiple times by a male teenager, but was able to run away, police said. An investigation was pending.

BURGLARY

■ The front door to a house in the 8400 block of Greenwood Avenue was damaged, Dec. 19 but entry was not made, police said.

BURGLARY TO VEHICLE

■ Three cars parked in lots in the 5600 and 5700 blocks of Touhy Avenue were forcibly entered on the evening of Dec. 18, police said. A backpack containing clothing, jewelry and a purse was reported stolen from one car, while a purse was reported taken from another. Nothing was

reported missing from the third car, police said.

FORGERY

■ Pamela Pittman, 58, of the 1200 block of South Troy Street, Chicago, and Carmela Logins, 29, of the 1800 block of South Troy Street, Chicago, were each charged with felony forgery on Dec. 21 after they allegedly attempted to cash a check inside a store in the 5600 block of Touhy Ave. Police said an investigation determined the check had been. Pittman and Logins were each scheduled to appear in court Jan. 6.

■ Jianxing Wu, 41, of Federal Way, Washington, was charged with forgery and retail theft, while Xueguang Lin, 39, of the 200 block of West 23rd Street, Chicago, was charged with forgery following a Dec. 18 incident in which numerous cans of baby formula were allegedly stolen from a store in the 6100 block of Touhy Avenue, police said. Wu was also charged separately with retail theft stemming from the Dec. 14 theft of baby formula from the same store, police said.

Wu and Lin are scheduled to appear in court Jan. 13 court.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

■ A man allegedly kicked the door of a store on the 8700 block of Dempster Street, breaking a piece of metal off the door, on the night of Dec. 19, police said. The manager of the store told police that the man, who left the area before police arrived, became irate that he was unable to purchase alcohol without identification.

THEFT

■ Lorraine Wimberl-Norfleet, 51, of the 1400 block of South Hamlin, Chicago, was charged with retail theft on Dec. 21 after police said she stole merchandise from a store on the 8200 block of Golf Road. Wimberl-Norfleet is scheduled to appear in court Jan. 13.

■ On Dec. 18, a man allegedly attempted to buy several appliances from a store in the 8200 block of Golf Road using false identification. The items were not sold to him and he left the store, police said.

Cops: Man asleep behind wheel had loaded gun, crack cocaine in vehicle

By GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER
Pioneer Press

Evanston police charged a man for allegedly driving under the influence and possessing crack cocaine and a loaded handgun after they found him asleep in the driver's seat of his vehicle Jan. 3.

Officers responded to a call around 6:30 a.m. of a driver asleep behind the steering wheel of a vehicle in the southbound lane of the 1800 block of Chicago Avenue, according to a police news release.

They discovered a man now identified as Marcus James, 25, of Calumet City.

After waking James, an officer suspected him to be under the influence and took him into custody, police said.

In searching the vehicle, offi-

cers found a clear plastic bag with eight grams of crack cocaine on the driver's side floor, according to the release.

They also found a loaded Taurus .357 revolver in the trunk, police said.

James was charged with misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol, felony possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and felony unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, according to the release.

He is currently being held in Cook County Jail with bail set at \$100,000, according to information on the Cook County sheriff's website.

James is scheduled to appear in court in Skokie Jan. 18.

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Lincolnwood police to price surveillance camera system

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

Lincolnwood officials continue to weigh the pros and cons of putting more cameras in public areas, and the latest discussion concluded earlier this month with trustees directing Lincolnwood police to price a video surveillance system that would monitor the town's two largest parks.

Lincolnwood police Chief Bob LaMantia said at the Jan. 3 village board meeting that he would contact camera system vendors and provide trustees with cost estimates. The village officials asked the police chief to look into camera costs after LaMantia previously noted an uptick in certain crimes last year.

A plan being considered to deter such things as burglaries would call for cameras to be installed in Centennial Park, Proesel Park and along the village's new recreation paths.

The 13 parks in Lincolnwood and the new bike paths that opened near the end of last year offer potential settings for crime to occur, officials said, although the spike in burglaries in 2016 police reported affected mostly residential areas.

"In these places, where kids might be running or

playing—and even adults—they would have a better sense of security knowing that as they're walking through the path there's something watching them or perhaps protecting them from being assaulted as they're in a public place," said Trustee Ron Cope.

Officials said they would consider the cost of adding new cameras before making a decision on whether the village should commit to the project.

LaMantia first presented the idea to trustees during the Dec. 20 committee of the whole meeting and the discussion was continued to Jan. 3, where there was overall support for recording more public areas in the village.

Public areas already under surveillance in Lincolnwood include the library property, the public works building and water pumping station and the village's municipal complex, which includes village hall and the police and fire departments. Lincolnwood Town Center mall and Lincolnwood School District 74 also have cameras, according to police.

While Cope voiced support for cameras in public recreation areas, he also said surveillance wouldn't be a good fit for Lincolnwood's residential neighborhoods.

The trustee said, "we're looking at something to at least give people a sense of security and serve some benefit to police."

But cameras placed in plain sight carry a stigma, according to Trustee Craig Klatzco. He said cameras could reduce property values by negatively affecting the community's image.

"We don't live in a terrible neighborhood...and I'm afraid that if we had them all over people would think we're in a bad town," Klatzco said.

Nevertheless, some crime in Lincolnwood increased last year, LaMantia said. Compared to the past five years when the village averaged 61 residential and commercial burglaries per year, there were 66 homes and businesses burglarized during the first 11 months of 2016, according to a report from Lincolnwood police.

Vehicular burglaries also increased last year, with 68 reported to police between January and November compared to the five-year average of 62, according to the report.

"Burglaries are up this year (2016), no doubt about it, but there's an increase all across the suburbs," LaMantia said during the Dec. 20 meeting.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

Repairs to start on Evanston water plant

BY GENEVIEVE
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Pioneer Press

Work will begin in February on a long-planned project to improve Evanston's water treatment plant, according to city officials.

The work will include replacing or fixing aging parts of the plant. Those include valves, ducts, pip-

ing, electrical systems and components and the chemical feed system, among other items, according to a city news release.

The project follows a 10 percent water rate hike in 2015 for Evanston customers, according to city reports. It also comes as Evanston continues talks to supply Niles and Morton

Grove with Lake Michigan water.

The \$1.6 million project is expected to be paid for by a loan from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Public Water Supply Loan Program, funded by both state and federal dollars, according to the news release.

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Lincolnwood's Rowell Park to get new equipment

BY NATALIE HAYES
Pioneer Press

The Lincolnwood Parks and Recreation Department is looking ahead to spring when a new \$100,000 new playground will be installed at another one of the village's 13 parks.

G.G. Rowell Park, 6555 Albion Avenue, will be the ninth park to get new play equipment as part of the village's playground replacement program. The initiative started in 2004 to replace the equipment in all Lincolnwood parks by the year 2020.

"The plan was created to anticipate the life expectancy of each playground within Lincolnwood's park system, and gradually replace the equipment before it goes beyond repair or no longer meets national safety standards," according to Laura McCarty, parks and recreation department director. "The useful life of playground equipment typically falls between 15 and 20 years, and varies based on several factors such as use, composition, upkeep, and site characteristics."

La Grange-based outdoor recreation equipment company NuToys Leisure Products designed the playground based on community feedback provided last fall, and trustees approved a recommendation from the park board to accept a bid from Plainfield-based Hacienda Landscaping to install the new equipment for \$100,500, according to information from the village.

The company, a landscape design business that also does playground installations, was the lowest bidder among three contractors that submitted quotes for the project, village data indicates.

So far, the village has spent between \$90,000 and \$100,000 for each of the eight playgrounds installed at Columbia, Kildare, Rossi, Goebelt, Kenneth, Springfield, Drake and O'Brien parks, McCarty said. She explained that

the entire replacement program is paid out of a village capital improvement fund.

"In addition to the playground replacement program, the functionality and

safety within our park system is monitored on an ongoing basis," McCarty said. "Ongoing inspections and maintenance are also key to extending the safe and useful life of the equipment."

After the playground project at G.G. Rowell is completed, the next parks in line for upgrades are Central, Flowers and Proesel, according to village data.

The new playground at G.G. Rowell Park, named after a former longtime trustee, is expected to open in March, village officials said.

This spring, volunteers from a nonprofit organization called Kids Around the World, which donates used play equipment to impoverished countries, are scheduled to remove the old equipment before the installation begins at G.G. Rowell Park.

Lincolnwood previously donated equipment removed from playgrounds at Drake and O'Brien parks to the charity.

Natalie Hayes is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.

It's a boy

Karleigh and Ian Bacon, of Skokie, welcomed their first child on the first day of 2017. Karleigh delivered baby Orion Michael, weighing 8 pounds 2 ounces and 20 inches long, at 2:51 a.m. New Year's Day, according to a NorthShore University HealthSystem spokesman.

Both mom and baby were doing well following the delivery, the spokesman said.

Baby Orion was born at NorthShore Evanston Hospital.



NORTHSHORE UNIVERSITY HEALTHSYSTEM

Karleigh Bacon holds her new bundle, baby Orion Michael, born New Year's Day 2017 at NorthShore Evanston hospital.

— Staff report

Illinois companies warn of more than 600 layoffs

BY ALLY MAROTTI
Chicago Tribune

The closure of Trunk Club's distribution center on Goose Island and the shuttering of a River North gym contribute to more than 600 layoffs expected in Illinois in the coming months, according to notices filed with the state in December.

Trunk Club, a Chicago-based tech company that ships customers clothing and accessories picked out by personal stylists, first announced in June that it would be closing its distribution center to work more closely with parent company Nordstrom. Trunk Club said then that it would cut about 250 jobs.

Trunk Club spokesman Kyle Donash said the 154 layoffs reported to the state in December will be the first phase of the closure.



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The lobby of the Inn of Chicago is seen in 2007. The hotel is being sold as part of foreclosure proceedings, and it reported plans to lay off 89 employees by the end of this month.

"Our facility is still planning to be closed at the end of the summer," he said.

An upscale gym that counted celebrities as members closed in River North, triggering 57 layoffs just before Christmas, according

to the state. The Tribune first reported on the closure of David Barton Gym last month.

Club Ventures, which owns and runs David Barton Gym facilities, filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy,

meaning that the company is liquidating. In addition to its Chicago spot, it closed locations in New York, Boston, Miami and Bellevue, Wash. Several David Barton Gym locations throughout the country owned by a different entity will remain open.

The Inn of Chicago also reported plans to lay off 89 employees by the end of this month.

New York-based investor Stabilis Capital Management is preparing to take over the hotel after a foreclosure sale, said John Suzuki, principal of Collateral Trustee, the receiver for the hotel during the foreclosure process. A judge is scheduled to confirm the sale Wednesday.

Suzuki did not have details on the operations going forward, and a representative from Stabilis did not return a request for comment.

Elliott Mallen, a representative from UNITE HERE Local 1, the union representing the hotel workers, said he doesn't expect any layoffs to actually occur at the property once the ownership changes hands. "We don't anticipate they're going to close the hotel any time soon," he said.

The Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act requires employers with at least 75 employees to notify the state 60 days in advance of plant closures or layoffs.

In November's WARN report, a steakhouse inside the Westin Michigan Avenue hotel reported plans to lay off 44 employees. The Grill on the Alley rescinded that plan in December's filing with the state. A spokeswoman said a pending lease negotiation triggered the filing back in November.

Other companies that reported looming layoffs in December include:

■ Van Ru Credit Corp., a Des Plaines-based account management company, which plans to lay off 80 employees by the end of April.

■ Community Health Solutions of America, a Clearwater, Fla.-based medical care management company, which plans to lay off 37 employees in Chicago by Feb. 1 due to a lost contract.

■ Packers Sanitation Services, a Cuba City, Wis.-based janitorial company, which reported that it laid off 40 employees from a location in Gurnee on Sunday due to a lost contract.

■ RPM Advertising, a Chicago-based ad agency, which plans to lay off 43 employees by the end of the month.

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'Annie Jr.' set for weekend performances

Children featured in Takiff Center performances

By **KARIE ANGELL LUC**
Pioneer Press.

Tomorrow, always a day away for fans of the "Annie" theater production, is today's big news for the Broadway Bound performers of "Annie Jr.," a musical being presented this month by the Glencoe Park District and Helen's Helen's Performing Arts Connection Inc.

Approximately 80 children from across the North Shore, including Glencoe, Highland Park and Winnetka, are participating in Broadway Bound's annual performance.

"'Annie' is one of my favorite shows to direct because it was one of my favorite shows as a child," said Broadway Bound stage director Sarah Hall of Glencoe. "It is wonderful to see all of the characters come to life through our third through fifth graders."

Four weekend shows will be staged Jan. 14 and 15 in Matz Hall at the Winnetka Community House. Dress rehearsals took place in early January at the Glencoe Park District's Takiff Center.

"This particular play is one of our most joyous," said Helen Boris of Glencoe, owner of Helen's Performing Arts Connection Inc. and producer of "Annie Jr." and Broadway Bound shows.

"It's so much fun having happy endings that we can depend on and characters that are easily understood who receive their just rewards by the end of the story," Boris said.

The story, with the songs "Tomorrow" and "It's The Hard-Knock Life" is about Annie, an orphan who seeks her parents in Depression-era New York City. Annie lives in an orphanage managed by the corrupt Miss Hannigan.



KARIE ANGELL LUC/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

In the role of Annie, is Noa Rollman, 10, of Highland Park and a fifth-grader at Lake Forest Country Day School. She's embracing Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks, played by Tori Stone of Glencoe. Images from a Jan. 3 dress rehearsal of "Annie Jr." at the Glencoe Park District's Takiff Center. The show will be staged Jan. 14 and 15 at the Winnetka Community House.

"The values instilled in Annie are terrific reminders for kids and adults," Hall said. "Annie leads her life with strength and an open heart, which encourages all of us to try and do the same."

Miss Hannigan and two others orchestrate a scheme to get money out of the wealthy Oliver "Daddy" Warbucks.

Characters Rooster and Lily fraudulently claim they're Annie's biological parents. Warbucks pledges to become Annie's new family through adoption after the trio's plot is revealed.

"I think it's wrong they were pretending to be someone else's mother and father and someone that Annie cares about," said Matthew Steinback, 9, of Glencoe, a West School fourth-grader who plays a police officer.

Sharing the stage in the lead role of Annie are Audrey Mesterharm of Glencoe and Noa Rollman of Highland Park.

"Everyone knows the songs, so I'm honored to share these with everyone," said Audrey, 11, a Central School fifth grader who will

appear in the Saturday performances.

Noa, 10, is a fifth-grader at Lake Forest Country Day School and will appear as Annie during Sunday's shows.

"It's awesome and really fun," Noa said of playing Annie.

Lexi Kittnar, 10, a Glencoe fifth-grader, has the role of Kate.

"I love all of the singing and dancing," Lexi said.

Julia Nathanson, 10, of Highland Park and a fourth-grader at Lake Forest Country Day School, plays the Star to Be and is part of the servant ensemble.

"The lesson of 'Annie' is that you probably need to work to achieve something," she said.

"Annie Jr." runs in Matz Hall at the Winnetka Community House in Winnetka on Jan. 14 at 11 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.; and on Jan. 15 at 2:30 and 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$13 in advance and \$15 at door. Buy tickets at bit.ly/broadwaybound14.

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Mimi Darby of Glencoe as an orphan ensemble member, right, styles the look of Mandy Bingham, also of Glencoe and an orphan ensemble cast member, during a Jan. 3 dress rehearsal of "Annie Jr." at the Glencoe Park District's Takiff Center.

Temporary exhibit celebrating Chinese culture to open

Kohl Children's Museum to serve as host starting Jan. 28

BY GINA J. GRILLO
Pioneer Press

The Chinese New Year begins Jan. 28, and this year will mark the Year of the Rooster, based on the Chinese zodiac.

The Kohl Children's Museum in Glenview will offer a way to celebrate all things Chinese with the exhibit "Children's China: Celebrating Culture, Character and Confucius," opening on Jan. 20.

The temporary exhibit will offer an exploration of daily life for children in China today. Exhibits are geared to toddlers through age 8, focusing on the importance of education and family values through cultural immersion, interactive touch and role play.

"The opportunity to make a connection that goes beyond our

local community or neighborhood is very exciting," Dave Judy, the museum's director of marketing and public relations, said. "There's a big wide world out there with other cultures and things for children to explore, and this exhibit encourages that."

A visit to "Children's China" will include an opportunity to participate in a dragon parade, to learn to write using Chinese calligraphy, to visit a panda reserve, to use exercise equipment at a Chinese park, to shop for food in a traditional Chinese marketplace and make to music using a Chinese zither and lute.

"What families may find most surprising is that in spite of their preconceptions about Chinese culture, there are actually many similarities between us," Judy said.

There are also differences. "The Chinese have a very forward-thinking desire to know the future during this celebration," Judy said. "There other differences, like unusual foods you will



GIGI WAGNER

A dragon parade at the "Children's China: Celebrating Culture, Character and Confucius" exhibit at the Magic House In St. Louis, where it was initially developed. The exhibit will open at the Kohl Children's Museum on Jan. 20.

find in the Chinese market, or the panda reserve, which uniquely exemplifies the way the Chinese care for their environment."

The exhibit is part of the

Freeman Foundation Asian Culture Exhibit Series, funded by The Freeman Foundation and administered by the Association of Children's Museums.

As part of the sponsorship, the Kohl Museum will be allocated a representative visiting Glenview from China, who will act as an interpreter at the Kohl Museum throughout the "Children's China" exhibition.

"We are so thrilled to have someone who can answer children's questions firsthand," Judy said.

In addition to the Chinese New Year Celebration at Kohl on Jan. 28, related programming will include:

■ January 19 and 26, "Statues R Us": kids "sculpt" each other into statues of animals of the Chinese zodiac.

■ Daily from Feb. 6. through March 5: kids can paint with bamboo brushes and create miniature clay figures of the animals of the Chinese zodiac.

■ March 28: Storybook Day with readings from Chinese children's authors.

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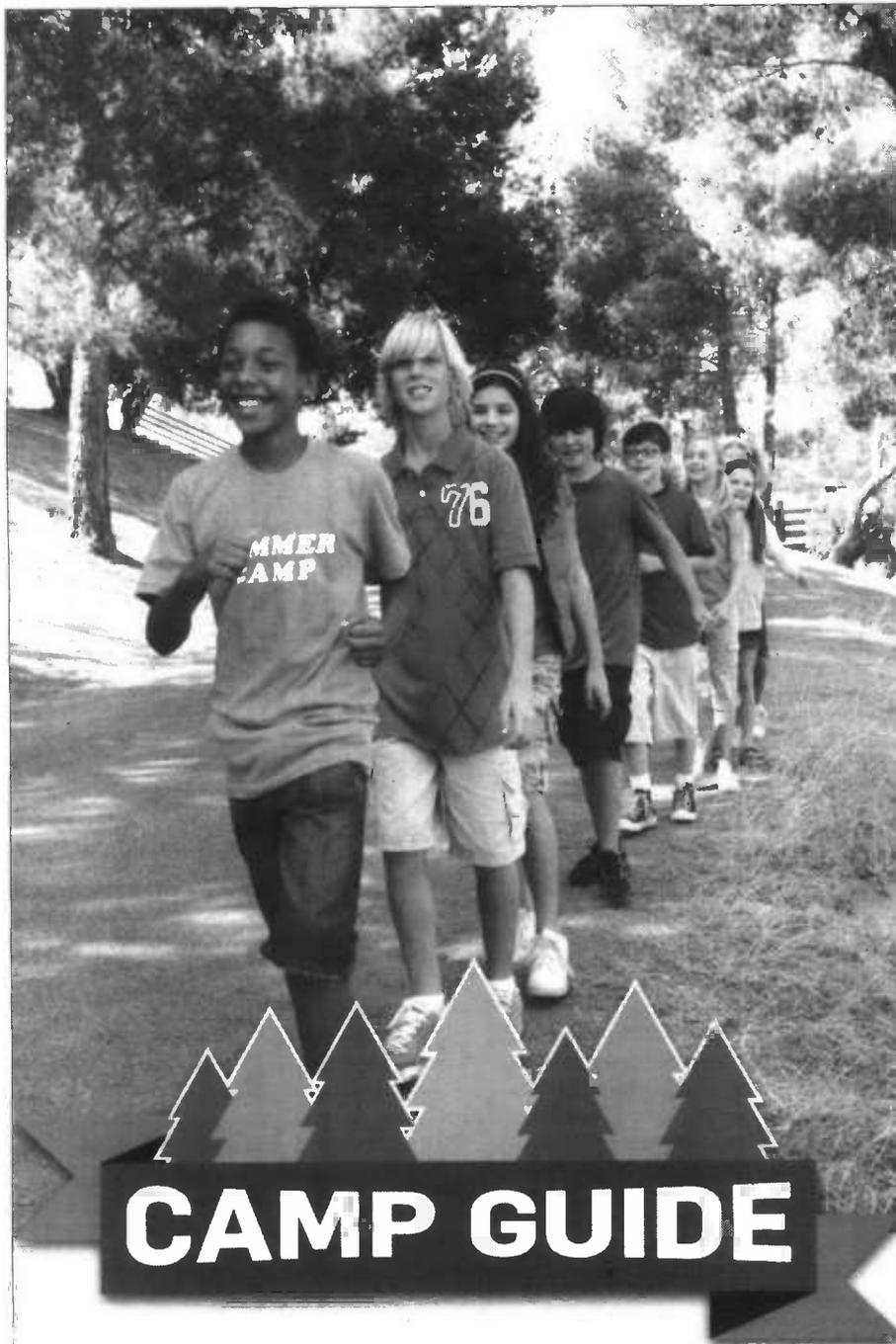
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NEWS

Residents gather in Oak Park to plan for marches

Designed to send a bold message to new officials

By STEVE SCHERING
 Pioneer Press

Following a contentious presidential election, thousands of local women are expected to march in Washington, D.C., and downtown Chicago later this month.

An overflowing crowd filled the Veteran's Room of the Oak Park Public Library on Jan. 5 to discuss the marches, with many in attendance pledging to attend one of the events.

"This turnout is making me so proud and so happy," said organizer Mrinalini Chakraborty. "This movement started on Facebook and still lives on Facebook. We are kind of running faster than we can think."

According to event organizers, the march events are designed to send a bold message to the new government officials on their first day in office, and also to the world that women's rights are human rights. Both marches are scheduled to take place on Jan. 21, one day after the inauguration of President-elect Donald Trump.

Though the final route is not confirmed, Chakraborty estimates at least 200,000 people will march in Washington, D.C., and said more than 1,800 buses from across the country will be bringing marchers to the nation's capital. The route is expected to begin at the corner of Independence Avenue and 3rd Street.

Among those taking part will be River Forest resident Summer Zandrew, who organized a bus trip with several of her neighbors and their children to Washington.

"We all thought it was really important to have our children be a part of this,"



STEVE SCHERING/PIONEER PRESS

An overflow crowd gathers at the Oak Park Public Library on Jan. 5 for a discussion about participating in upcoming marches in Washington, D.C., and Chicago.

Zandrew said. "I have never been a part of anything like this, but if there is a silver lining of Trump's election it's this awakening of humanity. I hope that sends a message to the world and all of our elected officials. I'm marching to do what I can to say that, as women, we will not be bullied or bulldozed."

In addition to the march taking place in Washington, a similar march will take place the same day in downtown Chicago.

Oak Park and River Forest High School teacher Anthony Clark helped organized the Oak Park Library meeting, and pledged to stand with the women for their cause.

"I'm a male," Clark said. "I will never experience the sexism that you may experience, but I can empathize that sexism is wrong. I believe in your movement, and we are more powerful when we work together."

Clark also urged those participating to think long-term when becoming involved in equity issues.

"We can go to this march, make some (social media) posts, look cool and get some likes, but you're not eliminating anything," Clark said. "This is good, but ask yourself what you are willing to do once this march is over. The fight is just beginning. Trump's in office now. He's emboldening people, but it's nothing new. This has been going on, and it's time for us to step up."

Clark's Suburban Unity Alliance will gather near OPRF at 8:30 a.m. Jan. 21, and participants intend to take the CTA Green Line to the Petrillo Bandshell in Chicago's Grant Park, where the Chicago march is expected to begin.

More information on the march in Washington, D.C., is available at www.womensmarch.com and www.womensmarchillinois.com.

Information on the Chicago march is available at <http://womens121marchonchicago.org>.

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Malls debate teen policies after fights

Eight are charged in Aurora brawl

BY SARAH FREISHTAT AND VIKKI ORTIZ HEALY
Chicago Tribune

An unusually high number of teen fights at shopping centers across the U.S. over the Christmas weekend — including at suburban Chicago malls — is prompting some mall operators to re-examine security policies and consider controversial restrictions on when and how teens may shop.

Security task force members from malls across the U.S. conducted a conference call Dec. 27 to discuss strategies for preventing mayhem, which may include more mall security or even bans on teens coming to malls alone, after multiple reports of teen fights over the four-day holiday, said Stephanie Cegielski, vice president of public relations for the International Council of Shopping Centers.

The need for more restrictions is “becoming somewhat more of a reality,” Cegielski said.

Still, mall operators worry expanding or initiating new limits could hinder retailers’ efforts to woo consumers away from internet shopping carts and back to the malls.

“There are a lot of properties that are hesitant to do it,” Cegielski said. “We’re all cognizant of what online shopping is doing and they want to keep people coming in. They don’t want to stifle that foot traffic at all.”

In Aurora, eight teens have been charged after what police described as a “large disturbance” that temporarily closed Fox Valley Mall on Monday night. On Dec. 24, another fight broke out at the mall that



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An Aurora squad car sits in the parking lot of Fox Valley Mall on Dec. 26, 2016, after the mall was evacuated due to a teen fight.

did not appear to be related, according to a statement from Dan Ferrelli, an Aurora Police Department spokesman.

And on Christmas Eve in Gurnee, two small groups started fighting each other at Gurnee Mills. All the suspects were identified through security video, but no arrests had been made, authorities said.

While security task force members for the shopping centers council noted that Dec. 26 historically prompts an increase in fights, this year’s incidents seemed more prevalent perhaps because Christmas fell on a Sunday and the federal holiday was observed Monday, offering teens and other shoppers one extra day to run into trouble, Cegielski said.

The incidents are prompting some mall operators to beef up security in anticipation of the upcoming long New Year’s

weekend. Others are debating the need for parental guidance policies — rules that require children under the age of 18 to be accompanied by a parent. About 100 shopping centers already have some kind of teen restrictions, the council said.

Aurora police were called by mall security after they saw a large group of teens gathering in the mall’s food court. Officers, including a police sergeant working extra duty, and mall security told the teens to disperse, and shortly afterward a large fight broke out followed by several smaller fights, Ferrelli said.

