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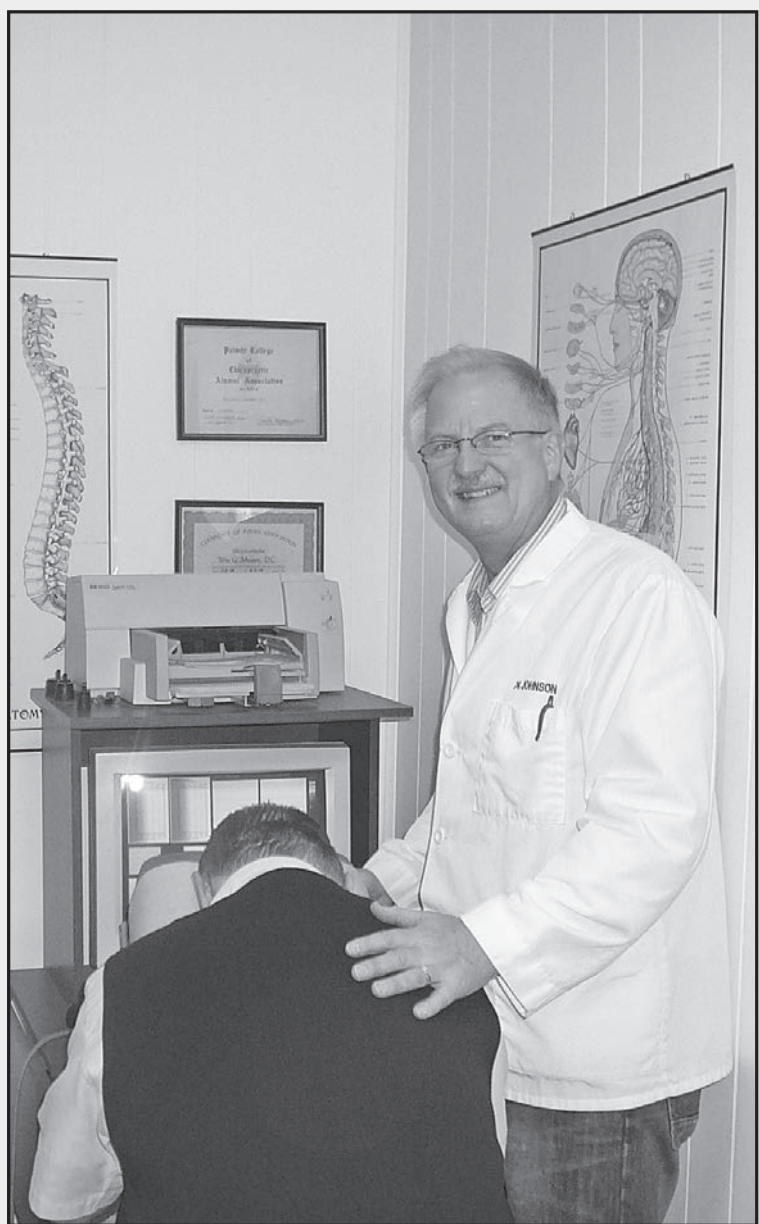
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There were no major tax law changes in 2015. That's generally good news, meaning taxpayers don't have to worry about how new laws might affect them. However, Congress did manage to make some relatively small tax changes.

There is also the continued implementation of prior tax measures, Uncle Sam's increasing efforts to stop tax identity theft and new tax deadlines, meaning that most taxpayers will encounter at least a few new tax matters in the new year.

Here are some tax topics to

stay on top of in 2016.

1. Targeting of identity thieves

In response to the inroads that identity thieves have made into the U.S. tax system, the IRS convened a Security Summit in March 2015 to brainstorm ways to stop the crooks.

Seven months later, the agency, state tax officials and the private sector tax industry announced a series of steps to stem tax ID theft and related refund fraud, including the sharing of more taxpayer filing data.

Specifically, 20 new pieces of data will be used to validate tax returns in 2016. This information exchange should help validate the authenticity of taxpayers and the entries on tax returns in their names. IRS Commissioner John Koskinen says the added security measures shouldn't be a sea change for filers. However, the new process is likely to slow the IRS' processing of returns, and that could mean some delays in issuing refunds.

coverage is based each month on the number of uninsured members of your family and your household income. An uninsured household of 3 or more during the 2015 tax year could face a maximum penalty of \$975. The maximum penalty for the 2016 tax year skyrockets to \$2,085.

