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Novi Road-12 Mile intersection work moved up

Project previously was planned to begin in 2021

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Some road repairs just won't wait. The Novi City Council unanimously approved a deal in which reconstruction of the intersection of 12 Mile Road and Novi Road will take place this year.

The work was supposed to take place in 2021, but under the approved cost participation agreement with the Road

Commission for Oakland County, the city will pay \$481,259 in advance construction costs associated with the project to get it done sooner rather than later.

Councilwoman Kelly Breen thanked city staff members who worked to get the agreement in place.

"That intersection has claimed the

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A car kicks up a plume of water after passing over a few potholes at the intersection of Novi and 12 Mile roads. Reconstruction of the intersection will take place this year.

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A Shrine Circus performer celebrates the expansion of the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi on Feb. 13. SUBMITTED

Suburban Collection celebrates expansion

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Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi is giving new meaning to the Big Top.

The exposition hall and conference facility has grown by about 170,000 square feet and the Shrine Circus, along

with officials, clients and citizens, celebrated the expansion last week.

"It's been in the works for a couple years," said Blair Bowman Jr., director of operations and special counsel. "We had a lot of existing clients that are growing and needed a ton more space."

The expansion includes an addition of 90,000 square feet to an area that will

be known as the Event Hall, which offers column free space and more than 40-foot ceilings as well as a 24,000 square foot Legacy Ballroom built with an optional view of the Event Hall show floor, fully serviced with new concessions and banquet kitchens of

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Woman killed in Milford crash on icy road

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A 29-year-old Commerce Township woman was killed Feb. 12 after losing control of her car and hitting another vehicle in Milford.

Emergency responders from Milford police and fire departments responded shortly after 2 p.m. to the site of the crash on General Motors Road near Martindale in Milford Township.

Preliminary investigation indicates the woman was in a subcompact vehicle westbound on General Motors Road when she lost control and crossed the center line. Her vehicle slid sideways before colliding with an eastbound vehicle.

First responders arrived and life-saving efforts were immediately begun on the unresponsive woman, who was transported to Providence Hospital in Novi.

She was later pronounced dead by attending physicians.

The driver of the eastbound vehicle sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was also transported to Providence in Novi.

Speed in relation to weather conditions played a significant role in the crash, according to the police report. Alcohol does not appear to be a factor.

Milford officers were assisted by the Oakland County Sheriff's Office Accident Reconstruction Team.

"This is a sad reminder how important it is for drivers to slow down and drive to the weather and roadway conditions," Milford Police Chief Thomas C. Lindberg said. "With more weather yet to arrive, please slow down and help your first responders and road crews keep you safe."

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The deadly gas was measured in exceedingly high levels in 27 units across multiple buildings at the 267-unit complex on Feb. 1.

Wayne woman files lawsuit after CO poisoning

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A lawsuit was filed Feb. 7 against the managers of an apartment complex where carbon monoxide poisoning killed a couple Feb. 1.

The deadly gas was measured in exceedingly high levels in 27 units across multiple buildings at the 267-unit complex on Feb. 1 after a 65-year-old woman was found deceased and her 65-year-old husband semi-conscious, prompting evacuations.

The husband died later.

Priscilla Johnson, a resident in one of the affected units, seeks damages in excess of \$25,000 from Hickory Hollow Cooperative and Huntington Management LLC, as well as a jury trial, claiming multiple failures in the maintenance and inspection of boilers and chimneys at the complex resulted in irreversible injuries including brain damage.

The suit alleges the defendants did not provide adequate ventilation nor maintain the piping in safe condition, allowing leaks to develop, and the conditions of which were or should have been known to the defendants.

"She is at serious risk of permanent brain damage, like anyone else who suf-



A lawsuit was filed Feb. 7 by a resident of Hickory Hollow Co-Op apartments in Wayne, where a woman died of carbon monoxide poisoning Feb. 1, and 27 units were found to have high levels of the gas, causing evacuations.

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fers from carbon monoxide poisoning," said Gordon Johnson, an attorney for the Brain Injury Law Group, representing Jordan. "It's important to get started (on the lawsuit), because the facts are falling down around us. They are out there taking chimneys down and it's important to document what happened before the evidence is gone."

Calls to Hickory Hollow co-op were not returned.

Fire Chief Michael Stradtner previously said the level of carbon monoxide in the unit where the deceased woman was found was over 300 parts per million. Sustained levels of carbon monoxide at more than 70 parts per million result in symptoms including headache, fatigue and nausea. At concentrations

sustained above 150 to 200 ppm, disorientation, unconsciousness, and death can occur.

Emergency personnel evacuated units with the high levels, which Stradtner believes were attributed to condensation build-up on chimney vents which froze in extreme weather before it could dissipate, a problem of which he said maintenance workers and management told him they were aware.

Jordan, 61, claims that due to the failure of the management to maintain, repair and inspect the systems, carbon monoxide poisoning has resulted in her sustaining permanent injuries including "severe brain damage, disability, pain and suffering, physical impairment, mental anguish, inconvenience and loss of capacity for the enjoyment of life, both in the past and to continue permanently into the remainder of her future."

She also seeks compensation for medical care and treatment she has already incurred, as well as future medical expenses and compensation for an inability to earn money in the future.

He was unsure of the level of carbon monoxide in his client's apartment, but said she became sick and went to the hospital Jan. 30, although carbon monoxide poisoning was not diagnosed at that time.

"She had been feeling bad for two to three weeks and it would make sense this was not an isolated incident," Johnson said.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2019 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW DATES

The Northville Township 2019 Board of Review will conduct hearings on the following dates for appeals from citizens, regarding the 2019 assessment, at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. All appeals are by appointment. **Starting Friday, February 22, 2019 please call (248) 348-5811 to schedule an appointment. Letters of appeal must be received by 11:00 am on March 15, 2019. Postmarks are not accepted.**

Tuesday	March 05, 2019	1:00 pm	Organizational Meeting
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Appointment Dates for Hearing:

Monday	March 11, 2019	9:00 am to 12 Noon and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Tuesday	March 12, 2019	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Thursday	March 14, 2019	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Friday	March 15, 2019	9:00 am to 11:00 am

All persons protesting their assessment must complete a petition (form L-4035) which can be obtained at Northville Township Hall or on the Township website www.northville.mi.us click on Board of Review or at www.michigan.gov/treasury.

Marjorie F. Banner
Clerk

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCE NO. 19-193

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 22, "OFFENSES," ARTICLE I, "IN GENERAL," TO ADD A NEW SECTION 22-9, "MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS PROHIBITED," TO PROHIBIT MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE CITY PURSUANT TO THE MICHIGAN REGULATION AND TAXATION OF MARIJUANA ACT, INITIATED LAW 1 OF 2018, MCL 333.27951, ET SEQ., AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION OF THIS ORDINANCE.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, February 11, 2019 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Novi Community School District (NCSD) will receive bids for: **Novi Community School District - 2019 Site Improvements Program**

Program consists of various HMA repairs and various concrete sidewalk repairs, and other ancillary project tasks.
Work is located at various buildings/sites throughout the district.

2019 Bid Package - Full depth Hot Mix Asphalt patching, crack sealing, striping, seal coating, and concrete patching at Novi High School South Lot, 11 Mile and Taft Complex, Novi Middle School, Deerfield Elementary, Orchard Hills Elementary, and Village Oaks Elementary. Bids will be received until 2:00 pm, local time, March 7, 2019.

All bid packages are to be delivered to NCSD Educational Services Building (ESB) attention **Ms. Jill Minnick**, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, 48374. At the time the bid packages are due all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud in the Board Room. Bids received after the above stipulated date and time, faxed bids or electronic bids will not be opened, considered or accepted.

Bid documents can be pre-ordered and purchased at the offices of ARC/Dunn Blue, 1009 W. Maple Road, Clawson, MI 48107 beginning February 18, 2019 at 5:00 pm. Contact ARC/Dunn Blue for non-refundable purchase price for each bid package.

Bid documents will be available to view from the PlanWell Enterprise System on-line by accessing the website at www.e-arc.com/mi/clawson, clicking on "Order from Planwell" then clicking on "Public Planroom". Neither the District nor SME will provide documents.

A NON-MANDATORY pre-bid meeting will be held on **Tuesday February 26, 2019 at 9:00 am** in the NCSD ESB Board Room located at 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374.

All bidders should be available on Tuesday March 12, 2019 starting at 9:00 AM for post bid interviews. Interviews will be on an invitation basis only.

Prospective bidders must meet the following minimum standards in order to submit a proposal:

- Must be an established Contractor in Michigan for a minimum of five (5) years
- Has successfully completed a minimum of three (3) educational, institutional or municipal site paving / earthwork / site improvement projects each with construction values in excess of \$250,000.00
- Must be able to provide business and liability insurance, performance and payment bond for work required by the Bid Documents

All bids must be submitted on forms furnished by SME for the **"Novi Community School District - 2019 Site Improvements Program"** and be accompanied by a bidder's bond or a certified or cashier's check payable to Novi Community School District for the sum of not less than five (5%) of the bid amount for the **BASE BID PACKAGE**. All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner (bidder) or any employee of the bidder and any member of the NCSD School Board, Administration or Staff. Bidders shall also provide a Sworn Statement of Economic Relationship with the Country of Iran. Bids received without a bidder's bond, certified or cashier's check, sworn and notarized statement of familial disclosure, and Iran Economic Statement **MAY BE REJECTED**.

Novi Community School District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein and accept that bid, which best serves the Novi Community School District's interest.

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NOTICE - CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE REQUEST FOR BIDS

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE AV HARDWARE FOR TRAINING ROOM

The Charter Township of Northville will receive sealed bids for **NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE AV HARDWARE FOR TRAINING ROOM** according to the specifications of the Charter Township of Northville.

Sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M. prevailing Eastern Standard Time, **Thursday, March 7th, 2019** at which time bids will be opened and read. Bids shall be addressed as follows and delivered to:

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
TOWNSHIP CLERK'S OFFICE**
44405 Six Mile Road
Northville, MI 48168

All bids must be signed by a legally authorized agent of the bidding firm. **ENVELOPES MUST BE PLAINLY MARKED**

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AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE BIDDER.

The Township reserves the right to accept any or all alternative bids and award a contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all bids; to subdivide the award, and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the Township, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Charter Township of Northville.

Shaun Nicoloff
Director of Information Technology

CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.723

THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.723 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

Part II. **CONFLICTING PROVISIONS REPEALED.** Any Ordinance or parts of any Ordinance in conflict with any of the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

Part III. **WHEN EFFECTIVE.** The provisions of this ordinance are hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety. The effective date of this Ordinance is upon recording of the PRO Agreement pursuant to Section 7.13 of the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance.

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan the **11th day of February, 2019**. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



Robert J. Gatt, Mayor
Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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Family bonds through beekeeping

Sean Bradley
Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICH.

Buzz, buzz, buzz.

That's what Bella, 19, Brooklyn, 18, and Jonah, 8, heard when they came home from school one day in 2013. Their parents, Leeann and Steven Kish, had brought bees to their Brighton home to start beekeeping.

Steven Kish "just wanted to try it out and see if he could do it," Leeann said.

Since that time, the family has dived into the hobby, jarring honey to give to their neighbors and family.

Steven became fascinated with bees after the two watched documentaries on what the loss of the pollinating insect would mean for the planet, according to Leeann.

The entire family has participated in the hobby, though there was some concern at first.

"It's been a learning experience," Leeann said. "It's been a really cool process to teach them about how fragile we are as humans and that humans are relying on such a tiny insect. Once I had a (beekeeping) suit of my own, I felt safer and was on board."

The children agreed.

"You've got to put research into it," Bella said. "People don't really understand why they're so important. Pollination is such a big thing."

After the first hive was purchased, they all took classes at Turtlebee Farms' main farm in Howell to learn more about beekeeping.

In December, the family canned jars of honey gathered from the fall season.

Honey from Jonah's hive was put into jars after pounds were left over in all three hives in the winter for the bees to eat.

Before it's gathered, the honey comes off



Jonah Kish, 8, smiles while his father puts 10,000 bees into Jonah's hive in 2016.

Bee facts

■ Bees are responsible for pollinating about one-third of the world's food supply.

■ Pollinators such as bees, bats and beetles contribute roughly \$500 billion annually to the global food supply. In the United States, honey bees alone provide pollination services valued at \$15 billion to \$20 billion annually.

■ There are more than 1,000 plants grown for food, spices, beverages, medicines and fibers that require pollination.

■ Since 2006, commercial beekeepers in the United States have reported honey bee colony loss rates averaging 30% each winter compared to historical loss rates of 10 to 15%.

Information courtesy of the Ohio State University Entomology Department

frames in the hive into a container, then flows through a tap into a strainer before running into buckets to be put in jars, Leeann said.