The crowd refused to obey police and security staff orders, and some teens threw drinks and other items, Ferrelli said. More than 1,000 patrons were in the common area and others were shopping throughout the mall, so police decided to evacuate and close

the mall for about an hour while they “contained and controlled the situation,” he said.

The police sergeant and a mall security employee were both “battered” while trying to break up the larger fight, Ferrelli said. Aurora police Lt. Rick Robertson said Monday night that a sergeant was punched in the face. There were no injuries to mall patrons, and no one involved in the fights needed immediate medical attention, he said.

Aurora police are investigating any connection the Fox Valley Mall fights might have had to the disturbances in other cities, as well as the role social media might have played in organizing the Fox Valley incident.

Fox Valley Mall manager J. Scott Samson said in a statement that mall officials were cooperating with local authorities, but he could not comment on the investiga-

tion.

“While we are not able to speak about specific security measures, please know that we work close(ly) with local and national law enforcement on all matters relating to mall safety,” he said. “Our holiday events and hours will continue as scheduled.”

If the Aurora mall does ultimately change its rules to restrict teen shoppers, it will join 105 shopping centers of the 1,222 malls in the U.S. that currently have teen policies. The policies, which date back to the early 2000s, offer varying degrees of restrictions, according to data provided by the shopping centers council.

North Riverside Park Mall implemented a “youth escort policy” several years ago designed to keep shoppers safe. At times, it requires teens and children under 18 to be escorted by an adult at least 21 years old. Each adult can escort up to three people, general manager Harvey Ahitow said.

The mall enforces the policy typically on Friday and Saturday nights and specific days such as Dec. 26 and Halloween night but may choose to enforce it on other days based on how busy the mall is, Ahitow said. The escort requirement typically lasts from 4 p.m. to closing.

“The shopping center was overrun with youths, especially on Friday and Saturday nights,” Ahitow said. “And that’s when we decided we needed to do something to maintain a safe shopping environment, and it’s been very effective.”

At Chicago-based General Growth Properties, some centers have a Parental Guidance Required program that requires teens be accompanied by an adult during certain hours. Where and when those programs are put in place are determined by each

property, and many centers have had the program in place for years, according to Kevin Berry, senior vice president of investor and public relations.

For malls that don’t have teen restrictions, the decision to add them can be agonizing for retail management, which views teen consumers as not only important because of their disposable income, but also for their years of spending to come, said Alexander Chernev, professor of marketing at Northwestern University’s Kellogg School of Management.

“From their perspective, you don’t want to impose any curfews and you’d like customers to have access to you as much as possible,” Chernev said. “I don’t think there’s a universal prescription for this.”

Cegielski said mall operators have worked hard in recent years to keep shoppers coming back by evolving into entertainment centers with miniature golf, movie theaters and other attractions beyond stores. In turn, management must be mindful of restrictions put on its properties to ensure consumers aren’t deprived of a community experience.

In some communities, bans on teens may also be perceived as racial profiling, she said.

Still, the wave of fights over the weekend has left some mall operators with a sense that more restrictions on teens are inevitable.

“I think we’re definitely going to start seeing more,” Cegielski said of the teen restrictions. “It could be a very selective couple of days a year, but there’s a high likelihood.”

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OPINION

What would MLK think of today's world?



RANDY BLASER

On Jan. 16, the nation will pause to celebrate the 88th anniversary of the birth of Martin Luther King Jr., on Jan. 15, 1929.

Since his tragic death in 1968, the nation in many ways has changed on the issue of race relations. It has changed much more since his death than he ever saw in his brief 39 years on earth. Yet much of that change is King's legacy.

In the last 50 years, the military has been completely integrated, and many African-Americans have risen to its highest ranks, including chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Gen. Colin Powell has served as secretary of state, the highest cabinet post, and has been followed by African-American Condo-



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

An in-progress Martin Luther King Jr. Living Memorial at Marquette Park in Chicago is shown Aug. 3.

leezza Rice. Eric Holder and Loretta Lynch have served as the top legal officer in the nation as heads of the Justice Department.

And African-Americans serve their communities throughout the nation as members of Congress, state legislatures, county boards, village board and school boards.

And as we approach King's birthday, President Barack Obama will complete his second term as

president.

There have also been advancements in everyday American society that even the simplest of Americans see and participate in daily in a way that was never seen in King's lifetime.

That's been great progress.

But on other fronts, change has come very slowly, it at all.

There are three areas where much progress is still needed and where I believe

King would be most vocal: jobs, housing and education.

The poverty rate for African-Americans is 27.4 percent while just 9.9 percent among whites, according to the Economic Policy Institute. The unemployment rates for African-Americans are nearly double that of whites – 8.8 percent in the African-American community and 4.3 percent for whites, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

There have been many advancements made on the front of integration. Many blacks can live where they choose. But poverty keeps many African-Americans in segregated neighborhoods where the housing is substandard.

Chicago was named the most segregated city in the nation by CNN Money last January. Chicago is a city where the poverty rate of blacks is twice that of whites – 33 percent to 14 percent.

Chicago is a city where

the income of whites has grown 33 percent over 22 years between 1990 and 2012, but fell by 4 percent for blacks.

But those statistics don't show the city's concentration of the poor. Just over half of Chicago's census tracts with a majority black population have more than 30 percent of the families living in poverty. By contrast, only 2 percent of predominantly white neighborhoods have that high a percentage of families living in poverty.

And that concentration of poverty also affects the city's schools. Chicago Public Schools report a graduation rate of 73.5 percent, an improvement over the previous year's 69.9 percent.

However, those numbers create a false impression. Most people would naturally think graduation rates are calculated based on how many students enter high school as freshmen and graduate four years later. Chicago Public Schools

measure their graduation rates over five years.

And one only needs to look at the school report card to see that those students staying in school are not performing up to state standards. For African-Americans, barely one-third of the students meet state standards in Chicago Public Schools.

I believe that today King would be focused on these issues, knowing that poverty, lack of education and lack of opportunities is at the root of the self-destructive violence taking place in many of our cities today.

He would not let us ignore these issues as so many of us have done while focusing on the great progress on so many other fronts.

Because King's dream, the one he spoke of so eloquently, was that not one person be left out of the American dream.

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.

We need to keep working toward King's dream



PAUL SASSONE

I'd like to be serious. I think the times demand it.

Jan. 16 is a holiday. It is more than just a day off from work or school. It is the day we honor the life and achievements of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King.

But even more than that, it is a day for us to ponder what we are and who we are as a nation.

King believed we are one nation, that we are, as he put it, "caught in an

inescapable network of mutuality," that we must strive to be good neighbors. "The good neighbor looks beyond the external accidents and discerns those inner qualities that make all men human and, therefore, brothers," King said.

King lived for that belief. King died for that belief.

Through his life's work, and with an eloquence matched only by Abraham Lincoln, King showed us the way to the true America.

We're not there yet. But, getting there is the real American Dream.

It is the dream King meant on that day in 1963 when he ended his great "I have a dream" speech with this vision for our country:

"... when we allow freedom to ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual, 'Free at last! Free at last! Thank God Almighty we are free at last!'"

But, times change and yet times stay the same.

On the one hand we have made progress toward achieving King's dream.

But, on the other hand we have invented more ways to build walls between people. We have

come up with a new "Other" to exclude, to look upon as different and thus to be distrusted and feared.

This would sadden King, who without a doubt would include Muslims among those with whom we all "will be able to join hands."

We Americans describe ourselves as *e pluribus unum* – one people from many peoples.

This is the America King showed us – not just told us, but showed us by his life and work.

Believing in and living *e pluribus unum* is the way to honor King and the ideals of our country.

Paul Sassone is a freelance columnist for Pioneer Press.



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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. announces plans for Chicago demonstrations during a rally at 1527 Roosevelt Road in May 1966.

Listening is key when talking about race



PAT LENHOFF

Next Monday is the first national and school holiday of the new year, but Martin Luther King Jr. Day is much more than simply an excuse to have a day off.

This year, the day has taken on even more meaning in these times of escalating discord regarding the fair treatment of minorities and equitable justice for all.

With the disturbing shooting statistics in Chicago, racial tension across the country and an often antagonistic national dialogue in many locales, it's almost as if we haven't moved the calendar at all from the days King walked the streets of so many cities in his bid for peace.

Communication is key in expressing our differences and coming to a meeting of the minds as to our varying personal experiences and how those experiences define the quality of life for each of us. However, strident discussion without an equal dose of quiet listening to the perspectives of others is completely unproductive and can be very divisive.

I don't know what it feels like to be black in America. Up until 44 years ago, I didn't know what it felt like to be in a minority at all, although I remember once as a child during the 1960 John Kennedy presidential campaign a neighbor kid taunting me that no one would want to have a Catholic for president. Those were insulting words to a young Irish



JACK DYKINGA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. addresses the Sunday Evening club in Orchestra Hall in Chicago on March 14, 1965. King told the audience that "white and black men alike must learn to live together or they will perish together as fools."

Catholic parochial school girl. But that was nothing to what I experienced later as an adult after converting to Judaism.

Suddenly I had become a "crusader," as my dad often jokingly tagged me, a person once in the vast majority of those who innocently proclaim they are not discriminators, only to find out later with the help of my new perspective that I had acted prejudicially more often than I realized. I found myself taking on teachers who refused to acknowledge Chanukah in their red-and-green decorated classrooms and choral directors who couldn't seem to find one holiday song to include in celebration of the Jewish holiday. There were pennies tossed on the floor in school hallways in symbolic taunting.

Because of my background and the change in my status from majority to minority, I felt more com-

pelled to not let these small yet important things go unaddressed. Speaking up became crucial for me.

Discrimination is best defined by those discriminated against, not by those in the so-called majority. Unless you've walked in those shoes, you can't really know the full truth. That's why listening is so very important. Until we as a society begin to open our ears and minds to what so many black Americans express that they have experienced, we can't fully empathize. Instead we continue to protest that discrimination doesn't exist, which gets us nowhere.

No doubt, there is work to be done by everyone to realize King's dream of a peaceful, equal world. That work begins with effective listening.

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Get used to Trump as commander-in-tweet



ERIC SCOTT

Do you think Twitter has sent the President-elect a thank you note lately for all the free publicity?

With all the fuss over Donald Trump's potential conflicts of interest as he prepares to set up shop in the Oval Office, I'm surprised that we haven't seen a story on whether he owns Twitter stock.

With Trump showing no signs of relenting his unofficial role as tweetmaster general, his account, @realDonaldTrump, has become — for more or less — his administration's official spokesperson and real-time, instant 24/7 news conference venue, albeit free of questions from the press.

Way back in the golden age of social media, which was like fewer than 10 years ago, I took time to warm-up to Twitter until I realized how efficient and powerful a communication platform could become.

Twitter is by far the fastest and most efficient way to receive information and distribute messages to a mass audience. I can remember being on the kitchen computer when a tweet popped up saying, "8.5 magnitude earthquake strikes Chile, details to follow..."

The tweet probably was sent minutes after the earthquake and I thought that without Twitter, I wouldn't have known about the quake until seeing it on the news or reading about it in the paper the next day.

So, it is no wonder that Trump, and many other celebrity and non-celebrity types, choose to use Twitter as their unfiltered, cyber



JOSH HANER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Donald Trump sends a tweet from his office at Trump Tower in New York on Sept. 29, 2015.

bullhorn whenever they want to get something off their chests and shout from the electronic hilltop.

But I know there are a lot of people out there who have never seen Twitter and may not know how or why people tweet in 140 characters or less. But that's OK if the future president wants to keep communicating America's biggest announcement of the day a few words at a time.

I'm sure many print and online newspapers soon will feature sections and perhaps entire pages of the previous day's tweets from presidents.

And if you are a Twitter user, you can follow the tweeter-in-chief's @realDonaldTrump to see what he's saying and what other accounts he's following.

In fact, Trump might have revealed recently a soft spot for cuddly pets that was discovered through his Twitter account.

Because Twitter lets you see other accounts that users follow, someone taking notice would have seen that the @realDonaldTrump began following @EmergencyKittens — an account that posts cute photos of kittens.

But soon after the discovery drew media attention, the Trump account unfollowed the kitties. Was it too much cuteness for The Donald?

As far as total Twitter followers go, Trump is far from being the winner — not even by the electoral vote count.

His 18.7 million followers "trumps" Hillary Clinton, who has 11.8 million followers on her official Twitter account, @HillaryClinton. But he has a way to go before he surpasses President Obama, who sports 80.3 million followers on his account @BarackObama.

In case you were wondering, music star Katy Perry (@katyperry) leads all Twitter followers with a whopping 95.1 million.

So, you should get used to presidential announcements happening 140 characters at a time.

There may be a press briefing in the West Wing of the White House every so often, but I doubt the reporters will ever scoop the tweeter.

Let me know what you think at my Twitter account, @viberider18.

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Music will lift us up

Chicago Sinfonietta
concerts honor
MLK's legacy with
hopeful message

BY KATHA CICHON | *Monter Press*

Maestro Mei-Ann Chen will conduct the Chicago Sinfonietta's tribute to Martin Luther King Jr. at the North Shore Center for Performing Arts in Skokie and at Wentz Concert Hall in Naperville.

CHRIS OCKEN/
CHICAGO SINFONIETTA

For nearly three decades, the Chicago Sinfonietta has paid tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a special concert to honor his life's work.

"We like to perform this concert and try to illuminate the theme that is consistent with the way Dr. King led his life and how he tried to champion for social justice," Executive Director Jim Hirsch said. "For us it's not only an opportunity to remember, but also celebrate his legacy. And to bring people together under the arts as a way to celebrate the things that are similar between us, and to really think about what his life meant and remember some of those important things that he did."

The 29th annual tribute concert, conducted by Maestro Mei-Ann Chen, will be performed at 8 p.m. Jan. 14 at the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts in Skokie, and at 3 p.m. Jan. 15 at Wentz Concert Hall in Naperville. In addition, the Sinfonietta will perform at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 16 at Symphony Center in Chicago.

"It's our attempt to have a very optimistic look at where things are," Hirsch said. "That's why this concert actually has really incredibly talented young people who partner with us from the very first note of the concert all the way to end of the concert."

The program opens with "Fantasia on a

School and Merit School of Music who will play "side by side" with the Sinfonietta.

"These young musicians sit right next to our musicians, and they perform the piece together," Hirsch said. "There's close to 20 young musicians on stage with our people."

The piece will deliver this first optimistic message of the concert, Hirsch said. "We've got these wonderful young people who will carry on this legacy."

While the Sinfonietta resets the stage, E'mon Lauren, Chicago Youth Poet Laureate, will perform an original piece of poetry.

"She is affiliated with the Young Chicago Authors, which is a fantastic youth poetry organizations," Hirsch said.

The first half of the concert will conclude with Antonio Vivaldi's violin work "Concerto for 4 Violins" along with "Cello Opus 3 No. 10 B Minor Opus." The works will feature soloists Maria Arrua, Teddy Wiggins, Tomer Marcus and Tara Lynn Ramsey.

"All four soloists come to us by way of the Civic Orchestra, which is the Chicago Symphony Orchestra's training orchestra," he said. "These are some of the finest musicians anywhere in the country."

During intermission there will be activities in the lobby for audience members.

"We kind of explore a lot of the themes of Dr. King's life: peace, social justice,"

Chicago Sinfonietta's Annual Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

When: Jan. 14 at North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; Jan. 15 at Wentz Concert Hall, 171 E. Chicago Ave., Naperville

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Hirsch said. "And we're going to be inviting people to explore what they personally believe in and what they stand for."

After intermission, two short works by Antonin Dvorak will be performed. Guest conductor Kalena Bovell will conduct "Slavonic Dances Opus 46 No. 2" and "Slavonic Dances Opus 72 No. 7."

Bovell is in her second year of the Sinfonietta's Project Inclusion program, Hirsch said.

"We find the most talented and promising musicians, conductors and administrators, and we do very, very high level professional development activities for them," he said. "Kalena will actually be making her public conducting debut with the Chicago Sinfonietta in Chicago during these concerts."

The final piece to be performed is the fourth and final movement of Ludwig van Beethoven's "Symphony No. 9."

"It is based on the melody 'Ode to Joy,' which is one of the most uplifting and beautiful melodies ever written," Hirsch said.

The movement employs a choir and four soloists, and will feature the Roosevelt University Conservatory Choir, led by Cheryl Hill Frazes, and vocal soloists Nicholas Davis, Jared Esquerra, Kimberly Gunderson and Louise Rogan.

The concert will then conclude the way it does every year.

"By inviting the audience to stand, hold hands and join with us as we sing 'We Shall Overcome,'" Hirsch said. "It's a Sinfonietta tradition."

Tickets to the annual tribute typically sell out before the event, Hirsch said. The concert, he said, is very family-friendly, appropriate for those age 7 and above.

Along with paying tribute to King, the concert is the Sinfonietta's attempt to remind people to take action, he said.

"If we're going to create the society that we want and the kind of country that we want, people need to be activists. That doesn't necessarily mean liberal or conservative or this or that, but be involved in shaping our communities. Stand up for what you believe in and do something," Hirsch said.



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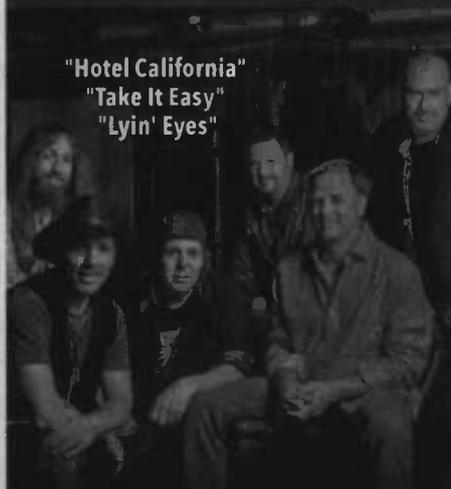


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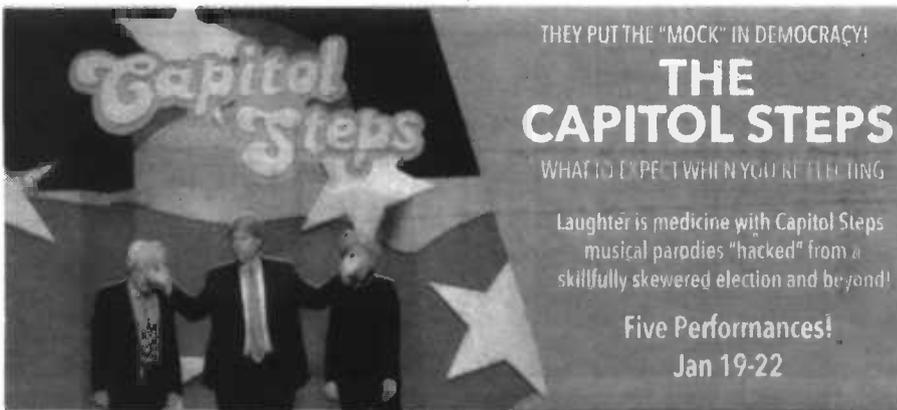
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DINING

Shepherd's pie the perfect cold weather comfort food

BY **VERONICA HINKE**
Pioneer Press

It's the season to bundle up and find delicious ways to stay warm inside. This time of year we also often crave comfort food — creamy, rich hot cocoa, hearty beef stews and, of course, plenty of shepherd's pies. Where can you find the tastiest shepherd's pies this winter? Here's your guide.

THE HARP AND FIDDLE
110 Main St., Park Ridge;
TheHarpAndFiddle.com

Baked mashed potatoes piped in a pretty pattern top a ramekin of comforting ground beef, brown gravy, carrots, celery, peas, tomatoes and fresh thyme at The Harp and Fiddle in Park Ridge. "I love the home-cooked feel and the memories of my mother's kitchen," Owner Declan Stapleton said. It's a variation on a traditional Irish shepherd's pie his grandma used to make. "It's a complex combination of simple flavors evoking memories of times past when home-cooked comfort food was the order of the day," he said.

FIVE ROSES PUB
5509 Park Place, Rosemont;
www.FiveRosesPub.com

The shepherd's pie at Five Roses Pub in Rosemont is made with a mix of ground beef and ground Australian lamb simmered with carrots and onion and topped with mashed potatoes. And there are other wintery pies on the menu too. The Guinness pie is made with simmered beef tips, onions, potatoes, parsnips, garlic, peas and, of course, a touch of Guinness — all topped by a fluffy baked puff pastry. Another comforting winter pie is the chicken pot pie made with chicken thigh meat, onions,



THE HARP AND FIDDLE

The shepherd's pie at The Harp and Fiddle in Park Ridge

potatoes, carrots, garlic and peas and topped with a baked puff pastry.

**THE CELTIC KNOT
PUBLIC HOUSE**
626 Church St., Evanston;
www.CelticKnotPub.com

At The Celtic Knot in Evanston, a touch of rosemary and thyme gives the shepherd's pie a spark of flavor. The shepherd's pie is made with ground beef, diced onions, tomatoes, peas and gravy. It's all topped off with creamy mashed potatoes. The recipe was developed by Chef Carlos Perez over 12 years ago, and it has been on the menu since. "We like it because it is the perfect comfort food," co-owner Patrick Breslin said. "You get your meat, vegetables and potatoes all in one dish. Another rare and comforting Celtic classic here is the Dublin Coddle. It's a stew made with traditional Irish bacon and sausage. An added bonus that it comes with classic homemade brown bread."

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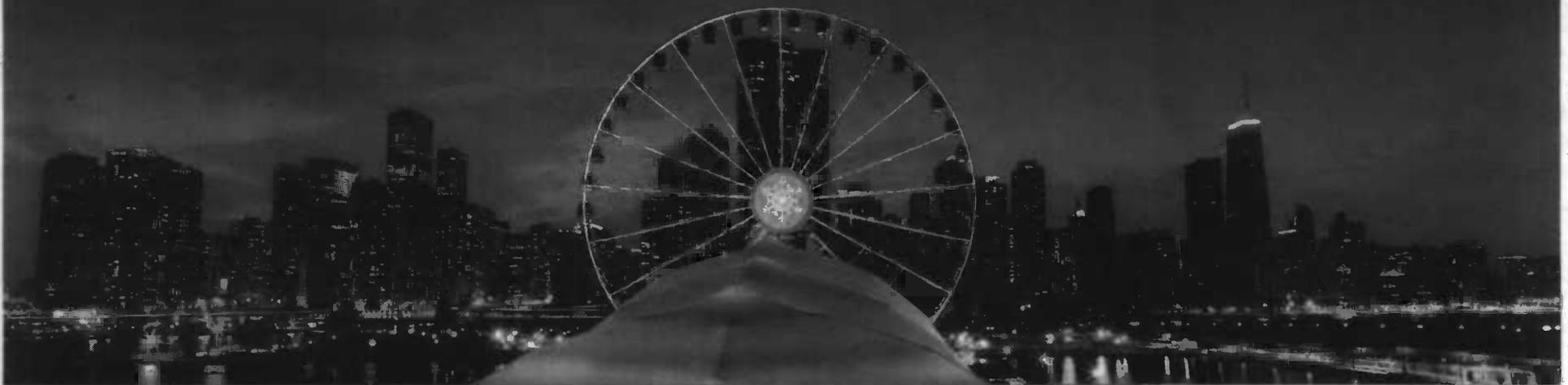
Growing up in Ireland, Derek Hanley's mom,

Peggy Kinnane, regularly made shepherd's pie on cold days. In 2001, Hanley opened Peggy Kinnane's Irish Restaurant & Pub in Arlington Heights in her honor. The shepherd's pie at Hanley's restaurant is made just like his mother's, with tender, ground sirloin, diced carrots, sweet tender peas, leeks and vegetables topped with seasoned mashed potatoes. "Our shepherd's pie is a hearty, comforting meal," Hanley said. "The sauce blends beautifully with the ground sirloin and vegetables. The crispy potato topping is the perfect complement."

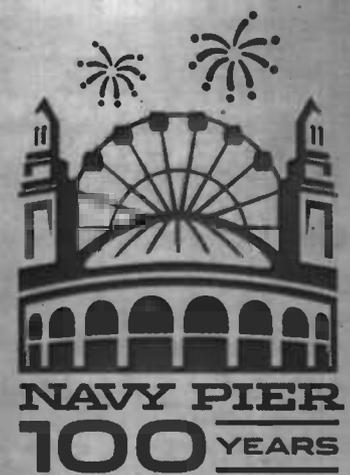
THE CURRAGH
8266 Lincoln Ave., Skokie;
6705 N. Northwest Highway,
Chicago; 1800 Tower Drive,
Glenview; www.CurraghIrishPub.com

At The Curragh in Skokie, Glenview and Chicago's Edison Park neighborhood, the shepherd's pie is a blend of ground beef, carrots, peas, onions, mashed potatoes and vegetables. "It's hearty enough to fill you up and keep you warm in the cold weather," co-owner Ted Pirpiris said. At the Skokie location, warm up with the group that gathers for Trivia Night every Thursday at 8 p.m.

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'Little Women: The Musical' production comes to Skokie

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Jo March is determined to become a writer, despite the odds against her, in "Little Women: The Musical," based on Louisa May Alcott's semi-autobiographical novel.

"It's an important theme about feminism. Jo had the strength of character to fight against society to achieve her dream," said Janet Louer, artistic director of Another Door Theatre Project. "And not only her dream but the freedom of each of her sisters to realize their true potential as whole complete women."

Another Door Theatre Project is presenting the musical under Louer's direction and choreography. Barbara Falk is the music director.

The play is set during the period when Jo's father is fighting in the Civil War.

"It's a wonderful story about family and ties that bind, and how you handle tragedy," Louer said.

Jane Margolis of Lake Forest, an 18-year-old senior at Lake Forest High School, plays Jo.

"She is adventurous and extremely modern for her time," Margolis said. "She is confident and family-oriented. Jo's goal is to give her family everything they ever wanted."

The actor said that Jo pursues writing because, "Not only is it her passion but she believes that's a way for her to be able to help her family get all of their dreams."

Jo and her three sisters are guided by their loving mother, Marmee, who is played by 19-year-old Milla Guerra of Chicago.

"Marmee is so full of love for her children," Guerra said. "She's a very hard worker and she cares a lot about her family and her home, and making sure that



Hannah Godnik



Milla Guerra



Jane Margolis



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everyone around her has
everything that they need."

Jo's sister Meg is played
by Hannah Godnick of
Northbrook, an 18-year-old
senior at Glenbrook North
High School.

"She wants a husband
and a picture-perfect life in
a cute house and kids,"
Godnick said. "She loves
her sisters and is very car-
ing. She never wants to
cause any trouble."

Thirteen-year-old Noa
Harris, of Deerfield, a sev-
enth-grader at Northwood
Junior High School, plays
Jo's little sister Amy.

"She's the brat of the
family," Harris said. "She's
the youngest daughter. It's a
fun role to play because
she's very outgoing and she
speaks her mind."

