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nder of Erwin Orchards remembered

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Edward Erwin, founder of Erwin Orchards in Lyon Township, was remembered as a kind, intelligent, generous man dedicated to apple farming and his family.

Erwin, 95, died Feb. 21. Funeral services will be held next weekend.

"Everything I know about the orchard business came from him," Bill Erwin said of Edward, his uncle. "He was like a father to me, he and I were buddies and talked about everything. When you were out in the orchard, he talked about the old days and his dreams for the farm."

Edward Erwin was born March 26, 1923, in Novi, and graduated from



Erwin

Northville High School in 1941. He studied engineering at Michigan State University before leaving college in March 1943 for active duty in the U.S. Army Air Force. In the military, he served as a first lieutenant and a weather officer, mostly in Kansas, after he was trained

in meteorology at the University of Michigan.

When he returned to Novi in 1946, he joined his father, James N. Erwin, and brother, J.W., in a fruit-growing partnership that became Erwin Farms and then Erwin Orchard. In 1953, they expanded from the Novi orchard at 10 Mile and

See ERWIN, Page 8A

Demolition underway at historic Northville school



Demolition of Northville's Main Street School began Feb. 18. In place of the 81-year-old building will sit three vintage-style single-family homes and an expansive area reserved for green space. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Single-family homes, green space to replace building

Ed Wright HomesteadLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Northville's historic Main Street is undergoing an ultra-rare face-lift, the result of which will be unveiled some time in 2020.

On the morning of Feb. 18, several weeks after the threat of costly, community-dividing lawsuits hung over the fate of Northville's Main Street School, a tedious demolition process started on the 81-year-old structure.

In its place will sit three vintage-style single-family homes and an expansive area reserved for green space — a plan school officials hope pleases a large majority of the city's residents, Northville Public Schools Superintendent Mary Kay Gallagher said.

A cloud of controversy hovered over the site for several weeks when the City of Northville threatened to sue the school district, claiming the demolition of the school had to be approved by the Northville Historic Commission since it

was located in the city's historic district.

The school district, which asserted from the get-go that it was exempt from the city's historic preservation ordinance, ultimately received the green light for demolition in January when a circuit court judge agreed with its argument.

Judging by the four- to six-week demolition time line, the destruction

See DEMOLITION, Page 10A

Gay clergy, same-sex marriage vote divides United Methodists

Susan Bromley HomesteadLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

On the brink of a historic vote regarding same-sex marriage and gay clergy in the United Methodist Church, South Lyon Pastor Mary McInnes sought to keep her congregation together last Sunday.

"Even if we disagree, no matter what (the vote is), some won't be able to manage that," she said. "If you find yourself in disappointment, let's have coffee."

"I choose love for all of you."

In her 23 years as a Methodist pastor, McInnes has had to turn away more than 20 same-sex couples who asked her to officiate at their weddings, in deference to the church's Book of Discipline, which forbids it and states "the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching."

"It's heartbreaking and embarrassing," she said. "It's hard to come to terms with. How can they not get married by their youth pastor? It's horrible to say no and reject them."

The issue has been debated for four decades, and finally came to a head Tuesday at the United Methodist Church's General Conference after increasing rebellion by church pastors who have married same-sex couples.

The church formed a Commission on a Way Forward, composed of bishops, to study the issue after the last general conference could not decide, and they ultimately recommended the "One Church Plan," allowing each church to decide for themselves.

McInnes favored this plan, but ultimately would be disappointed.

Church stands by tradition,
adds punishment

At the general conference, delegates voted 438-384 for the "Traditional Plan," which keeps the policy the same, with additional measures asking bishops to certify in written statements that they will not ordain gay clergy and suspending for one year without pay any clergy who preside over a same-sex wedding. A second offense could result in expulsion.

See VOTE, Page 9A

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Kathleen Gray
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

With a dramatic increase in marijuana use expected after retail sales of legal weed begin next year, Michigan State Police want to expand a pilot program to use oral swabs to test drivers for marijuana impairment.

The recommendation comes in a report that showed that of 92 people who were tested in five counties last year, 74 — or 80 percent — tested positive for THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, the active ingredient in marijuana that produces the "high" for users.

When law enforcement sought to confirm those results with a blood test, 63 of the tests came back positive for THC.

The presence of marijuana was far higher than other controlled substances,

including cocaine, methamphetamine, opiates and benzodiazepines.

The results come at a time when the state is preparing for an expected spike in marijuana use when the drug becomes commercially available for sale next year. While more than 294,000 Michiganders have medical marijuana cards that allow them to legally use weed, voters approved a ballot proposal Nov. 6 legalizing marijuana for recreational use for those at least 21.

When the state starts giving out business licenses for recreational sales of marijuana early next year, the number of people using marijuana, and possibly driving under its influence, has law enforcement officials gearing up for reliable and easy testing methods.

