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Annual program set to spotlight Muslim-American cultures. Page 5



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Dilnaz Waralch, of the Muslim Community Center in Morton Grove, talks about this year's Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township program Jan. 11 at the Skokie Public Library. The program offers more than six weeks of diverse ways to celebrate a single culture. This year's events kick off Jan. 28 with a ceremony of music, art and refreshments at Niles West High School.

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SHOUT OUT

Freddie Feldman, entrepreneur, vocalist

Freddie Feldman loves the sound of a cappella music. He sings it with Listen Up!, a Jewish vocal band, records it at Vocomotion, his Skokie recording studio and record label and creates microphones for beatboxers through his company BeatboxMics. The Skokie resident is also in the process of creating assistive device microphones for the disabled through his VocoLabs Inc.

Q: What initially attracted you to a cappella music?

A: I started singing in an a cappella group in high school. We had seen the very famous Spike Lee "Do It A Cappella" PBS special which ran in the 1990s and that got us hooked.

Q: When did you join Listen Up!?

A: About four years ago. It was started around 1992 by Steve Singer. Over the years, the lineup has changed.

Q: What do you enjoy most about being part of Listen Up!?

A: We're like family. We love each other all the time and lots of times we argue like family. We have a really good time when we're onstage. We love recording and making music.

Q: When and why did you start Vocomotion?

A: Around 1997 or '98. There weren't too many dedicated a cappella recording studios in the country.

Q: Do you have any hobbies?

A: I have two rather large, unusual collections. I collect Tic Tacs. I have 102 flavors. I get them from all over the world. I also have the largest collection of military and industrial throat microphones anywhere in the world.



STEVE STEARNS PHOTO

Freddie Feldman

Q: What do you do to unwind?

A: All of the things that I do tend to be the things that I do to unwind. I also do stuff with my kids, dog and my wife.

Q: What's your favorite Skokie restaurant?

A: Since I work from home basically, I like to get out. I try and eat at every Skokie restaurant and any restaurant in Evanston and Chicago as much as possible. I do Pita Inn at least once a week.

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On Tuesdays, Niles nabs drivers on phones

Weekly crackdown not aimed at fines but at changing behavior, police say



MARY WISNIEWSKI
Getting Around

Niles police Officer John Gaba has heard it all — tears, protests that it was a medical emergency, and even the guy who said he was holding his wallet up to his cheek.

It doesn't matter — if Gaba sees you driving while holding a phone, you're likely getting a ticket.

"Did I just prevent a major accident from happening?" said Gaba, after citing a construction worker for talking on his cellphone while driving past Clarence E. Culver Elementary School on Oakton Street in the northwest suburb. "Maybe. That's the whole point of it. It's all about education and safety. Hopefully, it's making a difference."

Gaba was out on patrol last week for "no texting Tuesdays," a program started by Niles police last summer to crack down on drivers violating state law and local ordinance by talking while holding a cellphone in your hand, texting or otherwise fiddling with a mobile. In less than three hours, Gaba issued 16 tickets to a variety of drivers, including three commercial truckers, a firefighter and two Chicago police officers.

Niles police Cmdr. Robert Tornabene said the department started targeting the offense because it had become such a common cause of crashes.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration found that distracted driving led to 3,450 of 37,461 fatalities in 2016, or 9.2 percent. Fatal distracted

driving crashes are up 8.5 percent since 2014. The National Safety Council, an Itasca-based safety advocacy group, has said that distraction is vastly underreported and could be double what is officially recorded.

Cellphone use is highest among drivers ages 16-24, according to the NHTSA. But Tornabene said his officers are seeing drivers of all ages on their phones.

"They're not hard to find," Tornabene said. "Pretty much everybody's doing it. ... It's like Pavlov's dog, they hear the 'ding' (on the phone) and they look."

Tornabene said Niles police are trying to address what safety advocates say is a key problem in preventing distracted driving — lack of enforcement.

One local example is the Chicago police, which gave out 186 tickets for distracted driving in 2016, a huge drop from 25,884 in 2015 and 45,594 in 2014, according to the department. The drop followed a policy change that required the presence of the citing officer in traffic court, a Chicago police spokesman said.

Chicago's City Council last week discussed the concept of arming police with devices called "text-analyzers" to tell how recently drivers had used their cellphones. The technology is still being developed.

Tornabene said his officers mostly write ordinance violations — which mean a \$100 fine but does not impact a person's driving record or require a trip to court. It can be paid by mail. More serious violations — such as one that results in a crash or involves a commercial truck driver with another problem such as an expired license, can mean a state ticket, which requires a court appearance and a minimum \$240 fee. Tornabene said officers also can



ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Officer John Gaba had to blow his horn to get a woman's attention while she texted at a red light recently in Niles.

give verbal warnings but usually write tickets.

"We want public awareness to be raised, and unfortunately sometimes warning tickets don't do it. Sometimes the only way you get people's attention is when you hit them in the pocket-book," Tornabene said. "Our goal is not to issue fines; it's to change behavior."

"Getting Around" and a Tribune photographer tagged along Jan. 9 with Gaba and saw him use up his whole ticket book.

Gaba stationed himself in a few different places — at the police station on Touhy Avenue, at a bank parking lot on Milwaukee Avenue and on a side street off of Oakton Street. Gaba needed only a few minutes before spotting an offending driver. Then it was blue lights on.

The drivers were, for the most part, sheepish and apologetic. Everyone gave Gaba some reason for using the phone, but admitted it was not right.

"I'll be honest with you — it was an indigent guy who's calling me looking for work — he has no money," explained Arthur Rousseau, 60, of Chicago, as he handed over his license through the window of his gray Chevro-

let Impala.

"The thing is, it's all got to be Bluetooth nowadays. Wireless, hand-free," said Gaba, a tall, lean figure with a blond buzzcut. "You can buy a Bluetooth device for about \$25."

Rousseau admitted it was dangerous to use the phone and drive. "You know what? You should ticket me," he told Gaba. "You're right." "Ninety-nine percent of the time it's like this," said Gaba, back in his squad car. "You catch them on the phone, you explain why you're doing this and they have no problem with it."

He said many people claim a phone call was an emergency — but unless the caller is actually dialing 911, it's still illegal. He said he'll ask people who claim it's an emergency if they are on the phone with 911 — and they'll say no, and then decline Gaba's offer to call for them.

"Believe it or not, a lot of times people will lie to us," Gaba said laconically.

One of the police officers Gaba cited, who did not wish to be named, admitted he should have known better. "It was stupid," he said. "I shouldn't have taken the call."

Gaba said he is especially aggravated when he sees commercial truck drivers violate the law, since their vehicles weigh so much and can cause so much damage in a crash.

Rafael Alvarez, 40, of Chicago, driving a white-panel box truck, admitted that he had been talking to a customer and that he should get a Bluetooth earpiece. "I'm going to get it today," he said after getting his ticket.

Not every driver vowed to sin no more. Tom Pruszynski, 43, of Lake-wood, a construction contractor driving a Ford pickup, admitted that he was checking his phone for a customer's address, and it was too hard to keep pulling over on the way to a job.

"It's hard to stop," he said with a shrug. "I know it's dangerous."

"People like that probably won't break the habit," Gaba said.

An officer for 16 years, Gaba said he saw a big surge in distracted driving in the past five years as people traded their flip phones for smartphones. "There are a lot of things people feel they need to check," Gaba said.

He said he typically does

not cite people for checking a phone at a stoplight — though this is only legal if a car is in park. He will give verbal warnings.

A young woman beside his squad car was so absorbed in texting that he had to sound his horn repeatedly — she looked up as if coming out of a dream. He told her to put down the phone.

"They get in a zone," Gaba said.

Another woman, pulled over for talking on the phone while driving, wept and pleaded to be let off. She had recently gotten another ticket for the same offense. She said her son was home sick and she had just taken a call about how he was doing. Gaba was sympathetic, but cited her anyway.

"We see a lot of tears ..." Gaba said. "Maybe she'll think twice next time."

Cicero Avenue lane closures

Southwest Side drivers take note — starting Monday, a stretch of Cicero Avenue will narrow to allow for construction at Midway Airport.

One lane in each direction will be shut down on Cicero through early 2020.

Transportation song quiz

Last week's transportation song makes a sinister offer — come inside my car because I have candy. The group's hometown is often referenced on "Svengoolie." The song is "Vehicle" by Berwyn's own Ides of March. Tom Nall of Chicago (whose mom is from Berwyn) is the winner.

This week's song is from the point of view of a royal figure, who knows which locks are not locked. What's the song and who sang it? The first reader with the correct answer gets a Tribune notebook and glory.

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Annual 'Coming Together' program set to spotlight Muslim-American cultures

Staff report

In choosing this year's culture for the annual "Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township" program, organizers said they felt obliged to add a capital "s" at the end of the title.

Coming Together, which every year offers six-plus weeks of diverse programming usually focusing on a single culture, is calling the 2018 installment "Celebrating Muslim-American Cultures."

"We say American Muslims with a big 's' because Muslims are from so many different cultures," said Susan Van Dusen, one of the co-founders of the Coming Together program.

"Coming Together" kicks off Jan. 28 with a ceremony of music, art, refreshments and more hosted by NBC Chicago reporter Ash-har Quraishi at Niles West High School.

From there, more than 50 programs, including author visits, discussions, film, music, history and more are scheduled through March. Venues throughout the township include public libraries, the high schools, Oakton Community College and many others, according to organizers.

A lineup of the diverse programming on tap can be found at comingtogether.in, and program booklets are available at the Skokie Public Library and other locations.

This year marks the ninth Coming Together in Skokie, whose title was expanded several years ago to add Niles Township.

A news conference Jan. 11 unveiled the 2018 program, and, for the first time, three of four township mayors attended and the other sent a welcoming message.

"I look forward to the



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"Coming Together in Skokie and Niles Township" will offer a six-week program focusing on Muslim-American cultures. The committee panel held a news conference Jan. 11 to unveil the program.

"One of the ways that we can come together is through literature."

— Skokie Public Library Director Richard Kong

coming months and how we can all work together for diversity and equal rights and justice in our community, and I'm there for you," said Niles mayor Andrew Przybło.

The program began nearly a decade ago when five women leaders in Skokie joined forces, Susan Van Dusen said. Coming Together would be a way to expand on the village's annual Festival of Cultures weekend, allowing the community to plunge deeper into studying and learning about the backgrounds of the community's diverse population one culture at a time.

"Since the first year of Coming Together in Skokie, a big part of this program

series and this initiative and this project has been this acknowledgment that one of the ways that we can come together is through literature and through reading," said Skokie Public Library Director Richard Kong.

Niles Township High School District 219 Supt. Steven Isoye called the program "a special gift for this community" and said it supports the school district's diverse students. Multiple events are scheduled at NTHS Dist. 219 schools, in addition to the opening.

The Coming Together committee every year includes representatives of the culture selected. The Muslim Community Center in Morton Grove played a major role in creating this year's program, organizers said.

"I think that this township is a model that should be adopted by other communities," Susan Van Dusen said. "We just have a feeling of peace and good will that goes around this township that is amazing to me that I don't experience elsewhere."

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Students' visit offers interfaith experience

Jews and Catholics attend event at Muslim Center

BY ALEX NITKIN
Pioneer Press

Jack, a sixth-grader from Chicago's Zell Jewish Day School, threw himself like a rag doll onto the rubber gym floor of the Muslim Community Center Academy in Morton Grove Jan. 11, pantomiming a Christmas tree being felled by a gang of Irish-dancing squirrels.

The 11-year-old's theatrics drew giggles from the dozen other pre-teens in his group — some wearing hijabs, others plaid skirts — who were brought together by the Olive Tree Arts Network and tasked with combining their imaginations into a single, wacky story.

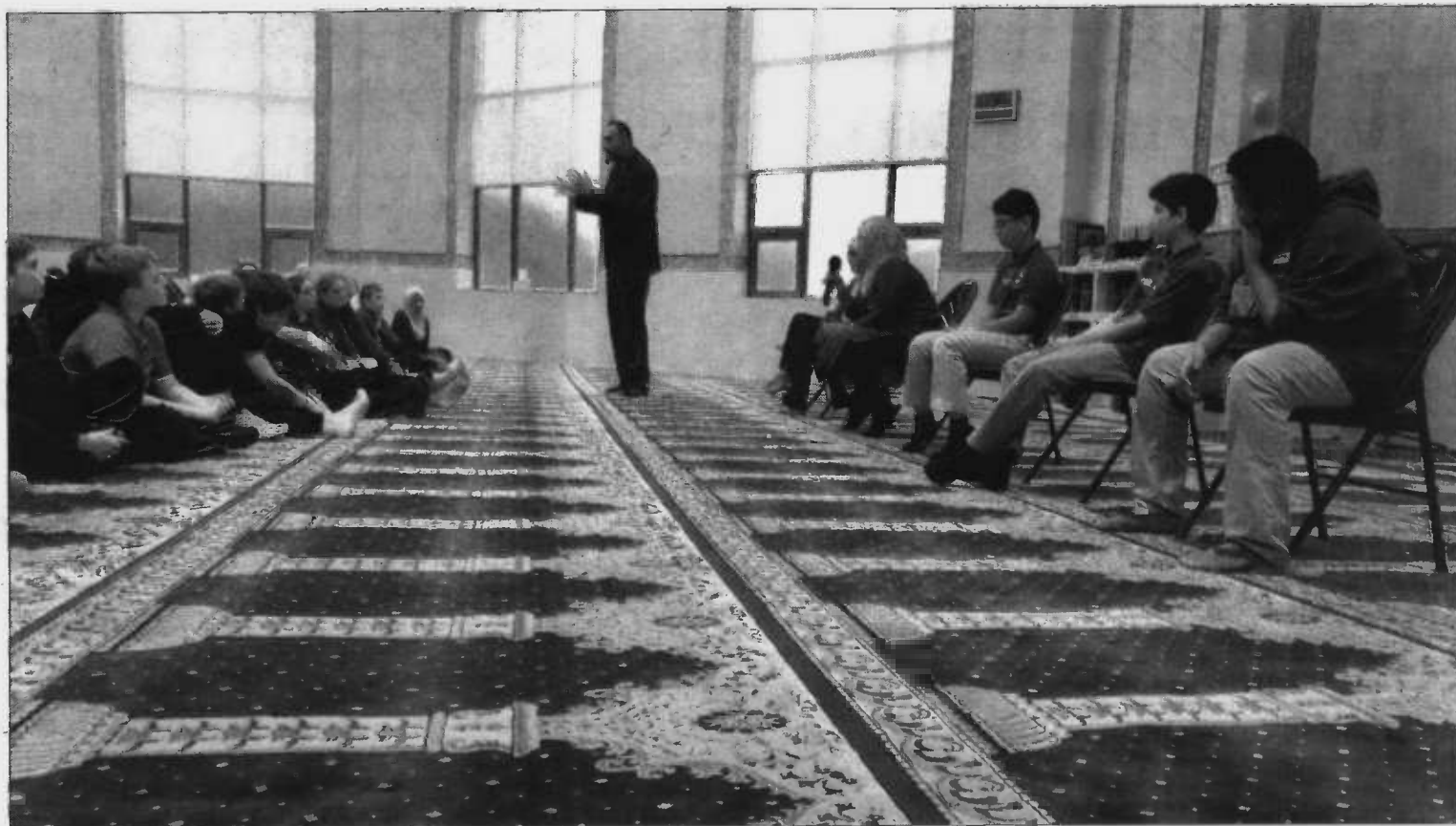
Jack's group was among 150 students brought together by the network's Poetry Pals program, which every year has students from Catholic, Muslim and Jewish day schools participate in a shared curriculum focused on creative expression and cultural learning.

Getting the students to act out fantastical stories based on their religious customs is a subtle way of building tighter bonds across faiths, according to Ilene Siemer, director of the arts network.

"This is a really important stage in kids' lives, because they don't really have pre-seeded notions of each other yet," Siemer said. "So we're able to effectively convey how much we all have in common without having to deal with any of the baggage that many adults may carry."

Earlier this year, students from Zell and the Muslim academy visited St. John Fisher School in Chicago's Morgan Park neighborhood, where students led presentations on Catholic rituals and beliefs.

On Jan. 11, it was the Muslim students' turn to



ALEX NITKIN/PIONEER PRESS PHOTOS

Muslim Community Center Academy Principal Habeeb Quadri, center, and MCC students demonstrate some of the basic tenets of Islam during The Poetry Pals network-sponsored interfaith curriculum event. Students from Islamic, Jewish and Catholic schools participated.

educate their peers.

The middle schoolers followed up their storytelling projects by shedding their shoes and packing into the school's attached mosque, where seventh-grader Ibrahim and four other students demonstrated their daily prayers and led a crash course on the basic tenets of the Islamic faith.

"I feel like I've gotten to teach (the other students) a lot more about our religion, and how even though there are differences between our religions, the differences are very small and we can all still be friends," the Glenview 11-year-old said after the presentation. "I wish more people could understand that Islam is a religion of peace more than anything else."

Fighting Islamophobia has always been front-of-mind for the Muslim day school, according to Princi-

pal Habeeb Quadri.

Administrators met resistance from neighbors leading up to the school's opening in 2002, and again when they applied to build their mosque attachment in 2003 and 2004, Quadri said.

In 2012, a Morton Grove resident faced felony charges after shooting an air rifle at the side of the building, the principal explained.

"We know that people can have fear, and sometimes that fear can be dangerous," Quadri said. "So our duty is to be proactive about developing new relationships before something like that comes up again ... even if it's just by getting to hang out and have fun together."

At the end of the presentation, the students again broke into small groups and the Muslim children fielded questions from their Jewish and Christian peers, ex-



Students break into small groups during The Poetry Pals network-sponsored interfaith curriculum event Jan. 11 at the Muslim Community Center in Morton Grove.

plaining the meaning behind little details of the sprawling mosque around them.

Offering students a "safe place to ask questions" about how others practice their faiths has the power to

head off prejudice before it has the chance to emerge, Siemer said.

"We have our sights set on some substantial growth in the future, because we truly believe this is an antidote to a lot of the hate and

bigotry that is prevailing in our country right now," Siemer said.

"We're showing that discrimination is not inevitable," he said.

Alex Nitkin is a freelancer.

Mayor: Lincolnwood searching, hopes to have police chief by March

By KYRA SENESE
Pioneer Press

Following the departure of former Lincolnwood police Chief Robert LaMantia on Dec. 1, the village is now accepting applications for a new top cop.

Lincolnwood has retained the Northbrook-based human resources consulting firm GovHR USA to help recruit for the sworn, exempt-level role of overseeing the police department, according to information on the village website.

If everything goes as planned, Mayor Barry Bass said interviews will be conducted in the coming weeks.

"We'll probably appoint that short list of top candidates in mid-March," Bass said. "I would say sometime in March is a realistic goal to have our future police chief in place."

Bass said the village's choice for the next chief of police will take into consideration what is in the best interest of the residents of Lincolnwood.

"Public safety is a big

issue with me, and we're dealing with a lot of types of crime that did not typically exist a couple years ago," the mayor said. "We have a border on 75 percent of Chicago, so it's important that not only our public is protected but we have full collaboration with our sister suburbs, which mainly are Chicago, Skokie and a bit of Evanston."

Bass said he hopes the new police chief will be in place by the end of March. He would make his pick for the position, and the appointment would require Village Board approval.

The mayor noted the importance of the chief of police, explaining that the police department, with its \$8 million budget, is staffed by 32 full-time sworn police personnel, six full-time civilian employees and two part-time civilian workers.

"We're looking for candidates right now, and it appears we're getting some cream of the crop candidates, because obviously Lincolnwood is an extremely desirable suburb," Bass said.

"Those candidates will

have to have the utmost integrity and a strong commitment to teamwork and customer service to serve as the village's next chief of police."

Successful candidates will need to have a bachelor's degree in criminal justice, or a background in public, business and administrative fields, Bass said, adding that a master's degree is "strongly preferred."

He added that the village prefers candidates with strong labor relations experience and who are able to adapt to situations involving news and media relations.

"They should have a history of successful intergovernmental cooperation, relationship building and experience interacting and collaborating with our sister law enforcement agencies and mutual aid entities throughout the suburbs and the city of Chicago," Bass said.

Applications for the post are being accepted through Jan. 26, officials said.

Kyra Senese is a freelance reporter.

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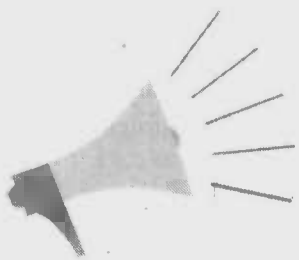
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POLICE REPORT

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DUI

■ Mark Bandemer, 25, of the 8500 block of North Cumberland Avenue, was charged with driving under the influence on Jan. 2 following a crash near his home.

■ Mitchell Grzenia Jr., 71, of the 2100 block of Walnut Court, Glenview, was charged with driving under the influence and driving without a valid license on Jan. 4. According to police, Grzenia was involved in a crash in the 8400 block of Harlem Avenue and taken to the hospital for alcohol-related issues.

WARRANT

■ George Pilafas, 53, of the 4800 block of North Washtenaw Avenue, Chicago, was taken into cus-

tody on an arrest warrant for a disorderly conduct charge on Jan. 4. According to police, officers made contact with Pilafas after he allegedly pulled a fire alarm in the public area of a condominium building in the 7000 block of West Touhy Avenue and told police he did so because he was "cold."

PUBLIC INTOXICATION

■ A 49-year-old Niles man was ticketed with public intoxication Jan. 2 after police were called to a bar in the 9000 block of North Milwaukee Avenue on a report of a customer who entered the bar intoxicated and was attempting to drive his car after he was denied service. Police said the man was later driven home.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

■ A 29-year-old Chicago man was ticketed with disorderly conduct and

criminal trespass on Jan. 4 after police said he caused a disturbance at a bar in the 8000 block of West Oakton Street after being kicked out of the bar on two previous occasions for similar behavior. Officers located the man near the bar and he was also transported to the hospital for alcohol-related issues, police said.

DRUGS

■ A 24-year-old Chicago man was ticketed with possession of marijuana on Jan. 4 after police responded to a suspicious car parked behind a retailer in the 5600 block of West Touhy Avenue.

BURGLARY

■ A home in the 8400 block of North Oleander Avenue was reported burglarized Jan. 5. According to police, residents returned home to find their front door damaged and a man running in the direction of Milwaukee Ave-

nue. Nothing was reported missing at the time of the report.

RUSE ENTRY

■ A resident told police that two people entered her home Jan. 5 under the guise of checking her pipes, but she later found jewelry and cash missing from a bedroom.

THEFT

■ A wallet was reported stolen Jan. 4 from a locker in the 9200 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. Credit cards in the wallet were reportedly used at a store in Niles.

■ An employee of a retailer in the 5700 block of West Touhy Avenue told police a man entered the store and stole a \$1,000 cellphone from a display on Jan. 4.

■ A baby Jesus statue was stolen between Jan. 3 and 8 from a nativity display outside a church in the 8300 block of North Harlem Avenue.

Police identify woman killed by car

By JENNIFER JOHNSON
Pioneer Press

A Buffalo Grove woman was killed Jan. 10 after police say she was struck by a car while crossing a major street in Niles.

According to police, Svetlana Gerovaya, 68, was pronounced dead at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge about 40 minutes after the collision, which occurred at 7:22 p.m. in the 8300 block of Golf Road, near the Four Flaggs shopping center.

Niles police said Gerovaya was attempting to cross Golf Road from the south side of the street when she was hit by a Kia Sorento SUV that was headed east on Golf.

Police described Gerovaya as wearing dark clothing and crossing the four-lane road in an area that did not have a crosswalk or traffic signal.

The driver of the SUV, identified as a 30-year-old man from Evanston, called 911 after the collision and remained on the scene, police said.

According to police, he did not appear to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and was not using an electronic device at the time of the incident.

There were no charges in the incident as of late Jan. 10, police said.