Harris called the play
heartwarming.

"People can relate to it
because it's about a family,"
she said. "It's not just about
how perfect the family is.
It's about the imperfections
that are within the family
and how that brings the
family closer. It's really
comforting."

Margolis said the value of
this show is that, "It's so
important for not only
women but men to see
women banding together
and being able to overcome
hardship."

Guerra said one of the
strengths of this production
is that each actor has "a real
relationship and a real
connection. Putting that on
top of Janet's brilliant direc-
tor's vision is what's going
to make it a beautiful show
and a really incredible
experience."

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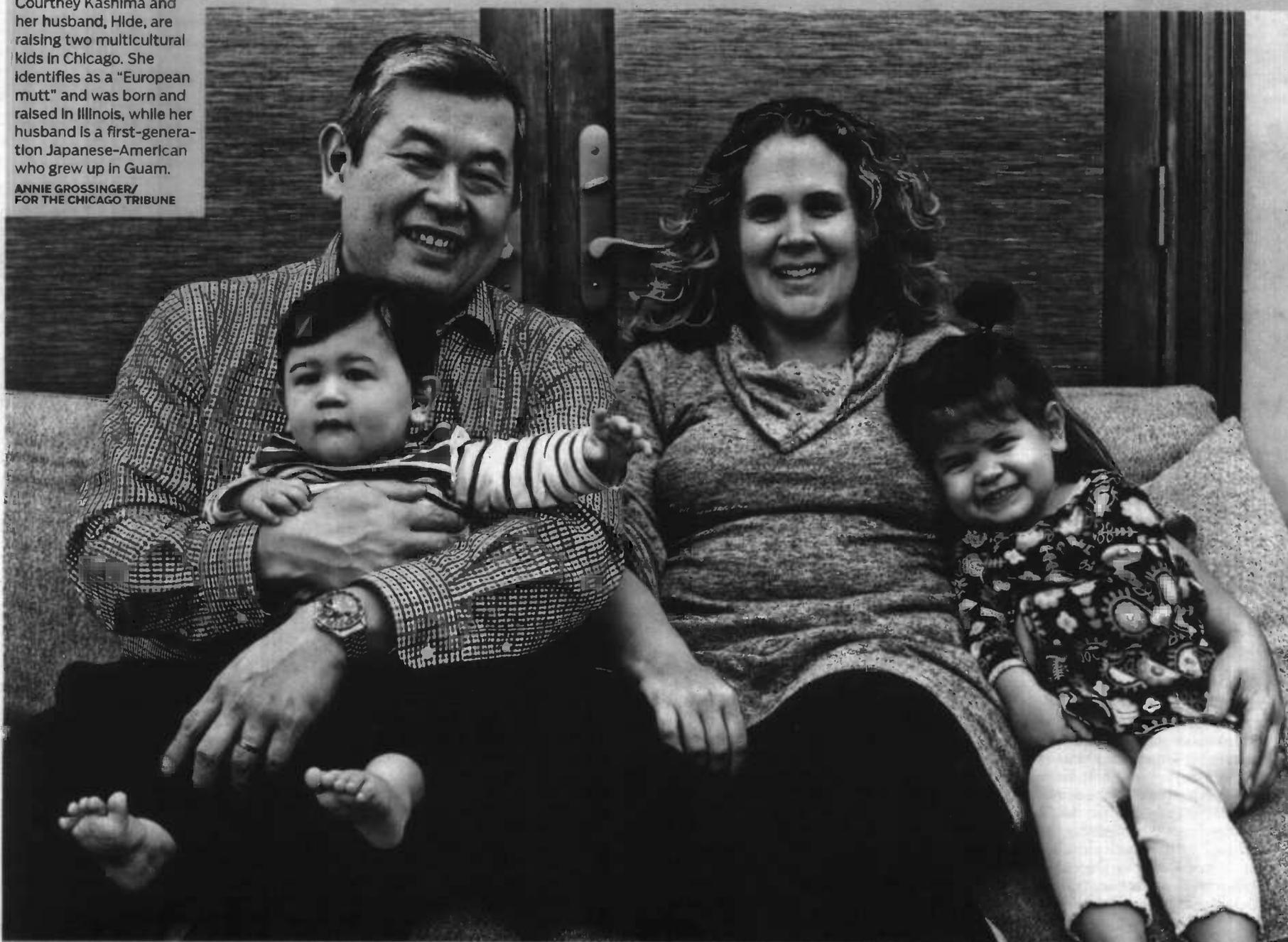


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Courtney Kashima and her husband, Hide, are raising two multicultural kids in Chicago. She identifies as a "European mutt" and was born and raised in Illinois, while her husband is a first-generation Japanese-American who grew up in Guam.

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Raising multiracial children

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SUBURBAN COOKS



JUDY BUCHENOT/NAPERVILLE SUN

To eat healthier this year, Tom Moskos suggests having at least three colors on your plate for every meal.

Art of Good Eating owner shares advice for a healthier new year

By Judy Buchenot
Naperville Sun

The beginning of a new year is an ideal time to make changes. Tom Moskos, owner of The Art of Good Eating, challenges everyone to think about eating healthier this year.

Moskos spent several years as an executive chef for a major hotel chain but said he began to get “worn out” by the demands of his career. So several years ago, the Glen Ellyn resident decided to become a personal chef and open his own business. Through The Art of Good Eating, he shares his culinary skills with clients through catering events, classes and preparing meals for clients.

His goal is to provide meals that taste great and are healthy. Moskos shares a few tips for healthier eating for the new year.

“Instead of only eating meat for protein, try lentils and beans,” he said. Moskos suggests trying bean-based pasta that is now sold in most grocery stores.

Having seafood instead of meat is also a great way to eat healthier but he suggests

Tom’s Culinary Cue

It’s best to wait to wash berries until you are ready to use them. As soon as water is splashed on berries, they can begin to get soggy.

being careful when shopping for seafood. “Avoid farm-raised seafood. Always look for wild caught or line caught. Farm raised seafood is fed a lot of fillers and colors that aren’t good for you,” he said. “Also, avoid tilapia that comes from China because it is not good quality. Look for tilapia sourced from the United States.”

Cutting back on the amount of oil needed to fry food is another way to make meals healthier.

When using a frying pan to cook a meal, Moskos suggests getting the pan very hot and then adding less oil than usual.

“If the pan is hot, you don’t need as much oil,” he said. He prefers using a cast iron skillet for pan frying. “Cast iron is more natural and healthier for you than pans with

non-stick coating.”

When it comes time to plan a meal, Moskos challenges everyone to think in color. “Try to have at least three different colors on your plate,” he said.

Moskos encourages choosing fruits and vegetables that are in season.

“You just aren’t going to find a great tasting, locally grown tomato here in January,” he said.

That means focusing on stone fruits and root vegetables in the fall, citrus in the winter and lettuce and asparagus in the spring until summer arrives with the bounty of tomatoes, beans and more.

Moskos plans to continue sharing his knowledge when he opens a kitchen and dining venue in Lisle in March. This new venture will be a place where groups and individuals can take classes or hold private parties or events. For more information about Moskos, visit www.theartofgoodeating.org.

Moskos shares recipes for two of his favorite meatless dishes for others to try for a healthy change.

Portobello Fajitas

Makes 2 servings.

- 1/2 onion, thinly sliced
- 3 tablespoons water
- 2 large portobello caps, thickly sliced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 large roasted red pepper, sliced
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- Corn or whole wheat flour tortillas
- Salsa or lime wedges

1. Over medium-high heat, saute the onion until it turns a rich, dark, brown color. Add water and quickly stir. The liquid will evaporate in just a few seconds. Reduce the heat to medium.
2. Add the portobellos and garlic and saute until the mushrooms glisten and lose their raw, whitish look. Add the cumin and chili powder; saute for 15 to 30 more seconds. Remove the pan from the heat. Immediately add the roasted red peppers and cilantro. Serve on tortillas with salsa or lime wedges as garnishes.

Crock Pot Lentil Veggie Stew

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, chopped
- 1 leek, chopped (only white and light green part)
- 1 large carrot, chopped
- 1 celery stalk, chopped
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/2 tablespoon fresh or 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 4 cups vegetable or chicken stock
- 1 32 ounce-can chopped tomatoes with juice
- 8 ounces dried lentils
- 2 cups kale or Swiss chard, chopped

1. Heat the oil in a saute pan over medium heat and cook the onions for 4 minutes. Add the garlic and cook an additional minute.

2. Place the onion mixture with the remaining ingredients in a slow cooker and stir. Cover and cook on high heat for 5 hours or low heat for 8 hours or until lentils are tender. Can be topped with Parmesan cheese, sour cream or crackers if desired. Stew can also be made in a large pot on the stove. Just combine ingredients as for slow cooker but cover and cook over low to medium heat for 90 minutes or until tender.



MELISSA ELSMO/PIONEER PRESS

Shakshuka with chickpeas and raisins with toasted whole wheat pita for serving.

Shakshuka the solution to a low-stress brunch



MELISSA ELSMO
Out of Mel's Kitchen

Few things are as thoughtful as a weekend brunch invitation. Sure, this posh weekend meal is commonly enjoyed in a restaurant, but nothing beats having a beautiful brunch with friends and family at home. But even serious entertainers often shy away from hosting a big morning meal. And who wants to spend all that time huddled over the stove turning out eggs to order or stack after stack of fluffy pancakes? Rather than sacrifice a relaxing morning, look to a communal brunch dish called shakshuka to ease

a weekend kitchen burden.

Brimming with popular Tunisian spices like cinnamon and cumin, shakshuka is robust dish that serves six with ease and even offers some make-ahead convenience. Restaurants chefs enjoy experimenting with their own versions of this classic North African dish, but proper shakshuka consistently features whole eggs gently poached in a spicy tomato sauce. My version, suitable for any home cook, starts with a traditional combination of sweet and spicy peppers cooked alongside sliced onions. The addition of high-quality canned, rather than fresh tomatoes, makes shakshuka an ideal winter dish. Not to worry, proper cooking times and adding a touch of brown sugar and balsamic vinegar to the mix helps round out any lackluster flavor lurking in the preserved tomatoes. From there I like to give a little nod to Morocco by adding a handful of chickpeas and a smattering of

sweet raisins to this otherwise savory dish.

The tomato base can be made a day in advance and simply reheated before adding the eggs to the simmering sauce. Some folks prefer to finish shakshuka in individual portions, but I much prefer serving it from a large communal skillet. Either way, covering the egg whites with the warm sauce will help them to cook evenly while ensuring the bottom of the yolks do not harden before the outer edges have set.

Scoop the finished shakshuka from the skillet at the table into individual bowls, taking care to protect the delicate yolks when serving.

Be sure to serve this cozy brunch dish with toasted pita triangles or crusty loaves of bread to sop up the spicy tomato sauce and golden yolks.

All that's left to do is brew a pot of coffee and enjoy the benefits of relaxed and wholesome weekend eating.

Shakshuka with Chickpeas and Raisins

Makes 6 servings.

- 1/4 cup olive oil
- 1 medium sweet onion, halved and thinly sliced
- 1 large red pepper cut into strips
- 1 large yellow pepper, cut into strips
- 1 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt, divided
- 1-3 red finger peppers or serrano chilies, seeded and minced
- 6 garlic cloves, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes (optional)
- 1 teaspoon cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 28-ounce can whole tomatoes in puree, crushed by hand
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 teaspoon balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 cup chickpeas, rinsed and drained
- 1/2 cup golden or crimson raisins
- 6 eggs
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh parsley
- Toasted whole wheat pita or crusty bread for serving

1. Heat the olive oil in a large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat. Add the onion, red peppers and yellow peppers to the pan.
2. Season with 1 teaspoon of salt and cook, stirring occasionally for 12-15 minutes until softened and just beginning to brown. Add in the minced chilies, garlic, brown sugar, red pepper flakes cumin and remaining 1/2 teaspoon of salt. Mix well and allow to cook for 2-3 minutes until garlic is fragrant. Add the crushed tomatoes and all their juice plus the water to the pan and mix well.
3. Allow the sauce to cook, stirring frequently, over medium heat for 15 minutes or until slightly thickened and flavors blend. Stir in the vinegar, chickpeas and raisins and continue cooking for 5 minutes. Shakshuka can be made to this point, cooled and refrigerated overnight. Be sure to bring the sauce to a boil before proceeding with the recipe.
4. Make 6 wells in the sauce and a slide a cracked egg into each hole. Gently cover the whites with the tomato sauce. Cover the pan, reduce heat to low and allow the eggs to cook for 6-8 minutes until the whites are set and the exposed yolks are still runny. Sprinkle the mixture with chopped parsley and serve at once with toasted pita for dunking.

PETS/ANIMALS

MY PET WORLD

How to teach a cat not to use a plant pot as a litter box

By Marc Morrone
Tribune Content Agency

Q: For Christmas I was just given a gift of a 6-foot palm tree that is in a 24-inch wide pot that is sitting in my living room. However, my issue is not with the tree but with my 2-year-old indoor cat who, for whatever reason, likes to use the soil in the pot as a litter box. She jumps up onto the pot and somehow finds the room to dig a hole in the soil and poop or pee in it. She still uses her regular litter box as well, so I have no idea what criteria she uses when deciding to use the plant or her litter box. I tried spraying her with water from a squirt bottle when I see her digging in the pot but this only seems to teach her to do it when we are not home or at night. Are there any suggestions you can give me to solve the situation? — Karen Greco, Allentown, PA

A: She is using the plant basically because it is there and she can. To her mind it is just a big tall oddly shaped litter box. The potting soil feels and smells appealing to her, enticing her to use it. The fact that you spray her with water when she is using it she just chalks up to our confusing human behavior that we expose our pets to regularly.

What you need to do is to make the potting soil unattractive to her. The easiest way to do this is to insert a multitude of toothpicks half their length into the soil



E.J. HARRIS/AP

To get a cat to stop using a potted plant as a litter box, the pot needs to be made unattractive to the cat.

around the plant. They will not hurt her should she try to paw at them but it will make the pot impossible for her to use as a toilet.

Putting a layer of white marble chips over the soil as mulch or sticking spiky pine cones in the soil will also work and look more attractive for you. But then it is hard to tell if the plant needs water.

It will also help if you get a bag of plain potting soil — one that does not have any timed release fertilizers or any chemicals like that in it — and throw a handful of it into her litter box for a while. She seems to enjoy the smell and texture of it, so a bit of soil mixed in with her litter will get her attention away from the palm tree and re-direct it back to the litter

box.

As time goes by the novelty of the tree will wear off and you can then gradually start to pull the toothpicks out and eventually you will no longer need them.

Q: We got a coonhound mix puppy six months ago. He is very smart, is potty trained and is an amazing dog. However, he is now as big as a pony, has a mouth as big as a bear trap and is tall enough to reach on top of our counters and devours any edible we leave on them. Loaves of bread or fruit or a box of cereal — everything goes down his throat. We scold him when we see him doing it and he seems contrite for a minute but after the minute is over he is back at it. One day he even

got a bunch of bananas that were left on top of the fridge. Do you have any training methods that could help with this problem? — Harry Rosenberg, Orlando, FL

A: This is not really a training issue but actually a management issue. If you could follow the dog around all day, every day of the week and correct him — note I say correct and not punish — every time he goes for a food item that is not his, then he would surely learn what is correct.

When I was a kid there was an elderly man on my block who knew a lot about dogs and taught his dogs to never eat anything found lying about. So any dog can be trained to do this — if you have the time.

If the corrections are random, as you are likely doing, then the dog cannot learn consistency, which is the No. 1 rule in training a dog. So the whole family needs to apply themselves to not leaving any edibles out that the dog can have access to; since he can climb as high as the fridge, everything needs to be locked up.

When you can apply yourself to a training session, you can then put out a loaf of bread and take the dog into the kitchen and correct him every time he goes for it. When the lesson is over, put the bread away so the dog no longer has the opportunity to take it off the counter and thus the memory of the lesson is retained.

He will learn this all in time if he is as smart as you say he is.

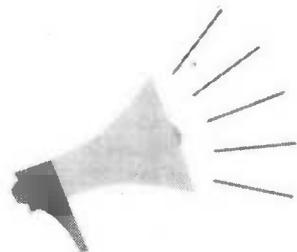
Like most issues in pet keeping, it is a matter of looking at the situation from the animal's point of view.

NOTE TO READERS: Last week I printed a letter from a cat keeper whose kitty would turn on the kitchen faucet and then never turn it off, thus resulting in the water running all day. My suggestion was to change the faucet to a type that the cat could not turn on with its paws.

Many kind readers sent me helpful letters that said if you just turned the water off from the main valve under the sink, and then turned it back on when you used the sink, then the cat would not be able to turn it on when you were not home.

This is a great idea, however, I know for sure it would never work in my house. The cupboard under our sink at home has empty bottles and other such sundries that date back at least 20 years or more. To get to the shut off valve would involve being on my hands and aching knees for far too long a time period. However, it is a clever and affordable solution for those who are more organized than me.

Marc Morrone has kept almost every kind of animal as a pet for the last half-century and he is happy to share his knowledge with others. Although he cannot answer every question, he will publish many of those that have a general interest. You can contact him at petsxperts2@aol.com; please include your name, city and state.



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Online complaints, not phone or email, answered

Dear Help Squad:

You are my last resort. At the end of summer 2015, we purchased a top-of-the-line Char-Broil grill on clearance from Menards. We were very satisfied until this past October when our adult son fired it up for a barbecue, and we heard him let out a scream. The entire grill had shot up in flames, and one of the heating dials had shot out, almost hitting him. We were able to extinguish the flames, and were very fortunate our son avoided injuries. Needless to say, our grill is now unusable, and it was a couple of weeks past the 1-year warranty. I immediately called Menards, who said I had to contact Char-Broil directly. After countless contacts through the phone and no return emails, I am reaching out to you to see if there is anything that can be done to resolve this situation. We used our grill on a weekly basis for a single summer. There is no reason a grill shouldn't last longer than one summer.

Vicki, La Grange

After sending Vicki an email requesting

additional documentation, a Help Squad holiday miracle occurred. Well, probably not, but as it 'twas the season, I'm sticking with this explanation.

Two days after sending my email, I received the following from Vicki:

"Thank you so much!!!! I received an email and a phone call today [from Char-Broil] ... I'm just sorry it took your involvement to get some correspondence with the company. My husband laughed when I told him I was going to reach out to you, but now he's a believer in your abilities!"

Though I would love to take full credit for having contacted Char-Broil and facilitated the resulting communication (if for no other reason than to ensure that Vicki's husband remains a believer in my abilities), my guess is Vicki received a response because she mentioned she was writing to a consumer columnist who would publicize her grievance.



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

As Vicki didn't file a complaint with any other consumer advocacy organization or take to social media, this may have been all it took. From my research, Char-Broil cares about its reputation online and in the press. Through investigating Char-Broil

complaints, I found that once customers publicly aired their grievances, the company was typically quick to respond.

Char-Broil Twitter complaints receive a timely follow-up that offered either a solution or information on how to reach a customer service representative for additional assistance. I noticed, however, that only Char-Broil's helpful replies to consumer complaints appear in its Twitter feed. If visitors wish to view the initial complaint and resulting correspondence, they must click on Char-Broil's response, which then opens all associated (negative and positive) posts.

I was unable to locate any complaints

on Char-Broil's Facebook page, but this may well be because companies are able to hide posts on their Facebook timelines, whereas on Twitter, tweets by other's accounts cannot be deleted.

Similarly, when I checked the Better Business Bureau's website for Char-Broil complaints, I found 50. Each was accompanied by a Char-Broil response, and each case was considered closed by the BBB. Incidentally, Char-Broil receives an A+ from the bureau. Because most reputable businesses care about their BBB ratings, this is often an effective route for dissatisfied consumers to take.

This is all to say that there's a new twist on the old consumer saying, "The squeaky wheel gets the grease." Now, perhaps, it also works to say "The publicly aired complaint gets the resolution."

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BOOKS



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Dr. Seuss deserves a place on your child's bookshelf — not these hipster bowdlerizations

By John Warner

Chicago Tribune

When I first heard news of KinderGuides, I thought I was reading *The Onion*, rather than *The New York Times*.

The brainchild of a wife/husband, graphic designer/writer team, KinderGuides are versions of “classic” literature altered so they are appropriate for readers as young as 5 years old. The part that makes it seem like a joke are in their choices of text, including, thus far, “2001: A Space Odyssey,” “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” and “On the Road.”

Yes, a wild tale of the drug- and booze-filled exploits of a couple of beatniks is now available in the form of an early reader.

KinderGuides are properly termed “bowdlerizations,” texts that have been altered to make them appropriate for “all” readers. The word comes from the work of Thomas Bowdler, a physician in the late 18th/early 19th century who first worked on preventing the transmission of disease through sanitation, but later turned to sanitizing literature and becoming publisher of “*The Family Shakespeare*,” in which the bawdy bard’s naughty bits were excised so as not to offend the ears of innocent women and children.

While our mores have changed and we recognize that women are not actually harmed by racy puns, KinderGuides are very much in this tradition, taking something important and “classic” and making it “appropriate.” We don’t want young children asking about whether Holly Golightly is in fact a prostitute, so “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” becomes a fun story about a young girl whom people just give stuff to — a real-life princess!

It’s not just the age-inappropriate nature of the material that makes KinderGuides mystifying, but the underlying narratives of the choices themselves. Stripped of their full

context, these stories are simply uninteresting, largely plotless and without content that may be actually compelling to children.

When we remember that it’s parents who make the book-buying decisions, we see the allure of KinderGuides and other “classic” book repackaging efforts like “BabyLit.” How awesome to be able to tell people that your 7-year-old has read “*Pride and Prejudice*” and “*Old Man and the Sea*,” rather than “*Goodnight Moon*” or “*Horton Hears a Who*.”

Some of our worst cultural tendencies are brought together in a single foul stew — status, competition, living life through one’s children — to make a marketing opportunity for a couple of (childless, by the way) New York hipsters.

I want to say it’s gross, because it is, but more important, if we’re looking at it from the perspective of the children, it’s dumb and counterproductive. Children’s books are — get this — written for children because children are not just miniature adults.

I mean, we know this. We’ve always known this, but we now have people who also believe that kindergarten is the appropriate time to put children on the path to “college and career readiness,” so maybe we need a collective reminder of this fact.

“*Goodnight Moon*” is a superior book to a bowdlerized “*Old Man and the Sea*” because it allows children to inhabit an imagined world that is utterly familiar to them. Dr. Seuss is a master of child-appropriate prose because he wrote in the rhythms that children are hardwired to respond to.

Classics denuded for age-appropriate presentation are no longer actually classics.

They are also not appetizers for the day that the child is grown and ready to ingest the full meal of the original novel.

They are status emblems, a way to demonstrate superior taste. They are snobbery.

I beg of you parents of young readers, when they are children, let them read childish things. Let them read for joy and love and whimsy.

The grown-up world will find them soon enough.

John Warner is the author of “Tough Day for the Army.” Follow him @biblioracle.

Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

John Warner tells you what to read next based on the last five books you’ve read.

1. “Golden Son” by Pierce Brown
 2. “Morning Star” by Pierce Brown
 3. “Dark Matter” by Blake Crouch
 4. “Big Little Lies” by Lianne Moriarty
 5. “The Elegant Universe: Superstrings, Hidden Dimensions, and the Quest for the Ultimate Theory” by Brian Greene
- Moira T., Deerfield

I’m a little out of my element with the contemporary science fiction, but any reader who knows and loves sci-fi/fantasy work will appreciate the loving humor Terry Pratchett brought to his Discworld books, the first of which is “*The Color of Magic*.”

1. “The Underground Railroad” by Colson Whitehead
 2. “Hillbilly Elegy” by J.D. Vance
 3. “You’ll Grow Out of It” by Jessi Klein
 4. “Nutshell” by Ian McEwan
 5. “Our Revolution: A Future to Believe In” by Bernie Sanders
- Ted P., Chicago

“Hillbilly Elegy” has gotten a lot of attention for its insight into some of the forces that may have shaped the most recent election, but these stories aren’t new. For an even deeper look, I recommend “*The Unwinding: An Inner History of the New America*” by George Packer.

1. “Hamilton: The Revolution” by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter
 2. “Born a Crime” by Trevor Noah
 3. “Born to Run” by Bruce Springsteen
 4. “The Big Short” by Michael Lewis
 5. “Stories of Your Life and Others” by Ted Chiang
- Noah M., Brooklyn, N.Y.

For Noah, a rock ‘n’ roll novel of sorts by Nick Hornby about a singer-songwriter brought back from obscurity, “*Juliet, Naked*.”

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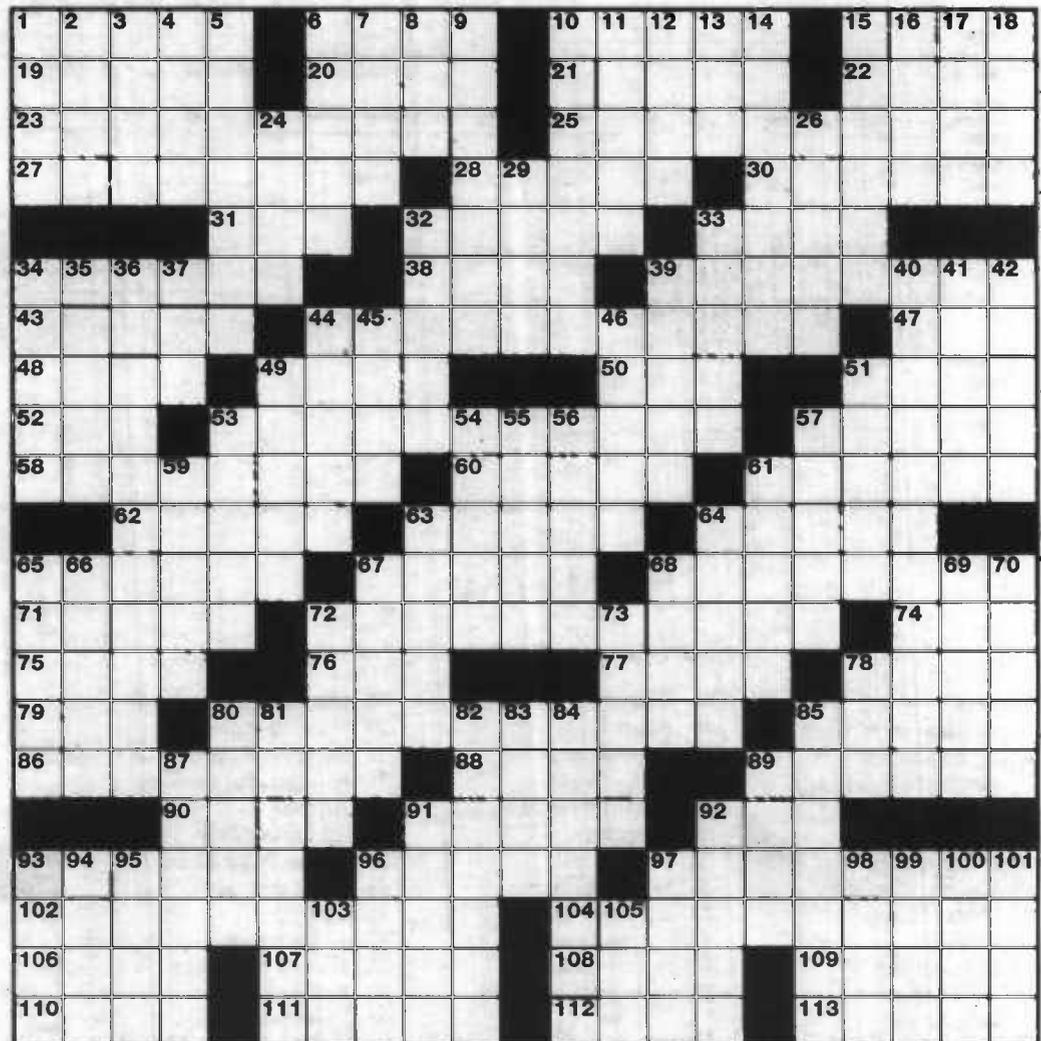
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- Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
- Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
- When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the quotation.

