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TA'NIYAH HALE

Hairdryer blamed for fatal fire

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The tragic Christmas weekend fire that killed a 7-year-old girl in Kankakee was caused when a hair-dryer ignited bedding in the first floor living room.

Kankakee Fire Chief Ron Young said the fatal fire has been ruled an accident.

"Someone made a mistake," he said. "It's tragic."

The hairdryer, Young said, "was underneath some blankets, and there was no ventilation and it set some bedding on fire."

Ta'Niyah Hale was the only fatality in the fire, which gutted the home.

Kankakee County Coroner Bob Gessner pronounced her dead at 12:03 p.m. on Saturday at the home in the 100 block of North Washington Avenue.

In total, four people were injured. Hale's uncle, Robert Harris, 25, who entered the house several times to find her, was taken to the Loyola Medical Center burn center in stable condition. Kankakee Fire Chief Ron Young said 15 percent of Harris' body is covered in burns.

A family member recently posted a picture of Harris at the hospital on Facebook, saying he is medically OK.

A fundraising account has been established at Peoples Bank branches to help the family.

The account is under the name of Ta'Niyah's grandmother, Betty Hale, and Greater New Hope Missionary Baptist Church.



Daily Journal/Mike Voss

The Kankakee Fire Department says the fatal fire at 156 North Washington Ave. on Saturday was accidentally set when a hairdryer was misused.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY



Daily Journal/Tiffany Blanchette

Several area fire departments work together to secure tow truck chains to a submerged car found Tuesday in Livingston County's Gooseberry Creek near Campus. A search for the man is expected to continue today.

A wife's plea:

'I want to find my husband's body'

Search continues for correctional officer whose car was found in creek

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Family, friends and emergency personnel were expected to go out again this morning in search of a missing man whose car was found inside Gooseberry Creek in northeast Livingston County early Tuesday afternoon.

The man, Shawn Beaupre, lives in Bourbonnais with his wife,

Margaret. He's spent 18 years as a correctional officer at the prison in Pontiac. That's where he was headed Monday night before his car wound up inside the shallow creek four miles west of Reddick.

"He kissed me and I said, 'I love you,'" Margaret said. "And I said, 'Be careful.' I always said, "Be careful."

That was about 9:45 p.m. A storm of freezing rain made road conditions treacherous around the area. By 5 a.m. the next day, Margaret was starting her shift as a nurse at Riverside Medical Center. "I knew something was wrong," she said.

By 2 p.m., police had given her the grim news. They had pulled Shawn's car from the creek. No one was inside it, but the keys

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were missing and one of the windows was down.

"I want to find my husband's body," Margaret said. On Tuesday evening she sent out a plea on her Facebook page, asking for any help in the search effort. She said Shawn's co-workers were out searching for him throughout the night and more were expected to join them today.

"He's the most wonderful man," she said.

Margaret met Shawn four years ago. When the two married two years later, they formed a family of 10 children, five from previous marriages, another five from Margaret's sister. Shawn only recently became a grandfather.

Margaret said Shawn, 49, was planning on only working a few more years before retiring.

He was never late to work, and never known to skip out on a shift, Margaret said. That should have raised an alarm when he never arrived for work on Monday night.

"If they would have called me, we would have been out there," she said. "And we could have saved him."

WINTER WEATHER

Watseka braces itself for more flooding

Kankakee River closes; only partial flooding in Kankakee County

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The Watseka Fire Department evacuated 10 homes overnight and are taking residents to Trinity Church, where an emergency shelter has been set up.

City officials said the flooding has the "potential to equal the July flood based on the best info we have now." The city reported more than 20 streets

Mazon River closes

The Mazon River, which flows through East Brooklyn-South Wilmington and the Coal City area has been ordered closed to boating and recreation by order of Wayne Rosenthal, director of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Rosenthal agreed with a recommendation from Illinois Conservation Police District 3 Supervisor Mark Simon, who wrote that flooding, dangerous currents and floating and submerged debris have created hazardous conditions on the Mazon.

The stream drains a large area of Grundy and Livingston counties and empties into the Illinois River near Morris. Damaging floods have occurred along it in the past at East Brooklyn, South Wilmington, the Gardner area and elsewhere.

— Robert Themer

were closed by 3 p.m. Tuesday. The city is offering sandbags at its public works facility.

Eric A. Ceci, the emergency manage-

ment agency director, said the intersection of Illinois Route 1 and U.S. Route

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Daily Journal/Scott Anderson

Workers from the Illinois Department of Transportation closed U.S. Route 24 in Watseka on Tuesday afternoon. By Tuesday night, the Watseka Fire Department had evacuated about 10 homes, and the American Red Cross had opened a shelter at Trinity Church at 1658 Walnut St. in Watseka.

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Jackpots
 Illinois Lotto \$18.75 million
 Hoosier Lotto \$12.2 million
 Mega Millions \$130 million
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Numbers drawn Tuesday, Dec. 29:

Illinois
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 Pick 3 Evening 6-2-6 3
 Pick 4 Midday 5-8-2-6 3
 Pick 4 Evening 3-1-2-3 0
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 Evening 21-24-30-31-39

Indiana
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 Daily 4 Evening 2-2-5-9
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THE BIG PICTURE: SOUTH KOREA



The Associated Press

Relief, anger, indifference over SKorea-Japan sex slave deal

A South Korean police officer looks at the statue of a girl representing victims of Japanese sexual slavery in front of the Japanese Embassy in Seoul, South Korea, on Tuesday. A day after trumpeting an "irreversible" settlement of a decades-long standoff over Korean women forced into sexual slavery by Japan's WWII military, there's relief among South Korean and Japanese diplomats, fury among activists and many of the elderly victims and general public indifference in both countries.

5 top prescribed drugs

Synthroid (levothyroxine)
21.5 million

Treats thyroid issues, including cancer

Nexium (esomeprazole)
15.2 million

Treats heartburn

Crestor (rosuvastatin)
21.4 million

Treats high cholesterol and triglyceride levels

Advair Diskus (fluticasone)
13.7 million

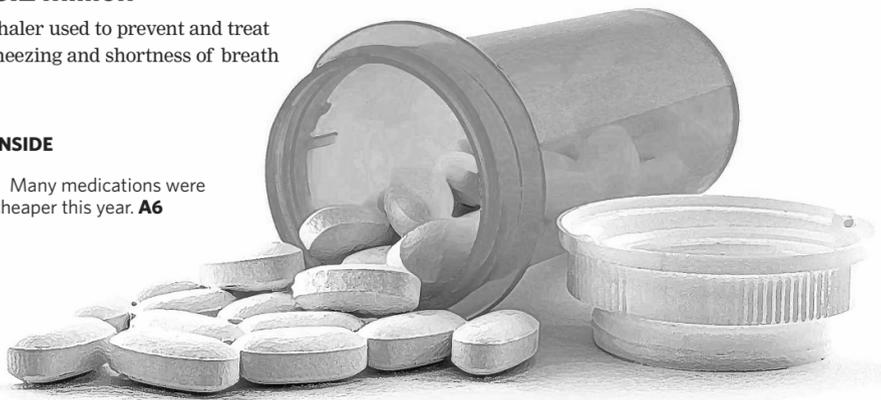
Inhaler also used to prevent and treat wheezing and shortness of breath

Ventolin HFA (albuterol)
18.2 million

Inhaler used to prevent and treat wheezing and shortness of breath

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• Many medications were cheaper this year. **A6**



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30

Five events in history

- In 1940, California's first free-way, the Arroyo Seco Parkway connecting Los Angeles and Pasadena, was officially opened.
- In 1954, Olympic gold medal runner Malvin G. Whitfield became the first black recipient of the James E. Sullivan Award for amateur athletes.
- In 1979, Broadway composer Richard Rodgers died in New York at age 77.
- In 1999, former Beatle George Harrison fought off a knife-wielding intruder who'd broken into his mansion west of London and stabbed him in the chest. (Michael Abram was later acquitted of attempted murder by reason of insanity.)
- In 2006, Iraqis awoke to news that Saddam Hussein had been hanged; victims of his three decades of autocratic rule took to the streets to celebrate.

Happy birthday!

- Actor **Joseph Bologna** is 81.
- Singer **Patti Smith** is 69.
- TV personality **Meredith Vieira** is 62.
- "Today" show co-host **Matt Lauer** is 58.
- Radio-TV commentator **Sean Hannity** is 54.
- Golfer **Tiger Woods** is 40.
- Rock musician **Tim Lopez** (Plain White T's) is 35.
- NBA player **LeBron James** is 31.
- Singer **Ellie Goulding** is 29.

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KANKAKEE COUNTY FINANCES

Ending the year on big numbers

Kankakee County officials look back on tumultuous year

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As the end of 2015 approaches, Kankakee County officials are waiting for some final budget figures to see exactly where their tumultuous financial year will end. The county finance committee got to see a few figures on Tuesday — although official numbers won't be available until they are calculated early next year.

Until then, county officials will keep their fingers crossed.

"You always have an uneasy feeling that something will go

wrong," said Mike Bossert, Kankakee County Board chairman.

The county is looking to carry an overall \$4.7 million deficit into 2016 largely because of decreases in sales taxes and declining revenues in the rent-a-cell program at the county jail. The county's expense budget is anticipated to reach a total of about \$27.7 million for 2015.

The two key areas where the county lost money this year:

- Sales tax revenues have dipped about \$1.6 million thus far in 2015. The state is yet to make the final disbursement of those revenues, which would cover the past two months. The final total for 2014 was \$6.1 million, according to county budget documents.

- The rent-a-cell program earned \$6.4 million in 2015, which is a dip of \$1.8 million from 2014, according to county budget documents.

There is one federal agency which has not yet made its final payment for the year.

The county board approved a property tax increase and more borrowing for 2016 when it approved a \$25.3 million budget in November. The budget cuts totaled \$2.4 million.

To make up for the difference, the county board approved two key measures this year:

- Local banks extended a \$4 million loan to the county for 2016, which county officials closed on just last week. The loan is needed to help the county meet its payroll, which runs at about \$900,000 every two weeks, said Steve McCarty, finance director. The money will have to last until July, when the county gets its first installment of property taxes.

"It's gotta go a long way," McCarty said.

- A property tax hike the county board approved will generate an estimated \$1.6 million in revenues in 2016. The hike will cost the owner of a \$100,000 home about \$30 more on their tax bill, which currently is at about \$350. (Note: that's only the county's portion of the property tax bill, which does not include all the other taxing bodies.)

The tax increase came by removing an abatement in the county's bond and interest levy, which was previously covered by revenues from the rent-a-cell program. That means taxpayers now are paying for the debt owed for expanding the jail and building the Kankakee County Sheriff's Police administration center.

McCarty said the final totals for 2015 for all finances will become official by March.

KANKAKEE VIOLENCE

2 teens arrested in Dec. 23 shootings

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Kankakee police on Tuesday said they have arrested two teens in connection with a Dec. 23 shooting.

Facing a rash of gang-related shootings this month, police said they are charging a 17-year-old and a 16-year-old with aggravated discharge of a firearm. The teens were arrested on Sunday.

According to the report, police received numerous calls of gunfire around North Fifth Avenue and West Park Drive at about 5:25 p.m. on Dec. 23. Callers said they heard between 20 and 30 shots.

Numerous shell casings were recovered and a witness told police he saw five or six young men running from the area.

A woman talked to police and said her two sons were the intended target, but the teens were uncooperative at first. Eventually, they gave up information.

December has kept Kankakee police busy.

On Dec. 12, four shootings occurred across three Kankakee wards; an 18-year-old was injured, but not fatally.

On Dec. 16, a driver along South Hillcrest Avenue was chased and shot at by a group driving in another car. No one was injured. Then, on Dec. 19, police investigated shots fired in the 100 block of South Rosewood Avenue.

Witnesses are refusing to cooperate with police in these shootings.

On Dec. 12, Corey Gilbert, 28, was shot to death in his car on the west side in what police said was an unrelated incident. No suspects have been identified and police continue investigating.

Anyone with information about these incidents is asked to call the Kankakee Police Department's detective bureau at 815-933-0426 or Crime Stoppers at 815-932-7463.

WINTER WEATHER



The Associated Press

Floodwater from the Bourbeuse River surrounds a McDonald's restaurant on Tuesday in Union, Mo. Torrential rains throughout the past several days pushed already swollen rivers and streams to virtually unheard-of heights in parts of Missouri and Illinois.

19 levees in Illinois, Missouri monitored for flooding

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The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Federal officials were monitoring 19 vulnerable levees on the rising Mississippi River and its tributaries, warning that hundreds of homes in Illinois and Missouri could be threatened by a rare winter flood that already forced the partial closure of interstate highways and widespread evacuations.

As the swollen rivers and streams pushed to virtually

unheard-of heights Tuesday, an unknown number of inmates were transferred out of an Illinois state prison threatened by flooding, Illinois' governor declared disasters in seven counties and Missouri's governor activated the National Guard to help divert traffic from submerged roads.

Record flooding was projected in some Mississippi River towns after several days of torrential rain that also caused sewage to flow unfiltered into waterways.

The Meramec River near St. Louis was expected to get to more

than 3 feet above the previous record by late this week.

At least 20 deaths throughout several days in Missouri and Illinois were blamed on flooding, mostly involving vehicles that drove onto swamped roadways.

The river on Tuesday spilled over the top of the levee at West Alton, Missouri, about 20 miles north of St. Louis. Mayor William Richter ordered any of the town's 520 residents who had not already evacuated to get out of harm's way.

Across the river, in Alton, Ill., dozens of volunteers helped place

sandbags ahead of where water is expected to rise.

Mayor Brant Walker said in a statement that "even with our best efforts of sandbagging and pumping," flooding was expected at least in the basements of the downtown business district.

In another eastern Missouri town, Union, water from the normally docile Bourbeuse River reached the roofs of a McDonald's, QuikTrip and several other businesses. The river reached an all-time high Tuesday, about 20 feet above flood stage.

Flooding

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24 was closed. He cautioned that many more roadways throughout the county have partial flooding.

Flood warnings have been issued for the Iroquois River at Iroquois and Chebanse, as well as Sugar Creek at Milford. On Tuesday morning, the Iroquois River was at 22.7 feet, about 4.7 feet above its flood stage, at Iroquois. The National Weather Service anticipates it will fall below flood stage on Sunday morning.

Meanwhile, Sugar Creek was at 26.5 feet, about 8.5 feet above its flood stage, at Milford. The National Weather Service expects the river

to drop below flood stage on Thursday morning.

The Department of Natural Resources closed the Kankakee River as its waters rose about six inches over flood stage.

The river is at 5.5 feet and is expected to peak on Wednesday. A flood warning is set to expire on Thursday night.

"We're not used to closing the river in December, but we weren't expecting any canoers or boaters anyway," said Chad Gessner, Kankakee County's emergency management director. "It's been a crazy year with all this flooding."

Gessner said nobody in Kankakee County has reported evacuating their homes. About five houses are surrounded by flooding on South River Road in Kankakee. The road is closed from 4000S Road to 6000S Road. Birchwood Lane also has flooded over in Aroma Park.

Emergency management is preparing sandbags for residents to pick up at the eastern part of the parking lot at the Jerome Combs Detention Center.

Other local flooding has started to subside. Yet, the following roads are partially flooded: 4000N at 14000E Road; Eagle Island Road north of Route 17; 5000N at 3000E Road; 14000W at 6000N Road; and 4000N at 8000W Road.

Gessner tipped his hat to township and village departments for helping emergency management on Monday and Tuesday.

"The local townships and public works departments did a great job keeping up on the storm with tree removals. We appreciated their help. They busted their butts all night and enabled our emergency vehicles to get through."

MEXICO

Officials: 'Affluenza' teen, mom tracked by phone

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The Associated Press

GUADALAJARA, Mexico — A teen fugitive from Texas known for using an "affluenza" defense and his mother were scheduled to depart for the U.S. after authorities said a phone call for pizza led to their capture in the Mexican resort city of Puerto Vallarta.

Ethan Couch, 18, and his mother, Tonya Couch, were being held at immigration offices in Guadalajara to be returned to the United States aboard a commercial flight to Houston today authorities said.

A U.S. Marshals Service agent

tipped local authorities off Monday to the location of Couch — who was on juvenile probation after killing four people in a 2013 drunken-driving wreck — and his mother, according to a police report issued by the Jalisco state prosecutors' office. Couch disappeared as authorities investigated whether he had violated the terms of his probation.

During the sentencing phase of Couch's trial, a defense expert argued his wealthy parents coddled him into a state of irresponsibility — a condition the expert termed "affluenza." The condition is not recognized as a medical diagnosis by the American Psychiatric Association, and its invocation drew ridicule.

According to the police report, one of the Couches' telephones had been used to order delivery from Domino's Pizza to a condominium complex in Puerto Vallarta's old town, far from the glitzy resorts of the city's newer section.

Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson said he believes the two fled in late November after a video surfaced that appears to show Couch at a party where people were drinking. Authorities had begun searching for the pair after Ethan Couch missed a mandatory appointment with his probation

officer on Dec. 10.

If found to be drinking, Couch's probation could be revoked and he could face up to four months in jail. Once returned to Texas, Couch will be held in a Tarrant County facility until a probation violation hearing Jan. 19.

Tarrant County District Attorney Sharen Wilson said that at the hearing she plans to ask a judge to transfer Ethan Couch's case to adult court. Couch would then face up to 120 days in an adult jail, followed by 10-year probation. If he violates probation, he could face up to 10 years in prison per death, Wilson said.

BUSINESS

Homestead to reopen on New Year's Eve

BY LEE PROVOST

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The last holiday of the year will be the first day of business for one of the region's most established restaurants.

Nikki's Homestead, the new business at the location of the former Homestead restaurant in south Kankakee, will open at 11 a.m. Thursday and be open past midnight on New Year's Eve, said operator Steve Doig.

Although reservations are not required to stop in on New Year's Eve night, Doig said he would appreciate them to help the staff prepare. To make a reservation, call 815-614-3343.

The restaurant will be open from 11 a.m. to midnight Tuesdays through Sundays, Doig said. The establishment will be closed Mondays.

The location's interior has gone through an extensive renovation.

"We've taken out about 10,000 pounds of garbage. We've replaced the boiler system. We've freshened it up; brightened it up," he said.

The location will have a staff of 15 and seating for 150.

The 6,000-square-foot restaurant along South Schuyler Avenue is owned by Gail Emme.

While the menu is limited at this time, Doig said Atlantic cod, rib-eye steak, broasted chicken, pasta, chicken tetrazzini, half-pound prime rib burgers and shaved prime rib sandwiches are among the items now on the menu.

He said the establishment's well-known fireplace area has been revamped and the new pub tables and bar stools are awaiting customers.

In addition to the new furniture, all the carpeting has been removed and new flooring is in place.

"It's been a long process, but we are ready to serve," he said.

While the new operators, Steve and Carrie, kept the Homestead name, they did add to it. Nikki is the couple's daughter.

The Homestead, under the fourth-generation ownership of Bradley resident Terry Linskey, closed in late August. The Linskey family dated back to 1906 with The Homestead.

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POLICE VIOLENCE

Does police crisis training need fixes?

Advocates say Chicago's program 'starved' of resources

BY SARA BURNETT
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — In the wake of another police shooting, Mayor Rahm Emanuel called for an immediate review of how the Chicago Police Department trains officers to respond to calls involving people in crisis or with mental health problems.

But advocates for what's known as crisis intervention team training say Chicago's program has been "starved" of resources, with only about 15 percent of officers completing the 40-hour course. Advocates say they tried to get meetings with Emanuel early in his first term to stress the importance of the training and ask the city to invest more in it but were ignored. Illinois' budget crisis also created a lapse, not just in Chicago but elsewhere.

Here's a look at Chicago's training program and what its supporters describe as the city's "shameful" response to a growing crisis:

THE CASES

Quintonio LeGrier's father said the Northern Illinois University student appeared to be a "little agitated" and later tried to bust open his door, prompting Antonio LeGrier to call police. He said Bettie Jones, who lived downstairs, told him Quintonio had a baseball bat.

Relatives of both shooting victims have questioned why police opened fire and if the situation could have been handled another way. On Monday, Antonio filed a lawsuit against the city, saying his son was never a threat, and officers used excessive force.

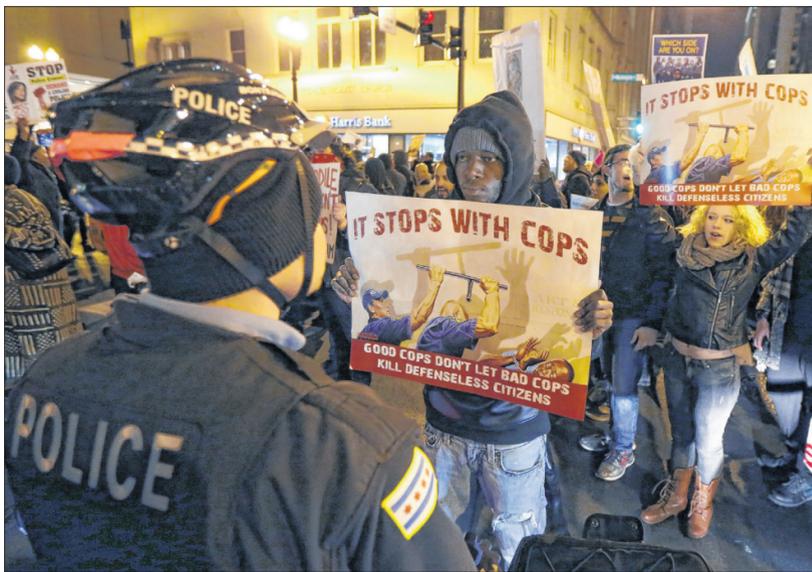
Family members of another man, Philip Coleman, had similar questions after officers arrested the 38-year-old in 2012. He later died in police custody.

Coleman's family said they told officers he was mentally ill and experiencing some type of breakdown. A video released this month shows officers later entering Coleman's jail cell, using a stun gun on him and then dragging him away.

CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM TRAINING

In CIT training, officers learn to identify a person who is in crisis and to de-escalate situations in which someone is agitated or exhibiting other signs of mental trouble.

That may mean taking more time for the person to calm down, talking with the



The Associated Press

In the wake of another police shooting, Mayor Rahm Emanuel called for an immediate review of how the Chicago Police Department trains officers to respond to calls involving people in crisis or with mental health problems after advocates say only about 15 percent of officers complete the 40-hour course. The issue resurfaced last weekend, after officers responding to a domestic disturbance shot and killed a 19-year-old man and a 55-year-old woman.

person about what's happening or finding other resources such as a case manager or mental health clinic rather than making an arrest.

There are more than 2,700 CIT programs across the U.S.

Amy Watson, an associate professor of social work at the University of Illinois at Chicago, has been involved with the Chicago Police Department's program since it formed in 2005 and has conducted two studies on its effectiveness. Her research and other studies have found that officers trained in CIT methods use less force, are better equipped to defuse crises and reduce the risk of injury.

CIT IN CHICAGO

About 1,860 officers, or about 15 percent of the police force, have received the training, Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said Monday.

Watson and Alexa James, executive director of the National Alliance on Mental Illness of Chicago, say the percentage should be closer to 25 or 35 percent — enough

so there's a CIT-trained officer on every shift in every police district who can respond to calls as needed.

Right now, that kind of coverage is "spotty," Watson said. It's particularly difficult to find a trained officer on the overnight shift.

"Every officer is trained in how to use a firearm, but not every officer will use their weapon," James said. She said the likelihood of an officer encountering a person in crisis is far greater.

Training also has been inconsistent at the city's 911 center, where dispatchers should ask questions to determine if a situation involves someone with a mental health issue, then dispatch a CIT-trained officer if one is needed. That training hasn't been happening often enough, they said.

LACK OF RESOURCES

Watson said she and other academics, as well as advocacy groups, attempted to speak with Emanuel after he was elected about committing more resources to CIT.

"We couldn't even get a call

back," she said.

Around that same time, the city closed several mental health centers because of budget problems. And this year, with state lawmakers and Gov. Bruce Rauner unable to agree on a budget, there was no money to conduct the training in the first half of the fiscal year. That means about 200 Chicago officers missed out on the class, James said.

The department plans to hold 26 CIT training sessions in 2016, providing the course to an additional 910 officers, Guglielmi said.

Emanuel spokesman Adam Collins said Monday that the mayor directed the interim police superintendent and a police oversight agency to conduct a thorough review, determine what gaps exist in training and to act on them immediately.

"It is clear from recent incidents that substantive changes are needed in our police department, particularly around use of force and de-escalating conflicts, including interactions with individuals in crisis," Collins said.