This is the second pedestrian fatality reported in Niles since October.

On Oct. 13, a 63-year-old woman from Lincolnwood was killed on Touhy Avenue when police said she was hit by a car while crossing against traffic at Central Avenue shortly before 6 a.m.

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Flu season hits earlier, with worse symptoms

The number of reported cases is up sharply over recent years

BY VIKKI ORTIZ HEALY AND WILLIAM LEE
Chicago Tribune

If you feel like everyone around you is sick, you may have good reason.

Flu season seems to be peaking early in Illinois, with more than 100 more influenza outbreaks across the state this season compared with last season at this time. And the most common strain of flu this year is one associated with more severe symptoms, according to the Illinois Department of Public Health.

"Last year we saw the peak in February," said Melaney Arnold, spokeswoman for the state health department. "It might just be starting earlier."

The current levels also are higher than most flu seasons since 2009-10, state records show.

From the start of 2017 through Dec. 31, there were 344 total flu-related intensive-care unit admissions across the state, and 135 outbreaks — defined as two or more cases of the flu in a group setting reporting to the state, and at least one confirmed through testing.

Those numbers are much higher than the same intensive care unit admissions and outbreak statistics from the last two seasons: 40 and 11 in 2016; 56 and two in 2015.

In 2014 there was a similar spike, with 497 intensive care unit admissions across the state and 123 outbreaks, according to health department statistics.

But the year before that, in 2013, there were far fewer, with 216 intensive care unit admissions and five outbreaks.

Cook County public health officials began seeing an increase in cases in the county's suburbs and at



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Eureva Walker, director of Stroger Hospital's pharmacy department, checks on flu vaccine stored in refrigerators.

Stroger and Provident hospitals in Chicago in December, with the number of emergency room visits above the average in the last two weeks, though there has only been one death for a person with flu-like symptoms. Doctors believe they may see more flu cases this year than last year, which they called average.

The high number of cases prompted state health officials on Dec. 27 to recommend that hospitals limit visitors and put precautions into place aimed at preventing and controlling the further spread of the flu. Several hospital systems, including Northwestern Medicine hospitals and the 12 Advocate Health Care hospitals across Chicagoland and central Illinois, have done so.

The precautions include restricting hospital visits for

anyone younger than 18, limiting the number of visitors to two per patient, promoting hand washing and assessing visitors for symptoms of acute respiratory illness — and asking them to leave, or at the very least, wear a mask.

Cook County public health officials on Jan. 5 also instituted a screening policy at its hospitals to cut the risk of transmission to already ill people. Effective immediately, visitors were to be screened for flu-like symptoms before being allowed to see patients. Children under 12 were to not be allowed to visit patients at Stroger or Provident hospitals at all.

The most common strain of influenza this year is H3N2 (A), which was covered by this year's flu vaccine. While strains can still mutate in individual cases

and render the vaccine ineffective for some people, the flu vaccine can also help lessen the severity of illness in some of these cases, said Dr. Robert Citronberg, infectious disease physician with Advocate Health Care.

Health officials caution that the flu vaccine can take up to 10 days to be effective after it is administered.

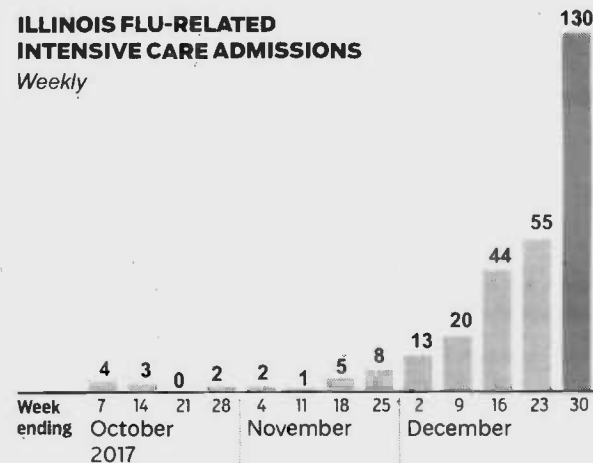
At Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Citronberg has seen a steady influx of patients with the flu, which presents itself with symptoms including high fever, chills, muscle aches and fatigue, he said.

"People who have genuinely true influenza say that they feel like they got run over by a truck," Citronberg said.

An anti-viral prescription medication known as Tamiflu is available to both children and adults suffering

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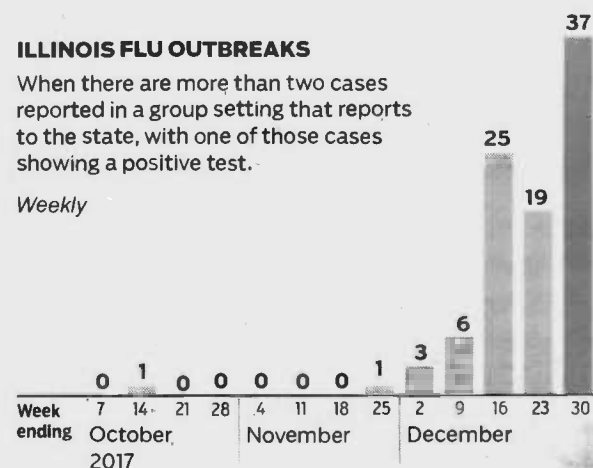
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ILLINOIS FLU OUTBREAKS

When there are more than two cases reported in a group setting that reports to the state, with one of those cases showing a positive test.

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SOURCE: Illinois Department of Public Health

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from the flu. Doctors recommend plenty of rest, drinking fluids and staying away from other people, as people with the flu are typically contagious for about seven days, Citronberg said.

Health officials also recommend that people who have not yet received a flu vaccine do so. It would be effective for the rest of the season, which typically lasts through April. The vaccine is especially important for people with chronic disease, or those who are very old or young, whose risk of getting much sicker is higher, officials said. The vaccine that Cook County health officials have on hand has an effective rate of 32 percent, which physicians say would prevent complications in chronically ill patients.

"Even with that effective rate, you're still saving lives," said the Cook County

Department of Public Health senior medical officer, Dr. Kiran Joshi.

In Chicago, emergency rooms busy dealing with the flu have led to a backup in the admission of ambulance patients. This forces ambulances to hold patients longer, and, in turn, a slowed response from Chicago Fire Department responders to new emergencies, said Larry Langford, spokesman for the Fire Department.

"We're seeing a high level of stress right now, where at any given time hospitals are on complete bypass saying don't bring anybody here," Langford said.

To help the situation, the Fire Department has brought five extra ambulances out of reserve to keep responding to calls, Langford said.

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D219 to assess administrator salary structure

Wants to ensure employees' pay is 'fair and equitable'

Staff report

Niles Township High School District 219 has hired a firm to make sure it is paying its administrators in a "fair and equitable manner," according to Superintendent Steven Isoye.

During a special meeting Jan. 10, the school board approved paying \$41,500 to the Korn Ferry Hay Group for a 14-week Administrator Analysis Study.

"The administration has expressed concern that there may be discrepancies in the administrative salaries," Isoye and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Edmund Murphy said in a letter to the

board. "The study would provide the district with a job factor analysis, a market comparable study, the creation of a compensation and benefits philosophy and the development of a new compensation structure for D219 administration."

The most recent state report card from the Illinois State Board of Education shows that NTHS District 219 administrators — which includes the superintendent, assistant superintendents and other top-level leaders — are paid on average \$131,238 compared with the state average of \$106,273.

Among goals to be performed by the Korn Ferry Hay Group, according to its proposal, is to set a grade and base salary structure for administrative posi-

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— Brian Novak

tions by mid-April 2018.

The new structure will cover approximately 50 "unique jobs" based on a job roster provided by the school district and 70 employees overall, the proposal states. Only school board member Mark Sproat voted against hiring the firm.

"I know that since I've been on the board, many administrators have been bringing this issue up," said school board member Linda Lampert. "As far as I know, we've had all sorts of information given to us as to why they're making

what they're making and what their job description is."

Isoye, who was hired as the new District 219 superintendent in 2016, said it was time to review compensation, given that there is not a set structure in place. The recommendation wasn't based on administrator grumblings about individual salaries, he said, but more about administrator concerns over discrepancies.

"It's really about 'Do we have a grasp of how the duties are delineated in our district, and how they're

being compensated?'" Isoye said.

Under the proposal, the study will be performed in five phases: project planning and discovery, job analysis and work measurement, compensation benchmarking and structure, summary of findings and administrative guidelines.

About the latter, the proposal promises that Hay Group will "provide administrative guidelines, which will assist in managing new compensation programs."

School board member

Brian Novak said one issue of concern since he has been on the board is employee retention.

"Hopefully, there's more than just money that District 219 offers potential employees with respect to opportunity, with respect to working in our diverse district and the resources the district provides," he said.

A representative of Korn Ferry Hay Group said that issue will be addressed through interviews with employees.

Isoye said one of his performance goals as superintendent is "to begin to look at some of these structures we have in place."

Three firms were interviewed for the job before Korn Ferry Hay Group was recommended to the board, he said.

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Pickwick celebrates 90 years

BY BRUCE INGRAM
Pioneer Press

When the Pickwick Theatre in Park Ridge opened in 1928, it debuted as a full-fledged suburban movie palace meant to rival the grandest theaters in the Chicago area.

Now owner Dino Vlahakis plans to celebrate the theater's 90th anniversary with an upgrade designed to keep it special in the future. Namely, a new screen that will be four times the size of the already sizable screen in the Pickwick's main auditorium.

"It's almost going to be like having an IMAX theater in Park Ridge," Vlahakis said. "Not quite, but close."

The installation of the new mega movie screen is scheduled, with crossed fingers, to debut in May with the new Avengers movie "Infinity Wars."

The Pickwick has enjoyed highlights during the Vlahakis family ownership. Vlahakis recently restored the marquee to its original paint scheme. The Pickwick received its best publicity boost, however, when it was featured in the introduction to "At the Movies," hosted by Gene Siskel and Roger Ebert.

Vlahakis noted that the celebration of the 90th anniversary had begun early in a sense last June, when he celebrated the 50th anniversary of Vlahakis family ownership by placing a statue of a sprite, created by Pickwick designer Alfonso Iannelli in the building's back courtyard.

"We've also been bringing back the classics in our Classic Film Series, programmed by Matthew Hoffman (who also programs a long-running film series at the Park Ridge Public Library)," Vlahakis said. "We're going to be showing 'The Godfather' this month with 'Some Like it Hot' and the original 'King Kong' coming up, and we're working on a really big screening of '2001' in the spring with star Keir Dullea in attendance."

Vlahakis said his booking style boils down to choosing films he personally enjoys.

"We've been able to maintain a faithful audience in town and from surrounding areas because that they know I won't show the



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This landmark sign for the Pickwick Theatre is one of 11 created for Park Ridge sites designated as locally historic.

"It's almost going to be like having an IMAX theater in Park Ridge."

—Dino Vlahakis

garbage films," he said. "I won't book a run-of-the-mill horror film, for example. I'll book a good one, but they're few and far between, in my opinion. A lot of times, I'll play a movie just because I like it, even if I know it's not going to be a big grosser."

Vlahakis said he is thinking of each month of this year's Classic Film Series as another celebratory event to mark the 90th anniversary — with the possibility of a silent film in October to commemorate the theater's opening. Vlahakis said he is saving the silent film "Lilac Time," which he said was the first movie shown at the theater, for the 100th anniversary.

And is he excited to make plans for the Pickwick's 100th anniversary?

"Well, since my father's still alive at 93 and I'm only 58, I'm hoping I'll still be around — and I'm looking forward to it," he said. "I think it will be something especially worth celebrating. We've had a great run. Theaters come and go, but the Pickwick is still here. And I expect it'll be here for a long time to come."

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The Pickwick Theatre is shown in this photo from Feb. 16, 2017.



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The audience at the May 17 screening of "Captain Blood" in Park Ridge at the Pickwick Theatre.

Medieval Times now features woman in lead role

By AMANDA MARRAZZO
Chicago Tribune

There is a new ruler in town, and she is not backing down.

For the first time in more than three decades, a queen is in charge of Schaumburg's castle.

"I love it; it's awesome," 11-year-old Jacob Serrano, said in the crowd as he wore a crown, waved his yellow flag and declared the scene before him "revolutionary."

Jacob was present last month when Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament in Schaumburg debuted its new show featuring Queen Dona Maria Isabella in the lead. Before this, the lead role in the dinner theater's 35-year history has always gone to a man, the king.

The updated narrative has aptly landed, if not by

design, in a cultural moment of women's marches, #metoo reckonings and female superheroes — something Jacob's 12-year-old brother, Jeremiah, also picked up on.

The role reversal "goes along with modern-day people wanting equality for men and women," he said.

It's "important for the boys to appreciate that women can hold the same roles as men," said their father, Juan Serrano.

The show's director, Leigh Cordner, of Orlando, Fla., spent a year-and-a-half rewriting the script for the show, which will be performed at all nine of the chain's faux castles in the U.S. and Canada.

Having just watched the premiere of the new show in Dallas, Cordner said he enjoyed hearing the audience react when the queen defends her authority when



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Medieval Times Queen Allyssa O'Donnell waves to audience members during a debut show Dec. 7 at Medieval Times in Schaumburg.

challenged by male characters.

Cordner — who also has performed in each of the male roles throughout his career with the show, including the king for 20 years — wanted to diverge from story lines where women

have to marry to gain validation but can command authority on their own. It wasn't cultural currents that inspired him as much as the feedback he heard over the years from audiences asking for a woman to take the helm.

"I am proud to say I was working on this show 18 months ago," he said. "We are ahead of the trend."

Blazing that trail involved the creation of hundreds of handmade costumes for the cast and horses and months of learning new jousting and fight choreography taught by Tim Baker, director of stunts and choreography, who has been with the show since its beginnings in Kissimmee, Fla., in 1983.

While still presenting the last show, hundreds of team members and horses were training. And the actors rehearsed new lines and scenes.

It took two months to teach the performers portraying queens to ride Andalusian stallions.

And when the queen entered the arena on horseback opening night in Schaumburg, wearing a

flowing gown of gold and burgundy and a jeweled crown, the crowd erupted with shouts from the audience, especially from young girls.

She demanded to be treated in the same manner as her father, the late king. She exerted her authority when necessary but in a steady and even-tempered tone.

Her authority was at times challenged by the knights, but she didn't shy from reminding them she was in charge, and each time she did, the crowd cheered her on. Allyssa O'Donnell, one of four performers who plays the queen in Schaumburg, does not let the position of power get to her head but requires her court to act honorably.

Amanda Marrazzo is a freelance reporter.



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OPINION

Not everyone loves Oprah — for president, that is



RANDY BLASER

“Everybody loves Oprah.”

That was the tagline for the promotions advancing a new host of the WLS morning show “AM Chicago” back in 1983.

If it wasn’t true then, it certainly is now.

And why not?

She’s one of the most successful and beloved media personalities in the world. She built an empire out of nothing. She’s been successful at everything she’s tried — television star, actress, producer, publishing and more.

She’s obviously extremely talented and very smart.

She’s in touch with the issues that resonate with regular people across the country. She always has been.

Back when I was editing newspapers, I would often watch “The Oprah Winfrey

Show” for potential story ideas. No, not about weight loss. But after one Oprah show, I tried to convince a reporter to sit outside a school at lunchtime and watch kids to see if any bullying goes on. After all, Oprah had said bullying was rampant in our schools.

So it wasn’t surprising to me that everyone was anxious for Oprah’s speech at the Golden Globes. The context was there — Oprah’s megastar deserving of her lifetime achievement award. And the topic — rampant sex abuse in Hollywood — was right in Oprah’s wheelhouse from years of daytime TV.

She delivered. She gave a great speech. Wise and informative, she identified the problem, put it in historical context and pointed a way out. That’s what a leader does.

This rush to proclaim her presidential material shouldn’t be so surprising, should it then? Even if it is misguided. We’ve already elected one reality TV star, why not another?

But one giant mistake can’t be solved by another:



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

Oprah Winfrey may be a beloved media personality, but columnist Randy Blaser thinks she shouldn’t take a shot at the presidency.

Oprah may be huddling with mega-coach Tony Robbins right now, but no matter what her next move might be, it shouldn’t be toward the White House.

Even though she has many talents, she also has plenty of liabilities. Oprah’s not ready to lead the free world.

She has no political experience. We’ve seen

billionaires before who decide to start at the top and fail. I won’t mention you-know-who again, but we don’t have to look very far to find another example. Just look to our governor’s mansion.

And why do they fail?

Politics is about relationships. And while I’m sure Oprah is an expert at making relationships, she

doesn’t have many on Capitol Hill right now.

We are on our fourth president who entered the office with no political capital in the legislative branch, and you’ve seen where that has gotten us. We’ve reached a point in our politics where they only way to profit is to destroy your opponent. Maybe Oprah could

bring the country together. But how? Have us all join her book club? Preach about how “The Secret” can transform our lives? Put Dr. Oz and Dr. Phil in her cabinet?

And what about foreign policy? I know Oprah has traveled to other countries, so that’s a start. And some policy issues are no-brainers. I believe any red-blooded American would have pulled the trigger on Osama bin Laden.

But the world and our standing in it is very complex.

If all we expect of our presidents is to articulate a certain point of view in an eloquent (or outrageous) manner, then Oprah fits the bill.

But if we want a president who can create and articulate policy, move and inspire Congress to act, navigate the world’s powder kegs and keep America on top and keep the peace, then Oprah is some crazy fantasy.

We already have one of those.

Randy Blaser is a freelance columnist.

Kids, experts at salvaging the scraps of Christmas



PAUL SASSONE

Here it comes.

There it goes.

Christmas. It arrives — and then departs again — so quickly.

But kids are clever. They’re pretty good at finding ways to make Christmas last longer. Like us. Building Christmas tree

forts was one of the ways we kept the holiday going a little while longer.

In the weeks just after Christmas, kids would scour curbs and alleys and drag discarded Christmas trees to the nearest vacant lot to erect a fort.

It would take 10 trees or so to make a snowball-resistant structure. Finding that many discarded trees wasn’t a problem. Just about every house in my neighborhood had a Christmas tree, a real tree — though my aunt was a pio-

neer with her pink plastic tree that nicely complemented the form-fitting plastic covers with which she mummified her living-room furniture.

My mom couldn’t afford such modernizations, though she made a valiant effort with a rotating wheel that shone lights upon our tree, turning it blue, then red, then yellow.

Today, I still see many cast-off Christmas trees lying forlornly at curbs and in alleys. So gathering trees shouldn’t be much of a



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Columnist Paul Sassone remembers a time when kids did some Christmas tree recycling of their own.

problem.

What I don’t see are Christmas tree forts, perhaps because I don’t see many vacant lots any more.

Then, too, Christmas

trees aren’t electronic. So, maybe kids today aren’t interested in them, or in building forts of any kind.

Also, most municipalities are so fast and efficient

these days at collecting and mulching Christmas trees, the window for gathering material for those forts has narrowed considerably.

And who knows, perhaps making Christmas trees into forts might violate some ecology ordinance.

That’s too bad.

Hurling snowballs while surrounded — almost submerged — by fragrant pine trees is a true treat for the senses.

And like so many treats, not for adults.

Probably what I really miss is not Christmas tree forts.

What I miss is being a kid.

Paul Sassone is a freelance columnist.

Oak Park author offers a peek 'Inside Great Chicago Buildings'



FELICIA DECHTER
Heart of the Home

If you've always wanted a peek inside of some architecturally fabulous buildings of Chicago, check out Oak Park author Pat Cannon's upcoming event, "The Space Within: Inside Great Chicago Buildings," which will be held from 1:15 to 3 p.m. Jan. 22 at the Nineteenth Century Club, 178 Forest Ave.

Based on his book by the same name, Cannon will discuss the genesis of his work and show selected images and explain their meaning.

"Anyone interested in Chicago architecture and history should be interested in seeing buildings they might otherwise never get access to," and should come, he said.

With Cannon you can venture inside several architectural masterpieces through stunning photographs by photographer James Caulfield. Three of the buildings in the presentation have decorations by Tiffany and Co. — the 2nd Presbyterian Church has a stained glass window, the Marquette Building in the Loop has Tiffany mosaics in the lobby and Macy's on State Street has a Tiffany dome, said Cannon.

He became interested in building design and style while an art history minor at Northwestern University, and his courses included one on Chicago architecture.

"This spurred my interest in local architecture," said Cannon. "A couple of my jobs over the years were related to building, so I kept up with the subject."

"When I moved to Oak Park in 1974, it was just at the time when Wright's



PAT CANNON PHOTO

Oak Park author Pat Cannon will be at the Nineteenth Century Club Jan. 22.

home was purchased and the process of restoring it began," Cannon added. "I saw a piece in the Oak Leaves asking for volunteers and responded. With a couple of years off, I have been giving tours of the Home and Studio ever since. I have also given tours at both Unity Temple and the Robie House in Chicago."

When he retired, Cannon decided to pitch the idea for his first book to the Frank Lloyd Wright Trust.

"They agreed, and everything flowed from that," he said.

Since then, in partnership with photographer Caulfield, Cannon has written five books, including, "Hometown Architect: The Complete Buildings of Frank Lloyd Wright in Oak Park and River Forest, Illinois," and "Frank Lloyd Wright's Unity Temple: A Good Time Place." He said he feels that Unity Temple is "by far the greatest and most important building in Oak Park."

In his latest work, "The Space Within: Inside Great Chicago Buildings," Cannon decided to go inside "great" spaces, because other books did not focus on interiors. So how did he choose which places to use in a city filled with amazing architecture?

"We wanted a selection

of all building types, which were chosen because of their obvious fame and because we could actually get access!" Cannon said.

Each year, the Nineteenth Century Club's charitable association brings an author of a "coffee table" or photo book about Chicago, said its literature chairman, Debb Hammond.

"The Space Within: Inside Great Chicago Buildings' is a book about Chicago architecture, and particularly the fascinating interiors that the association may have not shown before," she said.

Hammond plans five to six programs annually for the club's Monday Enrichment Series, and secures an eclectic collection also for the community and members, many of whom are avid readers.

"Our definition of literature is flexible — there's a book involved," she said. "Our programs are provided for the benefit of our community and are open to the public."

She said Chicago has multitudes of quality authors, and they also bring several to the club every year, whether authors of mysteries, cozies, suspense, thrillers, historical fiction, women's issues, Chicago or women's history, true crime, poetry or nonfiction.

Cannon, she said, will discuss some of the 45 Chicago buildings featured in his latest book, sharing some striking interior features with a slideshow of photos. A \$10 donation is suggested to help cover program costs.

"It's a perfect program for our community, sharing photos and information about some of Chicago's renown architecture, and showing us less-seen aspects of these interesting buildings," said Hammond.

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If you think 2018 might be scary, turn the clock back to '68



CHARLES SELLE

The holiday party was running smoothly when the conversation turned to the coming year of 2018 and another year of deep divisions in America.

"I'm really scared of what's going on," the hostess said. "I fear for the country with Trump in the White House." Always the life of the party, I replied: "Where were you in '68? Now that was a time to be scared. Or so I've been told."

She hesitated a moment, reflecting on what I had said: "I was 11 years old." Ah, but they grow up so fast.

If many of you have been traumatized by what has happened since 2016 and are terrorized in this first month of 2018, I am here to remind you that 50 years ago America had a devastating year. Even Smithsonian magazine agrees. Its cover story this month is all about 1968, "The year that shattered America."

The "seismic" year 1968 "was a year unlike any other in America, and it continues to shape our lives," the magazine's editors write. Indeed, it does. And, in some ways, 2018 has the chance to be just as wild and crazy.

It was the third full year of the Vietnam War, and January 1968 saw the turning point during the Tet Offensive, when support among middle Americans began to wane. Also in January, North Korean forces seized the USS Pueblo, a U.S. spy ship that strayed into waters of the now-nuclear-armed nation. By the time the year ended, North Korea released the crew but kept



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National Guard troops with bayonets at the ready confront a group of anti-Vietnam War marchers who picketed the guard's Chicago Avenue armory headquarters in April 1968.

the ship.