Clues

Words

- A. Money returned 42 145 110 93 27 13
- B. Upper canine 103 54 22 122 74 91 159 40
- C. Compelling 162 21 136 154 75 113 123 46 67 88
- D. USSR Premier, 1958-64 76 129 9 48 99 29 17 61 68 153
- E. Lose on purpose: 3 wds. 28 85 15 147 104 5 62 158 43 124
- F. Mirren and Keller 58 111 18 160 45 98
- G. Legendary city: 2 wds. 143 107 64 16 33 70 161 126
- H. Small stone 10 30 101 87 149 116
- I. Laconic: 3 wds. 44 118 92 77 146 31 63 106 23 138
- J. Sober 139 163 39 117 108

K. Kern/Hammerstein musical: 2 wds. 89 151 105 81 141 11 26 53

L. Television set, to many: 2 wds. 59 35 66 97 90 120 47 4

M. Burst: 2 wds. 132 102 86 73 148 14

N. Tropical vine 2 100 19 51 37

O. Alpine flower 3 150 128 94 57 133 79 38 109

P. Enclosed 36 82 65 95 134 78

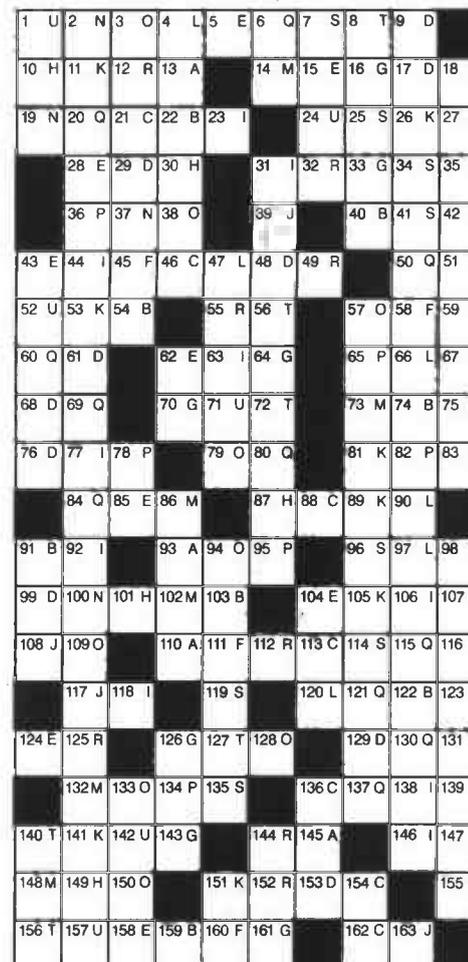
Q. Get ahead of 137 50 84 69 20 115 80 130 6 60 121

R. Extravagantly enthusiastic 125 144 152 12 49 32 131 55 112

S. Missile platform: 2 wds. 34 41 114 135 155 25 96 119 7

T. Main meal 72 140 127 56 8 156

U. Pointing outward 83 1 142 52 157 71 24



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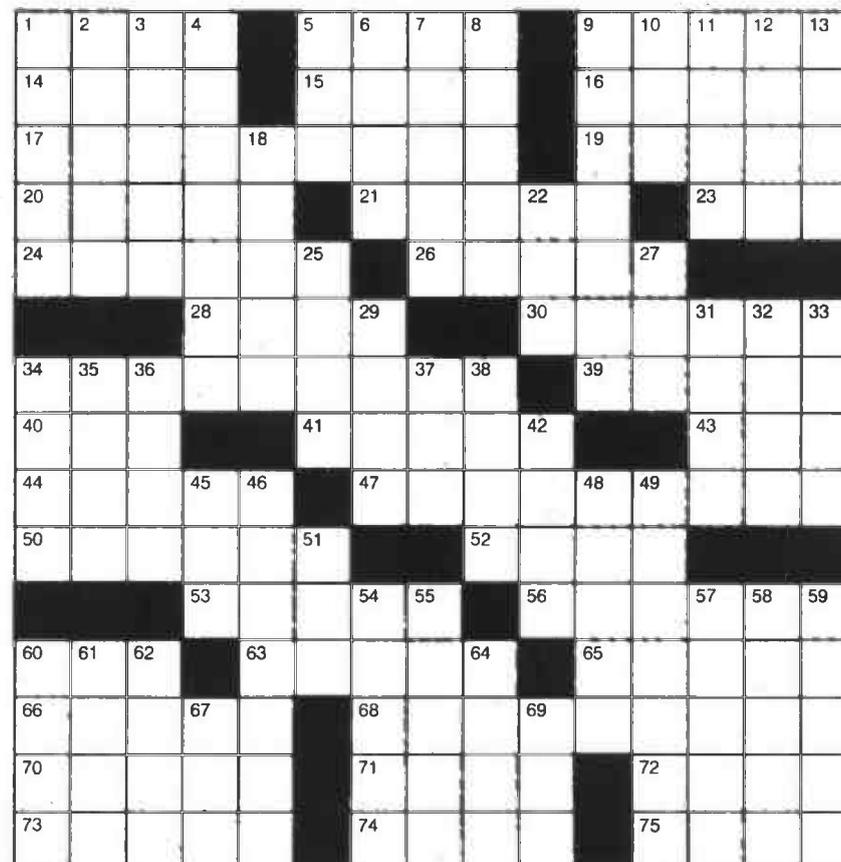
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Across

- 1 Oldtime movie dog
- 5 To be, in Paris
- 9 Boston fish delicacy
- 14 Former Chinese leader
- 15 Tourist: abbr.
- 16 Paper collection
- 17 Type of lamp
- 19 Citified
- 20 German city
- 21 *Santa Maria's* companion
- 23 Shifty
- 24 A covering
- 26 Play for time
- 28 Singing group
- 30 Missouri tributary
- 34 Gale, to New Englanders
- 39 Descendant
- 40 River of England
- 41 Blot
- 43 Numerical prefix
- 44 Respond to
- 47 Bushed
- 50 Word for some sports
- 52 Island republic
- 53 Make an attempt

Down

- 56 Cad
- 60 Resort
- 63 Approaches
- 65 Swap
- 66 Fraternity letter
- 68 Braggarts
- 70 Homer epic
- 71 Was an also-ran
- 72 ___ alone
- 73 Spotted pony
- 74 Poetic classic
- 75 Female saints: abbr.
- 1 Yearns
- 2 Call for silence
- 3 Heraldic band
- 4 Golden
- 5 Common abbreviation
- 6 Snare
- 7 Indian princesses
- 8 Occurrence
- 9 Brief commotions
- 10 Stray dog
- 11 Teases
- 12 Spoken
- 13 Gainsay
- 18 ___ -mural sports
- 22 Open a keg
- 25 Sound of disapproval
- 27 Varnish ingredient
- 29 Roman emperor
- 31 S. American monkey
- 32 Ripped
- 33 Arthurian lady
- 34 Italian Saint Philip ___
- 35 Draft animals
- 36 Study
- 37 ___ de cologne
- 38 Formal ceremony
- 42 *Rouge et* ___
- 45 Tent item
- 46 Twister
- 48 Foam
- 49 Dishcloths, for example
- 51 Grain
- 54 Furniture item
- 55 Low ship deck
- 57 Old playing card
- 58 Comedian Cantor
- 59 Takes it easy
- 60 Pass over
- 61 Indic language
- 62 Neat as ___
- 64 Ordinary
- 67 Caress
- 69 Ozs. or lbs.



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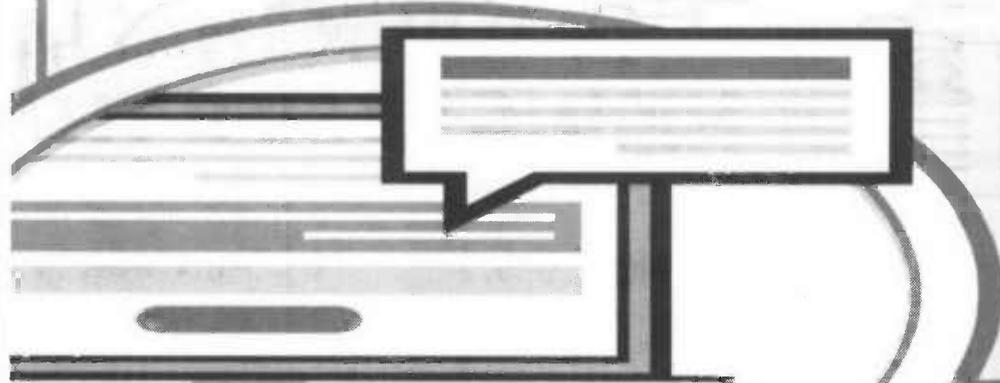
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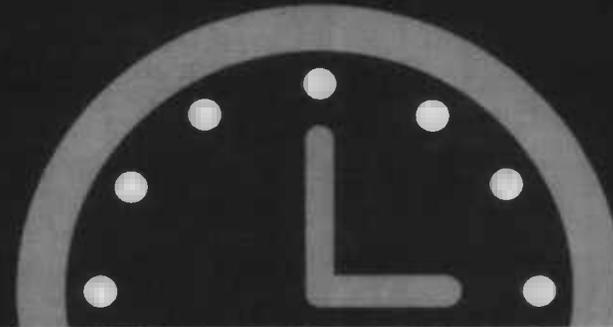
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16 CH 06295
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Property Index No. 12-14-217-031-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$108,538.80.

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LOT 8 IN KATHERINE MILLER'S SUBDIVISION, A SUBDIVISION IN THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 40 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 8328 WEST MAPLE AVENUE, Norridge, IL 60706

Property Index No. 12-14-217-031-0000.

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$108,538.80.

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 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.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney: LATIMER LEVAY FYOOCK, LLC, 55 W MONROE SUITE 1100, Chicago, IL 60603, (312) 422-8000

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LATIMER LEVAY FYOOCK, LLC 55 W MONROE SUITE 1100 Chicago, IL 60603 (312) 422-8000 Attorney Code: 06204378 Case Number: 16 CH 06295 TJS#C: 36-13320

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. 1/12/2017, 1/19/2017, 1/26/2017 4693104

Legal Notices

NOTICE OF SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION

Father & Sons Home Improvement II, Inc., Plaintiff vs. OCWEN Loan Servicing, LLC, Jose Hernandez, a/k/a Jose J. Hernandez, Domenica M. Hernandez, Town of Cicero, The Village of Rosemont, GMAC, LLC, Village of Wheeling, Ford Motor Credit Company, LLC, Unknown Owners, and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants.

Case No. 11CH15473 Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on October 14, 2016, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on February 1, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 06 of the lower level of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:

LOT 7 IN THE SUBDIVISION OF LOT 8 IN BLOCK 7 IN MANDELL AND HYMAN'S SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 AND THE WEST 1/2 OF SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 13, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

P.L.N. 16-20-209-013-0000 Address: 1321 S. 59th Court, Cicero, Illinois

Improvements: Single family residence. Sale shall be under the following terms: The real estate described herein, with all improvements, fixtures and appurtenances is sold in "as is" condition. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. Premises will NOT be open for inspection, and Plaintiff makes no representations nor any warranties as to the condition of the property.

There shall be no proration of taxes, assessments, water bills or any other bill that may accrue or has accrued in association with the property.

The deposit required at the time of sale will be between 10% and 25% of the successful bid. The balance of the bid amount is required to be paid within 24 hours of sale. All payments of the amount bid shall be in certified funds.

The judgment amount is \$87,955.61 with accruing post judgment interest and accruing costs.

At any time, if the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser shall have no recourse or claims against the mortgagee's attorney(s). Prospective bidders are to check the court file and verify all information herein and therein. Sale shall be subject to general taxes, special assessments, and any liens or encumbrances that have priority.

For information: Scott R. Baruss, Plaintiff's Attorney, 24 East Avenue, Riverside, IL 60546. Tel. No. (708) 788-4870.

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LEGAL NOTICE
Legal Notice is hereby given that on Monday, January 23, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at the Procedures & Regulations Committee of the Whole Meeting held at the Park Ridge City Hall, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, IL 60068, the Procedures & Regulations Committee of the Whole will hold a Public Hearing to consider revoking Pink Taxi's certificate of operation or other appropriate penalties for alleged violations of the City of Park Ridge Municipal Code, including the failure to pay the required annual fee pursuant to Section 10-2-4 of the Code.

All persons interested in this matter should attend and will be given an opportunity to provide written and oral testimony. The public hearing will be continued from time to time by motion of the Procedures & Regulations Committee of the Whole without further public notice.

Dated January 9, 2017
Cheryl L. Peterson
Deputy City Clerk
City of Park Ridge
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Brendan Financial, Inc., Plaintiff vs. Tonya Y. Fuller, Christopher E. Fuller, Countywide Home Loans Inc., Unknown Owners, and Non-Record Claimants, Defendants.

Case No. 09CH38530 Pursuant to a Judgment made and entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on July 26, 2016, Thomas J. Dart, Sheriff of Cook County, Illinois, will on February 1, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 06 of the lower level of the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction the following described premises and real estate mentioned in said Judgment:

LOT 320 AND LOT 319 (EXCEPT PUBLIC ROAD 30 FEET THEREOF) IN JW.MCCORMACK'S WEST-MORELAND SUBDIVISION IN THE WEST 1/2 OF FRACTIONAL SECTION 8, TOWNSHIP 39 NORTH, RANGE 12, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, NORTH OF THE INDIAN BOUNDARY LINE, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

P.L.N. 15-08-114-052-0000 Address: 1544 Speechley Blvd. Berkeley, Illinois

Improvements: Single family residence. Sale shall be under the following terms: The real estate described herein, with all improvements, fixtures and appurtenances is sold in "as is" condition. The subject property is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff. Premises will NOT be open for inspection, and Plaintiff makes no representations nor any warranties as to the condition of the property.

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The judgment amount is \$51,196.65 with accruing post judgment interest and accruing costs.

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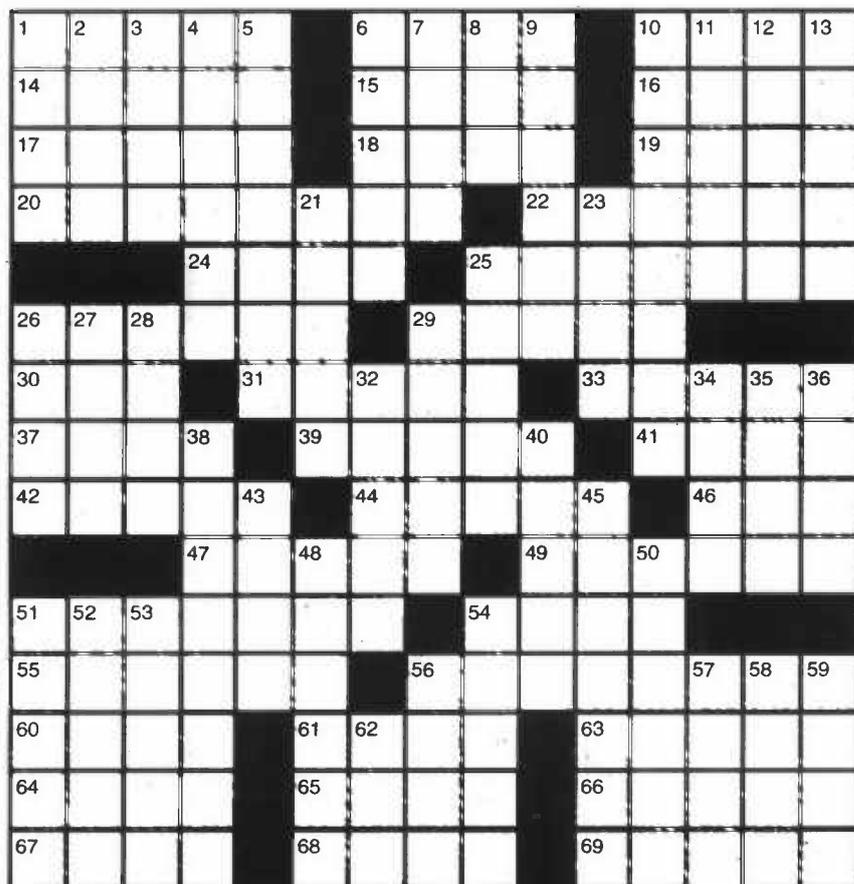
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Crossword



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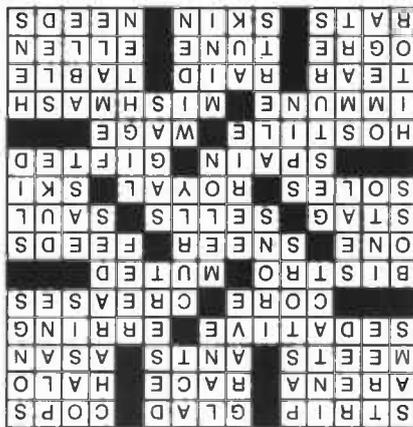
ACROSS

- 1 Landing __; where a plane touches down
6 Pleased
10 Police officers
14 Sports venue
15 Track and field event
16 Ring of light above a saint
17 Bumps into
18 White __; termites
19 As wise __ owl
20 Sleeping pill
22 Goofing up
24 Apple's center
25 Fold lines
26 Nightclub
29 Silenced
30 Late bedtime
31 Look of contempt
33 Nourishes
37-Male deer
39 __ down the river; betrays
41 Writer Bellow
42 Shoe bottoms
44 Regal
46 Zoom down snowy slopes
47 Madrid's nation
49 Talented
51 Belligerent

DOWN

- 54 Salary
55 Not susceptible to a disease
56 Hodgepodge
60 __ up; become emotional
61 Bug spray
63 Eating surface
64 Bogeyman
65 Ditty
66 Actress Burstyn
67 Word of disgust
68 Dermatologist's concern
69 Requirements
- DOWN**
- 1 Donaldson and Waterston
2 Locust or larch
3 Double __; oboe, for one
4 Still whole
5 Parish heads
6 Burial site
7 Lois __; Clark Kent's love
8 Read the riot __ to; castigate
9 Sahara or Gobi
10 Word guessing party game
11 Place of refuge
12 Airport arrival
13 Melodies
21 Actor Jeremy

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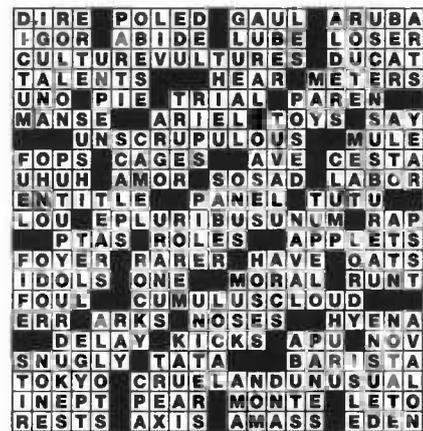
- 23 Great Barrier __ of Australia
25 __ Joe; one of the Stooges
26 Supervisor
27 Come __ money; inherit wealth
28 Official stamp
29 Juicy fruit
32 Mysterious
34 Vane direction
35 British noble
36 Went down smoothly
38 Pointing and nodding, e.g.
- 40 Long stories
43 Twirl
45 Illuminate
48 Warns
50 Girl or woman
51 __-miss; haphazard
52 Greek letter
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57 Qualified
58 Toboggan
59 Egg producers
62 Black-and-white seabird



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Last week's crosswords

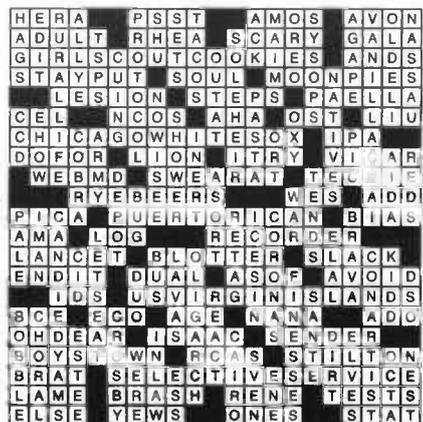
"SOMETHING FOR YOU"



"Toothsome"



"What Happened Then"



Last week's Quote-Acrostic

(Marcelle d'Argy) SMITH: THE WHOLE MOVEMENT: The whole movement is about freedom, equality, and choices for women, but what a thrill it was to see women so powerful that they're choosing to look glamorous while blasting governments around the world.

Last week's Sudoku

6	3	7	4	9	2	1	8	5
4	8	1	6	5	7	3	9	2
2	5	9	3	8	1	6	4	7
3	9	6	8	7	5	4	2	1
7	4	5	1	2	6	8	3	9
1	2	8	9	3	4	7	5	6
8	7	3	5	1	9	2	6	4
9	1	4	2	6	3	5	7	8
5	6	2	7	4	8	9	1	3

This week's Jumble

THEORY DRAGON MANNER
CHOSEN LESSON INFANT

After making a joke about his wife's weight gain, he'd need to try to —

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Did actress Reynolds die from broken heart?

When I picture someone with a broken heart, I picture a man or a woman sobbing frequently, unable to cope with their intense hopelessness and despair, as they try to grasp onto the notion that their true love is really gone.



JACKIE PILOSSOPH
Love Essentially

We all know a broken heart can be caused by a breakup, a divorce, a lost friendship, a tragedy, an illness or a death. But regardless of its cause, anyone who has had a broken heart will tell you it is devastating, gut-wrenching and empty, with pain so intense it can be indescribable.

But there's something else that can happen to someone with a broken heart. They can die. Literally. I'm talking about broken heart syndrome, which is what some are speculating caused Debbie Reynolds to die last week, just one day after her daughter, Carrie Fisher died.

Reynolds' son, Todd Fisher, brother of Carrie, told ABC's Elizabeth Vargas in a recent interview that Reynolds did not die of a broken heart, rather than she simply wanted to be reunited with her daughter.

"She expressed how much she loved my sister. She then said she really wanted to be with Carrie. In those precise words, and within 15 minutes from that conversation, she faded out. And within 30 minutes, she technically was gone."

This story reminded me of the former NFL player, Doug Flutie's parents, Dick and Joan Flutie, who in 2015 died of heart attacks within an hour of each other. Doug Flutie said in an interview at the time, that he believed his mom died of a broken heart, as she was so grief-stricken, she died just one hour after his father died.

Wondering how much scientific proof might support broken heart syndrome, I reached out to Micah Eimer, a North Shore-based cardiologist and the medical director of the Northwestern Medicine Glenview Outpatient Center.

Eimer said not only is broken heart syndrome real, but also, in his 10-year career, he has seen 20 to 30 cases. He said none of his patients died from it, but that the condition can definitely be fatal.

"The patients I've seen come in with symptoms that are the same as heart attack symptoms — chest discomfort, arm or neck discomfort, nausea, shortness of breath, lightheadedness," Eimer said. "Patients are typically women over 60 who have had some big stressor, possibly the death of a loved one or a funeral."

According to Eimer, broken heart syndrome, also known as stress-induced car-

diomyopathy or takotsubo cardiomyopathy is a heart irregularity characterized by a surge of adrenaline that stuns the heart muscle into not working properly.

He said the cause of the surge is sometimes unknown, but it can also be a result of another illness or

disease going on in the body and major emotional stress or trauma.

"When we do an EKG and blood tests, they come back abnormal, just like if the patient was having a heart attack," Eimer said. "How we make the diagnosis of broken heart syndrome versus a heart attack is based on a normal angiogram, meaning there is no artery or vein blockage."

He also said if it is caused by a medical condition, the patient has a higher risk of death. Additionally, there are medications patients can take if they have suffered from broken heart syndrome to prevent it from happening in the future.

Besides the Fluties and Reynolds, I have heard of other cases of broken heart syndrome. I knew an older man whose wife died of cancer. In perfectly good health, with no prior history of heart disease, the man died suddenly of heart failure six weeks later. Coincidence? My gut says no.

Maybe the man lost his desire to live. Maybe his day-to-day existence was just too full of memories and too painful to bear. And maybe all that pain and emotional heartbreak truly broke his heart.

In honor of upcoming Martin Luther King Jr. Day, here is a quote from the late minister and civil rights activist about death that I find particularly comforting:

"When our days become dreary with low-hovering clouds of despair, and when our nights become darker than a thousand midnights, let us remember that there is a creative force in this universe, working to pull down the gigantic mountains of evil, a power that is able to make a way out of no way and transform dark yesterdays into bright tomorrows."

I know this quote won't directly prevent cases of broken heart syndrome, but I believe words of wisdom like these offer comfort and hope to those who have suffered such hardship.

While the death of a loved one can seem like the end of any chance at being happy, I believe the ones who leave us hope for "bright tomorrows" for their families. In other words, they don't want anyone to die from a broken heart.

Jackie Pilossoph is a freelance columnist.

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HEALTH

ASK THE DOCTORS

Exercising your brain could stave off dementia

By Dr. Robert Ashley
Ask The Doctors

Dear Doctor: I read that dementia rates are going down due to rising education levels, but I don't have a college degree. Should I be more worried than most?

Dear Reader: Dementia is a scary disease, causing not only loss of memory but also the inability to reason through problems and, for many, difficulty with even the daily tasks of living. One bright spot is that dementia rates are indeed declining. This was first noted in the United Kingdom in 2013, where researchers in the medical journal *Lancet* reported a 24 percent decline in dementia rates compared to 20 years previous. The question is: Why the decrease?