Once the fall season ends in November, the hives are insulated. The bee population is repopulated in the spring.

"It's a very sticky process," Bella said.

The stickiness was all worth a good cause. Jonah, a third grade student at Hawkins Elementary in Brighton, and his family canned the honey and sold 50 jars of it, raising \$436 to buy 52 toys for children who are patients at C.S. Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

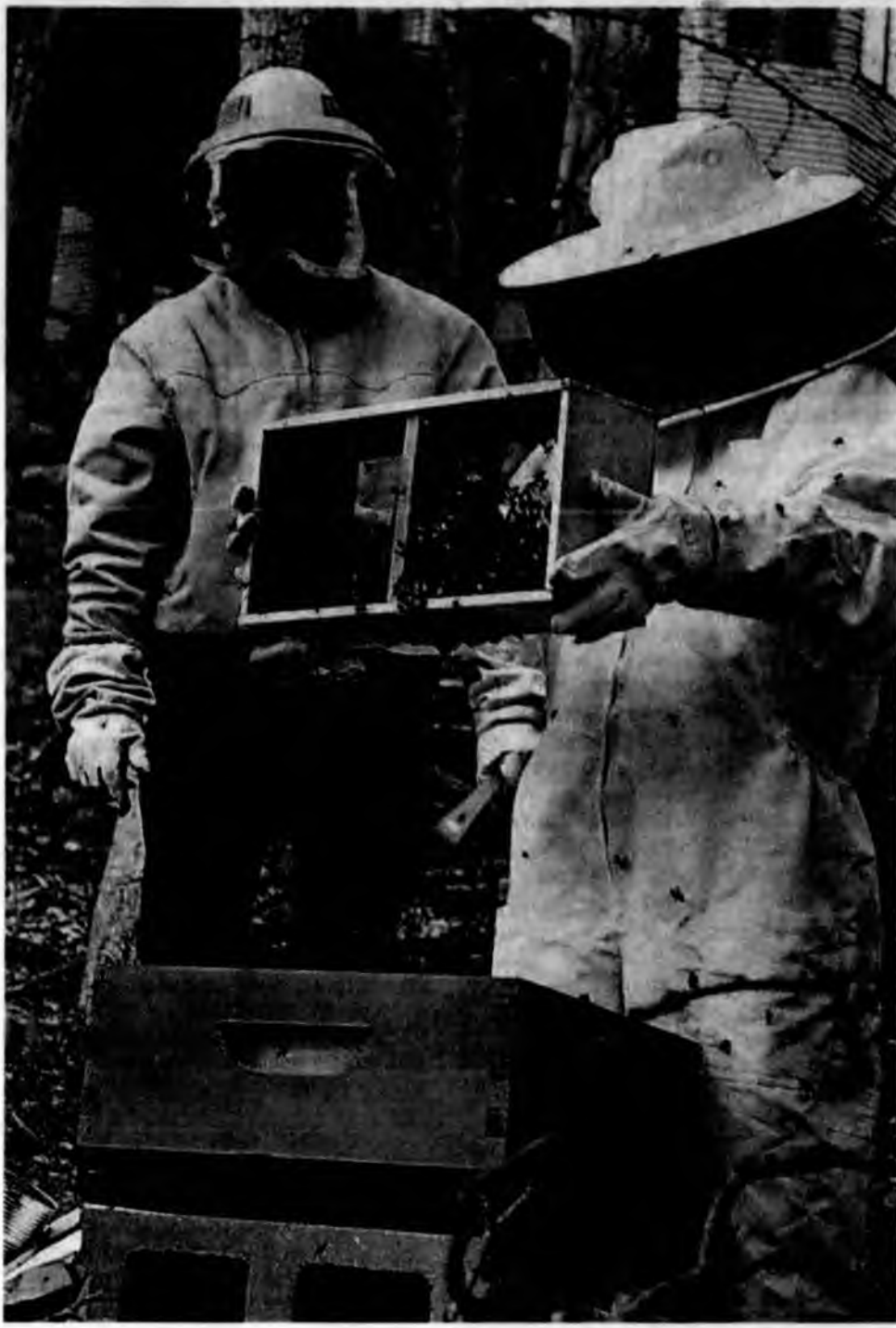
"I thought it was pretty fun to buy all the toys and stuff," Jonah said.

The idea to raise money and donate to the hospital came from Jonah's teacher, Whitney Fox, who set a goal for her entire class to donate 100 toys to the hospital.

"That's where the idea originally came from," Leeann said. "We talked as a family later about how cool it would be to buy even more than 100 toys."

"We brainstormed ways that Jonah could raise money to buy more than just a few."

Jonah's efforts were recognized by the Brighton Area Schools Board of



Steven Kish, left, of Brighton, supervises his daughter, Brooklyn, 18, as she puts her beehive into a box. The family has three hives.

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Education, where the board awarded him a "Shining Star" certificate for the effort.

Notice of Annual Return is hereby given by John R. Cloud, President of Northville Amateur Athletic Association, which has been designated as a private foundation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, that the Foundation's Annual Return (Form 990-PF) is available for inspection at 16928 Yellowstone Dr., Northville, MI 48168 (Phone: 248-924-2325) during regular business hours by any citizen upon request made within 180 days of this Notice. This Notice is published pursuant to, and in compliance with, the requirements of Section 6104(d) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **March 13, 2019** at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **ADJUTANT GENERAL JZ 18-24 FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18-724 for PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR AN AMENDMENT TO PREVIOUSLY APPROVED PLANNED REZONING OVERLAY (PRO)**. The subject property is approximately 23-acres and is located on Expo Center Drive, north of Grand River Avenue and south of I-96 in Section 15. The applicant is proposing to develop the property as a multi-unit commercial development consisting of nine units accessed by a proposed private drive. The development proposed a mix of two hotels, one fitness center, two restaurants, one indoor recreational facility, off-street parking lot and an unlisted use similar to automobile sales facility. The existing water tower on site will remain on a separate unit. The current amendment is required as changes are proposed to the approved layout for one of the restaurants site, minor changes to common landscape areas, building signage and location of accessory units.



Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.

Subject Property Parcel ID's: 50-22-15-478-009, 50-22-15-478-001, 50-22-15-478-002, 50-22-15-478-003, 50-22-15-478-004, 50-22-15-478-005, 50-22-15-478-011, 50-22-15-478-012, 50-22-15-478-008, and 50-22-15-478-010

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, **March 13, 2019**.

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Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

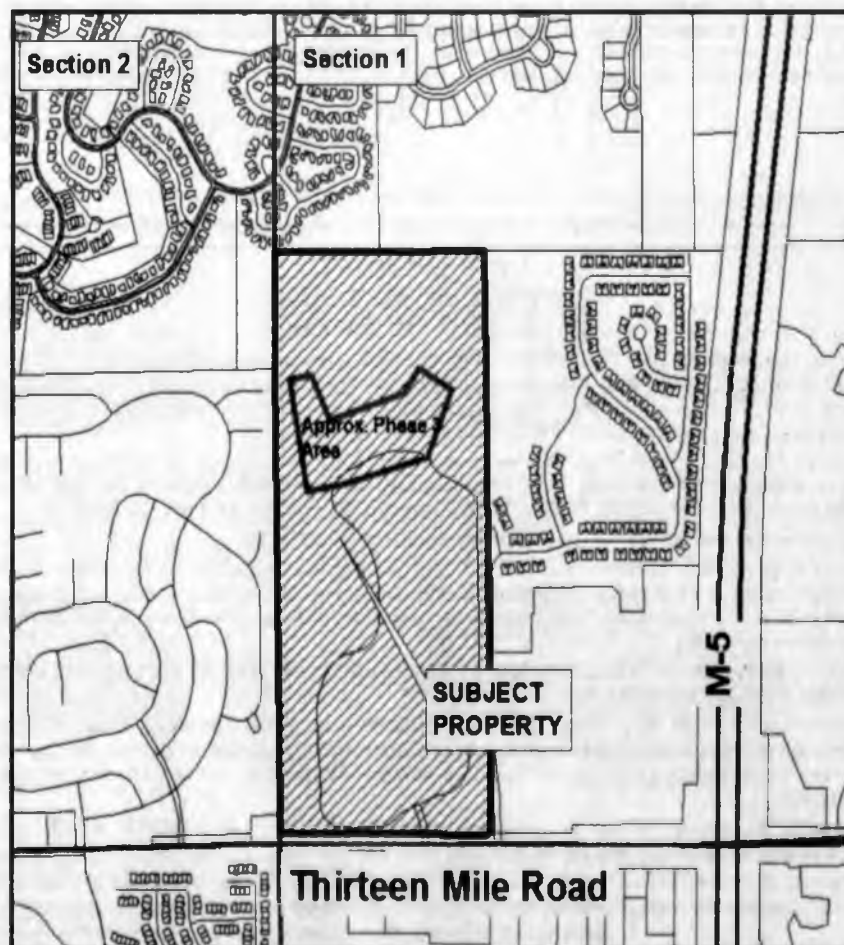
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CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, **March 13, 2019** at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **FOX RUN NEIGHBORHOOD 3, JSP 18-18 FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE REVISED PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN WITH A PD-1 (PLANNED DEVELOPMENT RESIDENTIAL) OPTION, REVISED SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT, REVISED PHASING PLAN, REVISED WOODLAND PERMIT, REVISED WETLAND PERMIT AND REVISED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN**. The subject property totals approximately 102.8 acres and is located in Section 1, north of Thirteen Mile Road and west of M-5. The site is zoned RM-1 Low Density Multiple Family, and developed under a Development Agreement. The applicant is proposing to revise the layout and design for Phase 3 of the senior community from what was previously approved. The four buildings proposed would contain 370 independent living units, parking spaces, dining facilities, and other amenities. The total number of units within the Fox Run community would not exceed the number previously approved. The Conservation Easement on the north end of the property would remain.

Plans are available for review at the Civic Center.



Subject Parcel ID's:
50-22-01-300-013

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, **March 13, 2019**.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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The Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi has expanded, including additional ballrooms and a new pre-function gathering space. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Expansion

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over 10,000 square feet.

The expanded facility is the new home of the Shrine Circus, Bowman said, who can now put on winter performances inside the building, while continuing to use a big top tent outside during the Michigan State Fair.

The Suburban Collection Showplace opened in 2005 and now totals nearly 400,000 square feet, including an attached hotel. Besides the additional ballrooms in which weddings can be hosted and a new pre-function gathering space, the new \$19 million in investments include large picture windows, LED lighting, energy-efficient HVAC systems, modern carpet, paint and decor, state-of-the-art audio systems, an

interior box office and additional exterior parking.

"I think it is going to be a very cool entertainment venue, a lot more diverse acts will come and truly show off our city of Novi," Bowman said. "We are the largest privately owned exposition and conference facility in the state."

Suburban Collection Showplace hosts numerous corporate events and consumer shows per year, including the Novi Home Show, the MARVAC RV& Camping Show, the Ultimate Fishing Show, the Novi Golf Show, the Novi Boat Show, Outdoorama, Motor City Comic Con, and the Michigan State Fair.

For more information about upcoming events at the Suburban Collection Showplace, visit suburbancollection-showplace.com.

Contact Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com. Follow her on Twitter @SusanBromley10.



The expanded Suburban Collection Showplace is the new home of the Shrine Circus, which celebrated with a performance at the facility on Feb. 13.



Part of the Suburban Collection Showplace's massive expansion connects to the rest of the convention hall at its west end. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Intersection

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lives of many tie rods and wheel rims," Breen said. "I hope the city can continue to work with the county to get 12 Mile and Novi up to speed. I'm not sure if what we call a road there still qualifies as road."

Councilman Andrew Mutch agreed.

"This has been the number one location of complaints," he said. "They wanted it done yesterday, not 2021. That it will be completed this year is good news."

George Melistas, engineering manager and traffic engineer for Novi, said the total cost of the intersection reconstruction will be about \$800,000.

While the city is advancing more than half the money now, their total cost will be about \$100,000, the city's por-

tion of tri-party funding, with the county board of commissioners and the road commission contributing, as well as federal grant funding from the National Highway Performance Program.

Melistas said the city will be reimbursed all but \$100,000 after Oct. 1, 2020, when the road commission gets the funding from the federal grant program.

"We just couldn't wait that long," Melistas said. "This needs help soon."

The road commission will bid the project, with construction expected to begin mid to late June on the intersection that carries an average of 34,200 vehicles daily.

Melistas said "traffic will be maintained" during construction, which he hopes will be completed by the end of August.