Throughout 1968, National Guard troops were deployed in various American cities to quell civil disturbances and, in the case of Chicago, demonstrations during the Democratic National Convention in August. It was an Olympic year, with African-American track stars giving black power salutes on the Mexico City medal podium to protest inequality back home.

College students burned draft cards, occupied administration buildings, protested campus recruitment drives by companies that supplied war materials to the military and took to the streets, eventually causing President Lyndon B. Johnson to not seek re-election.

There were the assassinations of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in April and New York Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, brother of the slain president, in June. White nationalist George Wallace, the Alabama governor, swept every state in the Deep South, ensuring the election of Republican Richard Nixon. Up until then, the '68 election was one of the scariest in U.S. political history.

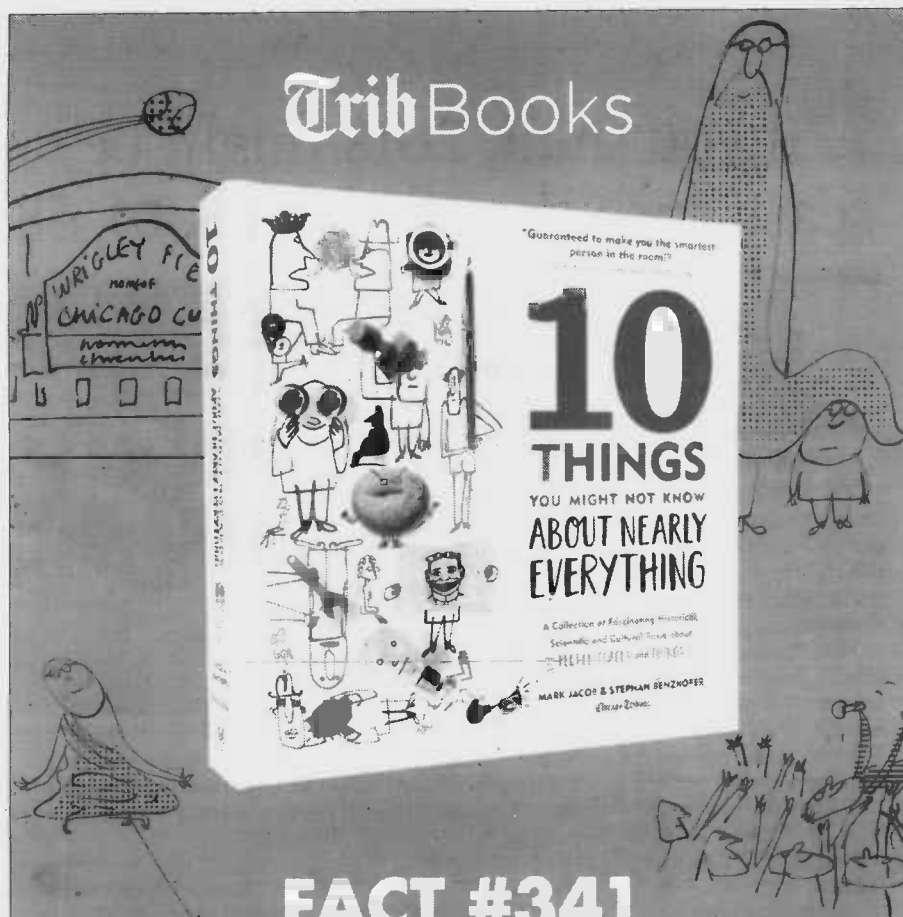
Looking back on that small sampling of what was happening in 1968, I'm thinking it will be hard for 2018 to match the angst that captured the nation during those 12 months of the Swinging Sixties. All that and more happened without the overriding presence of today's ever-reaching social media.

Of course, 2018 has the chance to match 1968 for blows to the body politic. There's 11 months until 2019, when at holiday parties yet to be planned, folks will gripe about what's in store for the new year and how terrifying they might become with another year of the Trump era under our collective belts.

In between, all sorts of comedy and tragedy may and probably will occur to frighten your collegians and grandchildren during their next 50 years. But until it does, let's not panic. Remember the lessons of '68, and we'll survive just fine.

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FACT #341

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OPINION

'Divorce' returns, toeing the line between darkness, light

I had mixed emotions last year when I heard Sarah Jessica Parker was starring in a new HBO show called "Divorce."

On one hand, it was tough to imagine Parker playing any role other than Carrie Bradshaw in "Sex and The City." I would love to imagine that Carrie and Big are still blissfully married, 14 years after the wildly successful comedy about four best friends living and dating in New York City ended. But at the same time, Parker is such a gifted and likable actor, I'd watch any show with her in it.

Season one of "Divorce" aired in the fall of 2016, and not only did viewers accept Parker as Frances DuFresne, a character who is completely unlike Bradshaw, but the show got picked up for a second season, which starts this Sunday. And, with the new season comes the show's new showrunner and executive producer, Jenny Bicks, who just happens to have been a writer, executive producer and Emmy-winner for "Sex and The City."

I spent some time talking with Bicks to learn more about "Divorce," and what we can expect in season two.

According to Bicks, "Divorce," a half-hour-long dark comedy, was created by producer Sharon Horgan, and Sarah Jessica Parker helped develop it. Both felt there was an appetite for an "anti-romance" that was unique.

"So many people are affected by divorce all the time and it was time to tell a story. I think the show did that well," said Bicks, who was also the executive producer for several TV shows including Showtime's "The Big C" and ABC's "Men in Trees." Bicks, 54, also wrote the screenplay for the 2017 feature film, "The Greatest Showman," which was a Golden Globe nominee for Best Motion Picture - Musical or Comedy.

Bicks referred to the first season of "Divorce" as "an explosion," as it begins when Frances and Robert DuFresne (played by Sarah Jessica Parker and Thomas Haden Church), an unhappy couple with two children, decide their marriage isn't working. They then endure the roller-coaster ride of becoming separated and going through a divorce. Bicks said season two is the aftermath.

"Now that the smoke has cleared and Frances and Robert are officially divorced, they are trying to figure out what they are left with and what makes them happy," she said. "This season is a more hopeful season. There's more joy and more possibilities. Even with a bad ending, there's al-



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ways a new beginning. If you are 45 or 50 and single, there's a world out there for you. It's not the end and you're not alone."

Bicks said we can expect season two to be a little bit more comedic, but that she still aimed to maintain the intensity and complexity of

the show.

"It was important not to make it so simple. This is not a goofy show," she said. "Tonally, I always walk the line between drama and comedy. I like to have a balance and that's what we did in 'Sex and The City.' We did outrageous, but in the end it was about grounded emotions and relationships. The goal is to tell stories in the most truthful way and the most unique way."

Bicks has never gone through a divorce, and neither has Parker nor Church, but Bicks said many of the cast and crew members either have or are children of divorce.

When asked what she hopes viewers will get from the show, Bicks said "Divorce" is a piece of entertainment meant for anyone (not just divorced people), and that viewers can expect some shocking moments.

"We've laid in little breadcrumbs for you," she said. "Just wait."

HBO gave me a sneak peak and I ended up watching four episodes of the new season. The story lines were realistic, and therefore occasionally depressing. That said, the show is peppered with some really funny moments. I actually laughed out loud quite a few times.

I also found myself relating to and rooting for the characters in their quest for happiness after divorce. And of course, Sarah Jessica Parker — even in her more serious role as Frances, still has the same likability that made you want to go out for a couple cosmos with her, Miranda, Samantha and Charlotte.

I couldn't help but ask Bicks, who has known Parker since 1997, what Parker's marriage to Matthew Broderick is like. The couple has three children.

"They are a really good example of a modern couple," Bicks said. "They both work hard, they adore their kids, they appreciate each other, and they have grown up together, too. They respect each other and they make each other laugh."

"Divorce," season two, premieres on Sunday, Jan. 14 on HBO at 9 p.m.

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Hundreds of thousands of people turned out for the Women's March on Washington on Jan. 21, 2017, a day after Donald Trump was sworn in as the 45th U.S. president.

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MY PET WORLD

Oral hygiene options for your dog and cat

By Cathy M. Rosenthal
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Q: My dog is 6½ years old and had to have her teeth cleaned about a year ago. Since then, I had started brushing her teeth almost every day, as the vet suggested. Now she will not let me get near her mouth to brush her teeth. She doesn't growl or try to bite, but has clearly grown tired of me brushing them. Are there other options out there to insure her teeth are being cleaned without having to brush them?

— Jennifer, Mineola, NY

A: While brushing your dog's teeth with an enzymatic toothpaste made just for dogs is the No. 1 way to maintain good oral hygiene, there are other options available to keep her mouth healthy and clean.

There are dental sprays, wipes and gels that you can apply to her teeth to reduce plaque and act as a preventative. There are dental toys with ridges that act like floss and massage gums; daily dental treats in the form of oral hygiene chews or dental sticks; and even additives you can add to her water bowl. There is even dental pet food she can eat that will help reduce plaque build-up. (Many of these same products are available for cats too.)

Try using a finger brush or gauze wrapped around your finger instead of a toothbrush to see if that is more acceptable to her. Your dog's sudden dislike of the toothbrush may also be related to a sensitive tooth or gum issue, so rule that out with your veterinarian as well.

Q: I just wanted you to be aware of a danger concerning cats swallowing sewing thread. A friend took her cat to the veterinarian because she was afraid the cat had swallowed a needle. X-rays



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If a toothbrush is unacceptable to your dog, there are alternative ways to keep their teeth in shape, including dental sprays, wipes and gels that you can apply to the teeth to reduce plaque and act as a preventative.

showed no needle, so the cat was sent home. The next day, the cat was much sicker. Emergency surgery revealed the cat swallowed sewing thread, which required the removal of 18 inches of intestine. The cat now has chronic diarrhea and must eat special food. Even though they missed the proper diagnosis, the vet charged my friend \$10,000 for the treatment and surgery. It seems that threads act like a knife, so be careful what your cat swallows. Plants are not the only thing that can be harmful to your cats.

— Nancy, Shoreham, New York

A: I can personally attest to your cautionary tale about sewing thread. I had a cat who once ate thread from a spool of thread on a sewing machine. I was only away from the machine for two minutes, but it was long enough for him to swallow enough thread to require emergency surgery. Sewing thread can cut like a knife, as you say, and injure organs, so a word to all cat parents: Don't leave sewing thread anywhere where your cat can get to it.

Q: You recently wrote a column about felines forming strong bonds, and it reminded me of my two cats. They were sisters, just weeks old when I acquired

them. After 16 years, one died, and the other one searched every corner of my apartment for more than six months. The situation was very sad. The other cat died the following year.

Now comes the part of the story I don't generally tell anyone because they wouldn't understand. I wanted to bury that cat with dignity and choose a beautiful spot in my parents' suburban rose garden. But the cat died in winter. When I lived in upstate New York, people who died in the winter would be "stored" until the spring thaws. Without telling my parents, I "stored" my beloved cat in the bottom of their chest freezer in a container marked with my name. They never excavated their chest freezer and never knew. In the spring, when they were away for the weekend, I successfully buried my cat in their rose garden.

— Jan, Wheaton, IL

A: It's not uncommon for bonded pets to experience grief when another pet dies, and clearly your two cats had a very strong bond. All you can do is love your pets when this happens in the hopes of helping them cope with their grief.

As for your cat's burial, I completely understand. During especially cold winters, it can be difficult to bury a pet in the ground until spring. I am glad you found a solution that allowed you to provide the rose garden burial you wanted for your feline.

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Reasons women persisted in 2017

Chicago Tribune

So many wondered, "What next?" after the Women's March kicked off 2017. Since then, women in the U.S. and around the globe have made great strides. Here's how:

The year kicked off with more than a million women and their supporters marching Jan. 21 for women's rights. Cities around the world held marches in a show of solidarity with the Women's March on Washington, where an estimated half a million marched a day after President Donald Trump was inaugurated.

On Jan. 28, tennis star Serena Williams won the Australian Open while pregnant, grabbing her 23rd Grand Slam singles title. Afterward, Williams had to endure criticism about her skills, body and pregnancy. At each turn, Williams showed why she's a cultural/feminist icon: She rose above the drama, showing poise and grace.

Susan Fowler, who had worked as a software engineer at Uber, wrote a 3,000-word blog post in February exposing rampant sexism and harassment at the ride-sharing company. That eventually led to the firing of 20 executives and the resignation of CEO Travis Kalanick. Many consider the situation to be a landmark moment for women in tech.

On Feb. 26, Viola Davis became the first black actor to join the "triple crown of acting" club, after her Oscar win for "Fences." To be included, an Emmy and Tony must also be awarded. Davis won an Emmy in 2015 for "How to Get Away With Murder" and Tony awards in 2001 and 2010 for "King Hedley II" and "Fences," respectively.

From athletic contests to political ones, entertainment to activism, women achieved milestones throughout the year



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An enormous crowd filled all parts of Grant Park and all the streets leading to it for the Women's March on Jan. 21, 2017.

International Women's Day on March 8 was the most talked-about moment of the year on Facebook (sorry, No. 2 Super Bowl). According to the social media giant, chatter around the globe doubled from last year, all in celebration of women and related issues. Also worth a mention, 500,000 people joined the Jan. 21 Women's March event on Facebook, making it the site's largest event of 2017.

In June, the 2017 Fortune 500 list included 32 female CEOs — more women than have ever appeared in the ranking since the list's inception in 1955. The number of women increased significantly from 2016's list, which featured just 21 women, and it also made history for including a Latina for the first time: PG&E's Geisha Williams.

In August, Nobel Prize-winning Pakistani activist Malala Yousafzai tweeted about her acceptance to the University of Oxford, five years after Taliban gunmen shot her for advocating for girls' right to an education. Yousafzai — who is the youngest Nobel laureate — said she planned to study philosophy, economics and politics.

Saudi Arabia announced in September that it will finally allow women to obtain driver's licenses. The change will take effect in June, thanks in part to the many Saudi women who participated in the #Women2Drive campaign. The movement used social media — including YouTube videos of women illegally driving — to gain support and force the change.

New York Times report-

ers Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey sparked a national conversation about sexual harassment in October, when they published a story detailing sexual misconduct allegations against Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein. Millions of women responded by sharing their own experiences of sexual harassment, using the hashtag #MeToo. Women also came forward to allege inappropriate sexual behavior by a series of high-profile men, including "Today" show host Matt Lauer, who was fired, and U.S. Sen. Al Franken, who resigned effective Jan. 2. Time magazine named "The Silence Breakers" its Person of the Year.

Women broke new ground in the Nov. 8 election — just look at the Virginia legislature, which now includes two Latinas,

an open lesbian, a female refugee from Vietnam and an open transgender woman. Several of those ousted were white men who had held office for years.

"Wonder Woman," directed by Patty Jenkins, became the highest-grossing superhero origin film of all time in November. Gal Gadot's Diana Prince had her detractors, but no one can deny the connection women had with the heroine, nor the battle cry that seemed to sum up the film: I am woman, hear me roar.

Ibtihaj Muhammad made history in Rio de Janeiro in 2016 as the first American athlete to compete in the Olympics while wearing a hijab. In November 2017, Mattel announced a new doll modeled on her likeness for the company's

Sheroes collection. That's two big wins for representation and breaking boundaries.

New Orleans is known for many things: Mardi Gras, scrumptious beignets, grand mansions dotting the Garden District. As of Nov. 18, the city can also be recognized for electing its first woman mayor, Democrat LaToya Cantrell, 45. A former City Council member, Cantrell pushed through a smoke-free ordinance at casinos and bars, which she said was to protect hospitality workers from secondhand smoke.

Certain things about Tiny Tim in "A Christmas Carol" never change. He is lovable and kindhearted, sickly and frail. This winter, in the Chicago Goodman Theatre's annual production, Tiny Tim is still the aforementioned — but with an extra X chromosome. Paris Strickland, 10, a fourth-grader who spent the first chunk of her life battling cancer, is the first girl to land the role. From what we hear, she nailed it.

African-American women were the superheroes of the U.S. Senate election Dec. 12 in Alabama. Determined to stop Republican Roy Moore — accused of being a pedophile and who also has a soiled record on civil rights — from winning the seat, black women turned out in a higher percentage than any other group. Ninety-eight percent of them voted for Democrat Doug Jones, giving him a narrow victory in a solidly red state.

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BOOKS



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Is reinventing the book needed?

By John Warner
Chicago Tribune

Having forged a virtual monopoly on the e-book market, purchased Whole Foods to extend its empire into the brick-and-mortar world and achieved earnings that have made Jeff Bezos the richest man in the world (\$90 billion net worth), Amazon's next mission is, apparently, to revolutionize the book.

This is according to David Pierce, writing in *Wired*, who charts the 10-year arc of the Kindle from weird- and clunky-looking to slim and waterproof. Pierce sees a "crossroads" for the device, where one mission is to "perfectly mimic a paper book," and the other "to extend and improve the reading experience."

One option will be to make the Kindle more "like paper" — flexible, crumpleable. A digitally connected sheet on which text of any kind can be downloaded seems inevitable.

But the other potential path imagines books as a wholly new form, an "improved" version of the book, and one Amazon is uniquely positioned to enact with its stranglehold on digital distribution.

I wish them luck, I suppose, but count me a skeptic on their chances at improving on the physical book, one of the most durable technologies around. It was supposed to have been killed off multiple

times in relatively recent history, first by the motion picture and then by the Kindle.

But e-book sales have stabilized, perhaps even declined: E-books account for about 25 percent of all books and roughly 50 percent of fiction sales, according to Nielsen.

Our brains appear to be hard-wired to respond to stories, and reading appears to be a uniquely powerful way to experience narrative. Martin Puchner's recently released "The Power of Stories to Shape People, History, Civilization" makes a case that stories are the building blocks of civilization itself, that literature has "shaped the lives of most humans on planet Earth."

On its release, the Kindle was touted as an improved version of the book, but many readers remained loyal to the physical object. Others — and I'm among them — were initial Kindle enthusiasts but gradually migrated back to physical books. Now, I read only digital copies when physical copies are otherwise unavailable. The Kindle revolution is about ease of distribution, not an improved format.

"The Silent History," a 2012 collaboration by Eli Horowitz, Matthew Derby and Kevin Moffett, sold as an app, was billed a "groundbreaking novel" that uses "serialization, exploration, and collaboration" and included location-based content triggered when you were near the site described in the text. A fascinating experi-

ment — and well ahead of its time — it failed to announce a revolution in the reading experience anymore than Pokemon Go has permanently revolutionized gaming.

While these hypothetical book innovations could easily integrate various interactive elements, each of those changes moves whatever this new thing is further away from its life as a book.

John Gardner argued that fiction should read like a "vivid and continuous dream," and it is hard to imagine any kind of technological enhancement that would improve on what books deliver.

Books are *already* a virtual reality experience with the capability of separating us from our senses of time and place. This technology works on humans of every age, even from before we can read the words for ourselves.

I'm not betting against the engineers at Amazon creating something interesting. At best, I think they may devise something that functions like 3-D technology at the movies, a kind of fun add-on for certain movies at certain times, but nothing that offers fundamental change.

When it comes to books, nothing is broken that needs innovating.

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Book recommendations from the Biblioracle

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

1. "The Alice Network" by Kate Quinn
2. "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood
3. "Born a Crime: Stories From a South African Childhood" by Trevor Noah
4. "Bruno, Chief of Police" by Martin Walker
5. "My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry" by Fredrik Backman — Nancy S., Bloomington, Ill., on behalf of the BALS GALS book group

Dennis Lehane's "Since We Fell" feels like a good fit here.

1. "Bryant and May on the Loose" by Christopher Fowler
2. "Beartown" by Fredrik Backman
3. "Saints for All Occasions" by J. Courtney Sullivan
4. "Catalina Eddy" by Daniel Pyne
5. "Just Another Day in Paradise" by A.E. Maxwell — Jan N., Mount Prospect

Jan looks like she has the mystery side of her reading self covered, so I'm giving her something for the other half: "The White Tiger" by Aravind Adiga.

1. "Lincoln in the Bardo" by George Saunders
2. "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng
3. "Pieces of Happiness" by Anne Ostby
4. "After This" by Alice McDermott
5. "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles — Phyllis C., Mount Prospect

I'm wondering if Phyllis has read Hilary Mantel's masterful "Wolf Hall." If so, she should write me back and tell me how on target this recommendation is.

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ASK THE DOCTORS

No matter the time of day, always wear sunscreen

By Dr. Eve Glazier and Dr. Elizabeth Ko

Ask The Doctors

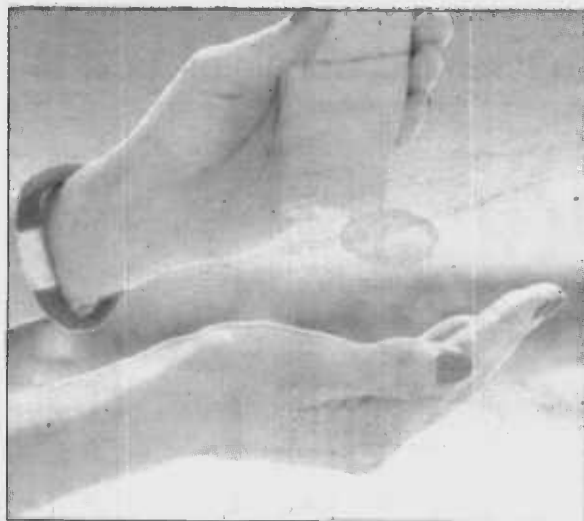
Dear Doctor: Because I have fair skin and live in an area with a lot of sun, I try to do my outdoor activities early in the day (before 9 a.m.) or late in the afternoon (after 4 p.m.). Do I still need to wear sunscreen?

Dear Reader: In a word, yes. If your goal is to protect your skin from sun damage, which includes sunburn, wrinkles and a range of cancers, our advice is to wear sunscreen during the daylight hours. In fact, research now shows that even a light tan is a sign of sun damage.

This dawn-to-dusk timing for sunscreen application may seem counterintuitive; after all, sunlight looks and feels markedly weaker during the early morning and late afternoon than at midday. While it's true that the sun's rays are strongest between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., the fact is that from the moment it appears above the horizon to the instant it vanishes from sight, our closest star is sending a full dose of skin-damaging ultraviolet radiation our way.

How can that be? Sun damage is caused by two types of radiation — ultraviolet A and B, better known as UVA and UVB. These are part of a broad spectrum of light, which includes the light we can see. But because ultraviolet rays are shorter than rays of visible light, they can't be seen with the naked eye. However, what you can't see definitely can hurt you.

The so-called "sunburn ray" is UVB. It has a slightly shorter wavelength than UVA, and is



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Remember to apply sunscreen throughout the day.

not as concentrated in the early morning and late afternoon. The highest amounts of UVB radiation reach us between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in the months of April through October. And while UVB accounts for only 5 to 10 percent of all UV radiation that reaches us, it plays a key part in the onset of skin cancer.

By contrast, UVA maintains the same intensity all day, which makes dawn-to-dusk sunscreen use important. UVA is responsible for signs of aging, such as wrinkles and dark spots. It also damages certain cells in the basal layer of the epidermis, which is where most skin cancers form. In the past, UVA was absolved of a cancer connection. Now, however, researchers believe that it plays a role in cellular changes that lead to cancer.

The other thing to know is that UVA can penetrate clouds and glass. When you're riding in a car, sitting near a window or spending time outdoors in poor weather, you're still in the path of UVA rays. Reflective surfaces,

such as water, snow, ice and glass, refract up to 80 percent of the UVA and UVB rays that hit them. That means you're getting close to a double dose of the sun's harmful rays. And don't forget that the sun's rays become more potent at higher altitudes.

Our final word of advice is to be sure to use sunscreen rated for both UVA and UVB radiation. It will be clearly marked on the label. Use it generously and reapply according to product instructions. Your skin will thank you.

