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Russia indicts Novi man on spy charges

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USA TODAY
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American Paul Whelan, detained in Moscow last week, has been indicted on espionage charges, Russia's Interfax news agency reported Jan. 3.

The agency, citing what it called an informed source, said Whelan had denied claims in the indictment. Whelan,

a former U.S. Marine who lives in Novi, was arrested Dec. 28 "while on a spy mission," the Russian Federal Security Service says.

Russian lawyer Vladimir Zherebenkov, who was appointed to represent Whelan, told Interfax that bail has been requested but that Whelan will remain in custody in Moscow until at least Feb. 28. Zherebenkov said Whelan is handling de-



Whelan

tention well and does not appear depressed.

The FSB has said the investigation was continuing but that Whelan could face up to 20 years in prison if convicted of espionage. The U.S. ambassador in Russia, Jon Huntsman, visited Whelan on Jan. 2 at Lefortovo detention center in Moscow.

Russia's Rosbalt news service reports

that Whelan is accused of obtaining "state secrets." Authorities told the news service Whelan, 48, was in a Moscow hotel room when he received a flash drive containing a list of employees at an undisclosed Russian agency.

Minutes later, Russian agents stormed into the room and made the arrest, Rosbalt reported.

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A rendering GHD Inc. created for the Livingston County Road Commission shows how the roundabout at Lee and Whitmore Lake roads in Green Oak Township was reduced from three lanes to two lanes.

Addition by subtraction Lee Road roundabout revamp reducing crashes

Jennifer Timar
Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Livingston County road officials say a \$1 million project that reduced the size of a crash-prone roundabout has produced positive results so far, but a few tweaks are still needed.

This summer, the Livingston County Road Commission shrunk the roundabout at Lee and Whitmore Lake roads near U.S. 23 in Green Oak Township from three lanes to two lanes, created a dedicated right-hand turn lane onto the north side of the roundabout and built a

larger circular island in the middle.

Traffic and safety engineer Mike Goryl, who works for the road commission, said preliminary data shows approximately a 43-percent reduction in crashes when compared to crash data from the 3.5 years prior to the roundabout's reconstruction.

The goal of the roadwork was to reduce crashes and driver confusion.

Between January 2015 and July 2018, the roundabout averaged 60 crashes per year.

Between July 25 — the day the

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"But there are still people doing stupid stuff ... because they don't know how to get to places, mostly people from out of town."

Janelle Feagans
Howell resident

Northville family killed in fiery I-75 accident

Aleanna Siacon and David Jesse
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Issam and Rima Abbas were supposed to spend the Christmas break in Florida, relaxing with their three children.

But the death of Rima's grandmother — the funeral was Christmas Eve — pushed their plans back, meaning the Northville family of five headed south later than planned. It also put them on the road back to Michigan Saturday into Sunday.

Rana Abbas Taylor was supposed to have dinner with the family later Sunday — a chance for the two sisters who live three blocks apart in Northville to catch up. But instead, Rana spent Sunday mourning the death of Rima, 38, Issam, 42, and their children, their children, Ali, 14; Isabelle, 13; and Giselle, 7.

"We are devastated," Abbas Taylor told the Free Press Monday morning.

Issam and Rima grew up in Dearborn and knew each other. They fell in love and were married while he was in law school and she was in medical

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The Abbas family of Northville was killed after the car they were traveling in was hit by a wrong-way driver on I-75 near Lexington, Ky., around 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 6. LEX 18

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When: 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 12
Details: Join us for our very own Yule Ball inspired by "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire." There will be dancing, crafts and magically delicious snacks. Dressing up is encouraged. Register.

Between the Lines Book Discussion

When: 7-9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14
Details: Join us for a lively discussion of "The Last Days of Night" by Graham Moore. Just drop in.

STEM fun

When: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 16
Details: Foggy dry ice storms, giant beach balls floating in the air and even a

special Mad Science "burp" potion will amaze kids as they learn about chemical reactions, air pressure and the states of matter. 100 free tickets available at the Information Desk five minutes prior to the event. Tickets not available in advance.

Kidz Time

When: 4:30-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17
Details: For grades 1-3. Learn about Chinese New Year, including the Chinese Zodiac and your own special Chinese animal, make a Chinese bracelet and sample some yummy Chinese treats.

Protecting Yourself Online

When: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17
Details: Learn how to stay safe online by protecting your personal information and avoiding common Internet scams. Register.

Drop-In Crafty Saturday

When: 2-3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19
Details: Kids of all ages are invited to make an adorable penguin doorknob hanger with this easy craft kit. Just drop in.

Learn the Beautiful Art of Henna Design

When: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29
Details: For ages 9-12. Register.

Battle of the Books Registration

When: Through Jan. 31
Details: Register your team for this fun reading competition for middle school students who live or go to school in Northville. Books available now at the library and school media centers. Team registrations due Jan. 31.

Seeking ESL Volunteers

When: Ongoing
Details: Do you have excellent interpersonal communication skills and a

desire to help others? Consider becoming a facilitator for our weekly English as a Second Language conversation group. Must enjoy working with and learning about different world cultures. The group meets 10:30-11:30 a.m. each Tuesday. Contact Vicki Dixon at vdixon@northvillelibrary.org for more information.

One-on-one tech help

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Jan. 17 — 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Gardner White, 43825 W. Oaks Drive, Novi
 Jan. 20 — 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville

NORTHVILLE MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village is located at 215 Griswold, north of Main Street, near Ford Field. Grounds open daily dawn until dusk. Buildings will reopen to the public each Sunday in June 2019. Mill Race relies on rentals and memberships to maintain the village. Consider becoming a member or making a donation; go to www.millracenorthville.org for details.

Upcoming events

Lecture series — The Legacy of Rita and Bruce Turnbull: 7-9 p.m. Jan. 30.

Drop-in event. No fee, but donations appreciated.

Victorian Lace Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. Feb. 9. Call office for ticket availability.

Valentine's Day Wine, Cheese and Chocolate Tasting: Tentative event, 7-9 p.m. Feb. 14. See website or call office for ticketing information.

Lecture Series — Henry Ford: Relationships with Early and Vital Employees: 7 p.m. Feb. 27. Drop-in event. No fee. Donations appreciated.



Suburban Collection Showplace last year. FILE PHOTO

Motor City Comic Con celebrates 30 years

Motor City Comic Con, Michigan's largest and longest running comic book and pop culture convention since 1989, will host 2019's convention May 17-19. This year will be its 30th year and is expected to be the biggest convention in its history. Motor City Comic Con will be held at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, in Novi.

The schedule is Friday through Sunday, May 17-18. Hours are 12:30-7 p.m. Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Future announcements of media guests, comic guests, exhibitors and

events will be announced and posted to www.motorcitycomiccon.com in the coming months.

Motor City Comic Con will utilize Suburban Collection Showplace's newly expanded 180,000-square-foot space by adding more events, exhibitors, media guests and comic guests, as well as plans to introduce new concepts. Fans can expect to experience Sporcle trivia and speed dating, along with more exciting activities to be announced. This annual event attracts more than 60,000 attendees each year. Fans can still expect all their traditional favorites, such as Cosplay Contest with celebrity judges, an after-party Saturday night and many kid-friendly activities.

"When Motor City Comic Con was founded back in 1989, it started from my passion for collecting comic books introduced to me by my father," founder and convention promotor Michael Goldman said. "We had a couple thousand attendees our first year to over 60,000 last year. Our fans have been so supportive over the years and we are grateful. I am happy to be here 30 years later and offering more content and interaction. We plan to continue to grow and impress for another 30 plus years."

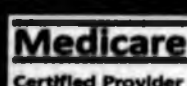
In support of this anniversary, Motor City Comic Con will have Esad Ribic, a renowned comic book artist and animator from Croatia, create a special edition cover of the 2019 program. Ribic is most known for his work on various titles for Marvel Comics, including "Loki," "Silver Surfer: Requiem" and "Sub-Mariner: The Depths and the 2015 Secret Wars."

Tickets can be purchased at www.motorcitycomiccon.com. Online fees may apply. General ticket prices and packages include: adults (age 13 and up) \$30 for Friday and Sunday and \$40 for Saturday, with a VIP ticket for \$199 and a weekend pass for \$80; children (age 12 and younger) \$10 for Friday and Saturday, but they are free Sunday, with a weekend pass for \$20. Children age 5 and younger are free all weekend.

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Youngsters get chance to Shop With a Hero

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

South Lyon area kids had plenty of helpers when it came to Christmas shopping during Shop With a Hero. Sometimes the kids were outnumbered by helpers that included Oakland County Sheriff's deputies, Lyon Township firefighters and other volunteers.

"Between firefighters and deputies, we have 40-50 (participants) this year. It's nice to get this amount when you ask for the help," said Oakland County Sheriff's Lt. Mark Venus, who heads the Lyon Township substation. "It's all volunteers. An officer goes out with each child. Some are siblings. Usually the siblings go out separately."

Through fundraising and donations, each child is provided with \$160 to shop — \$105 is added for a sibling. Walmart donated food baskets, including a turkey, a gallon of milk and a kit to make a gingerbread house.

"I love it. It's so nice to see the kids pick gifts and get excited. We provide a meal for them. It's one of the most rewarding things I've done at Walmart," New Hudson assistant store manager Patricia Braidwood said.

There were 67 youngsters participating in the shopping program held at the New Hudson Walmart store. The kids were referrals from throughout the South Lyon Area Youth Assistance service area, which comprises the South Lyon Community Schools district.

"We've done this for at least 25 years. It's a fun day, a nice way to wrap up the end of the year. We get to see the kids smiling," said Doreen Brant, South Lyon Area Youth Assistance case manager. "Most of the kids buy things for themselves and family members. We really don't have any rules (on what they can buy)."

This year, the youngsters also got an additional food gift card thanks to the Grebinski Family of ixl Graphics. "The families didn't know about the food gift cards. The Grebinski family held a party and asked everyone to bring gift cards," Brant said.

A group of volunteers was wrapping the gifts selected by the young shoppers and their first responder helpers. Those responding to an email seeking volunteers to help with wrapping included Lyon Township Clerk Michele Cash and Treasurer Patricia Carcone, along with Oakland County Commissioner Phil Weipert.

Other volunteers came from Divine Power Yoga. "This is the first time I did it. I didn't know about this until my yoga teacher told me about it," said Tiffany Kennedy of South Lyon.

A 17-year old named Ian had done his shopping and was getting help with wrapping. "Mostly I bought for my mom and sister," he said, with a package of auto car products that he selected for himself. "It really helps out at Christmas. It is really useful."



Xander McDevitt, 13, says his mom likes crafts, so craft items are what he's looking for, with help from Lyon Township Fire Department Sgt. Reggie Madeline. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Youth Assistance caseworker Doreen Brant says that the Shop With a Hero program is a nice way to wrap up the holiday season. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



County Commissioner Phil Weipert volunteered to wrap gifts. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Tom Biggers and 9-year-old Jayden Paradis head out for some holiday shopping. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Admitted burglar sent to prison after plea deal

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A Lima, Ohio, man will spend at least the next five years in prison in Michigan after reaching plea deals in a series of home burglaries and attempted burglaries last spring and summer.

Eric Dwight Roberson, 38, was sentenced Dec. 12 by Judge Donald Knapp in Wayne County Circuit Court to between five-and-a-half and 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to one count of first-degree home invasion.

The charge stemmed from the June 15 burglary of a house on Stonebrook Drive in Northville Township that was entered while residents there were asleep. The house had apparently been unlocked, and cash was reported stolen, police said.

Roberson was given credit for 156 days time served since his July arrest in Farmington Hills. According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, his earliest release date is Jan. 8, 2024.

Other charges — one of home invasion and two of attempted home invasion — related to incidents in Northville Township were dismissed in the plea agreement.

Security video had captured images



Roberson

of a man who appeared to be trying a door at two houses on Stonebrook during the early morning hours of June 15. Both of those houses were apparently locked and the man can be seen walking away.

At the time of his sentencing in Wayne County, Roberson had already been sentenced in Oakland County Circuit Court by Judge Martha D. Anderson to between three and 15 years on two charges of first-degree attempted home invasion. He had pleaded no contest to those charges, which were related to incidents in Farmington Hills, where he was arrested July 7 by officers from several departments who had been searching for him.

Police said that police in Lima helped develop Roberson as a suspect. He had relatives in the Detroit area.

In a third Oakland County charge, stemming from an incident in Novi, Roberson pleaded no contest to one count of second-degree home invasion and was sentenced by Anderson to between two-and-a-half and 15 years in prison.

All three of Roberson's sentences are concurrent.

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Lasik surgery-related suicides are happening

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A month before taking her own life Dec. 12, Jessica Starr, the WJBK-TV (Channel 2) meteorologist, shared that she was still struggling with complications such as dry eyes and blurred vision from her Lasik-type eye surgery in October.

"I do still need all the prayers and the well-wishes because it's a hard go," Starr, 35, a mother of two young children, said in a video on her public Facebook page.

The role that those complications played in Starr's suicide — if any — remains unclear, but her comments spawned nationwide headlines after her death and new attention to potential dangers of the popular eyesight procedure that has been available since the 1990s and is widely perceived as safe.

News reports and websites such as Lasikcomplications.com have cited nearly a dozen instances of Lasik patients who were driven to suicide by the unbearable pain and vision impairments that followed their procedures.

The physical pain was often accompanied by the psychological regret of having opted for a roughly \$4,000 elective procedure that, if only they had stuck with glasses or contacts, wouldn't have been needed.

Starr said in Facebook posts that she had undergone a newer Lasik-like surgery known as SMILE, or small incision lenticule extraction. That procedure uses a different laser and eye-resaping technique. SMILE was approved in 2016 by the Food and Drug Administration and was performed last year for the first time in Michigan.

SMILE procedures are "fundamentally the same" as Lasik and both are very safe, according to eye surgeon Dr. John Vukich, chairman of the Refractive Surgery Clinical Committee for the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery.

"Lasik is the most common elective surgical procedure in the world," said Vukich, who is based in Madison, Wis., and has personally undergone Lasik. "It



Fox 2 meteorologist Jessica Starr. FOX 2 DETROIT



Ultraviolet fluorescence (the blue light) is seen on the corneal tissue as it is vaporized (removed) by the laser as it reshapes the contour of the cornea based on predetermined measurements during Lasik eye surgery performed in 2008. PATRICIA BECK | DETROIT FREE PRESS

is a procedure that has enhanced the lives of many many people, but like in any surgery, there is never a zero risk."

A detailed New York Times story this year about the potential dangers of laser eye surgery highlighted the Lasik-related suicide of a 27-year-old military veteran, as well as the sufferings of a Cleveland kindergarten teacher who needed a pain pump implanted in her abdomen for her constant eye pain and a Houston man who said he is "almost suicidal" because it feels like there is hot grease in his eyes 24/7.

Paula Cofer, who operates the Lasik complications website and runs a support group on Facebook for Lasik complications sufferers, told the Free Press in a phone interview that since the first media reports of Starr's death, her support group has been contacted by friends or relatives of four Lasik-related suicide victims.

"What they're not telling you is there are complications to this surgery," said Cofer, 60, who lives near Tampa, Fla., and who herself has had severe complications from a 2000 Lasik surgery. "If

you were to inform patients of everything I personally believe they should be informed of, nobody would have the surgery."

She said the worst possible side effects — albeit rare — can be incredibly painful and ruin people's lives. Some complications may only emerge years after surgery because structures in the eyes were permanently weakened by the laser resurfacing.

"The typical (complaints) are chronic dry eye, eye pain, horrible night vision — people just get depressed," Cofer, said. "They're full of regret for having a surgery they didn't need in the first place. It's a combination of all these things going on and you're dealing with a surgeon who is telling you, 'Oh, you're a success. Your vision is now 20/20'" despite being in pain.

A study published last year that involved 574 participants and the FDA, the National Eye Institute and the Department of Defense found that less than 1 percent of the individuals reported difficulties performing their usual activities following Lasik surgery.

However, up to 46 percent of the participants who had no visual symptoms before surgery began having some visual symptom three months after surgery. And up to 28 percent of the participants who didn't have dry eyes before Lasik reported dry eye symptoms at three months post-surgery.

Still, more than 95 percent of all the participants were satisfied with their vision following Lasik.

Vukich, the eye surgeon, said that dry eyes is indeed a common side effect for some Lasik patients. However, those symptom almost always resolve after three months, he said.

Overall, significantly less than 1 percent of all Lasik patients will report bad experiences, he said.

"There have been 7,000 clinical studies published in peer-reviewed journals and the patient-reported satisfaction rate is 96 percent or greater," Vukich said.

He added, "Literally millions of people's lives are enhanced. It is so safe that when something does happen, it causes a lot of attention."

Five local social media accounts to follow in 2019

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Everyone is on social media, but not everyone has something worthwhile to say.

Make it one of your new year's resolutions in 2019 to find some new, interesting accounts to follow on social media. I've found a few accounts local to the Hometown Life areas of western Wayne and Oakland counties that are more than worthwhile of a "like" or a "follow" in the new year.

There's plenty of accounts that provide useful info and we looked more so at accounts that aren't "official" community or business accounts. While accounts for cities like Livonia, Westland and Novi provide plenty of useful info, I didn't include them here because it just seems a little too obvious.

Here's who's worth keeping tabs on in the new year that's a little more off-beat.

The Birmingham Museum on Twitter (@bham_museum)

While it's technically an account run by the city, this account has by far become my favorite local account to follow in 2018.

It brings history to life for the community — which marked its 200th anniversary this past year — in a way that your grandmother may not always recognize.

Operated by the staff at the museum at the intersection of Maple and Southfield in downtown Birmingham, the Twitter account @bham_museum launched in 2017 and quickly jumped into a national conversation that got a reaction that led to the modern-speak form it's in today.

"On November 3 of 2017, the National Museum of African American History and Culture organized a hashtag event call #smithsoniancyther which was basically a museum rap battle. I posted two lines from "Ice Ice Baby" about Martha Baldwin and the response was more

than I had ever dreamed of," Caitlin Donnelly, a museum assistant, wrote in an email. "As a staff we discussed it and came to the conclusion that we might as well just go all in and get funny and weird with it and see what happens. And it's been working so far."

Today, it's not uncommon to see the museum riff on historical events using modern-day gifs, including this one about how Woodward Avenue got its name:

Michigan Burger Boys on Twitter (@mlburgerboys)

Hope you're reading this after you've eaten lunch, because this account will surely make your mouth water.

The Michigan Burger Boys, which includes Canton resident Kevin McCown, launched its Twitter account in 2012. Since then, it has served up plenty of reviews, write-ups and tasty-looking photos for years as they survey for the best hamburger. Their taste buds have been helpful in storytelling, including McCown serving as a source on a story we did in 2017 about slider joints across the region.

Be it a national chain like Five Guys or a small, local joint like the one the two call their home (the Bridgewater Bank in Bridgewater Township, located in southwest Washtenaw County), the accounts are not afraid to share their love of all things burgers. In addition, they encourage feedback as they look for the next great burger, often retweeting those who share a great meal.

The duo hope to garner even more attention in the new year with a launch of a new website. Check them out at michiganburgerboys.com.

A parody Livonia Spree Twitter account (@livonia_spree)

If you seek out info on the biggest celebration in Livonia every summer on Twitter, chances are you've stumbled across @livonia_spree. But be warned: that underscore makes all the difference.

The @livonia_spree account is a parody of the giant celebration that takes place each June at Ford Field in Livonia. Run by an anonymous account holder, the PG-13 account pokes fun at the annual celebration and its stereotypes

while still celebrating what makes the festival great.