There is a bit of good news on the Obamacare coverage front. The Supreme Court ruled in June 2015 that the federal premium tax credit is available to eligible taxpayers, regardless of whether they bought their coverage on the federal exchange or through state marketplaces. This government subsidy is available to eligible insurance exchange policy buyers to help them pay for part of their required coverage.

4. Same-sex state tax filing

In a historic ruling for same-sex couples, the U.S. Supreme Court in June 2015 approved same-sex marriage. No state can ban same-sex marriage, and states must recognize legal ceremonies performed elsewhere.

On the tax front, that means gay and lesbian married couples now can file joint tax returns on the state level, just as they already were required to do with their federal taxes.

This should simplify tax tasks for many same-sex couples, since state tax departments tend to use the federal filing as the basis for state returns. Same-sex couples also should check with their state tax departments about possibly amending prior-year returns that the partners had to file as single state taxpayers before the Supreme Court's ruling.

5. Harder to hide international money

Good tax havens are getting harder to find. The Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act, or FATCA, was enacted in 2010 after reports that foreign banks were encouraging U.S. taxpayers to hide assets abroad. FATCA requires foreign financial firms to report account data for their U.S. account owners or face stiff penalties.

2. New tax deadlines

Mark your calendar.

The way the days fall in April 2016 means that the usual mid-month tax-filing deadline is a bit later. In 2016, the Washington, D.C., holiday Emancipation Day is celebrated on April 15. Federal law mandates that any holiday in the nation's capital also applies to offices there, and that pushes the usual due date for annual 1040 filings to Monday, April 18.

Taxpayers in Maine and Massachusetts will get one more day -- until April 19 -- to file their federal returns because offices there will be closed on the 18th for Patriots' Day, the holiday in those states that commemorates the first battles in the Revolutionary War.

3. Obamacare tax penalties, credits

Have health insurance or be prepared to pay the price at tax-filing time as a result of the Affordable Care Act.

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LOVES PARK POLICE BEAT

LOVES PARK — The following arrests are on file at the Loves Park Police Station. Readers are reminded that suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Jan. 5

6333 N. Second St. – Jonathan C. Olson, 25, and Monique J.L. Hagaman, 25, both of Rockford, both charged with Endangering the Life/Health of a Child, Possession of Cannabis – Less Than 30 Grams, and Possession of Drug Equipment
Forest Hills Road/Harlem Road – Michael P. McCarthy, 47, of Harvard, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License
E. Riverside Blvd./Walker Ave. – Clair A. Langley, 39, of

Rockford, charged with Operating a Vehicle With Registration Suspended for No Insurance, and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle

Jan. 6

900 E. Riverside Blvd. – Kelli A. Beasley, 23, of Rockford, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License

E. Riverside Blvd./Wilson Ave. – Angelo Arroy, 22, of Rockford, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, and Registration Violation. Also arrested, Simei Morales, 19, of Rockford, on an Outstanding Warrant

Jan. 8

1975 Harlem Road – Drakkar C. Anderson, 22, of Rockford, Outstanding Warrant

Material Ave./E. Riverside Blvd. – Marie B.C. Fereria, 19, of Belvidere, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License and Failure to Reduce Speed

Jan. 9

5737 Whispering Way – Kevin W. Powless, 52, of Loves Park, charged with DUI and Illegal Transport of Alcohol

Jensen Dr./E. Riverside Blvd. – Brandon A. Dussault, 22, of Poplar Grove, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, Speeding, and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle

East Dr./Grand Blvd. – Scott A. Trego, 56, of Loves Park, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License

5100 East Dr. – Dennis D.

Dandridge, 31, of Rockford, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, Other Equipment Violations, Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, and an Outstanding Warrant

Forest Hills Road/Nimtz Road – Chad E. Lopez, 25, of Rockford, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, Improper Lane Usage, and Failure to Signal

Jan. 10

1770 West Lane Road – Lauren M. Hernandez, 33, of Rockford, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, Improper Lane Usage, Attempted Flee to Elude Police, and Resisting/Obstructing Police. Also charged, Richard A. Hernandez, 45, of Rockford,

with Resisting/Obstructing Police

1500 E. Riverside Blvd. – Brian L. Sain, 30, of Rockford, charged with Possession of Cannabis – Less Than 30 Grams and Traffic Sign Violation

1922 Plateau Ave. – Michelle C. Starr, 41, of Loves Park, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, Traffic Accident – No Injury, Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, and Failure to Reduce Speed

Jan. 11

5300 N. Second St. – Juan Angel Moreno, 26, of White-water, Wis., charged with DUI, DUI With a BAC Over .08, Improper Lane Usage, No Driver's License, and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle.