In Michigan, marijuana-related traffic crashes increased from 78 in 2013 to 169 in 2017, including 70 crashes that resulted in fatalities in 2013 and 131 in 2017, according to statistics from the Michigan

State Police.

The MSP has used blood tests in the past to detect THC in a driver's system, but the tests are more costly and time-consuming because blood has to be drawn by a medical professional, usually in a hospital setting.

Getting back the test results can take up to several weeks, while the oral swab results are available within minutes.

In 2017, Sen. Tom Casperson, R-Escanaba, cited a car crash in which a tractor-trailer driver high on marijuana ran into a car in the Upper Peninsula, killing the couple inside, when he introduced legislation allowing for oral swab drug testing.

The bill was approved by the Legislature to authorize a one-year pilot program for testing in Berrien, Delta, Kent, Washtenaw and St. Clair counties. Michigan State Police received \$626,000 in funding to complete the pilot, which ran from Nov. 8, 2017, to Nov. 8, 2018.

It was such a success

that the MSP is requesting that the program be expanded to 55 counties across the state and extended for another year.

The expansion would include additional training for police officers — or Drug Recognition Experts — in how to detect drivers impaired by controlled substances.

"Expansion of this pilot program will allow a greater number of police departments in Michigan to take advantage of the expertise of participating DREs to assist with traffic stops and drug-impaired driving investigations," the MSP said in its report. "Arresting drug-impaired drivers can be expected to mitigate serious injury and fatal traffic crashes throughout Michigan."

Of the arrests made during the drug testing pilot program, 62 were the result of stops because of some sort of traffic infraction or erratic driving and 27 came after vehicle crashes.

Colorado, the first state to legalize marijuana for adult recreational use, has grappled with the issue of testing and the Colorado State Patrol still primarily uses blood tests for marijuana users.

About 8 percent of the 880 traffic fatalities in 2016 had links to marijuana. Of those 77 fatalities, 51 of the drivers had levels that exceeded the state's legal limit of 5 nanograms per milliliter of THC in their system.

SYNOPSIS FEBRUARY 21, 2019 – REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, February 21, 2019

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Clerk Banner called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk
Fred Shadko, Treasurer
Scott Frush, Trustee

Symantha Heath, Trustee
Mindy Herrmann, Trustee
Christopher Roosen, Trustee

ABSENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**

A. Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items – Approved

2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**

A. Planning Commission Reappointment – Erik Lark – Approved

B. Planning Commission Reappointment – Jayne Watson – Approved

C. Beautification Liaison – Marjorie Banner – Approved

3. **Public Hearing:** None

4. **Brief Public Comments:** Seven members of the audience had questions or comments for the Board of Trustees.

5. **New Business:**

A. Public Services – Mill Ridge PUD Amendment #3 – Approved

B. Public Services – Ward Church Temporary Sign – Approved

C. Public Services – Northville Christian Temporary Sign – Approved

D. Parks & Rec – Fertilization & Weed Control 2019 Contract – Approved

6. **Unfinished Business:** None

7. **Ordinances:** None

8. **Check Registry:**

A. In the amount of \$ 3,660,277.51 for the period of 1/5/19 to 2/8/19 – Approved

9. **Board Communication & Reports:**

A. Marjorie Banner, Fred Shadko, Scott Frush, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Christopher Roosen, Chip Snider

10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None

11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available on March 5, 2019.

Respectfully submitted:
Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor
Marjorie F. Banner, Clerk