There is an official Spree Twitter account, @livoniaspree, though there aren't many tweets coming from it. Most people who seek out the real thing stumble across the parody account, which the account holder says tries to lead them to their answers.

"I've had people driving from out of town asking what time they open. I even had a food truck ask how they could get a permit to sell tacos," the account wrote in a message. "Those folks get a Direct Message. I can't mess with them."

During the other 11 months of the year, the account goes fairly quiet, commenting on local issues such as the Merry and Bright Parade held in December and even local elections.

For the Love of Louie on Facebook

If you've ever lost a pet or found one wandering the streets, you may be familiar with For the Love of Louie.

The Facebook page is designed to connect pet owners with their lost dogs, cats, birds or other pets. The Michigan page has grown to more than 187,000 followers since it launched in 2011.

Launched by Ferndale native Leah Doslea, For the Love of Louie has page administrators from all across the state, including some in the western suburbs of Detroit.

The pages continue looking for volunteer administrators to assist with helping pet owners locate their lost pets from across Michigan. Those interested can send an email to loveoflouie13@yahoo.com.

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Money Matters
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Last week, I saw in an announcement by an investment firm that claimed it was rolling out a new product that would pay 3 percent on checking and savings accounts. The company further stated that, even though this money was not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., it was protected by the Securities Investor Protection Corp. SIPC protects cash and securities that are held by individuals in a SIPC brokerage house. SIPC does not protect customers from market losses nor does it protect against bad investment advice or for recommending inappropriate investments.

That being said, it was intriguing to me that a brokerage house could offer 3 percent on cash and have that money

insured. After all, most other financial institutions are paying 1 percent or less for the same type of accounts. Of course, after doing some research, it became clear that the cash accounts were not covered under SIPC.

I bring this up because it is important that we all remember that, in today's world, anyone can say anything they want and get away with it, whether it's true or not. The Internet, TV and even the print media are filled with false and misleading information to deceive and confuse us. It is up to us to weed through it.

For as long as I've been involved in the investment world, I've always lived by a number of rules. One of those rules is that I never invest in anything that I can't check out independently. If I can't check out an investment independently, I'm walking away. I recognize that I am going to walk away from some attractive investment opportunities. However, my philosophy is that I'm will-

ing to give up something on the high end, not to be hit on the low end.

I know that many of you may be thinking there are some investment opportunities that are so new that there are not independent sources available to review the investment. My philosophy is that those are not investments, but rather fliers, which are different than an investment. I consider a flier no different than gambling. When I put \$10 down on the blackjack table, I assume I've lost that \$10 as soon as I put it down. The same thing applies when I take a flier on something. If you can't check something out independently, you have to think of it as more of a gamble than an investment.

In today's world, the majority of us do our research on the Internet. Unfortunately, we have to be cautious as to the sites we use and depend upon. We need to make sure the sites we use are independent and not biased. Remember, anyone can put up a website that looks

professional — don't fall for it. Just because a site looks professional does not make it legitimate. When it comes to checking things out, I want to look for at least two to three independent sources. If I can't find adequate independent sources, I am walking away. Some of the best decisions I've made are investments that I walked away from.

As a side note, the financial institution that has been advertising 3 percent on checking and savings accounts has withdrawn its offer, as it realized the money was not covered by SIPC. It seems to me that the bank didn't do its homework before it started advertising.

Remember, if something sounds too good to be true, it's probably something you should walk away from.

Good luck!

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Roundabout

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roundabout reopened to traffic — and Nov. 30, there were 12 crashes at the roundabout, which equates to an estimated 34 crashes per year.

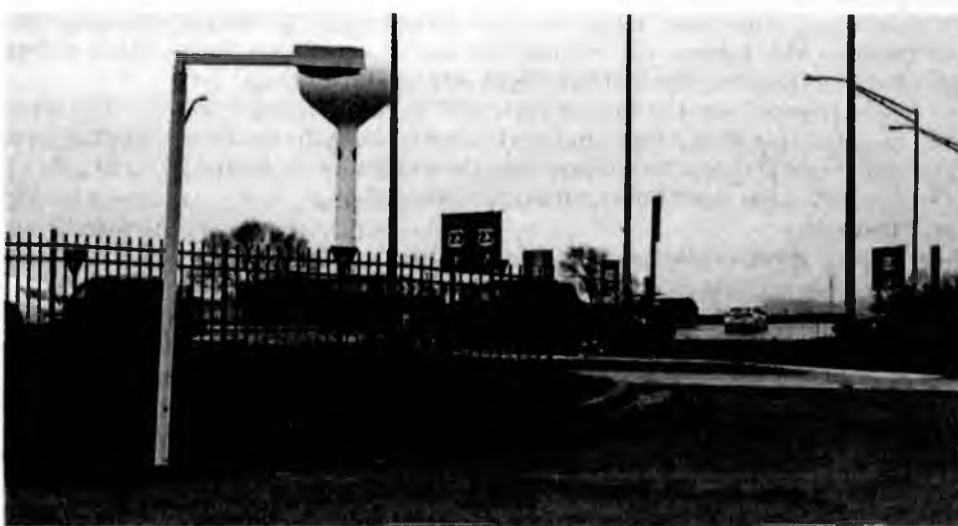
Looking at 12 years of data, Goryl determined there has been a 36-percent reduction in crashes, overall. The roundabout averaged 53 crashes per year, since original construction was completed in August 2006.

Goryl said more work is needed to further reduce crashes involving northbound drivers on Whitmore Lake Road heading to U.S. 23.

"Exactly half, six of 12 of the crashes ... involved northbound motorists on Whitmore Lake Road seeking access to U.S. 23, making a right turn from the left lane and impacting another vehicle in the right lane trying to continue north on Whitmore Lake Road," he said.

He said those crashes were caused by driver error.

"This type of crash is considered im-



Motorists heading northbound on Whitmore Lake Road enter a roundabout at Lee Road in Green Oak Township. The roundabout was reduced in size to reduce crashes, but this spot is still tricky for some, according to Livingston County Road Commission data. JENNIFER TIMAR | LIVINGSTON DAILY

proper lane use because the motorists in the left lane are making an improper right turn from a lane that is clearly marked and signed for left or through movements, while the right lane is

clearly marked and signed for through or right movements," he said.

Most of those drivers have been from outside the county, he said.

The road commission plans to install

additional signs on northbound Whitmore Lake Road, between the driveway to Costco and the roundabout, within about 30 days, he said. And some pavement markings will be redone next spring.

Janelle Feagans, who works at the BP gas station at the corner of Lee and Whitmore Lake roads next to the roundabout, has noticed fewer horns honking since the roundabout was revamped.

"But there are still people doing stupid stuff," said Feagans, a 48-year old Howell resident. "People still come in and are lost and get super-frustrated because they don't know how to get to places, mostly people from out of town."

Robert Bloom said he uses the roundabout multiple times per day and has noticed less people making errors.

"I think the simplification (of the roundabout) has improved safety," said Bloom, a 73-year old Green Oak Township resident. "In the past, there was a lot of confusion by strangers, people almost stopping traffic ... and the other errors are human errors when people are too aggressive and could cause accidents."

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AREA EVENTS

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Ultimate Fishing Show

The annual Ultimate Fishing Show is scheduled for Thursday through Sunday, Jan. 10-13, at the Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River Avenue, in Novi. Hours are 1-9 p.m. Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The show will feature hundreds of the newest fishing boats and more than 200 booths of fishing gear, outfitters, guides and lodges. An all-star lineup of professional anglers will also be at the show, with salmon, bass and walleye clinics.

Admission is \$12 for adults, \$5 for children ages 6-14 and free for children age 5 and under. For more information, go to www.ultimatefishingshow.com or call 800-328-6550.

AAUW naturalist presentation

The American Association of University Women – Northville Novi will host Dorothy McLeer, program coordinator at the Environmental Interpretive Center and interpretive naturalist, at 11:45 a.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at the Northville Public Library, 212 W. Cady Street.

The public is welcome to attend this free event. Reservations are not required. A box lunch (including a sandwich, side and a cookie) from Edwards Café is available for \$15 by ordering in advance of the meeting with a credit card at: <http://aauwnn.org/branch-programs/monthly-meetings-programs/>.

Bach to Bernstein concert

A Bach to Bernstein concert, featuring vocalists Caitlin Lynch and Dr. Jonathan Lasch and joined by an instrumental ensemble led by violinist Sonia Lee and pianist Jean Schneider, will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11, at First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, in Northville.

The concert is free to attend, but donations will be accepted. For more information, call 734-796-0680.

Northville Garden Club

The Northville Garden Club will meet at noon Monday, Jan. 14, at the Cady Inn, 215 Griswold Street, for a light luncheon and meeting. Barbara Mansfield, Greenmead director will present "Greenmead's Colorful History."

Guests are always welcome. For more information, call Suemarie Klimek at 734-459-8327.

HVS substitute job fair

The Huron Valley Schools district is seeking substitutes in many departments and will host a job fair from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, at Milford High School, 2380 S. Milford Road. District leaders and staff will be on hand to speak with applicants and answer questions about the various opportunities available.

Positions are available for guest teachers, substitute para educators, custodians, bus drivers, special education, early childhood and food service staff, recreation and community education and more. Training is provided.

To see a list of available jobs or apply online, go to hvs.org/district/hr/jobpostings. For more information, email Karen.Sisson@hvs.org.

Novi Choralaires rehearsal

The Novi Choralaires choir is seeking new members for all voice parts. Those interested in joining for the 2019 winter/spring season are invited to attend the open, non-audition rehearsal held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 15, in the Novi Middle School's choir rehearsal room, 49000 W. 11 Mile Road.

The group was founded in 1975 and operates under the umbrella of Novi Parks Performing Arts. It performs a Christmas concert series each December, a spring concert in May and at a number of venues

throughout the season, which runs from September through May.

Rehearsals are 7:30-9:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Novi Middle School. The cost is \$60 per season. For more information, email novi.choralaires@gmail.com.

'Last Five Years' at Tipping Point

Jason Robert Brown's raw musical creation, "The Last Five Years," will be performed Jan. 24 through March 3 at Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady Street, in Northville. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday, with special performances scheduled for 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Previews Jan. 24-25 offer tickets for only \$25 and include a talk back with the director and Tipping Point's producing artistic director, James R. Kuhl. Tickets for opening nights Jan 26 are \$47 and include a catered reception from Browndog Barlor & Restaurant after the performance. For more ticketing information, go to www.TippingPointTheatre.com or call the box office at 248-347-0003.

Motown turns 60

The Salem-South Lyon District Library will celebrate the 60th anniversary of Motown with live concert held 7-9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1224, 125 E. McHattie Street, in South Lyon.

Professor, musician and award-winning author M.L. Liebler will perform with his band. Liebler's book "Heaven Was Detroit: From Jazz to Hip-Hop and Beyond" was the winner of the 2017 Michigan Library Notable Book Award and is a finalist for both the Forward Indie Book Award and Next Generation Book Award. For more information, call 248-437-6431.

New exhibit at HVCA

Color + Thread = Art, the work of fiber artist Katie McGrath, is on display at Huron Valley Council for the Arts, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland.

Exhibit hours are 1-5 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, in January. For more information, go to www.huronvalleyarts.org or call 248-889-8660.

A quilt-making workshop using free cut piecing/drawing with a rotary cutter, led by McGrath and Mary Bajez, another art quilter and member of HVCA's The Art Shop artist collective, will take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 26, with a "snow date" of Saturday, Feb. 2. The cost is \$50. For more information about the class, go to www.huronvalleyarts.org/1/257/classes.asp.

Northville Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will present Textile Geometry: Compositions by Katie McGrath and Kathryn Schmidt, scheduled through Jan. 26. This exhibition features textiles that emphasize the use of geometric shapes, colorful fabrics and thread embellishments.

The exhibit runs is open during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org.

'Tinkerbell' at Marquis Theatre

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville will present "Tinkerbell Visits Storyland" throughout January. Showtimes are 2:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday through Jan. 27.

Tickets for all performances are \$9. No children under age 3. Group rates and reserved seating are available for groups of 20 or more. For more information, call 248-349-8110, email marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net or go to www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

VFAA exhibit at library

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership

with the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, exhibits its member artwork in the library Community Room. Through mid-January, it will feature the artwork of Renee Hoag.

This free exhibit will be displayed during regular library hours (9:30 to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday) unless the room is hosting another event. For more information, go to www.milfordvfaa.org.

American Square Dance

The South Lyon VFW Hall, 125 E. McHattie Street, will host a traditional American Square Dance 7-10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 1. The dance is open to the public, no experience necessary. Couples, singles or families (ages 9 and up with parents).

All dances will be taught first. Dress is casual. Entry is \$5 per person donation to VFW. For more information, go to squaredancemichigan.tripod.com/southlyon.html.

Area Agency on Aging class

Aging Matters, an educational service of AAA 1-B, is kicking off 2019 with a free six-week class titled Powerful Tools for Caregivers, scheduled for 1-3:30 p.m. each Monday beginning Feb. 4 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 10 Mile Road.

To register or to get more information, call 833-262-2200 or email wellnessprograms@aaa1b.com.

Barn dance at Kensington

The Kensington Metropark Farm Center, 4570 Huron River Parkway, will host a pair of barn dances Saturday, Feb. 18. There are two sessions to choose from: 6-8 p.m. (daddy-daughter, mother-son, parent-child) and 8-10 p.m. (adult couples, singles and families with older children).

Light refreshments will be provided. Advance tickets (\$8) are required. Call the park office at 810-227-8910 to order.

Adopt-A-Reader

Adopt-A-Reader links volunteers like you with children in kindergarten through second grade in the South Lyon Community Schools district who need extra support with reading and/or writing. This is an opportunity to create a learning bond by working individually with two children. You could make a real difference in their lives. All it takes is a commitment of about an hour a week.

You decide the school you would like to volunteer at, the day and time slot during school hours that's convenient for your schedule; we provide the training and materials. Contact Lindsey Jackson at 248-941-1701 or jacksonl@slcs.us for more information.

Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts

The Living and Learning Center, 315 Griswold, in Northville is a center that specializes in helping teens and adults that are on the autism spectrum learn job and social skills. This center provides a program 6-9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night that allows their clients to partake in games, art and creating friendships with their fellow peers and mentors.

Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.) while also having a fun night out of the house.

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to www.livingandlearningcenter.org.

Youth Alpha film series

All teens are invited to the Youth Alpha film series at the Java House Cafe, 25840 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. A free Java House drink and snack will be provided. Come at 6 p.m. each Thursday. Email any questions to YouthAlpha789@gmail.com or register at wp.holyspiritrcs.org/alpha/.

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Accident

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school, both at Wayne State University.

They lived for a while in Dearborn, then moved to Canton, then back to Dearborn before building a house in downtown Northville, where they quickly became active in the community, including the Northville Democratic Club.

"I moved here after they did," Abbas Taylor said. "Everyone I meet knew them and watched out for them and their house. When they were gone, and I'd go over to check on their house, their neighbors would come over and ask if I needed anything."

The Abbas family was out this Christmas, delivering gifts to neighbors, a family tradition, according to those who knew them.

Adnan Chirri, Rima Abbas' uncle, said Monday afternoon that the family was bracing for very hard days.

"Shocking is probably a light word... You hardly ever hear of an entire family passing at the same time, especially someone that's a young family like them," he said.

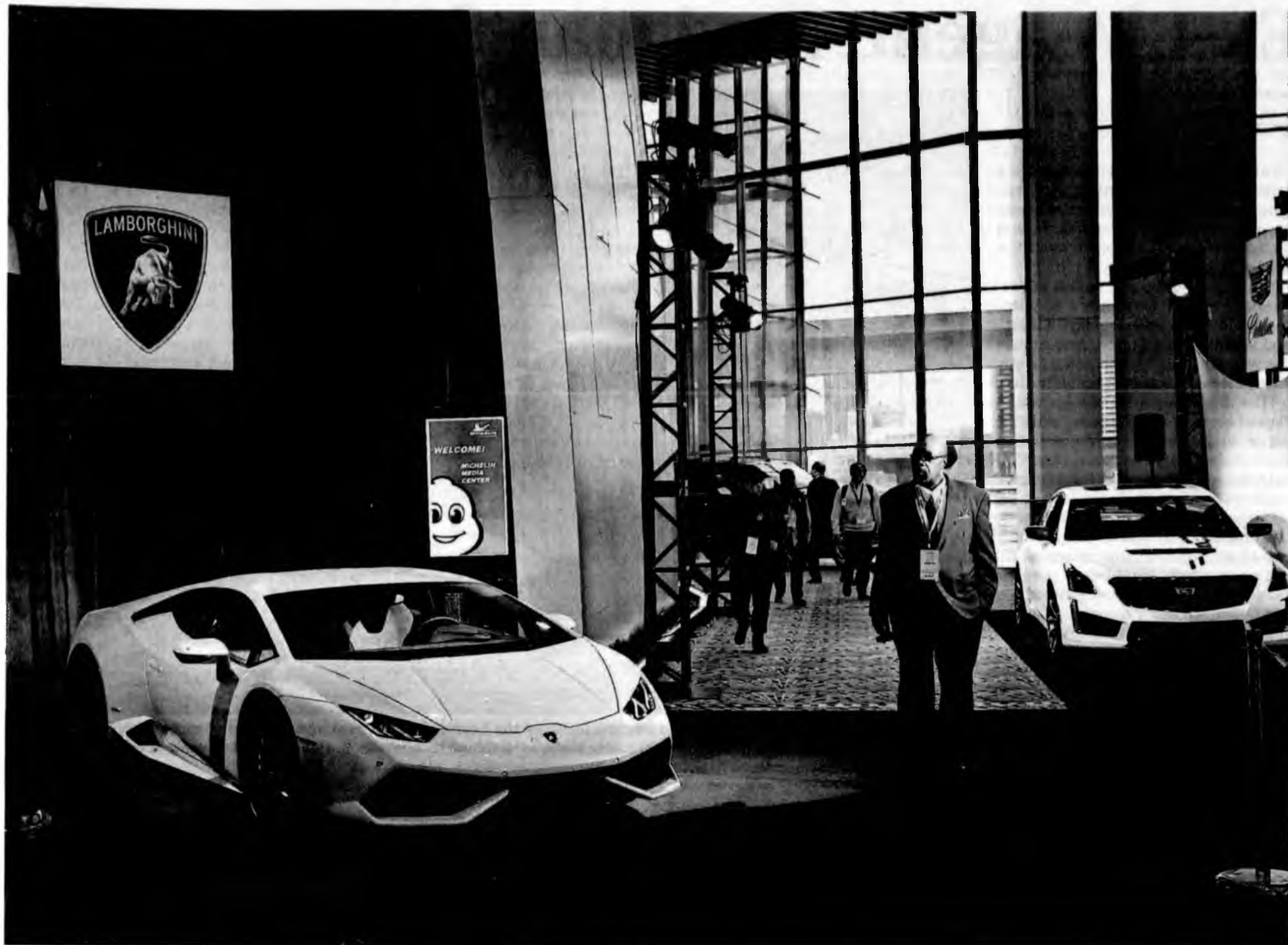
"That's really going to be a devastation, seeing five caskets at one time."

Chirri added that the family received an outpouring of condolences at the Islamic Center of America in Dearborn on Sunday night. More than 1,000 people turned out, he said.

The family was killed on I-75 in Lexington when a wrong-way driver rammed into their SUV, causing a fiery crash. That driver, who also was killed in the crash, has been identified as Joey Lee Bailey, 41, of Georgetown, Ky.