Contact Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com. Follow her on Twitter @SusanBromley10.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE 2019 BOARD OF REVIEW WAYNE AND OAKLAND COUNTIES

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Review of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, will meet at the City Hall, 215 West Main Street, for the purpose of reviewing and adjusting the 2019 Assessment Rolls of the City of Northville on the following dates:

TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2019:	5:00 p.m. Administrative Meeting
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2019:	1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019:	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Unless otherwise specified the dates above are for Public Hearings

Pursuant to Act 165 of 1971 and based on the proposed changes to assessed values for 2019, the Wayne and Oakland County Equalization Departments have set the following tentative equalization factors relative to the 2019 Real and Personal Property Assessments: **WAYNE COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00. **OAKLAND COUNTY** - Commercial Real 1.00; Industrial Real 1.00; Residential Real 1.00; All Personal Property 1.00.

Mail-in Petitions must be received by March 13, 2019 before 4:00 p.m. ALL TAXPAYERS wishing to petition their property's taxable value or assessment in person with the Board of Review will be seen by **APPOINTMENT ONLY. To ensure every appeal is heard it is requested that appointments be scheduled prior to Tuesday, March 5, 2019.** Please contact the City of Northville Tax Department at (248) 449-9901 for an appointment or with any questions you may have regarding your 2019 taxable or assessed value.

BOARD OF REVIEW

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF MEETING OF BOARD OF REVIEW

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Review shall convene for the Organizational Meeting at 9:00 a.m. EST, Tuesday, March 5th, 2019 in the Mayor's Conference Room/Civic Center at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road for the purpose of reviewing and correcting the assessment roll. Appointments are not taken for this meeting.

Notice is further given that the second session of the Board of Review will meet for the purpose of hearing and considering assessment appeals in the Mayor's Conference Room at 45175 W. Ten Mile Road on March 11, 12 and 13, 2019.

All appearances before the Board will be by appointment only.

If you or your representatives want to appear in person, the appointment must be made on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Friday, March 8, 2019. Appearances before the Board of Review are limited to five (5) minutes or less. Petitions are available at the Assessor's Office or at www.cityofnovi.org

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Letters of protest will be accepted on or before 5:00 p.m. EST, Tuesday, March 12, 2019. Postmarks will not be considered. When submitting a letter of protest for the Board of Review consideration, you must attach a completed petition along with any supporting information.

All agents protesting values on property other than their own, **MUST HAVE** written authorization from each property owner they are representing.

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BOARD OF REVIEW SCHEDULE

Monday, March 11, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mayor's Conference Room
Tuesday, March 12, 2019 - 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Mayor's Conference Room
Wednesday, March 13, 2019 - 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mayor's Conference Room
Located in the Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road Novi, MI 48375.

Any questions should be directed to the Assessing Department at (248) 347-0485.

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Questions about how to file taxes



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Q: I have a few tax questions that I hope you can help me with. First you should know I took your advice and went online for the free-file from the IRS. It is very easy to use and it really is free, so thank you. My first question deals with my tax status. I don't know if I should file as single or married filing separately. In 2018, I was married in January. However, things did not work out and by the end of November, I was divorced. Since I was married for more than half the year, do I file as married filing separate? My second question deals with unpaid wages. Early last year my employer abruptly went out of business, owing me and other employees back pay. We hired an attorney who in so many words, told us that there is very little we could do since my former employer

left the country. I was owed a few thousand dollars in back pay. Is there any way I can deduct that? My last question deals with IRA contributions. I was told I could still make an IRA contribution, but that it's limited to my wages that I was paid. In calendar year 2018, my total wages that I was actually paid was about \$3,500, but I had other income from some savings and investments. Am I limited to just \$3,500?

Thank you, Lynn

Dear Lynn:

Last year was certainly an eventful year for you, and I hope 2019 is better.

With regard to your tax status, that is determined as of Dec. 31. Therefore, since on Dec. 31, 2018, you were single, you should file as a single individual.

With regard to the money you lost from your former employer, unfortunately, that money is not tax deductible. I know you may be thinking that it is not fair, however, tax laws are rarely meant to be fair. As Americans we have this view that all laws should be fair; however,

that is not the case. We should never forget that when it comes to taxes, the purpose of taxes is to raise revenue, and fairness rarely enters into the equation. As a side note, if for some reason you do recover money from your employer, that money would be taxed to you.

With regard to an IRA contribution, for 2018 for people who are under 50, the limit is \$5,500 and for those 50 and over, it is \$6,500. That is the maximum contribution you can make. However, to qualify for an IRA contribution you must have what is known as earned income. Earned income is income from your labor that would typically show up on a W-2. Income from things like dividends and interest are not considered earned income. Therefore, since the only earned income you had was \$3,500, that would be the maximum contribution you could make to your IRA in 2018.

It is important to remember that you can still make a 2018 IRA contribution. You have until April 15 to make your contribution. Typically, when it comes to IRA contributions, people wait until the

last minute to do so; there is nothing wrong with that. However, a better strategy is to make your IRA contribution as soon as possible. If you make a 2019 IRA contribution now as opposed to a year from now, it gives you an extra year of that money growing for your benefit.

One last note regarding IRA contributions: never forget about using a Roth IRA versus a traditional IRA. The downside of using a Roth IRA is that you cannot write off your contribution. However, the benefit is that your money grows tax free and thus, when you withdraw it, you pay no taxes. In addition, the required minimum distribution rules do not apply to Roth IRAs. I'm a big proponent of Roth IRAs, and I think more and more people ought to take advantage of them.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial advisor. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

Burton Manor tees up with golf

Darrell Clem HometownLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It's not easy finding a getaway that offers golf, hunting, football, target practice and a dodgeball game against zombies — all under one roof.

Livonia's Burton Manor, one of metro Detroit's largest banquet and event halls, has it all.

During an interview, owner Sam Mass revealed Burton Manor's newest gem — a simulator lounge, complete with black leather sofas, high-top tables, a bar, large TV screens and dim lighting that keeps the focus on a pair of 8- by 11-foot simulator screens.

The effort reflects a business decision that brings a new revenue source to Burton Manor while providing entertainment, especially during winter, for golfers and other sports enthusiasts.

"It gives people a reason to get out of the house in winter," Mass said.

Burton Manor brought in Full Swing, an industry-leading simulator company that installed MGM Grand Detroit casino's Topgolf suite, for the job.

Dan West, Livonia Chamber of Commerce president, said the simulator lounge gives area residents and out-of-town visitors a new place to go for entertainment.

"This is another indoor social evening option for people," West said. "The virtual sports thing is also going to appeal to younger people who have moved to town."

Golfers can test their skills with simulator golf courses such as Pebble Beach and Torrey Pines in California and Firestone Golf Course in Akron, Ohio, among others. The simulator allows players to choose settings and provides

them with metrics on their game.

Golfers can bring their own clubs or rent them from Burton Manor.

In other simulator games, baseball enthusiasts can test their accuracy and learn the speed of their pitch, among other metrics, while a hunter can test skills at hunting deer, boars, bears, squirrels and pheasants, among other wildlife. Another game allows players to fend off enemy aircraft in a World War II-type simulation.

Players working up a thirst or appetite can enjoy a beer or cocktail or bar-type food from the simulator lounge bar.

"It really is for all ages," Mass said.

Burton Manor is at 27777 Schoolcraft, west of Inkster Road. For more information, go to www.burtonmanor.net or call 734-427-9110. The website has a section dedicated to its simulators.



Sam Mass takes a swing at the golf simulator. BILL BRESLER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Woman out \$8K in 'grandparent scam'

David Veselenak | Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Be careful who's calling pretending to be a relative. That's the message Livonia police are sending out after yet another 'grandparent' scam, this one costing one resident thousands of dollars.

A 78-year-old Livonia woman came into the Livonia police station Jan. 30 to report she had been scammed out of \$8,000.

She said she received several phone calls from "unavailable" numbers. She answered one of them, with the caller claiming to be her grandson.

He said he was arrested and in a jail in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and needed money for bail.

Believing the caller to be her grandson, the woman then went out and bought \$8,000 worth of eBay and Home Depot gift cards as payment to help get him out.

When the suspect called back, the Livonia resident read out the card numbers to the suspect. She received a call the next day from the suspect again, which is when she realized she may have been scammed.

She then called her actual grandson, who said he had not been arrested in Canada. She then came to the police station to file a report.

Such scams are fairly common. The Michigan attorney general's office provides plenty of information, including the signs to look for when such a call is made.

Anyone who believes they have fallen victim to such a scam is encouraged to report it to their local police department, as well as the Federal Trade Commission by visiting that agency's website or by calling 877-FTC-HELP.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for Servman LLC requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit in accordance with 7.5.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary auto dealer inventory, storage, and staging at parcels 50-22-16-176-020 and 50-22-16-176-021, north of Grand River Ave and west of Taft Road from March 18, 2019 through March 13, 2020. The property is zoned OST (Office Service Technology) and the use is contrary to 3.14.1.A of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

A public hearing can be requested by any property owner whose property is located within 300 feet of the boundary of the property being considered for a temporary special land use permit.

A public hearing will be held at 10:00am on March 13, 2019 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the Community Development Conference Room. All written comments should be directed to Katherine Oppermann and must be received prior to Wednesday, March 12, 2019 at 3PM.

Publish: February 21, 2019

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **INTERIOR ENVIRONMENTS PARKING LOT EXPANSION JSP 18-51 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, WETLANDS PERMIT, AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL.** The subject property is zoned B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS) and is approximately 1.36-acres. The site is located at 48700 Grand River Avenue, south of Twelve Mile Road and east of Wixom Road in Section 17. The applicant is proposing to expand the existing parking lot from 39 to 59 spaces, which necessitates changes to the storm water management pond.

Plans are available for review at the Community Development Department in the Novi Civic Center.



Subject Property Parcel ID: 50-22-17-126-009

All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments may be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be made to the Community Development Department, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 during the City's regular business hours, Monday thru Friday, from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., and must be received by 4:00 P.M., Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

Publish: February 21, 2019

Northville dance team sets bar high

Northville High School's award-winning competitive dance team is setting team records for the number of dancers in collegiate dance programs.

From last year's graduating class alone, five of its dancers are now performing at the collegiate level: Julia Gessert (University of Wisconsin), Molly Johnson (Michigan State University), Sonia Petrucci (Pennsylvania State University), Lily Sheppard (Marymount Manhattan College) and Amelia Sons (Grand Valley State University).

"Each year, more and more of our dancers are being selected to join college dance teams and pursue dance majors," said varsity coach Sarah Benish. "We attribute this success to the intense training, high level of competition and personal development that the NHS Competitive Dance Team offers."

With a season that spans six months, the varsity and junior varsity teams practice two days a week in addition to their individual studio classes. They attend a summer camp as a team and participate in a summer intensive during which the season's dances are choreographed.

After that, they compete in regional and national dance competitions, host a dance clinic for elementary and middle school students,



Northville High School's varsity competitive dance team had its highest finish ever in the recent national competition in Orlando. SUBMITTED

and perform at various high school events and a year-end showcase performance.

"These comprehensive activities produce disciplined and talented dancers who are ready after graduation to dance in college if they choose," added Benish, in her seventh year of coaching. "The current dancers look up to the girls in college as role models and this helps them set their own individual goals."

The 2018 graduates on collegiate dance teams perform at football and basketball games. They believe their high school experience has given them a competitive edge with tryouts and performing at the next level.

"Northville's dance team gave me a sneak peak into what College Nationals will look like, which some of my teammates didn't have the opportunity to experience," said Sons. "It also taught me almost all the hip-hop tricks I needed to know so when auditions for GVSU dance team came around,

I was ready."

Both on the NHS varsity team for all four years of high school, Gessert and Petrucci now dance as Division 1 athletes at Big Ten universities.

About halfway through their freshman year now, they have thoroughly enjoyed their experiences at Wisconsin and Penn State, respectively.

"One of my favorite parts of being on Penn State's dance team has been performing in front of over 100,000 fans at Beaver Stadium, especially at the white-out game," said Petrucci. "The environment at that game was crazy because it was such a big game. College GameDay was in State College and I got to be featured on it."

"At Wisconsin, I've continued my love for dance and have a new dance family here," said Gessert. "Dance team was the best decision I ever made in high school."

The NHS Competitive Dance Team also hosts

several fund-raisers to cover team expenses.

The NHS competitive dance team's showcase performance, "When You Wish Upon a Star," will be at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 22 in the NHS auditorium.

The showcase will feature performances by the varsity and junior varsity teams, the middle school dance team and the clinic participants. The NHS choir's Backbeat, a male a cappella group, will emcee the event.

Tickets are \$7 and can be purchased in advance at nhsdanceteam1@yahoo.com. Tickets will also be for sale at the box office.

The NHS competitive dance team recently returned from the UDA National Dance Team Championship in Orlando. The varsity team placed 6th in the nation for Hip Hop and the JV team placed 5th in the nation for Jazz. It was the highest the varsity team ever placed in Hip Hop and the first time the JV team went.