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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Cocoa in oatmeal may help ease arthritis pain

By Joe Graedon and Teresa Graedon

King Features Syndicate

Q: After reading that dark chocolate has health benefits, I learned to enjoy it. Eating it didn't reduce my arthritis aches, though.

Then I read in the newspaper that researchers discovered that gut microbes convert some chocolate ingredients into anti-inflammatory compounds.

Apparently, 2 tablespoons of cocoa powder a day is sufficient. This must be plain 100 percent cocoa powder, such as is used in baking, not Dutch-processed cocoa.

Chemist John Finley, the researcher, said he avoids the sugar and fat that would come from eating so much chocolate candy by putting cocoa in his oatmeal. Since following his example, I've rarely had arthritis pain.

A: Your letter sent us on a search for Dr. Finley's research. We found a press release regarding Bifidobacterium in the digestive tract producing anti-inflammatory compounds by fermenting cocoa powder. Other research has demonstrated that cocoa compounds can reduce immunoglobulin secretion in the intestine (Frontiers in Nutrition, June 27, 2017). This research demonstrated a benefit in experimental arthritis in rats, but we don't have clinical trials in humans.

We are delighted to learn how well you are doing by adding 2 tablespoons of cocoa to your morning oatmeal. We have documented a number of other nondrug approaches to alleviating arthritis pain in our new 104-page book "The Graedons' Guide to Alternatives for Arthritis." It



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Cocoa powder may help ease arthritis pain, but there have been no known clinical trials on humans.

may be purchased at www.PeoplesPharmacy.com.

Q: I used Advair to treat my asthma for several years. Bit by bit, I started getting hoarse. It got so bad that people constantly were asking me to repeat myself, and no one could understand me over the phone.

I stopped using Advair, and the hoarseness went away, but my breathing got worse. Do you know of a solution?

A: Inhaled corticosteroids and bronchodilators are a cornerstone for treating breathing problems like asthma and COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease). Drugs like Advair (fluticasone plus salmeterol), Breo (fluticasone plus vilanterol) and Symbicort (budesonide plus formoterol) have become very popular. They are a convenient way to relieve airway inflammation and make breathing easier.

Inhaled steroids are less likely to cause systemic side effects, such as osteoporosis, diabetes and low potassium, than oral drugs like prednisone. However, many people report hoarseness or other voice problems as a side effect (Journal of Voice, May 2017). Unfortunately, researchers have made little, if any, progress on understanding

and treating this problem.

Patients often are advised to gargle after inhaling their medicine. It is not clear, though, that this is particularly effective.

Q: I had a hideous cold with a racking cough on a layover at the Amsterdam airport about 20 years ago. I went to the pharmacy for help and was given a cough medicine that tasted exactly like a thymol-based cough syrup that worked well on chronic bronchitis when I was a kid. This Dutch elixir worked just as well. I'm guessing oil of thyme may be the magical ingredient.

A: Thymol, essential oil of thyme, is an effective cough suppressant. To make your own thyme cough syrup at home, here is Dr. Tieraona Low Dog's recipe:

Add 2 tablespoons dried thyme to 1 cup near-boiling water and steep for 10 minutes. Strain and add 1 teaspoon of lemon juice and 1/2 cup organic honey. Take 1 tablespoon as needed. Store in the refrigerator.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

By Megan McDonough
The Washington Post

Rich colors. Concrete and copper sinks. Light fixtures from eras long past. These are just a few of the 2018 home interior trend predictions recently released by design platform Houzz.

The site's forecast, derived from conversations with industry experts as well as trends noticed among its 40 million monthly users, gives an early glimpse of what we might see in our homes — and on our social media feeds.

Houzz editor and writer Mitchell Parker spoke about Houzz's conclusions, and why these particular trends are gaining traction.

1. More colorful kitchens

Although white will always be a classic color for kitchen design, homeowners are shying away from bland hues and injecting rich colors, such as warm wood tones (example: mahogany) and neutrals (example: grays and blues), into the space to give it a warm, fresh and distinctive feel.

Social sites such as Instagram, Pinterest and Houzz have exposed homeowners to “what’s possible, what looks fun and what they can personalize themselves,” Parker said, and have encouraged them to be bigger risk-takers when it comes to color.

2. Rich tones throughout the home

Warm grays paired with “camel, rust, tobacco (and) brown-blacks,” as well as earthy reds and yellows, are expected to edge out cooler neutrals in the coming year.

“These rich colors are not like the avocado green and mustard colors from the 1970s. They won’t date quickly,” Parker said. “They are rich, moody and work well in home environments where you want a soothing

Deep hues, different sinks, simple bedrooms

10 home design trends expected to take hold, or hold on, in 2018



KIMBERLEY BRYAN/HOUZZ

Vintage light fixtures are making a comeback as crafty home do-it-yourselfers outfit retro fixtures with new technology.

and diverse mix of colors and textures.”

3. The end of white sinks

The modern farmhouse style will continue to flourish in 2018 and spread to the bathroom. Parker predicts that there will be “more concrete, stone, copper and granite composite sinks in darker hues of gray, bronze or black.”

“As people set out to personalize their spaces, they are kind of bored with seeing a white sink all of the time,” Parker said. The rustic home decor trend is “waking people up to trying something new and different.”

It harks back to simpler times, he said, “and that feeling of simplicity can be very calming in a home



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environment.”

4. Florals

The tropical palm print may have flooded your Instagram feeds this year, but people aren't yet tired

of eye-catching, oversized graphic florals. Houzz expects even more interpretations of over-scaled floral patterns, in high-contrast colors, in the new year.

5. Vintage lighting

Vintage light fixtures, including sconces, lanterns, pendants and chandeliers, are making a comeback as crafty home do-it-yourselfers outfit retro fixtures with new technology. Those searching for vintage fixtures might have luck on sites like Etsy and 1stdibs.

6. Trough or bucket sinks

Another sign the modern farmhouse trend isn't dying in 2018: Houzz predicts that deep, wide and durable trough and bucket sinks will continue to be popular in the new year. Used commonly in busy laundry rooms and kids' bathrooms, these long, narrow and low-maintenance sinks can help create a rustic

aesthetic and maximize minimal space.

7. Concrete accents

Step aside, white marble — it's concrete's time to steal the spotlight.

“It's a really affordable, high-impact design element,” Parker said.

Already used for floors and countertops, the versatile, accessible material is now being utilized in more interesting and unexpected ways, including in home accessories, such as pendant lighting and furniture.

“We're seeing new uses (of it) on all kinds of hardscaping surfaces,” Parker added. “On anything you can think of, people are casting it.”

8. Millwork feature walls and detailing

The ease and availability of millwork has helped increase its demand and popularity in the design world. “Before, if you wanted to find millwork or reclaimed wood, you really had to know where to go and find somebody who was good at working with it,” Parker said. “Now, you can DIY it, and put it right against the drywall behind your bed to create a feature wall.”

9. Wallpaper-like backsplash

Looking to refresh your kitchen or bathroom? Stay away from subway or hexagon tiles and instead consider contemporary tiles that look like wood, concrete, resin, fabric or even wallpaper.

10. Casual and calm modern bedrooms

Homeowners are running with the “less is more” notion in the master bedroom and opting for more modern and minimalist furnishings. Instead of bold and busy colors, soothing, neutral color palettes are expected to reign supreme, along with soft fabrics and simple furniture pieces.



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FIVE IN A ROW: Making for some unusual clusters

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Across

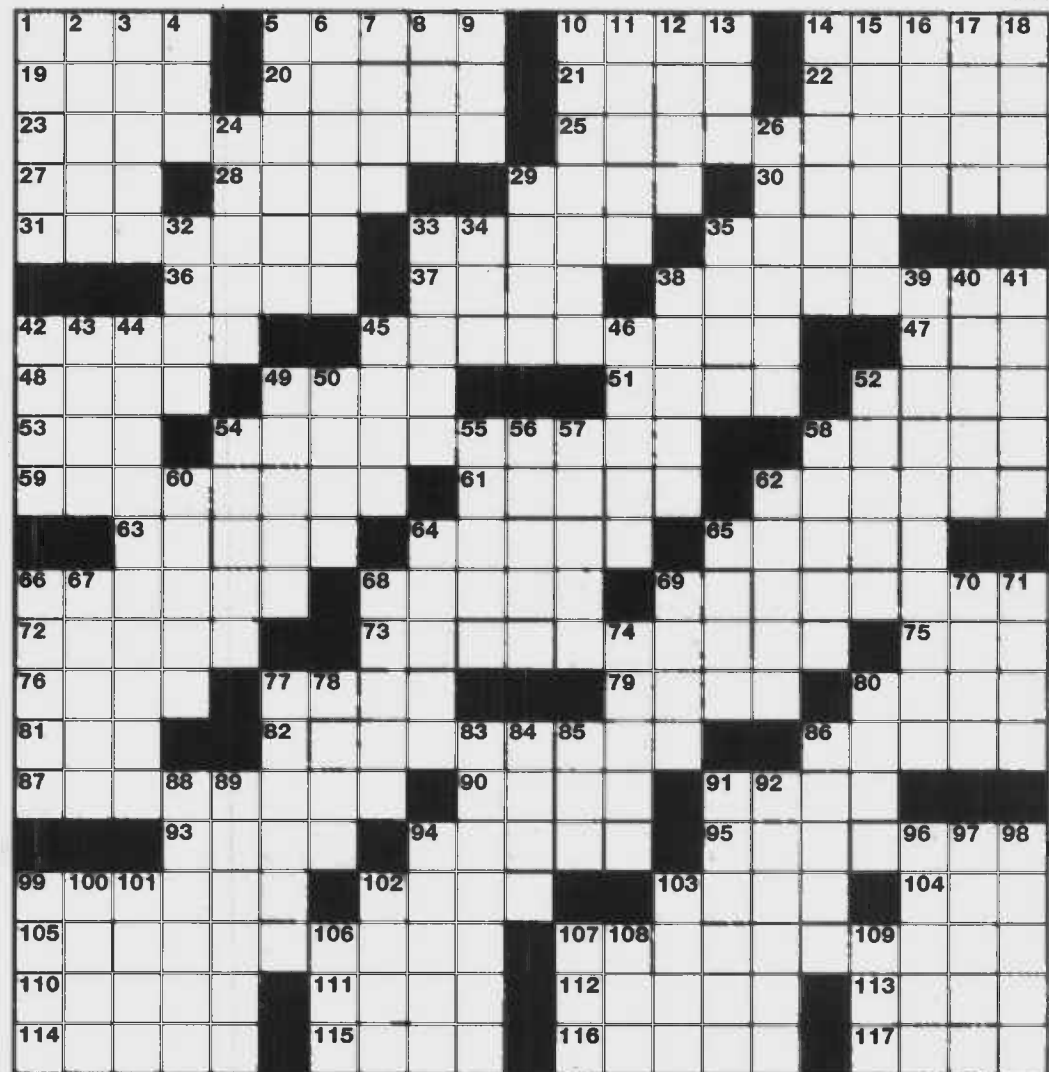
- 1 Place for prehistoric paintings
5 Florida Disney attraction
10 Padlock fastener
14 --garde
19 Tons and tons
20 Raptor's gripper
21 With 33 Across, 1820s engineering marvel
22 Barbecue spot
23 Sorcery
25 Beginning of many biographies
27 Poetic time of day
28 Sailor's call
29 Historical spans
30 Passed over, as a syllable
31 Jeered at
33 See 21 Across
35 Corp. leader
36 To a high degree
37 German-based automaker
38 Sealed
42 Global extremes
45 Apt filmdom rhyme for "unseen"
47 -- shoestring (cheaply)
48 Mine extractions
49 Part of many a superhero's costume
51 Henry Ford rival
52 Make fun of
53 Novelist Deighton
54 Epistolary afterthought
58 Initial extra inning
59 Pilots' journals
61 Is optimistic

Down

- 62 Goes after
63 Canvas coverings
64 Kid-lit elephant
65 A little wet
66 Painter's pigments
68 Had a go.at
69 Collected, as praise
72 Stares (at)
73 Acrobatic maneuver
75 Quarterback Manning
76 San -- Obispo, CA
77 Slalom gear
79 Early pop-music idol Vallée
80 Gravelly voice
81 Half a figure eight
82 Gig for a comic
86 Seethes
87 Pizza adjective
90 Weather for 63 Across
91 Leave quickly, so to speak
93 Track circuits
94 Photo's dull finish
95 Crime stats
99 Drill sergeant's order
102 Food-truck fare
103 Sale stipulation
104 Source for beer or water
105 Metaphor for thinness
107 One way to swim
110 Convex navel
111 Natural emollient
112 Concur
113 Place for a roast
114 Wall-frame timbers
115 Compromise
116 Bassoons and oboes
117 Minister (to)

Down

- 1 Sounded like a raven
2 Still a possible winner
3 Electorate member
4 List shortcut
5 Acid artisan
6 Satirical imitation
7 Pottery material
8 Comics sound effect
9 Blaster's supply
10 Of Israel's language
11 Sans-serif computer font
12 Round Table figures
13 Adopt-a-thon adoptee
14 Sources of sauces
15 Hand luggage
16 Just -- (not much)
17 Well-mannered
18 -- the line (obeyed)
24 Greek underworld
26 Wetlands waders
29 Outer limits
32 Currier's partner
33 Casual eateries
34 "-- Wiedersehen!"
35 Beseached
38 Boston NBAers
39 With the current
40 Join forces
41 Maze options
42 Straw vote
43 Small, sweet sandwich
44 Moving across
45 Declines, with "out"
46 Rodeo contestant
49 Hens' pens
50 Seeks clarification
52 Annoy playfully



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- 54 Holes in a sponge
55 Many-store retail operation
56 Clad like a grad
57 Some Galaxy competitors
58 What a noun may be
60 Sounds from pounds
62 Cliché-ridden
64 Overly assertive
65 Hotel employee

- 66 Stared at
67 Give rise to
68 Fryer serving
69 Ranch fare
70 Besides that
71 Downturns
74 Danish flavor
77 Takes potshots
78 Chocolate treat
80 Preside over
83 Followed closely
84 Julius Caesar opponent

- 85 English class, for short
86 Leading the pack
88 Tranquil
89 Hurries (off)
91 Soaked up sun
92 Crops up
94 Central Georgia city
96 113 Across adjunct, often
97 No longer vacant
98 While away

- 99 Israeli author Oz
100 Fully stretched
101 Julius Caesar rebuke
102 Solar heating square
103 Ranch measure
106 Unpaid total
107 Place to run a 106 Down
108 Historical span
109 Turn bad

Quote-Acrossic

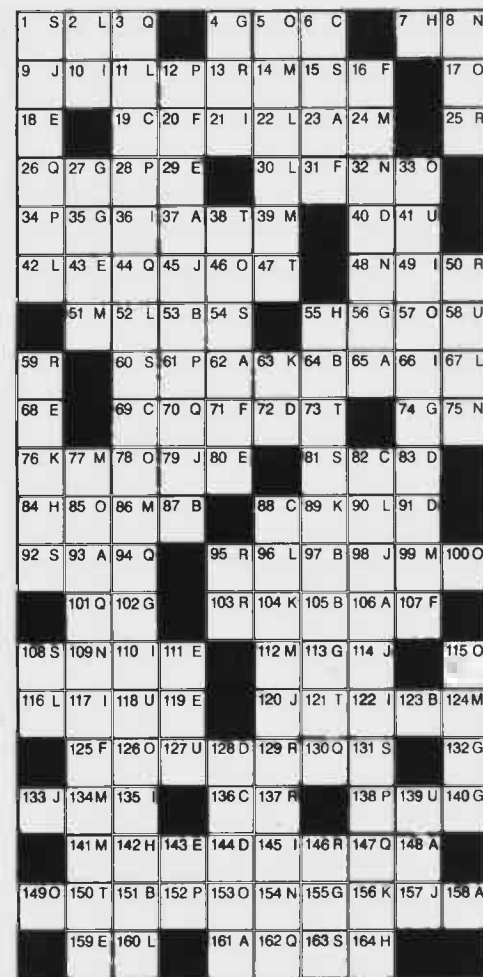
1. Define clues, writing in Words column over numbered dashes.
2. Transfer letters to numbered squares in diagram.
3. When pattern is completed, quotation can be read left to right. The first letters of the filled-in words reading down form an acrostic yielding the speaker's name and the topic of the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

Clues

- | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| A. Revolving tray: 2 wds. | 161 | 62 | 65 | 148 | 158 | 23 | 106 | 37 | 93 | |
| B. 'Moby-Dick's' narrator | 64 | 53 | 123 | 97 | 105 | 87 | 151 | | | |
| C. Dark beer style | 19 | 136 | 88 | 69 | 6 | 82 | | | | |
| D. Easy winner: hyph. | 72 | 91 | 128 | 83 | 144 | 40 | | | | |
| E. Textiles for sale: 2 wds. | 111 | 43 | 29 | 119 | 68 | 18 | 159 | 143 | 80 | |
| F. Praised or puffed | 125 | 31 | 20 | 107 | 71 | 16 | | | | |
| G. Bulldozer or backhoe | 27 | 4 | 113 | 102 | 56 | 132 | 155 | 74 | 140 | 35 |
| H. Headdress or joint | 84 | 7 | 55 | 164 | 142 | | | | | |
| I. All | 36 | 117 | 110 | 21 | 135 | 10 | 49 | 66 | 145 | 122 |
| J. Atlantic arm: 2 wds. | 79 | 98 | 120 | 45 | 157 | 9 | 114 | 133 | | |

Words

- | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| K. Set of steps | 76 | 156 | 89 | 63 | 104 | | | | | | |
| L. 'Spiderman' movie star | 30 | 116 | 42 | 2 | 22 | 160 | 11 | 96 | 67 | 90 | 52 |
| M. Leave behind | 141 | 99 | 14 | 86 | 77 | 39 | 124 | 112 | 134 | 51 | 24 |
| N. Small sea mollusk | 32 | 109 | 75 | 48 | 154 | 8 | | | | | |
| O. 'Young Americans' star | 33 | 85 | 149 | 46 | | | | | | | |
| | 153 | 78 | 100 | 115 | 57 | 5 | 17 | 126 | | | |
| P. Thin down | 34 | 28 | 152 | 12 | 138 | 61 | | | | | |
| Q. Most helpful: hyph. | 147 | 162 | 130 | 26 | 44 | 70 | 101 | 3 | 94 | | |
| R. Valid | 50 | 95 | 137 | 59 | 13 | 25 | 129 | 146 | 103 | | |
| S. Consequence | 92 | 163 | 108 | 15 | 60 | 1 | 81 | 54 | 131 | | |
| T. Watered pattern | 38 | 150 | 121 | 47 | 73 | | | | | | |
| U. Beach | 58 | 139 | 41 | 127 | 118 | | | | | | |



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Sport Talk

BY CHARLES PRESTON

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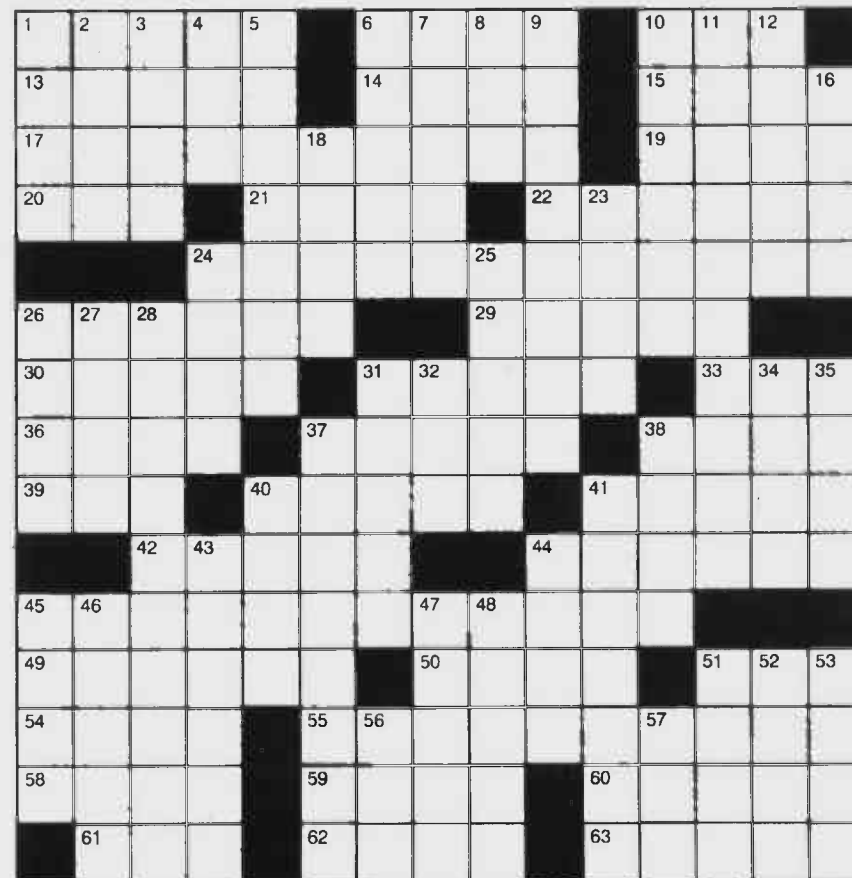
- 1 Father, in Britain
- 6 Entertainment
- 10 Selfishness
- 13 Where Apia is
- 14 Hebrew letter: var.
- 15 French pronoun
- 17 Acquiring
- 19 Otherwise
- 20 Feminine ending
- 21 Disgruntled
- 22 Temper
- 24 Designed for amateur construction
- 26 Air-raid precaution
- 29 Coalition
- 30 Not likely
- 31 Malodorous
- 33 Undiluted
- 36 Annoyingly slow
- 37 Helmsman
- 38 Where Cienfuegos is
- 39 Direction: abbr.
- 40 Ledge of rocks
- 41 Common mosquito
- 42 Baseball larceny
- 44 Two points, in football

- 45 Overtime pay
- 49 Have ___ : be merciful
- 50 Leisure's opposite
- 51 French pal
- 54 Family monogram
- 55 In every direction
- 58 Underdone
- 59 Repair
- 60 Distinct parts
- 61 Transp. systems
- 62 Utters
- 63 Garden violet

Down

- 1 Reddish color
- 2 GIs' addresses
- 3 Mix and Tryon
- 4 Samuel's teacher: Bib.
- 5 Becomes exhausted
- 6 Go around
- 7 Term of endearment
- 8 Make a choice
- 9 Mystery story
- 10 Nonetheless
- 11 Christian precept
- 12 European blackbird
- 16 Bondman

- 18 Conduct one's affairs
- 23 Jejune
- 24 Stupid: var.
- 25 From among
- 26 Deceive
- 27 Participating
- 28 Celebrates
- 31 Playing area
- 32 English unit of length
- 34 Deter's opposite
- 35 Plastic
- 37 Apparitions
- 38 Buffet
- 40 Wither
- 41 Phones
- 43 Harasses
- 44 Windmill part
- 45 Himalayan wild goat
- 46 ___ tell: it is rumored
- 47 ___ rate: at least
- 48 Contains
- 51 An uproar
- 52 Shea Stadium denizens
- 53 Suburb of Paris
- 56 Teachers' grp.
- 57 ___ nutshell