Stateline area gas prices continue to stay low

STATELINE — Average retail gasoline prices in Rockford have fallen 5.2 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$1.81/g last Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 139 gas outlets in Rockford. This compares with the national average that has fallen 6.5 cents per gallon in the last week to \$1.90/g, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Areas nearby Rockford and their current gas price climate:

Chicago - \$2.00/g, down 11.5 cents per gallon from last week's \$2.12/g.

Madison - \$1.76/g, down 7.4 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.83/g.

Milwaukee - \$1.78/g, down 9.8 cents per gallon from last week's \$1.88/g.

Including the change in gas prices in Rockford during the past week, prices last weekend were 7.5 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 16.3 cents

per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 10.0 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 15.9 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The continued and unprecedented plunge in the price of crude oil has continued, allowing gasoline prices in virtually the entire U.S. to continue plummeting," said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy senior petroleum analyst.

"From West Coast to East Coast, the decline has hit virtually everyone - and amazingly, we saw a gas price war yesterday in Houghton Lake, Michigan, where for a brief period of time GasBuddy confirmed stations selling at just 47 cents a gallon- prices unheard of in this century.

"While the 99-cent per gallon barrier was breached there due to competition willing to lose money, the downward trend taking place across the country will continue, with the national average likely to fall into the \$1.70's soon as motorists continue to enjoy falling fuel prices," DeHaan said.

Deadline nears to enroll for health insurance in state marketplace

ROCKFORD — Federal and state health officials were here Monday to urge those without health insurance to sign up for coverage before the deadline for open enrollment under the federal Affordable Care Act passes Jan. 15. Illinoisans who don't purchase insurance could face fines of \$695 or more.

An estimated 10.5 million Americans remain uninsured. Half of Illinois' uninsured should be able to buy a plan for \$75 a month or less

a month after tax credits, officials said during a news conference at the Winnebago County Health Department.

The average Illinois consumer who is covered under the ACA could save \$1,030 a year for a plan with similar benefits by shopping through the state's marketplace, Get Covered Illinois.

You can obtain free enrollment assistance at 866-311-1119 or shop online at www.getcoveredillinois.gov.

Rockford man sentenced for 2011 fatal crash

ROCKFORD — Winnebago County State's Attorney Joe Bruscato announces that on Jan. 13, 2016, Brett Alexander, 25, was sentenced to 180 days in jail, 48 months of probation and 480 hours of community service by the Honorable Judge Brendan Maher.

Alexander pled guilty to Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Drugs Involving Death in October of 2015.

On Oct. 2, 2011 Winnebago County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to the area of 6900 S. Main Street for a traffic crash with injuries.

Brett Alexander was driving a Volkswagen south, when he swerved into the northbound lane into oncoming traffic and hit another vehicle head-on.

The driver, Ronald Young, and his wife Darlene Young, a passenger were both killed. An Illinois State Police Crime Lab test showed the presence of THC metabolite in Alexander's urine at the time of the crash.

Aggravated Driving Under the Influence of Drugs Involving Death is a Class 2 Felony with a special sentencing range of 6-28 years in the Illinois Dept. of Corrections. The charge is probationable only with a finding that extraordinary circumstances exist requiring probation. The state had recommended a sentence of 25 years in the Illinois Dept. of Corrections. Pursuant to Illinois State Statute, truth in sentencing applies.

Convicted felon arrested after search of home

ROCKFORD — On Wednesday, Jan. 13, at approximately 11 p.m., members of the Rockford Police Dept. M-3 Streets Team executed a narcotics search warrant at 606 Miriam Ave.

William D. Peyton Jr. and a 19-year-old female were located inside the residence. During the search of the residence, officers recovered a handgun and illegal narcotics.

Peyton is a convicted felon and was subsequently charged with the following:

Unlawful use of a weapon by a felon

Unlawful use of a weapon by a street gang member

Violation of firearm owner's identification card act

Possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver within 1,000 feet of a church

Carolyn Coleman is the listed owner of the property located at 606 Miriam Ave.

The charges against Peyton are merely accusations and he is presumed innocent, unless he is proven guilty in a court of law.