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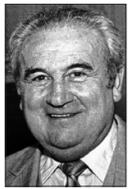
Herbert Ruffini ST. ANNE

Herbert H. Ruffini, 87, of St. Anne, passed away Monday (Dec. 28, 2015) at River North of Bradley.

He was born April 10, 1928, in Saginaw, Mich., the son of Charles and Enrichetta Perchetti Ruffini. Herbert married Josephine Von Drasek on July 19, 1958, at St. Anthony Church in Cicero.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

Herb was the longtime owner/operator of The Little Butcher in Aroma Park. He built the new store, Ruffini's Super Value, in 1980, in Aroma Park. He also owned the Royal Blue Store in St. Anne at one time. He was a member of the St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kankakee, and a member of the Elks. He was a former member of the Moose. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, the outdoors



and snow skiing. Survivors include his wife, of St. Anne; one son, Greg Ruffini, of St. Anne; two daughters, Gina and Larry Divit, of Kankakee, and Maria Ruffini, of Chicago; and one grandchild, Dylan Divit. Preceding him in death were his parents and brother, Alex Ruffini.

A funeral Mass will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Patrick Catholic Church, Kankakee, with the Rev. Donald Wehnert officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded after services.

Memorials may be made to Misericordia Home, 6300 N. Ridge Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660, or misericordia.org.

Please sign his online guestbook at clancygernon.com. (Pd)

Hester Ford LODA

On Christmas, Dec. 25, 2015, Hester Ford joined her husband, Delmer, in Heaven. They had been married for 69 years when Delmer went to Heaven on May 11, 2007. Hester Ford was born Nov. 18, 1919, in Springfield, the daughter of Sidney and Harriet Yokley.



Surviving are two sons, Donald (Kathy) Ford, of Tallahassee, Fla., and Carl (Kathy) Ford, of Sun City, Ariz.; one daughter, Fran (Jerry) Martin, of Lake Iroquois, Loda; six grandchildren, Debbie (Rick) Skelly, of Cumming, Ga., Scott Ford, of Columbia, Tenn., Michael Ford, of Goodyear, Ariz., Lynnette (Dan) Bixby, of Bloomington, David (Leslie) Ford, of Peoria, Ariz., and Brian (Tammy) Martin, of West Lafayette, Ind.; 15 great-grandchildren, Ryan and Nicholas Skelly, Hunter Ford, Jacob and Alyssa Ford, Tyler, Trevor, Tristan and Treyson Bixby and Jessica, Taylor, Abby, Kylie, Colin and Kennedy Martin; and two sisters-in-law, Gertie Yokley, of Williams-ville, and Marie Poland, of Tompkinsville, Ky.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Ben and Earl Yokley; one sister, Alma Emberton; along with two infant brothers and one infant sister.

Hester was a member of the Gibson City Bible Church. She enjoyed sewing and quilting with church members and made many lap quilts for friends in

nursing homes. She worked at the Fairbury Hospital and the Electronics Plant in Piper City. She worked beside her husband for years farming and gardening in Chatsworth and continued gardening after their retirement move to Lake Iroquois.

Hester was a longtime member of the Home Extension Club, along with her many lifelong friends in Chatsworth.

After moving to Lake Iroquois, she was a member of Lake Iroquois Women's Club and the Welcome Wagon with Marie Postlewaite, her close friend, from Chatsworth.

Hester was a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and left many precious memories. She loved her neighbors and church friends. She made many slippers and quilts for all her children and great-grandchildren and was known for her great cooking, especially her fried chicken and pies. She had a green thumb and enjoyed her plants and gardening.

Visitation will be from 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, until the 11:30 a.m. funeral services at the Gibson City Bible Church, 309 N. Route 47, Gibson City, IL 60936, with the Rev. Paul Thomason officiating. Burial will be in the Chatsworth Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Gibson City Bible Church.

Please sign her online guestbook at knappfuneralhomes.com. (Pd)

Judith Martin BRADLEY

Judith Martin, 64, of Bradley, passed away Monday (Dec. 28, 2015) at home.

She was born Feb. 4, 1951, the daughter of Donald and Hazel (Fisher) Barnett, in Kankakee. Judith married Kenneth Martin, in Las Vegas, Nev., in 2004. He survives.



Judith retired from Kay Jewelers, where she sold jewelry for many years. She enjoyed traveling and spending time with her grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, surviving are her son, Nolan (Michelle) Baker, of Bradley; her daughter, Jessica (James) Grant, of Kankakee; three stepsons, Carl Martin, of California, Kevin Martin, of Wyoming,

and Keith (Connie) Martin, of Illinois; six grandchildren, Samantha, Ian, Sheridan, Kenneth, Marissa and Garrett; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mary Ann (Pete) Redmond, of Florida, and Barbara (Jerry) Ranzel, of New York.

Preceding her in death were her parents; one sister, Donna Barnett; one brother, James Barnett; and one granddaughter, Katherine Baker. Cremation rites have been accorded. Inurnment will be in Mound Grove Cemetery, Kankakee, at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. (Pd)

Charles Disoway WATSEKA

Charles W. Disoway, 90, of Watseka, and formerly of Sheldon, passed away Sunday (Dec. 27, 2015) at his home.



Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, 2016, at Knapp Funeral Home in Watseka. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, also at the funeral home. The Rev. Chauncey Lattimer and the Rev. Gary Milton will

officiate. Burial will be in the Sheldon Cemetery, with military graveside rites by Watseka American Legion Post 23 and Iroquois County VFW Post 7450.

Memorials may be made to Iroquois Memorial Hospice or Darrow Church of Christ.

Please sign his online guestbook at knappfuneralhomes.com.

Gordon Graeber BRADLEY

Gordon R. Graeber, 77, of Bradley, passed away Sunday (Dec. 27, 2015) at his home.



He was born June 22, 1938, in St. Anne, the son of Louis and Dorothy Glenn Graeber. He married Nancy Engelking on Sept. 2, 1961, in Grant Park.

Gordon was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He worked at Montgomery Ward and Sears Warehouse. He enjoyed bowling and watching the Chicago Cubs.

Survivors include his wife, of Bradley; son, Jeffrey (Marsha) Graeber, of Bradley; daughters, Julia (Kenneth) Wood, of Kankakee, Sherri (Jeff) Riley, of Limestone, Lori (Scott) McClanhan, of Bradley, Melissa (Tom) Weber, of

Bradley, and Vicki Graeber, of Bradley; brother, Martin (Jackie) Graeber, of North Carolina; 14 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; two sisters, Arlene O'Reilly and Margaret Beaver; and one brother, Gary Graeber.

Visitation will be from 9 a.m. Saturday until the 11 a.m. funeral service at Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Bourbonnais, with deacon Patrick Skelley officiating. Cremation rites will be accorded after the service.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

Please sign his online guestbook at clancygernon.com. (Pd)

JoAnn Jaenicke KANKAKEE

JoAnn Jaenicke, 84, of Kankakee, passed away Tuesday (Dec. 29, 2015) from complications due to Alzheimer's Disease, at Prairieview Lutheran Home-Faith Place in Danforth.



She was born Dec. 17, 1931, the daughter of Edwin and Marion (Lathrop) Blackmore, in Kankakee. She married Darwin Jaenicke on Dec. 29, 1951, in Kankakee.

She worked in her family's business, Jaenicke's A&W Root Beer Drive In in Kankakee. She was a member of St. Mark United Methodist Church in Kankakee, Beta Sigma Phi, Kankakee Camera Club and Community Chest. She enjoyed reading and gardening her flowers. She also enjoyed her dog and watching the Chicago Bulls and soap operas. She was a lifelong resident of Kankakee.

Surviving are her hus-

band, of Kankakee; two sons, James (Val) Jaenicke, of Kankakee, and Dennis Jaenicke, of Kankakee; two daughters, Barbara (James) Angel, of Winter Park, Fla., and Linda (Eric) Boness, of Kankakee; three grandchildren, Amanda, J.B. and Emilia Angel; and one great-grandson, Jameson Angel.

Preceding her in death were her parents.

A memorial visitation will be from 9 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 2, 2016, until the noon funeral service at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee Chapel. Interment will immediately follow in Mound Grove Cemetery, Kankakee.

Memorials may be made to Iroquois Memorial Hospice.

Please sign her online guestbook at schrefflerfuneralhomes.com. (Pd)

Nika 'Nick' Asuega MARICOPA, ARIZ.

Nika "Nick" Solo Asuega, 86, of Maricopa Ariz., and formerly of Chicago and Bourbonnais, passed away Sunday (Dec. 27, 2015).



Born in American Samoa on Feb. 27, 1929, he was the son of Chief Leulua'isaofaiga Solo Solo Asuega and Mo'omu Asuega. He married Marlene Arquette on July 2, 1960, in Oak Park.

Nika was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather; brother and uncle to many.

He worked for the City of Chicago and retired after 22 years. He attended Calvary

Bible Church in Bourbonnais.

Nika is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Marlene; daughters, Tina and Carmen; son, David, and daughter-in-law, Rocio; grandchildren, Joshua Jr. and fiance, Alicia, and Nicholas; great-grandchildren, Aliyah, Maya and Ivan; and three brothers, Ma'a, Solo Solo Jr. and Asopaolo.

He was preceded in death by a son, Nika Jr.

Cremation rites have been accorded.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Banner Heart Hospital (Banner Health) in Mesa Ariz. (Pd)

Roberta Ioder WATSEKA

Roberta Jean Ioder, 84, of Watseka, was called home by her good shepherd, Jesus, on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015.

Roberta worked at The Arc of Iroquois County for 10 years, helping people with disabilities find work.

Surviving are her children, David (Carolyn) Ioder and Jeannie (George) Hulse; grandchildren, Arthur Ioder, Hannah Hulse, Jesse Hulse and Josiah Hulse; and niece, Peggy Huson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur and Maude Newman; and sister, Ruby Jane Scott.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016, at Trinity Church, 1658 E. Walnut St., Watseka. Memorials may be made to Trinity Church Mission Fund, 1658 E Walnut St., Watseka, IL 60970.

Please sign her online guestbook at stroofuneralhome.com. (Pd)

Carolyn Stahl

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C.

Carolyn Stahl, 84, of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and formerly of Watseka, passed away Monday (Dec. 28, 2015) in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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David Senesac BOURBONNAIS

David R. Senesac, 63, of Bourbonnais, passed away Dec. 22, 2015, at Presence St. Joseph Hospital in Joliet.



He was born May 12, 1952, in Kankakee, the son of Raymond and Rose (Benoit) Senesac. David married Carol Bussert-Zack on Nov. 28, 2009.

David was a lifelong farmer in the Manteno area. He also worked 13 years for Art's Landscaping. He was a longtime member of both the Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club and Maternity BVM Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, of Bourbonnais; one son, Andrew Senesac, of Bourbonnais; one sister and brother-in-law, Christine (Lyle) Shrontz, of Kankakee; two brothers and two sisters-in-law, Kevin and (Chris) Senesac, of Peotone, Les and (Kay) Senesac, of Bourbonnais; two sisters-in-law and one brother-in-law, Marsha Coulthard, of Parish, Fla., Christine (Mike) Cantrell, of Cary, N.C.; six nieces and nephews, Brad (Kendra) Cantrell, of Dubai, UAE, Jenna (Ross Thornton) Cantrell, of Charlotte, N.C., and Matthew (Sara) Souligne, of Bradley. Also

surviving are his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Ken (Elaine) Bussert, of Parish, Fla.; and a great-niece and nephew, Kyle Souligne and J.J. Depoister.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Dave was described by family and friends as a loving husband, father and friend. "He touched our lives and will always be remembered for that. The family would like to express their gratitude to his caregivers, Ashley and Merrilee Page, Susan Olmos, Matthew Souligne and his forever angel, Jenny Brubach. He would have never come back to his inner self without all of your help and loving care. I truly appreciate all of you."

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. Saturday until the noon Mass at Maternity BVM Catholic Church in Bourbonnais, with the Rev. Richard Pighini officiating. Memorials may be made to Maternity BVM Catholic Church or Bradley-Bourbonnais Sportsman's Club. Please sign his online guestbook at schrefflerfuneralhomes.com. (Pd)

P. June Thomas ZEPHYRHILLS, FLA.

P. June Thomas, 76, of Zephyrhills, Fla., and formerly of Kankakee, passed away Sunday (Dec. 27, 2015).

A visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2016, at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee Chapel. The funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2016, also at the funeral

home. The Rev. Dennis Cornelius and Dr. Ed Heck will officiate. Burial will be in Kankakee Memorial Gardens, Aroma Township. Memorials may be made to the Countryside Community Church.

Please sign her online guestbook at schrefflerfuneralhomes.com. (Pd)

DEATH NOTICES

Velma D. Grills, 94, of Clifton, passed away Tuesday (Dec. 29, 2015) at Presence Merkle-Knipprath Nursing Home in Clifton. Funeral arrangements are pending at Knapp Funeral Home in Clifton.

Levester Harris, 70, of Kankakee, passed away Monday (Dec. 28, 2015) at Salem Village Nursing Home in Joliet. Funeral arrangements are pending at Jones Funeral Home in Kankakee.

Helen B. Janssen, 98, of Cissna Park, passed away Monday (Dec. 28, 2015) at Fairview Haven Nursing Home in Fairbury. Funeral arrangements are pending at Knapp Funeral Home in Cissna Park.

COMING SERVICES

THURSDAY, DEC. 31

W. Vearl Brouillet, 10 a.m. St. Rose Catholic Church in Kankakee.

PAST SERVICES

Funeral services for **James Davis**, 74, of Bradley, were held Dec. 29 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Bradley, with the Rev. Anthony Nugent officiating. He passed away Dec. 19, 2015. Burial was in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, Kankakee. Pallbearers were Joey Davis, Gary Corbett, Steven Fournier, James Atwood, Shawn Mann, Mike Corbett, Christian Davis and Larry Duda.

Funeral services for **Latavia Green**, 31, of Kankakee, were held Dec. 29 at Lax Mortuary in Kankakee, with the Rev. Jesse L. Johnson officiating. She passed away Dec. 18, 2015. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Funeral Services for **TyQuan Jaxon Herron** were held Dec. 26 at Lax Mortuary in Kankakee, with the Rev. Eric Sykes officiating. TyQuan was stillborn on Dec. 20, 2015. Burial was in Mound Grove Gardens of Memory, Kankakee.

Funeral services for **Marsha K. Lynch**, 65, of Hoopeston, and formerly of Watseka, were held Dec. 29 at Knapp Funeral Home, Milford, with the Rev. Neil Larimore officiating. She passed away Dec. 25, 2015. Burial was in Maple Grove Cemetery, Milford. Pallbearers were John Williams, Tyler Newman, Bradley and David Williams, Tracy Wilson and Tammy Gray.

Funeral services for **Mary Warner**, 73, of Bourbonnais, were held Dec. 26 at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Bourbonnais Chapel, with the Rev. Roy Jacob officiating. She passed away Dec. 22, 2015. Burial was in All Saints Cemetery in Bourbonnais. Pallbearers were David and Brian Warner, Larry Dixon and Ron Bull.

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WASHINGTON — Skyrocketing drug costs became the stuff of congressional hearings and presidential campaign speeches in 2015, and not only because of the brash Martin Shkreli of the world.

The federal government announced this month that prescription drug spending hit \$297.7 billion last year — up more than 12 percent, the largest annual increase in more than a decade. A new generation of specialized drugs and price hikes on existing medications helped to drive that spike, and officials have predicted that annual spending on medications will grow 6.3 percent on average through 2024.

If there's a bright spot amid the troubling rise in the cost of prescription drugs, perhaps it is this: Many of the most widely used generic drugs actually were cheaper at the end of 2015 than when the year began, according to an analysis released on Tuesday by the prescription

drug price comparison site GoodRx.

The site, which searches for the lowest prices available to consumers in a local area, found 30 of the 50 most popular generic drugs have fallen in price since January. The drugs cover about every common condition, from allergies to heart conditions to mental disorders.

For example, GoodRx found that atorvastatin, the generic form of the statin drug Lipitor, dropped more than 8 percent throughout the course of the year, to an average of \$13 for a 30-day supply. A 30-day supply of Montelukast, the generic form of the asthma and allergy treatment Singulair, fell about 20 percent to \$18. The same amount of Fluoxetine, the generic form of Prozac, dropped more than 30 percent to \$5.

"The reality is that about 85 percent of drugs taken

in this country are generic.

Those are surprisingly inexpensive and getting less expensive, in many cases," GoodRx co-founder Doug Hirsch said. "For [many] generic drugs, there's a lot of competition. ... There are market forces at work to make sure those prices go down."

Those findings generally are in line with other research, such as a report issued earlier this year by the AARP Public Policy Institute. It found that prices of widely used generic drugs declined overall between 2006 and 2013. And in 2013, generic drugs used by older Americans, including Medicare beneficiaries, fell an average of 4 percent, it said.

But the report warned that while the retail price of some drugs decreased by 30 percent or more, "some generic drug products had equally substantial, or in some cases

extraordinary, price increases. Further, the rate of generic price declines has been slowing for the past decade, indicating that the era of consistent generic drug price decreases may be coming to an end."

In addition, many Americans are paying more in out-of-pocket costs as their insurance deductibles rise or their coverage plans change. One expensive prescription, even for some people who are insured, can amount to thousands of dollars per year.

The truth is, it's a complicated and byzantine exercise to determine what any person, company or insurer pays for a particular drug. There are list prices, wholesale prices, discounted prices, negotiated prices. There are rebates and formularies, differences in outpatient versus inpatient drugs. The system is opaque more often than not.

So what will 2016 bring? Hirsch, of GoodRx, predicts patients might see generic versions of widely used drugs such as the statin Crestor, the sleep disorder drug Nuvigil and the targeted cancer therapy Gleevec. But that's only part of the story.

Between changing insurance premiums, greater overall healthcare costs, the arrival of new high-priced therapies and the ongoing possibility of price spikes in once-cheap drugs, many patients can count on continuing worries about the impact on their pocketbooks.

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Brush with fame: Met Bob Hope as a photographer for the Eastern Illinois University student newspaper.

If I could meet anyone, living or dead, it would be: Jesus.

Something most people don't know about me: I get lost traveling almost anywhere.

On my "bucket list": Attending Cubs' World Series game.

Latest accomplishment: Painting the breezeway floor. (No one helped!!)

Favorite sports team and/or athlete: Cubs/Kris Bryant

Last Movie seen: American Sniper

Favorite movie of all time: Dances With Wolves. Close second is It's A Wonderful Life.

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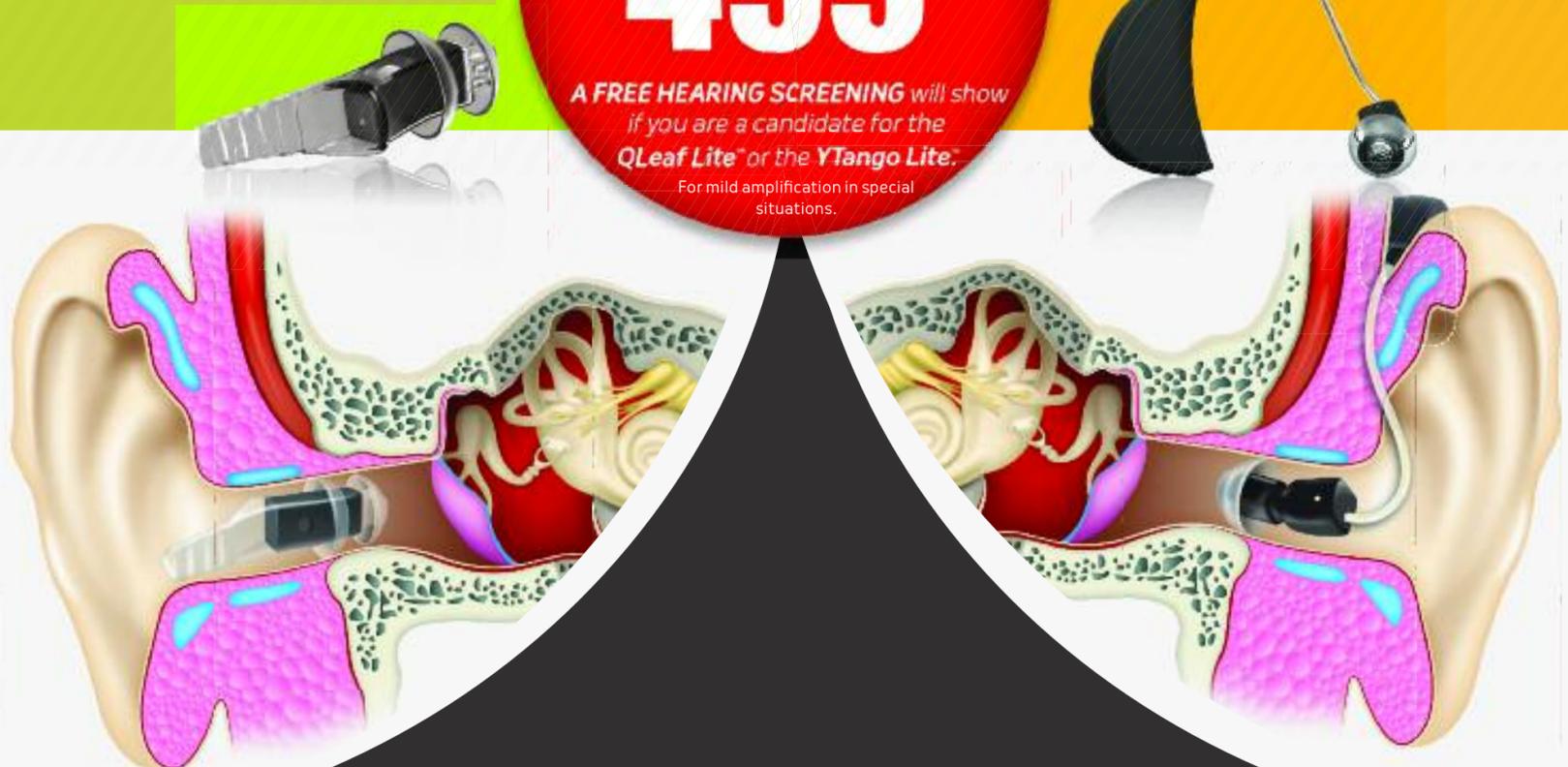


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Olmert will be first Israeli leader to go to prison

Former Prime Minister Ehud Olmert, who claimed to be on the cusp of a historic peace deal with the Palestinians just a few years ago, now is set to become the first Israeli leader to go to prison after the Supreme Court upheld a bribery conviction against him Tuesday.

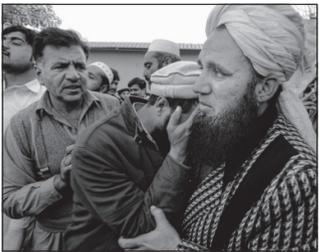


Ehud Olmert

The decision capped a seven-year legal saga that severely undermined the last serious round of peace talks and propelled hard-line Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to power.

In some ways, Tuesday's decision was a success for Olmert. The five-judge panel dismissed the most serious bribery charge against him and reduced his original prison sentence from six years down to 18 months. He is set to report to prison on Feb. 15.

"A stone has been lifted from my heart," a visibly relieved Olmert told reporters. "I said in the past, I was never offered and I never took a bribe. And I say that again today."



The Associated Press/Mohammad Sajjad

People comfort a man who lost a family member in a suicide attack in Mardan, Pakistan, on Tuesday.

Suicide bomber kills 26 in northwestern Pakistan

A suicide bomber blew himself up outside a government office in a northwestern Pakistani city on Tuesday, killing at least 26 people and wounding 45 in an attack claimed by a breakaway Taliban group.

The bombing took place in the city of Mardan, outside the regional office of the National Database and Registration Authority, or NADRA, which issues identity cards, according to senior police officer Saeed Khan Wazir.

Wazir told The Associated Press that some of the wounded were in critical condition at a hospital in the nearby city of Peshawar.

"A gunman opened fire and killed a guard upon being asked to stop for checking. Then he exploded his suicide jacket," he said. Wazir said if the attacker had managed to enter the government office, he might have killed many more people.

Shortly after the attack, a spokesman for the militant Jamaat-ul-Ahrar group claimed responsibility for the bombing, calling it a "noble act to punish NADRA because it extends support to security forces." Jamaat-ul-Ahrar split from the Pakistani Taliban two years ago.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ILLINOIS

Officer accused of punching suspect

LYNWOOD — A former suburban Chicago police sergeant is accused of punching a handcuffed suspect two years ago, knocking the man out and fracturing his nose.