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Plush Material

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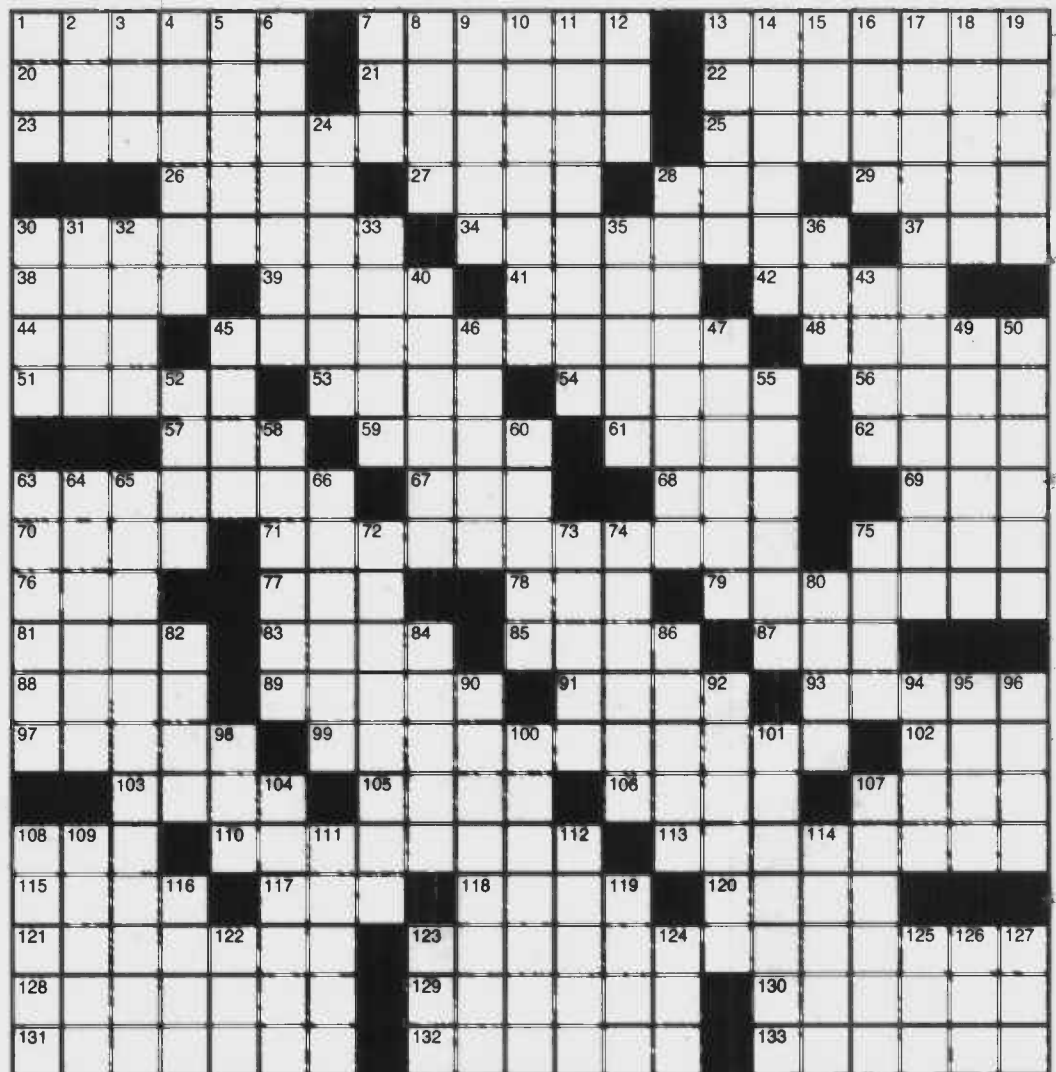
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Across

- 1 "I'm waiting ..."
 7 "Volunteers?"
 13 Bobbing refuse
 20 Word with man or dope
 21 Like typical laundromats
 22 Affluent San Diego community
 23 Tolerate shrubland?
 25 Crowd-drawing bars
 26 Ancient queen, familiarly
 27 Pot for paella
 28 Sicilian six
 29 Sports figure
 30 Sewer needs
 34 Hates
 37 MLB set a season record for them in 2017
 38 Times to call, in ads
 39 Markers
 41 Submerged threat
 42 Office supply quantity
 44 Term in wrestling or bowling
 45 .3 rings?
 48 Doctor's orders
 51 Receiver of many letters
 53 Actress Kathryn
 54 Pocket breads
 56 BCS org.
 57 Franklin's 1936 opponent
 59 Spanish coin
 61 Local pic shower
 62 Distress signal?
 63 One who's learned
 67 Pres. after USG
 68 Langley org.
 69 Online exchange, briefly
 70 Troon turndowns
 71 Texas team's fair exhibit?
 75 Basie's "___Clock Jump"
 76 Director DuVernay
 77 Actor Vigoda
 78 Bard's dusk
 79 Lumber mill workers
 81 BOLO target
 83 It can be hammered out
 85 Runway adornment
 87 "___ me ae spark o' Nature's fire": Burns
 88 London's ___ Modern
 89 Some Deco works
 91 Sea, with "the"
- 93 Maestro Georg
 97 Different
 99 Loyalty from a farm bird?
- 102 Overtake in a race, in a way
 103 Grammy winner Jason
 105 Schoolmarmish
 106 One given to forward looks
 107 Similar
 108 East Lansing sch.
 110 "How clever of you!"
 113 Office supplies, or, minus a letter, a supplier of them
 115 Nashville attraction
 117 Spanish 116-Down
 118 Howard's wife, to the Fonz
 120 Letters before a view
 121 Half of nothing new?
 123 Successful religious conversion?
 128 Peru neighbor
 129 "The Wind in the Willows" croaker
 130 Shamed
 131 Saw-toothed
 132 Blouse partners
 133 Already-seen fare
- 33 Bolivian capital
 35 Red Square honoree
 36 ___ roles
 40 Literally, "under city"
 43 Ponte Vecchio's river
 45 See the bet
 46 ___Croatian
 47 They're hard to break
 49 Whine
 50 Decision makers have them
 52 New Mexico art hub
 55 Witch enemy of Popeye
 58 False front
 60 "Without a doubt"
 63 Acknowledge the brass
 64 Admonition
 65 Sound from a dying fire?
 66 Stack seen on-screen
 72 Approached
 73 Small and glittering, like eyes
 74 Beginnings
 75 Court cry
 80 Something made on a star?
 82 Jury member
 84 Country singer Gibbs
 86 Glass-raised word
 90 Accident investigation clue
 92 ___ license
 94 Sommer of "The Prize"
 95 Animal house
 96 Hosp. personnel
 98 Headed up
 100 Academic retirees
 101 Ore carrier
 104 Gung-ho type
 107 10-time Gold Glove winner Roberto
 108 Early receiver of tablets
 109 ___ bar
 111 Netman Agassi
 112 Fur tycoon
 114 Suffix with xen-
 116 English 117-Across
 119 Series of 69-Across
 122 "Ghost" psychic ___ Mae Brown
 123 Radio settings
 124 Reasons for some sportscast split screens
 125 Big Ten sch.
 126 Novelist Deighton
 127 Picks out of a mug book

Down

- 1 "___ some visitor, I muttered ...": Poe
 2 ___ farm
 3 TV awareness-raiser
 4 Colors
 5 Confuse
 6 Teenage Russian emperor (1727-1730)
 7 Pitching staff leader
 8 Acronymic NYC neighborhood
 9 Give in
 10 Ready
 11 "Shh!"
 12 N.T. book
 13 Paper under a wiper
 14 Man-made Georgia lake
 15 Screwdriver parts, for short
 16 Best
 17 Apparatus that breeds laziness?
 18 Union setting
 19 Spinnaker holders
 24 Writer ___ de Balzac
 28 Tortilla treat
 30 Livens (up)
 31 Nike competitor
 32 N.C. neighbor

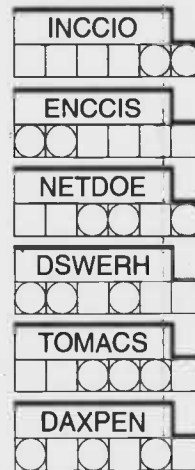


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Jumble

Unscramble the six Jumbles, one letter per square, to form six words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

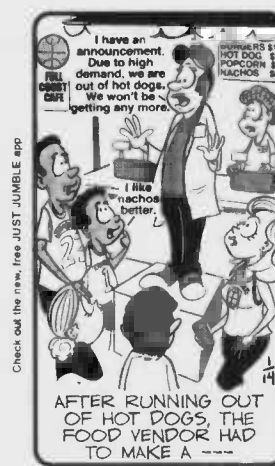


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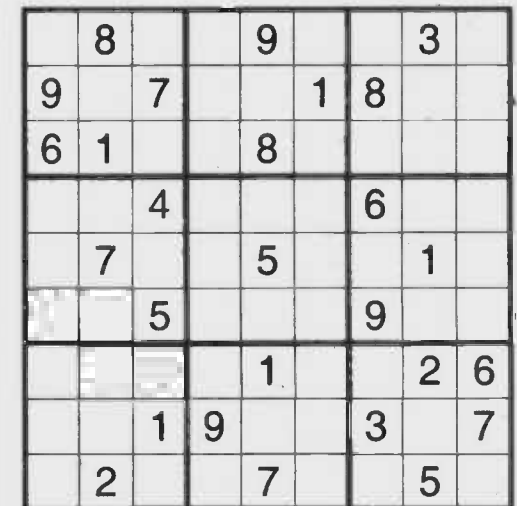
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Sudoku

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

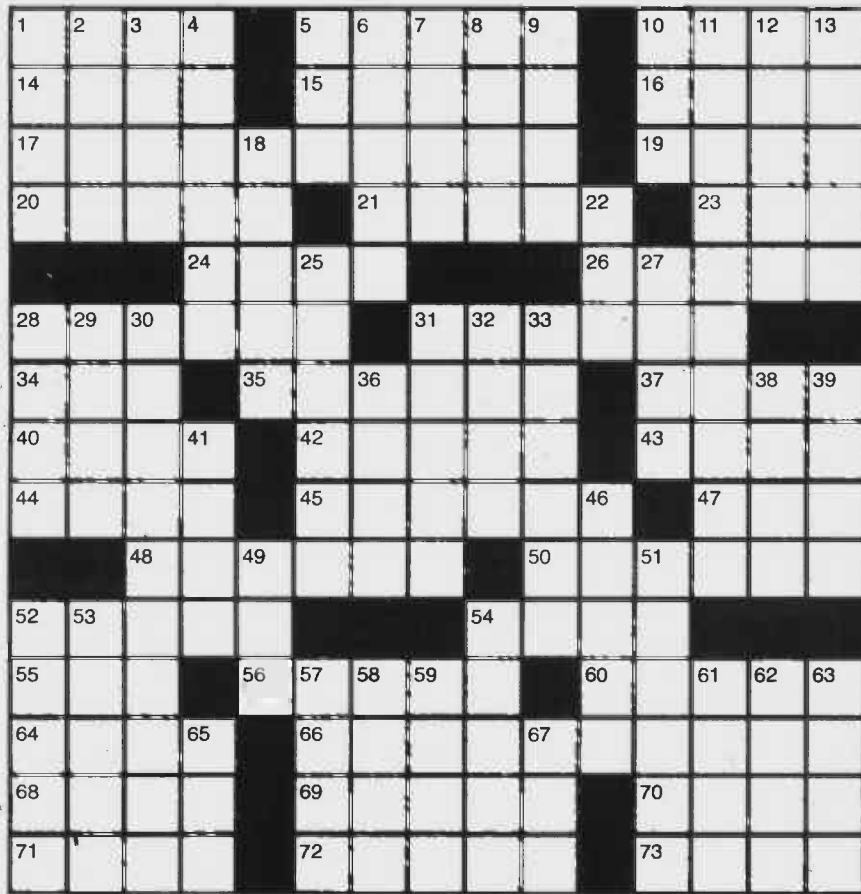
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Crossword



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1/17/18

ACROSS

- 1 Burrowing critter
- 5 From China or Japan, e.g.
- 10 Insulting remark
- 14 Middle-__; neither young nor old
- 15 Actress Greta
- 16 Bring on board
- 17 Willing to betray one's nation
- 19 Flows back
- 20 Makes __; is logical
- 21 __ long run; ultimately
- 23 Pack __; hoarder
- 24 Cheerios ingredients
- 26 Waterbirds
- 28 Bodily position; posture
- 31 Error remover
- 34 St. Joan of __
- 35 Recluse
- 37 Select
- 40 City in Texas
- 42 Fang
- 43 Story
- 44 Tater
- 45 Respect highly
- 47 Religious sister
- 48 Evening party

DOWN

- 2 Villain
- 3 __ Cuisine; frozen food brand
- 4 Rival of Tesla
- 5 In the past
- 6 Calcutta robes
- 7 Common metal
- 8 Border on
- 9 Have a snack
- 10 That woman
- 11 Folks who work amid books
- 12 Not rural
- 13 Sits for a spell
- 18 Instruct
- 22 Curvy letter
- 25 Wobble

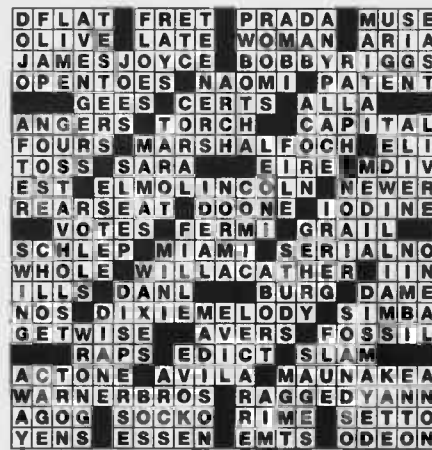
Solutions



- 14 Middle-__; neither young nor old
- 15 Actress Greta
- 16 Bring on board
- 17 Willing to betray one's nation
- 19 Flows back
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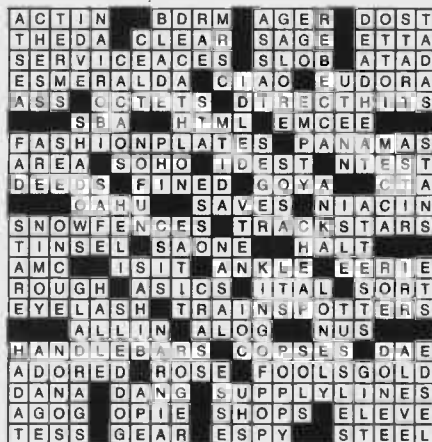
"A CENTURY AGO"



"Deep Freeze"



"According to Your Résumé ..."



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Last week's Quote-Acrostic

J(ennifer) WEINER: TOO DUMB TO CHEAT: I stared in shock and heartbreak as my sister, who should have known better, surrendered a small jar of crunchy peanut butter that she'd attempted to carry on the plane; they did let her keep the Nutella.

Last week's Sudoku

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

This week's Jumble

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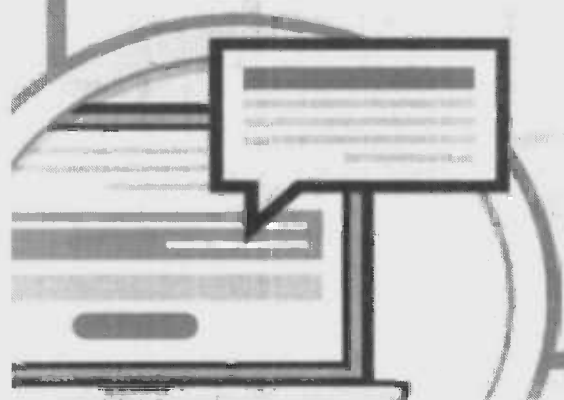


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COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC
Plaintiff,

vs.
IN SOOK NA, YONG S. NA, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION
SYSTEMS, INC., UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS,
Defendants

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Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause intercounty
Judicial Sales Corporation will on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at the
hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A,
Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as
set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
Commonly known as 8926 N. Neenah Avenue, Morton Grove, IL 60053.
P.I.N. 10-18-414-010.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.
If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest
community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall
pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of
the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds,
within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for in-
spection.

For information call Mr. Eric Malnar at Plaintiff's Attorney, Quintairo,
Pietro, Wood & Boyer, P.A., 233 South Wacker Drive, Chicago, Illinois
60606, (312) 566-0040.

INTERCOUNTY JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION

Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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1/11/2018, 1/18/2018, 1/25/2018 5388085

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, NA F/K/A HARRIS, N.A. S/B/M HARRIS TRUST AND
SAVINGS BANK
Plaintiff,

vs.
PANAGIOTA S. GIANNOULIAS, MATRIX HOLDINGS USA LP, STANDARD
BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, MB FINANCIAL BANK N.A., UNKNOWN
OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants

17 CH 562
3725 WHIRLAWAY DRIVE
Northbrook, IL 60062

NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Fore-
closure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 28, 2017,
an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 10:30 AM on March
1, 2018, at The Judicial Sales Corporation, One South Wacker Drive,
CHICAGO, IL, 60606, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set
forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 3725 WHIRLAWAY DRIVE, Northbrook, IL 60062
Property Index No. 04-18-404-012-0000.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$464,675.27.

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

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

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

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

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OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE
ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

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For information, contact Plaintiff's attorney, EGAN & ALAILY LLC, 321
NORTH CLARK STREET, SUITE 1430, Chicago, IL 60654, (312) 253-8640

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236-SALE

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Chicago, IL 60654

(312) 253-8640

E-Mail: clerk@ea-att.com

Attorney Code. 44451

Case Number: 17 CH 562

TJSC#: 37-10624

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are
advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector at-
tempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used
for that purpose.

1/18/2018, 1/25/2018, 2/1/2018 5348157

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION
BANK OF AMERICA, NA
Plaintiff,

vs.
UNKNOWN SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE OF THE BEVERLY
GLOCHOWSKY TRUST, DATED AUGUST 19, 2010;
UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF THE BEVERLY
GLOCHOWSKY TRUST, DATED AUGUST 19, 2010;
SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT,
GARY GLOCHOWSKY AKA GARY L. GLOCHOWSKY,
STEVEN GLOCHOWSKY, SR. AKA STEVEN GLOCHOWSKY
AKA STEVEN E. GLOCHOWSKY, SR.; MARTIN
GLOCHOWSKY; THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY, STATE OF ILLINOIS,
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE, GERALD NORDGREEN
SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE; UNKNOWN OWNERS
AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS
Defendants,

15 CH 620

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of
Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above entitled cause intercounty
Judicial Sales Corporation will on Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at the
hour of 11 a.m. in their office at 120 West Madison Street, Suite 718A,
Chicago, Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as
set forth below, the following described mortgaged real estate:
P.I.N. 10-28-423-001-0000.
Commonly known as 4953 Sherwin Avenue, Skokie, Illinois 60077.
The mortgaged real estate is improved with a single family residence.
If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest
community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall
pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of
the Condominium Property Act.

Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance, by certified funds,
within 24 hours. No refunds. The property will NOT be open for in-
spection.

For information call The Sales Department at Plaintiff's Attorney, An-
selmo Lindberg & Associates, LLC, 1771 West Diehl Road, Naperville, IL
Illinois 60563-1890, (630) 453-6960. For Bidding Instructions visit www.alowgroup.com 24 hours prior to sale. F14120082

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Selling Officer, (312) 444-1122

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1/18/2018, 1/25/2018, 2/1/2018 5401426

LEGALS

Bid Notice

BID NOTICE
The Board of Education of Evanston Township High School District 202 will accept sealed bids for the 2018 - 1233 Hartrey Ave. Renovations to be opened and read publicly at Evanston Township High School in S-133 located at 1500 Dodge Avenue Evanston, Illinois 60201.

QUALIFICATION: Each bidder must satisfactorily complete the qualification process described in Section 004395 General Requirements of the Project Manual, by providing the required Qualification Documents. The required Qualification Documents must be delivered along with the Bidder's sealed bid at the same place and time required for the bid. Contents of each Bidder's Qualification Documents will be available for public review. The Qualification Documents will be reviewed by the Owner and Architect to determine the lowest responsible Bidder.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, or waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding.

This Contract is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.).

MANDATORY ATTENDANCE PRE-BID MEETING: Friday, January 19, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. the project site located at 1233 Hartrey Avenue, Evanston, IL. Subcontractors are encouraged, but not required to attend. After the pre-bid meeting, everyone shall visit the site to view the area of work, gather additional information, and ask specific questions. There shall be only one scheduled walk-through of the site. Attendance shall be taken at the site to ensure that all contractors have visited the site. Non-attendance can be grounds for rejection of bid.

BID DUE DATE: Friday, February 9, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Operations Department (located in S-133). It is the Contractors responsibility to make sure that their sealed Bids arrive in the Operations Office (located in S-133) at the ETHS High School building. Do not leave Bids at the Security Desk do not send them by mail.

Bidding documents consist of drawings, project manuals, plus all addenda issued prior to bids and may be obtained electronically and reproduced at the Bidder's expense from BHF, 346 N. Justine Street, Chicago, IL 60607, (312) 782-2226; chicago@bhf.net.

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A 10% bid bond will be required. Contractors shall comply with the Prevailing Wage Act (Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 48, Section 395-1-12) the owner reserves the right to waive any or all bids, or to accept that bid which, in his judgment, is in the best interest of the Board of Education. Minorities are encouraged to bid. It is the responsibility of each Bidder to make sure that your sealed bid is received in the Operations Office (S-133).

For further information, contact Jose F. Guerrero, Director of Capital Improvements at (847)424-7308.
Mary Rodino
Chief Financial Officer
1/18/2018 5403848

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Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check or Bank Draft in an amount equal to and not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid and made payable to the Board of Education of Park Ridge-Niles School District 64, Park Ridge, IL. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening date without the consent of the Owner. Checks or drafts of unsuccessful Bidders will be returned as soon as practical, after opening and checking the bids. Successful Bidder must provide a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond in the full amount of the Contract, acceptable to the Owner.

Bids shall be submitted in an opaque sealed envelope clearly marked as SEALED BID and addressed to:

Mrs. Luann Kolstad
Chief School Business Official
Park Ridge-Niles School District 64
164 South Prospect Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, or waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding.

This Contract is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.).

QUALIFICATION: Each Bidder must satisfactorily complete the qualification process described in Section 004395 - General Requirements of the Project Manual, by providing the required Qualification Documents. The required Qualification Documents must be delivered along with the Bidder's sealed bid at the same place and time required for the bid. Contents of each Bidder's Qualification Documents will be available for public review. The Qualification Documents will be reviewed by the Owner and Architect to determine the lowest responsible Bidder.

Bidding documents consist of drawings, project manuals, plus all addenda issued prior to bids; and may be obtained electronically and reproduced at the Bidder's expense from Cross Rhodes Reprographics, 30 Eisenhower Lane North, Lombard, IL 60148, (630) 963-4700.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting walk-through for general contractors will be held at 1:30 p.m. prevailing time, on Monday, January 29, 2018 at the Administration Building located at 164 South Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068. After the pre-bid meeting, everyone shall visit the site to view the area of work, gather additional information, and ask specific questions. There shall be only one scheduled walk-through of the site. Attendance shall be taken at the site to ensure that all contractors have visited the site. Non-attendance can be grounds for rejection of bid.

Board of Education
Park Ridge-Niles School District 64
Park Ridge, Cook County, Illinois
1/18/2018 5405142

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BID NOTICE
The Board of Education of Evanston Township High School District 202 will accept sealed bids for the 2018 Entry Addition, Interior and Site Renovations to be opened and read publicly at Evanston Township High School in S-133 located at 1600 Dodge Avenue Evanston, Illinois 60201.

QUALIFICATION: Each bidder must satisfactorily complete the qualification process described in Section 004395 General Requirements of the Project Manual, by providing the required Qualification Documents. The required Qualification Documents must be delivered along with the Bidder's sealed bid at the same place and time required for the bid. Contents of each Bidder's Qualification Documents will be available for public review. The qualification Documents will be reviewed by the Owner and Architect to determine the lowest responsible Bidder.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, or waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding.

This Contract is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.).

MANDATORY ATTENDANCE PRE-BID MEETING: Friday, January 19, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the Operations Office Room S-133 attendance shall be taken at the site to ensure that all contractors have visited the site. Non-attendance will be grounds for rejection of bid. Subcontractors are encouraged, but not required to attend.

BID DUE DATE: Friday, February 09, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Operations Department (located in S-133). It is the Contractors responsibility to make sure that their sealed Bids arrive in the Operations Office (located in S-133) at the ETHS High School building. Do not leave Bids at the Security Desk do not send them by mail.