Publish: March 7, 2019

CITY OF NOVI

NOTICE OF ENACTMENT – ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.720

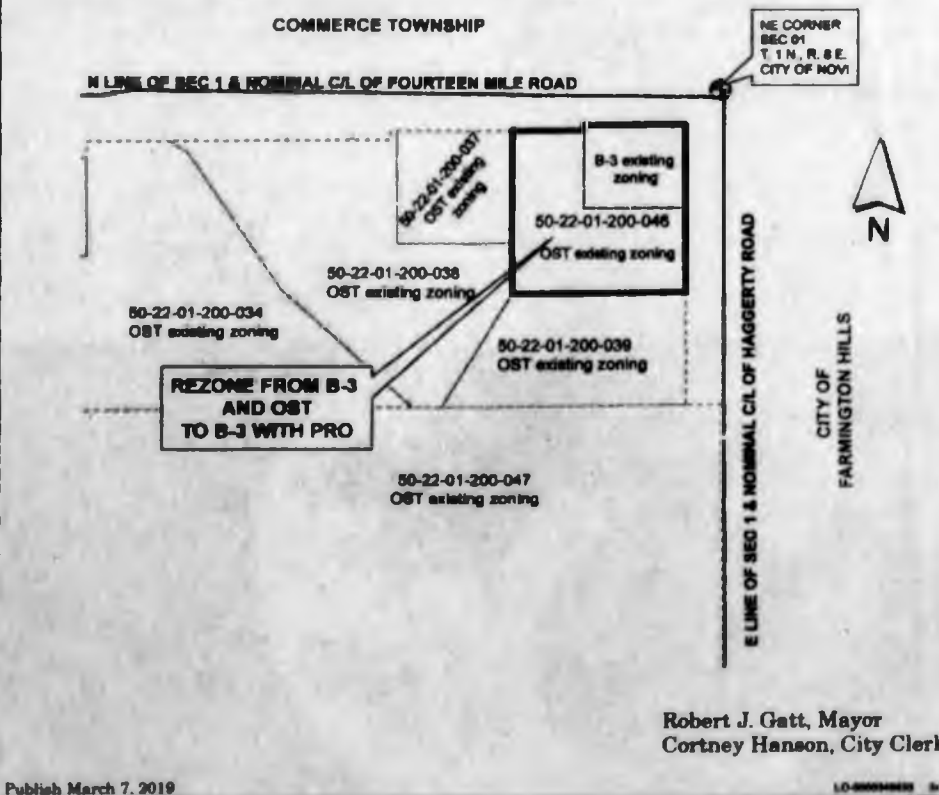
THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

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. 18.720 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 **25th 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.



2019 Moving Bid

Northville Public Schools is seeking bids for furniture and equipment moving at multiple schools. Bid documents will be available on February 27, 2019, online by going to the District's web site, www.northville.k12.mi.us or www.michigan.gov/sigmavss. Bids are due Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 11:00AM at the Administration Offices, 405 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Late or faxed bids will not be accepted. A pre-bid meeting will be held on Wednesday March 6, 2019 at 8:00AM at the Administration Building. For bidding information, contact Michelle Kerns at lecroleplanners@gmail.com.

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Michigan Supreme Court suspends judge with pay

Kayla Daugherty
Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICH.

The Michigan Supreme Court announced Wednesday its decision to suspend Livingston County Judge Theresa Brennan, effective immediately.

She will, however, continue to receive pay and benefits.

This decision comes less than a week before Brennan is set to appear in front of the state court following a report by the Judicial Tenure Commission's Special Master, retired Judge William Giovan.

Last week, two Tenure Commission examiners working on the misconduct investigation into Brennan asked the commission to remove her from office without pay. They also recommended she pay \$35,570.36 for witness fees, travel costs and the appointment of Giovan.

Brennan was removed from her caseload on June 13 by Livingston County Chief Judge Miriam Cavanaugh, one day after the commission released its formal complaint. She has continued to receive her salary of about \$138,000 as well as benefits.

In a separate case, she will return to a Flint courtroom on March 21 for a hearing on three felony charges brought by former Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette in December.

She is charged with perjury, tampering with evidence and common law offenses.



Livingston County District Court Judge Theresa Brennan was removed from her caseload on June 13 by Livingston County Chief Judge Miriam Cavanaugh. FILE

Cellphone at center of criminal case

The AG's office alleges Brennan lied about a cellphone during hearings in her divorce case and that she tampered with evidence in an official proceeding. It also said she committed misconduct by failing to recuse her-

self immediately from her own divorce case and used the delay to dispose of evidence.

Last fall, Brennan testified she had the cellphone restored to factory settings, contrary to her previous testimony in her 2016 divorce case. That phone is currently in the custody of the state police.

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The Livingston Daily reported in April 2017 that Brennan was under

investigation by the Judicial Tenure Commission.

Transcripts from depositions in her divorce from her now ex-husband, Don Root, raised questions about whether she was having an affair with now-former Michigan State Police Detective Sean Furlong during the murder trial for Jerome Kowalski.

Court documents show Brennan "made three extended" phone calls to Furlong during the Kowalski trial. In addition, records show 231 phone calls — representing 1,147 minutes — between Brennan and Furlong between November 2011 and December 2012.

JTC hearing last nine days

Giovan held an evidentiary hearing that spanned nine days in October and November, after the Judicial Tenure Commission issued its complaint in June.

In a 23-page report he said he found Brennan vi-

olated both the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct and, in certain instances, the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

Giovan listed numerous examples of Brennan making false statements, in a seven-page appendix to his findings. Some were innocent mistakes, but others were "deliberate efforts to deceive," he said.

Murder conviction overturned

Following the release of Giovan's report, Kowalski's attorney Peter Van Hoek and Livingston County Prosecutor William Vallencourt requested Kowalski's murder convictions be overturned in December.

On Jan. 8, Shiawassee County Circuit Judge Matthew Stewart signed an order vacating Kowalski's convictions.