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1-90/West Lane Road — Carlisle B. Austin, 23, of Belvidere, charged with Failure to Reduce Speed and Right of Way Violation

630 Roosevelt Road — Cletis M. McCurry, 21, of Rockford, charged with Delivery of Cannabis — Less Than 30 Grams, Possession of Cannabis — Less Than 30 Grams, and Possession of Drug Equipment

6491 N. Second St. — Caley

J. Brown, 18, of Loves Park, Outstanding Warrant

Jan. 7

961 Minns Dr. — Jose R. Garcia, 26, of Chicago, charged with Disorderly Conduct

N. Second St./Maple — Steven M. Erb, 66, of Loves Park, charged with Operating an Uninsured Vehicle

N. Second St./Maple — Shelby M. Vierck, 19, of Loves Park, charged with Improper Turning

1302 Roosevelt Road — Kayla N. Richards, 25, of Loves Park, charged with Violating an Order of Protection

Jan. 8

8304 N. Second St. — Levi

A. Wussow, 32, of Rockford, charged with Aggravated Assault

Jan. 10

Jessica L. Lenderman, 30, of Loves Park, charged with Retail Theft, Obstructing Justice, and an Outstanding Warrant

1770 West Lane Road — Richard A. Hernandez, 45, no town listed, charged with Retail Theft and Obstructing Justice. Also charged, Lauren M. Hernandez, 33, of Rockford, charged with Traffic Sign Violation, Retail Theft, Traffic Signal Violation, Speeding, Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, Attempted Flee to Elude Police, and Endangering the Life/Health of a Child



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Rollover downtown

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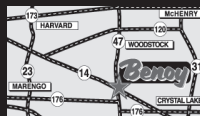
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My children find it amusing that I still love awards shows even though I don't really watch TV or go out to the movies much. The point is, I love glam, I love movies (I get to them in my own time), I love stories, and mainly, I love inspiration. That glorious reminder to believe in your dreams is the heart and soul of award shows.

The fabulous gowns are appealing, but a really endearing acceptance speech makes it worth my viewing time. And awards shows are indeed time consuming. I want to see it all play out in real time and see the winners as it happens; that means putting up with frequent commercial interruptions.

Since we don't watch regular TV, we don't see commercials unless we're at the workout place so a lot of ads are interesting to me. I didn't know you could buy a sponge with makeup already on it. But I did know I'm worth it.



Kelly Simmons
COLUMNIST

The Golden Globes this year didn't wow me with the speeches. There were a few that earned my respect or touched me, but for the most part, I was rooting them on to be able to GIVE their acceptance speech. Let the winners have their moment in the sun!

When I am the producer/writer/director of the show, I will get rid of the presenters' stupid belabored banter that rarely is truly funny (Eva Longoria and America Ferrara excepted. Their lines were bazinga!) and let the acceptance speeches have some importance. Allow each award winner to have a full minute to

say their gratitude. After 60 seconds, the orchestra music can swell, and the recipient can get the "wrap it up" message flashing before them.

This is the winners' night, and they should be allowed a moment to catch their breath and utter a few heartfelt (and even prewritten is okay) thanks. The award winners barely make it to the microphone, and they are being ushered off the stage.

That is rude and disrespectful. Award shows today don't have the notorious acceptance speeches of yesteryear that go on and on because the winners are told to end it as soon as they open their mouths. A happy medium is sure to exist.

We'll see how it goes down at the Oscars. I am confident it will be better.

My Prince Charming and I watched the Golden Globes with pen and paper jotting down what we want to add to our Watch List. Movies and television shows that

we find intriguing will eventually make their way on to our play list.

We like good drama, fascinating history, and a belly laugh. There are certain actresses/actors I adore so I will tune in to Superstore or Big Box or whatever it's called because I'm a fan of America Ferrara from Ugly Betty. We might take a peek at Telenovela too. And anything that Aaron Sorkin writes I will watch.

All in all, award shows have enough power over me that I will continue to tune in. It is ironic that an environment showcasing the talents of writers doesn't have better writers for the between-awards schtick. I say lose the schtick. Ricky Gervais did get some laughs out of me and for

that I am grateful.

I'd like to thank the Hollywood Foreign Press for throwing the party, and no matter what, giving us memorable moments. To the actors, actresses, writers, directors, and producers, thank you.

Keep on doing what you do. Keep on believing. In doing so, you bring us along with you. For that, we are grateful. (And that took less than 15 seconds to say.)