A recent study published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* attempts to answer that question, assessing differences in dementia rates in the United States between the years of 2000 and 2012. The data were taken from the Health and Retirement Study, which is based on a questionnaire given to thousands of people over the age of 50. The study looked at 10,000 people in 2000 and another 10,000 people in 2012. In this study, researchers found a 24 percent decrease in the dementia rate between 2000 and 2012, and one difference noted by the authors of the study was that overall respondents in 2012 had one more year of education than those in 2000.

A logical question is whether the population in 2012 was simply healthier. That does not appear to be the case. In fact, the 2012 population generally had



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A recent study concluded that higher levels of education could be contributing to a decline in the dementia rate.

greater rates of high blood pressure and diabetes, both of which are risk factors for dementia. To that point, it's possible that the more modern and stricter treatments for diabetes and high blood pressure played a role. After all, statins, as well as medications for high blood pressure and diabetes, can reduce the effects of diabetes and high blood pressure on brain function.

But ultimately the authors concluded that the higher level of education was the primary contributor to the decline of both dementia and cognitive impairment. That benefit may come from the creation of greater amounts of brain reserve, so that when brain function decreases years in the future, the effect may not be as obvious.

My belief is that any form of education is important. Although the study above showed that an additional one year of education had benefit, there are other ways of getting an education, such as learning a language. Numerous studies have

shown that people who are proficient in two languages have a significant decline in dementia.

So if you have the time, learning another language would be a worthy investment.

Please note, however, that I have had patients with high education levels get dementia, so education is not a total preventive.

But I would encourage you to continue to use your mind — challenging yourself with learning new material and continuing to educate yourself. You don't need to sit in a class for this.

A lifelong process of learning and understanding may itself decrease your chances of dementia.

Robert Ashley, M.D., is an internist and assistant professor of medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Send your questions to askthedoctors@mednet.ucla.edu, or write: Ask the Doctors, c/o Media Relations, UCLA Health, 924 Westwood Blvd., Suite 350, Los Angeles, CA, 90095.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

MSM crystals provide relief to arthritis sufferer

By Joe Graedon and
Teresa Graedon

King Features Syndicate

Q: I have had arthritis for years and was taking diclofenac. However, my doctor took me off it because it started to affect my kidneys.

When the joints in my thumbs started to swell so I couldn't even open a soft-drink bottle, I began looking for some help. Lucky for me, I found MSM crystals. After taking it for three days, the swelling in my thumbs went down.

It's been a few months, and I am now able to walk 3 miles a day and have had other positive results. For example, my hair and my nails have improved. I know that this won't cure arthritis, but it seems to have slowed its progression.

A: MSM (methylsulfonylmethane) is a natural compound that has been used for relieving arthritis pain. It has been more thoroughly studied in Europe than in the U.S.; one Italian study of 120 people with arthritis in their knees found that it performed well in combination with boswellic acid (*International Journal of Immunopathology and Pharmacology*, March 2016). A small Israeli study also found that MSM eased joint pain over three months (*BMC Complementary and Alternative Medicine*, June 27, 2011).

We have heard that MSM might help nails and hair, although we could not find any studies to support this claim. It does seem to be fairly safe, however (*Food and Chemical Toxicology*, October 2002).

Q: I listened to a radio program in which you mentioned thymol as a very effective fungicide. I



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Small-scale studies in Italy and Israel reported that methylsulfonylmethane, or MSM, relieved arthritis pain.

noticed that thymol was the active agent in Seventh Generation Disinfecting Wipes.

Since I was having early symptoms of athlete's foot, I used one of the wipes on my feet after showering. Within four days, all my symptoms were gone. This is the best cure I've found; low-cost and it smells good too!

A: Thymol is an essential oil from the culinary herb thyme. It has antifungal, antiviral and antibacterial activity. This natural compound is an important ingredient in both old-fashioned amber Listerine mouthwash and Vicks VapoRub. That may explain why many people find those products helpful against fungal infections. Thank you for sharing your success story.

Q: I am a 56-year-old woman and have been plagued with migraine headaches most of my life. A few months ago, they were waking me up five times a week, so I saw a neurologist.

She suggested I try a vitamin supplement called Migravent, a combination of vitamin B-2 and magnesium, before doing anything more aggressive.

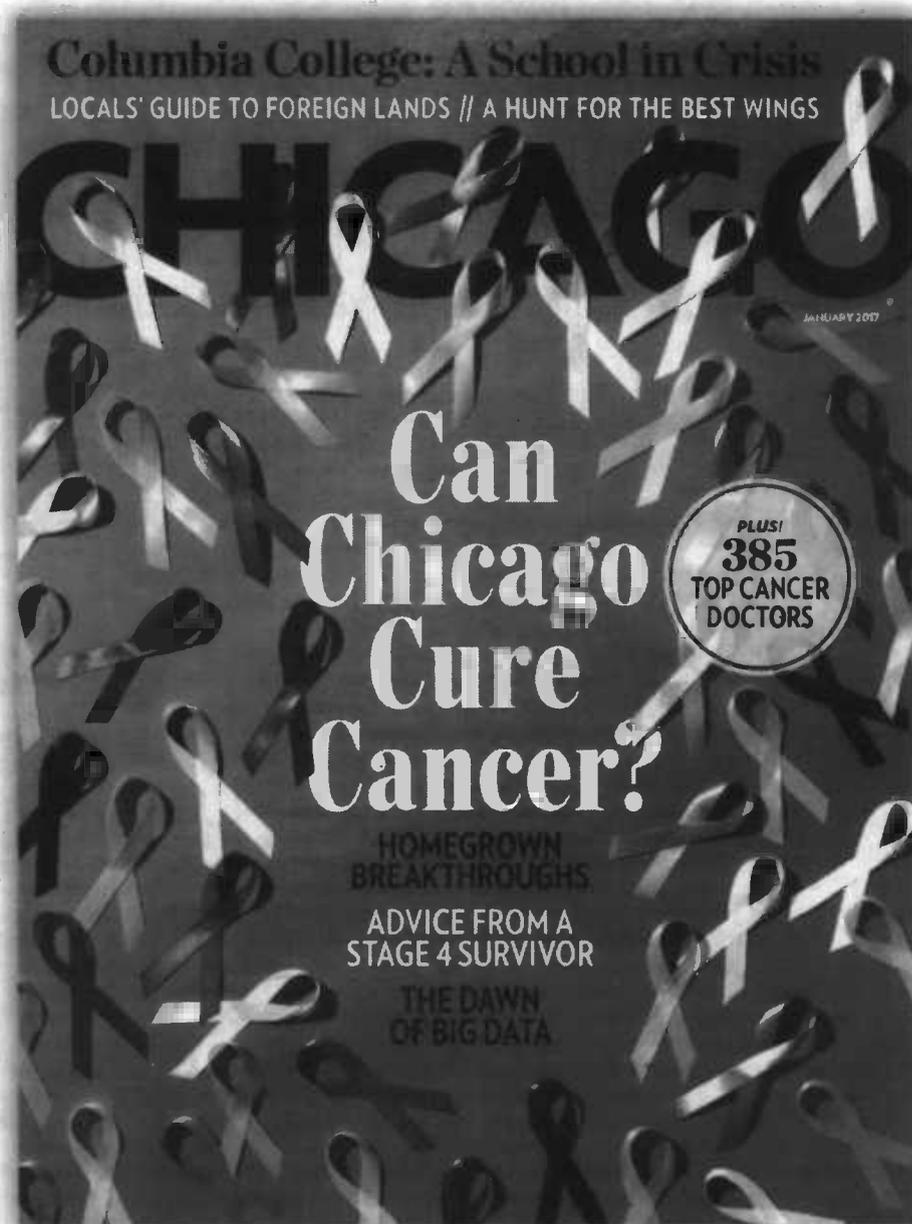
That gave me instant relief!

In the past three months, I've had a half-dozen headaches. They are not as severe as the ones I used to get. I wish I'd tried this supplement years ago!

A: Migravent contains four ingredients that have been found helpful against migraine headaches: butterbur (*Petasites hybridus*), riboflavin (vitamin B-2), Coenzyme Q10 and magnesium. Individually, each has been shown to help prevent migraines.

You can learn more about these and other nondrug approaches for prevention, such as acupuncture and biofeedback, in our *Guide to Headaches and Migraines*. Anyone who would like a copy, please send \$3 in check or money order with a long (No. 10), stamped (68 cents), self-addressed envelope to: Graedons' People's Pharmacy, No. M-98, P.O. Box 52027, Durham, NC 27717-2027.

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Raising multiracial children

By Emily Perschbacher
Chicago Tribune

Parents are blending cultures, values and traditions

It's often said that it takes a village to raise a child, and once upon a time, this was quite literal. The proverb has been attributed to African cultures where children were raised by the whole tribe in a village.

Today, our tribes look a lot different. Not only are grandparents, aunts and uncles spread across frequent-flier miles, but family units also can be a mix of two (or more) very distinct villages. The rate of multiracial marriages and, consequently, multicultural children in the U.S. is certainly on the rise.

According to a 2015 Pew Research study, marriages between spouses of different races have increased almost fourfold since 1980. This has led to an even faster rise of the number of multiracial children. In 2013, among babies living with two parents, 10 percent had parents who were different races from each other, up from 1 percent in 1970, according to the same report.

So, not only are parents left to raise their children more isolated than before, but they also are confronted with blending cultures, values and traditions.

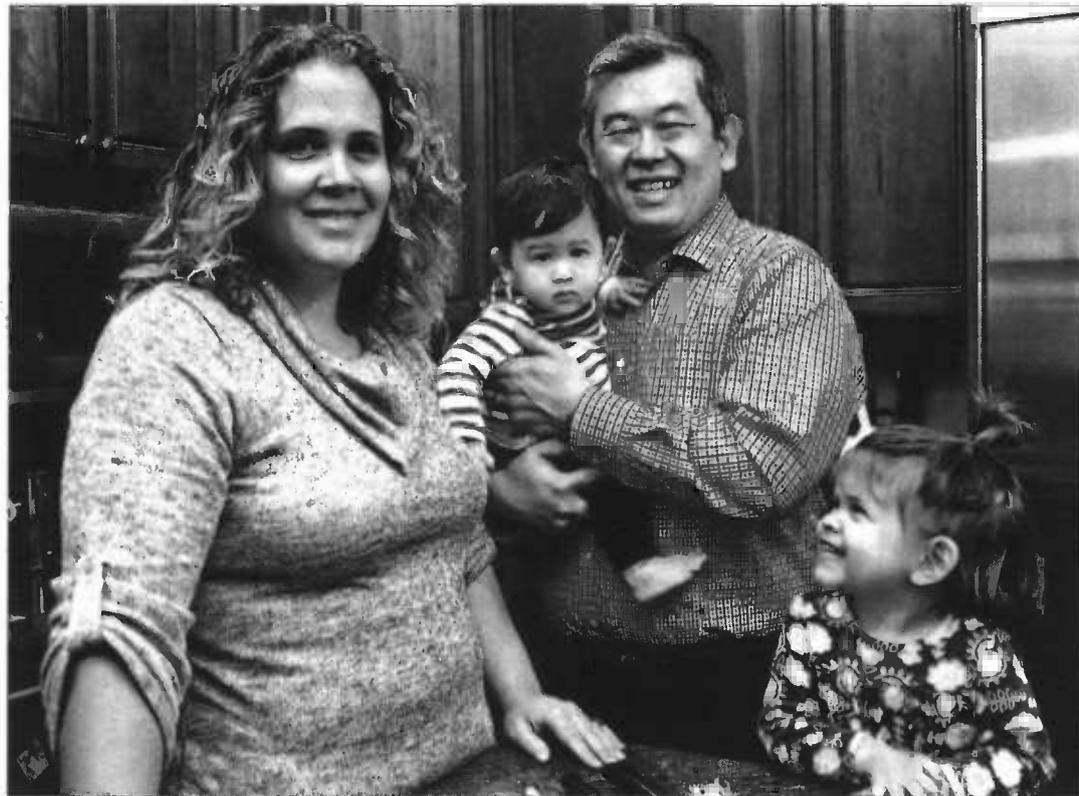
"Parenting is tough as a baseline," said Christina Jones, a psychotherapist and consultant in downtown Chicago. "Couples have to learn and navigate how to be a team. Sometimes that cultural piece adds challenges."

The challenges can range from how to celebrate holidays to deciding whether to raise your children bilingually.

Courtney Kashima, 38, is raising two multicultural kids in Chicago. She identifies as a "European mutt" and was born and raised in Illinois, while her husband, Hide, is a first-generation Japanese-American who grew up in Guam.

"We both came from very small towns, so we feel committed to raising our kids in the city," she said.

But, she added, the Japanese-American community isn't as vibrant here as it is in a place like



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Los Angeles or Vancouver. She said she's had to seek out support and cultural activities for her two children: Sachi, 2, and Jiro, 9 months.

The family joined the Japanese American Service Committee in Chicago, which hosts traditional events and a weekly class for children called Tampopo Kai. Kashima has also posted on message boards and Facebook groups to try to find other Japanese-American and hapa — or half-white, half-Asian — families in the area.

She admits it can be difficult to find a balance. "It's weird to pick and choose culture. If you came from a monoculture, like my mom, there were just certain traditions."

For Kashima, raising her children in Japanese culture means

learning and embracing new ideas herself. Incidentally though, she pointed out, "I actually feel I lead (the push toward teaching the kids about their heritage) more than my husband."

Others are often influenced by grandparents or extended family.

Lindsay Chuang, 31, of Chicago said, "The cultural stuff is more important for my in-laws. It's even more important to them than it is to my husband."

Chuang, who is black American, is married to a first-generation Taiwanese-American. They have two kids: Victoria, 3, and Emerson, 16 months. Her in-laws recently moved back to Taiwan, but they visit as often as possible.

"I really hit the jackpot of mother-in-laws," Chuang said. "These are their first grandbabies, so they're always ready to come

and jump right in. When (my mother-in-law) comes to visit, she cooks and plays with the kids. ... But when she comes, she'll stay for, at most, a month, and it's not enough time for language to catch on. I know that she wishes that was different."

On a visit earlier this year, the family celebrated Chinese New Year together. "We've celebrated the new year before, but if my in-laws are here, we'll absolutely do something."

Jones encourages parents to expose their children to their own culture and traditions, as it will likely help build a solid sense of identity.

"The best way to approach that is in nonthreatening ways," she said. "Exploring food from different cultures brings people together. And music brings people

together."

In the Tampopo Kai class at the JASC, parents and children learn Japanese songs. The class also incorporates dancing, arts, crafts and story time.

"We divide the program between Japanese and English," said Naomi Negi, the program coordinator. "There are tons of opportunities for parents and kids to pick up Japanese words. And, you'd be surprised — six months down the timeline — the kids start to pick up words; they absorb everything so quickly."

Similarly, the Old Town School of Folk Music, with locations in Chicago and satellite classes in the suburbs, offers a music program for children in Spanish.

"We really put a lot of love and importance on the Spanish Wiggleworms classes because the Spanish-speaking population is really growing in Chicago," said Erin Flynn, director of Wiggleworms and Kids Music Programs at the Old Town School of Folk Music.

"We're not teaching Spanish; we really understand that it is a music class, but it is an immersion experience," Flynn said. "We took a lot of time to find authentic music and songs that have a long tradition in Spanish-speaking countries. It really is about the music, culture and traditions through music."

She said that, in the past, the school has offered classes in German, Hebrew and French, depending on teacher availability.

"We very earnestly believe that music connects people and builds community," she said.

Finding community helps us get back to the idea of raising our children by village, even if we all don't look the same.

"I don't think I noticed all the mixed-culture families until I started hanging out with other moms," Chuang said. "I was at a moms' night out event, and I noticed everyone was either Asian or married to an Asian. It was pretty cool. I'm really thankful for that stuff."

Emily Perschbacher is a freelance writer.



REDFIN PHOTOS



Custom home in St. Charles: \$875,000

ADDRESS: 5N080 Prairie Rose Dr. in St. Charles

ASKING PRICE: \$875,000

Listed on Dec. 20, 2016

Built in 2013, this custom home is on a walk-out lot in the Prairie Lakes housing community in St. Charles. With four bedrooms, four-and-a-half baths and over 4,000 square feet of living space, the home offers a host of amenities.

The chef's kitchen features an island, a walk-in pantry, a Subzero refrigerator and ample counter and cabinet space.

The main floor also includes a sunroom, office, dining room, living room and mudroom. The master suite has a tray ceiling, bath with Carrara marble counters, a dual vanity, soaking tub and walk-in shower.

All bedrooms have walk-in closets and direct access to a bathroom. The second floor loft could easily be transformed to a 5th bedroom, while the walk-out basement adds additional finished space and includes a full bathroom.

Agent: Christy Alwin of Redfin, 630-590-0628



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FAMILY FRIENDLY

Thin Ice's 'Midsummer' show out of this world

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
 Pioneer Press

Watch out for aliens. They will be landing by flying saucer in Thin Ice Ensemble Theater's innovative production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

"This is our fourth time doing this show," said director Eileen Hand. "I've been wanting to do this full version for a long time."

Sixteen young people, ages 12-16, are in the cast.

The show is set in the 1950s. "The twist is that the fairies now all come from another planet," Hand revealed. "We're trying to parody the cheesy 1950s sci-fi movies."

Following the theme, there will be 1950s music. "The lovers are going to come into the forest with a record player and play Chuck Berry," Hand said. "To have a big opening with dancing in the woods will be a lot of fun."

Performances are 7:30 p.m. Jan. 13 and 14, and 3 p.m. Jan. 15 at Elaine and Zollie Frank Theater at the Mayer Kaplan JCC, 5050 Church St., Skokie. Tickets are \$12 adults; \$10 students. For details, go to www.thinice theater.org.

All aglow

Fathers and their girls will "Let Love Glow" during a Daddy Daughter Dance, 6-9 p.m. Feb. 3 at Monastero's Ristorante, 3935 W. Devon Ave., Chicago. There will be dinner, dessert, a photo booth and a DJ. Lincolnwood residents pay \$65 per couple, \$75 after Jan. 15; nonresidents pay \$80 per couple, \$90 after Jan. 15. Each additional daughter is \$20 for residents; \$25 for nonresidents (\$30 after Jan. 15).



THIN ICE ENSEMBLE THEATER

E.T.-type folks meet Shakespeare in Thin Ice Ensemble's upcoming production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in Skokie.

For details, call 847-677-9740 or go to www.lincolnwoodil.org.

Honoring King

Young people will play a large role in the free Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Celebration, at noon Jan. 14, at Fleetwood-Jourdain Community Center, 1655 Foster St., Evanston. There will be performances by youth and keynote speaker is Evanston Township High School student Alexis Harris-Dyer.

For details, call 847-448-8254 or go to www.cityofevanston.org.

Pet project

If you think it's hard to decide what pet to choose for your children, imagine

the problem a creature has in "How Do Dinosaurs Choose Their Pets?" Your children will hear the Jane Yolen and Mark Teague book, 11 a.m. Jan. 14 at Barnes and Noble, 55 Old Orchard Center, Skokie. For details, call 847-676-2230 or go to www.barnesandnoble.com.

Look out below

A prehistoric squirrel's shenanigans send him hurling into outer space, jeopardizing life on earth in "Ice Age 5: Collision Course." The Kids Flick will be shown from 4-5:35 p.m. Jan. 20 at Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave.

For details, call 847-965-4220 or go to www.mgpl.org



RYSZARD MAKOWSKI/POLISH WOMEN'S ALLIANCE PHOTOS

Iwona Puc-Plechocka, from left, Teresa Makowski, Helena Martinez, Mary Plergles of Oak Park and Michal Niemklewicz of Niles

PWAA supports Women & Leadership Archives

Event: Christmas Luncheon and Fundraiser

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Location: PWAA Home Office, Chicago

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Attended: 50+

Gift presented: \$1,425 to fund work of the Archives

Website: www.pwaa.org



Violinist Farid Ishnikayev of Buffalo Grove performed at the luncheon.



Nancy Freeman of Skokie, Director of the Women & Leadership Archives, from left, accepts donations for the PWAA Preservation Project from PWAA Secretary-Treasurer Antoinette Trela as Bozena Nowicki McLees, Director of the Polish Studies Program at Loyola looks on.

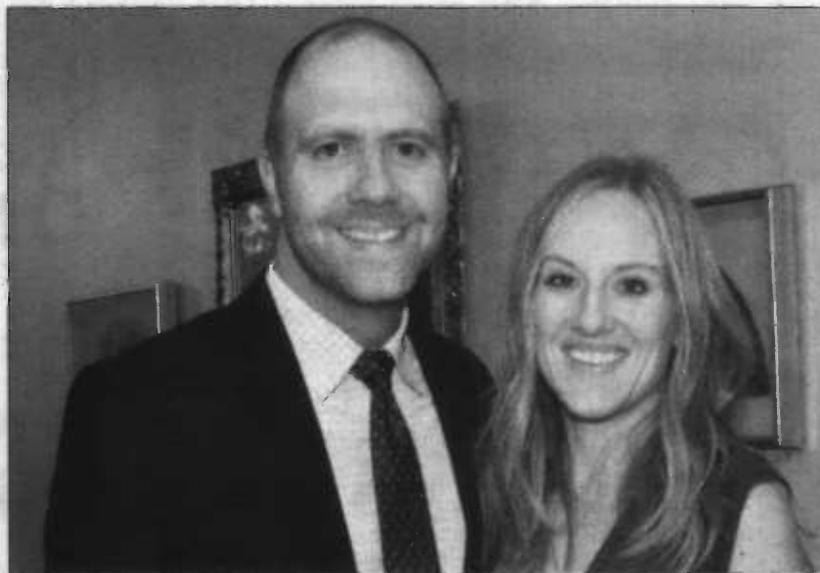
CAPITOL STEPS COMEDY AT NORTH SHORE CENTER



NORTH SHORE CENTER

The sharp-edged political comedy of Capitol Steps returns to the North Shore Center for the Performing Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie, Jan. 19-22. The new show, "What to Expect When You're Electing," is at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 19, 8 p.m. Jan. 20, 5 and 8 p.m. Jan. 21 and 2 p.m. Jan. 22. Tickets are \$32.50-\$45.50. Call 847-673-8300 or see www.northshorecenter.org.

NORTHLIGHT THEATRE GALA RAISES \$175,000



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Matt Magnuson of Park Ridge, board member, and wife Nicole were among 275 supporters attending "A Remarkable Journey," the 2016 Northlight Theatre Gala held Nov. 4 at the Woman's Club of Evanston. The evening raised \$175,000 to help fund Northlight Theatre's mainstage productions and arts education programs. More at www.northlight.org.

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LAKE ZURICH

Four-bedroom, 2.5-bath home built in 1999 with brick and cedar exterior. Three-car garage, full basement, plumbed for full bath, hardwood floors on first and second floors. Light bright kitchen with granite counters, spacious family room with fireplace. Luxury master bath, second bath has double sinks, tub and separate shower, three-car attached garage.

Address: 1034 O'Malley Drive
Price: \$469,950
Schools: Lake Zurich High School
Taxes: \$12,603
Agent: Connie Scott, RE/MAX At Home



SKOKIE

Five-bedroom, five-bath, two-story, traditional design home built in 1966. First-floor master suite includes 17'x15' bathroom with roll-in double shower and jetted bathtub. Second bedroom suite has full bathroom. Open first-floor living area includes large kitchen, dining room and living room. 2.5-car attached garage, patio, advanced fire and security alarm system.

Address: 8460 Harms Road
Price: \$399,900
Schools: Niles West High School
Taxes: \$16,846.28
Agent: Jack Guest, CENTURY 21 McMullen



WINNETKA

Four-bedroom, five-bath home built in 2005 has brick and stucco exterior. Formal rooms, gourmet kitchen/family room area, first-floor office/bedroom and full bath. Spa-like master bedroom with two walk-in closets. Finished third-floor bonus room. Lower level has two rec spaces, fifth bedroom, full bath and work room. Two outdoor patios and outstanding landscaping.

Address: 695 Hill Road
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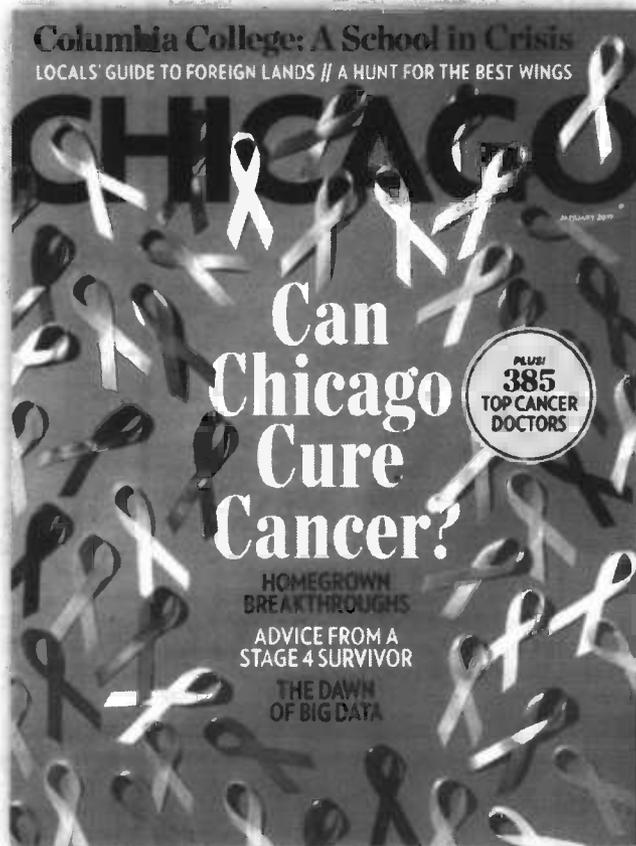


MORTON GROVE

Three-bedroom, two-bath brick ranch home built in 1954. Traditional floor plan, custom hardwood floors and neutral decor. Kitchen includes eat-in area, full bathroom has a Jetted tub and pedestal sink, full, finished basement has family room, full bathroom and laundry. Fenced-in yard with deck and patio, on corner lot.

Address: 9047 Oak Park Ave.
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HOME REMEDIES

Pilot light won't light on gas log fireplace

BY C. DWIGHT BARNETT
Tribune News Service

Q: My gas log fireplace worked just fine last winter, but I couldn't light the pilot light this fall. There's no brand name on the log so I don't know where or who to call for instructions. Can you help?

A: There are different types of gas logs, and it would have helped to know which type you have. There are vented gas logs and unvented or "vent free" logs. Both types of logs may or may not have a remote control feature. Usually, either type of log can be fueled by natural or propane gas (depending on the gas valve that is installed).

Your problem may be as simple as having an empty propane supply tank.