Bidding documents consist of drawings, project manuals, plus all addenda issued prior to bids and may be obtained electronically and reproduced at the Bidder's expense from BHF, 346 N. Justine Street, Chicago, IL 60607, (312) 782-2226; chicago@bhf.net.

LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A 10% bid bond will be required. Contractors shall comply with the Prevailing Wage Act (Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 48, Section 395-1-12) the owner reserves the right to waive any or all bids, or to accept that bid which, in his judgment, is in the best interest of the Board of Education. Minorities are encouraged to bid. It is the responsibility of each Bidder to make sure that your sealed bid is received in the Operations Office (S-133).

For further information, contact Jose F. Guerrero, Director of Capital Improvements at (847)424-7308.
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Bid Notice

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
Sealed bids for the 2018 Roosevelt Elementary School Health Life Safety, Classroom, and Office Remodel will be received by Park Ridge-Niles School District 64 at their Administration Office located at 164 South Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068 until 10:00 a.m. prevailing time on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Lump Sum bid proposals will be received for this project at the scheduled time of receipt of bids and will be publicly opened and read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check or Bank Draft in an amount equal to and not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid and made payable to the Board of Education of Park Ridge-Niles School District 64, Park Ridge, IL. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening date without the consent of the Owner. Checks or drafts of unsuccessful Bidders will be returned as soon as practical, after opening and checking the bids. Successful Bidder must provide a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond in the full amount of the Contract, acceptable to the Owner.

Bids shall be submitted in an opaque sealed envelope clearly marked as SEALED BID and addressed to:

Mrs. Luann Kolstad
Chief School Business Official
Park Ridge-Niles School District 64
164 South Prospect Avenue
Park Ridge, IL 60068

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, or waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding.

This Contract is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.).

QUALIFICATION: Each Bidder must satisfactorily complete the qualification process described in Section 004395 - General Requirements of the Project Manual, by providing the required Qualification Documents. The required Qualification Documents must be delivered along with the Bidder's sealed bid at the same place and time required for the bid. Contents of each Bidder's Qualification Documents will be available for public review. The Qualification Documents will be reviewed by the Owner and Architect to determine the lowest responsible Bidder.

Bidding documents consist of drawings, project manuals, plus all addenda issued prior to bids; and may be obtained electronically and reproduced at the Bidder's expense from Cross Rhodes Reprographics, 30 Eisenhower Lane North, Lombard, IL 60148, (630) 963-4700.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting walk-through for general contractors will be held at 3:00 p.m. prevailing time, on Monday, January 29, 2018 at the Administration Building located at 164 South Prospect Avenue, Park Ridge, IL 60068. After the pre-bid meeting, everyone shall visit the site to view the area of work, gather additional information, and ask specific questions. There shall be only one scheduled walk-through of the site. Attendance shall be taken at the site to ensure that all contractors have visited the site. Non-attendance can be grounds for rejection of bid.

Board of Education
Park Ridge-Niles School District 64
Park Ridge, Cook County, Illinois
1/18/2018 5405168

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Bid Notice

RFB #18-004-SPARE 4.16KV Circuit Breaker
The Village of Winnetka is accepting bids from vendors for the purchase of a vacuum circuit breaker (new, retrofit or reconditioned) to be used in Federal Pacific DST switchgear as specified within the bid document. Bid documents may be obtained by visiting <http://www.parkridgewinnetka.org/departments/finance/bid-and-proposal-opportunities/>

Bid Submission: Bids shall be addressed and delivered to the Assistant Finance Director at the Winnetka Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Rd., Winnetka, IL 60093, no later than 10:30 a.m. (local time), Thursday, February 1st, 2018 at which time they will be opened and publicly read aloud. Late bids will not be accepted.

The Village of Winnetka reserves the right to reject any or all bids in whole or in part, to waive or not to waive any formality therein, and to accept the bid considered to be in the best interest of the Village of Winnetka.
1/18/2018 5404578

Bid notice
Evanston/Skokie School District 65, will accept sealed bids on the following:

Head Start Transportation Services

To be received prior to January 30, 2018 and opened at 10:30 A.M.

At the Evanston School District 65 Joseph E. Hill Administration Center, 1500 McDaniel Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201, 2nd Floor Meeting room 4 at which time they will be opened publicly and read aloud.

Specifications may be obtained from School District 65, 1500 McDaniel Avenue, Evanston, IL 60201, from Bonnie Kent, Purchasing beginning January 18, 2018.

It is the policy of School District 65 to provide equal opportunity to all qualified businesses in awarding of contracts and accordingly promotes the utilization of diversified and local businesses to the maximum extent feasible in any contract issued against this solicitation of bid.

The owners reserve the right to waive any or all bids, or to accept that bid which, in their judgment, is for the best interest of the Board of Education.
1/18/2018 5393923

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF PARK RIDGE
INVITATION TO BID
UPFITTING OF 2018 INTERNATIONAL 7400 VEHICLES
PW-FY18-09

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be accepted from qualified firms, by the Finance Department, for the City of Park Ridge ("City") on or before Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 10:30 am CST at Park Ridge City Hall, Finance Department, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, IL 60068 at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for the following contract: UPFITTING OF 2018 INTERNATIONAL 7400 VEHICLES. PW-FY18-09, to supply and install equipment for:

One (1) 2018 International 7400 single axle dump truck, wheelbase 152";
Three (3) 2018 International 7400 single axle dump/salt trucks, wheelbase 169"

Bid documents, including specifications, may be obtained on the City's web site, (www.parkridge.us) or in the Finance Department at Park Ridge City Hall during regular business hours at no cost. All bids must be received prior to the date and time shown above. Bids transmitted by email or facsimile (fax) will not be accepted.

Bids must be contained in a sealed envelope with the name of the contract clearly visible.
1/18/2018 5402650

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Bid Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
CITY OF PARK RIDGE
INVITATION TO BID
UPFITTING OF ONE 2017 FORD F450XL 4X4 SUPER CAB VEHICLE, PW-FY18-10
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that sealed bids will be accepted from qualified firms, by the Finance Department for the City of Park Ridge ("City") on or before Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at 10:00 am CST at Park Ridge City Hall, Finance Department, 505 Butler Place, Park Ridge, IL 60068 at which time and place bids will be opened and read in public for the following contract: UPFITTING OF ONE 2017 FORD F450XL 4X4 SUPER CAB VEHICLE, PW-FY18-10; to supply and install equipment per specifications.

Bid documents, including specifications, may be obtained on the City's web site, (www.parkridge.us) or in the Finance Department at Park Ridge City Hall during regular business hours at no cost. All bids must be received prior to the date and time shown above. Bids transmitted by email or facsimile (fax) will not be accepted.

Bids must be contained in a sealed envelope with the name of the contract clearly visible.
1/18/2018 5402628

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Sealed bids for the Niles West High School 2018 Flooring Replacement will be received by the Niles Township High School District 219 at their District Office located at 7700 Gross Point Road, Skokie, IL 60077 until 10:30 a.m. prevailing time on Thursday, February 15, 2018. Lump Sum bid proposals will be received for this project at the scheduled time of receipt of bids and will be publicly opened and read aloud at the above stated time and place.

Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Guarantee in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check or Bank Draft in an amount equal to and not less than ten percent (10%) of the bid and made payable to Niles Township High School District 219. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening date without the consent of the Owner. Checks or drafts of unsuccessful Bidders will be returned as soon as practical, after opening and checking the bids. Successful Bidder must provide a Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond in the full amount of the Contract, acceptable to the Owner.

Bids shall be submitted in an opaque sealed envelope clearly marked as SEALED BID and addressed to:

Mr. John Pahlman
Director of Operations
Niles Township High School District 219
7700 Gross Point Road
Skokie, IL 60077

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, or waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding.

This Contract is subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.).

QUALIFICATION: Each Bidder must satisfactorily complete the qualification process described in Section 004395 - General Requirements of the Project Manual, by providing the required Qualification Documents. The required Qualification Documents must be delivered along with the Bidder's sealed bid at the same place and time required for the bid. Contents of each Bidder's Qualification Documents will be available for public review. The Qualification Documents will be reviewed by the Owner and Architect to determine the lowest responsible Bidder.

Bidding documents consist of drawings, project manuals, plus all addenda issued prior to bids and may be obtained electronically and reproduced at the contractor's expense from the following: BHF, 80 West Seegers Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005 (847) 593-3161.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting walk-through for prime contractors will be held at 4:00 p.m. prevailing time, on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at Niles West High School located at 5701 Oakton Street, Skokie, IL 60077. Subcontractors are encouraged, but not required to attend. After the pre-bid meeting, everyone shall visit the site to view the areas of work, gather additional information, and ask specific questions. There shall be only one scheduled walk-through of the site. Attendance shall be taken at the site to ensure that all prime contractors have visited the site. Non-attendance can be grounds for rejection of bid.

Board of Education
Niles Township High School District 219
Skokie, Cook County, Illinois
1/18/2017 5405645

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BID NOTICE

The Board of Education of Evanston Township High School District 202 will accept sealed bids for the 2018 Window, Roof Replacement & Facade Repairs North Wing & Pool Building to be opened and read publicly at Evanston Township High School in S-133 located at 1600 Dodge Avenue Evanston, Illinois 60201. QUALIFICATION: Each bidder must satisfactorily complete the qualification process described in the General Requirements section of the Project Manual, by providing the required Qualification Documents. The required Qualification Documents must be delivered along with the Bidder's sealed bid at the same place and time required for the bid. Contents of each Bidder's Qualification Documents will be available for public review. The qualification Documents will be reviewed by the Owner and Architect to determine the lowest responsible bidder. The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids or parts thereof, or waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding. This Contract is Subject to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130/1 et seq.). MANDATORY ATTENDANCE PRE-BID MEETING Friday, January 19, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Operations Office Room S-133 attendance shall be taken at the site to ensure that all contractors have visited the site. Non-attenders will be grounds for rejection of bid. Subcontractors are encouraged, but not required to attend. BID DUE DATE: Thursday, February 08, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. in the Operations Department (located in S-133). It is the Contractors responsibility to make sure that their sealed Bids arrive in the Operations Office (located in S-133) at the ETHS High School Building. Do not leave bids at the security Desk do not send them by mail. 2018 Window, Roof Replacement and Facade Repairs North Wing and Pool Building This is a restoration project to both buildings, with portions of the work to be phased over 2 years (2018 and 2019). LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. A 10% bid bond will be required. Contractors shall comply with the Prevailing Wage Act (Illinois Revised Statutes, Chapter 48, Section 395-1-12) the owner reserves the right to waive any or all bids, or to accept that bid which, in his judgment, is in the best interest of the Board of Education. Minorities are encouraged to bid. It is the responsibility of each Bidder to make sure that your sealed Bid is received in the Operations Office (S-133). For further information, contact Jose F. Guerrero, Director of Capital Improvements at (847)424-7308. Mary Rodino Chief Financial Officer 1/18/2018 5403859

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, North Shore Trust and Savings, Denest Pompilus, Rose Marie Pompilus, Unknown Owners and Parties Interested in or In actual possession of said land or lots, Defendants, Case No. 2016 CH-15879. NOTICE OF SALE PURSUANT TO JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE UNDER ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE ACT. THIS DOCUMENT IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT ON A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A JUDGMENT OF FORECLOSURE and Sale entered by said Court in the above entitled cause on October 23, 2017, COOK COUNTY SHERIFF IN COOK COUNTY, Illinois, will on February 14, 2018, at Richard J. Daley Center, Lower Level, Room 06, Chicago, Illinois, at 1:00 PM, sell at public auction and sale to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate mentioned in said Judgment, situated in the County of Cook, State of Illinois or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said Judgment: LOT 369 AND THE SOUTH 1/2 OF LOT 368 IN SWENSON BROTHERS TRING ADDITION TO COLLEGE HILL ADDITION TO EVANSTON, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 4 IN ASSESSOR'S DIVISION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 14, TOWNSHIP 41 NORTH, RANGE 13 EAST, OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. PERMANENT INDEX NUMBER: 10-14-422-023. Commonly known as: 8818 Forestview Road, Skokie, IL 60076. Description of Improvements: Single family residence. The Judgment amount was \$398,635.39. Sale Terms: This is an "AS IS" sale for "CASH". The successful bidder shall be required to pay no less than the prevailing Rate of Wages, pursuant to the Illinois Prevailing Wage Act (820 ILCS 130) for the locality of the Morton Grove Park District (Cook County), to each laborer worker, or mechanic needed or used to complete the work as detailed in the contract to be let. The successful contractor, and all subcontractors shall be required to submit to the Morton Grove Park District certified payrolls no later than the tenth day of each calendar month for the immediately preceding month. The Morton Grove Park District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, parts of any and all proposals, or to waive technical errors or omissions in submitted proposals. No submitted bid may be withdrawn until a period of sixty (60) days after the bid opening date, without written consent of the Morton Grove Park District. The Morton Grove Park District encourages minority business firms to submit bids on this project and the successful contractor shall be required to utilize minority businesses as sub-contractors for supplies, equipment, services, and construction. Questions should be directed to Joseph Brusseau or Doug Fair, Hitchcock Design Group at 630.961.1787 jbrusseau@hitchcockdesigngroup.com or dfair@hitchcockdesigngroup.com. 01/18/18 5405049

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Morton Grove Park District 6834 Dempster Street Morton Grove, IL 60053

PIONEER PARK

The Morton Grove Park District does hereby invite sealed bids for Pioneer Park. Work will include site clearing, earthwork operations, concrete curbs and walks, site furnishings, playfield equipment, planting and seeding.

Project manuals, including bid form and specifications, and construction documents are available after 10:00 am on January 18, 2018 from Accurate Reographics, 2368 Corporate Lane, Suite 100, Naperville, IL 60565, 630.428.4433, www.hitchcockplanroom.com. Bidding documents are available at the non-refundable cost of reproduction.

Bids will be accepted at the Morton Grove Park District, 6834 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053 during regular office hours. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked with the Contractor's name and address, and "Bid for Pioneer Park" on the face of the envelope. Bids must be received no later than 10:00 AM on January 30, 2018. Bids will be opened at 10:00 AM on January 30, 2018 at the Morton Grove Park District, 6834 Dempster Street, Morton Grove, IL 60053. All bidders will be required to submit Bid Security in the form of a Bid Bond, Certified Check, Cashier's Check in the amount of 10% of the Base Bid, payable to the Morton Grove Park District.

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Village of Skokie Notice to Bidders

The Village of Skokie is now accepting sealed REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS for Village Hall Mechanical Systems Evaluation & Improvements

Notice is hereby given that the Village of Skokie will receive STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS at 5127 Oakton Street, Skokie, Illinois 60077 Attention: Michael Aleksic, Assistant Finance Director until 3:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, February 8, 2018.

A copy of the RFQ can be obtained by visiting www.skokie.org. Click on Village Department Purchasing, Bids & RFP's to download a copy. RFP's can also be obtained from the Village of Skokie Purchasing Office at the address shown above.

Any proposal submitted unsealed, unsigned, fax transmissions or received subsequent to the aforementioned date and time will be disqualified and returned to the bidder. The Village of Skokie reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof, to waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding procedures and to award the contract in a manner best serving the interest of the Village.

Michael Aleksic Assistant Finance Director Village of Skokie 01/18/18 5404238

LEGAL NOTICE Official notice is hereby given that sealed proposals will be received in the Office of the Strategic Services Manager, Administrative Services Department, Glenview Village Hall, 2500 East Lake Ave, Glenview, IL 60026 until 2:00 p.m. local time on March 29, 2018, for the following:

RFP NO: 218005 RFP ON: INSURANCE BROKER SERVICES - RISK INSURANCE PROGRAM

Scope of work includes: The intent of the Request for Proposals (RFP) is to solicit credentials from interested brokerages to provide risk insurance Brokerage services, as well as provide specifications on the coverages expected for the program.

Proposals may be obtained at Administrative Services Department, Glenview Village Hall, 2500 East Lake Ave, Glenview, Illinois, 60026, or by calling (847) 724-1700.

Offers may not be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days after closing date without the consent of the Board of Trustees. Any Proposals submitted unsealed, unsigned, fax transmissions or received subsequent to the aforementioned date and time, may be disqualified and returned to the proposer.

The Village of Glenview reserves the right to reject any and all proposals or parts thereof, to waive any irregularities or informalities in proposal procedures and to award the contract in a manner best serving the interest of the Village.

Dated: 1/18/2018 Margaret Leonard, CPPB Strategic Services Manager 01/18/18 5403111

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Northbrook School District 28 will be conducting an early childhood screening on Wednesday, January 31, 2018 for residents three to five years of age. Children ages 3 to 5 will participate in a play-based screening in the areas of cognition, language, fine and gross motor skills, social-emotional functioning, and adaptive skills. Screenings are by appointment only. To schedule a screening, please contact Helene Josephson, Administrative Assistant for Early Childhood at 847-504-3809. If your child is younger than 3 and you have concerns about his/her development, please contact Jenna Duffy, Assistant Director of Student Services at 847-504-3848. 12/28/2017 & 1/4, 1/11, 1/18/2018 5363293

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PUBLIC NOTICE

12018-002 Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider a petition requesting a Variation of the Glenview Zoning Ordinance. The meeting will be held on Monday, February 5, 2018 at 7:00 P.M., in the Village Hall Board Room, 2500 East Lake Avenue, Glenview, IL in accordance with Chapter 65, Section 5/11-13-5 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes.

The property involved is commonly known as 2740 Old Willow Road and legally described as: PART OF LOT 6 IN ASSESSOR'S DIVISION OF SECTION 22, TOWNSHIP 42 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, EAST OF THE EAST LINE OF RIGHT OF WAY OF CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL AND PACIFIC RAILROAD, (FORMERLY CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE AND ST. PAUL RAILROAD) EXCEPT FROM SAID PREMISES THE SOUTH 40 RODS THEREOF MEASURED ON THE EAST LINE THEREOF AND EXCEPT THE NORTH 5 1/2 ACRES OF SAID LOT 6) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTH 40 RODS AND WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF OLD WILLOW ROAD, SAID LINE BEING 33.00 FEET WEST OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE CENTERLINE OF OLD WILLOW ROAD; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 07 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID NORTH LINE OF SOUTH 40 RODS, A DISTANCE OF 409.73 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 02 MINUTES 53 SECONDS EAST, PERPENDICULAR TO SAID NORTH LINE OF SOUTH 40 RODS, A DISTANCE OF 187.63 FEET TO A LINE 187.63 FEET NORTH OF AND PARALLEL WITH THE SAID NORTH LINE OF SOUTH 40 RODS; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 57 MINUTES 07 SECONDS EAST, ALONG SAID PARALLEL LINE, A DISTANCE OF 410.23 FEET TO SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 12 MINUTES 11 SECONDS WEST, ALONG SAID WEST RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 187.63 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

The petitioner, CREC LLC, requests a Variation from the provisions of Sections 98-337(4) of the Glenview Zoning Ordinance to allow one (1) ground sign at a height in excess of 11.00 feet with a sign area in excess of 80.00 square feet, without an architectural base, or opaque surfaces, and dissimilar architectural elements, each as allowed and required by said ordinance.

All persons interested should attend and will be given an opportunity to be heard. For additional information regarding this case, please contact Tony Repp, Planner, at (847) 904-4309.

Zoning Board of Appeals Ronald A. Greco, Chairman Attest: Tony Repp Publication Date: January 18, 2018 1/18/2018 5403532

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What to do when your iPhone slows or drains battery quickly

I'd had it up to *here* with the rapid draining of my iPhone battery.

It was going from 100 percent to practically nothing in just a few short hours. I also was just beginning to hear reports of Apple's iOS software updates intentionally slowing

down older iPhones processing speeds, along with announcements of class action lawsuits against Apple for the same.

In an attempt to avoid being sucked into the planned obsolescence vortex, I decided to Google "iPhone battery loses charge." Among my findings was a user-friendly post containing a gold mine of battery-preserving recommendations written by David Payette of Payette Forward, a website dedicated to providing solutions to consumers searching for help with their iPhones, Macs and other devices.

I proceeded to spend the next 45 minutes studiously employing Payette's many "turn off" recommendations

Amazingly, once I had disabled several of the unnecessary default functions that continually run in the background of every iPhone, my battery returned to holding a charge — though the processing speed still lags.

Because I know many of you are currently struggling with the same extremely annoying battery drain/slow processing issues, I decided to contact Payette, a former Apple Genius and technician, to learn more.

As you may have heard, Apple has admitted to intentionally slowing down older iPhones, explaining in its official statement: "(I)n iOS 10.2.1, we delivered a software update that improves power management during peak workloads to avoid unexpected shutdowns on iPhone 6, iPhone 6 Plus, iPhone 6s, iPhone 6s Plus, and iPhone SE ... While these changes may go unnoticed, in some cases users may experience longer launch times for apps and other reductions in performance."

Apple goes on to say, "We now believe that another contributor to these user experiences is the continued chemical aging of the batteries in older iPhone 6 and iPhone 6s devices, many of which are still running on their original batteries." In response, Apple is offering iPhone replacement batteries for a steeply discounted price of \$29 starting later this month.

So my first question to Payette was this: Is it likely a new battery will completely resolve the battery-depletion, slow processing issues iOS updates have caused for older iPhones?



CATHY CUNNINGHAM
Help Squad

In a word, Payette's answer was no.

"There is a lot of vague information in Apple's statement," said Payette. "In my opinion, it looks like the whole thing is a smoke-screen because batteries have almost nothing to do with the performance of an

iPhone."

He explained that iPhone performance (aka, speed) is determined by the processor, and he provided a slick analogy to make his point.

"Think of your iPhone as a car. The processor is the engine and the battery is the gas tank. The processor (engine) determines how fast the iPhone can go; the battery (gas tank) holds the fuel. If a car came with a 15-gallon tank and three years later, it was replaced with a 10-gallon tank, you wouldn't be able to go as far, but you would still be able to go as fast."

In Payette's opinion, Apple has essentially placed a governor on people's older, updated iPhones. And once you update with Apple, you can't go back.

He continued, "Unexpected shut-downs rarely ever happen — unless a battery is broken. Having worked with hundreds of thousands of iPhones in an Apple store, I can tell you unexpected shut-downs are a very, very, very rare occurrence."

So what is an iPhone owner to do?

Payette says consumers must weigh the costs against the benefits. If an older iPhone is at the bottom of the compatible devices list that accompanies every iOS update, owners need to ask themselves if they are willing to trade processing speed for the latest updates, which typically include access to new apps, bug fixes and security updates.

For those who have already updated their iPhones, batteries can be preserved against updates' additional processing loads by employing the many step-by-step suggestions found in Payette's post "Why Does My iPhone Battery Die So Fast?". Recommendations include changing email retrieval from "push" to "fetch," turning off unnecessary location services, closing out apps, turning off unwanted app push notifications, removing unnecessary widgets and turning off "background app refresh," to name just a few.