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Man loses almost \$8K in Bitcoin fraud

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A 53-year-old man is out almost \$8,000 after being tricked in a Bitcoin fraud.

One of the suspects in the scam claimed to be a Novi police officer.

According to a Novi police report, the victim, a New Jersey resident temporarily living in Novi, said he received an automated voicemail around noon Feb. 12 in which it was stated the call was from the Social Security Administration and his Social Security number would be blocked if he did not take immediate action.

The man pressed one to speak with an agent as instructed, and was told about an alleged arrest warrant for money laundering and drug trafficking in El Paso, Texas.

This person then connected the victim to another suspect who claimed to

be a Novi police officer verifying the arrest warrants.

The victim then followed instructions to withdraw \$1,000 and \$6,890 from two separate banks and convert them into Bitcoin at two local stores, using a QR code the suspect texted for transferring the Bitcoin.

According to the police report, after sending the \$7,890, the man became "suspicious of this situation and came to the station to report it because the suspect requested more money."

The man told police he spoke with three different suspects during the incident, all of whom had Indian accents.

The man was given an identity theft pamphlet, advised to do a credit check and freeze his credit. He also flagged his Social Security number.

Police advised the victim they would be unable to trace the whereabouts of the Bitcoin transaction and his money would not be recovered.

Livonia police arrest I-96 Speedway robbery suspect

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Livonia police say they have arrested a suspect accused of holding up a gas station off of Interstate 96 last week.

Police say they, with the assistance of the United States Marshal Service, arrested Sean Ragland, 26, of Highland Park, on Feb. 15. Ragland, a former employee at the gas station, is accused of entering the Speedway at 31374 Schoolcraft in the early morning hours Feb. 14 and robbing the store clerk at gun point.

The store clerk working at the time called police after running from the store after the suspect arrived.

Police say Ragland entered wearing a bandanna over his face and brandished a semiautomatic handgun, demanding cash. Police say he took the cash and left



Ragland

the store on foot. He was unable to be located by police immediately after the incident.

Ragland was arraigned on charges of armed robbery and felony firearm in district court. He was given a \$150,000 cash/surety bond and is due in Livonia's 16th District Court for a probable cause conference at 9 a.m. Feb. 28.

Wayne County Jail online records show Ragland still in the county jail as of Monday morning. If convicted, Ragland faces up to life in prison.

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Emails show how fake University of Farmington lured its students

Niraj Warikoo Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

In the summer of 2017, a foreign student in Michigan received an email from an official at the University of Farmington.

"It was a pleasure speaking with you," Ali Milani wrote to the student from India. "Thank you for your recent interest in The University of Farmington, a nationally accredited business and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) institution. Here at the University of Farmington we have created an innovative learning environment that combines traditional instruction with fulltime professional experiences. We offer flexible class schedules and a focus on students who do not want to interrupt their careers."

At the bottom of the email, it described the university as: "A nationally accredited institution authorized to enroll international students by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security."

The email and others like it were obtained by the Free Press, revealing how the university portrayed itself to potential foreign students.

The email exchanges with Ali Milani — who is described in a LinkedIn profile as the president of the University of Farmington — show how the school in Farmington Hills may have lured students to enroll in a fake university set up by The Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

A federal indictment unsealed Jan. 30 revealed that the university was produced by federal agents with an investigative division of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which is part of DHS.

Federal agents posed as university officials such as "Ali Milani" to trick the students, say attorneys.

Federal prosecutors allege that more than 600 students enrolled at the university knew it was improper, but the emails and attorneys tell a different story.

In addition to the emails, federal un-



The building that was used as the fake University of Farmington campus by the federal government. ERIC SEALS/DETROIT FREE PRESS

dercover agents took other steps to manipulate the foreign students, according to public records and attorneys:

■ Undercover investigators with the Department of Homeland Security registered the University of Farmington with the state of Michigan as a university using a fake name.

■ At the request of DHS, a national accreditation agency listed the University of Farmington as being accredited in order to help deceive prospective students.

■ The university was also placed by federal investigators on the website of ICE as an university approved by them under a government program for foreign students known as SEVIS (Student and Exchange Visitor Program).

"It seems quite clear the scheme was set up by the government not to go after legitimate offenders, but to create fear in our immigration system," said Amer Zahr, an adjunct professor of law at the University of Detroit-Mercy and a spokesman for one of the 146 students who were detained by ICE. "They're going after students who are trying to better their lives, because America has the

best education. This is who they're choosing to go after? It's really disturbing."

Out of the more than 600 students who were enrolled, 146 have been arrested and detained by ICE on civil immigration charges.

All are from India except for Najlaa Karim Musarsa, 29, of Dearborn Heights, who is Palestinian. She was released last week and went back to the West Bank.

In addition, prosecutors have charged eight people for being recruiters of the students, most of whom studied in engineering and technology fields. Five of them were arraigned in U.S. district court in Detroit last week and pled not guilty.

"It really shows a contempt for immigrants," Zahr said of the detaining of Musarsa and other students.

"She's not a danger to society. She's not trying to defraud. To treat her and others as hardcore criminals" is concerning, Zahr said. "They want to create fear, so non-white people, brown people, don't think of coming to America anymore."

Concern about the detainees

There are reports in Indian-American and Indian media outlets saying some of the students were being held in poor conditions and not getting vegetarian food in accordance with their religious and cultural beliefs.

There are also reports in Indian media outlets that some Indian students were already deported, and now are stuck in India with debt. Some come from poor farming backgrounds and had to take out loans to support their studies in the U.S., said a Times of India report. The university charged \$11,000 a year for graduate students.

Four U.S. House representatives, including U.S. House Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-Southfield), released a letter they sent to DHS and ICE, expressing "concerns surrounding the recent undercover operation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's (ICE) Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)."

The Indian government has also expressed its concern in a letter from its Ministry of External Affairs.

The letter from the Congress members said Indian-Americans "have expressed concerns regarding the treatment of these detained foreign nationals. We urge DHS and ICE to ensure the detained students are treated properly and afforded all rights provided to them under the law, including access to an attorney and release on bond, if they are eligible."

In a statement, ICE spokesman Khaalid Walls said: "ICE remains committed to ensuring its facilities adhere to ICE's detention standards which provide several levels of oversight in order to ensure that residents in ICE custody reside in safe, secure and humane environments."

Many of the students who were enrolled at the University of Farmington had previously received master's degrees from a different university, like the

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student Milani had written.

The name of the student in the email is not being identified at the request of an attorney.

They were generally admitted to the U.S. on non-immigrant F-1 student visas and were allowed to work while enrolled at a university on programs known as OPT (Optional Practical Training) or CPT (Curricular Practical Training), said attorneys in contact with the students. Some were trying to get H-1-B visas to stay longer in America, but there is a cap on those, and so they sought other ways to remain working in the U.S.

After their master's degree programs ended, the students would be ineligible to remain working in the U.S. and so some sought to get a second master's degree at the University of Farmington. In other cases, their previous universities had problems with accreditation, which made them ineligible to work, and so they tried to transfer, said Atlanta-based immigration attorney Ravi Mannam.

Emails from the university to student

In the June 2017 email, Milani wrote to the Indian student: "In many instances, your prior Masters Degree's (MA) credits, combined with CPT, can be applied to a second MA in lieu of a traditional course load."

Milani wrote to the student about its tuition and accreditation: "The University of Farmington operates on a quarterly academic calendar, each term is generally ten weeks, excluding exams, and the admissions process is on a rolling basis. Terms start every three months, beginning in September, December, March, and June. Sessions begin every month. Graduate programs tuition is \$2500 per quarter. Depending on fees, average cost is \$1,000 per month."

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The University of Farmington has been closed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

Affected student should contact their local Homeland Security Investigations office. <https://www.ice.gov/contact/hail>

The Department of Homeland Security has taken offline the website of the University of Farmington, which it had created for a sting operation. The website was taken down Jan. 31 after a federal indictment was unsealed Jan. 30. The website now contains a logo for the investigative unit of ICE and reads: "The University of Farmington has been closed by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

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Colleges (ACCSC), Michale McComis, told the Free Press that his group worked with federal agents on the sting operation.

"Upon request by the US Department of Homeland Security ACCSC assisted in the operation by listing the school as being accredited by ACCSC," McComis said.

The same group had accredited a fake University of Northern New Jersey at the request of DHS. In that case, though, ICE didn't make mass arrests of students like they have of the Farmington students.

Records filed with the state Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA) show that the University of Farmington was incorporated in January 2016.

Prosecutors have said their undercover operation started in 2015.

Ali Milani is listed in the state records as the university's resident agent. A spokesman for LARA, Jason Moon, refused to comment on the fake university and whether the state had cooperated with federal investigators on their sting investigation.

Many of the students were trying to work while enrolled in a university, which is an accepted practice approved by the U.S. government.

In the June 2017 email to the student, Milani sent the student a 2-page application form that asks applicants to send

a \$100 application fee.

"If you are interested in having your tomorrow start today, please complete the attached application and submit a copy of your passport and current visa," Milani wrote.

His email ended with: "Good luck in all your endeavors."

The student filled out the application and emailed Milani back in a couple of hours.

The next day, June 29, Milani said the student was admitted, writing that he was attaching the "admission letter along with the international student checklist and SEVIS transfer form."

SEVIS is the Student and Exchange Visitor Program run by ICE, which oversees the program for students on F-1 visas, like the ones at the University of Farmington.

The next week, the student asked to defer his admission until December. In October, the student then asked Milani to transfer his SEVIS "today" because his OPT expires.

"I have been trying to reach out to you since morning, but couldn't get hold of it. Please let me know ASAP, its URGENT," the student wrote.

After enrolling at the university, some of the students discovered there were no classes, said attorneys.

But the university kept on telling the students that classes would soon be held.

Students 'taken advantage of'

"I was told by the students that the university reassured them that classes would be held and everything would be fine and that they are following the immigration laws," said Prashanthi Reddy, an attorney in New York City. "The students paid them the tuition fees and were trapped once they realized that classes were not being held, as some didn't have the money to transfer and pay tuition at another university."

Reddy said "some did transfer out, some said they called and emailed the university and asked for SEVIS to be transferred but did not get a response, some others said they were reassured by the fact that the university was accredited and listed on the ICE website."

Adding to the confusion was a website that led viewers to think it was a legitimate place, with photos of students in classrooms and claims that students could work while enrolled.

"The University of Farmington is a nationally accredited business and STEM institution located in Metro Detroit," read the university website created by DHS that was taken down the day after the indictments were unsealed. "Our innovative curriculum combines traditional instruction and distance learning with full-time professional experiences. We offer flexible class schedules and a focus on students who do not want to interrupt their careers."

The university even had a fake backstory, saying that it "traces its lineage back to the early 1950s, when returning soldiers from the Second World War were seeking a quality and marketable education. At the time, Detroit was the center of innovation and manufacturing. ... Please explore our academic offerings to see if University of Farmington is the right place to achieve your success."

"It was a very well-put-together website," said Russell Abrutyn, an immigration attorney in Berkley who is in contact with some of the students. "It looked like a real school."

"I think a lot of these students ... were essentially taken advantage of or taken in by what appeared to be a legitimate school."



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Howell's Josh Palo reached the 1,000-point career milestone when he made this jump shot over the outstretched arm of Novi's Giovanni Miles on Feb. 15.

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Tech sends Novi star to bench in loss to Howell

Bill Khan
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Winning a basketball game wasn't the priority for Novi coach Chris Housey.

It was more important to provide a teachable moment, even if it jeopardized the Wildcats' chances of beating Howell Friday night.

The game was very much hanging in the balance when Giovanni Miles, Novi's best player, picked up a technical foul with 4:07 remaining in the fourth quarter.

It wasn't Miles' fifth foul, so he was free to remain in the game, but Housey put him on the bench the rest of the night.

Howell, which led 43-42 at the time, went on to win, 57-45.

"We talk to the kids all the time about maintaining your composure and moving forward to the next play, the next play after stuff happens," Housey said. "We kind of just lost ours at the end there. It ended up costing us. It's never one guy, it's never one moment. If we had been winning by 20, instead of the 10 we were, it might not have made that big of a difference. It ended up costing us, but we'll learn from it."

Miles had a team-high 12 points and might have provided a counter-punch to Howell senior Josh Palo, who took over the game in the second half.

Palo scored the 1,000th point of his four-year career with his only basket of the first half, then went off for 25 second-half points. Novi held a 37-25 lead with 2:36 left in the third quarter.

From that point on, Palo scored 22 points during a 32-6 run. He had 15

points in the fourth quarter, going 9-for-9 from the line.

"We were down a lot," Palo said. "We really didn't have anything going, so I knew I had to make stuff start happening. That's what I was doing. I was just attacking, I was finishing my layups."