A Tuesday statement from the Cook County State's Attorney's Office says Brandin Fredericksen faces aggravated battery and official misconduct charges. Fredericksen is 32 and currently lives in Lowell, Ind.

Prosecutors say the evidence includes Lynwood Police Department video.

Fredericksen allegedly struck the suspect in a station garage after an argument. Fredericksen was later fired.

School's sports dome collapses in storm

A northern Illinois high school's 59,400-square-foot dome sporting facility has collapsed.

The Rockford Register Star reports that it's unclear what caused the damage to the Hononegah High School dome, which collapsed Monday during a winter storm. The Rockton dome is 13 years old and is usually used to host sporting events, gym classes and community events.

Officials said replacing the dome could take between three and four months.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



The Associated Press/Tony Dejak

People protest peacefully outside the Cuyahoga County Justice Center on Tuesday in Cleveland after a grand jury's decision not to indict two white Cleveland police officers in the fatal shooting of Tamir Rice, a black 12-year-old boy who was playing with a pellet gun.

Cleveland officers still face reprisals

Lawsuit, probes remain in Tamir Rice case after grand jury decision

MARK GILLISPIE
AND JOHN SEEWER
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Despite the grand jury decision not to charge a white patrolman in the killing of 12-year-old Tamir Rice, the case is far from over for the city of Cleveland, the officers involved in the shooting, or the black boy's grief-stricken family.

The family is suing the city, federal prosecutors are looking into possible civil rights charges against Timothy Loehmann and his partner, Frank Garmback, and the two officers face a departmental investigation that could result in disciplinary action, including firing.

Tamir was carrying what turned out to be a pellet gun when Loehmann shot and killed the boy within two seconds of emerging from his police cruiser in November 2014. On Monday, prosecutors said a grand jury concluded that

Loehmann reasonably believed that it was a real gun and that his life was in danger.

The case has stirred racial tensions and added Cleveland to the list of U.S. cities — Ferguson, Missouri; Baltimore; North Charleston, South Carolina; and New York City, among them — where blacks have died in the past two years at the hands of police.

On Tuesday, about 50 people marched peacefully in front of the county courthouse in downtown Cleveland to protest the grand jury decision. Demonstrators chanted, "Justice for Tamir!"

In addition to the potential legal and financial consequences is the human cost. Tamir's mother, Samaria, must live without her baby boy, a happy-go-lucky kid in a man-sized body. Loehmann, Garmback and other officers were surprised to learn after the shooting that Tamir was just 12.

Family attorney Subodh Chandra said Samaria Rice wept for much of the day after Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Tim McGinty's announcement that Loehmann and Garmback wouldn't be charged.

"She doesn't know what she can do," Chandra said. "And there are no answers because the prosecu-

tors have foreclosed the possibility of criminal accountability."

Loehmann's attorney said the officer bears a heavy burden, too.

"Everybody has this vision of a cold, callous person who shot a 12-year-old," Henry Hilow said. "Both officers have to live with this the rest of their lives. That memory will never go away."

While the U.S. Attorney's Office in Cleveland has said it will review the circumstances of the shooting, the legal hurdles to prosecuting a civil rights case are considered especially high.

A law professor as well as a prominent Cleveland civil rights attorney said Tuesday that from both a legal and public relations standpoint, Cleveland has considerable exposure from the federal lawsuit filed by Tamir's family.

Cleveland's reputation has suffered because of some well-publicized police shootings, including the killings of two unarmed black people in a 137-shot barrage of police gunfire at the end of a 2012 car chase.

The city settled a lawsuit brought by the victims' families for a total of \$3 million in 2014, months before a criminal case involving one of the officers went to trial. A judge ultimately acquit-

ted the patrolman of manslaughter.

Attorney Terry Gilbert represented the family of one of the victims and earlier this year won a \$5.5 million verdict against the city over the killing of a man by an off-duty Cleveland officer. The Rice family has a "good case," Gilbert said.

The city is vulnerable because the case will examine not just the shooting but the circumstances surrounding it, Gilbert said, referring to the way Garmback stopped the cruiser so close to Tamir while responding to a 911 call about someone waving a gun.

"A reasonable officer would position themselves where they would have some space between themselves and the potential threat where they could have some time and cover," Gilbert said.

Case Western Reserve University law professor Lewis Katz said the city would be vulnerable at trial because of the failure of the 911 call taker to pass on key information — namely, that the caller said the gunman was probably a juvenile and the gun probably wasn't real.

Katz said the city officials might want to cut their losses and settle with the Rice family.

NATION

1 dead after plane hits buildings in Anchorage

Civil Air Patrol authorities have identified the person killed when a small plane crashed into a pair of downtown Anchorage buildings early Tuesday.

CAP also said the flight was not sanctioned by the agency.

In a statement, the Civil Air Patrol said 1st Lt. Doug Demarest was the person killed in the crash of the Cessna 172S.

"The pilot was not authorized to fly the aircraft," CAP officials wrote. "He joined CAP in 2010."

CAP spokeswoman Julie DeBardelaben wouldn't say whether Demarest was the pilot of the aircraft, or how many people were on board.

"All that's still under investigation now," DeBardelaben said.

The small plane hit two buildings in downtown Anchorage early Tuesday morning, killing Demarest and sparking a fire.

Though officials say they have no reason to believe the crash is related to terrorism, the FBI is assisting in the investigation.

— ANCHORAGE DISPATCH NEWS (TNS)

California drought threatens large trees

As many as 58 million large California trees are facing severe danger because of the drought, according to a new scientific study.

The study, released this week by the Carnegie Institution for Science in Washington, D.C., was based on high-tech imagery gathered by an airplane flying over California earlier this year. It revealed that as many as 888 million large trees experienced "measurable losses of canopy water" since the drought began four years ago. Of those, as many as 58 million trees lost enough



Alaska Dispatch News via AP

A National Transportation Safety Board investigator takes photos at the scene of an aircraft crash on Tuesday in Anchorage, Alaska.

water to be considered "extremely threatening to long-term forest health."

Researchers said the risk to California's trees remains high even with heavy precipitation predicted this winter due to El Nino.

"The drought put the forests in tremendous peril, a situation that may cause long-term changes in ecosystems that could impact animal habitats and biodiversity," said lead researcher Greg Asner, a Stanford University scientist, in a prepared statement.

The results, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, aren't the first alarms sounded over the perilous state of California's trees. A

U.S. Forest Service survey in the spring showed that an estimated 12 million trees had died already due to a mix of drought and an infestation of bark beetles.

— THE SACRAMENTO BEE (TNS)

Coal industry on track for record low deaths

Amid layoffs and idled operations, the U.S. coal industry is close to setting a record low for on-the-job deaths in coal mines.

In late December, there were 11 deaths in coal mines nationwide for the year, putting the industry on track to best the record low of 16 set in 2014.

Pennsylvania is leading the nation with three deaths, the

most in that state since 2008. If the numbers hold it would be the first time since 2009 that West Virginia did not record the nation's most coal mine fatalities. So far, West Virginia has had just two mining deaths, tied with Kentucky and Illinois, which had the most recent on Dec. 8. An equipment crash underground at the MC #1 mine in southern Illinois killed 20-year-old Tyler Rath, who had been mining for two years.

Coal employment nationwide was down in November from 72,700 to 64,700, an 11 percent drop, compared to last year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OPINION

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EDITORIAL



New tradition dawns for college football

Playing semifinals on New Year's Eve a smart move

Only time will tell, but the NCAA might have just made a brilliant move by opting to play the College Football Playoff semifinals on New Year's Eve.

It will happen for the first time on Thursday and in eight of the next 11 seasons. The playoff format, which includes a four-team field, just began last season, and the semifinals were played on New Year's Day, when the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., and the Sugar Bowl in New Orleans were the hosts. The committees of those two bowls prefer to play on New Year's Day, and that arrangement will return in three-year cycles through the duration of the 12-year television contract with ESPN.

In all other years, New Year's Eve will be the day the football version of The Final Four will be contested. There has been some grumbling that people will have to work and miss part of the action because it's not a federal holiday. Another complaint is it will interfere with New Year's Eve celebrations.

But others, including ESPN executives, take a different view. They believe a new tradition will be established and legions of college football fans across the country will come to look forward to New Year's Eve like no other day on the calendar.

The latter view seems to make the most sense. Thursday's first game, pitting top-ranked Clemson against Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl in Miami, starts at 3 p.m. While it is true people do work, many employers shorten the day, which will allow their employees to be in front of the television by kickoff.

The second game, between Alabama and Michigan State of the Big Ten Conference, is set for 7:10 p.m. at the Cotton Bowl in suburban Dallas. By that time, work will be over for most.

Furthermore, while millions venture out for New Year's Eve parties, many more remain at home in order to avoid "amateur night." The lure of the football playoffs undoubtedly will add to that number.

Ultimately, it's just great to finally have a legitimate playoff system. For decades, the NCAA avoided the change, stuck to an antiquated bowl system and allowed voters in the various polls to decide who would be crowned champion. This frustrated fans as, more years than not, there was some dispute about which school was crowned, and in some years, you had dual champions because the polls differed.

Now, the championship is determined on the field, as it will be on Jan. 11, when the semifinal winners will meet for the title. The anticipation is building, and once the title game is played, the anticipation will escalate again as New Year's Eve of 2016 approaches. Indeed, a new tradition is about to begin.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I'm in love with college football. I have such a blast with it."

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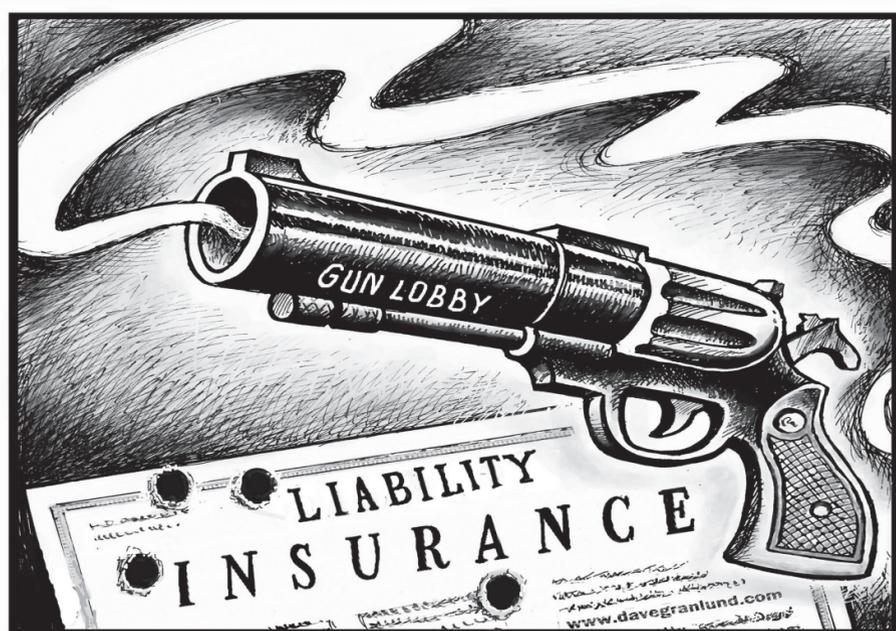
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COMMENTARY

Maybe you just need 1 resolution

Too many only increases chances for failure

Back in August, I gave readers pointers on how to give up on bad friends. In October, I stated reasons for giving up on jobs where you weren't necessarily happy.

But what about New Year's resolutions? I never used to waste my time with making a list of resolutions because I was wise enough to know I wouldn't follow through with any of them. And, if I did, I only found myself to be successful for the first month of the new year. As the end of this year comes to a close, I'm sure a lot of people have some resolutions in mind, but can they stick to them for a whole year?

According to the University of Scranton Journal of Clinical Psychology, the top New Year resolutions for this year were as follows:

1. Lose weight
2. Get organized
3. Spend less and save more
4. Enjoy life to the fullest
5. Stay fit and healthy
6. Learn something exciting
7. Quit smoking
8. Help others in their dreams
9. Fall in love
10. Spend more time with family



KIERA ALLEN
COLUMNIST

The percentage of resolutions that were maintained through the first week of the new year was 75 percent. The percentage of resolutions maintained through six months into the year was 46 percent.

This begs the question: Why can't we be successful with our resolutions? It seems to be more common to fail than to succeed, and everyone seems to be OK with that. Every year, a bulk of people collectively give up.

I wonder if we're being too unrealistic with the resolutions we make. I don't want to let all of my cynicism show, but falling in love? Isn't that something that's apparently supposed to fall out of the sky instead of actually working toward it every day of the year? From what I've heard, once you stop looking, love will find you.

You can't tell, but I just laughed. And someone correct me if I'm wrong, but isn't smoking the leading cause of preventable death in the United States? I'm sure people would gladly up and quit when the clock strikes 12 if they could, but there's this really significant chemical in cigarettes called nicotine that causes you to get addicted. It's why some people who now are in their 50s have been smoking since they were in their teens. Think about it.

Every year, we want to start fresh. Start Jan. 1 with a nice, clean slate. We dare ourselves to be the best person we can be. Here's the thing though: We tend to let ourselves down. But do we put any of the blame on ourselves? No. We're quick to put the blame on anyone and anything.

Did you fail at trying to eat healthier this year? No problem. Blame it on McDonald's and their all-day breakfast menu. Because you were on the straight and narrow way before October, right? Did you fall short by 11 months for spending time with your family? Don't worry about it. Because the excuses for this one are endless.

Wouldn't it be nice to be successful with at least one resolution in 2016? Maybe one is all you need, instead of writing out a huge list and putting stress on yourself. It's too much pressure. You might find that trying to stick with one thing for a whole year might be easier than trying to stick with five. This way, you're giving yourself a fighting chance to stay true to something for 12 months, and you'll have that sense of accomplishment by the time 2017 rolls around.

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Former defense secretary warns of nuclear doom

Perry says 'real and growing danger' exists

BY ROBERT BURNS

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Late in a life lived unnervingly near the nuclear abyss, William J. Perry is on a mission to warn of a "real and growing danger" of nuclear doom.

The 88-year-old former defense secretary is troubled by the risks of catastrophe from the very weapons he helped develop. Atop his list: a nuclear terror attack in a major U.S. city or a shooting war with Russia that, through miscalculation, turns nuclear. A terrorist attack using a nuclear bomb or improvised nuclear device could happen "any time now — next year or the year after," he said in an interview with reporters earlier this month.

Perry chooses his words with the precision of a mathematician, which he was before entering the defense world in the mid-1950s.

He played a central role in developing and modernizing nuclear forces throughout the Cold War — first as a technology whiz-kid and later a three-time senior Pentagon executive. During the 1962 Cuban missile crisis, Perry was secretly summoned to Washington to analyze intelligence on Soviet weapons in Cuba.

"Every day that I went to the analysis center, I thought would be my last day on earth," he writes in a newly published memoir, "My Journey at the Nuclear Brink."

He says he believed then, and still believes, the world avoided a nuclear holocaust as much by good luck as by good management.

In the interview, he recounted a harrowing incident in November 1979 when, as a senior Pentagon official, he was awakened by a 3 a.m. phone call from the underground command center responsible for warning of a missile attack. The watch officer told Perry his computers were showing 200 nuclear-armed missiles on their way from the Soviet Union to the United States.

"It was, of course, a false alarm," Perry said, but it was one of many experiences throughout the Cold War and beyond that he says have given him a "unique and chilling vantage point from which to

conclude that nuclear weapons no longer provide for our security — they now endanger it."

His views are remarkable, not least because they strike at the heart of the conventional wisdom about nuclear weapons that has been embraced by both political parties for decades.

For example, Perry said he thinks the U.S. nuclear force no longer needs land-based intercontinental ballistic missiles, or ICBMs, and can rely on the other two "legs" of the force — bomber aircraft and submarine-based missiles. ICBMs should be scrapped, he says, adding, "I don't think it's going to happen, but I think it should happen. They're not needed" to deter nuclear aggression.

He also opposes the Obama administration's plan to build a new nuclear-capable cruise missile.

Perry looks at Russia's nuclear modernization and U.S. plans to spend hundreds of billions to update its nuclear arsenal and sees irrational nuclear competition.

"I see an imperative to stop this damn nuclear race before it gets underway again, not just for the cost but for the danger it puts all of us in," he said.

When the Cold War ended with the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Perry thought the world had dodged a nuclear bullet. In his first book, co-authored in 1999 with the man now running the Pentagon, Ash Carter, Perry argued the demise of the Soviet system meant nuclear disaster was no longer an "A List" threat.

By 2014, his optimism had faded, in no small part because of the collapse of cooperative relations between Washington and Moscow, which has ended any realistic prospect of new arms control agreements and, in Perry's view, has put the two countries on a dangerous path toward confrontation.

"We are facing nuclear dangers today that are in fact more likely to erupt into a nuclear conflict than during the Cold War," Perry said in a recent speech.

A soft-spoken man not given to hyperbole, Perry is on a public crusade to persuade people that nothing less than the future of civilization is at stake. What worries him most is that few seem to notice.

"Our chief peril is that the poisoned nuclear doom, much of it hidden beneath the seas and in remote backlands, is too far out of the public consciousness," he wrote in his memoir.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Every Friday/Saturday through Thursday, Jan. 7

Holidays on Merchant Street Art Show, noon to 2 p.m. Fridays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays, Merchant Street Art Gallery of Artists with Autism, 356 E. Merchant St., Kankakee, includes gift shop and the work of Jonathan Small, Jarrett Sekosky, Julia Mohler, Drew Carriker, Joshua McNamara and Grace Marie Amann, merchantstreetartgallery.weebly.com or 815-685-9057.

Friday, Jan. 1

Taize Prayer, Maternity BVM Church, 308 E. Marsile Ave., Bourbonnais, 815-933-8285, 7 p.m. Taize Prayer every first Friday of the month at the parish. A simple prayer service of chants, enhanced with the music of orchestral strings and a vocal quartet, Scripture, a service of light, an extended period of silence for meditation, concluding with prayers for the world.

Wednesday, Jan. 6

Overeaters Anonymous, Riverside Medical Center, 350 N. Wall St., Room C, Kankakee, 815-932-9209. Meets Wednesdays, 7 p.m., a 12-step support group to abstain from compulsive overeating and food behaviors. Free.

Parkinson's Support Group meeting, Riverside Medical Center, rooms A and B by cafeteria, 10 to 11 a.m., first Wednesday of each month, open to Parkinson's patients and family members, 815-685-4103.

Thursday, Jan. 7

Lunch with Art Featuring Food Artists, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Merchant Street Art Gallery of Artists with Autism, 356 East Merchant St., Kankakee, \$10 to-go or stay and eat with Art, reserve your lunch by emailing jmiller_etc@yahoo.com or calling 815-685-9057, merchantstreetartgallery.com. Soup, bread, salad, beverage and a sweet.

Prayer Breakfast, One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, 2041 W. State Route 113, Kankakee, 815-935-0800, lindai220@sbcglobal.net, 7:30 to 9 a.m., a day in prayerful reflection on relevant topics. Presenter is Edith Avila Olea, the Catholic Charities Parish Outreach and Board of Young Professionals Coordinator. She recently received the Cardinal Bernardin New Leadership Award given by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops to a young person committed to the work of social justice.

Joe Yurgine to discuss his book, "Deuce," 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Kankakee

Public Library, 815-939-4564, lions-online.org. Yurgine is a former New York FBI agent who handled Russian espionage cases. In his new book, "Deuce," he weaves together history and fiction to create a riveting chronicle of life inside the FBI and how Harlem was saved from burning. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Key City Toastmasters Monthly Meeting, The Kankakee Chapter of Toastmasters International, Key City, meets every first and third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. at Garden of Prayer Youth Center, 1432 S. Fourth Ave., Kankakee. For more information, call 815-935-1482 or czetta1@sbcglobal.net.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Overeaters Anonymous, Riverside Medical Center, 350 N. Wall St., Room C, Kankakee, 815-932-9209. Meets Wednesdays, 7 p.m., a 12-step support group to abstain from compulsive overeating and food behaviors. Free.

Vintage Squadron Breakfast, Coyote Canyon, 1359 N. Locke Drive, Bradley, 815-953-6666. 7:30 a.m. \$6.50 plus tip. A breakfast buffet with fellow veterans. All veterans are welcome.

Saturday, Jan. 16

Skate with Ice Queen Elsa. 1 to 4 p.m.,

Ice Valley Center, 1601 River Road, Kankakee, \$8 per person, 65 and older and 2 and younger are free. There will be crafts, mini skating lessons, public skating, a skating exhibition and more, 815-939-1946, aanderson@kvpd.com, kvpd.com.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Kankakee Area Jaycees meeting, Beef O'Brady's Family Sports Restaurant, 547 Main St. N.W., Bourbonnais, 815-791-1364. Monthly meeting starts at 7:30 p.m., social time at 7 p.m. The Jaycees are an internationally renowned leadership and management training organization geared toward equipping young adults to produce positive change. Open to the public.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

Overeaters Anonymous, Riverside Medical Center, 350 N. Wall St., Room C, Kankakee, 815-932-9209. Meets Wednesdays, 7 p.m., a 12-step support group to abstain from compulsive overeating and food behaviors. Free.

MS Support Group, 7 to 8 p.m., Riverside Medical Center Board Room, 350 N. Wall St., Kankakee. 815-933-8594. Meets third Wednesday of every month.

Thursday, Jan. 21

Key City Toastmasters Monthly

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Tuesday, Jan. 26

NAMI Kankakee, Riverside Meeting Room A, 375 N. Wall St., meeting room A, Kankakee. 815-935-8886 or 815-348-4401, 6 p.m. Community support group for those personally managing mental illness or family members/friends who are coping. Meets fourth Tuesday of each month.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

Overeaters Anonymous, Riverside Medical Center, 350 N. Wall St., Room C, Kankakee, 815-932-9209. Meets Wednesdays, 7 p.m., a 12-step support group to abstain from compulsive overeating and food behaviors. Free.

Nonprofits may submit events free of charge to the Community Calendar through daily-journal.com.

ILLINOIS

High school offers diplomas to drafted military veterans

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

ALTAMONT — An Illinois high school wants to award diplomas to former students who were drafted into the military before they finished their education.

The Effingham Daily News reports Altamont High School plans to honor the veterans.

Officials posted the idea on

the school's Facebook page to a warm response.

Veterans are asked to contact Altamont High School Principal Jerry Tkachuk. The school plans to invite them to attend graduation ceremonies, where they will receive diplomas.

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HAPPY (NEARLY) 2016

Time for resolutions big and small

BY LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sure, sure, sure. You're gonna quit smoking, lose weight, get organized and work for world peace in 2016. And we're pulling for you. We really are. You can do it!

New Year's resolutions come as big strokes and small victories, along with a high rate of failure. Is it best to reach for the stars or make a petite promise? We asked a few folks about their plans to do better, go bigger or simply baby step it outside the box next year.

ZERO WASTE

Aspiring to this lifestyle is lofty. Aspiring to this lifestyle with a baby is loftier. Say hello to Meredith Bay Tyack in Burlington, Vt.

The pursuit for the 30-year-old began with the birth of her daughter a year ago.

"Cloth diapering was really the catalyst for us. We started purging plastic and disposable items from our life left and right," she said.

She and her husband already use a plastic-free water filtration system, with charcoal that can be composted after six months. She stopped buying paper towels and eliminated numerous other small plastic and disposable items.

"But I'm still staring at a full garbage each week and it's frustrating," Bay Tyack said. "We're mindful consumers. We shop at our farmer's market and yet we're still producing so much garbage."

She's still using plastic garbage bags, for instance.

"A zero waste lifestyle is an exciting prospect for me because while I can't control many things, I can control myself and the small environment I inhabit," she said. "Maybe I won't clean up the oceans on my own, but at least I know I will not be contributing additional waste."

SEVEN MARATHONS IN SEVEN DAYS

You heard it right. Aimee Shilling, a 35-year-old mother of four in East Canton, Ohio, has signed up to run seven marathons in seven days come October. And she'll be doing it to raise money for World Vision's "run for water" program.

Clean water initiatives have been a goal since she took a mission trip to Jamaica in 2000. Running has been a passion since she joined the cross-country team in high school. She's a regular marathoner and ultra-marathoner, rising at 4 a.m. at least three days per week to run with friends, returning home to get her kids up and ready for school.

Shilling has done back-to-back marathons before, but never seven consecutively. The new year aside, she made a promise to herself long ago to run 40 marathons or ultra-marathons before her 40th birthday. The seventh race in her 7-in-7 series would be her 40th, so she's ahead of schedule.