According to Lexington police, the crash happened around 2:30 a.m., about a mile before the Man o' War Boulevard exit.

An investigation is ongoing.



A Lamborghini is displayed alongside other exotic cars outside the press center at the North American International Auto Show in 2018. The year's show is open to the public Jan. 19-27. SCOTT OLSON | GETTY IMAGES

Annual Detroit auto show: What you will need to know

Eric D. Lawrence
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

The Detroit auto show is less than one week away.

True, the public won't get a direct look at all the new sheet metal until Jan. 19, but the official start of the 2019 North American International Auto Show is set for this weekend and most of the estimated 30 vehicles being revealed will have their day in the sun as part of the media preview Jan. 14-15.

Ford and General Motors, however, plan to jump the line.

Ford is set to unveil the 2020 Explorer Wednesday evening at Ford Field, while Cadillac plans to show off what Free Press auto critic Mark Phelan called "the brand's long-awaited, desperately needed answer" in the luxury SUV segment, the three-row XT6, Sunday at the Garden Theater.

Later on, we'll see an updated Passat from Volkswagen, Ford will showcase what is expected to be the fastest production Mustang to date — the Shelby GT 500, Lexus will show off a luxury performance coupe and Infiniti will offer up its first fully electric crossover concept.

And Toyota will resurrect the Supra.

Extra goodies

Organizers have promised that the show will have plenty of goodies, such as moving vehicle "activations." Kia will provide that in the form of a "Telluride Torque Track" set on the show floor.

Ram, Nissan, Kia, Hyundai, Subaru, Lexus, Infiniti and GAC have scheduled news conferences during the media preview and floor space is set for all of the above referenced brands, as well as Honda, Acura, Genesis, Chrysler, Fiat, Dodge, Jeep, Alfa Romeo, Lincoln, GMC, Buick and Chevrolet.

Several mainstay brands from previous shows are missing, including Mercedes, BMW and Audi.

"There's still going to be plenty of product to take a look at. There's going to be 750-plus cars on the showroom floor," Bill Golling, 2019 NAIAS chairman, said last month. "The displays are terrific. So there's still lots to do. We had 800,000 attend last year and we certainly anticipate the same amount this year."

Before the public show, special events, such as The Gallery (Jan. 12 at MGM Grand Detroit), which will showcase vehicles such as the 2019 Rolls-Royce Cullin SUV, and the Charity Pre-



The 2020 Toyota Supra will be revealed at January's 2019 North American International Auto Show in Detroit. TOYOTA

view black-tie fundraiser (Jan. 18 at Cobo) will set a glamorous tone for Detroit's big event.

This year's show marks the end of an era and a major anniversary as Detroiters prepare to say their farewells to winter treks for auto shows at Cobo Center ahead of the switch to a June auto show in 2020, which has been promised as a one-of-a-kind auto experience. The Detroit auto show has been around in some form — with a break during World War II — since 1907, but this marks the 30th anniversary of the show's international focus, so expect a bit of a celebration from the two luxury Japanese brands — Lexus and Infiniti — that made their debut at the 1989 show.

With fewer vehicle introductions planned, some industry watchers say the show appears as if it will be somewhat subdued compared to past events.

Jessica Caldwell, executive director of industry analysis for Edmunds, said automakers have more options to showcase their products now, which is affecting how they approach the typically glit-

zy events. While she does not believe the auto show era is over, the changes for Detroit's show are notable.

"Detroit ... was always the biggest show in the United States, at least," Caldwell said. "It was the mecca of exciting news."

Important vehicles

Michelle Krebs, executive analyst at Autotrader, said that because of the transitional nature of this year's auto show, the list of new vehicles is "rather skimpy," but not insignificant.

"The list includes some important utility vehicles, notably the Cadillac XT6 and the Ford Explorer. It also appears automakers are trying to spice things up with some performance offerings, with the long-awaited Toyota Supra likely to be a star of the ONshow," Krebs said.

Caldwell also highlighted the Supra. "Performance vehicles always tend to grab more headlines than something that is more practical. Supra certainly

Detroit auto show 2019 schedule

Jan. 12: Limited-entry Gallery event, featuring luxury vehicles at MGM Grand.

Jan. 14-15: Media preview, drawing 5,000 journalists from around the country.

Jan. 16-17: Industry Days.

Jan. 14-17: AutoMobili-D, an expo of advanced technology.

Jan. 17: Future Automotive Career Exposition, which can offer guidance for those interested in a job in the automotive industry.

Jan. 18: The Charity Preview, a black-tie fundraiser for nonprofits that help children, featuring Your Generation in Concert.

Jan. 19-27: Public show.

Jan. 27: Sensory Friendly Day.

Auto show tickets

Tickets to all Detroit auto show events are available at naias.com/tickets.

Public show: \$14 for adults, \$7 for people ages 65 and older and ages 7-12. Younger children get free admission with a parent or guardian.

Industry Days: \$110

Charity Preview: \$400

fits that bill. ... I think it would see a lot of coverage there," Caldwell said.

She noted that this year's show seems not to have an overriding theme, which means something unexpected could emerge. Without the manic pace of past years, people should have more time to look around, Caldwell said.

Although the public show promises fewer vehicle unveilings than in past years, the lights and sounds still promise a splashy break from the winter blahs. Some folks, however, prefer, or require, a less dramatic show.

For the second year, the music and flashing lights will take a break during Sensory Friendly Day, which is scheduled for the morning of Jan. 27, the final day of the show. The show's first Sensory Friendly Day was started last year in collaboration with then-Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and Autism Alliance of Michigan.

For baseball fans, the Tigers Winter Caravan stops by the Chevrolet display Jan. 25. And an announcement by IndyCar is planned for Jan. 15.

Ex-CIA agent: Novi man fits spy profile

Phoebe Wall Howard
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Paul Whelan of Novi, imprisoned in a czarist-era Russian prison on spy charges, would attract the notice of any seasoned intelligence team, a former CIA covert operations officer told the Free Press.

"As long as there are nation states, there will be espionage. It is a very real threat and even more so today," said retired agent Valerie Plame, now an author who was famously outed as a spy during the second Bush administration.

"The Cold War was a bipolar world. We had one big enemy. Now, with the rise of nuclear terrorism, rogue nation states and a very active Russia and China, in the espionage realm," said Plame, who lives in Santa Fe, N.Mex.

Plame, who noted she was a little sore from hiking the Grand Canyon, described an unpredictable international landscape where anything is possible and everything must be considered.

Whelan, 48, an executive with the auto parts manufacturer BorgWarner in Auburn Hills, was picked up by Russian authorities Dec. 28 on suspicion of spying. His twin brother said the ex-U.S. Marine, whose military record included a larceny conviction, was in Russia for a friend's wedding. The Russians indicted Whelan on Jan. 3.

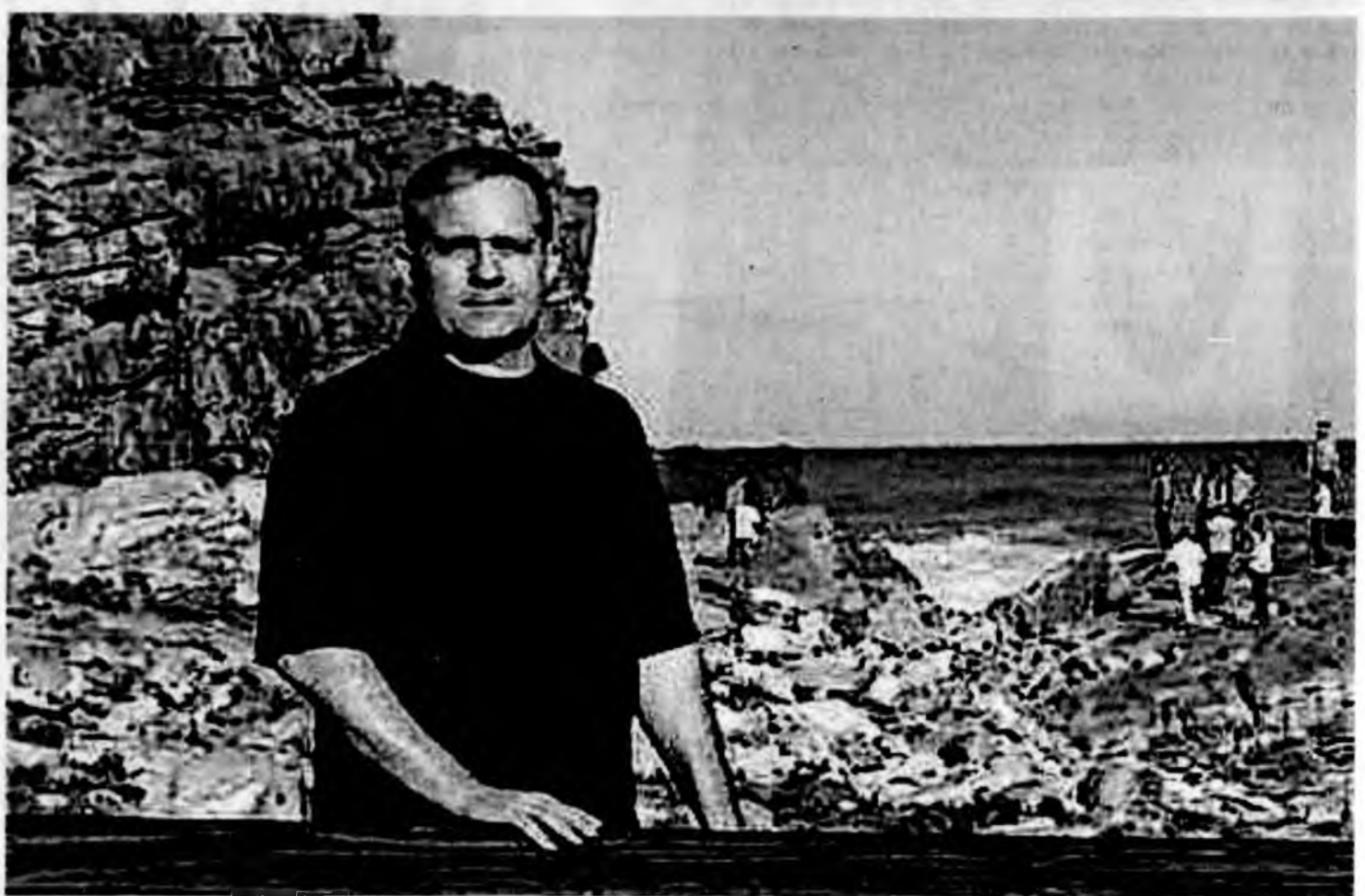
Russian media said Friday he was arrested in a Moscow hotel after receiving a flash drive with the names of workers at a classified security agency.

"There do seem to be real question marks around this story, at least in the public domain," Plame said. "That he was discharged from the military, from the Marines, dishonorably. That he's got this big interest in Russia; he travels there a lot. Huh? He's an auto parts guy? Really? I don't know. He could be completely innocent. The Kremlin could be trying to be provocative. Or there could be something there."

As a career CIA agent who can't safely confirm publicly the length of her undercover career, Plame said international threats are real. And Americans must take them seriously.

It is quite possible Russia is using Whelan as a pawn, said Plame, whose being publicly named as a CIA operative in 2003 led to the conviction of Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff Scooter Libby. President Donald Trump pardoned Libby in April, drawing Plame's ire.

"By and large, I am quite alarmed at the intensity and depth that Russia has gone to disrupt all of our systems," she said. "They have sown chaos and they have done it really well. They have sown doubt in our electoral system. I think



Paul N. Whelan, 48, of Novi was arrested Dec. 28, 2018, by the Russian government and accused of espionage. His family insists he's innocent, saying he is a world traveler and was detained by mistake. In this undated photograph, Paul Whelan is seen at the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa. WHELAN FAMILY PHOTO

that is very serious. It goes to the very heart of our belief in our democracy and our way of life."

Plame expressed concern about America's ability to navigate the geopolitical situation with so much transition in Washington, including the government shutdown. She said the U.S. State Department has "really atrophied and really suffered under this presidency."

"For all we know, the people that might be in that office might not be reporting to work because of the government shutdown," Plame said.

She hoped that State Department officials were communicating regularly with the Whelan family. "They're probably best advised to say nothing right now. The situation is so muddy that I think adding to it would be detrimental to Mr. Whelan's eventual release from captivity."

Is it possible he could be a spy? "It is not inconceivable," Plame said.

She added, "There are many Americans that seek to serve their country in various ways. That's probably all I should say."

History of spying

Spy agencies in America have a his-

tory of relying on global companies to assist with intelligence collection, say historians who specialize in espionage.

To date, no evidence has been made public that ties Whelan to the CIA or the National Security Agency. The American, who had a work history in law enforcement, faces up to 20 years behind bars if convicted of espionage.

He has been a security specialist for the automotive parts supplier BorgWarner since 2017. Previously, he worked for Kelly Services, a temporary staffing agency that touts itself as a "global leader" with an ability to place workers "in top companies across a variety of industries" across the world since 1968.

While BorgWarner has customers all over the world and employs 29,000 people in the U.S., Europe and Asia, none of the company's international sites is in Russia, company spokeswoman Kathy Graham said.

International analysts have suggested that Whelan is being held hostage by Russian President Vladimir Putin in hopes of negotiating the freedom of a Russian cooperating with special counsel Robert Mueller in the ongoing investigation into U.S. election manipulation. Whelan is being held in Lefortovo detention center, built in the late 1800s

and later used as a KGB prison.

Whelan was apprehended during a vacation trip, not work. Professionally, he is not responsible for cybersecurity nor was he in charge of industrial espionage duties as part of his job description.

He was responsible for the security of facilities, assets owned by the company and its people, Graham confirmed. Whelan did not work in information technology Graham said.

In a 2013 deposition in an age discrimination suit against Kelly Services, he described his role this way: "Kelly Services is a global company, and we work with federal agencies all the time ... at the foreign embassies, or we work with HUD or DEA, FBI, ATF, whomever in the United States. We work with federal agencies in Canada, and what have you, all over the place. So we come in contact with federal agencies and officers all the time."

'Whelan is being framed'

However, Chris Costa, executive director of the International Spy Museum, a nonprofit organization based in Wash-

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What we know about spy case

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Paul Nicholas Whelan, 48, of Novi was arrested Jan. 28 in Moscow, accused of espionage. The Russian Federal Security Service said he was detained "while on a spy mission."

If Whelan is convicted, Russian authorities said he could serve up to 20 years in prison.

Here is what we know now about Paul Whelan, his life, his background and where things stand with his case.

Paul Whelan's family says he was in Russia to help friend

Paul Whelan's twin brother, David Whelan, said last week that the family only learned of his arrest Dec. 31.

According to David Whelan, Paul Whelan was a world traveler who'd been to Russia multiple times for work and as a tourist. A friend from the U.S. Marines was getting married in Moscow and had asked Paul Whelan to help his American family and friends get around, his brother said.

"The friend asked if Paul could come and help because his family was going to Russia and hadn't had a lot of experience there," David Whelan said. "Paul was there to help people tour the buildings and get around what can be a difficult country to navigate."

Paul Whelan arrived in Russia on Dec. 22, his brother said, and had planned to help the wedding party in Moscow through Jan. 1. He was then scheduled to travel to St. Petersburg before returning home to Michigan on Jan. 6.

U.S. government officials respond

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David Whelan @davidpwhelan · 3h

My brother was detained by the Russian government on Friday as an alleged spy. While the law library + info focus will remain, you may see an increase in off-message topics until we get him safely home.

We have read reports of the arrest in Moscow of Paul Whelan, our son & brother. Paul is a retired Marine and was visiting Moscow to attend a wedding. We noticed that he was not in communication on the 28th, which was very much out of character for him even when he was traveling. We learned of his arrest on Monday morning after his detention was picked up on newswires and have contacted Congressional representatives, the U.S. Embassy, and the State Department. We are deeply concerned for his safety and well-being. His innocence is undoubted and we trust that his rights will be respected.

Statement from the family of Paul N. Whelan, who has been detained by the Russian government since 12/28/2018

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The brother of a Novi man accused of spying in Russia tweeted that the family does not doubt Paul Whelan's innocence. David Whelan wrote: "We are deeply concerned for his safety and well-being." TWITTER

"I am alarmed by Russia's detainment of one of my constituents, Paul Whelan," said U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens, D-Rochester Hills, whose district includes Whelan's home and his company's headquarters. "I have been in touch with the Whelan family and I am committed to working with them to bring Mr. Whelan home."

"Paul served our country as a marine and law enforcement officer and we must ensure that Russia continues to meet its obligations under the Vienna Convention to provide U.S. officials access to Mr. Whelan. I am working with the State Department and will remain vigilant until Paul returns safely to his

family in Michigan," she added.

The offices of U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Mich., and U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, D-Mich., had no comment on Whelan's arrest or his possible release.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Jan. 3 that "if the detention is not appropriate we will demand his immediate return."

David Whelan, said that the family has no new updates, but noted: "Secretary Pompeo's statement that they hope to gain consular access to Paul and will look forward to developments."

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Whelan's family denies the charges and says Whelan was in Moscow for a wedding when he was arrested. His brother, David, said Paul Whelan traveled to Russia on Dec. 22 to help a friend from the Marines who was getting married in Moscow.

The friend had asked Whelan to help his American family and friends get around in Russia, David Whelan said.

U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens, D-Mich., represents the district where Paul Whelan lives and where he works as global security chief for automotive parts maker BorgWarner. Stevens said she's been in repeated contact with his family and that she's trying to get the State Department to appoint "a dedicated attache to work on this going forward."

Last month, Russian national Maria Butina, 30, pleaded guilty to conspiring to act as an agent for the Kremlin — and agreed to cooperate with federal prosecutors. The Kremlin has denied that she is a spy.

Butina, in jail since her July arrest, could get up to five years in prison. Sentencing guidelines call for no more than six months, however.

U.S.-Russian relations have struggled in recent months despite Trump's frequent praise of President Vladimir Putin. Scores of Russian diplomats were expelled last year after the poisoning of an ex-Russian spy and his daughter in Britain that was linked to the Kremlin.

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ington, D.C., said, "My analysis suggests that this individual Paul Whelan is being framed" by Russia's Federal Security Service, known as FSB.

The spy museum collects and shares intelligence artifacts and stories to provide a global perspective on an all-but-invisible profession that has shaped history and continues to have a significant impact on world events.

"From a historical standpoint, whether we're talking about the FSB or former KGB, our museum puts stories together that illustrate the cat-and-mouse game of counterintelligence," he said. "The FSB is very, very pervasive and a solid security service. They're very adept at dirty tricks."

Costa, like others nationally and internationally, including Plame, suggested that Putin could be "looking for leverage" in hopes of swapping the American for the Russian Maria Butina, who has pleaded guilty to acting as an unregistered agent of Russia.

"It's an embarrassment, the fact that the Russians have got their hands caught in the cookie jar," he said, citing the poisoning of a Russian former spy and his daughter in Britain, in addition to tampering with U.S. politics.

"The Russians are going back to their playbook that they used throughout the Cold War. They're very aggressive," Costa said. "They're taking shots at the United States."

The claim that a businessman could actually work as a spy is not lost on fans of novelists John Le Carré or Robert Ludlum. History shows that the scenario is plausible.

Globally, corporations do passively work with intelligence services, Costa said. It may be a simple question during a crisis, and "of course, companies are going to cooperate in most cases."

Not only have companies cooperated in the past, but they've been essential.