Novi was able to limit Palo's chances in the first half, with Jacob Clay and Miles Sloan taking turns guarding him.

"We played good defense on him in the first half," Novi coach Chris Housey said. "We played really good defense on him in the second half. He's just a really good player and made plays. He just beat us; he just flat-out came out and beat us."

Ashton Smith scored 11 points off the bench for Novi (8-10, 7-7 KLA West). Jett Porter scored all eight of his points in the first half.

HOCKEY



Members of Northville High School's hockey greet their visitors from Neinas Elementary in Detroit at the Novi Ice Arena.

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Detroit, Northville kids make a connection on ice

Susan Bromley
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Their communities are 40 miles apart, their age difference is about 7 years, and their economic advantages are different, but last week, 80 kids from Detroit and Northville made a connection on ice.

About 45 Northville High School hockey players and 35 fourth graders from Neinas Dual Language Academy met on Feb. 13 for a day many will never



Northville High School varsity hockey coach John Gates and Mustang Derek Fiebig help Neinas Elementary visitor Yadir Hernandez, center, around the ice.

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PREP ATHLETICS

South Lyon cheering sections add flavor

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

When student-athletes need a quick in-game pick-me-up (think spinach for Popeye), they often turn to their student-cheering sections — the best of which provide choreographed chants and cheers for their hometown heroes.

Earlier this month, two of the area's most rambunctious momentum generators were stationed 25 rows deep and just over the length of a basketball court from one another in the South Lyon East High School gymnasium, adding some pizzazz to a rivalry game between the host Cougars and the visiting South Lyon contingent that was already overflowing with electricity.

Cohesive in their theme-of-the-night sports jerseys — there were a lot of yellow Lion jerseys and one bright-orange Tim Tebow uniform in the mix — South Lyon's mojo igniters were their usual spontaneous selves, going bonkers when their team knocked down a long three-point shot and displaying perfect harmony with "You can't do that!" when an unfortunate East player was whistled for double-dribble.

And, yes, there were a few choruses of "Airball!", aimed at unnerving (at least temporarily) a shooter whose shot failed to even nick the rim.

The home team's supportive throng opted to go with a white-out apparel theme, turning their collective backs whenever a Lion stepped to the

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PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Brighton topples Northville, now 17-1

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With the precision of a world-class surgeon, Brighton's girls basketball team proved Friday night against host Northville why it's regarded as one of the best teams in the state.

Applying a full-court pressure defense that gave the Mustangs little room to breathe, let alone execute, the Bulldogs forced more turnovers in the first quarter (12) than they allowed shots (seven).

Now 17-1 overall, 13-1 in the Kensington Lakes Activities Association's West Division and ranked ninth in Class A by MaxPreps.com, Brighton led 20-3 after one quarter and 42-16 at the half.

Brighton's top weapon was first-player-off-the-bench Kylie Seiter who scored 15 points — nine the result of a trio of threes — and was a hawk on defense for the winners three steals and a perpetual get-after-it tenacity on defense.

Also turning in valiant efforts for Brighton were junior center Sophie Dziekan, who netted 13 points and six rebounds while proving to be a menace in the paint on defense; and senior guard Lauren Brown, who scored 13 points while swiping five steals.

Brighton drained eight threes — seven in the first half.

Despite the lopsided outcome, several Mustangs distinguished themselves with strong games, namely junior post player Morgan Thompson, who registered 10 points, six rebounds and three blocked shots.

Senior center Julia Straky (seven points) and Lauren Marshall (eight points, four rebounds) also excelled.

The Mustangs slipped to 9-9 overall and 5-9 in the division.

Here are four takeaways from Friday night's action:

No wasted energy

The Bulldogs' efficiency on both ends of the court was stellar. Dribbling on offense was minimal while sharp without-the-ball cuts and crisp passing were maximized as is reflected by their five turnovers over the first three quarters.

On two occasions late in the third quarter and throughout the fourth, the Bulldogs milked big chunks off the clock with impatient examples of unselfish ball control. Following a timeout with 1:20 left in the third, Brighton ran the clock down to 0:02 when Brown launched a right-wing triple that found nothing but net.

Hustle not the problem

Even though their odds of pulling out a victory grew slimmer by the quarter, the Mustangs never hit the brakes on their effort.

A prime example unfolded with 4:10 remaining in the game and the hosts trailing 59-28. Sophomore reserve guard Avery Tolstyka sprinted more than a quarter of the quarter after a loose ball before laying out for a last-gasp dive for the sphere and ultimately sliding 10 feet across the floor just beyond the baseline.



Mustang Lauren Marshall runs into a lot of Bulldogs near the basket. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

The Mustangs showed a lot of spunk in the second half, playing Brighton toe-to-toe on the scoreboard (19-19) even though the Bulldogs' starters remained in the game for the most part until the final four minutes of the contest.

Pressure cookers

At times, it seemed as if there were seven Brighton defenders on the floor — that's how daunting the team's full-court, girl-to-girl press appeared.

Brown and Seiter were the defensive catalysts, filling passing lanes with lightning-quick bursts and exhibiting in-your-face technique that often led to poor passes by Northville and subsequent layups for the Bulldogs.

The best example of how Brighton's defense produced offense played out with 1:42 remaining in the first quarter when Elaine Halonen secured a loose ball caused by a turnover and finished off a smooth left-handed layup to extend her team's 10-0 run.

Lady Luck played a small role in the Bulldogs' fortunes midway through the first stanza when Dziekan banked in a three-point shot before smiling and putting her hand over mouth, signaling she didn't call bank on the release.

Plenty of positives

Other than failing to handle Brighton's pressure, the mostly-underclassmen Mustangs hung tough.

Senior guard Jenna Lauderback doubled-down on the much taller Dziekan on one Bulldog possession, forcing a



Sophie Dziekan had 13 points and six rebounds for Brighton.

jump ball with the possession arrow pointing Northville's way.

Just before halftime, Lauderback defied a Brighton double team and threaded a slick pass to Thompson, who had gotten behind the Bulldogs' defense.

Thompson returned the favor a short time later when she stole a pass near mid-court and lasered a pass to Mar-

shall, who finished the play with a smooth left-handed layup.

Brighton canned nearly half of its shots (24-for-50) while the Mustangs found net on 11 of 31 attempts.

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Ice

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forget.

It began that morning with the Northville teens raising their arms and linking hands across from each other, forming a human tunnel into the Novi ice arena and cheering as the grinning Detroit students ran through and into the building, for something extraordinary.

"Most of these kids have never skated," said Susan Evans, a member of the board of directors with Bridgepointe, a non-profit that organized the event. "They are not exposed to hockey in their community like they are soccer and baseball."

In an even broader sense, just getting exposure to a new experience is special, she added.

About 65% of the students from Neinas, a southwest Detroit public school, qualify for free or reduced meals. Evans said a quarter of the students' families don't own a vehicle and are limited from attending events happening in their own city. Exposure to cultural events, field trips like going to the zoo or even visiting a park, are essential hands-on learning experiences that are often in

short supply for inner-city children.

After strapping on their borrowed skates, the littler kids were venturing on to the ice, with help from their older mentors, clad in full hockey regalia. Small hands clasped large ones, sometimes with a fourth-grader paired with two high schoolers for double the assistance.

The degrees of confidence varied, with some children staying close to the walls of the rink, or using cones for support, while others soon let go of the supporting hands and skated toward the center of the ice, arms out for balance. There were frequent spills, but also frequent laughs and near constant smiles.

Daniel Roblero, 9, a first-time skater, fell a few times, but proudly shared that he then "got the hang of it" and also shot a puck five times into the net in a sport he has never seen.

"I had a good coach to show me how," he said. "I want to play hockey and skate when I grow up. It was cool being here."

Northville Varsity Assistant Coach Jon Gates said the hockey players teaching the Neinas kids were just as excited. He noted the 15- to 18-year-olds often don't let their guards down as they are kids trying to become adults. But on this day, he said, one could catch a glimpse behind the facade.

"You get to see energy, love, caring and when you see the smiles on their faces, you see they are still kids at heart," Gates said. "You see they care about the kids of the future."

The Northville Hockey program first joined the Bridgepointe community service program four years ago, making two treks to Ross Hill Academy to participate in skill-building activities with those students before the school closed. Last year, the Northville students went to Neinas for the first time, playing basketball and field hockey with fourth-graders who hadn't had a physical education teacher at the school for eight years.

This is the first time the Northville players have been able to welcome Detroit students to their own "turf."

"It's really fun, I love seeing these kids try something new," Grace Lapinski, a Northville High School senior who has played hockey for nine years, said. "They're nervous, but it is good to see them get some confidence on the ice. I'd love to see them try it later in life, especially the girls."

Melissa Castellanos, a 10-year-old Neinas student, said she also was excited to skate with a girl.

"It was really hard, but it was fun," she said. "I want to do this again."

Rose Becker, a fourth grade teacher

at Neinas, accompanied her students to the Novi Ice Arena for what she called "an amazing opportunity."

"You read stories to kids, but when they experience something, it means so much more," she said. "This feels foreign to them, but now it also feels like something in reach and possible... Sometimes when you live in the big city, you don't leave the big city."

For the Northville kids, the all-day experience, which also included lunch and off-ice games, was just as valuable.

"We look forward to this," Nick Bogenhagen, captain of the Northville varsity hockey team, said.

This was his third straight year doing the program in which the team also donates food and school supplies to Neinas.

"The kids have a great time and we have a great time with them," he continued. "They're nervous, they don't want to fall, but holding on to us, they gain trust. And then they want to shoot pucks."

Lisa Cruz, 9, said it was scary. But as she leaves the ice with a grin, she gives a thumbs up, and adds, "It was awesome."

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Physical activity is essential for quality of life

Angie Ferguson | Guest Columnist | USA TODAY NETWORK - FLORIDA

How much physical activity do adults aged 65 and over need to do to stay healthy? Well, that depends. The amount of physical activity you need to do each week depends on your age, current health status and fitness goals.

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Regular physical activity helps improve balance and stability, and in turn helps to reduce the risk of injury from falls, a major concern with aging.

Adults aged 65 or older, who are generally fit and have no health conditions that limit their mobility, should try to be active daily. It's recommended that adults aged 65 or older do at least 30 minutes of moderate intensity physical activity on most, preferably all, days. Some activity, however light, is better for your health than none at all — you should aim to do something, no matter what your age, weight, health problems or abilities. You should aim to be active every day in as many ways as possible, doing a range of physical activities that incorporate fitness, strength, balance and flexibility.

Moderate-intensity aerobic activity means you're working hard enough to raise your heart rate and break a sweat. One way to tell if you're working at a moderate intensity is if you can still talk but you can't sing the words to a song.

Examples of activities that require moderate effort for most people include walking fast; doing water aerobics; ballroom and line dancing; riding a bike on level ground or with a few hills; playing doubles tennis and canoeing.

Daily activities such as shopping, cooking or housework don't count towards your daily 30 minutes of moderate-intensity activity. This is because the effort required isn't hard enough to increase your heart rate.

Vigorous-intensity aerobic activity means you're breathing hard and fast, and your heart rate has gone up quite a bit. If you're working at this level, you won't be able to say more than a few words without pausing for a breath, and you should stop if you feel unwell. It is not recommended that beginners start out with vigorous activity, however, if you have enjoyed a lifetime of vigorous physical activity, you should carry on doing it in a way that suits you now, provided you stick to recommended safety procedures and guidelines.

Make time to exercise most days of the week and not only will you enjoy improved fitness but you'll find the quality to your years improve as well.

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LASTING BENEFITS



Cheering

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free-throw line that was just a bounce pass away.

"It seems like we have more participants this year since a lot of us are seniors," said the Lions' section orchestrator Nate Logan, possibly the only person on the planet sporting a Orange Crush Denver Broncos Tebow jersey at the time. "Our team has had a rough start (the Lions had won just one game prior to their Feb. 8 triumph over East), so we want to show them as much support as possible."

"We try to think of a theme for each game. Tonight was jersey night. The last time we played East, it was an ESPN theme. A bunch of us wore suits and we had an anchor desk, stuff like that. We try to get creative, especially for the rivalry games."

Logan said the section's goal is two-fold: encourage the Lions while providing some ribbing to the opponents.

"When we play East, sometimes we like to pick out an individual player and get on them a little bit, because we went to elementary and middle school with most of them, so we know them. Anything we can use to our advantage ... as long as it's not over the top."

South Lyon principal Chad Scaling is a huge fan of his school's huge student-cheering section, which knows how to have a good time without crossing the line into questionable behavior.

"They provide a lot of energy for the athletes and they get the rest of the crowd going," said Scaling. "It makes for a better event when we get a good turnout like tonight."

"They're kids; they're going to get excited. We tell them to just make sure to keep it fun and be respectful. We've never had a problem with bad sportsmanship."