The Associated Press
Meredith Bay Tyack stands in her kitchen with her year-old daughter, Eleanor, in Burlington, Vt. Her New Year's resolution is to take on a zero waste lifestyle, eliminating plastic and disposable food packaging and other items.

"As long as I can start the series healthy, I'm pretty confident. None of them will be fast," Shilling laughed.

TWIST AND CLOSE

Meanwhile in Northern California, Joanne Papini in Walnut Creek has a small problem that's annoying the heck out of her. She doesn't close drawers, cabinets, boxes — anything with a lid, really. She sort of half closes things, such as the top of the mayo in the fridge or the inner lining of the cereal box, along with the cereal box itself.

And at 54, she's beginning to wonder what it all means.

"I know that sounds weird but not closing things has become a problem for me. Do I think I'm saving time by having things left open? Am I airing out my pencil drawer?" Papini ponders, "or am I just rebelling?"

Papini lives alone. Rather, she's the only one with opposable thumbs in her household. But she can't blame her two dogs.

"I just see it as a sign of chaos in my life. It seems like it translates into maybe not enough respect for my belongings and a lack of self-care," she said.

Papini comes from a "jam it, cram it" family growing up and merely extended the stuffing of things into drawers into leaving drawers open.

As for not twisting lids completely closed, she can't figure out if she's (a) trying to save time, (b) lazy about it or (c) I might want it later so I'll just skip this step.

SOCAL WALKABOUTS

Jarone Ashkenazi is a lifelong Los Angeleno, but at 26 he considers himself "someone who is more introspective by nature." Hence, he's been reluctant to grab his city by the tail.

"I thrive in new settings and environments," Ashkenazi said, "it's just at times, I'm too hesitant to put myself out there."

That will hopefully change with his new spreadsheet. He has broken up his get-out-of-the-house goals into categories: activities, concerts, restaurants, bars, outdoors and nightlife. He got an early start with a couple of hikes.

Among his first adventures come 2016: The Broad contemporary art museum, an evening stroll through the holiday lights at the Getty Center and the Chill at The Queen Mary (think winter wonderland under a giant dome).

So what took him so long? "While I was younger, I was too naive to think of all this city has to offer," Ashkenazi said, "and now that I'm older, I want to take full advantage of everything."



The Associated Press
Jarone Ashkenazi's New Year's resolution is to break out and get more active in things to do around his native Los Angeles.

Did you get a Fitbit for Christmas?

You're not alone

BY JOSEPH PISANI
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was a very merry Christmas for fitness-tracking device maker Fitbit.

The company's app was the most downloaded on Apple's app store Christmas Day, a sign that many people couldn't wait to set up their Fitbit trackers after unwrapping them. It also suggests that Fitbit trackers were a hot seller during the holidays, despite increasing competition from Apple's smartwatch and other wearable devices. Investors were pleased, sending shares of the San Francisco company higher Monday.

The Fitbit app topped Apple's app store in the U.S.

on Christmas Day and the day after, according to App Annie, which tracks app downloads and rankings. That's far better than last year when the Fitbit app ranked at No. 18 on Christmas Day and No. 15 the day after, according to research from Raymond James & Associates. In a note to clients, Raymond James analyst Tavis McCourt called the numbers "impressive."

Fitbit declined to comment Monday. Apple did not respond to a request for comment.

While app downloads don't necessarily mean a tracker was sold, McCourt said it's a "good measure of relative sales success."

Retailers confirmed Monday that Fitbit trackers were in high demand during the holiday shopping season.



The Associated Press
Fitbit CEO James Park shows off one of his devices outside the New York Stock Exchange.

Macy's Inc. said the Fitbit's products sold "very well" at the department store. Discount retailer Target Corp. said the trackers were one of its top-selling electronics during the holiday season. And Amazon.com Inc. said

the Fitbit Charge was one of its most popular items for customers that used its same-day delivery service in Chicago, Dallas, New York and other major cities.

App downloads also could lead to future sales. Users

who track their health information on the app are more likely to buy another Fitbit device when they want to upgrade, said Ross Rubin, the senior director of industry analysis at App Annie.

Amanda Hetherington opened a Fitbit Flex on Christmas Eve, a gift from her son, and plans to buy more.

Hetherington, who says she is working on getting back into shape, downloaded the app on Christmas Day. Besides steps, she also plans to track what she eats and how much water she drinks with the app.

She's already making changes: This weekend she parked further away from a restaurant to get in more steps.

"I love it so much," said Hetherington, who lives near

Columbia, S.C., "I'll probably get one for my husband for Valentine's Day."

Fitbit sells several different devices that track user's steps, calories or sleep patterns. They cost as little as \$60 for a tracker that clips to clothing to about \$250 for a watch. The company already has sold more than 13 million devices so far this year before the holiday shopping season, surpassing the 10.9 million total devices it sold last year.

But like a new gym membership, there is still the question of how long people will remain dedicated to their fitness trackers once the novelty wears off. Research firm Endeavour Partners estimated earlier this year that about a third of trackers get abandoned after six months.

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From left, Elizabeth McGovern as Lady Grantham, Hugh Bonneville as Lord Grantham, Dan Stevens as Matthew Crawley, Penelope Wilton as Isobel Crawley, Allen Leech as Tom Branson, Jim Carter as Mr. Carson, and Phyllis Logan as Mrs. Hughes, from the TV series, "Downton Abbey."

Jim Carter serves 'Downton Abbey' as its beloved butler

NEW YORK — In the grand domain of splendid characters at Downton Abbey, Mr. Carson is perhaps the first among equals. Among the superb cast of "Downton Abbey," a similarly towering figure is Jim Carter, who plays him.

After all, this is the saga of a noble estate and those who populate it during Britain's post-Edwardian era, and Mr. Carson, as its butler, is the one who makes that house run. He bridges the gap between the upstairs elite and the servants bustling downstairs. His word, putting forward the policies and whims of the aristocratic Crawley clan, is law for those in his charge.

Bringing him to life is an actor who makes Carson's crustiness heroic, his unwavering sense of duty lovable to the viewer.

With "Downton" returning for its sixth and final season (Sunday at 8 p.m. on PBS), Mr. Carson's humanness will be exposed more than ever as his tortuously arm's-length courtship of head housekeeper Mrs. Hughes (played by Phyllis Logan) finally blossoms.

"It was the slowest-burning romance of all times," says Carter with a laugh. "But the audience seemed to want it to happen — as did we."

What happens, including an unlikely interlude in this first episode "which hopefully will melt hearts across the country," is only one among many resolutions as the series comes in for a landing in the mid-1920s. What will be the fate of the financially distressed Downton Abbey estate, presided over by Lord and Lady Crawley (Hugh Bonneville and Elizabeth McGovern) with a less and less sure hand? Will their daughter, headstrong Lady Mary (Michelle Dockery), deign to say yes to her latest suitor? Will the sad-sack valet Mr. Bates (Brendan Coyle) and his wife, lady's maid Anna (Joanne Froggatt), see their dream of parenthood cruelly denied?

Viewers have awaited these and other answers from a costume drama that, since its U.S. debut five years ago, has reigned as a lavish and literate phenomenon.

For the British-born Carter, 67, the road to "Downton" began long ago when he dropped out of law studies at the University of Sussex and joined a fringe theater troupe he equates with "a door to the promised land."

Stage, film and TV jobs followed in a career that has kept him busy and happy, enjoying the process of playing each role free from worry over how the finished product might fare with critics or the public.

"I have no ambitions in the acting world," he explains. "I just need to get out of the house and work and be with people."

After auditioning for Mr. Carson, he thought that piece of acting work would be nice to land, "and I came away thinking, 'I should be very cross if I don't get it.'"

One thing he particularly liked was how Carson's starchiness and pomp had a humorous edge.

Julian Fellowes, who created "Downton Abbey" and wrote every episode, "knows

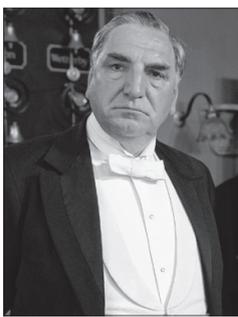


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Jim Carter in "Downton Abbey."

it's funny," notes Carter, "when my character says things like, 'A MAID in the DINING ROOM with a DUKE?! Over my dead body!' And I relish playing those moments."

But even just opening the door to the dining room and intoning, "Dinner is served, my lady," Carter (like the actor who plays him) cuts an imposing figure. Here is a big man with a broad, expressive face and, maybe most pronounced of all, That Voice: rolling, stentorian, a treat for anyone who's in earshot.

"I can't sing, can't carry a tune," Carter says when asked about his golden throat, but allows, "my voice is strong." And as soothing as it is authoritative: "Friends used to hand me their crying baby to hold and I'd just hum. The vibration through my chest would put it to sleep."

His presence, and the voice that issues forth when he speaks, has made Carter recognized by "Downton" fans around the world.

He somehow had escaped notice on a brief stroll from his mid-Manhattan hotel down to Herald Square. "But in Boston the other day, 30 times I was approached," he reports. "Nashville, Tenn. Cambodia. Ghana. After 45 years of acting, 'Downton' is an unsought bonus, because I've never worked for money or celebrity."

This "gypsy caravan" approach to his career saved him from dwelling on his imminent departure from "Downton," even while shooting a final scene with a swell of co-stars in the downstairs hall where servants take their meals.

"When we wrapped, the other actors were getting weepy, and I thought, 'C'mon!' But then the producers came out and thanked them, and I thought, 'We've got to thank the crew, too, because they've been with us every inch of the way.' So I said, 'Guys, all your hard work, your artistry —' And suddenly I couldn't speak. I began to weep along with the other actors and all these big tattooed guys on the crew with tears pouring down their faces."

"I genuinely hadn't anticipated that," Carter marvels thoughtfully.

But before this final season is done, "Downton" fans should expect a few tears, too.

— THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A little reduction has a big impact on a simple cocktail

BY J.M. HIRSCH
The Associated Press

All the best holiday cocktails start with drinks you make for your 11-year-old, right? Or is that just me?

The boy was craving what is known in our house as a "special drink." Which basically means anything with sugar. Except we rarely have soda in the house, so special drinks usually are homemade concoctions combining some blend of seltzer water, juice and whatever else inspires me in the moment.

On this night, all I had in

the refrigerator were apple cider and orange juice. So using my killer mixology skills, I dumped those together then added a splash of seltzer. He loved it.

And that is how I got the inspiration for this adult version. I still combine the cider and juice, but then simmered them down in a reduction. The resulting syrup is spooned into glasses, topped with a splash of amaretto liqueur, then finished with a healthy pour of sparkling wine. A sprig of rosemary adds a fresh touch.

The Sparkling Orchard Grove

Start to finish: 25 minutes • Servings: 8

1 cup apple cider
1/2 cup orange juice
4 ounces amaretto liqueur
750ml bottle sparkling wine
8 sprigs fresh rosemary

In a small saucepan over medium-high, combine the cider and orange juice. Simmer until reduced to 1/2 cup, 20 to 25 minutes. Set aside to cool.

To prepare each cocktail, pour 1/2 ounce of the cider-juice reduction into a sparkling wine flute. Add 1/2 ounce of amaretto liqueur to each glass, then top with sparkling wine. Lightly smack each rosemary sprig several times against the counter to release the oils, then add 1 sprig to each cocktail.



The Associated Press

Sparkling Orchard Grove cocktails, which combine sparkling wine with an apple cider-orange juice reduction, amaretto liqueur and a sprig of fresh rosemary can be prepared ahead of time for New Year's Eve celebrations.

Catholic hospitals value lives of mother and child

DEAR ABBY: You printed a letter from a woman (Nov. 25) whose husband told her while she was pregnant that, if it came to a choice, he would choose the life of the baby over hers. Your response contained a piece of misinformation I would appreciate you correcting for your readers.

You asserted that it is Catholic policy to save the life of the baby over the mother in obstetrical emergencies. Abby, that is one of the oldest but most persistent pieces of misinformation out there! This inaccurate statement has been replayed even in movies in spite of repeated denials by Catholic hospitals and the professionals who render care in them.

The fact is: Catholic policy is abundantly clear on

the dignity of both mother and baby, and makes no priority of one over the other. Catholic hospitals operate with the same standards of safety in maternity care and are inspected by the same organizations that inspect

non-Catholic maternity programs such as the Joint Commission and the licensing agency of each state. Catholic hospitals must adhere to the same robust standards as every other maternity service in the country.

I would appreciate it if you could assure your readers that, while this makes for good movies and novels, it is not the Catholic position. The dignity of the life of both mother and baby are critically important to all those serving in Catholic

health care. Thank you for your help with this. — **SR. CAROL KEEHAN, PRESIDENT AND CEO, CATHOLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION**

DEAR SISTER CAROL: Since printing that letter, I have received a crash course in ethics at Catholic hospitals. I apologize to you and to my Catholic readers for saying what I did. In the interest of educating my readers, I am sharing some of the enlightening letters I received. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: In the days before blood banks and antibiotics, very few women survived C-sections. Obstetrical complications (now solved by surgical delivery) created a dilemma: Either allow a dysfunctional labor to continue until the child died and could be forcibly dragged or dissected through the birth canal, or perform the surgery that would cause the mother's

death.

About the only time such an issue could arise in contemporary America would be in the rare case of a pregnant woman who is discovered to have an aggressive cancer, and has to decide whether to start chemo or radiation therapy that could abort or harm the fetus, or delay until after delivery, which could allow the tumor to grow or metastasize. — **ROBIN T. RICHMOND, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: Devout Catholics are pro-life in every instance, and, of course, efforts to save both mother and infant are always the rule. But the value of the life of a newborn never surpasses the value of the life of the mother. Never! — **CATHOLIC DOCTOR IN OHIO**

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"I apologize to you and to my Catholic readers for saying what I did."

ABBY

Mild, dreary holiday weather has Eichers hoping for colder, sunnier days

Daughter Susan is on a two-week break from the RV factory. The school also has closed its doors for two weeks. My husband, Joe, worked today, but now is off work until Jan. 4 as well. These two weeks will fly by so fast. Along with the holidays, we also are cleaning for church services, which will be held here in four weeks.

On Sunday, our church district had our annual Christmas potluck dinner after church services. As usual, there was more than enough food. There were five different casseroles, all kinds of salads and desserts.

Tomorrow is my husband, Joe's, 47th birthday. His birthday always comes so close to the holidays. We want to have our family all together in honor of his birthday, but it doesn't look like it will work for everyone until this coming weekend.

The past few weeks, we have had rainy and dreary weather. This is making it hard for our solar panels to keep our battery pack charged. We have been using a generator to help charge the batteries. It is surprising how just one day of sunlight helps with the solar panels. We are always

Delicious winter salad

6-8 slices bacon
3 cups sweet potatoes, thinly sliced

8 cups Chinese cabbage, chopped
Italian dressing

Fry and crumble bacon. Fry sweet potatoes in bacon grease, stirring several times until soft with crispy edges. Add crumbled bacon, and fry several more minutes. Layer Chinese cabbage in a wide, shallow serving bowl. Top with hot bacon mixture. Do not stir. Serve immediately with Italian dressing.

especially thankful for a sunny day because our water, freezer and other items depend on the sun. Usually, we would have snowy weather in December, which makes the whole world seem brighter. The local newspaper said we're breaking records for our warmest

December in years.

On Saturday morning, the roads were covered in ice until the temperature rose and melted most of it. A lot of vehicles went off the road because of the slippery conditions. We had a friend take us to do some Christmas shopping at about noon, and it still was really slippery. Now today, it rained most of the day, with the temperature reaching 50 degrees.

Joe turned our coal stove down as far as he can without it going out, and we still have to open a few windows. We really are saving on coal so far. I wonder if our whole winter will be this mild. I really am hoping we will get some colder weather, as it makes it nicer to butcher beef and pork. We will take whatever God sends for us and be thankful.

I hope all of you readers had a Merry Christmas. May God be with all of you this holiday season. I wish good health and safe travels to everyone. God bless all of you!

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Why the weather's been so wonky

Q: Everyone is talking about La Nina and the mild winter we've had. I have no idea what that means. Can you explain it, in terms we non scientists can understand? Thank you. — Name withheld

A: I can try. El Nino and La Nina are the names used to describe extreme changes in the temperature of the Eastern Central Pacific Ocean. The Spanish names, which mean "the boy" and "the girl," were used by South American fishermen to describe these unusual weather patterns.

The change in ocean surface temperatures causes a greater than normal shift in the jet stream. These extremes can intensify the jet stream as well. Although there are global implications, for us, in a La Nina year, the jet stream moves south and that can mean colder than average temperatures and more precipitation.

This winter, we are actually under El Nino conditions though, with a jet stream that is running further north, which are characterized here by warmer than average temperatures, less precipitation and stronger storms. But we are probably more affected by the North Atlantic Oscillation, which is a pressure system that keeps Arctic air bottled up in the Arctic or allows it to pool down toward us.

Experts say that Midwest weather may not be as strongly affected by this phenomenon as other parts of the country. There are a number of smaller, more specific climate dictators that influence our weather in Kankakee County. For example, the Chicago Ridge can direct storms from the west toward the lake and leave us high and dry.

In any case, it seems rare that we have a "normal" year anymore and the weather extremes — too much rain followed by too little, high winds and unseasonal warm spells — play havoc with our gardens and our urban forest.

Q: We have three oak trees that were planted a number of years ago. They have grown faster than I thought they would and are beautiful. Today, my husband noticed that they all have cracks running up and down in the bark. Neither of us remembers seeing these cracks before, and we remember the bark being smooth. We're pretty alarmed and hope you can give us advice on what we need to do, quickly. — Marlene

A: Don't be alarmed. I am pretty sure this is just normal plating of the bark as the trees mature. Almost all trees have smooth bark when they are young, and then, almost overnight it seems, those vertical slits show up, where the

bark is beginning to form plates, and eventually, furrows.

It is possible for younger, smooth trees to get splits (actual damage) in the bark from deep cold freezing the bark and strong sun warming it up too quickly, but we have not had any deep cold. It also would be unlikely for this injury to happen to all of your trees at once.

Q: My daughter says I shouldn't have bought the spray product I used to make the leaves on my houseplants shiny because there is wax in it. She says I should have used milk instead. Should I pitch it and switch to milk?— Dianne

A: Yes, pitch it, but drink your milk, don't put it on your plants. It is unnecessary to use any products to make your plant leaves shine. Those that are meant to be shiny will be if the plant is healthy.

I use a water dampened cloth to dust large leaves and sit fine leafed plants in the sink or shower and rinse them to remove dust. Using

anything other than water could clog the pores (stomata) on the leaves and limit gas exchange.

Q: Is there anyone collecting live cut Christmas trees after the holidays? I hate just letting mine go into the landfill. — Don

A: The closest collection site I know about is at the Plum Creek Nature Center in Crete. But you could recycle it yourself.

We cut the branches from ours and place them over perennial plantings to protect the crowns during the deep freeze. We cut the trunk into logs. In the spring, when we are doing garden chores in cool weather, we burn all of the dried out remains in our fire pit to warm our backsides.

Deb Terrill is a local horticulturist with more than 30 years of hands-on gardening experience. Email her at dterrill@daily-journal.com.



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Universal Orlando looks back 25 years

More innovation ahead

BY KYLE HIGHTOWER
The Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — When the Universal Orlando theme park opened in 1990, it was a way for visitors to have fun inspired by the movies they loved — without traveling to California.

Director Steven Spielberg held the scissors at the ribbon-cutting. One of the first rides was themed on his movie "E.T." Even ads for the park had the tone of a movie-quality teaser, promising the "greatest Hollywood production ever."

Jason Surrell, creative director at Universal Creative, saw that ad while still in college. "This is one of the reasons I moved down to Florida, because at the time, I knew it was becoming Hollywood east," he said.

One thing the new Florida park couldn't do was show visitors the authentic Hollywood backlots in Los Angeles where Universal has made movies for more than a century. Those backlot tours remain a staple of the company's first theme park, Universal Studios Hollywood, which opened in 1964.

But in the last 25 years, Universal Orlando has emerged from the shadow of its older sister park to forge its own identity celebrating the entertainment industry. It's built thrilling roller coasters, incorporated the latest interactive technology into rides and, in 2010, opened one of the most successful attractions in theme park history, The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, with a second Potter area added in 2014.

It's also grown from a single theme park, the original Universal Studios Florida,



AP Photo/John Raoux

A station agent greets guests in front of the Hogwarts Express train at the Wizarding World of Harry Potter at Universal Studios in Orlando, Fla. In 2010 Universal Orlando opened one of the most successful attractions in theme park history, The Wizarding World of Harry Potter, with a second Potter area added in 2014.

to two, with the opening of Islands of Adventure in 1999. That's when the complex was renamed Universal Orlando Resort. The CityWalk dining and entertainment area was added that year as well. Today, there are also four hotels, with 18 new attractions and experiences added in the last five years. Growth through 2017 includes the new Skull Island: Reign of Kong attraction, themed on King Kong, along with another hotel and a new water theme park, Volcano Bay.

Both the Orlando and California parks had record attendance this past summer, thanks to the Potter attractions in Florida and the Fast & Furious-Supercharged ride in California. Comcast's NBCUniversal division, which owns the Universal theme parks, said in October that its parks division generated \$896 million in revenue for the third quarter. The Holly-



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A Lucille Ball character waves to guests as she walks along Hollywood Boulevard at Universal Studios in Orlando.

wood park will open its own Wizarding World of Harry Potter in 2016.

One thing that's defined Universal Orlando's rides since the beginning is an emphasis on the latest technology, said Chick Russell, a Universal Creative director and executive producer who's worked on the Potter attractions and others.

Even in the park's early days, the E.T. Adventure ride invited patrons to tell the host their names at the beginning of the ride, and a robotic E.T. would repeat the names later. "That was a pretty advanced thing to do 25 years ago," Surrell said.

In 1996, the Terminator 2: 3-D attraction opened, bringing 3-D effects and live-action actors to the park. More recent rides,

like those inspired by "Spider-Man" and "Transformers" movies, "create the illusion of speed and the excitement you wish you could live when you see the films," Russell said.

The Harry Potter attractions offer an even more immersive experience, wrapping guests into a realistically detailed fictional world the minute they step into Diagon Alley.

It's a trend Universal expects to continue in its next 25 years.

"It feels like we've evolved from riding the movies to living the movies," Surrell said. "It's really about putting people right square in the middle of the action."

In the last 25 years, **Universal Orlando has emerged from the shadow** of its older sister park to forge its own identity celebrating the entertainment industry.



Photo courtesy of Amazon

Gael Garcia Bernal stars on "Mozart in the Jungle" on Amazon.

A 2nd season of 'Mozart in the Jungle' streams on Amazon

"Mozart in the Jungle," a gem that arrived at the end of 2014, returns for a second season on Amazon. A whimsical and, at times, even magical, inside look at a New York philharmonic orchestra, "Mozart" works as both a high art romp and a good old-fashioned soap opera.

As season two begins, the heart-throb genius conductor Rodrigo (Gael Garcia Bernal) is seen having a strange conversation with Mozart himself. And the composer hints the Mexican maestro just might be an exotic phony. Hailey (Lola Kirke), the struggling young oboist at the center of things, still doesn't know what to make of the kiss she shared with Rodrigo at the end of season one.

Despite working hard on her artistry, she's still stuck as the conductor's personal assistant, a role she thought she transcended some time back. Thomas (Malcolm McDowell), the dethroned conductor, appears to be happy composing his great masterpiece. But there are patrons and donors eager to see him return and replace the rebel that they have come to call "Che Guevara."

Bernadette Peters makes the absolute most of her role as Gloria Windsor, the flirty president of this floundering cultural institution, forever fundraising and refereeing fights between patrons, conductors and high-strung musicians. Trouble is compounded this season when the orchestra asks for a new contract and hires a high-powered labor negotiator (Gretchen Mol, "Boardwalk Empire").

"Mozart" makes the most of its affluent New York setting but never descends into the trite subjects of sex, shopping and money found in so many series since "Sex and the City." Its characters are eccentric but passionate, and they care deeply about art without appearing, or sounding, elitist or phony. It's a delicate tightrope act, nicely negotiated by writers Roman Coppola and Jason Schwartzman and director Paul Weitz. Schwartzman, a regular in Wes Anderson's films, is also an executive producer. One of the small miracles of "Mozart" is how much character exploration, politics and intrigue it can jam into

30-minute morsels. "Mozart" is not your typical television comedy. It is a very good one.

• New Year's resolutions arrive in about 24 hours! Most of them involve eating.