Finding people who can speak a foreign language fluently, cultivate cultural resources and develop social contacts was, and continues to be, important, said Professor Brian Hayashi, chairman of the Department of History at Kent State University in Ohio.

Whelan may be a logical target because he fits the profile, said Hayashi, author of an upcoming book being published by Oxford University Press about

the little-known recruitment of Americans who were of Chinese, Japanese and Korean descent who worked as U.S. spies during World War II.

The book documents corporate cooperation with the intelligence community, too.

"Western Union was heavily involved in the transmission of telegrams," he said. "They were able to get different radio companies involved with American intelligence."

The U.S. government would scan for coded messages in telegrams going abroad, particularly between Berlin and Tokyo, Hayashi said. "In some cases, they allowed for American intelligence to look at the telegrams."

He continued, "American intelligence will go to various communications companies, in the past and even today, and try to get information."

Missionaries as spies

Apart from formal cooperation, American intelligence can filter communications by capturing keyword searches and targets using technology.

"You never really know what's going on," Hayashi said. "We just don't know."

Top CIA agents have been journalists, religious missionaries and English teachers, he said. More and more, "sad to say," nongovernmental organizations are included too — "the CIA may try to slip somebody in there."

The automotive industry isn't immune, Hayashi said.

"It included one of the spies that the Office of Strategic Services — the predecessor to the CIA — used during World War II in China," he said. "One of the automotive executives went to China, and slipped in and was ostensibly working to re-establish the American car industry in China. In reality, he was there as an agent for the OSS."

In that case, the agent double-crossed the U.S. to serve British interests. He was Canadian and his boss was an influential executive whose work led to the creation of the American International Group in finance and insurance, Hayashi discovered.

More recently, the Daily Mail of Britain reported in August 2015 that "enemy spies" were attempting to recruit civil servants in a bid to steal Britain's secrets by "befriending" them on LinkedIn, the social network site for hundreds of millions of professionals.

Secret agents working for countries including Russia and China created fake

profiles on the site to lure unsuspecting victims, British intelligence warned.

News reports have noted that Whelan had an active Russian social media account and had connected with Russian soldiers.

These days, coverage of the Whelan case has inspired countless press calls to BorgWarner from throughout the U.S., England, Russia and France, Graham said.

News of the Russian police action didn't actually surprise Hayashi, he said.

"I know something of the KGB — I had to deal with them in my book," he said. "I can assure you, if the FSB is similar to its predecessor, the KGB, then the wider issue of Russian interference in American elections and politics is nothing new. The KGB had an entire section devoted to such activities. ... They got as high as the next prime minister of the Labour Party to Margaret Thatcher in the 1980s."

Meanwhile, America hasn't had a lot of trouble getting its own agents inside Russia because the new, younger generation opposes old-school KGB thinking that Putin, a former agent in the spy agency, represents, Hayashi said.

"I doubt Mr. Whelan was there to spy but, still, one does not know for sure without seeing any evidence," he said. "The likelihood is that he is innocent but happened to be in Russia at the wrong time. It is also possible he might have stumbled onto something accidentally and the Russians may want to cover that up."

As it all unfolds, BorgWarner — which builds products that make vehicles move, from clutches and friction plates to transfer cases to turbochargers to electric motors and parts for combustion, hybrid and electric vehicles — is quietly awaiting the return of its executive.

Aaron Retish, a Wayne State University professor who has taught modern Russian and post-Soviet history for 16 years, is in England now, and watching the Whelan case.

It's unusual for the Russian government to arrest any American visiting the country on a tourist visa, Retish said.

Butina connection?

"Russia has arrested some people for coming in on a wrong visa or not registering. But this, the Russian media reports, was a spy sting," he said. "So something must have happened. Who

knows? They've done this a couple of times with some U.S. diplomats and some British diplomats, but they were all eventually deported and not arrested."

There is wide speculation that Whelan's arrest in Russia could somehow be tied to Butina, who was trying to influence American political groups, including the National Rifle Association, but Retish said it's too soon to make any such connection.

"I know that American news outlets have been trying to link the two, saying that this is some setup for a swap, but ... there are so many other moving wheels," Retish said, in the geopolitical landscape.

Butina, he noted, was not charged with espionage, which the Russian government alleges against Whelan.

"She was arrested for being a foreign agent," Retish said. "That makes it a lot different."

Comparisons are being made, he said, between Butina and the Russian spy Anna Chapman, who was arrested in the United States nearly a decade ago and pleaded guilty to conspiracy charges.

"She was a Russian woman who was married and living in the United States and was also kind of this classic spy. She was living the normal life, but she was also spying for Russia and then she was eventually caught," Retish said. "Even her husband supposedly didn't know about it. She was eventually released and came back to Russia for a while and became a celebrity. She was praised by Putin."

"That's kind of where the similarities end between the two. Chapman was a spy. Butina was a foreign agent, an unregistered foreign agent. It could be eventually that Butina actually has more significance on the political field because of all the connections that she had, than Chapman. But that is the only other big swap that you had."

"This is just a weird case with Whelan because Putin just came out saying ... he hoped to have neither conversation and a meeting with Trump. And you could see that there could be a potential upswing in U.S.-Russian relations, especially with the U.S. pulling out of Syria, which is also something that Putin praised."

"It's an odd time to arrest someone, but you never know what is happening behind the scenes. This is also how Putin works. When you least expect it, something like this happens."

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U.S. Ambassador to Russia Jon Huntsman Jr., the former governor of Utah, visited Whelan Jan. 3 in the Lefortovo Detention Facility, according to a State Department spokesperson. Huntsman expressed his support for Whelan and offered the Embassy's assistance.

Huntsman also spoke with Whelan's family via telephone, the spokesperson said.

Paul Whelan's early life

He is now a U.S. citizen, but was born in 1971 to British parents, Edward and Rosemary Whelan, in Canada. He has a twin brother, David Whelan, who has been the family spokesperson since Paul's arrest.

The family moved to Michigan after the twins were born, settling in the Ann Arbor area. Paul and David Whelan also have a sister and another brother.

The twins attended Huron High School in Ann Arbor and graduated in the class of 1988.

Paul Whelan never married and never had children, his twin brother said. Before his arrest in Russia, he lived in an apartment in Novi.

Paul Whelan was court-martialed from Marines

The U.S. Marine Corps says Whelan was convicted in a 2008 court-martial on charges related to larceny.

His service record was released by the Marine Corps at the Pentagon and shows he joined the Marine Reserves May 10, 1994, and rose to the rank of staff sergeant in December 2004. Whelan was an administrative clerk and administrative chief and deployed for the war against Iraq for several months in 2004 and 2006.

He was convicted at a special court-martial in January 2008 on several charges related to larceny and was given a bad-conduct discharge in December 2008 at the rank of private. Details of the larceny charges were not released.

Whelan's last place of duty was Marine Corps Air Station Miramar in Cali-



Paul N. Whelan, 48, of Novi was arrested Dec. 28, 2018, by the Russian government and accused of espionage. In this undated photograph, he is seen holding a family dog. WHALEN FAMILY PHOTO

fornia.

Other work history

He worked as a Chelsea police officer from 1988 to 2000 and also worked for the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Department, Whelan testified in a 2013 court deposition.

In 2001, Whelan began work at Kelly Services, a Troy-based company that offers consulting, temporary workers and workforce solutions to businesses around the world. He took a military leave of absence from Kelly Services, he testified, from 2003-08, to serve in Iraq.

At Kelly Services, his title was senior

manager of global security and investigations. His job included campus security as well as electronic and IT-related security. He left the company in 2016 and started working for BorgWarner, an Auburn Hills-based auto supplier, in 2017, according to company spokeswoman Kathy Graham.

His job at BorgWarner involves overseeing security for "facilities, assets and people" in Auburn Hills and around the world, Graham said.

Paul Whelan owns an online firearms business

According to business licensing rec-

ords, Whelan also runs an online firearms business known as Kingsmead Arsenal. The business was started in 2012, and its address is the same as Whelan's apartment on Wellington Drive in Novi.

He testified in the 2013 deposition that he has a federal firearms license.

Is the case tied to Russian spy Maria Butina?

Paul Whelan's arrest comes just a few weeks after Russian national Maria Butina agreed to cooperate with federal prosecutors; she pleaded guilty to conspiring to act as an agent for the Kremlin after working for years to infiltrate American political groups, including the National Rifle Association.

Although some have speculated his arrest this might be an attempt by the Russians to orchestrate a trade — Butina for Paul Whelan — his brother isn't willing to presume that's what is at play.

"People have looked for conspiracies and things or connections to Ms. Butina," he said. "But at the end of the day, it's just hard to know."

"I think sometimes the geopolitical spectrum is a lot more complicated than that sort of trade-off. That could be what it was, but we're trying not to focus on what the explanation might be, and are just trying to get him home."

The Russian announcement of Paul Whelan's arrest came one day after President Vladimir Putin released a holiday greeting to President Donald Trump that stressed the importance of Russia-U.S. relations in "ensuring strategic stability and international security." The one-sentence message also "reaffirmed that Russia is open to dialogue with the United States on the most extensive agenda."

U.S.-Russian relations have been battered by controversy despite Trump's frequent praise of Putin. Scores of Russian diplomats were expelled this year in response to the poisoning of a former Russian spy in Britain that was linked to the Kremlin.

And special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election has brought scrutiny on communications between Trump's inner circle and Russian operatives.



Severely premature infants

MICROPREEMIES

Written by Tim Smith • Staff Writer
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Taking big risk may save lives

Editor's note: The word "micropremie" is becoming increasingly used among the general public, but not in medical circles. Doctors usually refer to them as very-low-birth-weight or severely premature infants.

By Tim Smith

Photo by Dan Dean

I mean an incredibly fortified, yet it happens every day. As fast as you can say "micropremie," it's already out of the news. It's a word that's been around for a long time, but it's not a word that's been around for a long time.

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Here we go: Carrying the official "United We Walk" sign to... the annual Detroit Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade.

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TIME TO HAND OFF BATON OF COMMUNITY JOURNALISM



Tim Smith

Columnist

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It's New Year's again, time to binge-watch episodes of the classic "Twilight Zone." But this time around, it's a different vibe.

Black and white episodes from the Rod Serling series appropriately are showing on the TV in the other room as I go through a pile of old newspapers, award plaques, documents and photos which I have amassed (to my wife Donna's dismay) during a long career with the Observer & Eccentric.

I'm actually caught up in my own little twilight zone right now, so the choice of show on the set is perfect. That's because I am retiring Jan. 2, nearly 33 years after first walking into the old Birmingham Eccentric office on Bowers Street for my first day on the job.

When I started, Feb. 10, 1986, there were chain-smoking journalists like Jackie Klein who also filled the air with laughter. My editor was the late Sandy Armbruster, who brought me in to cover the Southfield Public Schools district and the city of Lathrup Village.

The sports editor for the Southfield Eccentric was Marty Budner. We are retiring together, having accepted voluntary early retirement offers from parent company, Gannett.

So much has changed over 33 years. The way reporters work is at the top of the list. In those years, writers went to the scene armed with notebooks and pens to fill pages with furiously scribbled quotes and information — all quickly and carefully perused afterward before those notes became impossible to decipher.

Fast forward to 2019, when I will log off my Gannett laptop for the final time. When I cover an event or game or do an interview, I still take notes. But I also use a digital recorder to capture the words that I will later transcribe and eventually weave into a story file.

If one were to look over my shoulder while I was writing something, they'd find my "interview" file on one side of the screen and the "official" story file on the other.

Yes, the old way of collecting information still fascinates me. Chevy Chase's "Fletch" remains a personal favorite movie.

But nothing beats the thrill of the digital world — including stories that can be unleashed into the Internet universe at the touch of a button. Add modern metrics to the mix and writers can pretty much tally how many people are reading a particular story and for how long.

I must admit, I wasn't crazy about jumping into the numbers game. But it grew on me over the past few years and, as my O&E tenure comes to a close, I took as much pride in putting a good video together as I always did with my stories.

And there were a lot of stories over the years. (It helped to refer to those yellowed newspapers to jog the memory, of course.)

I forgot about the time in 1987, when Detroit Pistons legend Isiah Thomas chatted with Southfield-Lathrup High School students (S-L also is long gone these days, unfortunately) about finding a path in life that veered far from drugs and alcohol.

"You've got a chance to do something really good, you're young," Thomas said

Baby beats odds, comes home healthy, happy

Just take a peek at the photo on the other side of this column and tell me: premature babies aren't worth fighting for.

All smiles — and signaling thumbs up to the naysayers — is our scrappy little daughter, Elizabeth Ellen Smith. For the record, she was born just after midnight on Sunday, Nov. 20, 1994. She was 28 weeks gestation (16 weeks early), weighed only 1 pound 14 ounces and measured merely 18 inches long.

Also for the record is this: good things can happen to premature babies with love, care, advances in hospital technology and the prayers and thoughts of many people, some of them strangers.

She's come a long way, baby. Evidence of such? It's the stress-up picture across this page, snapped just a few days before Elizabeth's March 9 discharge from the monitors- and alarm-filled neonatal intensive care unit at Royal Oak's William Beaumont Hospital. She's now at home in Livonia, giving life new meaning for her mom, dad, and the family mutts — Kelly and Therapy.

A thumbs-up feeling

Elizabeth, of course, is too young to know she was even giving the thumbs-up signal, let alone giving it to her improved prognosis.

Yet her posture is exactly how her mother, Donna, and father, yours truly, feel about how things have progressed in the nearly 17 weeks since. It's been a roller-coaster ride, from frightfully tough and-on to relatively optimistic.

But this isn't only about us. It's about looking other parents in the eye and saying, "See? Premies aren't lost causes after all."

Unfortunately, despair and defeat seemed to be the tone and tenor of "Born Too Soon," an article published in the Jan. 29, 1995, Detroit Free Press Magazine.

If anything happens too soon, it's the way parents — and doctors, sometimes — give up on these minuscule bundles of joy. Who knows what life these babies will lead, gone the thinking. According to this notion, it is almost cruel to subject



TIM SMITH

babies to likely mental retardation or physical handicaps. Premies will be in-corrected and tested out financially early for them.

So why not pull the plug? That's what Gregory Messenger, neonatologist, did to his child (also born at 28 weeks, only three ounces lighter than Elizabeth was at birth).

Let's be clear. This isn't to judge Messenger for doing what he thought was best. His child's prognosis wasn't good. Doctors were pessimistic.

And we do sympathize for all of the Messengers of the world. But babies born more than three months premature can make it. Take another look at Elizabeth's picture and tell me they can't.

Attitude adjustment

New I'll be the first to tell you there were times when Donna and I wondered whether it was worth it all or whether we were fooling ourselves that everything would turn out OK. We'll never give side were stuck in apnea as our daughter. Doctors originally gave us only about a 50-percent chance of surviving.

During the month, since Nov. 20, 1994, however, our attitudes were adjusted.

Our minds were indeed with — here's that word again — optimism. Nurses in the NICU, led by Elizabeth's primary-care nurse, Barbara Gies and Colleen Campy, were upbeat and realistic. They could lay it on the line. But there never was a shortage of support and friends!



PHOTO BY TIM

All right! When it became apparent that Elizabeth Ellen Smith would finally get to go home, the 4-month-old couldn't resist giving a happy, thumbs-up response.

Our confidence and trust could only grow after the night of Saturday, Nov. 19, 1994. That evening, doctors decided that Donna needed to deliver — immediately — or put her own health in serious risk.

She had what they described as borderline toxemia, symptoms being dangerously high blood pressure and fluid retention — the latter starting to cause breathing problems.

We soon were told the inevitable: the only way to beat the disease would be to deliver the baby by emergency C-section.

That's where the frightfully tough-and-go part came in.

Slowly she progressed and graduated from one NICU nursery to the next.

At each step along the way, Donna met many fine parents, all of who refused — like us — to give up the hope.

Now that Elizabeth is home, our thoughts and prayers remain with them. The Bodinos. The Remans. The Saites. . .

Oh sure, we know Elizabeth has way to go. But we're more than willing to risk those with her down life's path. Not every parent of a premie — in whatever reason, chosen or fate —



This March 16, 1995, column in the West Bloomfield-Lakes Eccentric told the story of how micropremie Elizabeth Smith "beat the odds" and came home healthy. SMITH ARCHIVE



In summer 2015, then-sports editor Tim Smith — a senior league goaltender for many years — was asked to do a "day in the life" story about how young goalie prospects are put through their paces against college and pro shooters during a Bandits Pro Elite Goalie Camp at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. That experience remains at the top of personal favorites generated during a 33-year career with the Observer & Eccentric. DANIEL WOOLSTON

In my column about his visit. "The decisions you make at 12 and 15 affect your life at the age of 30."

Many readers only know me as a sports editor, which I was beginning in late 2001. Long before my annual routine included football Fridays, treks to basketball courts and hockey rinks, Memorial Day weekends at the Canton Cup or baseball districts on scorching Saturdays in early June, I was a fly on the wall at school board meetings.

Or a quiet listener — and scribbler of those pesky notes — at Oakland County Circuit Court.

In October 1987, that's where I was when Judge Fred M. Mester declared a mistrial in the case of a woman charged in the 1986 murder of the Rev. Frank

Madsen at Franklin Club Apartments in 1986. I still remember the crime scene, when a body bag was wheeled out of the apartments and into the coroner's waiting hearse.

That twilight zone haze is starting to creep into my mind again. As I peer through it, I recall sitting on the back porch of Detroit Red Wings Hall of Famer Bill Gadsby, who lived in Southfield. I was doing a personality feature, which we called "Portraits."

"Are you hungry? My wife can make you some vegetable soup and a bologna sandwich and there's lemonade," said Gadsby, a down-to-earth sort who also ran a popular hockey camp at Southfield Civic Center for many years.

That was the best lunch I ever had,

not because of the food, but because I had the unique chance to kibitz with a hockey hero I watched when I was a little kid. And now I got to write about him!

Those kind of moments occurred every once in a while, even as I grew into middle age and retirement.

Among people with name recognition that I have interviewed during my career (including those encountered between graduating from Wayne State University in 1979 and joining the O&E) are former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Marilyn Quayle (wife of Dan Quayle, running for vice president at the time), ex-Michigan Gov. Jim Blanchard, Hall of Fame baseball broadcaster Ernie Harwell, singer Davy Jones of Monkees fame, big-league coaches turned restaurant owners Chuck Daly and Jacques Demers, former NHL stars Jimmy Ruthford, John Ogradnick and Joey Kocur and Detroit Tigers legend Willie Horton.

In August 2017, I had the privilege of covering the unveiling of Tim Shaw Stadium at Livonia Clarenceville (where I attended high school years before the Trojans football legend Shaw did).

Experiencing that tribute and meeting Shaw, a former NFL player who now is battling amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (also known as Lou Gehrig's disease), was as close as any veteran journalist could get to shedding a couple of tears.

But for every established star, there was somebody looking to break out and get noticed. Community journalism really has always been about the families, the workers, the high school students who kept reaching for the heights.

Even now, a thank you note from Canton High School alum Shannon Perry is affixed to the side of the refrigerator. It is so faded now that I can barely read its contents. But its sentiment is still as clear as ever.

Getting such nods of appreciation al-

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REFLECTIONS ON 30 YEARS IN COMMUNITY JOURNALISM



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It's impossible to sum up nearly 30 years in community journalism with a 700-word column, but as my ultimate deadline here approaches, I'm determined to try.