East athletic director Greg Michaels concurred with Scaling that the school spirit the loud and proud supporters supply is priceless.

"We emphasize that sportsmanship is always first," said Michaels. "A lot of the kids have gone to school together since elementary, so they're friends even though they go to different high schools. The cross-town rivalry games are always fun because the students get into it and we usually have a packed house."

Michaels said he is impressed by his



The South Lyon East student fans go nuts after their team scores a point against South Lyon during the Feb. 8 match.



South Lyon students react to a basket by their team.

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student fans' knowledge of the sports.

"They understand basketball and they'll cheer when there's a good play," Michaels said. "And they'll cringe when or 'ooohhh' and 'aaahhh' when there's a

blocked shot."

East senior Tommy McKeon, who is the unofficial manager of the Cougars' student-cheering section, said his school's crew has been growing steadily

as the 12-year-old school's teams get better.

"We usually fill up the section almost all the way to the top and everyone is loud, which is nice," said McKeon. The rivalry games are the best, obviously, but we'll get good turnouts at other home games as well."

McKeon said there is usually not a game plan going into a game, but the students who decide what chants to unleash try to get as creative as they can.

"When the other team is shooting free throws right in front of us, we'll turn our backs," he said. "If that doesn't work, we'll get really loud. Whatever it takes."

High school student-cheering sections have become so prominent at basketball, football and volleyball games over the years that the Michigan High School Athletic Association started a "Battle of the Fans", which is in its eighth year.

This year's finalists are Midland Dow, Saginaw Heritage, Parchment, Buchanan, Montague and North Muskegon.

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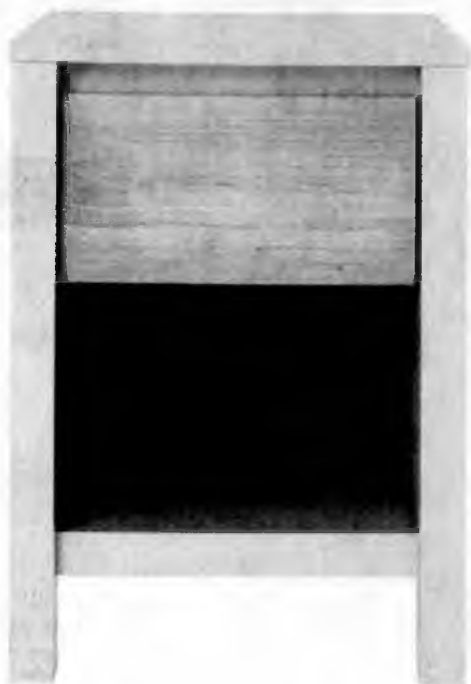


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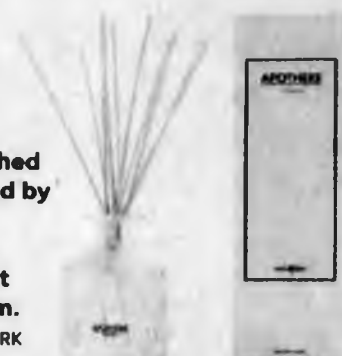
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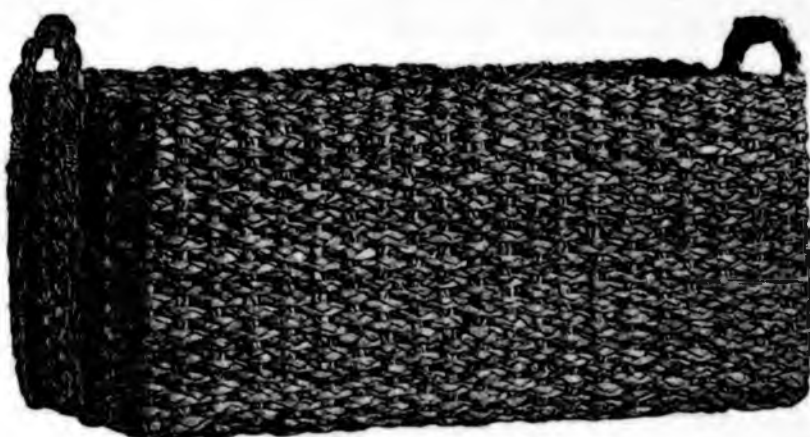
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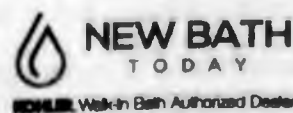
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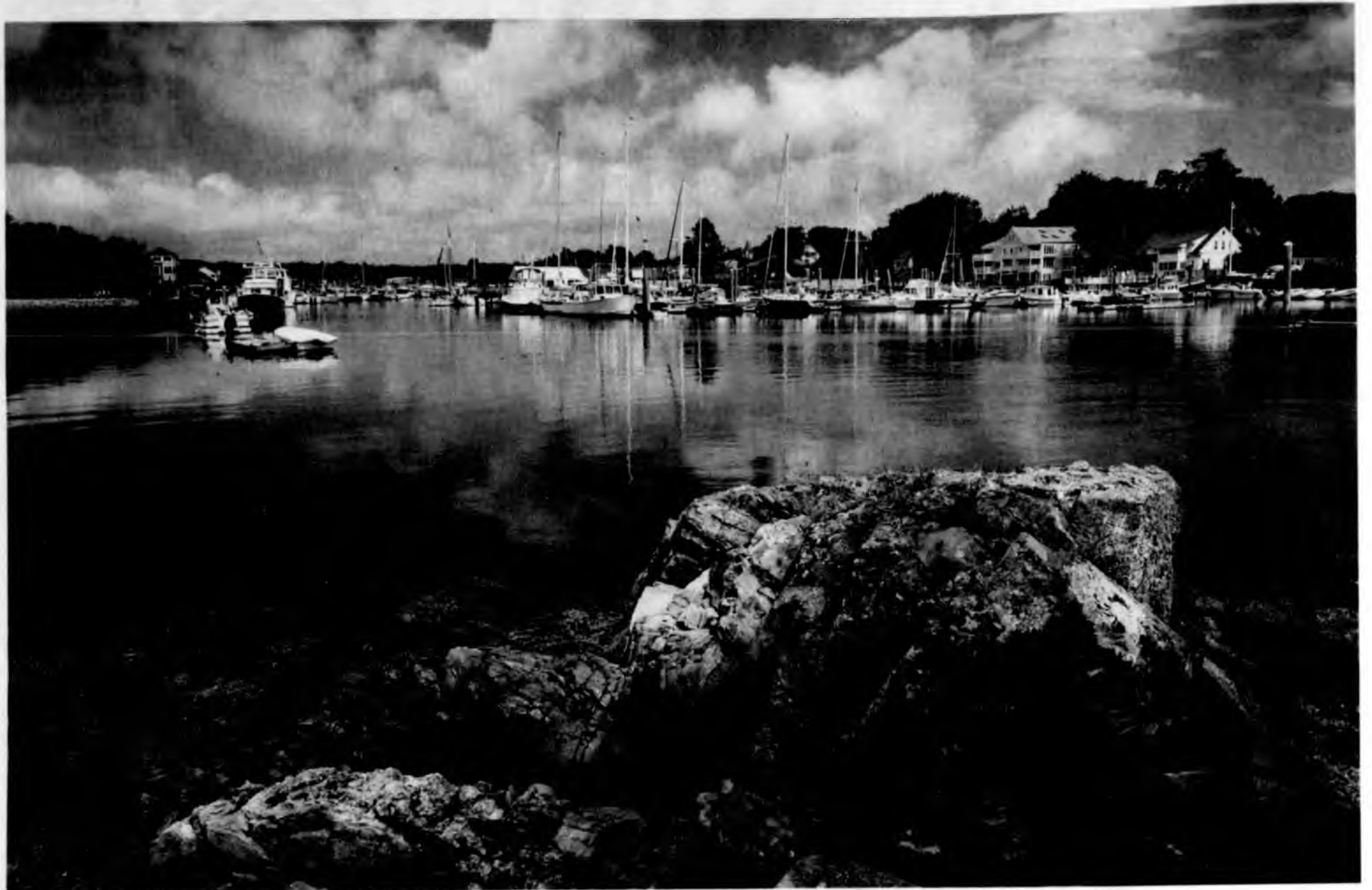
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The beauty of Kennebunkport, Maine, comes to the forefront when the crush of tourists dies down. GETTY IMAGES

Bushes' Maine attraction

In the off-season, you still can vacation like the first family

Diane Bair and Pamela Wright
Special to USA TODAY

"There are three things people in Maine are proud of — lobsters, Stephen King and President (George H. W.) Bush!" says Carl Greeley, a waiter at the Grace White Barn Inn and Spa in charming Kennebunk. That's especially true in the neighboring coastal oasis of Kennebunkport, location of the Bush family's stunning summer residence at Walker's Point.

In addition to the Bush clan, Kennebunkport hosts tourists galore at its beaches, golf course and the cluster of shops and restaurants (lobster, fried clams, anyone?) in Dock Square. But in mid-October, as the last of the revelers and leaf peepers head home, things quiet way down, and the fierce beauty of this seaside town awakens. It's true that some businesses close for the season, including Mabel's Lobster Claw, said to have been a favorite of President H.W. Bush. But there's a trade-off: When the crowds decamp, you can live like a president — if only for a weekend — for less, thanks to off-season rates at Kennebunkport's most luxurious digs.

In winter, the views from the ocean-front Cape Arundel Inn & Resort reveal a palette of silvery grays and moody blues. It's different from the sun-washed summer hues, but every bit as beautiful. Arrive before dark so you can admire the frothy Atlantic Ocean across the street as you sip your welcome glass of bubbly.

Bundle up for a walk along Ocean Avenue, winding alongside a tumble of boulders at water's edge. Turn right, and you'll head past St. Ann's Episcopal Church and down to Colony Beach, where the Kennebunk River meets the Atlantic Ocean.

Head left, and you'll view the Bush family compound at Walker's Point, jutting into the ocean and adorned with a towering flagpole. While the public isn't permitted to enter the grounds, there are benches along the water that invite ogling at a distance.

For dinner, settle in at Ocean, the Cape Arundel Inn's acclaimed dining room, and have chef Pierre Gignac whip up some local favorites. This is dining at its finest, featuring seasonal Maine delicacies with a hint of Provence, and definitely first-family worthy.



Benches along the water offer views of the private Bush compound. OLEG ALBINSKY/GETTY IMAGES



Lobster Thermidor is one of Maine's delicacies on the menu at Ocean, in the Cape Arundel Inn.

The 28-room Cape Arundel Inn is the closest hotel to Walker's Point — and those ocean views are exquisite — but it's not the only option. The Grace White Barn Inn and Spa is the ultimate in cozy chic, and its stunning dining room, set in an antique-filled barn, has won the

coveted AAA five diamonds and Forbes' five stars. Live piano music adds an extra touch of elegance. (Most romantic room: the Loft Suite, with a fireplace and a Jacuzzi tub for two.)

Stroll to Kennebunk Beach, or along the walking path at the Franciscan monastery across the street. If you love that old-inn charm, consider the historic and comfy family-owned Captain Lord Mansion. All 21 rooms in the main and garden houses have gas fireplaces, upping the cozy factor. And, it's a short walk to town.

Although several shops and restaurants are shuttered for the season, some wonderful spots remain open, including the Boathouse restaurant at The Boathouse Waterfront Hotel. Open for lunch and dinner, the Boathouse offers fresh seafood with an Asian twist at its lobster bar, plus such winter-hearty fare as New England clam and corn chowder.

Kennebunkport is especially Instagram-worthy under a blanket of snow. It gets an annual average of 40-plus inches of the white stuff. Make the most of it at nearby Harris Farm. This dairy farm, run by the Harrises for four generations, morphs into a winter wonderland of fun when the snow flies and nearly 25 miles of trails open for cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and fat-tire biking. Gear rentals and lessons are available.

Still not sure that chilly (OK, sometimes really cold), snowy, coastal Maine in winter is your cup of chowder? The town puts on a monthlong Valentine's party called Paint the Town Red with an ice bar, pop-up restaurants, and dining and hotel package deals.

Let the crowds have it in summertime; this presidential locale is pretty awesome all year-round.

AUTOS



The 2019 Chevrolet Blazer handles like a smaller vehicle in heavy traffic. CHEVROLET

Why I loved driving the 2019 Chevy Blazer

Mark Phelan
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

SAN DIEGO — The 2019 Chevrolet Blazer midsize SUV is poised to jump to the head of its class, thanks to great looks, a roomy and comfortable five-passenger interior and good performance.

If you remember the boring old Blazer and TrailBlazer midsize SUVs, forget them now. The 2019 Blazer doesn't share a nut or bolt with them. It's long, elegant and surprisingly luxurious; Chevrolet's answer to people who fear booming SUV sales will mean highways full of bland lookalikes.