Kelly Epperson Simmons thanks her husband, her family, friends, readers, joy tribe, and anyone who has ever made her smile, laugh, think or dream big. Invite/write/share info@kellyeperson.com. Join the joy tribe with regular emails of inspiration at www.kellyeperson.com.

Facebook faux pas

Facebook is an online community and in being such has developed certain (often unwritten) rules that its users follow. While some rules are easy to understand and abide by, certain Facey situations leave me unsure of what Face-behavior protocol is called for in response to my scrolling.

Posting photos is a FB mainstay. But what do you do when a person posts a photo that is clearly sideways or, worse yet, upside-down? The inverted problem is multiplied 1080 if the post is a video. The person posting must be aware their image is not aligned with the rest of the world – unless they are standing on their head, which I suppose is a possibility.

If a sideways-posted photo looks particularly interesting, I pull it to my desktop and rotate it myself so it is in its full upright (normal) position. But, even if I like the photo, I don't hit the like button because that would be like promoting bad behavior.

Here's the thing: rotating a photo on Facebook is not only feasible, it's as easy as pressing, well, the rotate button. It's as simple as that. Sigh.

Next in popularity to photo postings are birthday greetings. Each day Facebook tells us who among our friends is experiencing a 24-hour b-day celebration. As a FB friend or acquaintance it is our duty to come up with a unique and heartfelt birthday wish for each of our 537 friends. Some days this means coming up with more than one unique and heartfelt message because no two birthday greetings should ever be the same.

When I'm having a noncreative unbirthday-wishing sort of day, I beat myself up for the blasé and boring greeting of, "Happy birthday, insert name here." Surely the person notes my lack of sincerity and enthusiasm. On those days, I am a birthday greeting failure and do a headstand and look at myself upside-down in the mirror with shame.

Another birthday conundrum occurs when it is your big day. You receive dozens or perhaps hundreds of birthday hellos, wishes, hallelujahs and other assorted salutations. What to do? Do you thank each greet-

er personally by responding to their message with a message of your own? If you choose this route, you are saddled to your Facey account for a hefty portion of the day, and that doesn't feel like a happy birthday in my world. Instead do you simply like each of the greetings individually, or do you take it one step further and wait until the day after your day and send one generic thank you message to the entire group of greeters? I don't know the correct answer. I'm just posing the question because it's weighed heavy on my mind for some time. Sharing the agony lessens it, somehow.

Finally (you knew it was coming) let's talk politics. Everyone else is. It's okay to have opinions and it's even okay to post about them because I can scroll through rather quickly, or block repeat offenders if I choose.

Trouble (for me) is that not every posting is factual. There are numerous "news" websites that post satire. Satire is not the truth. It uses exaggeration, irony and sarcasm to create humor. There wouldn't be a problem with this, if people understood that not everything on the Internet is true (it's not?) nor is it meant to be.

But, many good and trusting FB souls don't know that – or choose to look past that – and post and repost and like and comment on satire as though it were the truth. And I cringe a little bit again and wonder why I'm even scrolling – again.

And then I am embarrassed – again. But this time for myself and the things I choose to do and the time I waste scrolling and wondering if the plural of faux pas shouldn't be faux pases. But it isn't. Trust me. I looked it up on the Internet.