I've left my position at the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Life this week, joining 10 others on our staff who are accepting buyout opportunities from Gannett Co., Inc. I won't call it early retirement, because that makes me sound older than I feel and, anyway, I'm planning a second career.

It's no longer news that the media landscape, particularly in traditional print newspapers, has changed dramatically with the rise of the Internet and social media and we certainly have been buffeted by that revolution. There have been workforce reductions and restructures in the past 18 years and there's no reason to think that won't continue. Enough of that.

It's with a range of emotions that I leave this post, less than three months shy of my 30th anniversary. The years creep up on a person, then race, and all of a sudden one finds one's history goes back farther than one cares to admit.

I was a few months home from a backpacking trip through Europe when I was hired in March 1989 as a copy editor and page designer, a job I held for six years. That job in many ways is now obsolete; we used rulers and pens, paper and sizing wheels to design newspaper pages, tools that are now incorporated into page-design software, which itself has been overshadowed by the CMS, or content-management systems, that are behind our online editions.

I became a reporter in October 1995 and have covered several of our major communities in the last 23 years. But I digress.

The primary emotion right now is



Matt Jachman interviews Sam Walton, who used to produce the Plymouth Ice Festival, at the Coffee Bean in Plymouth, circa 2011. Photographer Bill Bresler was trying out the black-and-white feature on his new iPhone camera. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

gratitude: gratitude for bosses past and present who gave me a chance and added perspective when I needed it; gratitude for a receptive readership that was and is dedicated to our papers; and gratitude to colleagues — editors, photographers, fellow writers, artists, salespeople and circulation workers — who boosted my work and without whom the papers would never have gotten out.

And gratitude for the hundreds of story subjects, some excited to be featured in the local newspaper, others scared or hesitant and others nonchalant, who were generous with their time and willing to share their experiences and expertise. I'll not dwell on the tragedies, but some of the stories I've been privileged to tell affect me to this day.

I can't forget to mention the public officials, elected and not, who gave me an understanding of their governmental procedures and answered my Freedom

of Information Act requests and nagging questions, readily but not always happily. One local mayor used to call me "Colombo" because I always had one more question. (If you get that reference you, too, might be eligible for early retirement — excuse me, buyout.)

I'm also thankful for a public that, for the most part, was willing to engage with a stranger carrying a pen and a notebook who wanted to ask about, say, the war in Iraq, the results of the recent election or their plans for the Zombie Apocalypse (yes, that was a real question).

Though my last assignment had me "on the street" (meaning at gas stations, strip malls, libraries, post offices and polling places) less often than in past years, I pitched in on election day (always an all-hands-on-deck situation) back in November and was again struck by how frank and friendly people seem

to be. Those experiences contradict the finding one hears about every so often that the media is held in low public esteem.

This would probably be the place to mention that I met the woman who is now my wife, Beth, at the Observer & Eccentric. Much gratitude here, certainly, though that is an inadequate word to describe all emotions wrapped up in that experience. With any luck, we'll mark 25 years of marriage this summer; our children were among several O&E babies of nearly 20 years ago, as a number of us in the news department were expecting around the same time.

I wish my former colleagues who are staying with the paper continued success in telling the stories important to our communities.

Matt Jachman retired Jan. 2 from the Observer & Eccentric.



During the late 1990s, while covering the Farmington city beat, Tim Smith had the chance to interview then-Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer. In those days, interviews were conducted with pad and pen — whereas today's interviews are digitally recorded. SMITH ARCHIVE

Smith

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ways are nice, but to me those were just by-products of taking my job seriously and doing everything I could to convey whatever was happening in the many communities I spent time in.

Also by-products were various state and national awards, not to mention the 1998 Journalist of the Year Award presented to me in April 1999 by then O&E owner Philip Power (who later sold the chain to Gannett).

That awards luncheon was on a Thursday. The very next day, my book "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies" was published.

That week will always be the pinnacle of my career and, in some ways, my life. The book captured the stories of numerous babies born extremely early — including that of our daughter Elizabeth, born at 25 weeks and weighing 1 pound, 14 ounces — and how their unexpected and difficult entries into this world weighed upon their families.

As my personal "Twilight Zone" looms, not knowing what awaits on the

other side, I am thankful for those memories, awards and acknowledgments.

To all those Shannon Perrys, I owe a gratitude of thanks. I also forever appreciate the patience shown me by countless city and school administrators in the 1980s and 1990s and the many coaches and athletes that I wrote about beginning early in the 21st century when I became a sports editor.

And a farewell column wouldn't be complete without thanking all the Sandy Armbrusters who have mentored, guided and inspired me. Every writer needs an editor and I have had many good ones.

With that, it's off to early retirement, new experiences and even a chance to walk across Abbey Road in London, England.

The "Twilight Zone" marathon happens every year and the cycle of journalism continues to roll. As I walk out the door, it won't be long before a 20-something walks in — ready to begin what, hopefully, will be a long and fruitful career telling stories about life.

It has been all that and more for this ink-stained wretch.

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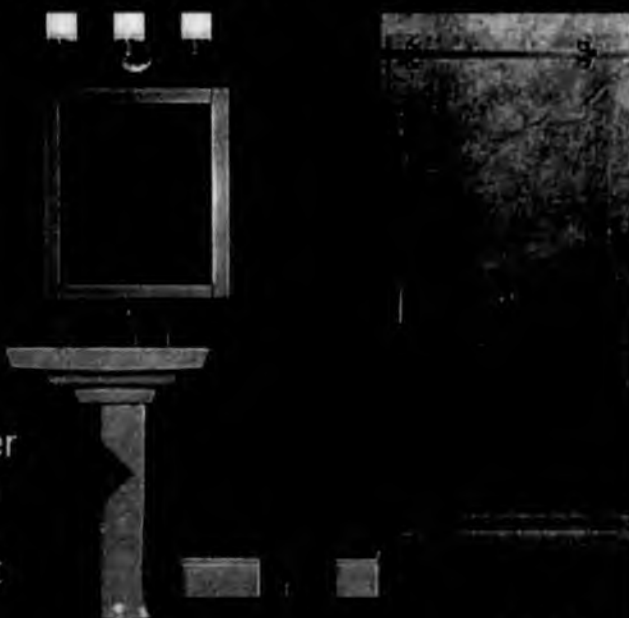
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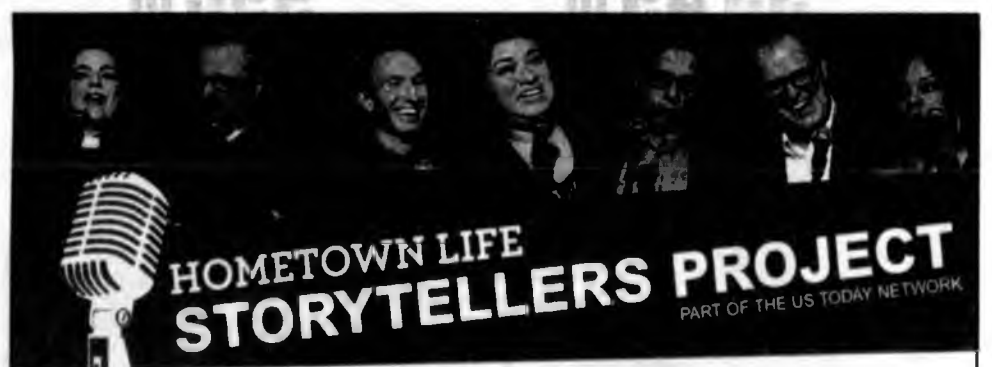
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Community mourns late Mike Humitz

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Knowing his father Mike was gravely ill and fighting cancer in hospice, Lake Superior State's Max Humitz still laced up his skates and played his heart out during the two-day Great Lakes Invitational at Detroit's Little Caesars Arena.

His father wouldn't have had it any other way.

The junior left winger from Livonia helped the Soo Lakers capture their first-ever GLI crown with a goal and two assists during a 6-3 championship win New Year's Eve over Michigan Tech after scoring a goal the previous day in a 4-3 overtime victory against Michigan State.

But sadly, the following day, Mike Humitz died on New Year's Day morning at age 54.



Humitz

"It was tough, but I knew he was there watching ... he's taught me how to play hockey, so I just knew what to do," Max Humitz said. "I knew he was helping me, even though I knew he wasn't at the game like he usually is. I was looking for him in the stands ... he always sat in the same seat. It was tough, but I'm glad I was able to do it for him before he passed away. He was in my mind after

every shift. Every time I went out there, I knew he was thinking of me and I was thinking of him."

Mike Humitz, who coached at Livonia Stevenson High for three seasons (2004-07), not only left a legacy in hockey, but also in education as an assistant principal at Redford Union High School.

Humitz, a resident of Livonia, is sur-

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BOYS HOCKEY



Stevenson forward Brenden Heard (left) attempts to get around Salem defenseman Joey DeRose. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Back with a vengeance

Lause's return sparks Stevenson to win against Salem

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Seth Lause's presence back in the lineup appears to make a good Livonia Stevenson boys hockey team even better.

The third-year junior forward, in only his third game back after suffering a preseason sprained ankle and a partial broken tibia, was his old self again as he scored a goal and added two assists in a convincing 5-1 KLAA crossover victory Friday over visiting Salem at Edgar Arena.

The Spartans, who jumped out to a 3-0 first-period lead, improved to 10-1-1 overall and 7-0 in the KLAA East Divi-



Salem defenseman Nick Brosky (front) takes the puck from a Livonia Stevenson player. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Plymouth High grad Jordan opts for NFL draft

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Plymouth High's Michael Jordan, who started all 40 games on the offensive line during his career at Ohio State, decided Friday that he is bypassing his senior season and will enter the 2019 NFL Draft.

Fresh off a 28-23 Rose Bowl victory over Washington, the 6-foot-7, 312-pound center announced on his Twitter feed: "It was not an easy decision, but the right one for sure. Thank you everyone for your support!"

Jordan, who lives in Canton, became the first true freshman to start on the OSU offensive line in 23 years, since NFL Hall of Fame player Orlando Pace did it in 1994. And he is one of only six Buckeyes to start an opening game as a true freshman.

"First, I want to thank God for the many blessings he has bestowed on me and my family," Jordan continued on his Twitter account. "The journey that led to this point, where I announce for the 2019 NFL Draft, has been truly unforgettable. My parents, who have unselfishly and lovingly guiding me every step of the way, leading me to this crossroad. My girlfriend for all your love and support each and every day. I would also like to thank my pastor for his loyal counsel and prayer. After a lengthy discussion with my parents and loved ones, coaches, I feel ready to take on the next challenge."

Jordan, named first team All-America by Sports Illustrated, switched from guard to center this season. He also earned Associated Press second team all-Big Ten and third team AP All-America as the Buckeyes finished 12-1 overall and captured the Big Ten championship in Indianapolis with a victory over Northwestern.

In 2017, he was named first team all-Big Ten (coaches) after earning 2016 freshman All-America (Football Writers Association of America).

Jordan is rated by third best center on Mel Kiper's ESPN Draft Big Board. His versatility as an offensive lineman will be a plus.

"In my heart I know I'm ready for

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Humitz

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vived by his wife of 27 years, Celeste, along with Max and a daughter Colette. He was the dear brother of Nicole Humitz (Dave) and Jeff (Mary). Michael was the cherished son of Michael and Rose Humitz.

Mike Humitz graduated from Dearborn Fordson High School and played hockey at the University of Michigan-Dearborn. He worked in the private sector before earning a master's in educational administration. He was also employed as a professor at Schoolcraft College in addition to his duties at RU.

Humitz coached many youth hockey teams, including Honeybaked and the Livonia Knights.

"He was the coach when other coaches were coaching me," said Max Humitz, who played hockey at Stevenson. "He coached me until I left for juniors when I was 17. Except for one year, he was my coach. He just wanted the best for everybody, expected the best. He was always there for people, even good times, bad times, he always had an open door policy and was always there to listen. Even if you were struggling, he was always there for you. He was always there for me. He made me the man I am today. I glad he was able to push me through all the hockey things that I've had. He pushed me to do the best in education and he's just the best father anybody could ask for."

Humitz's funeral mass was held Jan. 4 at St. Colette Catholic Church in Livonia.

"He was more like a brother to me than a cousin," said former Michigan State hockey coach Tom Anastos, who was the best man in Mike Humitz's wedding. "He was a block-and-a-half away growing up — Mike, his brother (Jeff) and his two other cousins ... so my mom, his mom and my brother lived within a block-and-a-half. So we did everything together growing up."

Hundreds of mourners also paid their respects to Humitz on Jan. 3 at Griffin Funeral Home in Northville.

"He wasn't a guy who sought notoriety," Anastos said. "He didn't try to make himself this super-visible guy. He



Max Humitz hoisted the Great Lakes Invitational trophy just a day before his father Mike died at age 54. MARK VASEY | LAKE SUPERIOR STATE ATHLETICS

just went about his way. He had different points of his career. He started in hockey, got out of hockey, went and got his M.B.A., I think he was a C.P.A. at one time. He found different things, but he ultimately gravitated toward being an educator. And I think at the end, that was really his calling. He loved working with kids. He loved coaching kids. And he was hard on kids. He wasn't easy to play for, but there aren't too many kids I know — even though he was super-tough on them — that don't really love him and admire him for what he did for

them. His legacy will be he's passionate about the game and he just loved the game as he did as a little kid. Super-loyal, dedicated husband, great family ... to me there's nothing better than that, to be known as a great dad and husband."

Anastos, who delivered the eulogy as a tribute to Humitz, remembers the time when they attended an Adray breakfast together early in their careers while coaching at UM-Dearborn.

"They had a really big amateur hockey league and, at that breakfast, Ted Lindsay was the featured speaker,"

Anastos said. "I don't know how old Ted was at that time ... it's got to be 30 years ago. I don't know why he was on this subject, but he was talking about if you have five friends when you die, you're really a fortunate person. And it really stuck with me. And I'll bet you that a huge number of people who come here today, Mike would be in their top five list as closest friends. It's pretty amazing when you think about it."

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Stevenson

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sion. They have not lost since the season opener Nov. 16.

"Tonight was awesome, obviously," said Lause, one of Stevenson's two captains. "It took me a while to get my legs back, a couple of weeks of practice. The first couple of games, the coaches eased me into it, kind of limited me in terms of my shifts and stuff but, obviously, today I feel very good ... 100 percent, feel back in shape."

Lause opened the game with an unassisted goal at 4:30 of the opening period. That was followed by a Josh Suzio goal from Stephen McDonald at 8:42 to make it 2-0. McDonald then added a short-handed goal at 13:38 of the same period from Lause to give the Spartans a three-goal cushion.

"The guys came out strong," Lause said. "We came out from the drop of the puck. We had quick feet. We were all over the ice, moving the puck very well, I thought. Our offensive zone time was great, the forecheck was on ... D-zone was going, locking down in the neutral zone. I thought we played a solid game all the way around."

While Stevenson dominated the opening period, things evened out during the second as Dante Doute put the Rocks on the board by converting a two-on-one with Sean Sugrue assisting at 7:24.

But the Spartans answered with a back-handed rebound goal from Steven Hunt with only 1:10 left in the second period, with assists going to Adam Hillebrand and Lause.

"Anytime you can get points and help your team, it's good," Lause said. "It wouldn't have happened out there without the linemates I have giving me that chance. They were in the right spot, they fed me the puck and they were in the spot, obviously, to shoot the puck, so I was able to get it to them. It was an all-around team effort with my line ... Hunt and (Hillebrand) probably played the best hockey I've seen in a very long time. They played their hearts out and I was able to compete with them and it was good we had that level of intensity tonight."

Things turned a bit chippy in the final period, with a rash of penalties.

Stevenson's Jaydon Spears, however, put the game away by converting a five-on-three power play at 6:13 from Ethan Waldo and Joe Sharkey to make it 5-1.



Stevenson goalie Eric Plazin makes a save on Salem forward Devan Grayshaw as Salem's Nick Hanson (21) looks for a rebound. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The Spartans outshot Salem 36-13 on the night.

"It was a good start ... (Salem) kind of pushed back in the second period," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "We're sharing the puck a lot more and we're playing with a little more speed. When we do that we have some success. So we've been working on playing fast and moving the puck fast. And at times we did that tonight, so it was a good team win against a top-notch opponent."

Salem (7-6, 5-2 KLAA West) was coming off a 2-1 weekend trip in Traverse City with victories coming against Midland (5-0) and Traverse City West (7-1). The Rocks lost to last year's MHSAA Division I state runner-up Saginaw Heritage (5-1).

"There were seven or eight minutes in the second period where we showed some life and skate and so, hey, this is what we can be, this is what it looks like," Salem coach Ryan Ossenmacher said. "We just haven't been able to bottle

it and beat the good teams. Every single team that's ranked ahead of us, we've lost to, and every single team below us, we've beat. That's why we are what we are."

The Rocks are searching for some identity at the midway point of the season.

"It's a growing process," Ossenmacher said. "Learning how to win is not something that just happens. Winning is hard. We just haven't figured out how to do it yet against teams that are as good as us or better. If you look at the scores, we don't score goals against quality hockey teams. We don't find ways to win 50/50 pucks. We bounce it in front of the net and don't get second opportunities at them. And that's why if you look at our scores, they're pretty consistent against good teams. It's not a mystery. It's not the first time it's happened."

The Rocks took a total of 10 penalties to Stevenson's five. Salem goalie Austin Goleniak had 31 saves, while Steven-

son's Eric Polzin had to make only 12.

"They were better than us in every facet of the game," Ossenmacher said. "I don't know if I can find one aspect of the game that we were better than them at. So that's what happens. That's the result you get and deserve."

Meanwhile, Mitchell believes there's much room for improvement on the Spartans' end.

"You know me well enough ... there's always things to clean up," he said. "We've got to continue to move the puck faster, not hang onto it so much at times. When they pushed back a little bit we were on our heels, which good teams will do that. And we need to make sure when we're back on our heels to not stop playing. We'll go back and watch the film. We'll make some changes, learn from it and grow."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Howell star gets hat trick vs. Churchill

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Graham Hassan recognizes his importance to Howell's hockey attack, but he doesn't want to be a one-man show.

That hasn't been necessary so far this winter, though he's still capable of taking over games like he did Friday in a 6-3 victory over Livonia Churchill at Grand Oaks Ice Arena.

Hassan had his first hat trick of the season and third of his four-year career, adding an assist to boost his career total to 99 points in 88 games.

Howell (7-3) stayed sharp over Christmas break by traveling to Michigan Tech and winning the MacInnes Holiday Classic, a tournament in which seven different Highlanders scored the team's nine goals in victories over Hancock and Houghton.

They were able to win the tournament with Hassan, a second team all-state player last season, getting only one goal and one assist.

"You never want to have just one guy scoring, so having everybody chip in is great," Hassan said. "Making sure all the guys are putting the puck in the net and getting assists and putting pucks on net helps us win more."

Still, it always helps when — as hockey people are fond of saying — your best players are your best players.

Hassan broke out of what, for him, qualified as a slump by scoring the



Livonia Churchill's Matt Gibboney (right) defends Howell's Jake Haggerty. GILLIS BENEDICT / LIVINGSTON DAILY

game's first two goals against Churchill, then making it 5-2 after the Chargers caused some nervous moments for the Highlanders.

Hassan had two goals in his previous seven games. He leads Howell in scoring for the second straight year with eight goals and nine assists in 10 games.