The new Blazer just started showing up in dealerships, but I recently spent a couple of days driving Blazers in and around San Diego, on routes that included twisty mountain roads, steep hills, flat out highway runs and rush-hour traffic.

The Blazer's handling and steering were responsive, making it feel like a smaller vehicle in heavy traffic. The ride is comfortable, and the cabin is quiet at highway speeds and over rough pavement.

The styling is unique, with narrow LED running lights, a sharp nose, fast windshield and roof and sculpted sides. It's one of the few SUVs you're likely to recognize 100 yards down the road.

Two engines, many features

Blazer prices start at \$29,995 for a front-wheel drive model with a 193-horsepower 2.5-liter turbocharged four-cylinder engine. I tested a well-equipped Blazer RS, the sporty model with all-wheel drive and the optional 308-hp 3.6L V6. A smooth nine-speed automatic transmission is standard equipment.

Chevy expects the Blazer to compete in a growing new segment of high-styled five-passenger midsize SUVs. It fits in the lineup between the compact Equinox and three-row Traverse.

Blazer prices can approach those of the family-oriented Traverse, but Chevrolet doesn't expect the two to compete based on the idea that buyers of five-seat SUVs are more interested in style than practicality.

The Blazer RS's sporty handling and responsive handling should win over buyers who have been skeptical about switching to an SUV. It's at least as



The 2019 Chevrolet Blazer has a roomy cargo compartment and accessories to hold gear in place.
JESSICA LYNN WALKER

much fun to drive as the front-wheel-drive midsize and large sedans automakers are abandoning in favor of SUVs.

The Blazer's main competitors are likely to be the Ford Edge, Nissan Murano and Honda Passport, another old name that's coming back attached to a new model this year.

The Blazer's interior has the head and shoulder room of a large luxury sedan, and plenty of cargo space. The doors, dash — just about everywhere you touch — is wrapped in soft materials. Infotainment included a WiFi hotspot, wireless charging and an 8-inch touch screen.

Other features include:

- 4,500-pound towing capacity
- Sport-tuned all-wheel drive for the RS for improved handling and response
- Faster steering on the RS that less sporty models
- Surround view video
- High-definition video rearview mirror
- Adaptive cruise control
- Forward collision alert
- Autonomous front emergency

braking with pedestrian detection

- Lane-keeping alert and assist
- 18-, 20- or 21-inch wheels
- Sliding and reclining rear seat
- Dual-pane panoramic power sunroof
- Standard HID headlights and LED daytime running lights

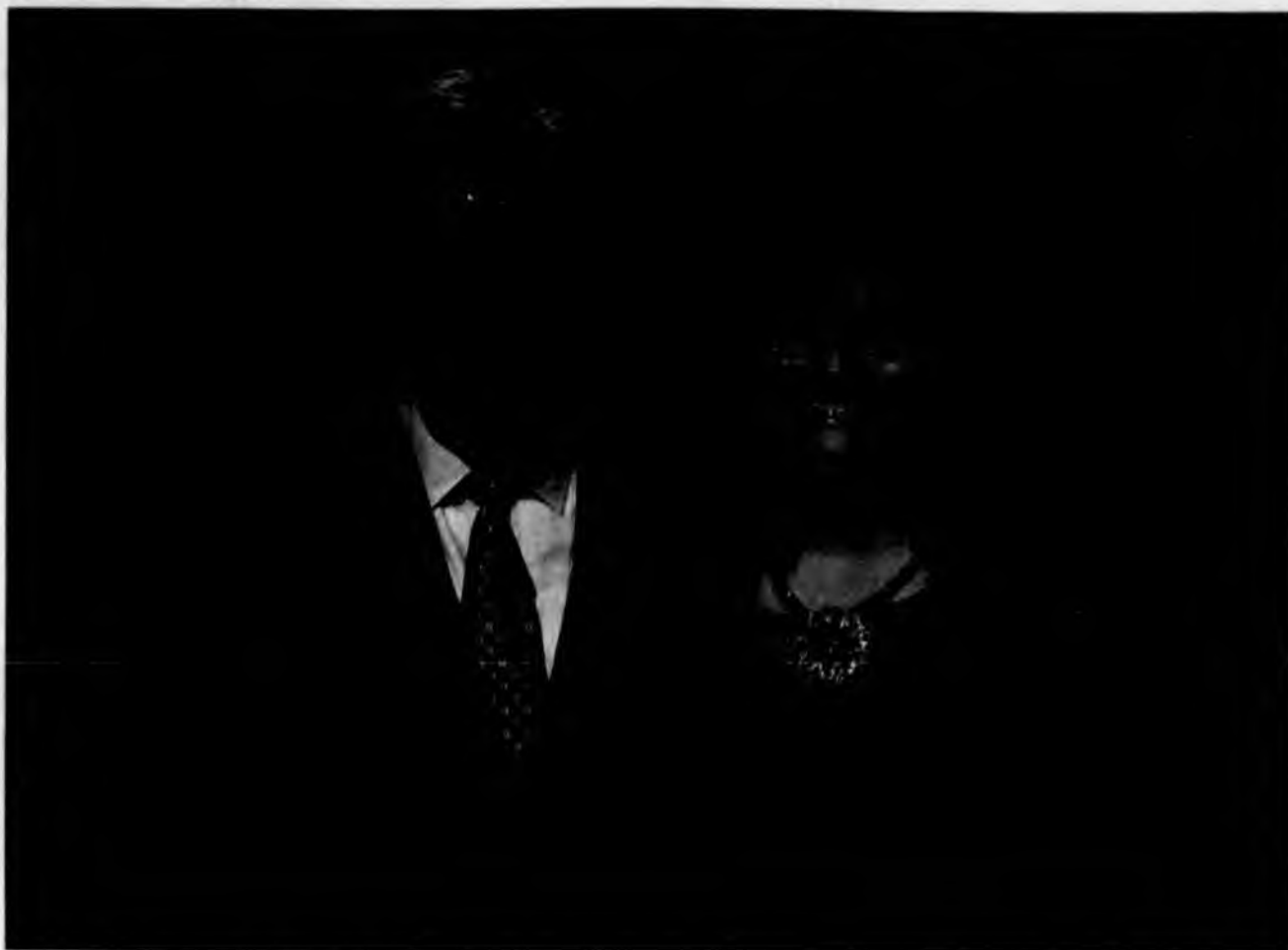
2019 Chevrolet Blazer at a glance

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Blazer RS AWD tested

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"Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek, left, stands with Amanda Holm, of Livonia, who won \$13,200 on Feb. 15's show. SUBMITTED

Livonia woman wins on intense 'Jeopardy!'

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Alex Trebek butchered the pronunciation of Livonia, and almost called her a bead weaver instead of a bead weaver, but Amanda Holm still won the day on "Jeopardy!"

The Livonia resident was in the episode that aired Feb. 15 on NBC, making a dramatic comeback in the second round. While she missed the Final Jeopardy! question, she bet wisely, beating the other contestants and winning \$13,200.

"It was very thrilling and unexpected, because I struggled in the beginning, and the contestant coordinator gave me some instruction, because I knew answers but struggled with buzzing in," Holm said. "I was lucky at the end, too, so that helps."

At the end of the first round of play, Holm had collected about \$3,400, in comparison to the reigning champion's \$10,300, and her other competitor's \$200. But with the advice on correct timing for the buzzer, she was soon climbing back into contention.

In the second round, she found a rhythm, including in the "That Song Sounds Familiar" category in which she provided the right questions "Who is Kanye West?" and "What is 'Dream On?'" for the respective answers given.

Holm also found one of the Daily Doubles, for which she wagered \$3,000 that she would get the right response to a clue about Franz Kafka.

"A lot of Jeopardy! knowledge is not knowing things in depth, but just knowing it's out there," Holm said. "I didn't want to put myself out of the running if I got it wrong. I could have gone harder, but it was Kafka."

She bet correctly with her response of "What is 'The Trial?'" — a book she had never read.

Going into Final Jeopardy!, Holm was in second place with \$17,200, while the leader had \$20,300. The final category was 19th Century inventors, with the clue:

"He spent his life improving a plant-based substance he described as a 'vegetable leather' or 'elastic metal.'"

The vegetable leather part of the clue threw Holm off, and she incorrectly answered "Who is DuPont?"

But her opponents were wrong, too — they both answered, "Who is Carver?"

The correct answer was "Goodyear."

"I came from Detroit and I didn't get 'Goodyear' and I feel bad about that," Holm said. "My mom was at the watch party and she got 'Goodyear,' so there is no excuse."

Still, she only lost \$4,000, and \$13,200 was more than enough to top her opponents.

What it takes to compete on 'Jeopardy!'

For Holm, the answer was: What is broad-based knowledge, nerves of steel, and timing.

"I was extremely nervous, not paralyzed, but it was one of the most nerve-racking things I have done," Holm, 45, said. "I value my intelligence and knowledge, it's a big part of my identity, so the prospect of failure or doing really bad on the show was terrifying."

The project manager for Henry Ford Health System and mom is a longtime fan of "Jeopardy!," watching the show with her dad while growing up, and now watching with her own children.

Last year, she took the online quiz that she said the show offers every so often to attract potential contestants, a roughly 50-question test that about 80,000 people take each time it comes up. From that number, about 2,500-3,000 people get invited to audition for the show. Holm got the call to try out in Detroit last summer, where in addition to answering more trivia, she gave an anecdote interview and practiced ringing in for questions.

The show's staff didn't tell her how well she did, but told her she could receive a call within the next eight months if she was chosen to appear. That call came right before Thanksgiving, with an invite to attend tapings of the show last month, on Jan. 15-16.

How to prepare for 'Jeopardy!'

While Holm knew she would have to draw on knowledge she had accumulated throughout her life about various subjects, she did try to do some additional study.

Knowing there are usually questions on the show about state capitals and presidents, she memorized them. She refreshed her memory on Shakespeare and brushed up on world and U.S. history, as well as current events. She also read through all of a National Geographic almanac her brother gave her, which she found interesting and beautiful.

"The main benefit was solidifying areas I had with vague knowledge — it gave me confidence and the feeling that I deserved to be there," Holm said. "It's intimidating."

It helps that she naturally enjoys learning new things and gathering information. Her strengths, she said, are in language, particularly with categories focusing on word meanings, as well as in science-type questions. Her weakest categories on "Jeopardy!" are sports and movies.

She flew out to Los Angeles for the show the day before the Jan. 15 taping to ensure there would be no trouble with flights and to be ready.

The next day, she sat in the section of the audience with contestants as four episodes before hers were taped. Also waiting in the audience to watch her compete were her brother and some friends from California, and other fans of the show who purchased tickets.

While watching the shows immediately preceding her turn on stage, she remembers feeling amped up and, much like at home watching, thinking, "I know that," when clues were given by host Alex Trebek.

Then it was her turn.

Holm said a third-party company does the drawing for contestants for each episode and what position they are placed in next to the champion from the previous show. The company also randomly selects the six categories (each of which contains five clues) for each round and the Final Jeopardy! clue.

"You have to have the right timing and rhythm with the buzzer," Holm said. "When the answer comes up on screen, you can read faster than Alex gets through so you can be ready at the exact right time if you know the answer."

Viewers don't see it, but she said there are lights that indicate to contestants when they can ring in, and Holm needed to be just slightly ahead of that.

"If you ring in after they come on, you are locked out for a half-second," she said. "It took some adjustment."

Holm didn't have a strategy and said she wasn't skipping around categories hunting for the Daily Doubles in which contestants can wager double the amount of money they have accumulated for providing the right questions. When it came to mathematics and probability around betting, she said she is an "in the moment" person for that and it would depend on the situation.

She watched the show with family and friends and feels thankful for the opportunity.

"I just have tremendous respect for everyone who gets on the show, it's a huge hurdle to get on the show," Holm said. "If you get on there, you have won. ... Every contestant I met was smart and very nice, with a good sense of humor. Those are things they select for, contestants who are personable. I enjoyed being on the show, it's quite the big adventure."

Holm couldn't reveal what would happen in her next episode of "Jeopardy!" Feb. 18, but said with her winnings from the Feb. 15 episode, she wants to get a new refrigerator.

That might be a little while. The show doesn't pay out jackpots until four months after the episode airs.

She added that she has no plans to quit her job yet.

"It's really thrilling to be a 'Jeopardy!' champion," Holm said. "It is something I was always hoping to do. It feels pretty good."

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Amanda Holm 'Jeopardy!' champion and Livonia resident

Obituaries

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Gerald Bourns

MILFORD - Gerald (Jerry) Bourns, 88, passed from our sight Feb. 5, 2019. Loved & missed by his wife of 62 yrs., their 3 children, 4 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild, and his 3 brothers, in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins & friends.