The documentary "In Defense of Food" (8 p.m., PBS, TV-PG, check local listings) features author Michael Pollan, who travels the world to see how we can save our food supply from the commercial and technological "improvements" of the last century, which have robbed flour of its nutrients and jam-packed so many processed

foods with sugar, salt and fat. These "new" and "improved" fake foods and soft drinks have resulted in an epidemic of obesity and diabetes, particularly among the young and within minority communities.

TONIGHT'S OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

• Celebrities play pranks on "I Get That a Lot" (7 p.m., CBS).

• Cookie gets Pitbull's attention on "Empire" (7 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).

• On two helpings of "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" (NBC, r, TV-14): a body washes ashore (7 p.m.), a serial killer offers a tip (8 p.m.).

• A bounty hunter pitches in on "Rosewood" (8 p.m., Fox, r, TV-14).

• Cam and Mitch face money woes on "Modern Family" (8 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG).

• A missing teen may pose a risk on "Chicago P.D." (9 p.m., NBC, r, TV-14).

SERIES NOTES

Frankie finds Axl's friend attractive on "The Middle" (7 p.m., ABC, r, TV-PG) ...

Selena Gomez performs at the "iHeartRadio Jingle Ball" (7 p.m., CW, r, TV-14) ...

On two helpings of "The Goldbergs" (ABC, r, TV-PG): a change of octave (7:30 p.m.), public pools (9 p.m.) ...

Guthrie's son joins the staff on "Code Black" (8 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14) ...

Improv on "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" (8:30 p.m., CW, r, TV-PG) ...

On two helpings of "black-ish" (ABC, r, TV-PG): positive thinking (8:30 p.m.), an alternative Father's Day (9:30 p.m.) ...

Replacing Kate on "Criminal Minds" (9 p.m., CBS, r, TV-14).

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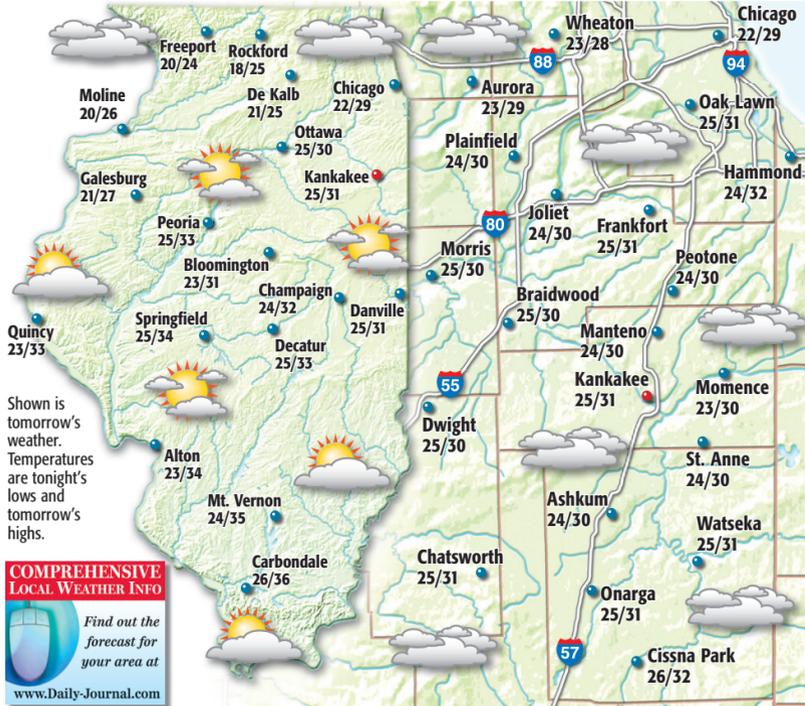
Guests ride the Hollywood Rip Ride Rocket roller coaster at Universal Studios in Orlando.

5-DAY FORECAST FOR KANKAKEE

TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOW 25 Mostly cloudy	31 18 Dull and dreary	COLD 26 19 Mostly sunny and very cold	33 20 Not as cold with plenty of sunshine	32 22 Mostly sunny

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Statistics for Kankakee for 24-hour period ending at 7 a.m. today.

Temperature
High 41
Low 31
Normal High 32
Normal Low 17

Precipitation
Yesterday trace
Total month to date 4.05"
Normal month to date 2.46"
Year to date 45.08"
Normal year to date 39.02"

Heating Degree Days
Yesterday 29
Month to date 700
Season to date 1685
Normal season to date 2235

FARM REPORT

Mostly cloudy tonight. Winds west 6-12 mph. Average relative humidity 90%. Cloudy tomorrow. Winds west 7-14 mph. Little or no sunshine with average relative humidity 90%. Mainly clear and colder tomorrow night. Winds west 7-14 mph.

Growing Degree Days

Yesterday 0
Season to date 3397
Normal season to date 2992

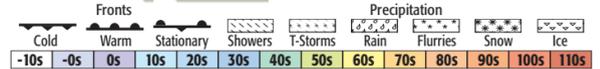
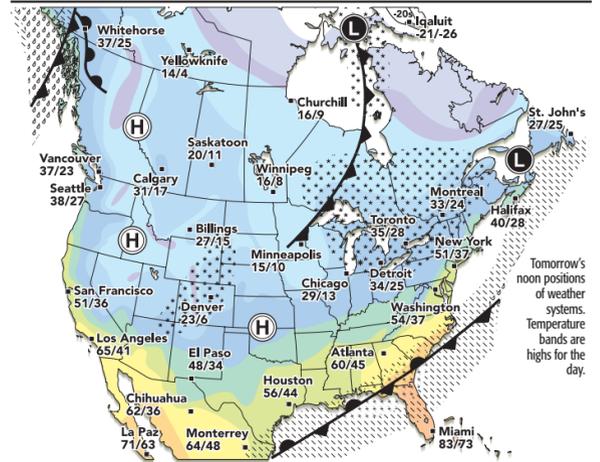
SUN AND MOON

Thursday
Sunrise 7:17 a.m.
Sunset 4:32 p.m.
Moonrise 11:06 p.m.
Moonset 10:55 a.m.



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NATIONAL FORECAST



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City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	60/45/pc	53/36/pc	Los Angeles	65/41/s	63/40/s	Portland, Ore.	38/26/s	37/25/c
Boston	46/32/pc	42/30/pc	Memphis	50/35/pc	47/29/pc	St. Louis	37/24/pc	35/24/s
Cincinnati	36/24/c	35/23/s	Miami	83/73/pc	83/71/pc	Salt Lake City	25/7/pc	24/11/s
Dallas	51/37/c	49/31/pc	Milwaukee	26/12/c	22/16/pc	San Diego	66/45/s	65/46/s
Denver	23/6/s	26/6/s	New Orleans	59/50/sh	56/45/r	San Francisco	51/36/s	50/36/s
Indianapolis	32/22/c	30/22/s	New York	51/37/pc	45/34/pc	Seattle	38/27/s	40/28/s
Kansas City	30/13/pc	29/19/s	Philadelphia	50/36/pc	46/33/pc	Wash., D.C.	54/37/pc	48/31/pc

WORLD CITIES

City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W	City	Thu. Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	89/75/pc	90/75/pc	Geneva	43/33/r	43/35/c	Paris	51/36/pc	47/43/c
Baghdad	61/44/pc	61/38/sh	Hong Kong	67/60/s	69/62/pc	Singapore	87/76/t	88/77/t
Amsterdam	50/38/c	46/38/c	London	50/34/sh	45/44/pc	Sydney	78/63/pc	77/64/s
Athens	43/33/sh	44/38/pc	Madrid	56/33/sh	54/40/pc	Tokyo	50/41/pc	54/39/pc
Bangkok	90/73/s	88/73/s	Mexico City	76/49/pc	73/48/pc	Toronto	35/28/sf	32/24/c
Beijing	40/19/s	44/21/s	Moscow	17/5/c	7/2/pc	Vancouver	37/23/s	41/30/s
Buenos Aires	83/68/pc	87/69/pc	Oslo	40/37/sf	41/34/sf	Vienna	31/24/s	32/26/sf

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Give the Gift of Warmth



Donta Gee, right, of Kankakee, and 1st Ward Alderwoman Gloria Kennedy, left, carry blankets down Court Street with a couple dozen volunteers from the Jaycees, a community organization, and members of Still I Rise, a nonprofit youth and young adult organization, on Christmas Eve. Gee's youth organization, BeautifulAm, pioneered the "Give the Gift of Warmth" event, walking the streets of Kankakee and visiting several locations to hand out blankets and free food to any needy or homeless residents. Court Street Ford donated a bulk of the blankets and access to a transit vehicle, Gee said of her workplace. Hot food was donated and delivered by the new Bourbonnais-area delivery and takeout service, Black on Black Bistro. Gee said she started BeautifulAm to guide youths in leadership and community outreach, a weekly endeavor planned at the 5:30 p.m. Monday meetings at the Kankakee Public Library. "I think children need our time, I believe it truly takes a village to raise them," Gee said. "I want to show them it's okay to help, and how to do it." The group started at the Salvation Army's lunch service and traveled to the Chestnut Street bus stop, Midtown Towers, Bird Park and areas near the river dam and Jewel.

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Mahogany Ashford, 20, left, of Kankakee, and Lindsey Oliver, 19, of Donovan, prepare a free item box with blankets, canned food and hygiene products at the Chestnut Street bus stop on Christmas Eve during youth organization BeautifulAm's "Give the Gift of Warmth" event. BeautifulAm partnered with Black on Black Bistro and community organizations Still I Rise and the Jaycees to supply and work the event.

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Christmas Day Dinner



Carolyn Osborne, of Manteno, leaves the Leo Hassett Community Center in Manteno on Friday after eating at the Christmas Day Dinner. Volunteers served more than 82 dinners at the center between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Daily Journal/Mike Voss

BUSINESS

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HEALTH CARE

Forsythe joins Riverside Medical Group

Riverside Healthcare announced recently the addition of **Ashton Forsythe**, a certified nurse practitioner, to the Riverside Medical Group. Forsythe now is seeing patients at Immediate Care at 106B Watters Drive in Dwight. "Maintaining the health of ourselves and our families can



be challenging and even a bit scary at times," Forsythe said. "I want my patients to feel comfortable and be confident that they are receiving the best care available. My goal is to provide safe, comprehensive and individualized health care all while facilitating patient education and involvement. I believe positive outcomes will be achieved through honesty and commitment from all those involved."

Forsythe received both her Bachelor of Science in nursing and Master of Science in nursing at the University of St. Francis in Joliet. She is a member of the American Association of Nurse Practitioners, Illinois Nurses Association and is certified in advanced cardiac life support.

Riverside Immediate Care in Dwight, next to Doc's Drugs, will be open from 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday-Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Holiday hours will be 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information about Forsythe, visit myRiversideDocs.com.

REAL ESTATE

KIFAR makes raises money for charities

The Kankakee-Iroquois-Ford Association of Realtors raised \$4,280 at its annual Christmas Party and Auction on Dec. 17 at the Kankakee Country Club. Proceeds were divided equally between the Salvation Army food pantry, Hospice and Harbor House (all in Kankakee County), as well as Harbor House in Watseka, and the Iroquois Memorial Hospice in Watseka. The event was coordinated by the KIFAR program-entertainment committee chaired by **Vernie Foster**, of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate, and **Mimi Barnes**, of Peoples Bank of Kankakee, and presided over by KIFAR President **Chris Wilbur**, of Coldwell Banker Residential Real Estate.

YEAR IN BUSINESS

Top business stories in 2015

China's sharp economic slowdown is No. 1

BY PAUL WISEMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — China's economy lost some luster and its leaders their aura of invincibility. A commodities boom went bust, spreading pain from Texas oil fields to Indonesian coal mines.

Seven years of near-zero interest rates ended in the United States, while easy money kept flowing elsewhere. Volkswagen cheated on emissions tests. And the rise of Uber intensified a debate about the definition of an employee.

China's sharp slowdown was chosen as the top business story of 2015 by business editors at The Associated Press, followed by the plunge in energy prices.

Here are the top 10 business stories of the year:

CHINA'S SLOWDOWN

It took five years for people to become really worried about China's slow-motion economic deceleration. The freak-out finally hit global markets in August. Between Aug. 10 and Aug. 25, the Dow Jones industrial average plunged 11 percent on fears that everyone had underestimated China's troubles and their impact on the rest of the world.

China's deceleration is part of an official plan to shift from unsustainable growth from exports and wasteful investment to slower but steadier expansion based on consumer spending. Yet its leaders tarnished their reputation for economic stewardship by clumsily intervening to prop up plunging stock prices. Then they shocked and confused markets by devaluing the Chinese currency.

Economists began to conclude that China's official story — that its economy was growing at around a brisk 7 percent a year — was far too rosy and that growth might be closer to 5 percent or 6 percent and likely to weaken further.

COLLAPSING COMMODITY PRICES

China's slowdown and a global oil glut crushed commodities and energy prices. The Standard & Poor's GSCI commodities index has plunged 34 percent this year to its lowest level since 1999, down 80 percent from its peak. And the main culprit was China's slowdown. When they were booming, Chinese factories devoured about half the world's copper, aluminum, nickel and steel.

Oil prices, too, tumbled from \$98 a barrel two years ago to



The Associated Press photo

A beer vendor holds up Budweiser and Bud Light at Wrigley Field earlier this year. In 2015, corporate America announced a wave of mergers and acquisitions, including some whoppers: Arch-rival brewers Budweiser and Miller Genuine Draft would be joined by a \$106 billion deal between Anheuser-Busch InBev and SABMiller, in one of The Associated Press' top stories in 2015.

under \$35. The biggest factor was unrestrained production across the world, which led to a huge supply glut. In response, energy companies slashed investment in America's oil patch. And workers lost jobs in Zambian mines, Indonesian coal pits and Australian ports. But consumers enjoyed a windfall: Near year's end, U.S. motorists were paying just \$2 a gallon for gasoline, down from \$2.47 a year ago.

VOLKSWAGEN CAUGHT CHEATING

In the first half of 2015, Volkswagen passed Toyota as the world's top-selling automaker. The triumph didn't last long. On Sept. 18, the Environmental Protection Agency revealed that VW had cheated on emissions tests for hundreds of thousands of diesel cars it had marketed as "green."

It was a stunning case of corporate malfeasance. CEO Martin Winterkorn resigned, VW announced plans to recall 11 million cars globally and set aside \$7 billion to pay for them. In the United States, where more than 500,000 VW cars have been recalled, several government agencies are investigating. VW's reputation was left in tatters.

THE END OF FREE MONEY

When the Fed cut short-term interest rates to near zero in December 2008, the American

economy was losing hundreds of thousands of jobs a month. The financial system had nearly toppled. The rate cut was an emergency response. No one expected it to last.

But it did — for seven years. On Dec. 16, the Fed declared that the economy was finally healthy enough to withstand a modest rate hike: It raised the short-term rate it controls from a range of zero to 0.25 percent to one of 0.25 percent to 0.50 percent. But with Europe and Japan still struggling and China decelerating, the European Central Bank, the Bank of Japan and the People's Bank of China had gone in the reverse direction: They acted to continue or expand their easy-money policies.

GROWTH OF 'GIG' ECONOMY

The growth of the ride service Uber ignited a debate about the "gig economy," in which people don't hold regular jobs in traditional workplaces but rather work as some version of a freelancer: Uber drivers tooling around town in their own cars. Homebound app designers laboring to produce a hit for the Apple Store. Carpenters selling their services on the website Thumbtack.

Supporters say the gig economy drives innovation and gives workers unparalleled freedom. Critics worry that it lets companies label workers as "independent contrac-



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The debut of the Apple Watch was one of The Associated Press' top stories in 2015.

tors" to avoid providing overtime, workers' compensation or unemployment insurance. The government issued guidelines meant to clarify when companies can designate workers as contractors. Still, for now, it says barely 10 percent of American workers are self-employed, little changed from a decade ago.

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MAINSTREET: LEADERSHIP IN THE NEW YEAR

Pursuing simple, positive promises rather than making, breaking unrealistic resolutions

Transforming your life, those around you

"And now we welcome the New Year. Full of things that have never been." — Rainer Maria Rilke

It's that time of the year again where most of us make resolutions for re-casting, reforming, doing or maybe re-doing. And this is a good thing. Perhaps we vow to spend more time with our families; work more or work less. Trimming a few holiday-induced pounds is always a favorite. But of course most resolutions soon disappear because in the final analysis, lasting change goes against human nature and the power of habits formed over many, many years.

The statistics are a bit overwhelming. Despite all of our good intentions, very few of us keep our resolutions. Forbes Magazine quotes a study done by the University of Scranton that suggests that just 8 percent of people achieve their New Year's goals.

Well you might be saying to yourself at this point, "Dr. Daaake is contradicting himself in the very title of the column."

Yes, I actually am in one sense. But, during the past six months, as you might know if you read this column on a regular basis, I have been immersing myself in something much more powerful than year-end resolutions. I have read many books and articles on the comparatively new field of "Positive Psychology" based on the work of Martin Seligman at the University of Pennsylvania and now hundreds of other researchers and writers at Michigan, Harvard, Nebraska

and many others.

Rather than making New Year's resolutions, I'm working hard on personally implementing a series of relatively simple, positive practices suggested by this research. So as we sometimes joke — rather than having Christmas in July, I started New Years in July and have continued adding new ideas each month.

Benjamin Franklin maintained to form a new habit you needed to do it for 30 days. More recently, many psychologists suggest at least 21 days. Yet others indicate it might take from two to six months.

Regardless of the exact time, the key seems to be ongoing efforts to do what we promise ourselves no matter what we feel like on any given day. It is important to note, promises (resolutions) that are simpler and even modest are more likely to become successful practices and habits. For example, are you resolving to lose 40 pounds? Hard to do — losing 10 pounds and keeping them off is far more realistic; want to read 30 books in 2016 — well maybe five for the year is achievable.

Now let me illustrate what I'm talking about with three simple but specific inter-related practices that come directly out of the positive-happiness psychological literature. As I mentioned in my column just before Thanksgiving, Michelle Gielan, a former Chicago Fox 32 news reporter, national CBS reporter and now positive psychology researcher, has written a compelling book based on her broadcasting and life experiences called "Broadcasting Happiness"

While the ideas are not original with her, she groups together three simple practices

that can potentially improve your outlook dramatically. These are not mere resolutions, but practices for the long term. These three simple ideas can build your confidence, serve others and ultimately broadcast happiness.

The first practice — each day in at least one email that you send out, add a sentence or two of encouragement to the recipient. Secondly, start a gratitude diary. Thirdly (and this is the most unusual), each day take at least one picture of something that you are happy about or shows happiness. Gielan suggests that we do each one of these for the "magic" 21 days to form a new habit and then continue the practice as we add the next one. But many people decide to do them all simultaneously.

Let me briefly describe my experiences so far and suggest you join me — it will change your life in 2016. First, writing an encouraging email at least once a day ... I'll confess I'm doing this about 90 percent of the time since once in a while I try and create an email/social media free day.

On some, though, I might write 4-6 encouraging notes in one day. While you can create an original email just for this purpose, it is actually more effective to just add a line or two to an email you were going to send anyway. Since sometimes I get 100-150 e-mails (about 20 percent I really do need to reply to), I have used the opportunity to add a note of kindness, encouragement or a positive thought. While I hope it cheers the recipient, I know the very act of encouraging others encourages me and lifts my mood.

I have just started practice 2, that of creating a gratefulness or thankfulness diary and writing down three things I am grateful

for each time. While I have been practicing the idea in my head for months now, I have finally started committing them to paper (a physical journal or in my case, to a Word document.) Writing it down is much more powerful than just thinking it.

New York Times best-selling author Janice Kaplan has perhaps written the definitive work on the topic in "The Gratitude Diaries" where she committed herself to a yearlong process of research and practicing gratefulness. It is a remarkable book that has transformed her life and my thinking. If you fully implement this promise to yourself, it will make the world look remarkably brighter for you and those around you.

Lastly and this is one that I have just started, is snapping positive-happiness photos. With camera phones everywhere, it is so easy to do. Ultimately, I plan on taking lots of pictures and then sending 10-15 each month via e-mail to Walgreens photo store (and for 29 cents a print) to create a monthly poster collage.

My first three pictures are these: a family dinner up in Greek town over the holidays; the massive and beautiful Christmas tree in

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Better to start the new year without debt

Dear Dave,
We've always just assumed that we would use credit cards for Christmas, and accepted the fact that there would be a mountain of debt to pay off in January and February. Can you tell us how to make it through the Christmas season next year without accumulating debt? — Carol

Dear Carol,
Giving is a wonderful thing if your intentions — and your finances — are in the right place. But don't let yourself get trapped in the shopping bonanza just because everyone else is doing it. It's all too easy to try to justify overspending in the weeks ahead just because



DAVE RAMSEY

it's a gift. It's pretty simple. Look at your budget, and see what you can afford to pay cash for during the holiday season. Once you and your spouse agree on this amount, make a list, check it twice and stick to it! Include the names and amounts you are going to spend on each person or charity. It's just common sense, but it's easy to find something in the mall you "just have to buy." That's where problems start.

Giving is not meant to be stressful on your finances. Give with the right intentions, and give with a financial plan in mind that does not include debt. Another thing to remember

is Christmas always falls on Dec. 25. Don't wait until Thanksgiving to realize it's right around the corner. You could even get a real jump on things, and set a little bit aside each month toward Christmas starting right now! —Dave

YOU CAN CATCH UP LATER

Dear Dave,
I work in IT, and I recently learned that I'll be losing my \$88,000 per year job at the end of February. We're debt-free, except for our home, and we have a full emergency fund in place. The problem is we just cash-flowed one daughter's wedding, and we'll be paying for another daughter's college soon. I'll receive a severance package of about \$30,000 to \$40,000, but we're wondering if I should

stop contributing to my 401(k) and stockpile cash until another job comes along. — Steve

Dear Steve,
You've done a great job handling your money, so going a couple of months without contributing to your 401(k) isn't going to mean the difference between retiring with dignity and eating Alpo in your golden years.

In this case, I would stop funding the 401(k) temporarily. You're in a high-demand line of work, so I think you'll probably land something soon and maybe even get a raise in the process. The main thing is to be intentional. Go ahead and start networking and lining up interviews now. Try to land something as soon as possible so that you can start at the end of Febru-

ary or the first of March. At that point, you could look at the severance package as a signing bonus.

There's not much lost between now and then with what you'd actually gain from what you put into your 401(k). There would be going forward, for sure, but I think you'll be able to make that up pretty quickly. —Dave

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Help! My aluminum cookware is pitted and stained

Dear Mary: Please tell me why my aluminum pans and cookware have turned dark and become rough to the touch. I believe it might be from the dishwasher. Other than these marks and stains, my 60-year old pans (I got them at my bridal shower!) look the same as new ones I see in the stores today, only the price has changed. What can I do to restore my pots and pans? Love your column. — Etta

Dear Etta: Let's start with the "pitting" — corrosion that creates tiny holes in the metal. Undoubtedly, this is the result of having put these pans through the dishwasher. Aluminum should never be put into a dishwasher but rather be washed by hand in mild dishwashing liquid.

Most dishwasher detergents are extremely alkaline and readily pit and discolor aluminum. Dishwasher detergents also can create a kind of gray film on the surface of aluminum, which can become difficult if not impossible to scrub off.

I am afraid there might be nothing you can do to remove the pits. However, there is a rather simple way to remove the dark, ugly discoloration that often appears in well-used aluminum cookware.

You want to fill the stained aluminum pot with a highly acidic solution: For each quart of water you need to add 2 tablespoons cream of tartar, white vinegar OR lemon juice. Any one of these items will create a highly acidic solution, which will reduce discoloration due to oxidation. If you have other aluminum items like flatware that has become discolored, you can add these pieces to the pot.

If you need to clean the outside of a pot as well as the inside, try submerging it in a larger pot (doesn't have to be aluminum, as the acid solution will not harm stainless steel or other types of pots) that you have filled with this acidic solution.

Set the pot on the stovetop and bring the solution to a boil. Let it simmer for 10 to 15 minutes. Turn the burner off when the aluminum brightens, allowing the pot and its contents to cool. Pour the solution down the drain.

If any discoloration remains, gently scrub the pot with a scrubber sponge. Avoid using steel wool, which is too abrasive and could cause future problems on aluminum.

Another option: Use a gentle aluminum cleaner meant for cookware instead of the boiling method above. Our friends at Bar Keeper's Friend have introduced a fabulous cleanser and polisher; Bar Keepers Friend Cookware Cleanser & Polish that does a great job cleaning up all kinds of cookware including aluminum. You might give this a try on the pitting. Provided the damage is not severe, you might be able to rub out the pitting enough to bring your venerable and well-loved cookware back to its

bright and shiny appearance.