If you have a chimney or flue for the fireplace, it is more likely you have a vented gas log, although a vent-free gas log can be used as long as the damper is fully closed. Due to health concerns, possible carbon monoxide poisoning and fire hazards, do not install a vented gas log in a nonventing fireplace or other enclosure. There are many in the industry who even resist using the vent-free gas logs in any enclosed space. All of the byproducts of combustion of the natural or propane gas will be trapped in the room with the vent-free gas logs. Some people complain of the odors while others complain of headaches and other health problems. However, vent-free gas logs tend to be more efficient.

If you have a remote control, first make sure the batteries have been replaced in the control units. Next, make sure the gas is



JIM KRUGER/ISTOCK

turned on to the log. There should be a shut-off valve near the fireplace. I have found the shut-off valves inside the fireplace, under the fireplace or in a cabinet next to the fireplace.

With the gas on, push in and hold the pilot valve while igniting the pilot light. Once the pilot is lit, hold the pilot valve in for 60 seconds. This allows the pilot flame to heat the thermocouple attached to the log. After 60 seconds, release the pilot valve and turn the log's operating valve "on" making sure you are clear of the log. If the pilot does not stay on, you may have a defective thermocouple.

Some thermocouples can be easily replaced; just make sure to purchase the correct length and fitting of the replacement thermocouple. If the pilot

light flickers and then goes out, the gas pressure may be low. Have a plumber check the gas pressure to your home or even at the gas log.

You can also try cleaning the pilot tube using a can of compressed air used for dusting. Note: you *must* make sure the gas is off and there are no flames present prior to using an aerosol duster. Spray air around and into the end of the pilot tube opening and at the small air intake on the side of the pilot tube. If the pilot still fails, contact a qualified service technician to repair the gas log.

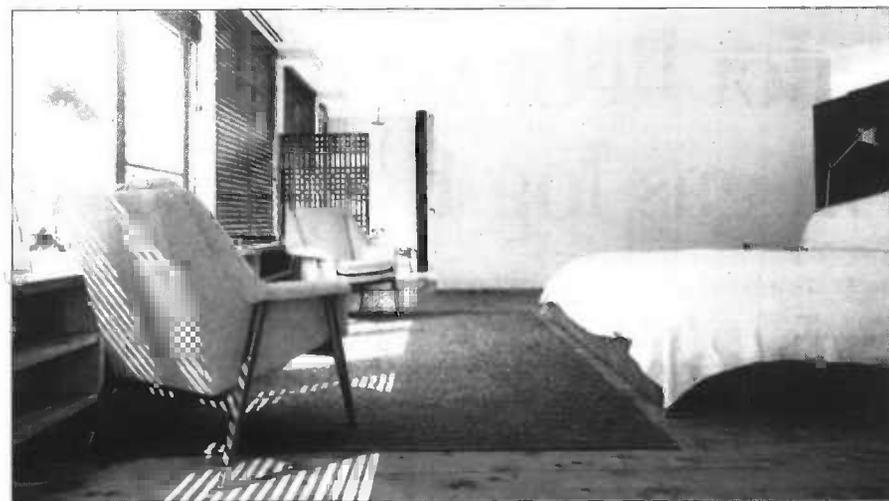
C. Dwight Barnett is a certified master inspector with the American Society of Home Inspectors.

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300 S Dee Rd, # 2C, Park Ridge	Chris Spina	Fannie Mae	12-12-16	\$166,000
1720 S Cumberland Ave, Park Ridge	Sonia Purcell	Bank Of America Na	12-14-16	\$175,000
1507 S Cumberland Ave, Park Ridge	Bertha E Rueda & Geovanna Rueda	Leonard Randazzo	12-07-16	\$250,000
1021 Rene Ct, Park Ridge	Edward Deppen	Zbigniew Drwal	12-15-16	\$330,000
173 E Edgemont Ln, Park Ridge	Buster V Torrez & Elizabeth A Torrez	True Dimensions Inc	12-12-16	\$635,000
38 Meacham Ave, Park Ridge	Sherri Clementi	Hinkley Park Development Llc	12-14-16	\$678,000

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Make the bed daily. Trust us. A made bed makes your entire place feel more pulled together. And ground your rugs by placing them under furniture.

Psst, are you making these rookie decorating mistakes?

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Unless you're a seasoned interior designer with decades of experience, chances are you've made a decorating faux pas. Maybe you purchased a sofa without measuring it first or hung a pendant light too high, bought a too-small-for-your-space rug or hung curtains too low.

While there is a large amount of gray area when it comes to decorating — and sometimes it pays to break decor rules — there are certain mistakes that are easily avoidable.

Thankfully, some common decorating mistakes can be easily remedied. Starting today, swear to never again make these seven decor blunders.

1. Ignoring the hemline. Curtains should touch the floor, but just how much fabric do you let touch?

Unless you're Marie Antoinette and your drapes are made of pure silk, skip the puddling of extra fabric — aim to have curtains hit half an inch from the floor. To achieve this, have your drapes hemmed at the dry cleaners or use simple iron-on hem tape.

2. Letting your rugs

float. Don't be ashamed if that kilim rug you scored at the flea market is actually too small for your room — happens to the best of us. If you're stuck with a small rug, ground it by placing it under furniture, whether under a coffee table or one foot of your sofa. Just don't let it fly solo in the middle of your room. If it still looks off, trick the eye by layering a larger, inexpensive natural weave rug underneath — a move interior stylists swear by.

3. Not making your bed. Decorating starts as soon as you place two feet on the floor in the morning. Making your bed every day will make your entire place feel more pulled together and give you a sense of accomplishment, even if there are still dishes in the sink. And while you're at it, give those pillows a good fluff.

4. Having too many knickknacks. When your decor feels off, your first instinct may be to inject the space with better, newer stuff. In reality, the best move is often editing down.

5. Hanging frames too high. Unless you're opening an at-home art gallery for giants, hanging art too

high is a big no-no. Art should be hung 8 to 10 inches above furniture, and around 5 feet from the floor. This is the right eye line for an average-height viewer and will keep your guests from breaking their necks trying to admire your latest acquisition.

6. Not lighting the scene. We cry a little bit on the inside when a room only has overhead lighting. As soon as the sun sets, lighting becomes the most important decorating element in a room. Add multiple sources of light: indirect lamps, task lighting and overhead lighting. Just like in professional photography and movies, aim for at least three sources that cast a light from underneath, arranged in a triangle around the room.

7. Pushing furniture out to the walls. Whether your space is cavernous or mildly claustrophobic, never push your furniture out to the walls. The space will seem larger and more inviting if there are at least 2 to 3 inches of space between your walls and your furniture. Play around with your floor plan, and try floating a sofa or even a chair.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Listings are subject to change.
Please call the venue in advance.

Thursday, Jan. 12

Liza Anne with P.M. Buys: 8 p.m. Thursday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$10-\$18, 847-492-8860

Diabetes month by month: Learn how to prevent, manage and take care of your diabetes in order to prevent complications. Every month we will have a different topic; from weight management, stress management to how to read food labels. 5 p.m. Thursday, Erie Evanston/Skokie Health Center, 1285 Hartrey Ave., Evanston, free, 847-666-2346

"The Hunter and The Bear": 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday, 3 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday, Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe, \$35-\$80, 847-242-6000

Digital Storage and The Cloud: What is the "cloud" and how does it work? Learn about the pros and cons of digital storage for your documents and photos in this demonstration-only class. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 1:30 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Opera Lecture Series: "Norma" by Vincenzo Bellini. Moderated by former Lyric Opera docents, come hear of tales of intrigue, love, and death from the 2016/17 Lyric Opera of Chicago season. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Adult Literacy Classes Spring Session Registration: A unique opportunity for native and non-native English speakers to improve their reading and writing skills. A small, friendly group led by a teacher and volunteer tutors meets twice weekly. Classes are conducted by Oakton Community College in the Glenview Library's Community Room West. Call 847-635-1426 for details. 9:15 a.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-635-1426

Thursday Morning with Mrs. Schmitt for ages 2 and up: Mrs. Schmitt brings her stories and fun to the library for children with an adult to just drop in. 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Winter Art Show Call for Student

Submissions: Artwork submissions are being accepted through Jan. 25 for this Winter Art Show in February. All students who participated in a Park Center Visual Arts Class for fall or winter sessions are eligible to submit one of their favorite pieces for the show. For more information please see your instructor. The Winter Art Show preview night for family and friends is Friday, Feb. 3 from 6-8 p.m. Art will be on display and open to the public throughout February. Noon, Thursday through Saturday, Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Parkinson Wellness Recovery Brain-Body Training: Parkinson Wellness Recovery/PWR! is Parkinson-specific exercise, scientifically designed to target symptoms of PD. It includes boxing training for endurance, agility, and stability. The instructor is Drew Surinsky, is an exercise physiologist. 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. Thursday, 1 p.m. Friday and Monday, Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, \$12-\$17, 847-502-0630

Be A Santa To A Senior with Home Instead Senior Care: This season, many area seniors who are alone or impoverished will receive some holiday cheer thanks to the Be a Santa to a senior program sponsored by Home Instead Senior Care-Northbrook. Choose an ornament, buy the items listed and return them unwrapped by Dec. 23. 6 a.m. All week, The Abington of Glenview, 3901 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-418-3300

Niles Songwriters: Local songwriters meet on the Second Thursday of the month at the library's Lower Level to discuss their craft and play their music. Acoustic instruments are welcome. 7 p.m. Thursday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Wonder Ground Open Lab: Look, touch, tinker, and play with an intriguing array of science-oriented curiosities in this new space designed especially for kids. A drop-in visit is meant to last about 15 minutes. Activities are repeated each week from Tuesday to Thursday. The Wonder Ground is a STEAM playground for kids. 4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Staying Positive in a Negative World: Jump-start your way to a more positive attitude. Motivational coach Tom Kens shares 10 fundamental practices you can use to live a healthier, happier life. 7 p.m. Thursday, North-

brook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Age of the Dinosaurs: Age of the Dinosaurs transports visitors of all ages to the prehistoric glory days of the Dinosaurs, when they ruled the world before going extinct. Incredibly lifelike moving and roaring exhibits offer a rare look at heartwarming scenes of Jurassic family life. 10 a.m. All week, Northbrook Court, 2171 Northbrook Court, Northbrook, \$6 at the door, 000-000-0000

Busy Bees Playgroup for Birth to 4 with adult: Join us for a story, a song and lots of playtime. Siblings welcome. 11 a.m. Thursday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Park Ridge Toastmasters Meeting: This is the Park Ridge Toastmasters Bi-Weekly meeting. All are welcome to join for impromptu speaking, prepared speeches, jokes and much more. 7:30 p.m. Thursday, First United Methodist Church, 418 Touhy Ave., Park Ridge, free, 224-715-5128

Karaoke Thursdays: Enjoy some great pizza and sing a tune or two. 7 p.m. Thursday, Perry's Pizza and Ribs, 711 Devon Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-823-4422

Chicago Wolves Professional Hockey: The four-time champion Chicago Wolves deliver top-flight hockey and top-notch, live entertainment from October through April at Allstate Arena. The fun starts with the pre-game show that features fireworks and pyro. Go to the website for the team's schedule. 7 p.m. All week, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, Tickets start at \$11, 800-843-9658

Friday, Jan. 13

Miles Nielsen & The Rusted Hearts: 8 p.m. Friday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$12-\$22, 847-492-8860

Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio: The Kalichstein-Laredo-Robinson Trio makes its premier Bienen appearance with Ellen Taaffe Zwilich's "Pas de Trois," Dmitri Shostakovich's Piano Trio No. 2 in E Minor and Johannes Brahms's Trio for Piano, Violin and Cello in B Major. The group celebrates its 40th anniversary during the 2016-17 season. 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, \$10-\$30, 847-467-4000

Friday Night Meitdowns: This is a

great night out for teens to join in an awesome skate and dance party. A DJ plays today's hits and disco lighting shines on the ice throughout the night. 8:15 p.m. Friday, Glenview Ice Center, 1851 Landwehr Road, Glenview, \$8 per person; \$4 for rental skates, 847-724-5670

Video Game Night for ages 13 through 18: Hang out with your friends and play video games on big screens using the library's game systems and collections. Pizza is generously donated by Marco's Pizza. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 5 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Drop-In Chess Club for up to grade 8: Volunteer chess instructor Steve Levenson teaches fundamentals and strategy. Children under 8-years-old, must be accompanied by an adult. 7 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Gentle Yoga: Due to high demand, two yoga sessions are now offered. Space in each session is limited to the first 50 people. Yoga instructor Olga Rudiak leads a series of yoga sessions for improved physical strength, relaxation and mental clarity. Exercises are done in a chair or standing not on the floor. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Friday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Share The Warmth: Join a group of warm, friendly, supportive women (men welcome) to prepare one-of-a-kind fleece blankets for chemo patients. Add a crocheted edge to fleece and send free blankets to new adult chemotherapy patients. A basic crochet stitch can be taught if needed. Donations are welcome to this 501(c)3 non-profit organization. 9 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-293-6755

Duplicate Bridge: The senior center offers a friendly bridge game every Friday morning. 9 a.m. Friday, Park Ridge Senior Center, 100 S. Western Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-692-5127

STEAM Starts Ages 2-6 with adult: Join us in the children's department for self-guided exploration of science, technology, engineering, art, math and, of course, reading. 10 a.m. Friday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

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craft in the children's department. 4 p.m. Friday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

PBR Professional Bull Riding Built Ford Tough Series: The "toughest men on dirt" will return to Chicago as the PBR's (Professional Bull Riders) Built Ford Tough Series takes over Allstate Arena. 7:45 p.m. Friday, 6:45 p.m. Saturday, 1:45 p.m. Sunday, Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Road, Rosemont, \$22+, 800-745-3000

Owl Prowl: After an informational session on the winter behavior of owls, participants head to a local preserve in search of owls. Attendees must dress warmly for the weather. This is for ages 13 and older. 7 p.m. Friday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$18 Skokie resident; \$23 non-residents, 847-677-7001

Saturday, Jan. 14

Rebirth Brass Band: 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Saturday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$25-\$46, 847-492-8860

FUSE: Studio: Drop in with friends to wire LEDs, compose a ringtone, build an amp, mix chemicals to make gel beads, navigate a robot obstacle course and more. For grades six to 12. Midnight Saturday, Evanston Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

Overeaters Anonymous: Overeaters Anonymous meets Saturdays. New-comer meeting on the last Saturday of the month. No dues, fees or weigh-ins. For information, call Hannah. 9 a.m. Saturday, St Matthews Episcopal Church, 2120 Lincoln St., Evanston, free, 773-996-0609

Signature Entertainment Presents: LOL Saturday: Adult Comedy every Saturday night hosted by Comedy legends Tony Sculfield and Mark Simmons. National Headliners with movie and television credits on stage. Awesome venue with full bar and dinner menu. 9 p.m. Saturday, Chicago's Home of Chicken & Waffles, 2424 W. Dempster St., Evanston, \$15 adult advance; \$20 at the door, 847-521-6434

Animal Arts and Seasonal Stories: "Animal Arts & Seasonal Stories" are recommended for children ages 5 and up, but there is no minimum age requirement. Activities are offered at varying levels of difficulty and interest to engage the entire family. An adult must accompany participants. 10:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Mitchell

Museum of the American Indian, 3001 Central St., Evanston, \$3 kids, \$5 adults, 847-475-1030

Restoration Work Day: Help collect seeds and remove non-native, invasive plants to make way for wildflowers, grasses and trees. Bring work gloves if you have them. Work parties may be canceled in the event of inclement weather. For more information, please call. 9 a.m. Saturday, The Grove, 1421 Milwaukee Ave., Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Juggling Funny Stories with Chris Fascione: Stories as you've never heard them before. Be ready to laugh your way into the weekend with master entertainer and raconteur Chris Fascione. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Hoedown Square Dancing 101: Learn to "Do-si-do," "Allemande Left," and more with the help of the Glenview Squares dancers and caller. No experience is needed and no partner is required. Casual dress is appropriate and come to join in the fun to laugh the cold away. Co-sponsored by the Glenview Public Library and the Glenview Park District. Register at website or call 847-729-7500 extension 7600, Reader Service Desk. 2 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Study for Finals at the Library for grades 9 through 12: Meeting rooms are open for individual or group study. Stop by the Information Desk for daily study locations. Only need to just drop in. Noon on Saturday and Sunday, 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Second Saturday Breakfast Bingo: Kids and families are welcome to enjoy some breakfast treats as everyone plays Bingo. Enjoy a kick start to one's weekend with a morning of family fun at the library. 9:30 a.m. Saturday and Sunday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Free Film: "Deepwater Horizon": Mark Wahlberg leads an all-star cast in this film. Rated PG-13. 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Monthly meeting of Essential Tremor Group of Northbrook: Individual people who have been diagnosed with Essential Tremor meet monthly to discuss issues connected to essential tremor. 10 a.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, North-

brook, free, 847-564-1777

Art Smart for Families: Start your Saturday with art. Brought to you by the NSYMCA Art Academy. 10 a.m. Saturday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

2nd Saturday Storytime All Ages: Enjoy stories and crafts for the whole family. 10 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Twenty-first Star Chapter January 2017 Meeting: The Twenty-first Star Chapter of the NSDAR welcomes Vice Regent, Carol Gale, in a program entitled, Your Family Heirloom. Contact Second Vice Regent, Dorothy Wilson, for further details. 11:15 a.m. Saturday, Park Ridge Country Club, 636 N. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, \$22, 847-328-6946

Justin Moore: 7 p.m. Saturday, Akoo Theatre at Rosemont, 5400 N. River Road, Rosemont, \$40, 847-671-5100

Skate with the Greats 2017: Proceeds from the event will benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana. Skate with the Greats offers hockey fans the opportunity to meet current Chicago Blackhawks player Duncan Keith as well as legendary Chicago Blackhawks alumni including Tony Esposito. 2 p.m. Saturday, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, \$125; \$75 (Kids 12 or Younger); \$350 (Family Four-Pack), 847-349-5008

Preserving Survivor Stories: Ask Holocaust Survivor Pinchas Gutter any question you would like, and natural language technology software will respond as if Pinchas were in the room. 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Drive, Skokie, free, 847-967-4800

Sunday, Jan. 15

August Hotel with Ember Oceans and Beach Bunny: 7 p.m. Sunday, SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$10, 847-492-8860

Quartet-in-Residence Dover Quartet: The Dover Quartet has catapulted to international stardom since claiming the grand prize and all three special prizes at the 2013 Banff International String Quartet Competition. This evening they perform Joseph Haydn's String Quartet in D Minor, Bedich Smetana's String Quartet No. 1 ("From My Life") and Benjamin Britten's String

Quartet No. 2 in C Major. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, \$10 - \$30, 847-467-4000

John Williams' Sunday music session: 3 p.m. Sunday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Music of Oswald von Wolkenstein: Listen to music of 14th Century German nobleman, knight and poet Oswald von Wolkenstein, performed on early harps, fiddles, winds and voices. 3 p.m. Sunday, Mary Galvin Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 70 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, \$35-\$45, 773-669-7335

"Man with the Golden Arm": This classic film from 1955 is based on Nelson Algren's story of the same name. Directed by Otto Preminger with Frank Sinatra in the starring role, it takes us to the mean streets of Chicago. The movie tells the story of a drug addict trying to stay clean after his release from prison. Just drop in. 2 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Finals Cafe High school students: If you are looking for a relatively quiet space where you can get in some serious studying, the Pollak Room is opened up to all high school students studying for their final exams. Snacks are available throughout the day (or while supplies last) and there are set times with pizza being served. 1 p.m. Sunday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Fine Arts Fall Finale Concert: The finale concert for the Library's Fine Arts Fall season features Violinist Ilya Kaler and Pianist Susan Merdinger, performing Beethoven's Piano and Violin Sonatas No. 3, 7 and 8. 2 p.m. Sunday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

NSO Pre-Concert Lecture: Discover the musical treasures of the North Shore's most exciting orchestra with a special music salon with Jim Kendros, the pre-concert lecturer and composer fellow of the Northbrook Symphony. 7 p.m. Sunday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Family Bingo Night: Join in this Family Bingo Night for a chance to win prizes. The fee includes dinner, dessert and one bingo card per person. Fees are: Ages 14 and over, \$9; Ages 10-13, \$7; Ages 3-9, \$5; Under 3, are free. Register by Jan. 9 with payment to CBS, 3433 Walters Ave, Northbrook, IL 60062. 5

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p.m. Sunday, Congregation Beth Shalom, 3433 Walters Ave., Northbrook, \$5-\$9, 847-498-4100

Skating In the Park: The parks' great lawn has been transformed into an NHL-sized, outdoor skating rink where visitors can skate under breathtaking lights for a magical experience this holiday season. Admission to the ice rink is free. Skate rentals are \$8. 2 p.m. Sunday and Monday, MB Financial Park at Rosemont, 5501 Park Place, Rosemont, free, 847-349-5008

Winter Outing To Starved Rock for Ages 18+: Starved Rock State Park near Utica, Illinois is a winter wonderland. We'll spend the day hiking the moderate to challenging park trails and enjoying the spectacular vistas, deep canyons, and ice-sculpted cascades. 7 a.m. Sunday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$55 Skokie resident, \$69 nonresident, 847-677-7001

Monday, Jan. 16

Book Bables: Songs, games, story time and free play for babies ages 2 and younger with a caregiver. 10:15 a.m. Monday, Evanston Public Library - North Branch, 2026 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-448-8600

Live Bluegrass, Roots and Folk: Every Monday in the pub, The Mudflapps perform. 8 p.m. Monday, The Celtic Knot Public House, 626 Church St., Evanston, free, 847-864-1679

Drop-In Craft Community Dreamers: On his birthday, please join us as we honor Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s work for freedom and justice. Come create dream clouds and share them with the community. 3 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Learn To Be A Shark: Come to the north shore's only coworking space and entrepreneur incubator. Vcapital speakers Ryan Kole and Jim Vaughan explain how to invest in early and mid stage companies, joining investor networks and be a part of venture funds. 6:30 p.m. Monday, Callan Building, 1939 Waukegan Road, Glenview, free, 847-414-7342

Knitting Roundtable for Adults: Ronnie Rund, an expert knitter, shows attendees how to knit or how to solve knitting challenges. Bring one's current project(s) and needles. 2 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Yarn Gang: Kids in grades one and up

are invited to try their hand at knitting, crocheting or other yarn crafts. 4 p.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

MGPL Kids: Monday Morning Playgroup: Drop-in play time for pre-schoolers with a parent or caregiver to introduce young children to the library in a low-key, unstructured session. Call 847-929-5102 or go to www.mgpl.org for more information. 10:30 a.m. Monday, Morton Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Yoga for Kids: Stretch, Bend, Breathe: Kids ages four through eight can learn yoga poses and breathing techniques and feel relaxed and energized afterward. There is no experience needed. Bring a large bath towel or yoga mat and wear comfortable clothes. Parents need to stay in the room with children through second graders. 4:30 p.m. Monday, Niles Public Library, 6960 W. Oakton St., Niles, free, 847-663-1234

Monday Movers for walkers up to 24 months: Join in for a half hour of moving, singing, reading, and fun. This is for toddlers with a caregiver. 10:30 a.m. Monday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Parisian Salon Concert: To welcome and celebrate the New Year, French harpist and composer Isabelle Olivier takes us on an irresistibly joyful and magical musical trip with her critically acclaimed show, "Don't Worry, Be Happy." 7:30 p.m. Monday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Caring Community and Connection Storytime: Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with a storytime that focuses on community and service. For children in Pre K through Grade 4. 1:30 p.m. Monday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Storytime for All Ages: Enjoy stories, songs and fingerplays for the whole family. 1:30 p.m. Monday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Teddy Bear Time Ages 12 to 24 months with adult: Come take part in stories, songs and fingerplays for children from 12 through 24 months with an adult. Siblings welcome. 9:30 a.m. Monday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

MLK Eco-Crafts: Join the fun for eco-crafts like recycled papermaking, cre-

ating unique crayons, repurposing household items, and using environmentally-friendly art supplies. Most projects are done indoors, but prepare to spend a short time outdoors. This is for ages 6-10 years old and it is suggested participants should bring a cookie sheet or jelly roll pan for carrying your recycled paper home. 9 a.m. Monday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$20 Skokie resident; \$25 non resident, 847-677-7001.

MLK Day - Winter Wonder Drop-off: Discover the sights and sounds of our Winter Wonderland. Depending on the outdoor conditions, activities may include snow painting, ice sliding, snow treasure hunting, ice cracking and wildlife tracking. We'll end our winter play day with a cup of hot cocoa. Please dress for the weather. Fee is per child. Ages 4-8. 1:30 p.m. Monday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$8 (Skokie resident); \$10 (non-resident), 847-677-7001

Tuesday, Jan. 17

Rotary Club of Evanston Light-house: This community leadership group boasts 80 members and meets every Tuesday. 7:15 a.m. Tuesday, Hilton Garden Inn Chicago North Shore/Evanston, 1818 Maple Ave., Evanston, free

Beginning Genealogy: Learn the basic steps to start researching your family tree. A Glenview Library card is required. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 2 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Financial Planning Appointments: Schedule a free one-hour consultation with a certified financial planner. Call 847-729-7500 extension 7700 or visit the Reference Services Desk to register. 9 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Beginning Square Dance Classes: Have fun and learn to square dance; beginner lessons are sponsored by the Glenview Square Dance Club and Glenview Park District. No experience necessary. No partner required. Dress casually. 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free first lesson; Registration for 9-week session \$46/\$54, 847-724-5670

MGPL Kids: Listen Up! Drop-in story and play time for preschoolers with a parent or caregiver. Call 847-929-5102 or go to www.mgpl.org/kids for more information. 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, Morton

Grove Public Library, 6140 Lincoln Ave., Morton Grove, free, 847-965-4220

Niles Metropolitan Chorus J.S. Bach's St. John Passion: Rehearsal days take place beginning Jan. 3, from 7-9 p.m. and every week on Tuesdays prior to the performance. Their spring concert of J.S. Bach's St. John Passion is presented on Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 3 p.m. 7 p.m. Tuesday, St. John Brebeuf Parish Church, 8307 N. Harlem Ave., Niles, suggested free will donation, 702-806-8421

Two-year-old Storytime with Caregiver: Children ages 2 and 3 are welcome to enjoy this free storytime. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

"Night of Dance, Day of Infamy": The 20th Century Club of Park Ridge welcomes back historical storyteller Terry Lynch, who recreates an eyewitness account of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, in "Night of Dance, Day of Infamy." The event takes place at the Presbyterian Church of Park Ridge. Attendance is free to the Twentieth Century Club of Park Ridge members; guest fee is \$2. Refreshments are served. 1 p.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Presbyterian Church, 1300 W. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge, free, 312-391-6788

Teddy Bear Time: Stories, songs and fingerplays for children from 12 through 24 months with an adult. Siblings welcome. 11 a.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Baby Bounce Storytime for Birth to 12 months with adult: Join us for storytime just for babies. Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes and a playtime at the end. 9:15 a.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Storytime for 4s & 5s: Join us for storytime. No adults or siblings please. 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, Park Ridge Public Library, 20 S. Prospect Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3123

Lehrhaus Confirmation Class: Post Bar/Bat Mitzvah teenagers are invited to participate in this program which teaches young people how to utilize Jewish resources when faced with making a decision. This is a fascinating three-year program. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Ezra Habonim, The Niles Township Jewish Congregation, 4500 Dempster St., Skokie, \$420 for entire year plus book fees, 847-675-4141

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Wednesday, Jan. 18

TCD Community Open House: Technology Center of DuPage in Addison invites interested students, parents, and the community to attend its open house. TCD is the advanced Career and Technical Education (CTE) campus for 24 high schools in DuPage County and Lyons Township. During the evening, visitors may see any or all of TCD's 20 electives, from engineering to manufacturing; multimedia to culinary arts; information systems to auto tech. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Technology Center of DuPage, 301 South Swift Road, Addison, free, 630-691-7572

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Preschool Story Time: Stories and songs for children ages 3-5 and a caregiver. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Evanston

Public Library, 1703 Orrington Ave., Evanston, free, 847-448-8610

Musicians open mic: Kids open Mic 6:30-7:30 p.m.; adults 7:30-11p.m. Bring your instruments and bring your friends. 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, The Rock House, 1742 Glenview Road, Glenview, free

Literary Latte Hour: If you are looking for something new to read or you have just finished a great book and want to share it, just drop in to this informal setting. Meet new people and share your love of reading. Library staff are available to talk about hot new titles and selections. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, The Glenview Grind, 1837 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

All Things Spanish: Native and non-native Spanish speakers are invited to join the fun while practicing language skills and expanding their love for Spanish/Latino culture. Meetings may include reading a short story, watching a film, and more. Contact cramirez@glenviewpl.org for more information. This meets monthly, so just drop in. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Holiday Open House at Windsor Park: Park Center Preschool Open House offers the opportunity to stop by to meet the teachers and tour the classrooms. In addition, registration packets are available beginning Jan. 19. Resident registration begins Feb. 6 and open registration begins Feb. 27. For more information, please call. 6 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free, 847-724-5670

Knitting Circle: If you want to learn to knit or are working on a knitting or crochet project, come drop-in. Share tips, show off your work and converse with fellow needle arts enthusiasts. 11 a.m. Wednesday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 W. Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

Free Film: "Working Girl": Melanie Griffith and Sigourney Weaver star in this Library's Classics on Wednesdays Film Series pick. 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224.