"Up north, we had the green line with (Stefan) Frantti, Leander (Daavetila) and (Cam) Sturos playing real well together and Josh Farr's line," Howell coach Eric Hirzel said. "Josh got the third goal tonight. That line is a very

hard line to play against. They're big, strong; it's kind of a power forward line. You've got three different lines we can play. It was nice to have Graham on the board today. They've struggled a little bit lately. He came out today and put the puck in the net for us."

Although Churchill (3-7-1) is a shadow of the team that reached the state Division 3 championship game last season, beating the Chargers was still significant for Howell. The Highlanders were 0-3 in the KLAA this season and 1-10 in their last 11 games against confer-

ence opponents.

Howell lost to Churchill each of the previous two seasons, last beating the Chargers 5-2 on Jan. 23, 2014.

The Chargers returned only one of their top six scorers and none of their goaltenders from a team that started last season 9-11-2 before going all the way to the Division 3 title game.

It looked like the Highlanders would coast to victory, building a 4-0 lead by the 8:33 mark of the second period on two goals by Hassan, one by Farr and one by Sturos. Hirzel took out starting goalie Ethan Ryan, who had barely been tested, and put in backup Gordy Hartford with 5:42 left in the second. Just seven seconds later, Zack Vendittelli scored off a face-off to get Churchill on the board.

A boarding major by Wes Smith and a tripping penalty by Farr gave Churchill a five-on-three power play late in the second. The Chargers cashed in, making it 4-2 on a goal by Vaughn Kendall with 1:31 left in the period. Ryan returned to the crease after that goal, with Howell still in the process of killing Smith's major.

Armed with a power play of its own early in the third period, Howell got some temporary breathing room when Hassan completed his hat trick with 16:03 left. Churchill freshman Nicholas Liebau answered immediately with a goal 64 seconds later.

Howell finally put away the game on a goal by Brent Wolf with 2:57 to play.

Jordan

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the NFL, largely because I've been coached by the very best," Jordan continued on his personal Twitter. "I am immensely grateful to my offensive line coach Greg Studrawa, head coach Urban Meyer and strength coach Mickey Mariotti, who tirelessly trained me and my teammates to work hard toward achieving our goals, and have prepared me for

the next level."

Jordan majored at OSU in consumer and family financial services. He also completed a 180-hour internship with Munster Financial.

Jordan, an Ohio native, will be the third Plymouth High grad to earn NFL interest, joining kicker Kyle Brindza (Notre Dame), who had stints with the Detroit Lions, New York Jets and Tampa Bay Bucs, and outside linebacker Brennan Beyer (Michigan), who was signed by the Baltimore Ravens.

"I am also very thankful to coach

(Mike) Sawchuk from Plymouth High School, who was instrumental in me becoming a Buckeye," Jordan added on Twitter, "and coach Hendrix for igniting my fire and passion for football when I was 6 years old. Moving forward, I will always be filled with tremendous pride in my teammates and with the happiness for our great Buckeye fans that as I leave for the NFL, it is with a Rose Bowl victory!"

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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Schoolcraft grades an 'A' after win over Mott

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The second semester has yet to start, but the Schoolcraft College men's basketball has already passed a big exam.

The Ocelots got off to a rip-roaring 13-0 start and staved off a Mott Community College second-half rally to earn a 92-78 victory Jan. 3 at home in a battle of unbeaten and top 10-ranked NJCAA Division II teams.

"I thought our guys were really focused early," said Schoolcraft interim coach Corey McKendry, whose No. 5-ranked team improved to 10-0 overall. "We had a couple of really good practices that carried over to the game. It was just doing all the things we've done here and followed all the principles under coach (Abe) Mashour, which is trying to play hard and share the ball. They're a good team and I think our guys kind of thought they'd go away for a minute, but we kind of found out firsthand that they're a good team even when they're a little bit shorthanded."

Shooting 17-of-31 from the floor, Schoolcraft led by as many as 18 points during the opening half before No. 4 Mott (12-1) cut it to 10 at intermission.

Schoolcraft freshman Kemon Bassett



Schoolcraft's Kemon Bassett (left) had 19 points and 11 rebounds in a 92-78 win over Mott CC. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

(Detroit King) scored 13 of his 19 in the first 20 minutes, but got into foul trouble, along with 6-foot-10 sophomore center Alex Ismail (Dearborn Heights Crestwood).

And with only eight players suiting up, the Ocelots had to pick and choose their spots, while buying some time in the second half.

With 9:01 left in the game, Mott trimmed the deficit to 70-65 on a 3-

pointer from Jordan Roland. But coming out of a timeout, the Ocelots answered with a big Gabe Simpson triple, which led to a 20-2 Schoolcraft run.

"It gave us a good cushion," Schoolcraft sophomore guard Runako Ziegler said. "So after that, we just played our game and executed it out."

Ziegler, an athletic 6-3 wing from Walled Lake Central, scored 12 of his team-high 20 points during the second half.

"Both of our big men got into foul trouble, so we got into a zone and slowed it down and just try and contest, because they're a good 3-point shooting team," Ziegler said. "We just know they're a great team. They came in 12-0. We practiced all week, preparing for them, studying film. We were very prepared for them. We just executed the game plan by our coach and got the win."

In addition to Ziegler and Bassett, also scoring in double figures for the Ocelots were Southfield Christian's Trenton Temple (17), West Bloomfield's Kenneth Harvey (15) and Ismail (10).

Bassett also grabbed a game-high 11 rebounds before fouling out late.

"I thought Trent Temple did a great job," McKendry said. "When Kemon (Bennett) and Alex (Ismail) were in foul

trouble, I thought he did a little bit of everything for us ... helped us score, did a great job defensively. That's the kind of kid he's been for us. He's just a great kid that's always ready."

Jordan Roland paced Mott and all scorers with 28 points, while Carrington Wiggins added 16. Eddie Thigpen contributed 10.

The Bears played without top scorer Henry Speight, a 6-3 sophomore who sat out the game after injuring his ankle in a 106-71 win over Kellogg CC.

Lady Ocelots win

Double-doubles by C'Erria Maholmes (Detroit East English) and Sharon Woodard (Westland John Glenn) carried Schoolcraft (8-5, 1-0) to an 83-76 Eastern Conference win Jan. 3 at home over Mott (8-5, 0-1). Maholmes finished with 16 points and 17 rebounds, while Woodard contributed 18 points, 11 boards and six assists. Megan Sandiha (Ypsilanti Arbor Prep) scored a team-high 20 for Schoolcraft, which led 48-30 at halftime and 64-47 after three quarters. Sarah Tanderys (Livonia Stevenson) chipped in with 16 points, including 10-of-14 from the foul line.

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CLUB SOCCER

Farmington Soccer Club U-17 boys win College Showcase

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The Farmington Soccer Club's U-17 boys team captured its division in the Grand Park College Soccer Showcase held Nov. 3-4 in Westfield, Ind.

The 2002 birth year FSC squad outscored its opponents 14-0 en route to a 3-0 record, with eight different players tallying goals.

"They were able to control the speed of the games with excellent ball con-

trol," said FSC U-17 coach Jeff Blair, who was assisted by Mike Bride.

Team members included Pranav Narayanan, Jassi Ajimal, Joseph Katz, Ty Blair, Danny Bass, Jake Michalski, Max Marquette, Tudor Pascutiu, Danny Hannus, Eli Bride, Ryan Miklus, Kyle Arnold, Cameron Ignasiak, Nicholas Callcut, Martin Marks, Aaron Percival, John Lentz and Joey Bass.

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The Farmington Soccer Club's 2002 U-17 boys captured the Grand Park College Showcase in November with a 3-0 record.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

MU hires Foos as first head coach

Former assistant coach at Baldwin-Wallace has small college roots forged in Ohio

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Madonna University has kicked off the new year by naming Tiffin, Ohio native Brian Foos to lead its first football program in 2020.

The 39-year-old Foos was off and running on his first day on the job, already making contacts with area high school coaches and starting his recruiting pitch for fall 2019, when program will be launched.

"That's the first task," Foos said. "After I got settled in, I went down to our admissions office and I'm trying to get some players."

The announcement was made Wednesday in a school press release.

"We are thrilled to have Brian join the Madonna family," MU President Dr. Michael Grandillo said. "We had over 100 applicants for the position, but he stood out immediately as a program builder, solid coach and someone who shares the values and mission of Madonna. His experience with startup programs and his Catholic faith make him the perfect fit to start our program."

Foos has been an assistant coach across three different levels during the past 16 years, with two conference championships, four playoff appearances and 67 academic all-conference players on his resume. He helped establish football programs at a pair of NAIA institutions in Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) College and Ohio Dominican University.

"I've been a part of two startup programs," Foos said. "It's been a very rewarding experience to see a program go from nothing to winning conference

championships. And that's one of the most rewarding things you can do in a career, is taking something from nothing and bring it to that level."

Foos comes to MU after spending the past two seasons as the assistant head coach and offensive coordinator at NCAA Division III Baldwin Wallace (Ohio). The Yellow Jackets finished 8-2 last year, its first eight-win season since 2011.

His offense at Baldwin-Wallace racked up 456.6 yards per game, including 277.9 passing and 178.7 rushing, while averaging 38.8 points per game with 26 passing touchdowns and 26 rushing touchdowns.

And as far as the style of football Foos plans to employ at MU?

"Some of it will depend on personnel, but the bottom line is we're going to play exciting football," he said. "We're going to get up and down the field as quickly as we can. There's going to be times when we go super-fast and certain times when we slow it down a little bit. Defensively, we're going to get after people. We're not going to sit back and wait for things to happen. We're going to go and make things happen. That's my general philosophy on all of it."

Prior to his time at Baldwin-Wallace, Foos was assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator for Lindsey Wilson, which began play in 2010. Foos was the first assistant hired on staff and helped the Blue Raiders to three NAIA Football Championship Series appearances, four NAIA top 20 finishes and a Mid-South Conference Championship in 2014.

From 2004-09 he was the tight end coach, quarterback coach, academic co-



Foos

ordinator, offensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator at Ohio Dominican, where he helped the program to a 12-1 record and the Mid-States Football Association championship in the program's fourth season (2007).

The team went 26-7 from 2006-08.

This will be Foos's first head coaching position.

"President Grandillo and (athletic director) Mr. (Scott) Kennell, when you talk to them, are very great examples of what Madonna is and gets you excited about what's going on," Foos said. "Then you look at the area and everything here ... there's so much potential here. So that's what made me apply for it."

Foos is a 2003 graduate of Otterbein (Ohio) University, where he was a four-year starter and letter winner on the offensive line. He started 39 of the 40 games he played. Foos earned his MBA from Ohio Dominican in 2007.

Foos, a graduate of Columbian High School, is a member of the American Football Coaches Association and served on its Ethics Committee in 2016. He and his wife Sara have a daughter Leah, 4.

"We are excited to add a talented football coach with the immense experience that Brian has," Kennell said in the school release. "Brian's experience in the NAIA and with starting a pair of programs that were successful in a short period of time are obviously pluses on his resume, but everyone we talked to raved about him as a person. He fits the Madonna model of putting the student before athlete and values the Franciscan principles that we stand for here at Madonna. We are excited to have him on board and expect great things."

Yet another immediate task for the new Madonna head coach will be put-

ting together a staff of assistant coaches.

"Obviously, when you're in the coaching business, you've got some guys you've worked with or been around on your short list," Foos said. "Hopefully, we can bring some of those guys on and we're going to have a solid staff. We're going to have a great staff."

The 2019 fall season will be a red-shirt year for incoming MU recruits, with 2020 will being the first official season for the school. Foos said he plans to bring in somewhere around 135-140 players.

A meet and greet with Foos and his family will be 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at MU's Sr. M. Danatha Suchyta Gathering Center, located inside the Franciscan Center. (More information on the event and how to RSVP will be available soon.)

Student-athletes interested in playing football at Madonna can download the prospective athlete form on www.MUCrusaders.com.

Those interested in learning more about Madonna, taking tour campus and meeting with Foos can sign up for the Football Prospect Days on Monday, Jan. 21 and Feb. 18, by downloading the link <https://www.madonna.edu/admissions/campus-visit/>.

"It's going to take me getting out and get with high school coaches, learning the area and making those relationships," Foos said. "When I was in Kentucky, I knew no one in Kentucky when I moved down there. A number of those guys have reached out to me today to congratulate me, so I think I've built pretty good relationships with those coaches over the years that I've recruited. And I think I if you ask them, I think they'll say I'll just do fine."

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FAREWELL COLUMN

It's been a wild ride, filled with fun memories

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I've reset my last work password, attended my final Skype meeting.

This amazing journalistic journey that began 44 years ago is over.

Gannett has offered a buyout and I'm buying in.

As of Jan. 2, my long tenure with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Life officially came to a close. My buyout application was accepted by Gannett on Dec. 22 and I have handed in my laptop and cellphone.

It's been a glorious run.

Glorious in the sense that this company has given me a wonderful personal life.

Now, I'm not monetarily rich by any means.

But I have been rewarded family-wise, having raised two daughters who are now on their own and who have given my wife and me one grandchild. I've been able to offer them shelter, food and clothing and for that I am grateful.

I never considered this a job.

I thought of it as a necessary means to make a living doing something I loved. I mean, as a sports fan, getting paid to attend athletic events? How can you beat that?

While growing up and wondering what I was going to do in life, I was fortunate to have some high school teachers who peppered me with positive feedback in my English and creative writing classes. I grew to like writing.

So with my love of sports, I figured why not put the two elements together and become a sports writer?

Even before graduating from Wayne State, where I spent many hours at Old Main, I was working at the Utica Advertiser by 1974. Two years later, I was hired by then editor Bob Sklar at the Rochester Eccentric. Six years after that, the sports editor's job at the Birmingham Eccentric opened when Dennis O'Connor left. I applied and was accepted.

From there, it's been a wonderful adventure writing about the accomplishments of local athletes at all levels — professional, college, recreational and high school. It was inspiring, fun and rewarding, all at the same time.

While it was a pleasure covering the local kids who made it to the pro level and even the college realm, I enjoyed covering high school athletes the best.

My mission was simply to give recog-



Hometown Life sports editor Marty Budner poses with high school football legends Al Fracassa (left) and John Herrington.
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While there were hundreds of athletes, there were just as many coaches and administrators who helped make my job easier.

nition to the everyday athlete who put in the work while trying to improve their skills and become a better person, learning life lessons at the same time.

I simply wanted to recognize their achievements by mentioning their name in the paper, especially back in the day when seeing your name in the paper was a really big deal. I always thought it was pretty cool when my high school basketball-playing classmates — do you see this, Ken "Bomber" Bomberski? — had their names in the paper. So to rec-

ognize prep athletes for individual accomplishments was always a big thrill for me.

One of the most satisfying feelings I always had was making scrapbook memories for young athletes. Players could see their names in the paper clip years after graduating from high school and fondly recall those glory days and prove to their friends that they indeed made significant athletic contributions.

While there were hundreds of athletes, there were just as many coaches and administrators who helped make my job easier. There are too many to recognize by name. For all of them, though, I am appreciative of their cooperation over the years.

I am also very grateful for the many amazing colleagues I have worked with. They indeed helped make the job enjoyable.

I have covered some amazing events and been granted access to some special

places. I enjoyed and reflect fondly on every single one of them.

If I do have one parting note, it would be to appreciate the efforts of high school administrators and coaches. The vast majority of them have nothing but the best interests of their student-athletes and programs in mind.

Sometimes, I don't think they get the respect they deserve. They put in a lot of time and effort, teaching their young student-athletes valuable life lessons. They do not get enough credit for that.

The business has changed dramatically since I started. I went from submitting copy on manual typewriters to electric typewriters to computers to Facebook and Twitter. What a wild chain of events.

Like I said, it's been an amazing run and I've been very blessed.

Thanks for the memories.

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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Young Country Day a team in transition

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Reload after reload. Success upon success.

That's the story of Detroit Country Day's girls basketball team. The Yellowjackets simply use the regular season as a warm-up to the state tournament.

Country Day enters the 2018-19 campaign as the two-time defending state champion. They Yellowjackets have captured 22 consecutive district and regional championships.

It's an impressive streak.

However, DCD's situation is a bit different this season and that streak could be in jeopardy. This year may prove to be a rebuild rather than a reload.

DCD was hurt by the graduation of standouts Kaela Webb and Maxine Moore. Other players elected not to return or transferred, while another's eligibility was used up studying overseas.

An overall inexperienced and youthful squad could provide some anxious moments for longtime DCD head coach Frank Orlando, whose team is 4-3 (through the first of the year) after going 3-0 in the Motor City Roundball Classic (Dec. 27-29) at Warren Lincoln after posting wins on consecutive days over Port Huron Northern (75-63), Kalamazoo Central (83-59) and Beaver Dam, Wis. (52-43).

While Orlando has three returning starters who were members of the past two state title teams, he will be missing the normal depth which makes the Yellowjackets an annual state-ranked power.

"This year, we're going to have to work at becoming a team," said Orlando, beginning his 37th season at Detroit Country Day. "We have three players that know everything and are good players, but we don't have a full complement of players that can contribute to winning. I think with time, though, that they'll develop into a good team."

A trio of experienced seniors

DCD's experience centers around college-bound senior tri-captains Jasmine Powell, Adrian Folks and Maddie Novak. The rest of Orlando's team consists of just two other players from last year, followed by a group of varsity rookies.

Powell, entering her fourth varsity season, senses it might take some time for this team to find its chemistry. She is quick to point out that it's still possible to generate another strong season with some hard work and smart play.

"Country Day has always been good," Powell said. "This is kind of the first year we have to build from the ground up. I feel like every year I've been here, we've always had a root to our team. But this year, it's kind of like we're going to struggle a bit."

"I think, though, with the talent we have I think we can be really good," she added. "We just have to make sure we play as a team. We have to be disciplined and smart with our play."

Folks sees potential and a team that continues to grow.

"I think we're doing the best we can



Frank Orlando (second from left) is beginning his 37th season as Detroit Country Day's girls basketball head coach. This year's team will be led by senior captains (from left) Jasmine Powell, Adrian Folks and Maddie Novak. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



DCD senior Jasmine Powell, shown driving to the hoop during last year's state semifinal win over Kingsley, averaged 12.5 points and a team-leading 4.5 assists per game during the 2017-18 season. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and we are a team that doesn't give up," Folks said. "A lot of teams are underestimating us. I think we should prove them wrong. It's not like we don't have the talent. We definitely have the talent to do

something. We just have to play hard and play to the best of our abilities."

Growing as a team

Powell, a talented point guard who injured her ankle in the recent loss to Columbus (Ohio) Northland, is expected to distribute the ball as she takes over the offense that Webb ran so efficiently last year.

The Minnesota commit is more than capable of scoring, as she led the team with 19 points in last year's state title game victory over Jackson Northwest. Last year, she averaged 12.5 points and a team-leading 4.5 assists per game.

Folks, a forward, also averaged in double figures last year. The Indiana State University commit resumed her hot scoring this season by hitting double figures in her first three games — a high of 25 in the opening loss to Adrian Lenawee Christian — while averaging 21 points per game. She was DCD's second-leading rebounder last year.

Novak, another four-year varsity veteran who is committed to play at Stetson University, is a forward who is also expected to contribute at both ends of the court.

"Jasmine is a unique player who can score from the outside, can dribble and she just leads the team. Her whole emphasis is being a team player," Orlando said. "Adrian is a big girl, a good inside player, who can also shoot the 15-footer. She's really a very capable player who can help us. Maddie is a good player who is more of an outside threat."

The only other players returning from last year's team are senior Jamie Elam and sophomore Chelsea Abulu. Elam was one of DCD's top reserves last year, but Abulu did not receive much playing time.