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430 Illinois Ave, Elgin	Ana M Sorto	Susan A Ruf	12-14-17	\$150,000
1832 Pebble Beach Cir, Elgin	James Pugh	David Yurgil	12-12-17	\$155,000
1036 Reserve Dr, Elgin	Emilie K Knudsen	Krista L Slicer	12-12-17	\$165,000
869 Jefferson Ave, # 3, Elgin	Gerardo Zepeda & Brenda Pulido	Drh Cambridge Homes Inc	12-12-17	\$170,000
2452 Emily Ln, Elgin	John K Francis	Mark Atkins Jr	12-14-17	\$176,000
1940 Murcer Ln, Elgin	Cynthia States	Kristie Crane	12-14-17	\$185,000
1376 Sheffield Dr, Elgin	Francisco Marcos Fausto & Emma Greco	Jared L Heldenreich	12-14-17	\$192,500
1288 Oakdale Dr, Elgin	Jeffrey J Irwin	Kieth R Riedl	12-12-17	\$200,000
2614 Venetian Ln, Elgin	Tony Smith	Phyllis Gerberding	12-14-17	\$216,500
1287 Evergreen Ln, Elgin	Lauren Gher & Matthew G Hultine	John W Jackowicz	12-14-17	\$232,000
41W384 Lenz Rd, Elgin	Fernando T Ruiz & Graciela Ruiz	Jerome E Parisek Jr	12-15-17	\$357,000
3555 Hidden Fawn Dr, Elgin	Brian M Gardner & Rachelle M Gardner	Overstreet Builders Inc	12-14-17	\$425,000
727 Wellington Ave, Elk Grove Village	Michael Sabatino	Dawna Larson	11-17-17	\$155,000
1214 Diane Ln, Elk Grove Village	Anita L Fields	Monique A Fields	11-17-17	\$230,000
200 Foxmoor Rd, Fox River Grove	Mary E Mccarthy	Kathleen Mccarragher	12-15-17	\$20,000
603 Telluride Dr, Gilberts	Kathleen A Wallain & Leroy Wallain Jr	Andrew Ramaker	12-15-17	\$167,000
274 Jackson St, Gilberts	Jeff Dzadon & Monica Dzadon	Robert S Wilhelm	12-14-17	\$210,000
807 Glacial Falls Dr, Gilberts	Iulian Ciprian Dolcos & Victoriya Ogrodnik	Nvr Inc	12-15-17	\$353,500
114 Stamford Ct, Gilberts	Benjamin Bartel & Jennifer Bartel	Ashutosh Daschaudhury	12-12-17	\$355,000
825 Glacial Falls Dr, Gilberts	Raymond J Lewandowski & Kayla C Lewandowski	Nvr Inc	12-15-17	\$377,000
1652 Pebble Beach Dr, Hoffman Estates	Vyomesh Joshi & Harsha Joshi	John R Kaminski	11-17-17	\$275,000
1610 Nicholson Dr, Hoffman Estates	Harmeek Singh & Rubal Matharu	Honson Walsh Trust	11-17-17	\$482,000
669 Pleasant Pl, Island Lake	Jannette Tupy	Eric C Miedema	12-14-17	\$112,500
3505 Woodland Cir S, Island Lake	Anthony Miglieri & Amy Vanzetta	Karen L Palm	12-15-17	\$183,000
605 Wood Creek Dr, Island Lake	Christopher Edwards & Amanda Edwards	Randall K Wendt	12-14-17	\$268,000
11 W Pheasant Trl, Lake In The Hills	Terry Foster & Sally Foster	Colleen A Craig	12-14-17	\$143,500
111 Crystal Lake Rd, Lake In The Hills	Brian J Edge & Toni Lynn Edge	Edgar A Arana	12-14-17	\$250,000
241 Terramere Ln, Lake In The Hills	Artur Lach & Katarzyna Lach	Jason W Eckhorn	12-14-17	\$271,000
2721 N Orchard Dr, McCullom Lake	Eric W Cox	Smith Trust	12-14-17	\$86,000
2408 W Fairview Ln, Mchenry	Derek Conrad & Stephanie Bartlett	William Carl Huhn	12-15-17	\$185,000
1811 Redwood Ln, Mchenry	Jeffrey R Miller & Katie M Miller	Michael S Kargol	12-14-17	\$223,000
1225 Bradwell Ln, # A, Mundelein	Kristin E Borrino	John Oleksinski	12-14-17	\$163,500
264 N Garfield Ave, Mundelein	Aaron Wishnoff & Jennifer Schults	Kati J Gruneisen	12-14-17	\$193,000
581 Signal Hill Rd, North Barrington	Nancy Mokszycki	Kent M Jaremus	12-14-17	\$200,000
3606 Bobwhite Ln, Rolling Meadows	Dionicio Perez Rodriguez	Mary Anne Adams	11-17-17	\$223,000
289 Monarch Dr, # D, Streamwood	Loletia Carney	Nelson Caravana	11-17-17	\$173,500
395 Madison Dr, Streamwood	Telesforo B Garganta Iv & Cristina G Garganta	Marcello A Martins	11-17-17	\$305,000
221 Brett Cir, # C, Wauconda	Jason Tweten	David T Wanshek	12-15-17	\$113,000
430 Willow Rd, Wauconda	Michael A Deboer	James J Fischer Trust	12-14-17	\$154,500

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Roxy Bellows finds success making it up as she goes

BY MYRNA PETLICKI
Pioneer Press

Patricia Musker is a chameleon. Put a habit on her and she becomes the nun who schools audience members about religion in the hilarious, long-running comedy "Late Nite Catechism" at the Royal George Theatre. Give her a black wig and she converts into Roxy Bellows, a witty, larger-than-life entertainer who creates an entire show from scratch every night.

Audiences will meet Musker's high-energy Roxy Jan. 20 at the Skokie Theatre.

Roxy Bellows first emerged around 1990 in a Free Associates show called "Divamatic." "The leader of that group asked me if I would fill in for one night," Musker recalled. "Friends came and told me, 'This is something you should do.'"

Musker, of Jefferson Park, didn't act on that suggestion until 2002 when she became one of the founding members of Noble Fool Theater. They had a cabaret space and her fellow performers encouraged her to reprise one of her characters from "Divamatic." Roxy Bellows became a huge hit and Musker has taken the character to many venues since.

"Roxy speaks her mind and Roxy pushes the envelope,"

Roxy Bellows Live!

When: 8 p.m. Jan. 20

Where: Skokie Theatre, 7924 Lincoln Ave., Skokie

Tickets: \$17 in advance; \$22 at the door

Information: 847-677-7761;

www.skokieheater.org

Musker said. "She'll walk up to that line but never cross that line." The actor admitted that personally, "I'm not that bold and brazen. But I do like to talk to people and find out more about them, which is a lot of what Roxy Bellows does."

Not only does Roxy chat with audience members, she will bring some of them onstage to interview them and have them share in her silliness.

Then she's off and running telling the onstage participant something like, "I have a song about whittling. It was on album five, track three. Do you remember it?" Musker related. She will invite the person to sing along with her, as she makes up a song on the spot.

"My favorite is when people are reticent, and, by the end, they'll sing along," she noted. "The audience loves it. They want to see people come out of their shell."

One of Musker's favorite Roxy moments occurred after a performance. "I heard someone in the bathroom saying, 'That experience changed my life.' She couldn't believe how brave she was and how freeing it was to get up and be silly and do something out of her comfort zone."

Musker, who grew up in Norridge, particularly enjoys reminiscing with older men in the audience about the totally made up time they met in Paris. She will even get them to "recall" their pet name for her.

Not only doesn't Musker prepare for her shows, she doesn't even plan anything in advance with accompanist Sarah Porretta. "We don't talk about anything. We don't have any hand signals," Musker insisted. "It is truly 100 percent improvised from what I say to what I sing."

Because Roxy Bellows has many repeat audience members, Musker has devised a way to make sure she calls new people to the stage each time.

"People are asked at the door, 'Have you ever seen Roxy before?'" Musker explained. "If they say 'No,' they get a Roxy Virgin sticker. I need fresh blood every time."

Myrna Petlicki is a freelance reporter for Pioneer Press.



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Thursday, Jan. 18

Donald Kinsey & The Kinsey Report: 8 p.m. Thursday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$15-\$25, 847-492-8860

Shape of Now Artwork-in-Residence Program: The Evanston Art Center (EAC) announced its second Shape of Now Fashion Residency, a collaboration with Anne Guitteau and Katrin Schnabl, who will occupy the upstairs Atrium Gallery at the Art Center through Jan. 28. 9 a.m. daily, Evanston Art Center, 1717 Central St., Evanston, free, 847-475-5300

Paint the Eyes Softer: Mummy Portraits from Roman Egypt: This exhibition presents Roman Egyptian mummy portraits and related materials that are in the Phoebe A. Hearst Museum of Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley. The exhibition will foreground innovative techniques for the scientific study of objects and reveal to the public how partnerships between art historians, archaeologists, and material scientists can provide new insight. 10 a.m. daily, Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000

Experiments In Form: Experiments in Form: Sam Gilliam, Alan Shields, Frank Stella. Moving beyond the experiments of other painters of the era, Sam Gilliam saturated raw, unstretched canvas with acrylic to create works that lie at the intersection of painting and sculpture. The Block Museum presents a focused exhibition of works by artists engaged with abstraction and the expansion of painting in the U.S. in the 1960s and 1970s. 10 a.m. daily, Mary and Leigh Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, 40 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, free, 847-491-4000

Opera Lecture Series: "I Puritani" by Vincenzo Bellini: Tales of intrigue, love and death from the 2017/18 Lyric Opera of Chicago season. Moderated by Opera Lovers Lecture Corp. Register at glenviewpl.org, 847-729-7500 extension 7600 or the Reader Services Desk. 7 p.m. Thursday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Sci-Fi/Fantasy Movie Discussion Group: A man forms an unlikely relationship with an A.I. in "Her." A discussion will follow the film. 7 p.m. Thurs-

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

Intro to ThetaHealing: The Theta-Healing technique with Julie Sandord is a meditation technique that allows you to train your mind and body to clear limiting beliefs, to experience more love, freedom and expansion. In this seminar, learn how to access a Theta state to identify beliefs keeping you stuck. Takes place from 10 to 11:30 a.m. 10 a.m. Thursday, The Women's Exchange, 630 Lincoln Ave., Winnetka, \$25, 847-441-3406

Friday, Jan. 19

"The Odd Couple": There's a laugh a second in Neil Simon's hit Broadway play when two suddenly single pals, a sloppy sportswriter and a compulsively tidy news writer, strain their friendship by turning roommates and driving each other crazy. 7:30 p.m. Friday and 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines, \$16-\$30, 847-604-0275

"Blue Over You": Spot On Company debuts "Blue Over You" (a mysterious one-man love story with musical bits). Michael Joseph Mitchell stars in this one-man play, where Francis, a high school drama teacher, comes home to discover his wife is missing. The play seeks to answer the question, "Where is Mitzi?" 8 p.m. Friday and 3 p.m. Sunday, Northminster Presbyterian Church, 2515 Central Park Ave., Evanston, \$20-\$25, 847-869-9210

Devils and Deceit: Musical mischief and duplicity are the focus of this program featuring Bienen School faculty Gerardo Ribeiro, violin; Andrew Raciti, double bass; Stephen Alltop, harpsichord; Steven Cohen, clarinet; Robert Sullivan, trumpet; Michael Mulcahy, trombone; and School of Communication faculty member Henry Godinez, narrator. The program includes Bartok's "Contrasts," Tartini's Violin Sonata in G Minor ("Devil's Trill") and Stravinsky's "L'histoire du soldat" ("The Soldier's Tale"). 7:30 p.m. Friday, Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, \$10-\$30, 847-467-4000

Stephen Buzard In Organ Recital: OPUS 327 presents Stephen Buzard performing major organ works on the historic E.M. Skinner Pipe Organ. Works by Sowerby, Elgar, Dupre, Schumann and Hanck. 7:30 p.m. Friday, St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 939 Hinman Ave., Evanston, \$30 premium, \$25

adults, \$15 students, 312-480-5966

"Megan Leavey": This PG-13 rated film is based on a true story. A young marine corporal deployed in Iraq bonds with her military combat dog to heroically save many lives. Just drop in to this screening. 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Designers Challenge: Earthquake Challenge - Grades 4-8: As a team, create buildings and bridges strong enough to withstand simulated earthquakes. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or call. 4 p.m. Friday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Winter Wonderland at Kohl Children's Museum: Wendy and DB and Geoff present Winter Wonderland at Kohl Children's Museum. 6 p.m. Friday, Kohl Children's Museum, 2100 Patriot Blvd., Glenview, free with paid museum admission, 856-296-6471

Great Decisions in Foreign Policy: The 2018 Great Decisions Briefing Book provides background information and policy options for eight critical issues facing America and serves as a focal text for discussion groups. Gary Midkiff facilitates the discussion group that meets approximately every other Friday to explore in-depth one topic each class. 9:30 a.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$95 member; \$115 nonmember, 847-784-6000

History and Relationships: China, Russia and U.S.A.: The Cold War ended with the collapse of the Soviet Union and the economic transformation of China. Russia occupies part of Ukraine, absorbed Crimea and invaded Georgia. Controversy continues over Russian electronic hacking in 2016. North Korea is a focus of dispute. Yet the Cold War was worse. The 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis between Moscow and Washington brought the world to the brink of nuclear holocaust. Serious confrontations occurred over Berlin, Taiwan and elsewhere. 1 p.m. Friday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$24 member \$30 non-member, 847-784-6000.

Unfinished Business: A survey of music literature reveals a fair number of compositions in various states of incompleteness. Several, such as Schubert's Unfinished Symphony, are among the most popular in the repertoire, while others remain virtually forgotten. Michael Vaughn explores the interesting phenomenon of unfinished musical business. 10 a.m. Friday, North Shore

Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$24 member; \$32 non-member, 847-784-6000

Saturday, Jan. 20

"The Wizard of Oz": Big Noise Theatre "Especially for Kids" brings to life, on stage, the most beloved tale of all time! Dorothy and her three friends trot delightfully and tunefully down the fabled road of yellow brick to meet the Wizard of Oz! 10 a.m. and noon Saturday, 10 a.m. Sunday and 10 a.m. Wednesday, Prairie Lakes Theatre, 515 E. Thacker St., Des Plaines, \$15, 847-604-0275

David Kadouch at Bienen School's Skyline Piano Series: At the age of 13, David Kadouch was invited by Itzhak Perlman to perform under his baton at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. This catapulted Kadouch to an international solo career. This French pianist is quickly becoming one of the most acclaimed pianists of his generation. 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Mary Galvin Recital Hall at Northwestern University, 70 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, \$10-\$30, 847-467-4000

Service Buddies: Project Cups of Comfort - Grades 1-8: Fifth- through eighth-graders assist first-through fourth-graders with decorating and filling mugs for hospice and palliative care patients and their families served by JourneyCare. Grades 5-8 must arrive by 2:30 p.m. for a briefing. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or call. 3 p.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Preschool Fair: This is an opportunity for families to stop in and connect with and receive information from local preschool representatives. Light refreshments are served and a prize pack drawing will be held. A snow date is at the same times on Jan. 27 if needed. 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Things to Know before Filing 2017 Income Tax Returns: Before filing your 2017 income tax returns, take a moment to listen and ask questions of CPAs Laurie Kaplan and Judy Mason. From the tax accounting firm Michael Silver and Company, they discuss: recent changes to Illinois and federal tax laws, allowable itemized deductions and income phase-outs, impact of taxes on your retirement income, current gift and estate tax issues, and tips to minimize

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taxes in 2017 and beyond. 10 a.m. Saturday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$12 member; \$17 nonmember, 847-784-6000

Kid's cooking class: Swiss Rolls: Your chefs will be taught by our Executive Chef how to make delicious swiss rolls. Before the hands-on-demonstration we will provide a breakfast buffet with assorted juices. Advance registration required. 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Maggiano's Little Italy, 175 Old Orchard Shopping Center, Skokie, \$25 child; \$15 adult, 847-933-9555.

Parents' Night Out: While you are away, the Nature Center staff will lead fun, nature-related activities such as group games, crafts and a hike outdoors for kids ages 6-10. Have your children eat dinner; a light snack will be provided. 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$20 Skokie resident, \$25 nonresident, 847-677-7001

Free Space — Art Opening Reception: Sixteen new paintings are showcased by A+C Architects. This is a solo exhibition of new work by Chicago artist David Criner. 6 p.m. Saturday, A+C Architects, 4840 Main St., Skokie, free, 847-829-0801

Sunday, Jan. 21

An Evening in Vienna: The evening's program showcases masterworks from 19th-century Vienna: Mahler's Ruckert-Lieder, Schoenberg's Chamber Symphony No. 1 and Brahms' Clarinet Quintet in B Minor. Performers include Bienen School faculty Scott Hostetler, oboe; J. Lawrie Bloom, clarinet; Gail Williams, horn; and Blair Milton, violin. Baritone Edward Parks makes his Bienen debut as a special guest on the program. Parks sang the title role in the world premiere of "Steve Jobs" with the Santa Fe Opera. 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Pick-Staiger Concert Hall, Northwestern University, 50 Arts Circle Drive, Evanston, \$10-\$30, 847-467-4000

Illinois 200: Abraham Lincoln in Song: In this extensively researched, historically accurate program, singer/songwriter Chris Vallillo uses period music Lincoln may well have known and sung, and Lincoln's own stories to illustrate his life. Special emphasis is placed on showing Lincoln's unique bond with the common man and his desire for reconciliation, not revenge. Register at glenviewpl.org/register or call. 2 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Free Intro to Square Dance Party: Sample a uniquely American dance hobby. No experience is needed, and no partner is required. This is hosted by Glenview Square Dance Club. For more information, visit glenviewsquares.org or call 847-309-1329. 6 p.m. Sunday, Glenview Park Center, 2400 Chestnut Ave., Glenview, free, 224-521-2257

Interest in Pinterest: If you have an interest in Pinterest and you are looking for inspiration, Pinterest is one of the most popular social platforms for creative exploration. Drop-in, as no registration is required for this two-hour presentation. 2 p.m. Sunday, Lincolnwood Public Library, 4000 West Pratt Ave., Lincolnwood, free, 847-677-5277

"I Am Jane Doe": Documentary and Panel Discussion: Watch "I Am Jane Doe" and learn how communities can stop local trafficking. Cosponsored by JCAST Chicago and National Council of Jewish Women. 2 p.m. Sunday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Indoor Winter Farmers Market: Come purchase soups, jams, baked goods, salsas, meats, honey, winter-available produce and more to support your local farmers! Link/SNAP Benefits and Link Match Coupons are accepted. 10 a.m. Sunday, First United Methodist Church of Park Ridge, 418 W. Touhy Ave., Park Ridge, free, 847-825-3144

"Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood Live": Everyone's favorite characters from "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood" will sing and dance in this special show. 2 p.m. Sunday, Rosemont Theater, 5400 North River Road, Rosemont, \$25.75

Winter Outing to Starved Rock: This is for those ages 18 and older to take this outing to Starved Rock State Park near Utica. It is a winter wonderland. Hike the moderate to challenging park trails and enjoy spectacular vistas, deep canyons and ice-sculpted cascades. Brunch at the lodge is included in the trip fee. 7 a.m. Sunday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$55 Skokie resident; \$69 non resident, 847-677-7001

Family Play Day: Winter Fun for All Ages: Drop in for a morning of nature-based winter play at Emily Oaks. We will provide you with special winter tools and play cards to use on your self-guided walk as you enjoy the wonders of the frozen world. 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Emily Oaks Nature Center, 4650 Brummel St., Skokie, \$1, 847-677-7001

Town Hall Meeting About Blood Cancers: Patients, survivors and their loved ones are invited to bring their questions regarding leukemia, lymphoma, multiple myeloma and

myelodysplastic syndromes, to the Leukemia Research Foundation's Annual Town Hall Meeting. 1 p.m. Sunday, Skokie Banquet & Conference Center at Holiday Inn, 5300 Touhy Ave., Skokie, free, 847-424-0600

Monday, Jan. 22

Fiber Arts Studio: Sew Your Own Sock Creature: Use your imagination and basic sewing skills to create a one-of-a-kind sock creature. Instructions and materials are provided. Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult and please register at glenviewpl.org/register or by calling. 6 p.m. Monday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Embrace the New Year with Meditation: Learn effective meditation techniques to reduce stress, enhance relaxation and promote inner growth. This is presented by long-time meditator Renate Lanotte, MS LCSW. 2 p.m. Monday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Richard Wagner: Destroyer of Music as We Knew It: The towering giant of the 19th century pushed music to the breaking point. None could compare with him or with his ego. His music was radical; so was his view of the human race. Examine the multitude of ways he exhibited his genius and listen to excerpts from his magnum opus "The Ring of the Nibelungen." 10 a.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$12 member; \$17 nonmember, 847-784-6000

Medicare Update 2018: It seems that every year, Medicare is updated — for both the newly enrolled and those who have been participating for years, Melissa Versch helps attendees to understand their benefits. She also highlights any changes to the program, so participants can understand the alphabet soup of Medicare A, B, C and D. 1 p.m. Monday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, free, 847-784-6000

Sit and Get Fit: Move your feet and get fit while in your seat! This multi-level class is suitable for those with limitations who are seeking to improve muscle tone, strength, and stamina. Standing exercises that improve lower body strength and balance will be incorporated for those participants willing and able. 10 a.m. Monday and 10 a.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$59 member; \$69 nonmember, 847-784-6000

Tuesday, Jan. 23

"Land of Mine": In post-World War II Denmark, a group of young German POWs are forced to clear a beach of thousands of land mines under the watch of a Danish sergeant who slowly learns to appreciate their plight. Danish with English subtitles, this is rated R. Just drop in. 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

PowerPoint 2013 Basics: For beginners — Learn to create presentations and standalone slideshows for work, school or personal use. Glenview Library card required. Please register at glenviewpl.org/register or 847-729-7500. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Tuesdays with Miss Fran (ages 2 and up w/adult): Miss Fran brings her fun to the library. 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Movie screening of "13th": This is a two-part screening and discussion of the award-winning documentary "13th" on successive Tuesday evenings — Jan. 23 and 30, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Pollak Room on the first floor of the library. The movie was directed by the same woman who directed "Selma" and it explores the intersection of race, justice and mass incarceration. Parental discretion is advised. The movie ends on a hopeful note. 7 p.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 312-301-6838

Hiring Top Talent for Your Business: Make your small business thrive by hiring the best people for your team. This is presented by Tanner Morris of IBM. 10 a.m. Tuesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Caring for the Caregiver: While caring for your loved one is important, your most important commitment must be taking care of your own health and mental well-being. Pat Newmann, licensed clinical professional counselor, leads a supportive conversation about ways to take care of yourself as a caregiver. 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, North Suburban YMCA, 2705 Techny Road, Northbrook, free, 847-272-7250

Yoga for the Rest of Us: This class is uniquely designed for individuals of all fitness levels to relax and unwind. The certified yoga instructor accommodates individual needs through the use of chairs, blocks, bolsters and other props.