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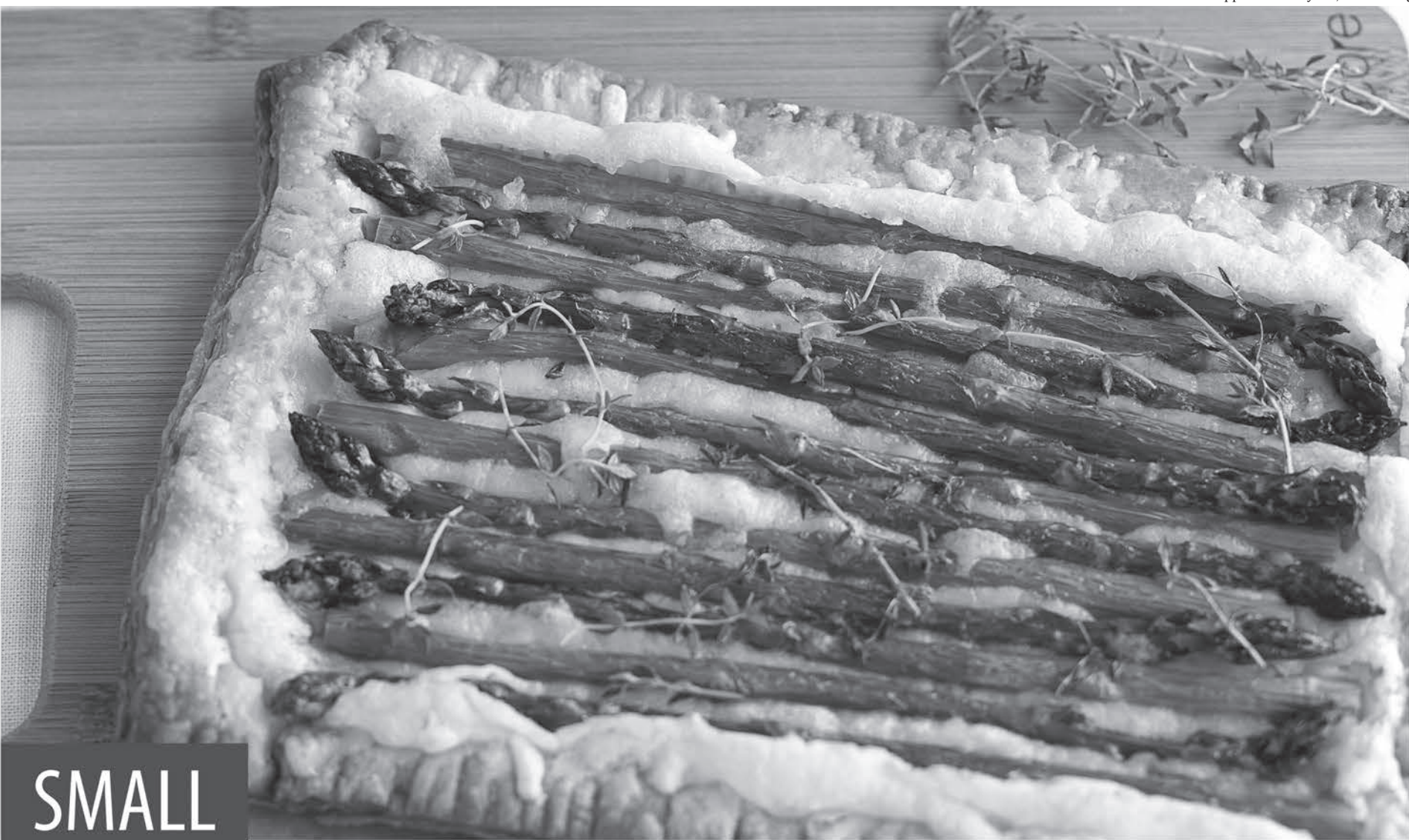
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 - salt and pepper
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- Roll out puff pastry into 16-by-10-inch rectangle, trimming uneven edges. Place on baking sheet. With knife, lightly score pastry dough 1 inch from edges to mark rectangle. Using fork, pierce dough inside markings at 1/2-inch intervals. Bake until golden, about 15 minutes.
- Remove pastry shell from oven and sprinkle with shredded cheese. Trim asparagus spears to fit crosswise inside pastry shell. Arrange in single layer over cheese, alternating ends and tips. Brush with oil, sprinkle thyme leaves and season with salt and pepper. Bake until spears are tender, about 20 minutes.

Tomato Gratin

- 8 medium ripe tomatoes
 - 1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
 - 1/2 cup extra-virgin olive oil
 - 4 garlic cloves, sliced
 - 4 sprigs fresh thyme (or 4 basil leaves, chopped)
 - salt and pepper, to taste
 - 2 ounces toasted pine (pignoli) nuts
 - 1/2 pound (8 ounces) grated Jarlsberg cheese
- Heat oven to 350 F.
- Cut tomatoes in half.
- In bowl, whisk together vinegar, olive oil, garlic, thyme, salt and pepper; gently mix in tomatoes. Transfer to ovenproof dish, turning tomatoes cut side up before baking 15 minutes.
- When tomatoes are cool enough, remove skins before returning to baking dish. Sprinkle tomatoes with nuts and cheese. Return to oven and bake about 10 minutes, or until cheese turns golden and bubbly.
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- 1 teaspoon salt
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Place potatoes in large pot of salted water and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low, cover and simmer until tender. Drain and bring potatoes to food processor.

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