Dear Mary: I am totally baffled as to how to remove spots/stains from khaki colored items. It seems that no matter what I use, even plain water, I am left with a noticeably discolored area that is worse than the spot itself. Do you have any suggestions as to how I should deal with this situation? Thanks so much for all the advice you offer; you make being a cheapskate fun. — Kris

Dear Kris: I don't know what you have tried to remove these stains, however, I am the world's biggest fan of Soilove, (as in "soil love") an inexpensive laundry stain remover I've been using for so many years I'm embarrassed to admit. I have never encountered

the kind of problem you describe on colors or khaki items. Could it be that you are scrubbing some of the color away as you try to remove that stain?

I can still get a 16-ounce bottle of Soilove for \$.99 at 99 Cents Only stores (located in only a few states), from Amazon or directly from the manufacturer (the owners have become dear friends of mine over the years and have set up a direct purchase option for my Everyday Cheapskate family). Soilove is a truly remarkable and cheap product! Here's the info to order direct:

Option 1: Three 16-oz. bottles Soilove: \$9.95 including shipping and handling, delivered within continental U.S.

Option 2: Twelve 16-oz. bottles Soilove: \$15 plus actual UPS shipping charge.

My second line of defense, because not even Soilove can remove every stain (for sure it will not remove yellow mustard), I rely on Lestoil, (as in "less toil") which can be hard to find, but still available if you know where to look.

Dear Mary: Thank you for the great column on lay-away. I remember that from when I was in college many years ago. While I used lay-away and paid for the items in full, I have the vague recollection that by the time I picked them up, the bloom was off the rose. God Bless you for all you do. — Sarah

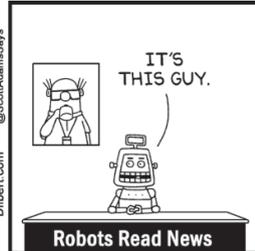
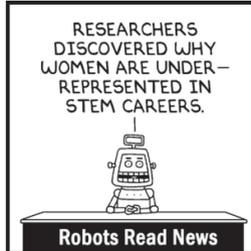
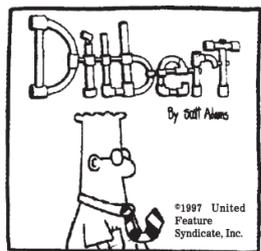
Dear Sarah: You might have just come up with another reason layaway is a good option: It nips impulsive shopping in the bud. With layaway you have time to rethink that purchase. With credit card shopping, by the time you get around to regretting the purchase, the deed has been done and the debt incurred. Thank you for being such a fun and loyal reader.

For more info on the products mentioned above, please visit www.everyday-cheapskate.com/pitted.

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MEGA CORPORATE MERGERS

Corporate America received an overhaul in 2015: Companies announced a wave of mergers and acquisitions worth about \$4.8 trillion, busting a record set in 2007, according to Dealogic. The number of mega-mergers worth \$10 billion or more also set a record.

The list includes some whoppers: Arch-rival brewers Budweiser and Miller Genuine Draft would be joined by a \$106 billion deal between Anheuser-Busch InBev and SABMiller. Dow Chemical and DuPont announced a merger worth \$66 billion in a desperate bid to counter shrunken commodities prices. Pfizer and Allergan reached a \$149 billion deal to bring Pfizer's Viagra and Allergan's Botox under one corporate roof. Dell is buying the data-storage company EMC for \$66 billion. Walgreens offered to buy rival drugstore chain Rite Aid for \$9.4 billion, a deal that raised questions among regulators at the Federal Trade Commission.

TAKATA'S EXPLODING AIR BAGS

Japan's Takata Corp. admitted concealing evidence for years that its air bags could explode — a defect linked to eight deaths

and more than 100 injuries worldwide.

Takata agreed to pay U.S. regulators a \$70 million fine. It also agreed to phase out air bag inflators that use ammonium nitrate, which was blamed for the explosions. Ford, Honda, Toyota and Nissan have decided against putting the inflators in cars and trucks now under development.

NET NEUTRALITY

Cable and telecom companies fought it out with regulators regarding control of the Internet. The Federal Communications Commission issued "net neutrality" rules designed to bar Internet service providers from offering preferential treatment to sites that pay for faster service. Consumer groups and content companies such as Netflix support the new rules. But service providers such as Comcast and Verizon say the rules would limit innovation and discourage investment in broadband infrastructure.

In 2014, a federal appeals court had struck down the FCC's previous attempt to mandate net neutrality. But a key federal judge who was part of that 2014 decision signaled in December that the agency's revised plan might pass muster.

DRIVER-LESS CARS

Automakers and tech com-



The Associated Press photo

Brian Torcellini, Google team leader of driving operations, poses for photos next to a self-driving car at a Google office in Mountain View, Calif. Automakers and tech companies, such as Google, Alibaba and Baidu, scrambled to develop cars that would drive themselves.

panies, such as Google, Alibaba and Baidu, scrambled to develop cars that would drive themselves. Nissan let reporters take a test drive in a self-driving car. Electric carmaker Tesla rolled out technology that allows for automated braking and lane-changes. As more functions are automated, experts say some cars eventually should be capable of driving themselves, perhaps by 2025.

Mercedes and Infiniti already offer cars that can perform some functions — steering themselves, for example, and staying within lanes at highway speeds. Cadillac is expected to offer hands-free driving next year. In 2017, Audi plans to offer low-speed, hands-free driving that works during traffic jams.

ROLLOUT OF THE APPLE WATCH

The Apple Watch went on sale in April, threatening to shake up the market for fitness bands and other wearable gadgets. Prices start at \$350 and go up to \$10,000 for luxury models. The smartwatch received mixed reviews. Some critics questioned whether it was useful enough to justify buying.

Apple still won't say how many watches it has sold. But Wall Street analysts believe Apple sold about 4 million smartwatches from June through September, up from the unexpectedly strong 3.6 million that International Data Corp. estimated Apple sold from April to June.

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Macy's Walnut Room in Chicago; and pictures of skaters in Millennium Park. Kaplan quips that in an age of "selfies, for the most part, avoid those snapshots for this project. It is not really about you, but rather others and the joy you find in human interactions.

Are these three too simple? Not grandiose enough to make a New Year's resolution list? Quite the contrary. Just as Kaplan pursued a year-long quest, one year from today, I will issue you a report on what has happened. I'm now in the process of creating a local happiness website that you

can submit ideas to to as well. I will write more about it in the next few weeks.

In the end, the eminent Hellen Keller, reminds us, "Your success and happiness lies in you. Resolve to keep happy, and your joy and you shall form an invincible host against difficulties."

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THE MOTLEY FOOL: TO EDUCATE, AMUSE & ENRICH

MY DUMBEST INVESTMENT

3-D goes flat

My dumbest investment was getting caught up in the hype of 3-D stocks. I had \$1,000 to invest and was torn between shares of carmaker Tesla and 3-D printing specialist 3D Systems. 3D pulled back from its all-time high near \$100 per share to \$88, so I decided to put half my money into 3D and the other half into Tesla, which also had pulled back. Tesla stock surged from that point, while 3-D plunged. Luckily, my Tesla gains made up for my 3-D losses, but I learned my lesson about getting caught up in hype without really looking into why something was going up or down. — Eric, online

3-D Systems has crashed badly during the past two years, in part due to increased competition, supply-chain problems, soft demand, an aggressive acquisition strategy and a price that got unreasonably high — leading many to “short” (bet against) its shares. It’s not doomed, though, and may still reward patient believers over the long haul — when demand picks up, if it can lower its expenses, and if

its heavy investments in research and development pay off.

You’re right to be wary of hype, though. It’s especially important to be careful with emerging technologies such as 3-D printing, where it’s not yet clear how big the market will be, and which companies will be the most successful.

HomeAdvisor, ShoeBuy, Investopedia, PriceRunner and Tutor.com. I also own The Princeton Review, which offers a variety of educational services. Who am I? (Answer: IAC)

THE MOTLEY FOOL TAKE

A biotech powerhouse

You may not have heard of Gilead Sciences (Nasdaq: GILD), but it’s a biotech powerhouse, with a market value recently near \$150 billion. Gilead has become the dominant player in both the HIV and hepatitis C drug markets, gobbling up smaller biotech and biopharma companies and then leveraging its vast resources to

accelerate the development of their most promising product candidates. The results have been spectacular.

After acquiring Pharmasset in 2011, for instance, Gilead quickly built a formidable position in the lucrative hepatitis C space by bringing Sovaldi and Harvoni to market in rapid succession. These two drugs have helped Gilead’s free cash flow top \$17 billion during the past 12 months, enabling management to initiate a dividend payment (recently yielding 1.7 percent annually) and significantly amp up its share buyback program.

Gilead’s top line is expected to stagnate over the next year, but it still should generate staggering amounts of free cash flow that could be used for a variety of value-creating activities, such as paying off debt, buying other drugmakers with approved products already on the market, or simply increasing the dividend.

With its recent and forward-looking price-to-earnings ratios in the single digits, well below historical levels, Gilead is attractively priced and worth consideration for the portfolios of patient investors. (The Motley Fool owns shares of and has recommended Gilead Sciences.)



ASK THE FOOL

Taxes and inherited stock

Q: Will I be taxed on gains from stocks I inherit? — S.W., Norwich, Conn.

A: Yes — when you sell the shares. To calculate your gain then, you’ll need to know your “cost basis,” which is different for inherited stock than for gifts of stock. With a gift of appreciated stock or property, your basis is the same as the giver’s original basis. You’ll need to try to trace the cost all the way back to when the giver bought the asset, which may be hard.

The situation is usually better with an inheritance. You’ll get a “stepped-up” basis, which is the fair market value of the stock on the donor’s date of death. The estate’s tax return should disclose the value of the stock at date of death.

Alternatively, if you know the date of death, you can find the historical stock price online at various sources, such as finance.yahoo.com. You might even call your broker or the company’s investor relations department and ask. Once you find the value, save documentation of it in some form in case the IRS audits your tax return one day. Learn more at tax.fool.com and irs.gov.

Q: How are stockbrokers paid? — G.T., Gresham, Ore.

A: They’re generally paid by salary, commissions on sales, or a combination of the two, depending on the company they work for. It’s good to find out how your broker is paid, as those who depend heavily on commissions can encourage a lot of trading in your account, often needlessly. That’s called “churning,” and it can cost you.

We’d rather see brokers paid flat salaries, with bonuses for results that outperform the market averages. Learn more at sec.gov/investor/brokers.htm and broker.fool.com.

FOOL’S SCHOOL

Intro to capital structure

It’s important to understand companies’ “capital structure” if you want to better evaluate them as investments. A company’s capital structure reflects the components of its value and how it finances operations — via cash, debt financing (borrowing from a bank, and/or issuing bonds), and/or equity financing (selling a chunk of the company and/or issuing shares of stock).

Imagine a company financed with debt. If it’s paying 5 percent interest on its debt and is growing its earnings by an annual average of 10 percent, it probably can make its payments, so the financing is effective.

The interest rates that companies can borrow at are influenced by their credit ratings, with highly rated companies enjoying lower rates. If a company is carrying a lot of debt at high interest rates and is growing slowly, that’s a red flag. Fluctuating earnings also can be problematic, as interest payments can sometimes completely wipe out profits.

Imagine another company now, one that raises needed funds by issuing more stock. This is an appealing option during bull markets. If the company’s shares are trading at steep prices and buyers are plentiful, cash can be

easily generated.

The downside to equity financing, though, is that the value of existing shareholders’ stock — their stake in the company — is diluted every time new shares are issued. This is OK only if the money raised creates more value for the company (perhaps by funding a smart acquisition or building a new factory) than the value eroded by dilution. Eventually, many great companies grow so profitable that they can routinely buy back shares, boosting value for existing shareholders.

Finally, imagine a company financing its operations on its own, fueling its growth with cash generated from operations. The advantage of internally financed growth is that it forces a company to plan and budget carefully as it creates value for the company’s owners. This can be a slow process, though, and risky if competitors are effectively issuing debt or stock to fund more rapid growth.

Many companies use a combination of these financing methods.

FOOLISH TRIVIA

Name that company

I trace my roots back to 1963 and a 500-square-foot beauty shop opened in Dallas. Today, I’m a giant in beauty, with 3.5 million independent beauty consultants worldwide

generating about \$4 billion in revenue annually. I launched my Career Car program in 1969, and more than 144,000 sales team members have qualified or requalified for one, logging close to 4 billion miles. Some 6,000 vehicles are on the road today, including about 1,300 ones of a certain color. A foundation bearing my name has given \$54 million to organizations fighting cancer and violence against women. Who am I?

Last week’s trivia answer
You probably don’t know my name, but you’ve likely been on a bunch of my many websites, as they draw more than 2.5 billion visits each month. Based in New York City, I’m a major media and Internet company, and I dominate the online dating realm, with brands such as Match.com, OkCupid, Chemistry.com, Twoo and Tinder. I also have a few other online businesses you may have heard of, such as About.com, Ask.com, Dictionary.com, Vimeo, The Daily Beast, CollegeHumor,



Are subscription services economical?

Dear Jill, What do you think of subscription-based services? It seems there are subscriptions these days for everything from beauty supplies to meal ingredients to streaming videos. Do you think these services are worth it, and do you subscribe to any? — Patricia L.

Subscription-based services are some of the fastest-growing businesses around, and indeed you can subscribe to monthly deliveries of pet supplies, children’s crafts and even different varieties of gourmet bacon if your heart desires. Whether or not these subscriptions are “worth it” really depends on what value you place on them.

If we’re talking about physical deliveries of items each month, in some cases the price you pay for the items far exceeds what the items would cost if you purchased them independently of the subscription service. For example, one subscription service for dog treats and toys costs about \$25 per month. A portion of that fee goes to support rescue and shelter pets. However, if I’m looking at a service such as this strictly from a money-saving standpoint, I believe I could buy a lot of toys and treats for my dog each month for \$25.

I’ve seen several meal-in-a-box services that deliver fresh ingredients to prepare a week’s worth of dinners. Most charge between \$10-\$12 per dinner — that’s per serving, not per meal. A week’s worth of dinners for two isn’t exactly budget-friendly when it’s pushing \$150. For \$10 per person per meal, I could prepare some grand meals at home. Of course, if you enjoy gourmet cooking and don’t like or aren’t able to grocery shop, the convenience to have a week’s worth of meal ingredients and recipes delivered could be both tempting and convenient.

Other subscription-based commerce models pride themselves on being less expensive than the competition. A popular shave club offers monthly shipments of razor blades starting at \$3 per month — a bargain if you’re not interested in chasing coupon deals on razors at the store.

As far as services to which I personally subscribe, I have a couple of favorites. I do subscribe to a beauty box service that costs \$5 and ships four times per year. What’s inside the box always is a surprise, but I enjoy each quarter’s shipment of trial-size moisturizers, lotions and body oils. These boxes often contain other personal care items, too, such as travel-sized hair-care, deodorant and shave products. For \$5 each quarter, it’s not a large investment.

Our family also subscribes to a streaming movie service. For about \$8 per month,



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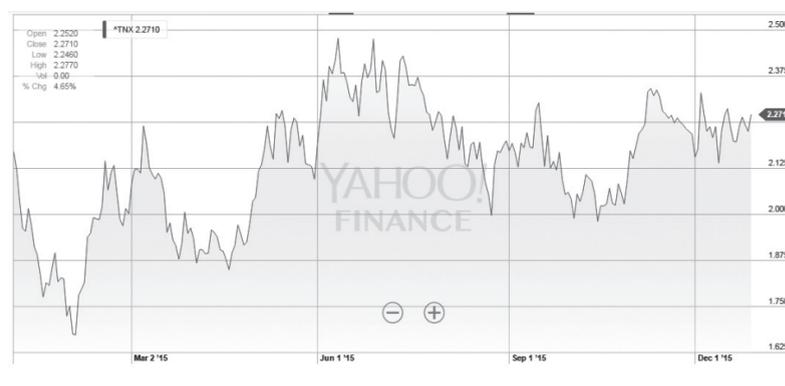
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If you’re interested in trying out a subscription-based service, but you don’t want the recurring monthly charges to appear on your credit or debit card statement, you could purchase a general pre-paid credit card (such as Visa or MasterCard), then use that card to pay for your subscriptions. (These kinds of cards usually have an additional one-time activation fee, but around the holidays, you might see store promotions that waive these fees — so this is a good time of year to purchase them.) Remember when the balance of your pre-paid card runs out, your subscription will stop, too, so make sure to reload the pre-paid card if you would like to continue using it.

Jill Cataldo, a coupon workshop instructor, writer and mother of three, never passes up a good deal. Learn more about Super-Couponing at her website, www.jillcataldo.com. Email your own couponing victories and questions to jill@ctwfeatures.com.

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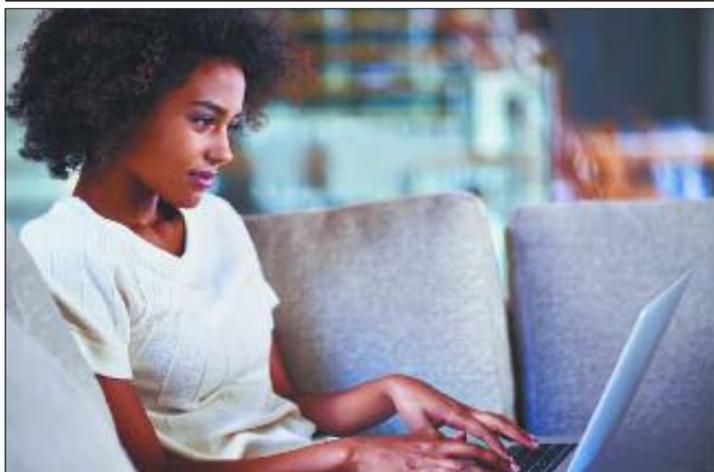
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KANKAKEE COUNTY - KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST; Plaintiff,
 -vs-
 BRYAN D. WHITTINGTON ; HEATHER WHITTINGTON ; Defendant(s).

Case No. 14 CH 127
 RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF SALE
 PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 30, 2015, the Kankakee County Sheriff will, on January 27, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Kankakee County Courthouse, 450 E. Court St., Kankakee, IL 60901, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

LEGAL DESCRIPTION:
 A TRACT OF LAND CONTAINING 1/2 ACRE MORE OR LESS, DESCRIBED AS
 FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AND RUNNING 698 1/2 FEET NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 33 TO A POINT WHICH SHALL BE KNOWN AS THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT; RUNNING THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 33,

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A DISTANCE OF 49 1/2 FEET; THENCE EAST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 33, A DISTANCE OF 440 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE WEST BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 33, A DISTANCE OF 49 1/2 FEET; THENCE WEST ON A LINE PARALLEL WITH THE SOUTH BOUNDARY OF SAID SECTION 33, 440 FEET TO THE POINT OF COMMENCEMENT. ALL OF SAID LAND LYING IN THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 31 NORTH, RANGE 11 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 131B N. 5000 W Road, Kankakee, IL 60901

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NO: 07-08-33-300-009

The improvement on the property consists of a Single unit dwelling. Sale terms: cash in hand. The Judgment amount was \$172,897.38

The property will NOT be open for inspection.
 IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Contact Kathryn Bodanza, Esq. of Kozeny & McCubbin Illinois, LLC., Plaintiff's Attorney, 105 West Adams, Suite 1850, Chicago, Illinois 60603.
 (312) 605-3500 ext. 1533.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KANKAKEE COUNTY - KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

Wells Fargo Bank, NA PLAINTIFF
 Vs.
 Amy C. Fountain; et al. DEFENDANTS

14 CH 00230
 NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 4/29/2015, the Sheriff of Kankakee County, Illinois will on 1/27/16 at the hour of 10:00AM at Kankakee County Courthouse, 450 East Court Street, North Door of courthouse Kankakee, IL 60901, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Kankakee and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT 2 IN BLOCK 37 IN THE SECOND SUBDIVISION OF WEST KANKAKEE AS PLATTED BY LEN SMALL AND RECORDED ON THE 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER A.D. 1902 ON PAGE 18 IN BOOK "C" OF THE PLAT RECORDS OF KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED, SITUATED IN KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

PIN 16-17-06-102-010
 Improved with Residential

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 1420 W. Station Street
 Kankakee, IL 60901

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g)-1.

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagee, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser of the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Jerome C. Shapiro, Attorney at Law,

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

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's

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501 Lowe Road, P.O. Box 175, Aroma Park, Illinois 60910, (815) 939-7150.

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:

1399 Circle Drive NW, Kankakee, IL 60901

(C) The legal description of the real estate is:

Lot 1, Block 5, Brookmont River Second Subdivision, a part of Lots 2 and 3 of the Jacques Jonveau Reservation, as platted October 23, 1941, recorded July 22, 1942, in Plat Book E, Page 74, records of Kankakee County, Illinois, situated in Kankakee County, Illinois.

PIN: 17-09-30-417-016

(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: improved with single family residence.

(E) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: By appointment.

(F) The time and place of the sale are: January 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.; First Floor Rotunda, North Door, Kankakee County Courthouse, 450 East Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901.

(G) The terms of the sale are: Cash.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to 2015 general real estate taxes and general real estate taxes for the preceding and subsequent years which are due and are a lien upon the real estate; and, all general real estate taxes which are due upon the real estate, but have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.

TIMOTHY F. BUKOWSKI, Sheriff of Kankakee County, Illinois

JEROME C. SHAPIRO Attorney at Law Atty. Reg. No. 03123630 501 Lowe Road P.O. Box 175 Aroma Park, Illinois 60910 (815) 939-7150

"THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE" WA13-0008

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KANKAKEE COUNTY, KANKAKEE, IL

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for the C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-CB1; Plaintiff,

vs.

George D. Goetz a/k/a George Goetz; Clarissa Goetz; First Midwest Bank as s/l/v to Palos Bank and Trust Company; Illinois Department of Revenue; United States of America; Defendants.

14 CH 91

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a judgment heretofore entered by the said court occurred in the above entitled cause, Sheriff Tim Bukowski, Sheriff of Kankakee, Illinois, will on February 10, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 AM at Kankakee County Courthouse, 450 East Court

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Street, 1st Floor Lobby, Kankakee, IL 60901, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Kankakee, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy such judgment to wit:

COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 32 NORTH, RANGE 12 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN KANKAKEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SAID POINT BEING 1405.27 FEET NORTH OF THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 9; THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SECTION 9, 545.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST, 400.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST, 545.00 FEET TO A POINT; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST, 400.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 5.005 ACRES, MORE OR LESS

C/K/A: 10343 North 1000 East Road, Manteno, IL 60950

PIN: 03-02-09-300-003

The person to contact regarding information regarding this property is: Sales Dept., The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1140, Chicago, IL 60603. Any questions regarding this sale should refer to file number WA13-0008. The terms of the sale are Cash. 10% at time of sale, with the balance due within 24 hours. The property is improved by: Single Family Home. The Property is not open for inspection prior to sale.

The real estate, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and tenements, hereditament and appurtenances thereunto belonging shall be sold under such terms.

Russell C. Wirbicki (6186310) The Wirbicki Law Group LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1140 Chicago, IL 60603 Phone: 312-360-9455 Fax: 312-360-9461 WA13-0008 pleadings.il@wirbickilaw.com 1680123



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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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9	8	6	5	2	8	7	7	1
9	8	2	7	4	1	6	8	9
6	7	4	8	9	7	1	9	2
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A XYDLBAA XR is LONG FELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

12-30 CRYPTOQUOTE

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UJWUWPXON UXMN BWNT X PWO

RWS X PWO WR INWIPN; QO BWNT

RWS LN. — XDBSNF JNIA DSH

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

THURSDAY, DEC. 31, 2015

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You will try hard to be mellow as the new year approaches. You have spent a lot of energy on touching base with key people and getting together more often. Be careful not to overshare some plans, even though they already might be public knowledge. Tonight: Your efforts pay off.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Reach out to others at a distance before you allow New Year's excitement to grab hold. You also might decide to do a different type of happening this year. Whatever you choose to do, put yourself in a position where you can just let go. Tonight: Greet 2016 as only you can.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You could be at your wits' end, as you have so much ground to cover. Whether you decide to stay close to home for New Year's or you have many friends popping in, you will be busy. Plans can change if you are not comfortable with what is happening. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You might need to ask for more information before making a decision. A partner will be unusually open and caring. This person tends to have very different ideas from yours. Listen to what is being shared by those around you. Tonight: Get into the New Year's celebrations early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Curb a need to spend too much, whether it's to please you or a friend, or for any other reason. This New Year's Eve has the makings of a wonderful beginning. Recognize how much a key person gives of him- or herself. Tonight: All smiles ... and it only gets better.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You smile all day long, no matter what goes on or where you are coming from. You have an innate radiance that attracts many people. If you are single and wanting to make plans, you'll be happiest roving around. You could meet someone quite special as a result. Tonight: Out late.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

45 Hand over

1 Computer graphics program

7 Lab aide of film

11 Take out

12 Infamous emperor

13 Breathing need

14 Realized

15 Complain

17 Blue hue

20 Begat

23 Saloon supply

24 Tidal wave

26 Football's Marino

27 General activity

28 "Mazel —!"