"I really want want us to be a team that is going to develop as the year goes along," Orlando said. "We're having a hard time right now finding the right way to play. But I hope by March, we'll be able to get it together."

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

Next for local Olympic star: A pro league

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After practice.

Inside the USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Megan Keller got a text with the news.

Keller, the Olympic hockey player from Farmington, was selected with the third overall pick Dec. 26 by the Buffalo Beauts in the National Women's Hockey League draft.

"I was really excited," Keller said. "Just to have a draft for a women's professional hockey league is really cool. I'm excited for the future. I know I already have some teammates in Buffalo."

The NWHL, established in 2015, has five teams: Boston Pride, Buffalo Beauts, Connecticut Whale, Metropolitan (New York) Riveters and Minnesota Whitecaps.

The season runs from October to March.

But that's about all that Keller knows about it.

She doesn't know how it works.

She doesn't know how much she

could be paid.

Because she is focusing on her college season.

She is a senior at Boston College and will graduate in May.

"I'm just concerned with B.C. and graduating and finishing my season up there," Keller said.

Keller had just come off the ice. She is one of 44 women who are attending the USA Hockey Women's Winter Training Camp this week in Plymouth. Nineteen of them, including Keller, were on the team that won gold at the 2018 Winter Olympics.

"This is the most hard working group and the most talented group that I've ever played with," Keller said. "To be able to compete against them each day and to learn from them is a pretty cool experience."

A team of post-collegians will be selected to play a three-game series against Canada, including the final game Feb. 17 at Little Caesars Arena.

"I'm just trying to get to know the players better and build relationships with them," coach Bob Corkum said. "There will be some tough decisions for the coaching staff, a lot of young excit-

ing players on the way up, pushing the older women. It's very exciting, the depth and the group seems to be improving."

He praised Keller.

"The sky's the limit," he said.

Maybe you only pay attention to women's hockey every four years during the Olympics.

But this is where it starts.

With a series of drills and scrimmages.

The team that lost a drill had to drop down to the ice and do push-ups.

"It's incredible," said Annie Pankowski, who was selected first overall by the Riveters. "You get a group of 44 women who are like minded and so strong. Just the best at their sport, it's so fun to be a part of."

There were nine Americans selected in the first two rounds.

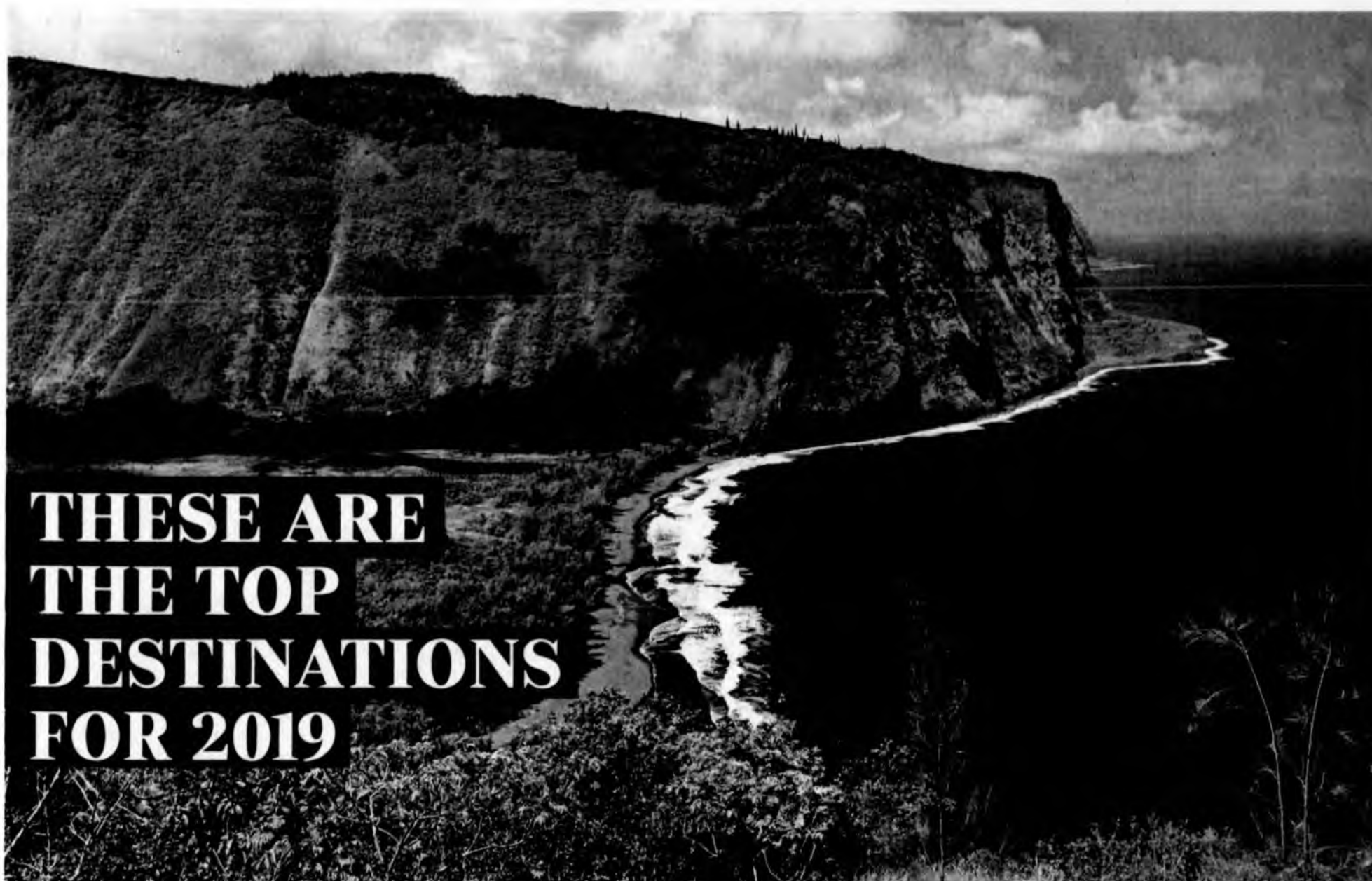
And many celebrated in the locker room.

"It was very exciting and it's an honor," Pankowski said. "It's a short list of people who have made that. If you look, all of those people are here. It's crazy. I saw it on Twitter after practice. We all had a moment."



Megan Keller ANDRE RINGUETTE.

TRAVEL



THESE ARE THE TOP DESTINATIONS FOR 2019

The Big Island of Hawaii was in the news this year with a volcanic eruption, an earthquake and a hurricane. TRIPADVISOR

From Seattle to Miami or Jordan to Iceland, travelers look to new year

Nancy Trejos USA TODAY

Which destinations do U.S. travelers want to explore in 2019?

Some are making a comeback after a tough 2018. The island of Hawaii, known as the Big Island, seemed to have gotten it all this year: a volcanic eruption, earthquake and hurricane.

The eruption of the Kilauea volcano on Hawaii island caused the closure of a large swath of Hawaii Volcanoes National Park. Several parts re-opened in September.

Highly dependent on tourism, the Big Island is ready to welcome back visitors. And other islands within the chain want travelers to know that they have not experienced similar problems.

Maui was vacation rental website HomeAway's top U.S. destination for 2019, based on future demand. Its beaches, waterfalls, farms and scenic 53-mile drive to Hana have enchanted travelers.

Rounding out the top five U.S. destinations on HomeAway are all warm weather destinations in the south: Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee; Gulf Shores, Alabama.; Panama City Beach, Florida; and Miramar and Rosemary Beach, Florida.

Airbnb also highlighted Tennessee. The lodging website has named the Great Smoky Mountains as one of 19 destinations to visit in 2019. Two of the national park's most iconic trails are re-opening after a wildfire two years ago. The park has the largest black bear population in the USA.

Nearby is Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, home to Dollywood. Using search, booking and wish list growth data, Airbnb found that there was a 191 percent year-over-year increase in bookings from October 2017 to October 2018 in the Great Smoky Mountains.

The Catskill Mountains and Hudson Valley of New York also have seen an uptick of interest on Airbnb, with a 100 percent year-over-year increase in bookings. It's a year-round destination with ski resorts, vineyards, orchards and farms, and this year marks the 50th anniversary of the famed Woodstock festival.

"The Catskills provide the perfect backdrop for a laid-back, season-agnostic retreat," Airbnb says.

Miami is the top U.S. city to visit on Lonely Planet's list of places to travel to next year. Miami has always captivated travelers for its beaches and nightlife. But in recent years, it has turned into a center for the arts, food and urban design. Downtown Miami has welcomed a \$305 million science museum. And the Design District has become a "cultural magnet," Lonely Planet says.

Seattle home of Amazon headquarters, is another one of Lonely Planet's top picks. The online retailer has transformed the Denny Triangle neighborhood. Nearby, the Space Needle has gotten its largest renovation in more than 50 years. Down on the waterfront, a concrete expressway has been transformed into a multi-billion-dollar tunnel.

American Express Travel's top trending U.S. travel destinations for 2019, based on its booking data, are Savannah and Washington, D.C. Savannah this year had a 96 percent year-over-year increase in bookings among card members while the nation's capital had a 21 percent spike.

New York City is slated to have an eventful year in 2019.

Hudson Yards will debut in March. It's a \$20 million project with condos, parks, restaurants, hotels and public art in the West Side of Manhattan. The Statue of Liberty Museum will open in May 2019.

International destinations

In a recent Booking.com survey, 45 percent of 21,500 global



The United Kingdom has always been popular among U.S. tourists. London is a top destination for 2019.

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travelers said they want to be more adventurous in their choice of destinations in 2019 than they were in 2018.

Some up-and-coming destinations designated by Booking.com include Wadi Rum, Jordan; Bacalar, Mexico; Ouarzazate, Morocco; and Palomino, Colombia.

The United States Tour Operators Association (USTOA) named its hot destinations for 2019, based on a recent survey conducted by PriceWaterhouseCoopers. Its members named Italy the most popular destination for travelers in 2019.

The top 10 hot destinations for the coming year also included Iceland, which ranked second. It was followed by Japan, Vietnam, Australia, France, Spain, Colombia, Cambodia and Portugal.

USTOA members also identified their top 10 off-the-beaten path or emerging destinations. Iceland again ranked first and Cambodia came in second. They were followed by Croatia, Colombia, Vietnam, Portugal, Bhutan, Bolivia, Myanmar and Ethiopia.

"It's interesting to see five destinations – Iceland, Cambodia, Colombia, Vietnam and Portugal – appear on both the hot destinations and emerging destinations lists," says Terry Dale, president of USTOA. "This tells us that off-the-beaten path travel experiences continue to grow in popularity."

Jonny Bealby, founder of Wild Frontiers, which specializes in small tours to off-the-radar destinations, says Uzbekistan is captivating clients. Passenger numbers to the country were up 40 percent this year compared with last, and Wild Frontiers expects that upswing to continue.

A number of people are choosing Uzbekistan rather than the less stable Middle East to see its Islamic architecture. They also are attracted to the Silk Road which has seen a resurgence in interest because of China's One Belt, One Road infrastructure project. This year Uzbekistan introduced a new e-visa scheme, reducing the costs and making it easier to obtain a visa to visit the country.

"Today Uzbekistan offers visitors stunning architecture, a fascinating culture and a whole host of remnants of the great trading route which helped shape the modern world," Bealby says.

One part of the Middle East that is seeing an uptick of visitors is Jordan. Wild Frontiers saw passenger numbers there double this year compared to last. The country has good infrastructure, hotels and roads. It also has direct flights from New York, Chicago and Detroit.

American Express Travel's top trending international destinations for 2019 are Barcelona, Doha, Hamburg, Marrakech, New Zealand, Nassau in the Bahamas, Singapore, and Tuscany.

2019 travel trends

Industry watchers say these are some of the top emerging trends:

■ Immersive, culturally-rich travel: About 82 percent of USTOA's members are offering art and culture travel experiences. The art and culture category was the highest ranked experiential tour type last year based on sales volume.

■ Generation Z: This generation after Millennials, typically defined as those born from the mid-1990s to the early 2000s, are starting to travel and brands are noticing them, according to The Innovation Group's annual trend report. Generation Z travelers want affordable but authentic experiences. UK tour operator the Holiday Place says Generation Z travelers expect Instagrammability, good internet connectivity, and off-the-beaten track destinations.

■ Vacation rentals get super-sized: More travelers have opted to forgo a hotel stay in favor of a home rental on Airbnb, HomeAway, VRBO, and many other such websites. HomeAway says demand for castles and estates is up 55 percent and 25 percent, respectively, this year.

■ Culinary tourism: More than three in four respondents to a survey of American Express card members say they want to try local cuisine when traveling. "As globalization increases through social media and streaming culinary travel shows, consumers are becoming increasingly familiar with different food cultures and they want to experience the local gastronomy scene," says Audrey Hendley, president of American Express Travel.

2019 anniversaries

■ New York City will mark the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising on June 28. The city will celebrate World Pride with several events throughout June.

■ The 50th anniversary of the Woodstock Music and Art Fair will take place Aug. 15 to 18. Bethel Woods Center for the Arts will have a year-long celebration, with events such as a screening of the director's cut of the Oscar-winning "Woodstock."

■ Next year is the 500th anniversary of the death of Leonardo da Vinci at Amboise, France. The country will also commemorate the start of the construction of the Château of Chambord and the birth of Catherine de' Medici in Florence.

■ Singapore is celebrating its bicentennial. The festivities kick off Jan. 28, and exhibitions will be held at the Asian Civilizations Museum, National Museum of Singapore, National Gallery of Singapore, National Library Board, and the Fort Canning Center.



The Great Smoky Mountains make Airbnb's list. GETTY IMAGES



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4 cups chicken broth, room temperature

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Hot sauce

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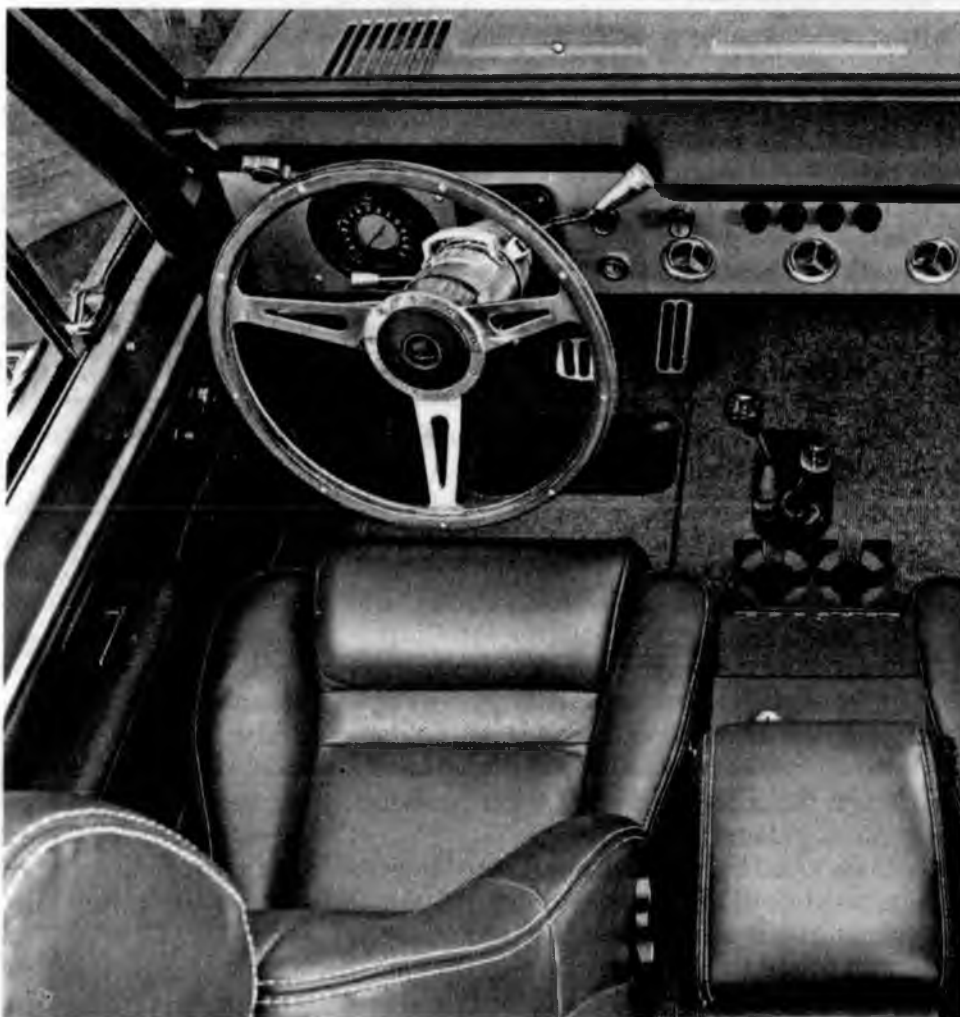
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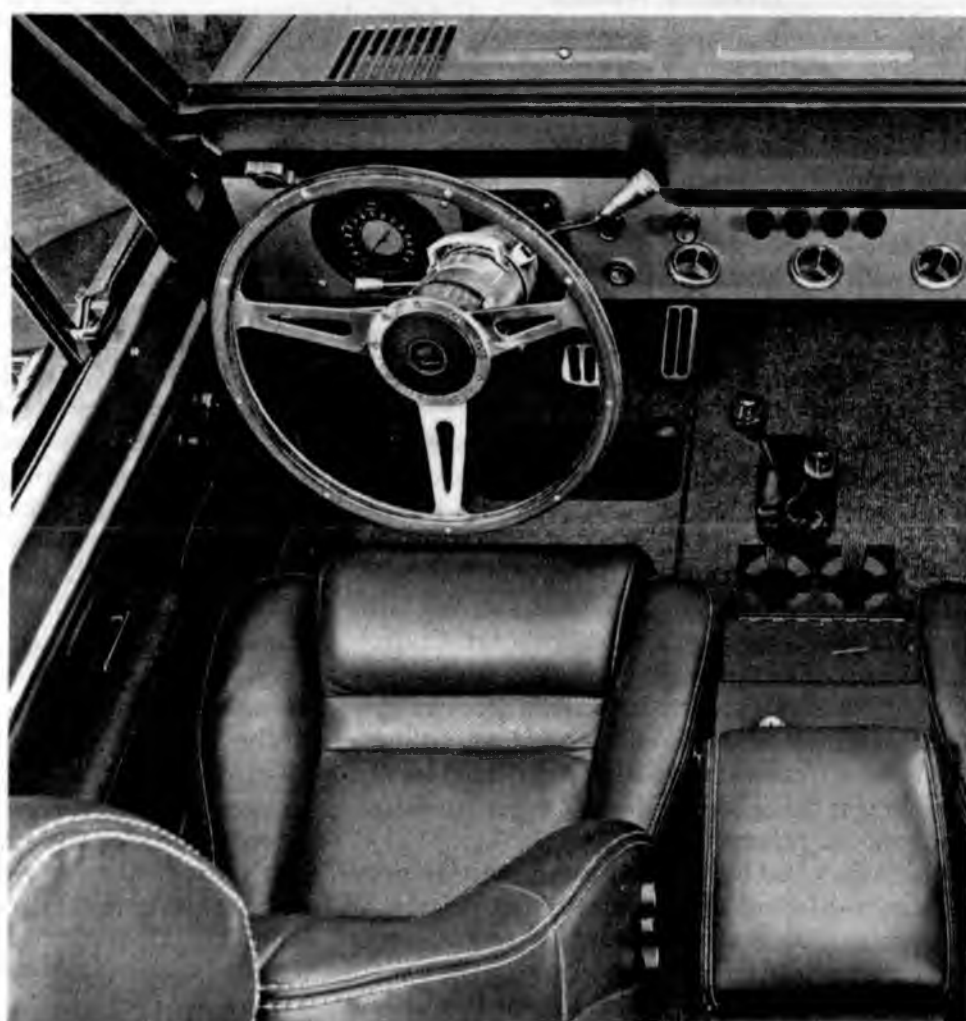
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Ice Festival visitors check out a dragon. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Annual ice festival returns Jan. 11-13 to Plymouth

Downtown Plymouth will be hosting the 37th annual Plymouth Ice Festival, set for Friday through Sunday, Jan. 11-13. The event has a long-standing history of turn-

ing downtown Plymouth into a magical winter wonderland filled with spectacular ice sculptures and a host of family friendly activities.