He will now be retried in the 2008 killings of his brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Brenda Kowalski.

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

NO APPOINTMENTS WILL BE GIVEN UNTIL A PETITION IS RECEIVED BY THE ASSESSING DEPARTMENT.

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.

Persons on fixed or limited income may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes due to poverty. Applications are available at the Assessing Department, or at www.cityofnovi.org

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 8:00 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.

Cortney Hanson
CITY CLERK

Published: February 21, 28 & March 7, 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, March 27, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **GOLLING MASERATI AND ALFA ROMEO, JZ18-02 AND ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.728, FOR PLANNING COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION TO CITY COUNCIL FOR A ZONING MAP AMENDMENT FROM NCC (NON-CENTER COMMERCIAL) TO B-3 (GENERAL BUSINESS).** The area proposed to be rezoned totals approximately 5.25 acres and is located in Section 24, on the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Joseph Drive, west of Haggerty Road. The site is zoned NCC Non-Center Commercial, and is currently the site of Glenda's Garden Center, 40799 Grand River Avenue. The applicant has indicated that the rezoning is requested in order to redevelop the site as an automobile dealership.



Subject Parcel IDs: 50-22-24-326-014, 50-22-24-326-024

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 27, 2019.

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Novi Planning Commission
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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Beaumont Hospital expands to accommodate technology

David Veselenak | HometownLife.com
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The new emergency center and surgical suite at Beaumont Hospital Farmington Hills is all about patient care.

That's what hospital President David Claeys said Wednesday morning during a preview event for the new wing of the hospital at 28050 Grand River in Farmington Hills.

"What it allows us to do is to provide state-of-the-art emergency services, as well as ICU services and intensive care as well as surgical services," he said. "It'll accommodate advanced technologies, advanced robotic technologies here in the center with all the latest and greatest in patient care."

The hospital will open the \$160 million expansion throughout the month. New amenities include:

■ A new critical care unit that includes 20 private rooms. The rooms will also accommodate family members needing to stay, along with more glass doors to increase visibility for hospital staff. The critical care unit will open March 7.

■ Nine new operating rooms with more space and improved technology. Each surgical suite will allow for surgeries of all kinds, which will help get patients surgeries faster. Equipment has been strategically placed throughout the center to be better utilized. Those operating rooms open March 13.

■ A new emergency center and Level II trauma center will include 39 private universal treatment rooms. It will also include three triage bays doctors will be able to move around easier in triage situations. The emergency center opens March 14.

The new facilities have been in the works for many years.

The approval for construction was granted by Farmington Hills City Council back in 2015, and ground was broken in 2016.

Farmington Hills Mayor Ken Massey



Kayla McGuire, a Beaumont Hospital Farmington Hills surgical service assistant, talks about the amenities in the new operating suite at the expanded emergency center. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

said the project is a huge benefit, not only to the hospital, but to the city as well.

Having that additional technology and equipment means residents who need to come to the hospital have better access to the services they need.

"It really steps up the game," he said. "Seventy-five percent of what our fire department does is medical. And the vast majority of those calls are transported to this hospital."

More work coming

Work at the hospital isn't done yet. The new South Tower is expected to open later this summer with 80 private patient rooms, the hospital's new main

entrance and reception area and nursing units for orthopedics, oncology, respiratory care, women's services and more. An additional 19 private medical observation rooms will open later this year that will provide care to patients with chest pain, heart failure and other issues.

Additionally, the area that holds the current emergency room and trauma center will be renovated for 58 new treatment rooms. Another 27 rooms for perioperative patients who are in the hospital for surgery, as well a larger surgical waiting room, will also open next year.

The renovation is the hospital's first since Beaumont took over the hospital, formerly known as Botsford Hospital, in

2014. In fact, it's the first major renovation to the hospital since 1993, said Dr. Sanford Vieder, the hospital's chair of emergency medicine, and emergency center medical director.

The new wing, Vieder said, brings the hospital closer to practicing medicine in an environment many patients demand to see.

"We were operating within a footprint that was truly designed in the '80s and trying to practice 2020 medicine in a 1980 facility, privacy was an issue," he said. "It's important to remember in the 1980s, we didn't have a lot of the technology we have today."

"The space required in order to provide the care we do today is very demanding."



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To take advantage of this opportunity offered only through this Open House Event, buyers must make a deposit between March 9 and March 17th, 2019. Incentives on quick occupancy homes will vary by community, so buyers should contact their community of interest and speak with a sales representative to learn more.

Selling Fast in Canton

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At Hamlet Meadows, two

immediate occupancy homes starting at \$474,995 are available as well as over quick occupancy opportunities. New builds start in the upper \$300,000s and offer two-story home designs and a new first-floor master suite design.