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9 a.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$75 member; \$89 nonmember, 847-784-6000

Alan Watts: Psychotherapy East and West: He was guru to the beat generation, to the Beatles and to many seekers during the turbulent yet spiritual '60s. He was Alan Watts, the irrepressible, controversial and always inspiring "guru." To meet Alan is to encounter the '60s and to come to understand modern American spirituality a bit better. 1 p.m. Tuesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$37 member; \$49 nonmember, 847-784-6000

Wednesday, Jan. 24

Warren Zevon by Members of Androgynous Mustache: 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Evanston Space, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston, \$12-\$24, 847-492-8860

Road to College Series: This is for grades 9-12, with a limit of 40 on Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room. C2 Education presents two workshops geared toward students preparing for college life or the workplace. Schedule: Time Management: Jan. 24; Study Skills: Jan. 31. Gain valuable life skills. Register by Jan. 23 and Jan. 30 at: glenviewpl.org/register or call. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

BOOK! Nonfiction Book Group: For Jan. 24 is "Ashley's War: The Untold Story of a Team of Women Soldiers on the Special Ops Battlefield" by Gayle Tzemach Lemmon. In 2010, the Army created a pilot program to insert women alongside Special Operations soldiers in Afghanistan. "Ashley's War" tells the story of this remarkable unit. Just drop in. 7 p.m. Wednesday, Glenview Public Library, 1930 Glenview Road, Glenview, free, 847-729-7500

Film: "Viva Zapata": Anthony Quinn won a Best Supporting Actor Oscar for his role of Zapata's brother in this John Steinbeck-penned story of Mexican revolutionary Emiliano Zapata. Zapata led a rebellion against the corrupt, oppressive dictatorship of president Porfirio Diaz. Call or visit the library's website to reserve a spot. 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesday, Northbrook Public Library, 1201 Cedar Lane, Northbrook, free, 847-272-6224

Goldenaires: Goldenaires chorus is a group of men and women who sing harmony and perform monthly in local retirement communities, senior centers and other venues. Prior singing experi-

ence is a plus, but is not mandatory. Choir members need to be available Wednesday afternoons for performances. 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$60 member; \$75 nonmember, 847-784-6030

Let's Face the Music: Jews and Making American Music: This course explores the musical work of Irving Berlin, Harold Arlen, Aaron Copland, Leonard Bernstein, Bob Dylan, Leonard Cohen, John Zorn, Paul Simon and Carole King. 1 p.m. Wednesday, North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Road, Northfield, \$24 member, \$32 nonmember, 847-784-6000

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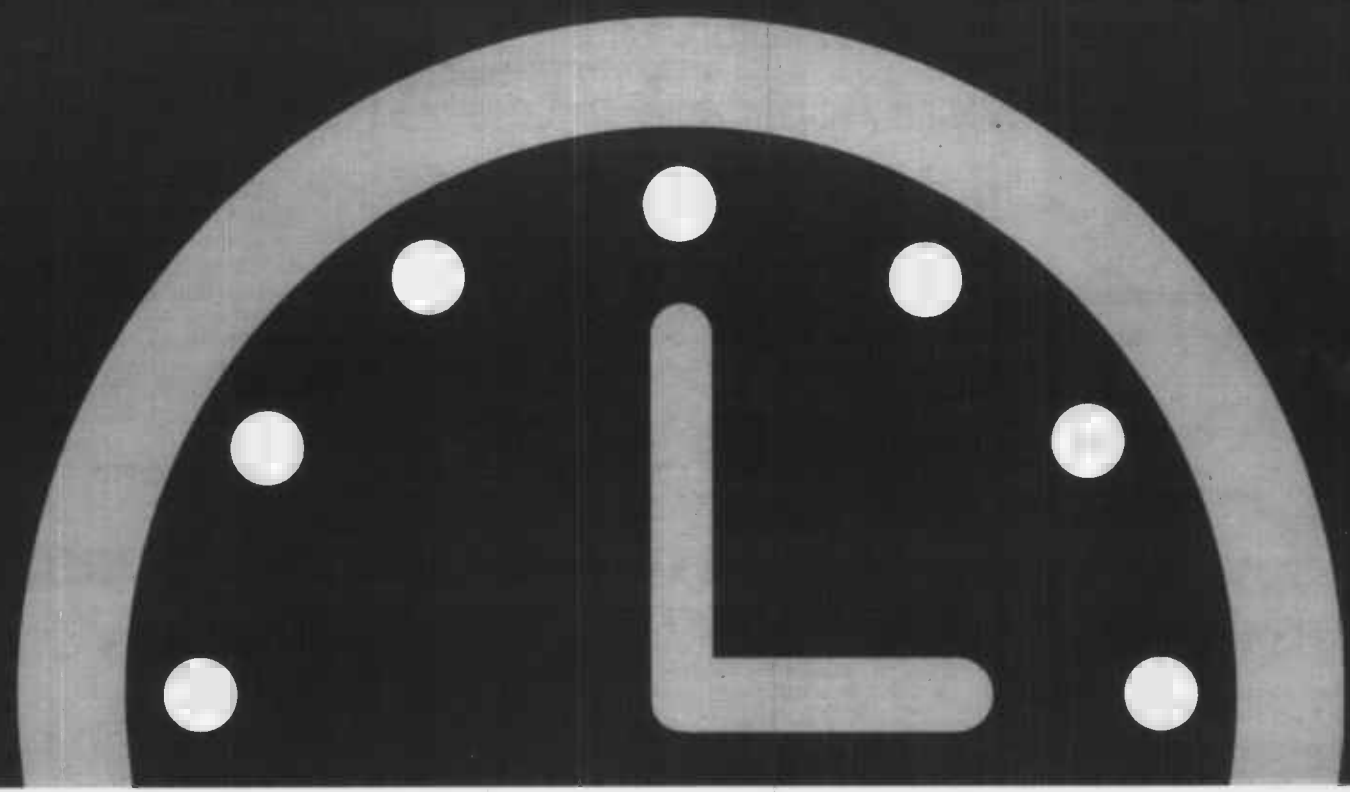
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Bariffe-Smith 'the epitome of a team kid'

Niles North senior embraces role in paint despite being undersized

BY DAN SHALIN
Pioneer Press

Throughout the season, Niles North small forward Demarion Bariffe-Smith has had one major directive from Vikings coach Glenn Olson.

"He says I have to be the hardest worker on the floor," said Bariffe-Smith, a senior who lives in Skokie.

Added Bariffe-Smith: "Even though I'm not going to score 30 points a game, rebounding and defense are the keys for me. That's my strong suit. My points (often) come from defense (steals) and rebounding (putbacks)."

With established scorers like seniors Dravon Clayborn, Damaria Franklin and Jamal Stephenson, and a lack of size up front, the 6-foot-4, 167-pound Bariffe-Smith is often counted on to do the dirty work inside for the Vikings, who started the season 13-0 before dropping back-to-back Central Suburban South games against New Trier (60-58 on Jan. 9) and Maine South (79-73 on Friday).

Olson points out that Bariffe-Smith is more than capable on the perimeter, where he projects to play in college. At times this winter, Bariffe-Smith has displayed those outside skills, especially early in the season, when Stephenson was sitting out for academic reasons, according to Olson.

But the Vikings often need Bariffe-Smith's length — he said he has a 6-11 wingspan — and tenacity down low.

"He's a tough kid. He's definitely a next-level wing,

but he is a post player for us because we lack size," Olson said of Bariffe-Smith, who is receiving interest from Division II, Division III and NAIA schools. "(Bariffe-Smith) does what it takes to play out on the perimeter, but goes under when we need him to go under the basket. He's the epitome of a team kid."

Through 14 games, Bariffe-Smith was averaging 8.5 points and 8.4 rebounds, despite regularly giving up several inches and pounds to frontcourt opponents.

Against New Trier, Bariffe-Smith regularly found himself matched up versus 6-9, 215-pound junior forward Ciaran Brayboy.

Bariffe-Smith often fronted Brayboy, and in several instances used his reach and athletic ability to prevent the Trevians from throwing the ball over the top.

"I was trying to rebound, rebound, rebound, and play my role to the fullest extent," Bariffe-Smith said. "I wanted to prove that I can guard every position, especially somebody 6-8 or 6-9. It's just about being active and proving you can guard every position."

Bariffe-Smith finished with two points, seven rebounds, one steal and one block.

Brayboy registered 19 points, 13 rebounds and five blocks; however, 11 of his points came in the fourth quarter against a seemingly fatigued Niles North defense. The Vikings missed the energetic and talented Stephenson, who played just six minutes the entire game because of cramps.

Bariffe-Smith has had more productive nights this season. Among the highlights were a 12-point, nine-rebound performance in a 70-43 win over Lake Zurich on Dec. 23 and a nine-point,

nine-rebound effort in a 64-52 win over Evanston on Dec. 15.

Olson said he believes Bariffe-Smith's game will continue to evolve over the next four years.

"His best basketball is ahead of him. He can do more than just battle under the basket. He can shoot, makes good decisions with the ball," Olson said. "He's not one of those kids who grew up playing a ton of ball and was highly touted as a freshman. But he loves to be in the gym, loves to shoot and work on his game, and I'm excited to see where it goes (in college)."

Bariffe-Smith, who started playing organized basketball in seventh grade, said he will need to put on a little more weight in order to be successful on a college basketball court. In college, Bariffe-Smith plans to study civil and structural engineering and he said he possesses a 3.8 GPA.

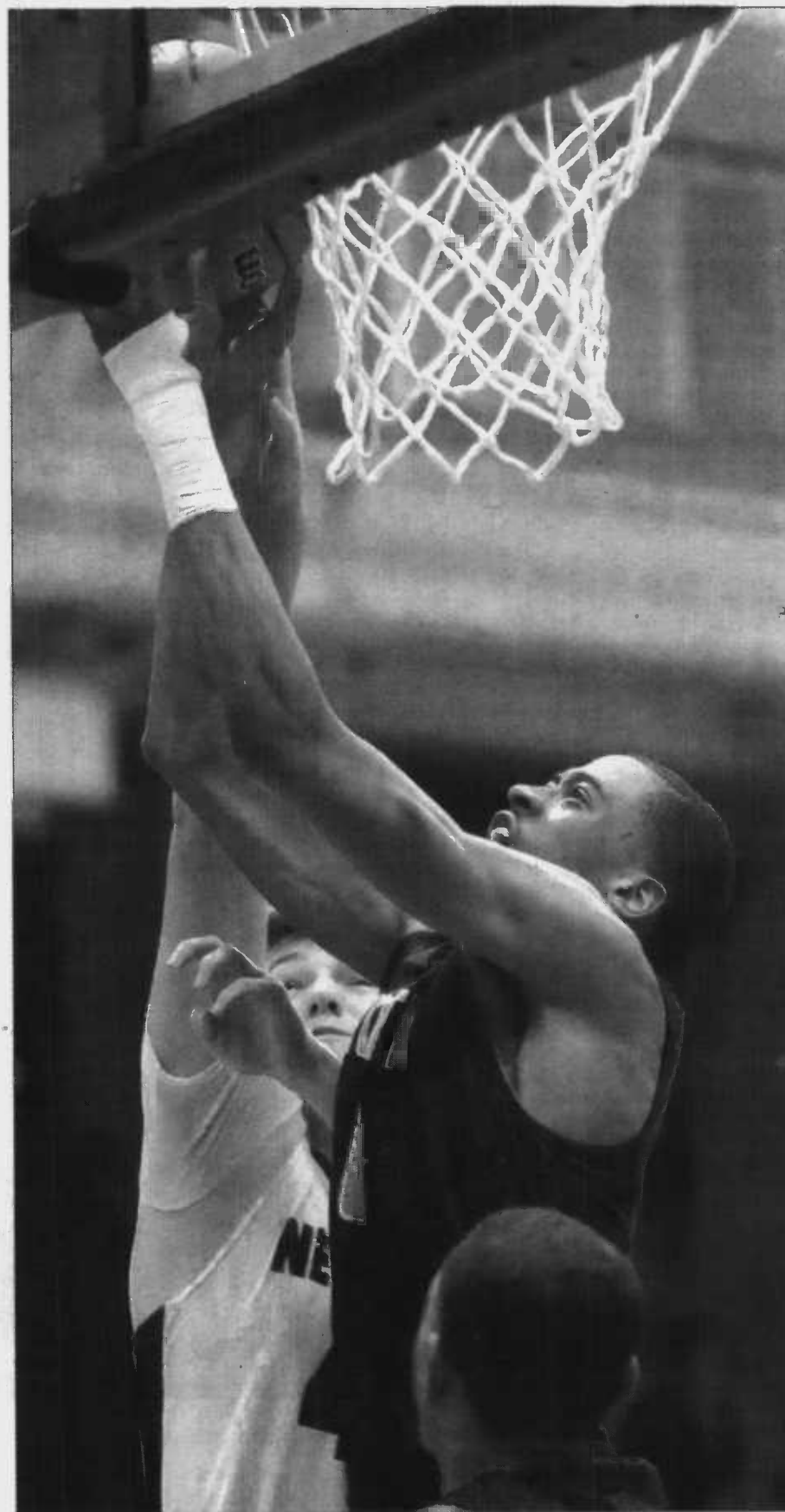
Though Bariffe-Smith said he has visited a few colleges and been in touch with coaches from others, his main focus remains the Vikings, a team that appears to have a target on its back after its early-season success.

"Every single game, we get the opponent's best game, so we have to come out with the mindset that we have to earn every win," Bariffe-Smith said.

He added: "It's been exciting. I've never been a part of that (a team with so much hype, publicity and attention), and the other kids have not been a part of that. We have to live up to the expectations that other people have of us."

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Niles North's Demarion Bariffe-Smith (purple jersey) scores against New Trier on Jan. 9 in Winnetka.

Aggressive play helps Singleton put up big numbers

BY STEVE REAVEN
Pioneer Press

The light turned on. That's the figurative explanation for what has transpired over the past month and a half for Clyde Singleton, who up until that point had a pedestrian basketball career.

The literal result is that Singleton, a Niles West senior guard, has become the Wolves' No. 1 scoring option and one of the Central Suburban South's most productive all-around performers.

He accounted for exactly half of the Wolves' points in a 40-39 home conference win over Glenbrook South on Friday. It was the third straight game that the Skokie resident reached the 20-point plateau.

So what's to credit for this transformation?

"At the beginning of the year, I was searching for a comfort zone," said Singleton, who played sparingly as a junior. "After a few games, I gained more experience and realized that the team needed me."

It did, indeed.

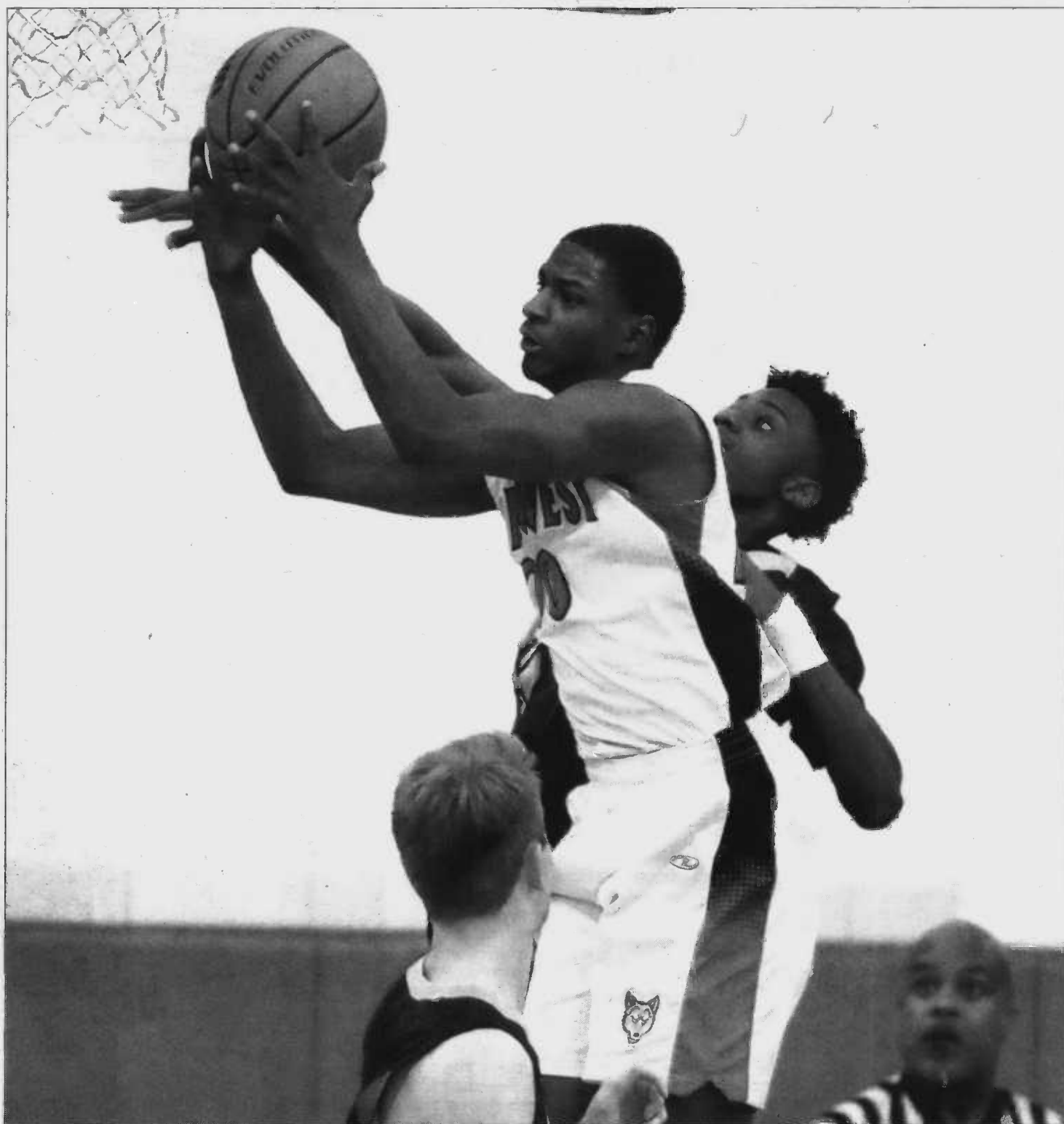
First-year Niles West coach Mike Wasielewski said he liked what he saw from Singleton in summer workouts, but he didn't envision him becoming a difference-maker. Excluding the season's first four games, Singleton has scored in double figures all but once.

The Wolves' dependence on Singleton was evident down the stretch against Glenbrook South (6-10, 0-5 after Friday). After consecutive Titans 3-pointers cut Niles West's lead to 34-33, Wasielewski called for a clear-out, resulting in Singleton coasting by his man for a momentum-reversing layup.

"He was fine in November, but over the last month, he's really come out of his shell," Wasielewski said. "You can see his confidence growing and he's become more and more aggressive."

Singleton's aggressive nature is bolstered by his explosiveness. He first dunked a basketball the summer before his freshman year of high school and he registered a 36-inch vertical jump in physical education class this year, Singleton said.

The 6-foot-2-inch Singleton's leaping ability is the main reason he leads Niles West (5-9, 1-4 after



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Niles West's Clyde Singleton is fouled by Glenbrook South's Stevon Boyd (back) during the Wolves' 40-39 win on Friday in Skokie.

Friday) in rebounding.

"I know I have to fight for every rebound and it's fun to get in there with the bigs and see what I can do," he said.

One thing Singleton seldom

does is shoot 3-pointers.

Through the Wolves' first 14 games, Singleton has only attempted one shot from beyond the arc. This rebuke of modern basketball conventions, especially for a

scoring guard, stems from a healthy dose of self-scouting.

"I've never really been a big shooter, but I've been working on it," Singleton said. "I'd rather drive and kick it out to someone who

can knock them down."

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Area coach being inducted into HOF

BY HEATHER RULE
Pioneer Press

Jim Neville started out coaching youth football before he jumped to hockey. Coaching was about more than just teaching the game to young players; it helped Neville stay on track.

That's because in the late 1960s and early 1970s, Neville said he was a "big-time drinker."

"I was able to kill the drinking, but this filled the void," Neville said of coaching. "And that's kept me occupied and happy and satisfied all this time."

He said he hasn't had a drink since he started coaching hockey.

That was over 40 years ago and kicked off decades of volunteer coaching hockey at a variety of levels, from high school to sled hockey, plus some devel-

opment camps along the way.

Neville is part of the 2017 class for the Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame. Neville, who grew up in Park Ridge and now lives in Mount Prospect, is being inducted in the builders' category. He'll be inducted at the hall of fame dinner on Jan. 28 at the Belvedere Events & Banquets venue in Elk Grove Village.

Neville's Maine and Notre Dame teams won high school state championships. Some big moments to be sure, "not that I had anything to do with good players," Neville said as his modesty chimed in.

He teaches his players about the game and also about the game of life, doing so in a fun way, according to



Jim Neville

Jim Smith, Neville's longtime friend and fellow coach. That's why he's getting the hall of fame nod; the builders' category recognizes someone who is more than a volunteer, Smith said.

"It's somebody that goes above and beyond," Smith said. "And Jimmy is probably a true definition of going above and beyond."

For Neville, a 1955 Fenwick graduate, it's the people that stand out. He's made many, many friends in other coaches, within organizations and with former players. To this day, he runs into these various faces, many simply asking "Hey, Mr. Neville. How you doing?" Neville said. He even ran into a former player's father when visiting some friends

in Palm Springs, Calif., just before Christmas this year.

One of the closest people to Neville over the years, on the ice and off, is Smith, the current president of USA Hockey.

Smith was the altar boy at Neville's wedding before they became friends, then his best man as Neville and his wife Judy renewed their vows on their 25th anniversary. For their 50th anniversary, Smith surprised them by being an altar boy again for the ceremony, even though he was in his 50s.

In addition to their friendship, Smith, who's also on the board of directors for the Illinois Hockey Hall of Fame, and Neville also coached together for a number of years starting with squirts in Park Ridge.

"He's just been an extraordinary volunteer," Smith said. "One of the best

Jim Neville coaching highlights

EXPERIENCE Coach, Chicago Hornets Sled Hockey Organization

- Also coached disabled athletes at hockey development camps until 2015
- Coach, U.S. National Development Camps in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Lake Placid, N.Y.

- Starting in 1985, he coached a select group of players in camps for more than 14 years

Coach, high school hockey

- Won a state championship with Maine
- Won 1992 state championship with Notre Dame
- Coach, Northern Express Hockey Club, Niles and Park Ridge – mid 1980s

- He helped organize the club, which merged the Niles and Park Ridge Hockey clubs

- Named Coach of the Year by the Northwest Hockey League in Franklin Park
- Volunteer assistant coach, Park Ridge Hornets Hockey Organization, Park Ridge – mid 1970s

- His team won state his first year as coach

- Co-coached with Jim Smith, the current USA Hockey president
- Served one year as president of the organization

AWARDS

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I've ever come across. Whatever you ask him to do, he will do."

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COLLEGE NOTES

Skarzynski paces Minnesota women's hockey

By SAM BRIEF
Pioneer Press

As of Friday, the Minnesota women's hockey team had cruised to a 16-5-2 record, with an impressive 10-0-0 mark away from home. A major reason for the Golden Gophers' success has been Loyola alumna and Lake Forest native **Sophie Skarzynski**.

Through 23 games, the junior defenseman ranked second on the team with 21 points, and she was tied for the team lead in assists with 15. She also had tallied six goals on 46 shots. She already has career-highs in goals, assists and points.

Skarzynski, who has played in two Frozen Fours with the Golden Gophers and has appeared for the U.S. Women's National Under-18 Team, most recently tallied a goal and an assist in a Dec. 9 shutout win against Minnesota-Duluth.

Darien native **Cara Piazza** is also on the team. Piazza, a senior forward, has seven goals and nine assists this season.

Locals win title with NDSU football

For the sixth time in seven years, the North Dakota State football team has won the Football Championship Subdivision national title. Two local graduates on the roster can now call



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Sophie Skarzynski, a Loyola graduate from Lake Forest, has been a top scorer for Minnesota this season.

themselves national champions.

Jack Albrecht, a 6-foot-5, 278-pound sophomore offensive guard and a Rolling Meadows native, appeared in two games this season for the Bison. He is joined by **Josh Babicz**, a 6-6, 225-pound freshman tight end from Barrington who played quarterback, wide receiver and tight end for the Broncos.

The Bison, paced by their stifling defense, took down James Madison 17-13 in the title game.

Karras, Baum lead Maroons basketball

Two former North Shore prep stars have guided the University of Chicago men's

basketball team so far this season.

Noah Karras, a junior guard from Lake Forest, and **Jordan Baum**, a sophomore guard from Deerfield, have become offensive contributors for the Maroons (4-8 as of Friday). Karras began the season ranked third in program history for 3-point percentage and has scored 10.6 points per game as a junior. He scored a season-high 18 points on Dec. 19 in a loss to Illinois Wesleyan.

Baum has averaged 6.7 points per game and is second on the team in 3-point shooting percentage. He also leads the squad with 5.3 assists per game.

Porter Veach, a senior guard from Winnetka and a former Lake Forest Academy student, is also on the



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Noah Karras (right) is one of the top 3-point shooters in University of Chicago men's basketball history.

team.

Evanston's Mertz earns conference honors

Nora Mertz, a sophomore forward on the Division III Carleton College women's soccer team, was one of the top players in the Minne-

sota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference this season. The Evanston graduate led the Knights in scoring for the second consecutive year. Her 10 goals, the fifth-highest total in Carleton history, also ranked fifth in the MIAC this season. Three of her goals were game-winners.

Mertz also won a national

title in ultimate Frisbee at the Women's D-III College Championships in May.

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