29 Comfort

31 Pilot's guess: Abbr.

32 Oscar winner Sophia

33 Perfect place

34 Meeting slate

37 "Toodledo!"

39 Bested in a pie contest

43 "Yeah, right!"

44 Like the German "das"

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Yesterday's answer

17 Tennis star Rafael

18 Texas landmark

19 Put on a pedestal

21 Ham it up

22 Long sofa

24 Baling need

25 Plopped down

30 Nullify

33 Accept without question

35 Less than any

36 Membership cost

37 Peculiarity

38 Homer's dad

40 — loss

41 Wallet bill

42 Important time

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KANKAKEE COUNTY - KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST; Plaintiff,

-vs-
BRYAN D. WHITTINGTON ; HEATHER WHITTINGTON ; Defendant(s).

Case No. 14 CH 127
RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE OF SALE
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause on September 30, 2015, the Kankakee County Sheriff will, on January 27, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Kankakee County Courthouse, 450 E. Court St., Kankakee, IL 60901, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property:

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 131B N. 5000 W Road, Kankakee, IL 60901
PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NO: 07-08-33-300-009

The improvement on the property consists of a Single unit dwelling. Sale terms: cash in hand. The Judgment amount was \$172,897.38
The property will NOT be open for inspection.

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(c) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

For information: Contact Kathryn Bodanza, Esq. of Kozeny & McCubbin Illinois, LLC., Plaintiff's Attorney, 105 West Adams, Suite 1800, Chicago, Illinois 60603. (312) 605-3500 ext. 1533.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KANKAKEE COUNTY - KANKAKEE, ILLINOIS

Wells Fargo Bank, NA PLAINTIFF Vs.

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Amy C. Fountain; et. al. DEFENDANTS

14 CH 00230
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on 4/29/2015, the Sheriff of Kankakee County, Illinois will on 1/27/16 at the hour of 10:00AM at Kankakee County Courthouse, 450 East Court Street, North Door of courthouse Kankakee, IL 60901, or in a place otherwise designated at the time of sale, County of Kankakee and State of Illinois, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

PIN 16-17-06-102-010 Improved with Residential

COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 1420 W. Station Street Kankakee, IL 60901

Sale terms: 10% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the auction; The balance, including the Judicial sale fee for Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

If the property is a condominium and the foreclosure takes place after 1/1/2007, purchasers other than the mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4).

If the property is located in a common interest community, purchasers other than mortgagees will be required to pay any assessment and legal fees due under the Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser shall receive a Certificate of Sale, which will entitle the purchaser to a Deed to the real estate after Confirmation of the sale. The successful purchaser has the sole responsibility/expense of evicting any tenants or other individuals presently in possession of the subject premises.

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

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For information: Examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: Codilis & Associates, P.C., 15W030 North Frontage Road, Suite 100, Burr Ridge, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876. Please refer to file number 14-14-16998. 1678677

STATE OF ILLINOIS IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTY-FIRST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF KANKAKEE

MUNICIPAL TRUST AND SAVINGS BANK, An Illinois Banking Corporation, Plaintiff,

vs.
WILLIAM B. HUTCHINS; and the VILLAGE OF BRADLEY. Defendants.

No. 15 CH 109

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered by the Court in the above entitled cause the property hereinafter described or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy said judgment, will be sold to the highest bidder.

(A) The name, address and telephone number of the person to contact for information regarding the real estate is: Jerome C. Shapiro, Attorney at Law, 501 Lowe Road, P.O. Box 175, Aroma Park, Illinois 60910, (815) 939-7150.

(B) The common address and other common description, if any, of the real estate is:
1399 Circle Drive NW, Kankakee, IL 60901

(C) The legal description of the real estate is:

Lot 1, Block 5, Brookmont River Second Subdivision, a part of Lots 2 and 3 of the Jacques Jonveau Reservation, as platted October 23, 1941, recorded July 22, 1942, in Plat Book E, Page 74, records of Kankakee County, Illinois, situated in Kankakee County, Illinois.

PIN: 17-09-30-417-016

(D) A description of the improvements on the real estate is: improved with single family residence.

(E) The real estate may be inspected prior to sale at the following times: By appointment.

(F) The time and place of the sale are: January 21, 2016, at 10:00 a.m.; First Floor Rotunda, North Door, Kankakee County Courthouse, 450 East Court Street, Kankakee, IL 60901.

(G) The terms of the sale are: Cash.

(H) Title will be conveyed subject to 2015 general real estate taxes and general real estate taxes for the preceding and subsequent years which are due and are a lien upon the real estate; and, all general real estate taxes which are due upon the real estate, but

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have not yet become due and payable, and special assessments, if any, and easements and restrictions of record.

TIMOTHY F. BUKOWSKI, Sheriff of Kankakee County, Illinois

JEROME C. SHAPIRO Attorney at Law Atty. Reg. No. 03123630 501 Lowe Road P.O. Box 175 Aroma Park, Illinois 60910 (815) 939-7150

"THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE" WA13-0008

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE 21ST JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KANKAKEE COUNTY, KANKAKEE, IL

U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee, for the C-BASS Mortgage Loan Asset-Backed Certificates, Series 2007-CB1; Plaintiff,

vs.

George D. Goetz a/k/a George Goetz; Clarissa Goetz; First Midwest Bank as s/i/i/ to Palos Bank and Trust Company; Illinois Department of Revenue; United States of America; Defendants.

14 CH 91

NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE OF REAL ESTATE MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to a judgment heretofore entered by the said court occurred in the above entitled cause, Sheriff Tim Bukowski, Sheriff of Kankakee, Illinois, will on February 10, 2016, at the hour of 10:00 AM at Kankakee County Courthouse, 450 East Court Street, 1st Floor Lobby, Kankakee, IL 60901, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, all and singular, the following described real estate in the said judgment mentioned, situated in the County of Kankakee, State of Illinois, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy such judgment to wit:

C/K/A: 10343 North 1000 East Road, Manteno, IL 60950

PIN: 03-02-09-300-003

The person to contact regarding information regarding this property is: Sales Dept., The Wirbicki Law Group, 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1140, Chicago, IL 60603. Any questions regarding this sale should refer to file number WA13-0008. The terms of the sale are Cash. 10% at time of sale, with the balance due within 24 hours. The property is improved by: Single Family Home. The Property is not open for inspection prior to sale.

The real estate, together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and tenements, hereditament and appurtenances thereunto belonging shall be sold under such terms.

Russell C. Wirbicki (6186310) The Wirbicki Law Group LLC Attorney for Plaintiff 33 W. Monroe St., Suite 1140 Chicago, IL 60603 Phone: 312-360-9455 Fax: 312-360-9461 WA13-0008 pleadings.il@wirbickilaw.com 1680123

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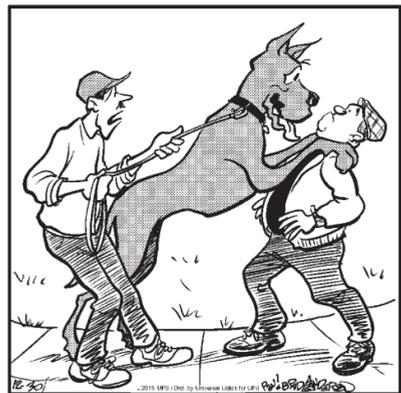
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BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL: KANKAKEE HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT
BRADLEY-BOURBONNAIS 71, JULIAN 45

Boilers put the throttle down early

BBCHS outscores Julian 30-2 to start rout

BY STEVE SOUCIE
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Fast starts haven't been the norm for the Bradley-Bourbonnais basketball team this season, but on Tuesday at the Kankakee Holiday Tournament the Boilermakers did not have that particular issue.

Bradley scored 30 of the game's first 32 points in throttling Chicago Julian 71-45 in pool play action. The win lifts the Boilers to 2-0 in pool play and 7-3 overall on the season.

"I was real happy with the first quarter as we jumped out to a real good lead," Bradley coach Alex Renchen said. "But I guess from there it was hard to keep that concentration after we got out to that big lead. Everything needs to be urgent when you are trying to get better. Obviously we had this game won after the first quarter, but you still need to value every possession."

The Boilers played urgent early on, repeatedly attacking an undersized and overmatched Julian (0-5) squad in the paint. Zach Hollywood was the biggest benefactor, finishing with 25 points, mostly scoring on high percentage chances.

But Hollywood was not the only benefactor. Three other Boilermakers joined him in double figures as Dante Emerson recorded a double-double with 15 points and 11 rebounds, Micah Bradford contributed 11 points and Gerald Duckworth added 10.

"I thought we did a good job of moving the ball," Renchen said. "We've been working hard on that. It's been a little different they way we've been defended and so we're going to have to do a better job of moving the ball. We are doing better, we just need to be a little more consistent."

Not much went right for the Jaguars as they were outrebounded 48-20 and shot under 30 percent



Bradley-Bourbonnais' Zach Hollywood rises above the Julian defense to put up a shot during the Kankakee Holiday Tournament Tuesday night. Hollywood scored 25 points to lead the Boilermakers to the win.

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from the floor in the game (15 of 52). But Renchen would still prefer

his team worry more about what they are doing and less about what the opponent may or may not be doing.

"Sometimes we get a little comfortable with things," Renchen said. "We've got to do a better job of raising the bar for ourselves."

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ALEX RENCHEN
 BOILERMAKER COACH

HERSCHER 49, ST. ANNE 33

Herscher pressures St. Anne

Tigers allow only 5 points in final quarter

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St. Anne had no answer for Herscher's half-court defense.

The Tigers held the Cardinals to five points in the fourth quarter and cruised to a 49-33 victory over St. Anne at the Kankakee Holiday Tournament on Tuesday.

Herscher's win sets up a matchup of two 2-0 teams as the Tigers take on Peotone today. The winner will play in the tournament finals on Thursday.

"For the most part, I thought our half court defense was good all night," Herscher coach Ron Oloffson said. "We gave them some baskets off of turnovers in transition, but that's what they're good at. We did a pretty good job five on five."

The Tigers (6-5) stifled the Cardinals (4-6) in the first half holding them to just 14 points. Senior Luke Hertz provided Herscher with a big lift on both ends of the court.

Hertz scored five points in the midst of an 8-0 run which ballooned the Herscher lead from four to 12 in the second quarter. On the other end of the court, Hertz was tough inside Herscher's zone.

"He's our most consistent offensive player and leading scorer with [Tate] Datweiler hurt," Oloffson said. "I hate to have him off the court. He does a really nice job on the matchup zone defensively and he scores."

Hertz was tough defensively, but Herscher's guards caused the turnovers. Trevor Berns finished with seven steals while Tyler Jarnagin had six.

The Tigers will need a similar effort from Hertz and their guards against



St. Anne's Noah Burling tries to get a hand on Luke Hertz's shot Tuesday during the Cardinals' matchup with Herscher at the Kankakee Holiday Tournament.

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Peotone, who defeated Herscher handily earlier in the season.

Herscher knows it has a tall hill to climb, but Hertz believes the Tigers are better than the first time the two Inter-

state Eight foes squared off. "We're definitely getting better," Hertz said. "We're becoming a team and I'm pretty proud to be on it right now."

KANKAKEE 66, ANDREW 57 (3 OT)

Kays keep wild run going with 3-OT win

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Pretty much everything the Kankakee basketball team has done at the Kankakee Holiday Tournament thus far has been a unique adventure.

So it didn't seem the to be the least bit surprising that the Kays found themselves in an epic struggle with Andrew in the final game of the second day Tuesday night. The contest stretched across three overtimes before Kankakee finally emerged with a 66-57 victory.

The win lifts Kankakee into essentially a playoff pool title game against arch rival Bradley-Bourbonnais tonight at 8 p.m.

It took a ridiculous number of twists and turns for the Kays (3-5) to get there.

Kankakee played almost flawlessly in the first half. The Kays took a 14-5 lead at the end of the quarter and started the second quarter with a 11-3 scoring run and eventually extended its lead to a whopping 19 points.

But the defensive tenacity the Kays displayed in the first half seemingly vanished and Andrew slowly climbed its way back into

the contest. The lead got whittled down to 10 points at the end of three quarters but Andrew really went on the attack after that going on a 14-2 run to knot the score at 46 each.

Brajon Thomas connected for a 3-pointer that appeared to put to the Kays in the driver's seat but Andrew matched that with a 3-pointer of its own, one of five the T-Bolts would drain down the stretch.

The two teams couldn't separate themselves in two extra periods before Kankakee finally cemented the win by scoring all nine points of the third overtime.

Kankakee is hoping to continue its adventures with a robust effort against Bradley-Bourbonnais, but realized the challenge is stern. The Boilermakers defeated the Kays 75-41 in November at the Olivet Thanksgiving Basketball Classic.

"Obviously, Bradley is a great team," Kankakee coach Joe Lightfoot III said. "But on any given night, anything can happen. And if anybody has experience in that, the Kankakee Kays have that experience in that. You can expect this team to grind and play hard, whether we are up 20, or down 40, we're gonna play hard."

MOMENCE 66, GRANT PARK 60

Momence sets up battle with Illiana Christian

BY JAMES NEVEAU
 Special to The Daily Journal

Momence's goal coming into the Kankakee Holiday Tournament was to win its first two games before taking on Illiana Christian, and that's exactly what it accomplished with a 66-60 victory over Grant Park on Tuesday.

"Our goal coming into this tournament was to be 2-0 when we saw Illiana, and we're there," Momence head coach Kevin Ecker said after the win. "You have to give Grant Park credit. They made everything difficult for us. Fortunately we were able to respond."

The victory gives Momence a 5-5 record on the regular season, and more importantly it puts them in a position to win their pool in Blue Division play today.

Dazhee Horton picked up a double-double for Momence, scoring 21 points and hauling down 10 rebounds in the game. He also registered six steals and four assists, and Lamarius Lillard had a solid game as well with 16 points and six rebounds in the contest.

Grant Park got two big scoring performances from key contributors, as Nathan Kuhn and Austin Jacobson each had 16 points in the game. Kuhn led the team with five assists, and Sam Hamann had 11 points and six rebounds as the Dragons fell to 0-2 in the tournament.

Momence got off to a hot start in the game behind the shooting of Lillard. He racked up 12 points in the frame, and the team also got a basket and three rebounds from Horton as it raced out to a 17-7 lead after the first quarter of play.

The fourth quarter was a see-saw battle that saw the Dragons get to within four points on the scoreboard following a three-pointer from Jacobson. He ended up making two more in the frame, and Kuhn added two of his own, but it wasn't enough as some key free throws from Horton and five points from Stewart helped seal the Momence victory and propel them into Wednesday with some positive momentum.

"I like the energy we had on defense," Ecker said. "We're going to have to bring that again tomorrow if we want to take that next step."

Scoreboard

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Football

College

Bowl Glance Today
Birmingham (AIA) Bowl
Auburn (6-6) vs. Memphis (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Belk Bowl
Charlotte, N.C.
N.C. State (7-5) vs. Mississippi State (8-4), 2:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Music City Bowl
Nashville, Tenn.
Texas A&M (8-4) vs. Louisville (7-5), 6 p.m. (ESPN)
Holiday Bowl
San Diego
Wisconsin (9-3) vs. Southern Cal (8-5), 9:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Thursday
Peach Bowl
Atlanta
Houston (12-1) vs. Florida State (10-2), 11 a.m. (ESPN)

Cotton Bowl Classic (Playoff Semifinal)

Arlington, Texas
No. 3 seed Michigan State (12-1) vs. No. 2 seed Alabama (12-1), 3 p.m. (ESPN)
Orange Bowl (Playoff Semifinal)
Miami Gardens, Fla.
No. 4 seed Oklahoma (11-1) vs. No. 1 seed Clemson (13-0), 7 p.m. (ESPN)
Friday
Outback Bowl
Tampa, Fla.
Northwestern (10-2) vs. Tennessee (8-4), 11 a.m. (ESPN2)

Citrus Bowl
Orlando, Fla.
Michigan (9-3) vs. Florida (10-3), noon (ABC)
Fiesta Bowl
Glendale, Ariz.
Notre Dame (10-2) vs. Ohio State (11-1), noon (ESPN)
Rose Bowl
Pasadena, Calif.
Iowa (12-1) vs. Stanford (11-2), 4 p.m. (ESPN)

Sugar Bowl
New Orleans
Oklahoma State (10-2) vs. Mississippi (9-3), 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)
Saturday
TaxSlayer Bowl
Jacksonville, Fla.
Penn State (7-5) vs. Georgia (9-3), 11 a.m. (ESPN)
Liberty Bowl
Memphis, Tenn.
Kansas State (6-6) vs. Arkansas (7-5), 2:20 p.m. (ESPN)

Alamo Bowl
San Antonio
Oregon (9-3) vs. TCU (10-2), 5:45 p.m. (ESPN)
Cactus Bowl
Phoenix
West Virginia (7-5) vs. Arizona State (6-6), 9:15 p.m. (ESPN)
Monday, Jan. 11
College Football Championship Game
Glendale, Ariz.
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m. (ESPN)

Basketball

High school boys

Kankakee Holiday Tournament
Momence 66, Grant Park 60
Momence (17-16-14-19): Horton 5 11-14 21, Lamarius Lillard 8 0-1 16, Stewart 4 4-5 12, Gonzalez 2 3-5 7, Rakeam Coleman 2 0-1 4, Raheam Coleman 1 1-2 3, Brown 1 0-0 2, Lamar Lillard 0 1-2 1, Chouinard 0 0-1 0, Simpson 0 0-0 0, Haut 0 0-0 0, Totals 23 20-31 66.
Grant Park (7-17-14-22): Kuhn 7 0-0 16, Jacobson 5 2-3 16, Schneider 5 2-4 12, Hamann 4 3-5 11, Dumas 0 0-3 3, Weissgerber 1 0-0 2, Thiesen 0 0-0 0, Lehner 0 0-0 0, Loitz 0 0-0 0, Totals 22 10-15 60.
Team records: Momence (5-5), Grant Park (2-9). 3-point goals: Grant Park 6 (Kuhn 2, Jacobson 4).

Seton Academy 63, Thornridge 56
Seton Academy (14-15-15-19): Felix 5 6-10 16, Freeman 6 2-4 15, Williams 4 6-8 14, Haskins 1 4-4 6, Huston 1 2-2 4, Iberjirka 1 2-4 4, Perdue 1 0-0 2, Mamam 1 0-0 2, Higgins 0 0-0 0, Totals 20 22-32 63.
Thornridge (8-13-14-21): McCall 8 3-4 20, Woods 5 2-2 14, Burton 4 0-0 9, Moore 1 4-5 6, Edwards 1 2-2 4, Witherspoon 1 1-2 3, Collins 0 0-0 0, Steven 0 0-0 0, Clark 0 0-0 0, Totals 20 12-15 56.
Team records: Seton Academy (10-3), Thornridge (2-8). 3-point goals: Seton Academy 1 (Freeman), Thornridge 4 (Woods 2, McCall, Burton).

Peotone 75, Central 40
Peotone (19-21-17-18): Gasik 6 0-2 14, C. Mahood 4 1-3 9, Vincent 4 0-0 8, Maupin 4 0-0 8, McGrath 3 0-0 8, Fuss 2 2-2 6, T. Mahood 3 0-0 6, Wenzel 2 0-1 4, Kelly 2 0-2 4, Merigold 1 1-3 3, Amaskane 1 0-0 3, Panning 1 0-0 2, Moreno 0 0-0 0, Bottoms 0 0-0 0, Totals 33 41-75 66.
Central (11-8-13-13): Meents 2 2-0 13, Hendricks 4 0-0 10, Miller 3 2-4 8, Grice 1 2-2 5, Peters 1 2-2 4, Willis 0 0-0 0, Totals 11 14-18 40.
Team records: Peotone (10-2), Central (2-9). 3-point goals: Peotone 5 (Gasik 2, McGrath 2, Amaskane), Central 4 (Hendricks 2, Meents, Grice).

Chicago Vocational 66, Bremen 31
Chicago Vocational (17-10-24-15): Smith 9 4-5 24, Mason 5 1-1 12, Allen 3 4-5 11, Bell 3 2-6 8, McAfee 1 1-2 3, Molsby 1 0-1 2, Tiffith 1 0-0 2, Ingram 1 0-0 2, Shelton 1 0-0 2, Nichols 0 0-0 0, J. Williams 0 0-2 0, K. Williams 0 0-0 0, Totals 25 12-22 66.
Bremen (11-9-4-7): White 3 0-0 7, Lawrey 2 2-3 6, Stokes 2 0-0 6, Jordan 2 1-4 5, Burns 1 0-0 2, Gray 1 0-0 2, Berry 0 1-2 1, LaMotte 0 0-0 0, Hamilton 0 0-0 0, Greenlaw 0 0-0 0, Speaks 0 0-0 0, Williams 0 0-0 0, Washington 0 0-0 0 0, Totals 11 6-11 31.
Team records: Chicago Vocational (9-2), Bremen (1-9). 3-point goals: Chicago Vocational 4 (Smith 2, Mason, Allen), Bremen 3 (Stokes 2, White).

Illiana Christian 66, Manteno 39
Illiana Christian (15-19-19-13): Zandstra 5 2-2 15, Vree 4 3-3 11, Hofstra 2 4-4 8, Kimmel 3 0-0 8, Gibson 3 0-0 7, Beezhold 2 0-0 5, Lyle 2 0-0 5, Gaddis 1 0-0 3, Jonkman 0 2-2 2, Schaaf 1 0-0 2, Hillegonds 0 0-0 0, Detmar 0 0-0 0, Eenigenburg 0 0-0 0, Totals 23 11-11 66.
Manteno (7-11-8-13): McCorkle 3 0-0 7, Duvall 2 1-2 5, Mraz 2 0-0 5, Derossett 2 0-0 5, Crowe 2 1-2 5, Cooper 2 0-4 4, Zimbelman 1 0-0 3, Schulteis 0 3-4 3, Burgeson 1 0-0 2, Jackson 0 0-0 0, Burgeson 0 0-0 0, Hopf 0 0-0 0, Smith 0 0-0 0, Totals 15 5-10 39.
Team records: Illiana Christian (10-3), Manteno (2-9). 3-point goals: Illiana Christian 9 (Zandstra 3, Kimmel 2, Gibson, Beezhold, Lyle, Gaddis), Manteno 4 (McCorkle, Mraz, DeRossett, Zimbelman).

Bradley-Bourbonnais 71, Julian 45
Bradley-Bourbonnais (24-19-20-8): Hollywood 11 3-25, Emerson 6 3-4 15, Bradford 5 0-0 11, Durdworth 3 3-6 10, BeBell 1 2-2 4, Puckenton 1 1-2 3, Boudreau 1 0-0 3, Henning 0 0-0 0, Thomas 0 0-0 0, Hodges 0 0-0 0, Adams 0 0-0 0, Totals 28 12-17 71.
Julian (12-20-11): E. Muhammad 3 3-5 10, Mitchell 3 3-4 9, Martin 2 3-4 8, Clark 3 0-0 7, Walker 3 0-1 6, Hendrix 1 3-4 5, I. Muhammad 0 0-0 0, Thompson 0 0-0 0, Livingston 0 0-0 0, Totals 15 12-18 45.
Team records: Bradley-Bourbonnais (7-3), Julian (0-5). 3-point goals: Bradley-Bourbonnais 3 (Bradford, Boudreau, Duckworth), Julian 3 (E. Muhammad, Martin, Clark).

Herschler 8 (19-9-13): Hertz 6 3-5 15, Jarnagin 2 5-5 9, Walsh 3 0-0 6, Berns 2 0-2 6, Fox 1 2-2 5, Stuart 2 0-2 4, Jones 1 0-0 2, Galeaz 1 0-0 2, Engleman 0 0-1 0, Haase 0 0-0 0, Totals 18 12-17 49.
St. Anne (5-9-13-6): Sullivan 5 4-5 16, DeYoung 2 1-2 6, Ward 1 1-2 4, Ellis 1 0-2 3, Burling 1 0-0 2, Dethrow 1 0-0 2, Pomaranski 0 0-0 0, Pickens 0 0-0 0, Burgeson 0 0-0 0, Johnson 0 0-0 0, Davis 0 0-0 0, Totals 11 6-11 33.
Team records: Herschler (6-5), St. Anne (4-6). 3-point goals: Herschler 1 (Fox), St. Anne 5 (Sullivan 2, DeYoung, Ward, Ellis).