This year's event will

bring back fan favorite attractions such as the Ice Playground, the DTE Energy Foundation Tubing Run, Fire and Ice Towers and the Dueling Chain Saws Competition.

The annual Collegiate Ice Carving Competition, presented by Genisys Credit Union, will host two carving competitions, which will include participants from several Michigan colleges and universities. At 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, the individual contestant competition will start. Competitors will have three hours to carve their magnificent ice creations before being judged by a team of expert ice carvers. At 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, the ice-carving competitors will take part in the team competition. Teams of two ice carvers will have to work together to build and sculpt their ice carvings. The winners of each contest will be announced and receive trophies at 3 p.m. each day.

Additionally, families can enjoy learning how to ski together at the Blue Care Network Cross-Country Skiing Zone presented by Sun and Snow. Seasoned professionals will explain the gear, help you suit up and give you the chance to experience a mini winter wonderland on the cross-country skiing trail in Kellogg Park.

Another highly anticipated area of the festival is the Ice Playground. This interactive space is filled with games carved out of ice and numerous ice sculptures providing plenty of opportunities for pictures while the kids play with the ice.

Those attendees looking to quench their thirst will want to visit the E.G. Nick's Party Lot on Forest Avenue for cold beer, drink specials and live music. The Party Lot has become "the place" to be for nightly entertainment — along with an awesome ice bar where you can enjoy some Stoli Vodka specialties. This year will feature live entertainment Friday, Jan. 12, by Smoke and Mirrors and Saturday, Jan. 13, by Power Play Detroit.

The opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. City commission members and Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise will be in attendance to help cut the ribbon and kick off the 2019 Ice Festival celebrations.

For more information, go to www.plymouthicefestival.com or follow the event on social media at @PlymouthIce (Twitter) and on Facebook.

Obituaries

Hellen E. Adams

MILFORD - Hellen E. Adams of Milford passed away peacefully on January 5, 2019. She was 94 years old.

Born in Germany, Hellen came to Michigan in 1945 with her husband, Lawrence Edward Adams. Their son, Jorge, died of polio in 1949. In 1954, they had a son, Gregory Kurt and then the following year a daughter, Susan Marie. Hellen was a genial fixture on Main Street where worked at the Milford Bakery and then the Milford Dime Store for a number of years. The last six years she lived with her daughter in Hartland, Michigan. She had a strong faith and attended church at Christ Lutheran Church in Milford. She treasured the many friendships she'd made throughout the years, where her easy smile, manifest kindness, and good neighborliness made her a treasure to actual and extended family.

Hellen is preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence E. Adams (d.1999).

She is survived by her loving children, Gregory Adams of Milford and Susan Adams-Rambo of Hartland. She is also survived by several other close family and friends.

A Memorial Service will be held at Christ Lutheran Church, 620 General Motors Road, Milford on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 10 AM. Reverend Andrew Johnson to officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Christ Lutheran Church in Milford.

For further information, please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford 248.684.6645 or visit www.LynchAndSonsMilford.com

Ellen Jean Johnson

FARMINGTON HILLS - JOHNSON, Ellen Joan, age 78 of Farmington Hills, MI, passed away on Friday, January 4, 2019 at Hummingbird Hartland Senior Care. She was born in New Castle, PA on October 22, 1940. Ellen was the beloved wife of the late John C. Johnson, loving mother

of Holly (Robin) Scott and Robert (Julie) Johnson, proud grandmother of Justin, Ryan, Zachary and Joshua, sister of the late Bill, June, Dorothy, Jack. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. She retired from Novi Middle School where she worked as the head cook and baker for many years. The family will receive visitors from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm on Friday, January 11, 2019 at the Highland Chapel of the Elton Black and Son Funeral Home, 3295 East Highland Rd., Highland, MI 48356. Please visit www.eltonblackandsonhighland.com.

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Susan M. Sarlund

-- Sarlund, Susan M. Age 74. December 29, 2018 surrounded by her loving family after a courageous fight against Alzheimer's. She was the beloved wife of Richard O. of 54 years. Loving mother of Richard (Sandy) Sarlund, Erik (Jolene) Sarlund and Kristen (Tom) Davidson. Grandmother of Taylor, Isabella, Alyssa, Kathryn, Jack and Dominic. Dear sister of Carol Anne Gates, Jan (Mark) Finkel and the late Trace Tinsman. Mrs. Sarlund loved being a wife, mother and grandmother. Sue was a teacher at South Lyon Adult Education, she enjoyed boating on Torch Lake, swimming, vacationing, was an avid cook, making Halloween costumes, a Hospice volunteer, shopping, made jewelry, stayed on top of the latest fashion, loved her dogs and most of all she loved, the family gatherings. Private family services were held. Memorial contributions may be to the Michigan Humane Society of Alzheimer's Association. Expressions of sympathy www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com



Mark Till

MILFORD - Mark Till, 68, of Milford, MI, passed suddenly on Thursday morning, January 3, 2019.

Mark was born in Detroit, MI and was the owner of BFS Printing & Promotions. He was an avid boater and fisherman of the Great Lakes and has always been an active member of his community. He and his wife, Beverly also traveled the world extensively.

Mark is survived by his wife of 44 years, Beverly; mother, Eleanor Till; sisters, Claudia (Peter) Ruehle and Laura Till; brother, Michael (Robyn) Till; aunt Marilyn Till and three nephews.

A Memorial Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Directors, 404 E. Liberty St., Milford, MI on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 3:00PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are encouraged to PETA.

For further information, please contact Lynch & Sons at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchAndSonsMilford.com



Daniel J. Smith

HARTLAND - Daniel J. Smith, a longtime resident of Hartland passed peacefully at home on December 17, 2018. Dan was a long time teacher at Thompson Middle School in Southfield and as a guest teacher at Hartland and Milford Schools. He is survived by his beloved wife of nearly fifty years, Marilyn R. Smith; their children Daniel F. (Brienne) Smith, Sandra A. (Scott) McDowell; grandchildren Colin McDowell, Sydney McDowell, Paulena Smith. Siblings: Thomas E. Smith, twin sister Dr. Marjorie Parsons, and the late William E. Smith. A Funeral Mass was held at St. John Catholic Church, Howell on December 20, 2018. Burial Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. For further information phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit lynchandsonsmilford.com



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Eight great jobs that work well for working parents

 Michael Hoon
 thejobnetwork.com

The ideal job for a working parent? It doesn't exist. The best job would allow you to follow your passion, support your family financially, and be there whenever your kids need you. The key is to find a job with flex time, the ability to work from home or create a set work schedule around the school day, or even part-time hours if it's financially viable.

The following list includes jobs that are kid-friendly, jobs where you can set your own working hours, and jobs that allow work life and parent life to coexist in at least partial harmony.

Speech and Language Pathologist

While these specialists can work in independent practices, oftentimes schools employ speech and language pathologists to work with kids who need help with their language abilities. Having kids can really help support you in this position to understand how to discuss speech and language issues with parents—plus, the position is automatically keyed in to the school schedule and offers you insight into available after-school programs if you must work beyond the final bell.

Real Estate Agent

Real estate agents, who often work at open houses or show clients around to homes, aren't chained to a desk 9-5—making this a great job for networkers who like being on their feet and fitting events in-between other commitments. There's flexibility to the job, especially for two-parent families where one parent will be home on the weekend. The money is based on commission—so, the



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more work you put in, the more you will make in theory. This is a job where your network and expertise can grow.

Freelance Photographer

Freelance photographers usually have an area of specialty, but portrait photography is a great option for parents—every day at school drop-off you have the potential to meet new clients for family portraits. Wedding photography or weekend photo sessions can also suit people's schedules if they work around a partner's M-F work week.

Music Teacher

Certified music teachers are often employed by school districts, but if you are musically inclined, running private group classes for small kids and parents at a common space or from your home is a great option—and a place where you can bring your own children, as well.

You can also consider offering private music lessons or contracting with schools and local community centers as a visiting artist.

Web Developer/Graphic Designer

This job requires technical and design skills in order to create websites, promotional materials, or other web or print graphics for clients. All you need is a computer, so this is definitely a job you can do from home if you want to work on a freelance basis. Whether you are paid by hours worked or contracted for a set fee for your work, you can organize your schedule in order to meet deadlines and keep your work life flexible in order to meet your family demands.

Working for a Youth Organization

Here's another kid-centric position that gets you involved in your community. Youth organizations create educa-

tional or recreational programming for children; they usually hire staff to everything from accounting, to fundraising, to directly creating and running specific activity programs. A bonus: you will be aware of the activities available to your own children and may receive discounts on things like summer camps. Plus, a family-oriented organization may be more inclined to family-friendly work practices.

Freelance Writer/Editor

From copywriting for a print magazine to blogging for corporate websites, there is a lot of freelance work available for talented writers. These gigs, which often pay by word count, can almost always be done from home. In fact, writing assignments are often flexible enough that you can have kids playing in the other room while you type away. If not, you can fit in a few hundred words after the kids go to bed.

Social Media Specialist

Another job that you can do from your pajamas is social media promotion, where you spend time building the online presence of a company—you need to be able to tweet, create Instagram stories, and generally do all you can to savvily promote the work and goings-on of a business. This can be a job that requires regularly checking in on accounts or updating, but it can almost always be done remotely, on a flexible basis.

Michael Hoon is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. He investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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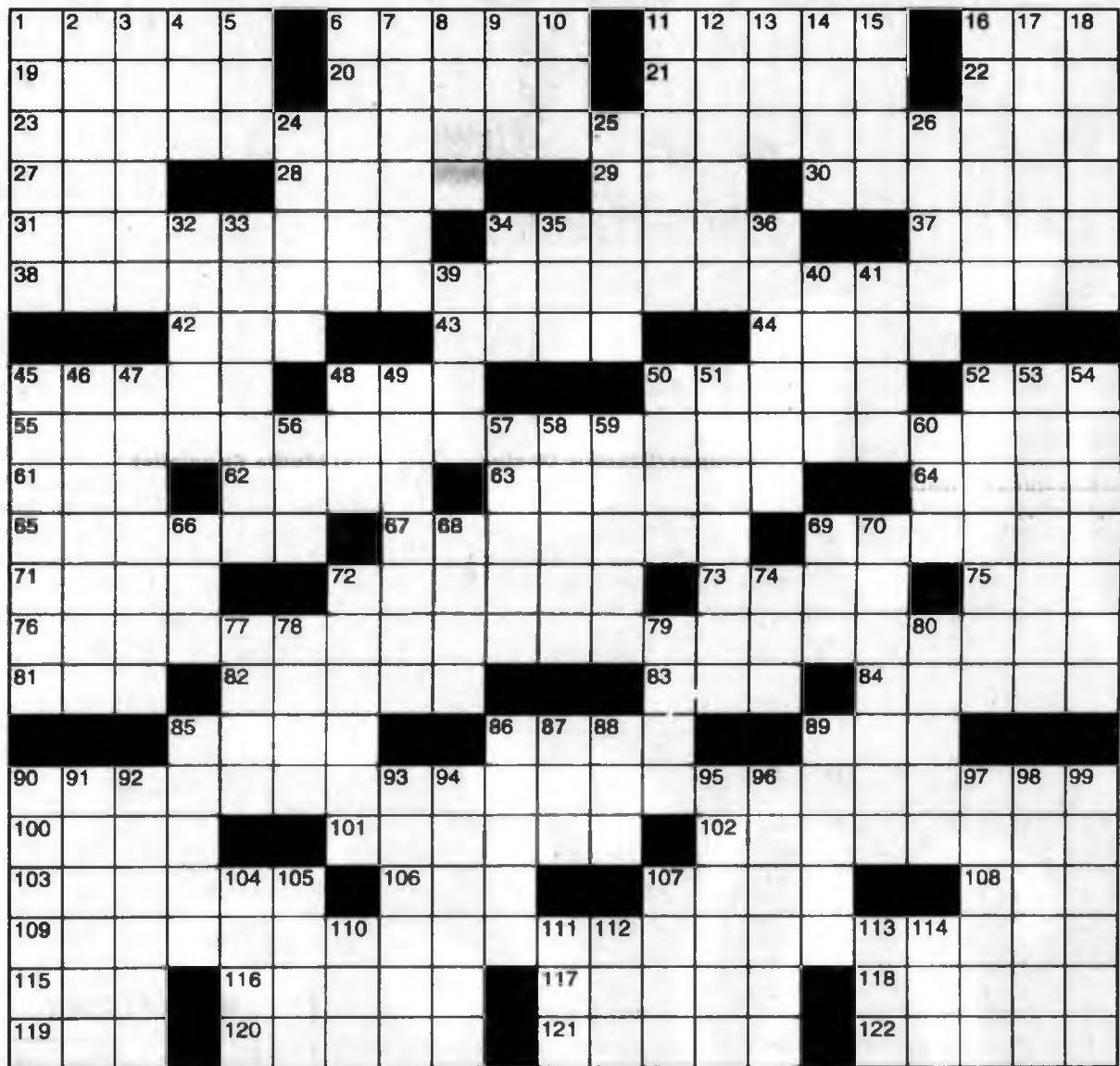
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6 Info-filled
11 Subjective paper pieces
16 Yeshiva student, e.g.
19 Land, in Italy
20 Fast Amtrak service
21 Salsa singer
22 Pal, in Nice
23 Concerning the effects of drugs on the mind
27 Maestro — Pekka Salonen
28 12:00, half of the time
29 South, in Spanish
30 Finch in fear
31 Squid feature
34 "Chill out!"
37 Ampley skilled
38 Belief in a national power structure
42 Acting signal
43 Blamey
44 "Sometimes you feel like —"
- 45 Get moving
48 Org. for tooth drillers
50 Lid
52 Bullfight yell
55 Official endorsement via an amendment, say
61 Savings acct. addition
62 Days before holidays
63 Rises
64 Heaps
65 Ornamental hairnets
67 Jogged
69 — Pointe, Michigan
71 Gazpacho, e.g., in Spanish
72 Talisman
73 Cookie for 100+ years
75 He's a doll
76 Ear, nose and throat doctor
81 B-ball official off to say "I do"
83 The same: Prefix
84 — Carlo
85 Street — (popular acceptance)
- 86 Video file format, in brief
89 Wrestling win
90 Quality among identical things
100 TV's Griffin
101 Oaths
102 Swiss city on Lake Geneva
103 Shelling out
106 Moo goo — pan
107 Short comic sketch
108 Fist bump, colloquially
109 Machine for a brain test
115 Palme — (film award)
116 Colled
117 Sprightly
118 China's Zhou
119 Mil. officer
120 Taunts in fun
121 Swift
122 Nation south of Sicily
- 6 Port southeast of Roma
7 Canyon comebacks
8 Stop nursing
9 35mm camera
10 Thanksgiving staple
11 Like mystical practices
12 City in Illinois
13 Added wing
14 Fashionable Christian
15 Stuffing herb
16 "I, Claudius" star Derek
17 PC-to-PC letters
18 Actor Dafne
24 Aunt's spouse, in Paris
25 Unified
26 "Sorry, already have plans"
32 Cantina snacks
33 Bordered on
34 Roman 901
35 Above, in verse
36 Country crooner Randy
- 39 Fire output
40 Mother of Don Juan
41 Magical glow
45 Clip out, as a coupon
46 Imply in its definition
47 In addition to type
48 Gorged on
49 Fluffy floor-cleaning tool
50 Walking aid
51 They can't be taught new tricks, in a saying
52 Raincoat material
53 Most baggy
54 Pact among nations
56 ER hookups
57 Bit of land in the ocean
58 Mink relative
59 In smart garb
60 Eastern spiritual path
66 Crew tool
68 Precept
69 Salon goop
70 Suitmates, say
72 Like one of a battery's terminals
74 Pal of Piglet
77 That girl's
78 "How did — this happen?"
- 79 Close by
80 Fixin' to
85 Longtime
86 Rock or jazz
87 Thanksgiving staple
88 Suffix with host or lion
89 Mickey's dog
90 Obstruct
91 Kevin of "Aliens in the Attic"
92 Maytag products
93 Rocker Ted
94 Big pianos
95 High-pH substance
96 Skipped out (on)
97 Ultimate purpose
98 Be short with
99 Old compact
104 Abbr. on a food carton
105 Escalate
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111 Pointy part of Mr. Spock
112 Links gp.
113 Ruby or onyx
114 Stuff in some viral genes

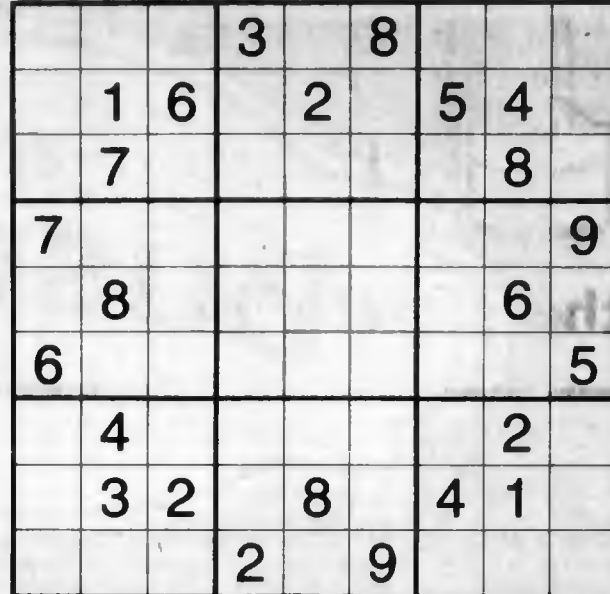
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- 1 Fla. Gulf city
2 Admits guilt, with "up"
3 Kobe of hoops
4 Curved path
5 "Boo-!" ("All right!")



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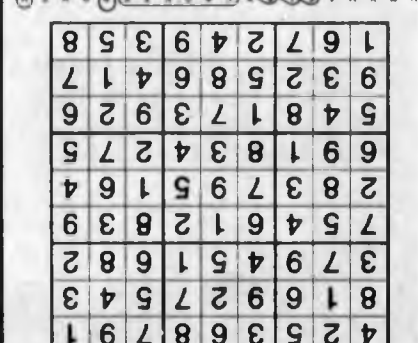
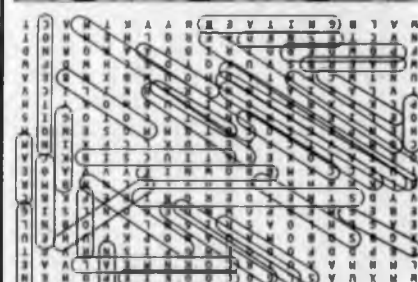
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