Hamlet Pointe has an immediate occupancy home ready for move-in as well as other quick occupancy opportunities with prices starting at \$569,995. Pointe homes feature side-entry garages and new builds are priced from the upper \$400,000s. A first-floor master design is available. For details, visit TheHamlet.com or call 734-398-5939.

Move-in Ready in Canton

A 4,050 sq. ft., 5 bedroom, 4 bath home is now available for immediate occupancy at Westridge Estates, the highly-coveted new community in Canton offering resort-style amenities, including a clubhouse with fitness room, gathering room, kitchenette, locker rooms, pools, sand volleyball court, children's play park and walking paths. Westridge Estates is located just south of Ford Road west of Ridge Road, and home prices start in the low \$500,000s. For more information, visit WestridgeofCanton.com or call 734-844-0279.

Villas in Ann Arbor

The low-maintenance villas at Kensington Woods, located on the north side of Scio Church Road, just west of Maple Road in Ann Arbor, are nearly sold out. Final villas feature immediate to quick occupancy and an exceptional list of included features in a stunning setting with pricing from the upper \$400,000s. For details, call



Visitors can tour a range of homes from finished models to homes under construction during this event.

(734) 224-6686 or visit Kensington-Woods.com. The sales center is located at the builder's North Oaks community at 3327 Nixon Road.

Move-in Ready in Ann Arbor
Two homes are available for immediate occupancy in the Village Collection at Trailwoods of Ann Arbor, starting at \$539,995. Other new builds start at \$399,995.

The Parkside Collection just released new large home sites. The spacious homes offer side-entry garages and start in the low \$500,000s. Trailwoods is tucked into a country setting with Ann Arbor schools, low township taxes, and city services. All homes offer an impressive list of features. Call 734-995-5503 or visit TrailwoodsOfAnnArbor.com for details. For mapping, use 229 S. Staebler Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48103.

Townhomes and Villas in Ann Arbor

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The Villas offer first- or second-floor master suites, island kitchens, open layouts, loft space, and more. Several villas are underway for quicker occupancy priced from the mid-\$500,000s and there is still time to make interior selections.

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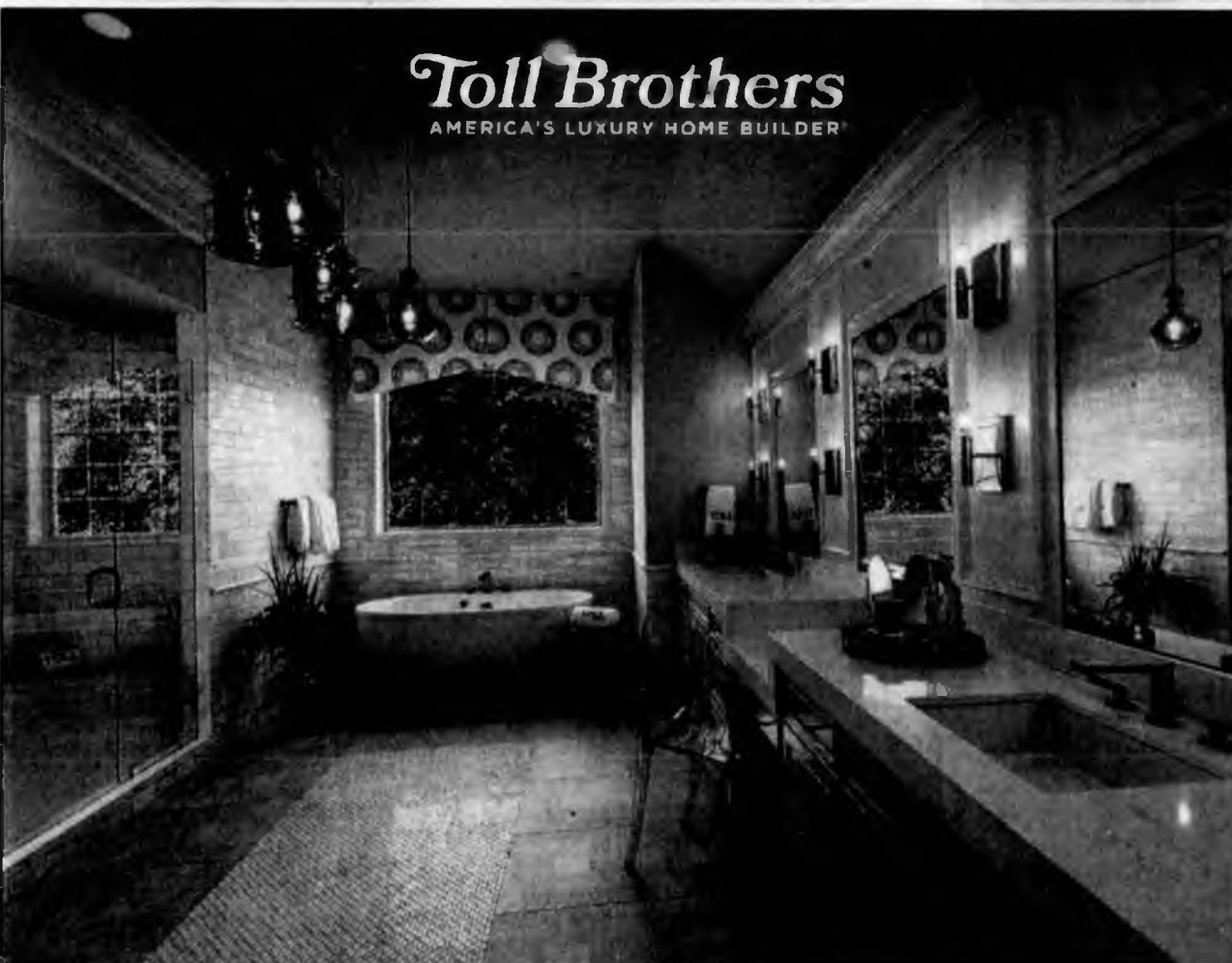
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Canton man is no easy victim for brain cancer