Marie Hunko

NORTHVILLE - Marie Hunko, age 90, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away on Friday, February 15, 2019. She was born September 11, 1928 in Ohio; daughter of John and Elizabeth Dregiciu. She was united in marriage to Paul Hunko on September 13, 1947; devoted to each other for over 34 years until his death in 1982. She was a dedicated homemaker for many years. After Paul passed away she began working at Metro Bank in Farmington; working for 19 years in the accounting department. She retired in 2005.

She is survived by her children, Laura Sutjipto, Julie (Steve Stannard) Hunko, and Father Jerry Hunko; her grandchild Michael Sutjipto; and many nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her brother George Cocan.

Mom loved life! She enjoyed being surrounded by family and friends. A very generous spirit who saw good in all. Mom liked reading mystery novels, playing bingo, and working on puzzles. She enjoyed traveling for a multitude of reasons — visiting children, taking cruises to the Caribbean and an occasional visit to the casino.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, February 20, 2019 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. Mrs. Hunko was laid to rest next to her husband at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia.

Mom's generosity extended to various charities, especially those she felt a connection with. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations would be appreciated to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, 1820 Mount Elliot Street, Detroit, MI 48207; Our Lady of Victory, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville, MI 48167; or to a favorite charity of your choice in her honor.

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Hillard Rodery

WATERFORD - February 11, 2019; age 90; Loving husband of Robbie Lee Rodery; Dear father of Barry (Linda) Rodery, Pamela (Russell) Keiser and Kimberly (Mike) Scriver; Preceded in death by his siblings Floyd, LaVern, Wayne and Carlos Rodery, Ruth Fortner, Paul, Rachel Fortner and Anna Lee Nichols; Cherished grandfather of Karmin, Owen, Taylor and Evan; Great-grandfather of Ariana, Luca and Seba. Mr. Rodery was retired from Michigan Seamless Tube Company. Funeral Services were held Saturday, February 16, 2019 at 12:00 Noon at the Riverside Chapel, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or to the American Diabetes Association. Online guest book www.modetzfuneralhomes.com



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Top job search tips for Baby Boomers looking to work

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Baby Boomers have driven the economy for decades. The youngest of the generation are just now turning 55 (a long-time "dream" age for early retirement), while much of the generation have already reached retirement age. In fact, there are approximately 10,000 Baby Boomers retiring every day. However, if you are among the many of this generation who plan to continue working, even beyond 65, there are few simple tips that can help you find a position right for you.

1. Boost your tech awareness

Every generation becomes increasingly more tech savvy. While you may not be an "Insta Story" expert, or the ideal candidate for an organization's social media guru, being up-to-date on the types of technology typically used in the workplace of the organization you're applying for is important.

If you're embarking on a new field, take a course in a new computer software program. Even volunteering in your field of interest first can help you get a sense of what skillset is needed for the job. These actions can help communicate your willingness to learn and adapt to new work situations. Making sure you have the basics down can show you'll be able to work alongside people who were raised on smartphones.

2. Target your qualifications

Most Boomers will have a long work history, which translates to experience you can bring to a new position. However, you want to be able to target the key qualities and skillsets that are perfect

for the open position you hope to get. Effectively, you're not giving your interviewer a complete summary of your total work experience—or even highlighting the job you stayed in the longest. You want to give your interviewer a focus on specific experience that will help you perform the job. Connect the dots for them. This way, you help your interviewer sift through your long work history and show your true interest in the open position—and knowledge of its needed skills.

3. Communicate your adaptability

Being overqualified can have its drawbacks. Hiring managers may assume you expect more money or assume you may already have a set way of doing things. Positioning yourself as flexible is key. While you may not be a blank slate that a new employer can help shape (or naïve about salary negotiations), you should highlight your willingness to find new ways of doing things and improving upon your tried-and-true practices.

4. Be aware of generational differences

If you've been working throughout your adult life, you've probably seen changes at work between the 20th and 21st century. Make sure your resume is updated both in new, current experiences and in the language you use to describe past work. While you don't want to go overboard in the opposite direction in an attempt to appear more youthful, you should be prepared to deal with a younger generation in positions of power. While age and wisdom go together, you want to remain deferential—especially to the hiring manager.



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5. Wow the interviewer

Ageism in the workplace is real (and against the law) but even though this is the case, you may face assumptions from younger interviewers because you are an older candidate. You want to make sure you subvert these potential assumptions rather than play into them.

For example, have all your facts and talking points ready and prepared, so you don't appear "forgetful." Convey enthusiasm for the position. Appearing to have "low energy" can count against older job candidates. Try simple things

like using your smartphone in the interview to refer to notes—this simple action can communicate to the interviewer you are sufficiently tech-savvy.

The fact is, you're likely up-to-date on your references and your work skills—it's just key that you prepare to convey them on interview day so there's no doubt you're up to any task that might come your way. Good luck!

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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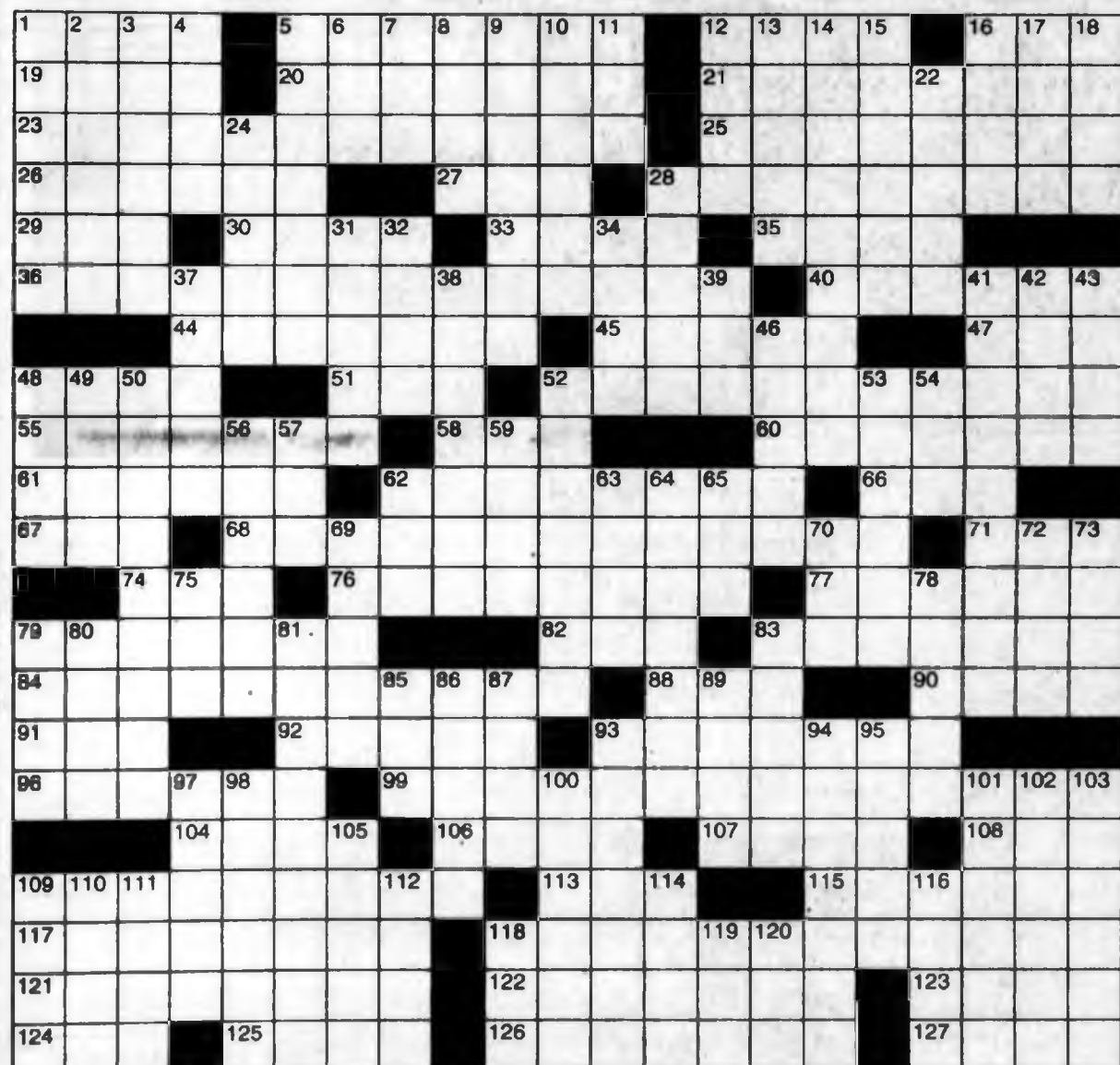
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5 Having two systems
12 One of the "Little Women"
16 Angry crowd
19 '99 Red Balloons" band
20 Really foolish
21 First digits dialed, often
23 "President of Nicaragua"
25 Added yeast to, as bread
26 San —, Buenos Aires
27 Oklahoma tribe
28 "Rock yielding element #28"
29 Riddle-me- —
30 1/36 yard
33 Jai —
35 Head, to Fifi
36 "Historical French area"
40 Way of being tom, thrilled or loved
44 Put aside for future use
45 Handed out
47 Prefix with soul
- 48 With 8-Down, 1859 George Eliot novel
51 Cal. neighbor
52 "Crank-turned instrument"
55 Prioritizes, as patients
58 Hosp. area
60 TV antennas
61 Bond film actress d'Abo
62 Place for a welcome mat
66 CPR giver
67 Mil. officer
68 "An off-Broadway theater is named for her"
71 Linden of TV
74 Ice-T's music
76 Plane fliers
77 Viewpoint
79 Apple tablet download
82 A fifth of fifty
83 Nuclear reactor part
84 "Popular citrus fruit"
88 "I solved it!"
90 Nile vipers
91 China's Lao- —
92 Fully enjoy
93 1966-2013 bookstore chain
- 96 Funny feline photo meme
99 "Musical group playing industrial drums"
104 Egg cell
106 Genesis twin
107 Diana of "Dance Hall"
108 Ball or bass ender
109 "Mafia boss"
113 Newsmen Koppel
115 2017 biopic about an Olympic figure skater
117 Per-night cost to stay at a 105-Down
118 "Mr. Mom" plot premise (and what the answers to the starred clues have)
121 Like not-yet-sampled food
122 Two-function
123 Fodder tower
124 Day, in Spain
125 Squimpy fish
126 Lee who advised Reagan and Bush
127 Couturier Cassini
- DOWN
1 Gandhi of India
2 Ferret's kin
3 Lennox and Potts
4 Uttered
5 "Nonsense!"
6 Kin of "equi-"
7 Old space station
8 Hip about
9 Related to food intake
10 African land
11 Meadowland
12 Island east of Java
13 Build
14 Stovetop whistler
15 Can't say no
16 Part of MSG
17 Polish river
18 See 48-Across
22 Big name
24 "Fanny" author Jong
28 San Fran NFLer
31 Tribal groups
32 Gordie of hockey
34 Verdi's title slave
37 Makeup brand
38 Pasta dish
39 Head of corn
41 Collects, as a harvest
- 42 River duck
43 Many hairs
46 Sprang
48 24-hr. "bankers"
49 Tow
50 Business of Delta
52 Chemistry lab tube
53 Ominous last words
54 Cup edge
56 Female bud
57 Rhea's kin
59 Fizzy drink
62 Fraction: Abbr.
63 — gin fizz
64 Vicious vortex
65 Lifesaving locs.
69 "Lady for a Day" director Frank
70 It flows in la Seine
72 Rent — (security guard)
73 Classic Ford models
75 Ending for lime
78 Blueprints
79 Part of IHOP: Abbr.
80 Part of UTEP
81 Claim the truth of
- 83 Actress Edie
85 Colorado NHLers, to fans
86 Eminent
87 Coll. seniors' tests
89 Challenging
93 "Never on Sunday" rule
94 Person who is prospering
95 Opposite of east, in Madrid
97 Key next to a period
98 Disinclined
100 Dine away from home
101 Throat part
102 "Casino —" (Bond film)
103 Not digital
105 Roadside lodging
109 "Dam it!"
110 Rice-A- —
111 Greek vowel
112 Crimson and cherry
114 Boxer Oscar — Hoya
116 Roughly
118 Std. for a nutritionist
119 Deep groove
120 Suffix with Siam



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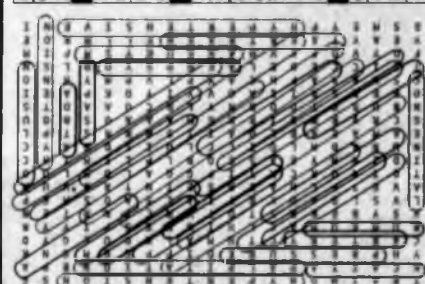
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