Chess Club: Whether you're a skilled player looking for a challenge or a beginner interested in learning new skills, all are welcome at this new, weekly Chess Club. Chess sets and clocks pro-

vided. No registration is required. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Two-year-old Storytime with Caregiver: Children ages 2 and 3 are welcome to enjoy this free storytime. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Community Wednesdays: Community Wednesdays begins Jan. 18, at Bernard Weinger JCC. We will host three, one-hour lectures/classes throughout the day, along with our fitness class offerings at the Marvin Lustbader Center. 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Bernard Weinger JCC, 300 Revere Drive, Northbrook, \$10 per day for nonmember, 224-406-9257

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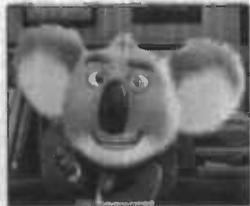
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**"Rogue One: A Star Wars Story" ★★★**

PG-13, 2:13, action/adventure

"Rogue One," the tale of a controversial Death Star and those who loathe it, operates as a prequel to the 1977 movie that became a flexible, malleable religion (with ray guns!) to millions. The new movie is a little bit "Guardians of the Galaxy," a little bit "Dirty Dozen" in its mass wartime slaughter and a pretty good time once it gets going. The movie's pretty violent. Deliberately, director Gareth Edwards' effort is rough around the edges,

hectic in its cross-cutting but increasingly effective as kinetic cinema. — *Michael Phillips*

**"Sing" ★★★ 1/2**

PG, 1:48, animated

Talking, dancing, singing creatures great and small mash up with the wildly popular phenomenon of singing competition reality shows. The result, "Sing," is an amusing riff on genres, a "Zootopia Idol." But while the film takes its introductory cues from shows like "American Idol," "The Voice" and "X Factor," with an all-too-brief audition montage that is jam-packed with truly wonderful moments, it transforms into an old-school backstage

musical that celebrates the magic of putting on a show. — *Katie Walsh*

**"Passengers" ★★**

PG-13, 1:56, sci-fi

Imagine being trapped on a spaceship with only your lover and a robot bartender for nearly a century; there isn't a spaceship big enough or a bar that well-stocked to make that sound appealing. This is the issue at the center of this ostensibly "romantic" sci-fi drama, directed by Morten Tyldum from a script by Jon Spaihts. The film's real premise is imbued with some creepy undercurrents about bodily autonomy, consent and stalking.

Instead of turning it into a horror movie, these issues are all glossed over with the sex appeal of stars Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Pratt. The problem is that one can't help but think of better movies based on this premise. Tyldum and Spaihts could have steered into the inherently problematic issues at hand, creating something far darker and more complex. — *K.W.*

**"Moana" ★★★**

PG, 1:53, animated

Featuring songs by "Hamilton" creator Lin-Manuel Miranda, the animated musical adventure "Moana" is bright, busy, enjoyable and progressive without being insufferable. Moana, voiced by Hawaiian actress Auli'i Cravalho, is the daughter of a Pacific Islands chieftain. She must get in touch with her seafaring ancestry and leave her island, Motunui, on a long journey. After a brush with death, she washes ashore on a small island where

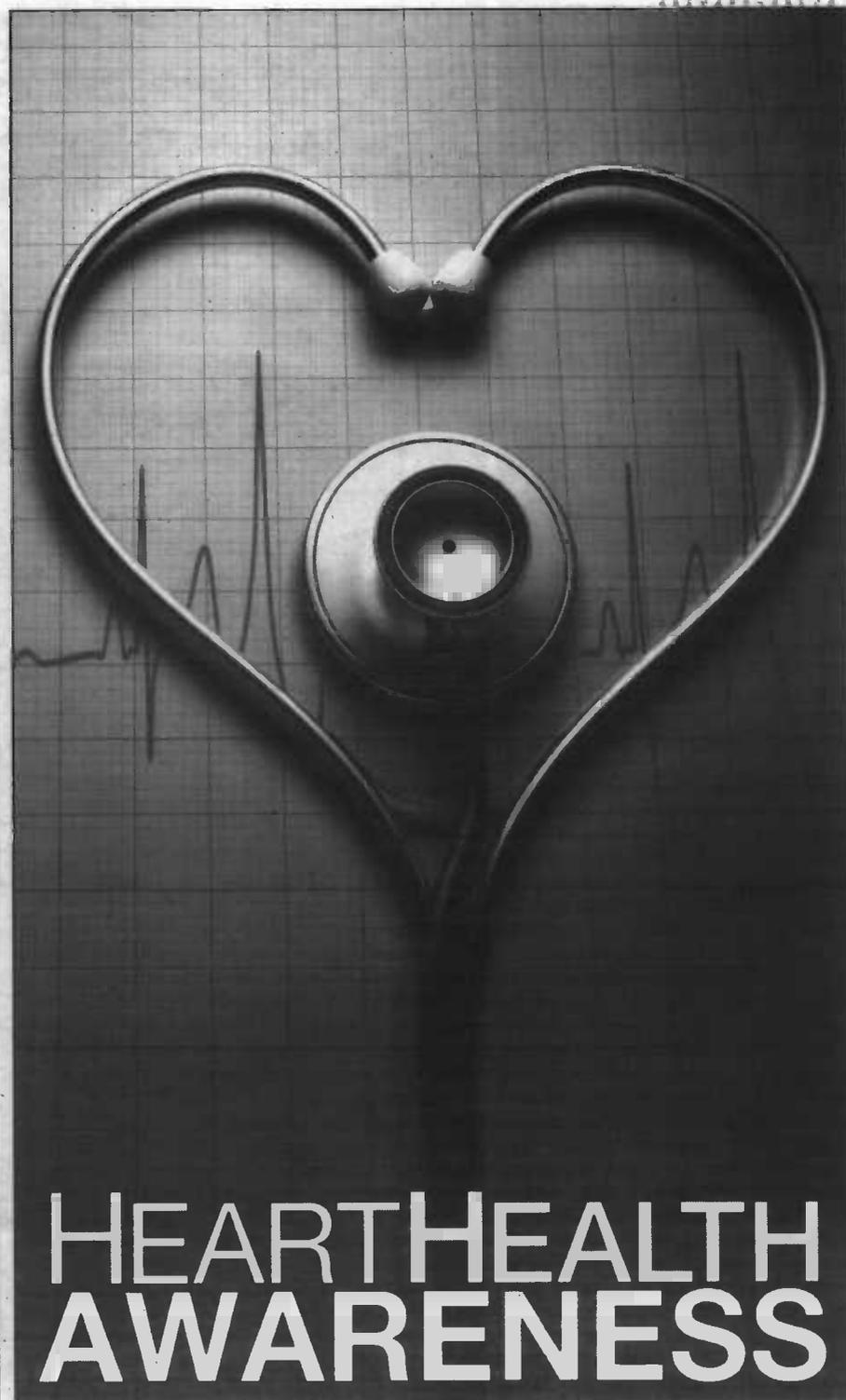
she meets the Polynesian demigod Maui, voiced by Dwayne Johnson. The score's signature power ballad, "How Far I'll Go," may well take its rightful place alongside "Frozen's" big hit, "Let It Go," in the female-empowerment earworm department. I prefer Miranda's contribution; like the rest of "Moana," it works. — *M.P.*

**"Why Him?" ★★**

R, 1:51, comedy

Every generation gets the "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?" that speaks most trenchantly to the evolving cultural issues of our time. In "Why Him?" the young suitor isn't racially other, but rather is from a completely different planet when it comes to culture, values and social norms. That planet? Silicon Valley. Stephanie (Zoey Deutch) invites her tight-knit Michigan family to spend Christmas with her older boyfriend, Laird (James

Franco). And they're in for a cultural odyssey. "Why Him?" is probably the best sendup of contemporary California tech culture to date. There's fun to be had in watching the Flemings go Call, as mom Barb (Megan Mullally) learns about vaping and twerking. Cranston, ever the fuddy-duddy crank, as Ned (Bryan Cranston), is more resistant. — *K.W.*



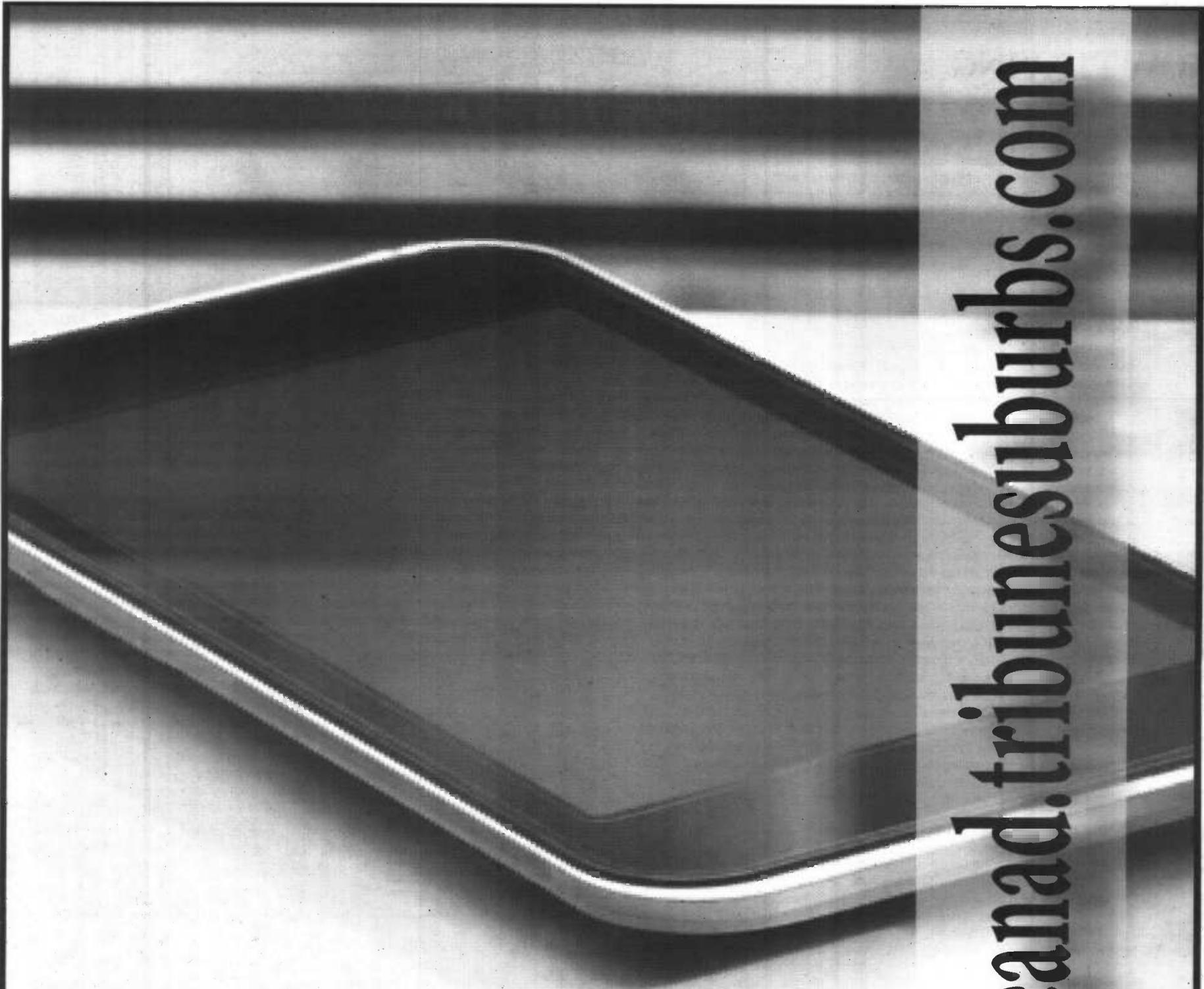
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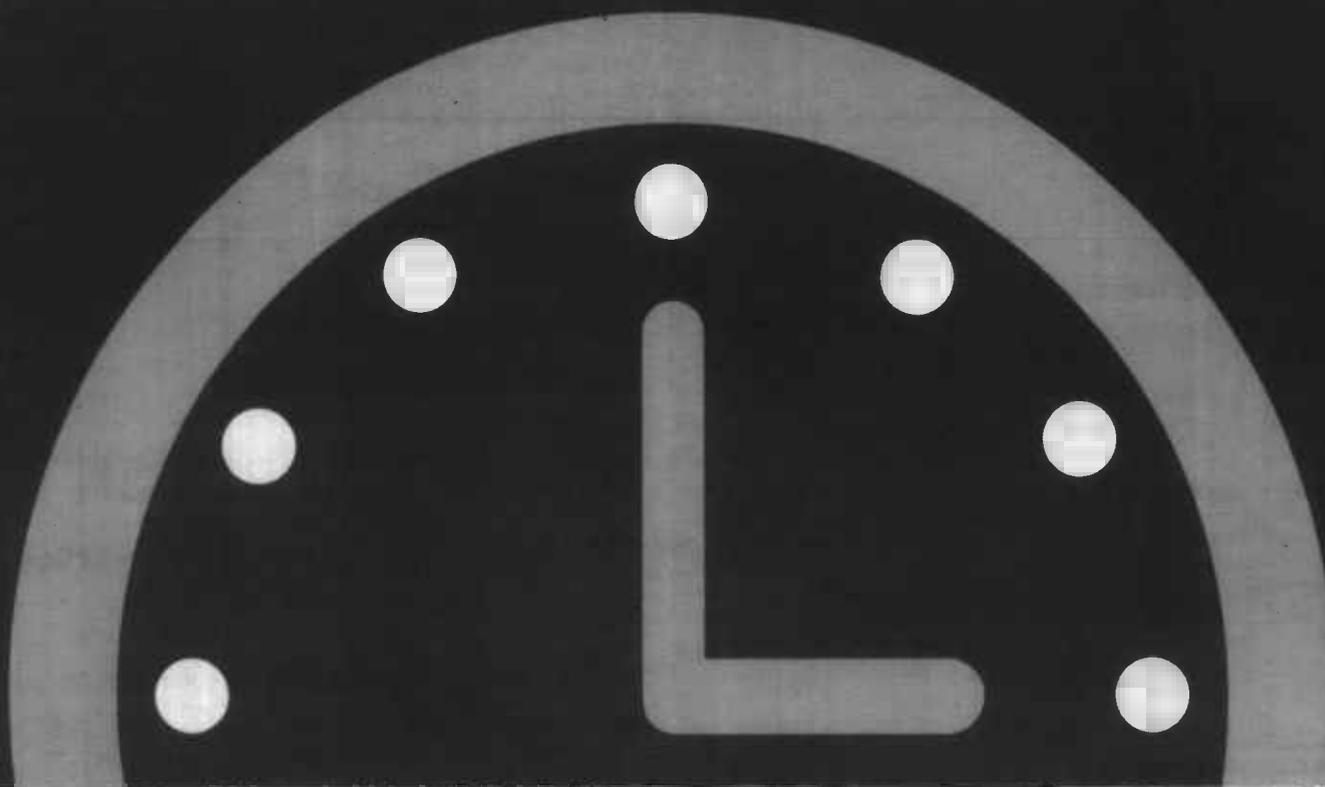
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PUT DOWN YOUR PHONE

And other resolutions to cut bad driver behavior, make roads safer

BY ROBERT DUFFER
Chicago Tribune

Meanwhile, here are some resolutions every driver can embrace to make roads safer.

New cars are safer than ever, yet vehicle crashes are on the rise.

Advanced safety systems designed to minimize, if not prevent crashes have proliferated. Yet despite technology such as forward collision breaking, traffic fatalities rose 8 percent in 2015, after years of declines attributed to public safety campaigns urging seat belt use and condemning driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

The number of crashes and fatalities continued to increase in 2016; in the first half of the year, deaths were up 9 percent over 2015, according to the National Safety Council.

Distracted driving, mainly due to cellphone use, is to blame, according to most auto safety experts. Despite laws prohibiting texting and driving in 46 states and hand-held cellphone bans in 14 states, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association, enforcing it is problematic.

It's up to the driver to practice best-driving habits, and most drivers, no matter how old or experienced, could benefit from revisiting safe driving habits learned in driver's education.

Put down your phone.

The temptation to quickly reply to that text or check in with work or home is greater than ever before, in keeping with the amount of information available at our fingertips. You've seen — or maybe been — that car drifting into other lanes or crawling along 15 mph under the speed limit. That seeming convenience is a major risk for a great inconvenience: an accident or worse. The safety council reports that 1 out of 4 car crashes are due to cellphone distraction. That includes hands-free phone calls. These are not accidents; they are preventable crashes caused by driver inattention.

Wear your seat belt. It's stupefying that some people still ignore the simplest way to prevent collision fatalities. More than half of the teens and adults who died in crashes in 2014 were not wearing seat belts, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. New Hampshire, perhaps adjusting its motto to "Live Free and Die" in regards to seat belts, is the only state without a seat belt law. Seat belt use is



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Cellphone use has led to more distracted driving, which safety experts blame for causing a spike in traffic fatalities. Make a safety resolution for 2017: Put the phone down while driving.

proven to save lives and limit injury.

Get out of the passing lane. By our own experience, Michiganders may be the only people who consistently follow this rule, even though it's a law in nearly every state, even New Hampshire! On highways and interstates (an argument could be made on any road, any time), move out of the left lane if you are not passing other cars, regardless of speed.

Do not tailgate. No, not the tailgating where you party in the parking lot. We're talking about following too closely, riding up someone's — umm — bumper. Not only does it cause great anxiety to the driver in front of you, which can cause them to make a quick lane change and cut off someone in another lane, it greatly reduces your reaction time and braking ability to avoid

rear-end collisions. Maintain the two-second rule by setting a fixed point like a mile marker, then counting how long it takes from the lead vehicle passing it to your vehicle passing it.

Do not brake-check. Brake-checking is often the overly aggressive response to overly aggressive tailgating, when the driver who is being tailgated taps on their brakes to get the tailgater to back off. It can cause the tailgating driver to swerve out of the lane or slam on their brakes, possibly losing control at relatively high speeds, endangering other drivers. Instead, cautiously move into the next opening in the adjacent lane or, if you must retaliate, squirt the wiper fluid so it spittles on their windshield.

Use your indicators. Cars communicate in a number of ways, and though they don't yet talk to each other (it's coming), there are

clear indicators about a driver's intentions. The most obvious and intentional one is the indicator. Get it? Also known as the blinker, turn signal or clicking blinking thing. Use it when changing lanes and turning so drivers can react accordingly.

Get recalled cars fixed. Please get your car fixed. This year, a 17-year-old in Texas rear-ended a parked car at about 15 mph. The high school senior should've walked away from the fender bender; instead, she died from the inflator shrapnel in a car that had been recalled but not fixed.

Check the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website for instructions and expectations. www.safercar.gov/rs/takata/takatalist

There will be 42 million vehicles recalled for the Takata air bag fiasco, affecting 34 makes. Only 12.9

million have been fixed. It's not just Takata in this era of global parts sharing and global suppliers. Check the vehicle identification number, or VIN, through NHTSA.

If you're getting pulled over, get off the roadway. First, acknowledge the officer by turning on the right indicator and gradually slowing down. If there's no side of the road or parking lot to ease into, pull over to the farthest right side of the road to minimize risk from passing traffic for you and the officer. A traffic stop can be anxiety-inducing for both parties. Put the car in park, turn on the blinkers and kill the engine. Keep both hands on the wheel and don't go fidgeting for anything until the officer asks for it. If stopped at night, the Illinois secretary of state recommends turning on an interior light.

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COLLEGE NOTES

Munzer having a big season for Yale

BY SAM BRIEF
Pioneer Press

Highland Park graduate **Lena Munzer**, a senior guard on the Yale women's basketball team, scored 18 points, grabbed seven rebounds and dished out five assists in Yale's 64-60 comeback win at UC Santa Barbara on Dec. 31. Yale trailed the Gauchos by 12 points in the third quarter, but the Bulldogs were able to erase it for their largest comeback win of the season. Munzer hit a 3-pointer with 1:25 left to cut the Gauchos' lead to one and hit two free throws in the final minute to help Yale close out the victory.

After averaging 4.5 points per game as a junior, Munzer is having a breakout senior season. Entering January, Munzer ranked second on the team with 12.6 points and 6.2 rebounds per game, and the Bulldogs were 9-4 overall.

Lindsey leads Northwestern in scoring

Fenwick graduate **Scottie Lindsey**, a junior on the Northwestern men's basketball team, is leading the Wildcats' efforts to



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Northwestern junior Scottie Lindsey, a Fenwick graduate, drives to the basket against Minnesota on Jan. 5.

make their first NCAA tournament appearance in school history. Through Jan. 5, Lindsey was averaging a team-best 15.4 points per game and was shooting 90.2 percent from the free throw line. He scored a game-high 31 points in Northwestern's Dec. 27 victory at Penn State.

St. Joseph graduate **Jordan Ash** and Hinsdale South graduate **Barret Benson** are also on the Wildcats, who were 13-4 entering the week.

Local players boost Triton basketball

Matt Johnson, a state-champion graduate of Stevenson, and **Virgil Allen**, an Oak Park-River Forest graduate, have helped guide the Triton men's basketball team to a 15-1 start. The Trojans, ranked fifth in the Dec. 20 NJCAA Division II poll, were national runners-up last season.

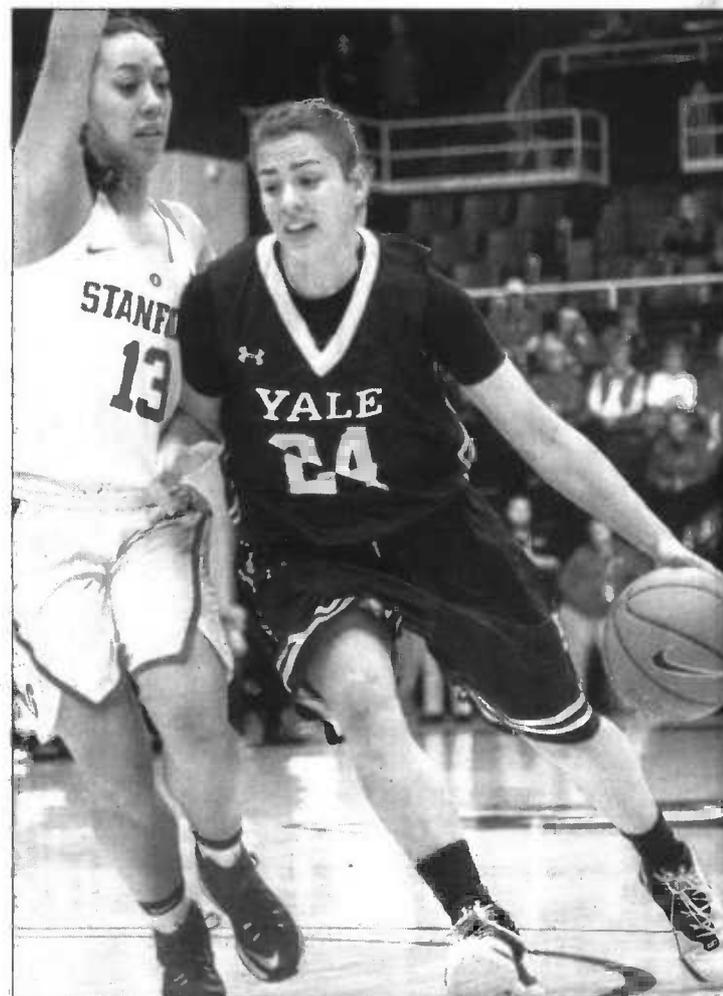
Johnson, a freshman guard, has posted 8.6 points and 5.1 assists per game, while Allen, a sophomore center has averaged 5.9 points, adding 6.4 rebounds and 1.1 blocks per game.

Wilmette native named all-conference

New Trier graduate and Wilmette native **Devin Boehm**, a senior wideout on the Amherst College football team, was named to the all-NESCAC (New England Small College Athletic Conference) team for the 2016 football season. On the year, Boehm had 57 receptions for 660 yards and six touchdowns.

Have a suggestion for College Notes? Email Sam Brief at briefsam@gmail.com.

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CLARA MOKRI PHOTO

Highland Park graduate Lena Munzer is scoring in double figures as a senior guard at Yale.

Notre Dame hockey program has new home, attitude

BY STEVE REAVEN
Pioneer Press

Despite fielding teams for several decades, the Notre Dame hockey program has a new sheen this season.