High-tech cap, strong faith help Doyle's battle

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On a recent gray, blustery afternoon in the parking lot of the Canton Township Public Library, the person wearing the biggest smile and sporting the brightest twinkle in his eyes was the guy just 18 months removed from being diagnosed with glioblastoma (GBM): the deadliest form of brain cancer.

Meet Gill Doyle: Canton's sunshine on a cloudy day.

Wearing a four-paneled Optune device on his shaved head, Doyle's admirable outlook could be attributed to several factors, most prominently knowing that he had already outlived the average life expectancy for GBM patients by three months and he was feeling "better than ever."

Or that he knew, deep down inside, that if GBM was looking for an easy victory, it had challenged the wrong man.

Dark days

In August 2017, following four days of enduring gradually worsening headaches, Doyle, a sales manager for a pharmaceutical company, drove himself to the St. Joseph's Hospital emergency room in Ann Arbor.

"On the fourth day of the headaches, I was in the Canton library when my head hurt so bad that I held it in my hands. The pain was so bad, I felt like I was going to die.

"In retrospect, I should have called my wife or 9-1-1 to drive me, because I could have had a seizure. I didn't know how bad it was at the time, but I was like, 'I've got to get this taken care of.' My main priority was to get to the emergency room."

Following a CAT scan of his brain, emergency room doctors ordered a more-detailed MRI, Doyle said.

Then came the meeting with the doctor.

"A doctor walks into the room — it was an oncologist, which I didn't know at the time — and says, 'Given your sudden onset of symptoms and that you have a mass near your brain bigger than a golf ball, we think it's brain cancer,'" Doyle recounted. "He told me they weren't sure what grade it was, but I expected he knew it was a grade 4 because in four days I went from pain free to having a good-sized mass, so it had to be an aggressive case.

"After leaving the room to meet with other doctors, he came back and said, 'We're pretty sure it's glioblastoma, so we need to operate.'"

As the doctors explained to Doyle that he would be given steroids to help reduce his symptoms and that there was an opening for a surgeon in two days.

The 48-year-old married father of four's mind raced.

"It all happened so fast. ... I don't remember everything, but I do remember thinking that I was going to get my head cut open in two days and, even if the surgery was successful, how long do I have to live?"

The hardest part

Throughout the ensuing month, Doyle experienced a whirlwind of activity — most of it unpleasant.

The first and admittedly most difficult task was sharing the news with his family.

"It was definitely hard telling them," he said, tears welling up in his eyes. "My wife wanted to know everything, obviously, so I gave her the straight talk. When I talked to my three oldest kids (ranging in age from 16 to 22), I kept it pretty basic: 'Guys, it's the worst kind of brain cancer you can get, but the good news is I'm a surgical candidate, so they can cut all of it or most of it out, which is great!'

"I told them that I'm healthy, so the doctors would be able to throw the maximum dose of chemotherapy and

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Gill Doyle is using a state-of-the-art head cap to battle stage four brain cancer. SUBMITTED

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New restaurant to cause Grand River road woes

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A lane closure and traffic shifts on a busy stretch of Grand River Avenue in Brighton are coming later this month.

Construction of Single Barrel Social, a new southwest-inspired restaurant, dance hall and high-end lounge bar at 8724 W. Grand River Ave., is underway. Crews have been renovating and expanding the former Border Cantina restaurant, which closed last January.

In order to get sufficient water to the new venue, a larger water main will be installed under Grand River Avenue, Brighton Department of Public Works Director Marcel Goch said. Sanitary sewer line work will be done in conjunction with the water main replacement.