Kankakee 66, Andrew 57 (30T)
Kankakee (11-20-11-7-3-5-9): Harris 3 5-8 11, Thomas 5 0-1 11, Hill 3 2-6 8, Jefferson 3 1-2 7, Hundley 2 1-1 3, Lightfoot 2 0-0 6, Tharp 2 0-0 6, Smith 2 2-4 6, Wicks 2 0-0 5, Grant 0 0-0 0, Totals 24 11-23 66.
Andrew (5-9-18-17-3-5-0): Meter 5 2-4 17, Shaibe 4 5-10 13, Krutilla 5 0-0 10, Mourillon 3 2-7 8, Bechstein 1 2-5 4, Daifallah 1 1-1 3, DeHaan 1 0-0 2, Jreisat 0 0-0 0, Yerkes 0 0-0 0, Barraca 0 0-0 0, Totals 20 12-27 57.
Team records: Kankakee (3-5). 3-point goals: Kankakee 7 (Thomas, Hundley, Lightfoot 2, Tharp 2, Wicks), Andrew 5 (Meter).

Donovan Holiday Tournament
Donovan 55, Decatur Lutheran 26
Donovan (17-9-14-15): Lattimer 11 5-9 28, Hedweg 3 0-0 6, Houser 2 1-1 6, Miller 2 0-0 5, Caposieno 2 0-0 4, Emerson 2 0-0 4, Arsenneau 1 0-0 2, Totals 23 6-12 55.
Team Record: Donovan 3-12. 3-point goals: Donovan 3 (Miller, Houser, Lattimer).

Southland Prep 69, Donovan 65 (OT)
Donovan (13-14-17-12-9): Lattimer 9 10-18 28, Miller 3 2-5 9, Storm 2 3-7 8, Caposieno 2 0-0 6, Arsenneau 1 2-2 5, Emerson 2 1-2 5, Gilbert-Sutherland 1 0-0 2, Totals 20 18-33 65.
Team Record: Donovan 3-13. 3-point goals: Donovan 5 (Caposieno 2, Miller, Storm, Arsenneau)

Wilmington 55, Morgan Park Academy 20
Morgan Park Academy (11-12-12-11): Totals 16 10-14 46.
Wilmington (13-15-19-8): Smock 5 3-5 13, Winker 5 2-2 12, Fox 5 1-2 12, Jones 2 0-1 5, Mann 2 0-0 4, Villarreal 2 0-1 4, Kelly 1 0-0 3, VanDuyne 1 0-0 2, Totals 23 6-13 55.
Team Record: Wilmington 5-8. 3-point goals: Wilmington 2 (Jones, Fox)

Wilmington 65, Decatur Lutheran 20
Wilmington (12-6-20-25): Fox 7 1-1 15, Tully 7 0-0 14, Mack 5 0-0 10, Smock 4 1-2 9, Homerding 1 1-2 3, Villarreal 1 1-2 3, Kelly 1 0-0 2, Winker 1 0-0 2, VanDuyne 0 2-2 2, Totals 28 6-9 65.
Decatur Christian (2-6-9-3): Totals 6 2-6 20.
Team Record: Wilmington 6-8. 3-point goals: Wilmington 3 (Fox)

Marselles Holiday Tournament
Flanagan 68, Dwight 56
Dwight (15-17-15-9): Fox 6 2-4 16, Kennedy 6 0-1 14, Travers 4 4-6 12, Graham 1 2-2 5, Livingston 1 0-0 3, Gantzer 1 0-0 3, Hansen 1 0-0 3, Totals 20 8-13 56.
Flanagan (14-13-26-15): Totals 23 13-14 68.
Team Record: Dwight 8-7. 3-point goals: Dwight 8 (Fox 2, Kennedy 2, Gantzer, Livingston, Hansen, Graham), Flanagan 9

BSN Classic
Watska 61, Judah Christian 42
Watska (19-21-10-11): Davenport 7 3-4 19, Lymnicki 4 1-2 9, Lee 2 4-4 8, Castonguay 3 0-0 6, Fletcher 3 0-0 6, Schroeder 1 3-7 6, Giroux 1 3-3 5, Hasselbring 1 0-0 2, Totals 22 14-22 61.
Judah Christian (8-7-9-18): Totals 19 2-5 42.
Team Record: Watska 9-3. 3-point goals: Watska 3 (Davenport 2, Schroeder), Judah Christian 1

State Farm Classic
Quincy Notre Dame 68, Bishop McNamara 61
McNamara (12-17-14-18): Hoekstra 10 2-2 22, Watson 3 6-8 12, Bell 3 3-6 9, King 3 2-3 9, Post 2 0-0 5, Barnes 1 0-0 2, Chavers 1 0-0 2, Totals 23 13-19 61.
Quincy ND (14-13-14-27): Totals 24 17-21 68.
Team Record: McNamara 4-6. 3-point goals: McNamara 2 (King, Post), Quincy 3

Kankakee Holiday Tournament
Blue Division
Pool A: Herscher (2-0), Peotone (2-0), Central (0-2), St. Anne (0-2)
Pool B: Illiana Christian (2-0), Momence (2-0), Manteno (0-2), Grant Park (0-2)
Tuesday's results
Momence 66, Grant Park 60
Peotone 75, Central 40
Illiana Christian 66, Manteno 39
Herschler 49, St. Anne 33
Today
Central vs. St. Anne, 9 a.m.
Grant Park vs. Manteno, Noon
Illiana Christian vs. Momence, 3:30 p.m.
Herschler vs. Peotone, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday
4th place Pool A vs. 4th place Pool B, 9 a.m.
3rd place Pool A vs. 3rd place Pool B, Noon
2nd place Pool A vs. 2nd place Pool B, 3:30 p.m.
1st place Pool A vs. 1st place Pool B, 6:30 p.m.

Maroon Division
Pool A: Bradley-Bourbonnais (2-0), Kankakee (2-0), Andrew (0-2), Julian (0-2)
Pool B: Chicago Vocational (2-0), Seton Academy (2-0), Bremen (0-2), Thornridge (0-2)
Tuesday's results
Seton Academy 63, Thornridge 56
Chicago Vocational 66, Bremen 31
Bradley-Bourbonnais 71, Julian 45
Kankakee 66, Andrew 57 (3 OT)
Today
Thornridge vs. Bremen, 10:30 a.m.
Andrew vs. Julian, 1:30 p.m.
Seton Academy vs. Chicago Vocational, 5 p.m.
Bradley-Bourbonnais vs. Kankakee, 8 p.m.
Thursday
4th place Pool A vs. 4th place Pool B, 10:30 a.m.
3rd place Pool A vs. 3rd place Pool B, 1:30 p.m.
2nd place Pool A vs. 2nd place Pool B, 5 p.m.
1st place Pool A vs. 1st place Pool B, 8 p.m.

State Farm Classic
Site Key - NWA - Normal West A Gym; NWB - Normal West B Gym; SC - Shirk Center; USCC - U.S. Cellular Coliseum
Small School Boys Tournament
Tuesday's results
St. Thomas More 65, Tri-Valley 42
Fieldcrest 51, Prairie Central 42
Peoria Christian 93, Rock Falls 79
Kewanee 63, Chillicothe IVC 48
Rockford Lutheran 59, El Paso 57
Bloomington Central Catholic 63, St. Joseph-Ogden 58
Quincy Notre Dame 68, Bishop McNamara 61
Stanford Olympia 58, Annawan 47
Tri-Valley 69, Prairie Central 44
Chillicothe IVC, 59, Rock Falls 50
Today
G19: Prairie Central vs. Rock Falls, 8:30 a.m. (NWB) (15th place)
G20: Peoria Christian vs. Kewanee, 8:30 a.m. (USCC)
G21: El Paso vs. St. Joseph-Ogden, 9 a.m. (SC)
G22: Tri-Valley vs. Chillicothe IVC, 10 a.m. (NWB) (13th place)
G23: St. Thomas More vs. Fieldcrest, 10 a.m. (USCC)
G24: Bishop McNamara vs. Annawan, 10:30 a.m. (SC)
G25: Loser G20 vs. Loser G23, 4 p.m. (NWB) (11th place)
G26: Winner G21 vs. Winner 24, 4 p.m. (USCC) (5th place)
G27: Quincy Notre Dame vs. Stanford Olympia, 4:30 p.m. (SC)
G28: Loser G21 vs. Loser G24, 5:30 p.m. (NWB) (7th place)
G29: Winner G20 vs. Winner G23, 5:30 p.m. (USCC) (9th place)
G30: Rockford Lutheran vs. Bloomington Central Catholic, 6 p.m. (SC)
Thursday
G31: Loser G27 vs. Loser G30, 9:30 a.m. (SC) (3rd place)
G32: Winner G27 vs. Winner G30, 4 p.m. (SC) (championship)

Blue Devil Classic
Cissna Park 43, Watska 35
Cissna Park (9-3-4-13-7): Stoller 8 10-12 27, Neukomm 2 2-4 8, Boyle 1 2-5 4, Stock 1 0-0 2, Wessiss 0 2-4 2, Totals 12 16-25 43.
Watska (7-10-8-10): Cramer 4 3-5 11, Dexter 4 2-2 10, K. Bauer 2 2-4 6, Harris 2 0-1 4, Peters 2 0-0 4, Totals 14 7-12 35.
Team Records: Cissna Park 14-0, Watska 11-5. 3-point goals: Cissna Park 3 (Neukomm 2, Stoller), Watska 0

Momence Holiday Tournament
Tuesday's results
Wilmington 44, Donovan 33
Tri-Point 56, St. Anne 40
Paxton-Buckley-Loda 57, South Newton 28
Serenia 56, Momence 27
St. Anne 37, Donovan 34 (7th place)
Wilmington 53, Tri-Point 52 (5th place)
South Newton 35, Momence 25 (3rd place)
Paxton-Buckley-Loda 47, Serena 43 (Championship)

Lisle Holiday Cage Classic
Tuesday's results
Latin 52, St. Edward 48
Hampshire 47, Wheaton Academy 28
Timothy Christian vs. Reed-Custer, no score reported
Coal City 33, Hinckley-Big Rock 31
Antioch 68, St. Francis 52
Illiana Christian 55, Newark 37
G23: Westmont vs. Walther Christian, no score reported
G24: Chicago Christian vs. Lisle, no score reported
Wednesday
G25: St. Edward vs. Wheaton Academy, 3:30 p.m.
G26: Latin vs. Hampshire, 5 p.m.
G27: Loser G19 vs. Hinckley-Big Rock, 3:30 p.m.
G28: Winner G19 vs. Coal City, 5 p.m.
G29: Loser G23 vs. Loser G24, 6:30 p.m.
G30: St. Francis vs. Newark, 6:30 p.m.
G31: Winner G23 vs. Winner G24, 8 p.m.
G32: Antioch vs. Illiana Christian, 8 p.m.

State Farm Classic
Game Key: NCA - Normal Community Gymnasium A; NCB - Normal Community Gymnasium B; NWA - Normal West Gymnasium A; SC - Shirk Center; USCC - US Cellular Coliseum
Tuesday's results
Rock Falls 55, St. Joseph-Ogden 46
Peoria Christian 58, El Paso 38
Brimfield 66, LeRoy 56
Rock Island Alleman 71, Tri-Valley 23
St. Thomas More 59, Camp Point Central 27
Peoria Notre Dame 49, Bishop McNamara 23
Rockford Lutheran 64, Prairie Central 45
Bloomington Central Catholic 61, Annawan 56
St. Joseph-Ogden 57, El Paso 32
LeRoy 46, Tri-Valley 15
Today
G19: El Paso vs. Tri-Valley, noon (NCB) (15th place)
G20: Brimfield vs. Rock Island Alleman, noon (NWA)
G21: Camp Point Central vs. Bishop McNamara, 12:30 p.m. (NCA)
G22: St. Joseph-Ogden vs. LeRoy, 1:30 p.m. (NCB) (13th place)
G23: Rock Falls vs. Peoria Christian, 1:30 p.m. (NWA)
G24: Prairie Central vs. Annawan, 2:30 p.m. (NCA)
G25: Loser G20 vs. Loser G23, 6:30 p.m. (NCB) (11th place)
G26: Winner G21 vs. Winner G24, 6:30 p.m. (NWA) (5th place)
G27: Rockford Lutheran vs. Bloomington Central Catholic, 7 p.m. (NCA)
G28: Loser G21 vs. Loser G24, 8 p.m. (NCB) (7th place)
G29: Winner G20 vs. Winner G23, 8 p.m. (USCC) (9th place)
G30: St. Thomas More vs. Peoria Notre Dame, 8:30 p.m. (NCA)
Thursday
G41: Loser G21 vs. Sonomaux, 8:30 a.m. (Aux, 23rd place)
G42: Winner G21 vs. Coal City, 10 a.m. (Aux, 21st place)
G43: Indian Creek vs. Loser G24, 11:30 a.m. (Aux, 19th place)
G44: Mendota vs. Yorkville, 1 p.m. (Aux, 17th place)

15th place)
G45: Princeton VS. Chicago Hope, 9 a.m. (Main, 13th place)
G46: Lisle vs. Streator, 10:30 a.m. (Main, 11th place)
G47: Sandwich vs. St. Bede, 1:45 p.m. (Main, 9th place)
G48: Plano vs. Winner G24, 12:15 p.m. (Main, 17th place)
G49: Kaneland vs. Aurora Christian, 3:15 p.m. (Main, 7th place)
G50: Genoa-Kingston vs. Ottawa, 5 p.m. (Main, 5th place)
G51: Newark vs. Burlington Central, 6:30 p.m. (Main, 3rd place)

Sports

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BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL: KANKAKEE HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

ILLIANA CHRISTIAN 66, MANTENO 39

Manteno can't handle Illiana Christian's hot shooting

Panthers protect paint; Vikings knock down 9 3-pointers



Daily Journal/Scott Anderson

Manteno's Cody Hopf drives around Illiana Christian's Bo Hofstra during their Kankakee Holiday Tournament game Tuesday night.

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Manteno wanted to stop Illiana Christian in the paint.

The Panthers did a solid job of that, but the Vikings answered with excellent 3-point shooting.

Illiana Christian drilled nine 3-pointers en route to a 66-39 victory over Manteno on Tuesday at the Kankakee Holiday Tournament.

"We wanted to protect the paint and the basket first. It's kind of a pick your poison kind of thing," Manteno coach Doug Wenzel said. "I thought we did a good job of protecting the paint in the first half. What hurt us was the 3-point shooting. They caught fire a little bit at the end of the first quarter. We didn't do a good enough job adjusting to their shooters."

The Vikings drilled a pair of treys to end the first quarter and one on their first possession of the second quarter to extend the lead to 11 points.

Illiana Christian continued to dominate the game opening up a 16-point lead by halftime and a 27-point lead at the end of the third quarter.

Despite the loss, Wenzel can take away a positive.

"I thought we did a very good job of handling their press," Wenzel said. "We didn't turn the ball over that much. It created a lot of scoring opportunities for us. We liked what we were getting, but we just didn't finish enough of those in the first half to keep it close."

Zach McCorkle led the Panthers with seven points. Manteno moved to 0-2 in Blue Division Pool B play.

PEOTONE 75, CENTRAL 40

Blue Devils make quick work of Comets

BY JAMES NEVEAU
Special to The Daily Journal

With conference rival Herscher lurking on their schedule the following day, Peotone used a balanced scoring attack to knock off Central 75-40 on Tuesday afternoon.

"It's been a balanced effort offensively and defensively for us," Peotone head coach Scott Maupin said. "Our defensive energy has been tremendous. Our shot selection was good. We made an emphasis of attacking the paint today, and we scored at a high rate today."

Scott Gasik was the lone Blue Devil that scored in double figures, but it didn't hurt their chances as 12 of the 14 players that saw action for Peotone ended up scoring. Chandler Mahood had nine points and a pair of steals, and Lee Merigold hauled in six rebounds to lead the team to a critical victory.

One area where the Blue Devils struggled was at the free throw line, as they only made four of their 15 shots from the charity stripe.

"If there was a weakness for us today, it was definitely shooting free throws," Maupin said. "That's not like us,

and we'll have to clean that up."

The first quarter saw a free-flowing pace to the game and some efficient shooting, but it was Peotone that was able to grab the early advantage. Vincent knocked in six points in the opening frame, and Gasik contributed with five more as the Blue Devils seized a 19-11 lead after the opening eight minutes of play.

As the second quarter got underway, the Comets' shooting touch seemed to disappear, and they ultimately made only one field goal in the quarter. Meanwhile, Peotone got contributions from all over its lineup, with eight different players scoring points. That, coupled with more dominating performances on the glass, led to a sizable 40-19 lead at the intermission.

The second half saw largely the same narrative play itself out, with Peotone getting scoring from all over the court and the Comets struggling to get any sustained momentum going offensively. Cole McGrath and Gasik each scored seven points in the game's closing half, and Trevor Mahood added six more as the Blue Devils set up a show-down with Herscher.

KANKAKEE HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT ROUNDUP

Vocational, Seton remain perfect in pool play

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Chicago Vocational seemed to sleepwalk through most of the first half of Game 12 of the Kankakee Holiday Tournament.

They woke up in the second half. After easing to a seven-point lead at the break, Vocational rattled off the first 16 points of the second

quarter to take a commanding lead. Bremen wouldn't score in the quarter until the 2:41 mark of the third quarter.

Kewan Smith was a terror for Vocational accounting for 24 points, four assists and three steals. Sidney Mason added 12 points and Jerald Allen had 11 more.

Philander White led Bremen with 7 points. The Braves shot

just 27 percent in the game (11 of 40).

Seton Academy 63, Thornridge 56

With dominant free throw shooting down the stretch, Seton Academy picked up a hard-fought 63-56 victory over Thornridge on Tuesday afternoon in Maroon

Division pool play.

The Sting were led by a three-headed scoring attack from Franklyn Felix, Javon Freeman, and RaShaad Williams as the trio combined for 45 of the team's points in the game. Freeman also collected 10 rebounds and six steals in the game, and Williams had five more takeaways as the team moved its record to 2-0 in the tournament.

Down nine heading into the fourth quarter, Thornridge climbed back into the game as it trimmed the Sting lead to just four points with less than two minutes to go. Fortunately for Seton Academy, its performance at the charity stripe carried the Sting through, as they buried 15 of the 16 shots they took from the free throw line en route to the victory.

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Reed-Custer suffers upset loss

Dwight also falls at Marseilles tourney

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Putnam County knocked down a pair of free throws with less than a second remaining to knock off Reed-Custer 73-72 at the Marseilles Holiday Tournament.

The loss was only the Comets' second of the season, dropping their record to 11-2.

Dwight had similar hard luck to Reed-Custer's, though a sight less dramatic, losing 68-56 to Flanagan.

Justin Fox led the Trojans with

16 points, Jace Kennedy had 14 and Drew Travers scored 12 as the team's season standing fell to 8-7.

Earlier in the day, Tri-Point (1-12) dropped a 57-45 decision to Midland.

The loss drops the Chargers into the 15th place game where they will play St. Benedict today at 9 a.m.

Finally, the hits kept coming for local teams as Gardner-South Wilmington lost to Leland-Earlville 61-51 and fell to 7-5

STATE FARM CLASSIC

Quincy Notre Dame 68, Bishop McNamara 61

Bishop McNamara fought tooth-and-nail most of its State Farm Classic matchup against Quincy Notre

Dame, but the Fightin' Irish were unable to hold on as the wheels came off in the fourth quarter.

Quincy outscored McNamara 27-18 in the game's final frame to pull away late. Daniel Hoekstra led the Irish (4-6) with 22 points and Tevin Watson pitched in 12 in the loss.

BSN CLASSIC

Watseka 61, Judah Christian 42

The Warriors bounced back from Monday's pair of losses with a comfortable win over Judah Christian.

Cole Davenport set the pace for Watseka (9-3) with 19 points in the victory.

DONOVAN HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Wilmington finished its championship run through the Donovan Tournament with two wins and an unbeaten 4-0 record.

The Wildcats bested Morgan Park Academy 55-46 and Decatur Christian 65-20 to secure their title. Wilmington improved to 6-8 this season.

Meanwhile, Donovan (3-13) split its two games by picking up a 55-26 win over Decatur Christian and losing 69-65 to Southland in overtime.

Donovan's David Miller and Eric Lattimer and Wilmington's Steve Smock were included on the All-Tournament team.

BRIEF

BOYS HIGH SCHOOL SWIMMING

Boilers fall to Homewood-Flossmoor

The Bradley-Bourbonnais swim team was edged out by Homewood-Flossmoor 91-80 in a dual meet on Tuesday.

The Boilermakers were led by Adam Schroeder. Schroeder picked up two individual victories in the 50-yard freestyle (23.70) and the 500 free (5:13.83). He was also a part of the 200 medley relay with Dawson Schu, Nicholas Nemeth and Austin Wray that won in 1:52.23.

Schu also captured a win in the 100 backstroke in 1:03.86, while Nemeth won the 100 breaststroke in 1:12.02.

— DAILY JOURNAL STAFF

GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Cissna Park downs Watseka for Blue Devil title

Beecher's Johnson hits 1,000-point mark

DAILY JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Between hoops and volleyball, Cissna Park and Watseka have faced off in quite a few big matchups and championship games over the past few years and this year's Blue Devil Classic added another to the list.

Addison Stoller and her knack for coming up big in important games gave Cissna Park the edge this time in a 43-35 win in Bismarck on Tuesday.

Stoller accounted for well over half of the Timberwolves' points in the title-winning effort. She tallied 27 points to go with 11 rebounds to further entrench her status as one of the most accomplished athletes in Cissna Park history.

Summer Cramer led the War-

riors with 11 points and Kara Dexter added 10 in the loss.

MOMENCE HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Wilmington 44, Donovan 33

The Wildcats opened day two of the tournament with a win over Donovan.

Chloe Lombardi piled up 24 points in the Wilmington win to advance her team to the fifth-place game later in the day. Donovan's Adrienne Adams led her Wildcats with 12 points in the loss.

Tri-Point 56, St. Anne 40

The Chargers earned their shot at Wilmington and fifth place with a comfortable win over St. Anne.

Freshman guard Abby Kerrins led the way for Tri-Point with 15 points and Jacki Weller tacked on 13 more in the win.

The Cardinals were led by Louisha Anthony's 15 points.

Serena 56, Momence 27

Serena dropped the hammer on the tournament's host school, relegating the home team to the third place game.

Katlynn Moffat led Momence with 12 points in her team's lopsided loss.

St. Anne 37, Donovan 34

The Cardinals finally earned themselves a tick in the win column with a narrow upset win over Donovan to take seventh place.

Marcela Pena stepped up with 14 points for St. Anne (1-9) and Louisha Anthony hit double digits for the second time on the day with 10.

Adrienne Adams led Donovan (4-9) in scoring with another 12-point performance in a loss.

Wilmington 53, Tri-Point 52

Calin Wolcott's buzzer-beating 3-pointer led the Wildcats to a dramatic win over Tri-Point and to fifth place in the tournament.

Chloe Lombardi brought her total on the day to 49 points by putting up a game-high 25 in the win and Miranda Southall pitched in 19 as Wilmington improved to 5-8.

Abby Kerrins also led her team in scoring for the second time with 18 points in the rough loss, Kayleigh Miller scored 12 points and Anna Murphy chipped in 10 as Tri-Point fell to 4-10.

RIVERSIDE-BROOKFIELD HOLIDAY CLASSIC

Riverside-Brookfield 62, Beecher 52

1,000th career point in the third quarter of Beecher's tournament loss.

Johnson ended the contest with a team-high 27 points and Kate Ranger added 15 as the Bobcats fell to 13-5.

STATE FARM CLASSIC

Peoria Notre Dame 49, Bishop McNamara 23

McNamara was soundly routed by Notre Dame on day two of the State Farm Classic.

The loss snapped a three-game win streak for the Irish and dropped their season record to 6-9.

LISLE HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Coal City 33, Hinckley-Big Rock 31

The Coalers came out on top in a low-scoring affair in Lisle.

Bridget Kauzlaric led the way with 12 points and Cali Caruso snared 12 rebounds as Coal City improved to 5-9.

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