The Ice Dons' top team, Varsity Green, has spent most of the season ranked in the Amateur Hockey Association Illinois' top 10.

But what has been a program-wide game-changer is Notre Dame's three teams now call the newly-built Mount Prospect Ice Arena home.

"For us to continue growing the program and becoming even more competitive, it was in our best interest to be affiliated with a facility like this," Notre

Dame hockey director Bart Czachor said. "We're building something brand new and it's a special feeling."

The 71,000-square-foot facility, which is privately-owned but works in conjunction with the Mount Prospect Park District, hosts youth and adult hockey leagues and public open skate hours, in addition to containing a full-service restaurant and a hockey pro shop.

The facility, which features two NHL-size rinks, opened in September and the Ice Dons signed a five-year contract. The Dons have their own dedicated locker room and there are film study areas. The teams also are able to practice

after school, eschewing the late-night time slots often customary in prep hockey.

Those are just some of the benefits.

"There's nothing better than walking into your rink and feeling at home," said senior forward Josh Hemmer, who resides in Chicago's Jefferson Park neighborhood. "We can always get a good stretch in, have some food, make sure we're hydrated, watch some film — be fully prepared."

Hemmer, who was recently named Chicago Catholic Hockey League Player of the Month for December, was among a handful of skaters who played roles as sophomores in the Dons advancing to

the 2015 AHAI final four. Also included in that group were Jimmy O'Kane, forwards Stoli Sarantopoulos and Willson Nagle and goalie Jimmy Hall.

Czachor and his son, Brad, a 2002 Notre Dame graduate, took over the program five years ago and it contained a paltry 17 players.

That number has now more than tripled.

"We've been steady this year, we're all healthy and we feel good about how we're playing," said O'Kane, who lives in Chicago's Edgemoor neighborhood. "It wasn't always like that. Now, we feel like we can go toe-to-toe with anyone."

Another development

within the program has been the shift of Notre Dame Blue into the varsity ranks this year. The team now competes in the IHSHL North Central Division. The Ice Dons' third team, the White squad, remains on the JV level.

The progress made by Varsity Blue has been particularly noteworthy. Comprised primarily of freshmen and sophomores, the squad's record has hovered near the .500 mark for most of the season despite often playing against more seasoned competition.

Two Blue skaters, junior defenseman Nathan Hall and sophomore center Matt Kunach, were recently chosen to play in the North

Central League All-Star Game, which was scheduled for Saturday.

Rather than focusing on wins and losses, though, the emphasis for Notre Dame Varsity Blue is to help pinpoint the next wave of Green mainstays.

"We preach patience with them and emphasize delivering teaching points, both in practice and in games," said Brad Czachor, who coaches the Blue. "They're all hearing the same message. It allows us hopefully to expedite the development side and act as a stepping stone for what we're trying to build."

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Irving emerges as leader, scorer for Maine East

BY STEVE REAVEN
Pioneer Press

It's expected that high school basketball teams will undergo some measure of roster turnover from year to year.

What Maine East's boys squad encountered this off-season was extreme, though.

The Blue Demons graduated 13 seniors from last year's squad, which left one player — starting guard Jordan Irving — as the team's lone individual with even a single minute of varsity experience entering the season.

That unique dynamic has resulted in some inevitable growing pains. But Irving's inspired play was front and center as the Blue Demons emerged from their winter break owning an 8-6 record.

"To begin the year, I had the mindset that we have to learn," said Irving, a senior. "I knew we would have to focus in practice to get some chemistry going and that I would have to show leadership."

As positive as the overall story has been, there's still work to be done. In five of Maine East's first six losses, the Blue Demons led in the fourth quarter.

The trend again bit Maine East in a 54-47 road loss to Lane on Saturday. The Blue Demons held a 41-34 lead early in the fourth quarter and an Irving 3-pointer with under 5 minutes to go put them ahead 44-41. But Lane closed the game with a 13-3 burst. Irving finished with 13 points.

"We have to show more poise and a sense of urgency," Irving said. "We'll definitely get there. We're showing signs of growth."

Thus far, Irving has given his team everything it could have asked for, and more. In Maine East's first 14 games, he averaged more than 17 points per game and was named to the all-tournament teams at both the Thanksgiving tournament co-hosted by Ridgewood and Northridge and Luther



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Maine East's Jordan Irving scored 13 points on Saturday at Lane in Chicago.

North's holiday tournament.

It wasn't until Maine East's 47-42 win over Northside on Friday that Irving failed to score in double figures this season.

He poured in 32 points earlier in the season versus Northridge on Nov. 26.

The Morton Grove resident also showed a flair for the dramatic when he drilled a game-winning 3-

pointer at the buzzer to give the Blue Demons a 55-53 Central Suburban North win over Deerfield on Dec. 9.

"He doesn't get much publicity but he's without a doubt one of the best players on our side of the conference that nobody hears about," Maine East coach Dave Genis said. "You can't say enough about how he's played this year. He does

everything for us."

It was essential for Irving to do everything at the beginning of the season, but that has changed as teammates have become more productive.

Among them are sophomore point guard Ali Sabet, and a duo of players who didn't even play organized basketball last year — senior guard Derek Jozwiak and

junior forward Nathan Vangine, a Deerfield transfer.

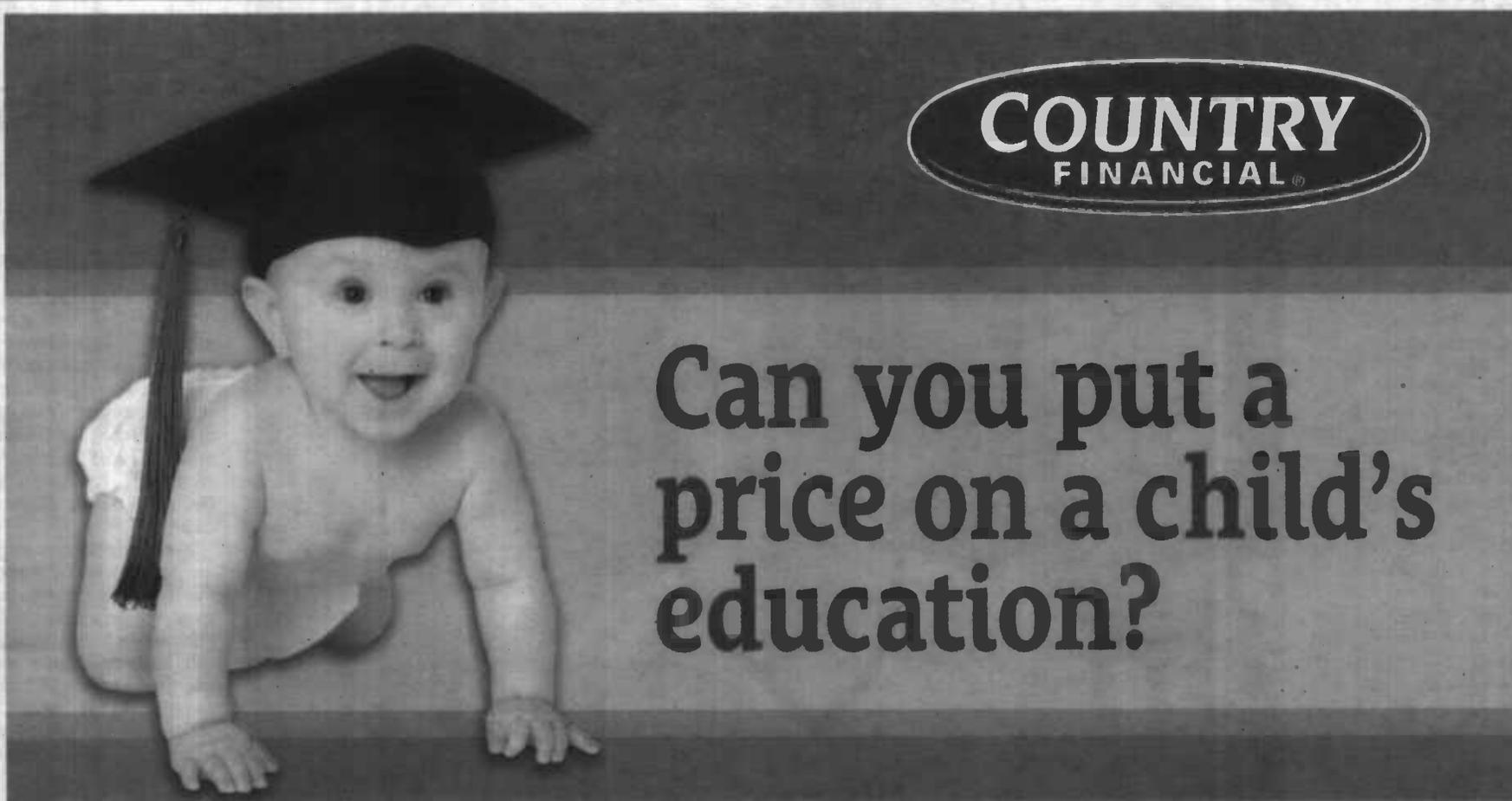
Jozwiak is a long-range shooting threat. Vangine, who had the added obstacle of breaking his hand this summer, offers a complementary style to Irving and Jozwiak's perimeter game with his propensity for driving to the basket.

"(Irving's) athleticism and presence out on the

floor means so much to those guys because opponents have to pay a good deal of attention to Jordan — it takes a lot of pressure off them," Genis said. "We're better when everyone is pitching in."

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Galanopoulos, Pabst form core for Niles West

BY RICH MAYOR
Pioneer Press

Two cousins of familiar lineage are taking control of Niles West girls basketball.

Sam Galanopoulos, a 5-foot-8 sophomore and Skokie resident, has made a seamless transition from wing player to point guard after four-year varsity player Jalynn Estrada graduated. She's cerebral yet explosive as she averaged 26 points per game at the Nazareth Invite over the holidays and scored over 30 twice this season.

Tricia Pabst, a 5-foot-5 junior and Lincolnwood resident, is a cerebral, sweet-shooting guard that plays consistent, hard-nosed defense since being called up to varsity halfway through her freshman year.

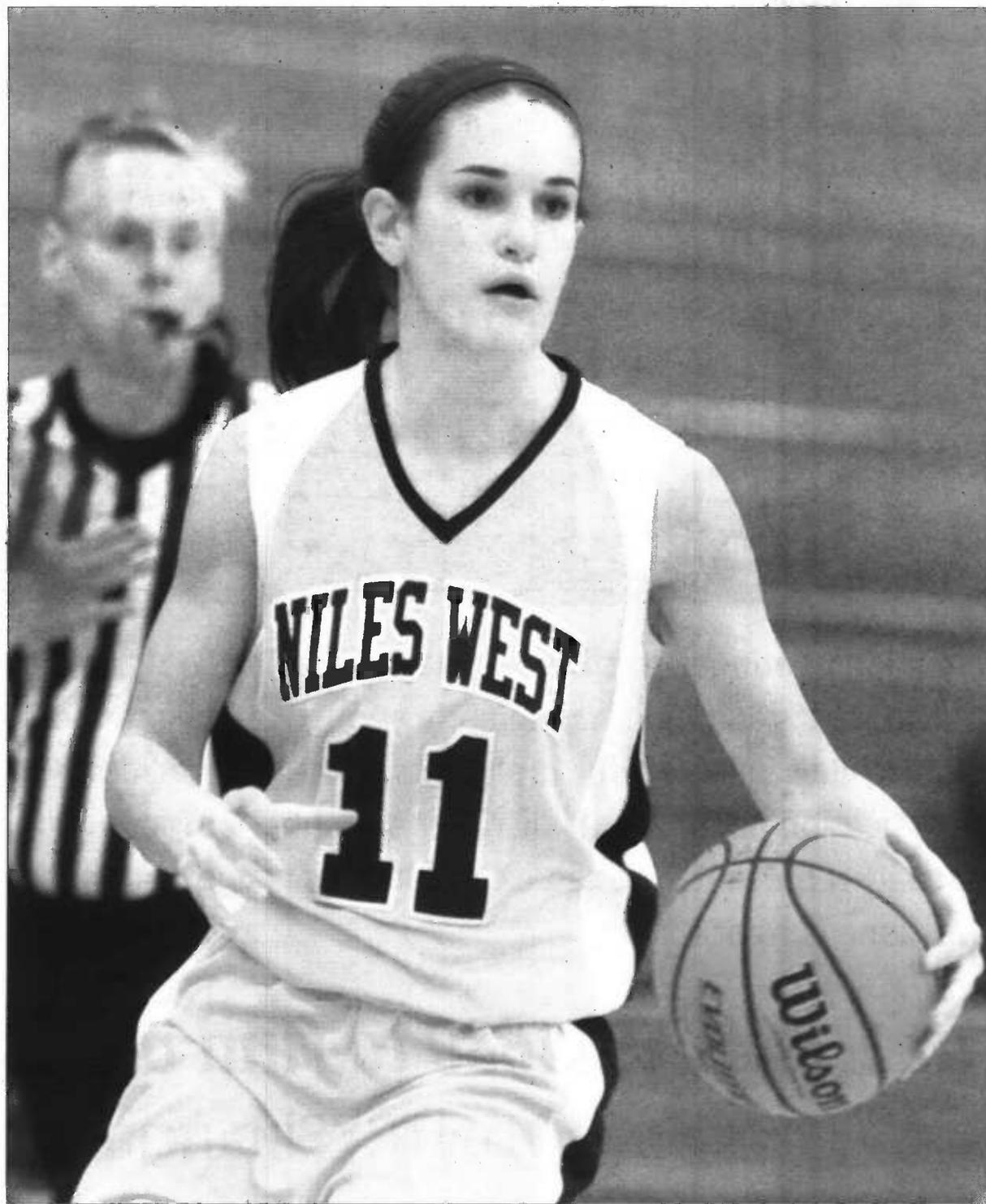
The two bring an energy to Niles West that, according to coach Tony Konsewicz, fuels the rest of the team. Their on-court chemistry — the word “telepathy” was used by both Pabst and Konsewicz — is both unsurprising and equally undeniable.

It was on display again in a 53-25 Central Suburban South victory over Niles North on Friday, a game in which Galanopoulos scored 20 points.

“We definitely know each other's spots on the floor,” Pabst said. “She knows I like to shoot, so whenever there's a drive to kick-out, she knows I'll be out there. Her ability to the basket is great for me, great for the whole team.”

“Trish is a great pocket shooter,” Galanopoulos added. “So when she's loaded, set and ready to fire it, and you get her the ball, she's going to hit the shot. When I get a rebound or try to get out in transition, she delays on the break perfectly so I can get her the ball in spots where she can hit an open 3 or go hard to the basket.”

Their on-court chemistry was first observed at their in-house league at The



Niles West's Sam Galanopoulos scored 20 points at Niles North on Friday.

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Greek Orthodox Church of St. Demetrios in Elmhurst. Pabst was 7 or 8. Galanopoulos was a year younger. The two thrived in an environment in which, according to Galanopoulos, “the basket was lowered so we could at least hit the rim.”

As they got older, their church team traveled to play other local church teams. From there, they played on Niles West feeder teams.

The two played on a handful of teams together despite attending different

grade schools, laying the foundation for the chemistry exhibited currently at Niles West (6-11, 2-3).

“We knew them growing up in the sense that they were in our district, they would come to summer camps all the time,” Kon-

sewicz said. “So we knew these girls had some basketball background, know how to play the game. They really work well together, but they both have such high basketball IQs that they also work really well with the rest of the girls.”

Pabst's mother Barb, whose maiden name is Atsaves, was a junior on Niles West's 1978-79 state championship team. Upon graduation, Atsaves then moved on to DePaul. There, she was the first player in school history to lead the team in scoring for three straight seasons, graduated in 1984 as the Blue Demons' all-time leading scorer, then was inducted into the DePaul Hall of Fame in 2004.

Both girls acknowledged the pressure of Barb's shadow — that of a mother and an aunt — yet are thankful to have access to her considerable basketball knowledge, and the playful jabs that come with it. Many of which revolve around the hardware accumulated at Niles West.

“She kind of pokes us about it,” Galanopoulos said. “We'll be at a family party and she'll go, ‘Well, you know, you guys haven't won a state championship. I won one when I was in high school.’ She's so supportive though, she knows we're young and our conference is tough to play in. She tells us to go out there and play, don't think too much. It's constructive criticism in a really good way.”

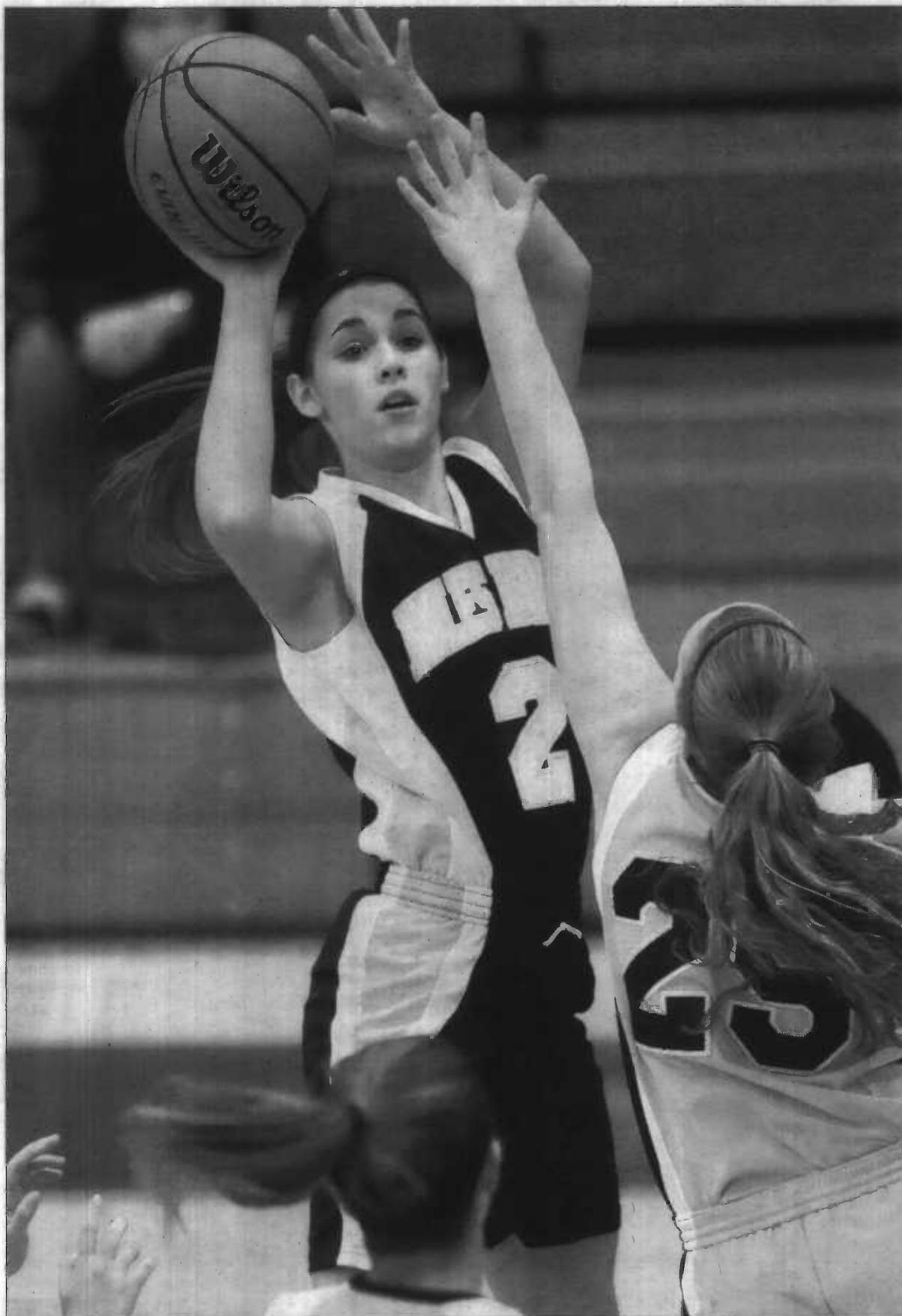
While the Wolves are several games under .500, they have dealt with injuries and have sometimes had a freshman, three sophomores and a junior on the court. The team's youth creates optimism.

“We're all really excited for the future,” Pabst said. “Especially knowing how many returning players we have, the experience they're getting, the fresh faces coming in next year, Sam and I continuing to develop and becoming even better players.”

“I think things are really looking up in the future, and I'm excited about all of it.”

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Niles North's Alyssa Aragon (2) shoots a jumper from the edge of the lane while being defended by Niles West's Madison Sirmkins (25) on Friday.

Niles North's Aragon embraces leadership role

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Niles North girls basketball coach Dan Paxson feels as if Alyssa Aragon has been part of his program "forever."

And while the time stamp was clear hyperbole, for a junior entering her second semester, four-and-a-half years can seem like an eternity.

Aragon, who plays softball, basketball and volleyball for Niles North, joined a joint Niles North/Niles West travel softball team in the summer entering seventh grade. The team was coached by now-basketball assistant Karin Wick. During her seventh-grade basketball season, when she first met Paxson, she played with Niles North's eighth-grade feeder team. The next year, she played up at the varsity camp.

Her older sister, Amanda — who was a senior when Alyssa was a freshman — also attended Niles North, which led the younger Aragon to believe, years before she'd officially attend, that Niles North was the place for her. Turns out, she was right.

"I love Niles North," Alyssa Aragon said. "From Day 1, I was around all the time. My mom is involved in clubs, I'm on three different teams. I'm always there. Almost every day of the week, I'll be there for different reasons. It's my second home for sure."

She was at the school again on Friday night for a girls basketball game. Alyssa Aragon scored a team-high 11 points, but the Vikings lost to rival Niles West 53-25 in a Central Suburban South game.

Alyssa Aragon entered

this school year "a bit scared" of what was expected of her. The transition to upperclassman status meant an extra helping of expected leadership. Fortunately, Alyssa Aragon gained experience as a leader during volleyball season, which put her at ease before a basketball season in which the Vikings were replacing eight seniors.

It was a role Alyssa Aragon has adjusted well to — "I have really good relationships with the coach and the girls on the team, and I know they respect me," she added — and one she shares, at least this season, with senior Gina Loy and sophomore Lauren D'Souza.

"(Aragon) is just an incredible character, a fighter, she's never going to give up," Paxson said. "She's becoming more vocal, more of a leader this year. She took a back seat to our strong leaders the past two years, didn't say much in practice. But now she's sharing her experiences, and already she's been great for us."

Niles North (2-13, 0-4 after the loss) is struggling this season — having just two seniors, with one injured for most of the season, will do that — but has maintained a sunny disposition due in large part to Loy, D'Souza and Alyssa Aragon.

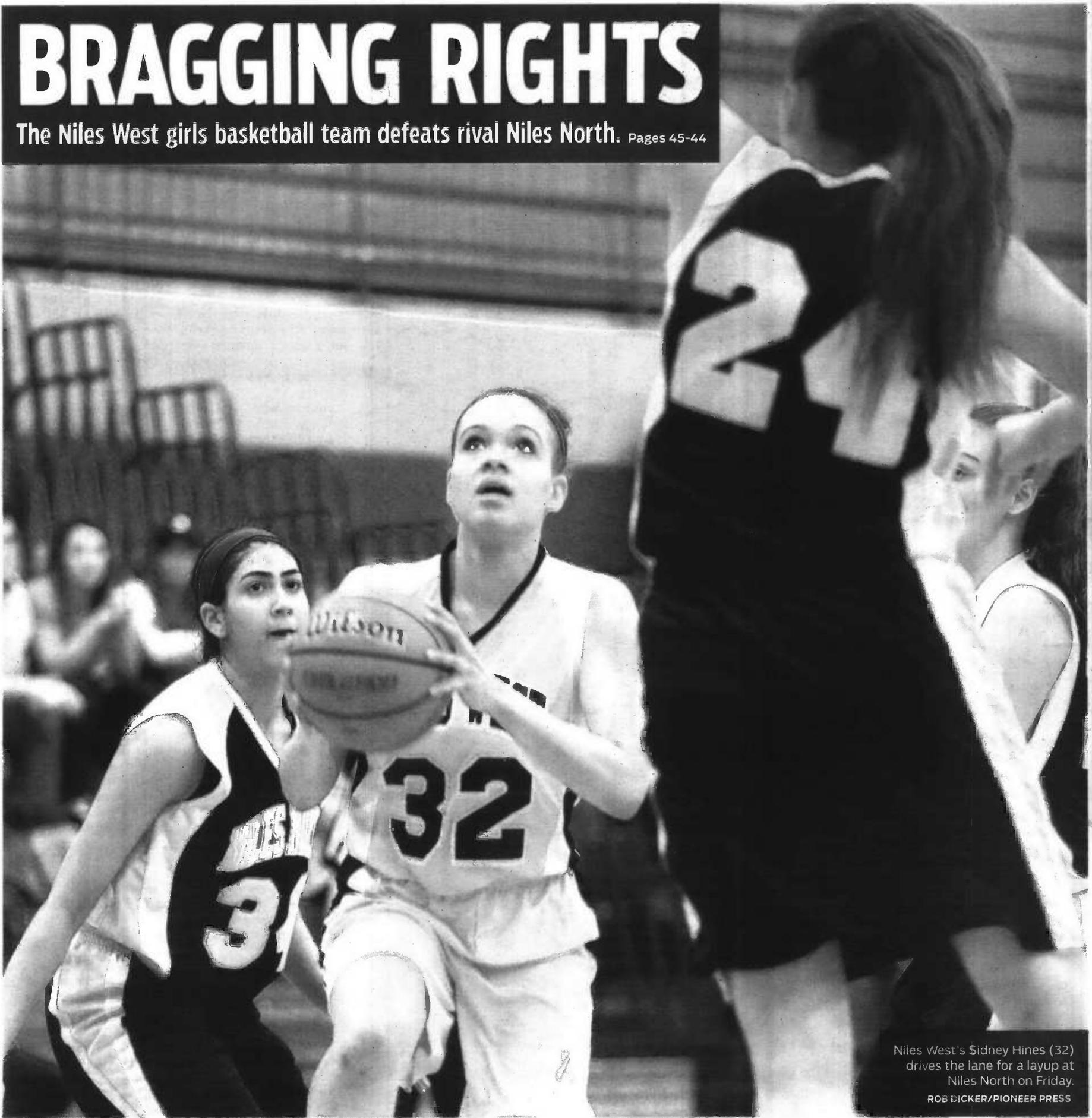
"It's no fun to lose, and in the locker room, heads can get down," Paxson said. "But I think they have a good perspective. They know they're getting better. Plus, with those three leading us and the type of kids that we have, they're just a nice group to be around."

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Niles West's Sidney Hines (32) drives the lane for a layup at Niles North on Friday.

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