The work is tentatively scheduled to begin March 18, Single Barrel Social Director of Operations Tyler Herron said last week.

"We will be blocking part of the road for two days,"

Herron said, adding that he expects the water main and sewer work to take about two weeks total.

Goch said westbound Grand River Avenue in front of the restaurant will be down to one lane. He said other lane closures could be needed.

"We're going to shift traffic to the left turn lane and hopefully westbound will just be down to one lane," he said. "Per our standards, they need another, bigger water main line," Goch said. "It's an 8-inch, but there is a 12-inch existing line on the other side of the road and they will connect to that."

Christopher Klebba, a Brighton resident, and his investment and equity management firm Northern Diamond Management, LLC initially budgeted about \$3 million to renovate and expand the building by about 1,000-square feet.

He said his plan is open the restaurant this summer.

"As of right now, we're looking to have the fire marshal approval done around June 1, and that will leave us a few weeks to finish preparing the building,"

Herron said.

Single Barrel Social will serve dinner and late night fare Tuesday through Friday, from 4 p.m. to 2 a.m. On Saturdays and Sunday's the restaurant will open early for brunch at 11 a.m. and stay open for lunch, dinner and late night service. It will be one of only a few establishments in Brighton that will stay open until 2 a.m.

"We'll serve southwest-style small plates that will be very shareable," Herron said. "We're meant to be a very social environment."

The restaurant will also feature a dance hall with a raised dance floor and live music. It will serve liquor and craft cocktails and feature a bourbon bar.

"It's a restaurant, but we will transition into exciting night life," Herron said. "We want to make it a social spot for the community, and modern country music is a blend of many genres ... but we're not going to put ourselves in a box in terms of just doing country music."

He said he expects to hire about 50 employees.

Cancer

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radiation at me. And finally, I told them I'm at peace with all of this and that everything was going to be OK."

Sharing the diagnosis with his 9-year-old son proved to be even tougher, Doyle revealed.

"I told him I had been having some really bad headaches, doctors found a bump in my head and they're going to cut it out," Doyle said. "I said, 'I'm going to be fine, it's going to be easy.'"

The treatment that followed — six weeks of daily chemotherapy and radiation — wasn't easy, or at least, not as easy as the upbeat Doyle made it look.

He never asked 'Why me?'

But the man with strong Catholic faith and a sunny disposition soldiered through it.

"I never got mad at anybody. I never got mad at God, and I never asked, 'Why me?'" Doyle reflected. "I researched the etiology of GBM and found out that, really, there is no known cause. It's pretty well known that smoking can cause lung cancer and too much alcohol can cause liver cancer, but this wasn't like that. What happens is your cells all of a sudden go haywire and start multiplying.

"Another question I researched was: Why does God allow suffering? Things like school shootings, earthquakes, cancer? The simple answer is that He wants to find a greater good from it."

Given his body and mind's positive response to the

initial phases of treatment, Doyle became an instant candidate for the FDA-approved Optune, a cap-like device that generates electronic tumor-treating fields.

"This is a complex and aggressive tumor," said Dr. Tobias Walbert, director of neurooncology at the Henry Ford Cancer Institute. "We have to keep an open mind and try new treatments and approaches."

Walbert said Optune creates low-intensity, electric tumor-treating fields.

To deliver the fields, four transducer patches are applied to the scalp and connected to the battery-operated device.

The low-frequency current is thought to disrupt cell division in the tumor and may stop or slow the growth of cancer cells. In some cases, the tumor-treating fields may kill cancer cells.

"Really the only side effects are my head gets a little warm sometimes, I get the itches and I have to shave

my head every few days," Doyle said. "Studies have shown that if you treat GBM with surgery, chemo and radiation, your odds of being alive five years are 5 percent. If you wear the Optune 75 percent of the time, your odds of living five years increase to 13 percent. If you wear it 90 to 100 percent of the time, it increases to 29 percent."

It didn't take Doyle long to go all-in on the life-extending device.

"I told my doctors that they can call me 'Mr. 97,' because I'm going to wear it 97 percent of the time," he said. "Who knows, if this can extend my life another five years, they may come up with a new cure or treatment for GBM by then."

"I plan on being around for a long time."

And with that, the man with the perpetual smile and the unique cap taped to his head walked to his car with a noticeably upbeat stride.

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Erwin

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Meadowbrook roads, acquiring a 240-acre farm on Silver Lake Road in Lyon Township.

Bill Erwin recalls that his father, J.W., could have sold Eskimos ice cubes, and he was the salesman at the farm, while Edward was the expert at successfully growing the apples.

The farm, he said, had about 1,000 standard apple trees on about 22 acres when they purchased the land. Bill recounts the story he has been told about Edward advocating for purchasing dwarf trees, a move that caused his father initial concern, until he took a trip to New York.

"My grandfather came back and said, 'Edward knows what he is doing,' " Bill said.

The orchard initially went from the standard trees of 20-35 feet, to semi-dwarf trees of 15-18 feet, and then downsized further over the years to trees that are now about 7-8 feet tall, 1,200 of which can fit on an acre.

The orchard now has 50,000 trees of all varieties.

While Bill and his wife, Linda, took over main duties at the farm in the early 1970s and are co-owners with Bill Emery, Edward remained at work on the farm up until three or four years ago, particularly enjoying plucking McIntoshes from the trees. While his apple picking went from six in the morning until six at night in the fall, the entire job of caring for the trees was nearly year-long and included trimming trees until right after Christmas, when Edward would go to Florida.

"He always had a finger in it, and was watching over me and teaching me," Bill said. "He was my mentor and I will miss him a lot. You don't normally think of an older person as progressive, but he was very progressive."

Kathy Erwin said her father's heart and soul were in the orchard. She recalls a concentration of family birthdays in harvest season, which were celebrated in one massive birthday party when her father pulled a wagon full of people on his tractor. She and her sister, Pat, also got custom tours.

"He was very intelligent and efficient," Kathy said. "The most efficient person I have ever met. ... He was always



Edward Erwin talks about the business at Erwin Orchards in Lyon Township. He died Feb. 21. SUBMITTED

right on top of making sure everything worked just the way it was supposed to. Apples were his passion and some of the work might seem monotonous, but he was always thinking how long to get to the end of the row and liked routine. ... He was very successful at making beautiful apples."

Edward married Betty Jane Wilcox in February 1947. They had three children together.

Edward and Betty were longtime members of New Hudson United Methodist Church. Betty died in 2006.

Edward later married Thelma Tesner. When not working on the farm, Edward enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles and jigsaw puzzles. For four decades, he enjoyed spending winters in

Florida, playing shuffleboard, cards and golfing, as well as enjoying potlucks.

"He was a very kind and generous person and we are going to miss him terribly," Bill Erwin said. "He was a very dear and generous man, and the world will be a little sadder without him around. He made quite an impact in this community and I think he was pretty proud of that."

Edward is survived by Thelma Tesner; stepdaughter Diane Tesner (Mary-Anne Ortman); his daughters, Kathy Erwin and Pat (Bernard) Zandstra; Pat's children, Sarah (Ryan) Batson, Rebecca (Stephen) Elmer, Jacob (Brittany) Zandstra; great-grandchildren Wyatt, Natalie, and Davis Batson and Benjamin Elmer; his brother Robert (Gloria) Erwin,

and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his son, Richard Erwin, and first wife, Betty, his sisters Dorothy Jane Erwin, Norine Gilman, and Marian Johnson and his brother J.W. Erwin.

Visitation is planned for 2-8 p.m., March 8, at Phillips Funeral Home, 122 West Lake St. (Ten Mile Road), in South Lyon.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m., March 9, at New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, with visitation beginning at 10:15 a.m.

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David Bard, bishop for the Michigan conference, attended the conference held Feb. 24-26 in St. Louis and said emotions were running high.

"Many of the observers were LGBTQ and that pain and hurt was pretty palpable, and it is important that be acknowledged," he said. "It's hard for the church. There are people who are very glad that the traditional plan was passed due to their belief in the Bible. They don't want to reject LGBTQ persons, but in honesty, LGBTQ feels this marginalizes them."

Katy Weeks, a member of Milford United Methodist Church, supports the traditional plan.

"I see both sides, the desire to show God's love to people of all persuasions," she said. "But I trust in what's biblical and don't see that we could change the Old Testament."

She added that she also sees that this topic is likely going to split the church, but she does not see a compromise.

"Those who believe in traditional ways don't think they need to allow LGBTQ weddings or clergy to show they love those people," Weeks said.

Rev. Sherry Foster, a deacon at Milford UMC and member of the church for 22 years, said the congregation is on edge.

"There are strong feelings both ways," she said. "I tend to be more biblically-oriented, meaning marriage is between one man and one woman. I don't think that precludes some kind of relationship between two women and two men. The sexual relationship is the part I have issues with because of the way we were created."

Bette Knedgen, another member of Milford United Methodist Church, said she thinks the church should accept everyone, as its motto of "open hearts, open minds, open doors" indicates, with the same opportunities for all.

"I can't be a part of a church that doesn't," she said. "I'll have to ask myself if I'm staying and I probably won't. To think about leaving is upsetting."

Out of the closet, out of the Methodist church

Jeff Lightfoot, 71, of Farmington, attended Sunday school as a child in Plymouth and knew he was gay when he was 9 years old.

But prejudice against homosexuals and fear of losing his job teaching fifth grade in the Northville School District kept him in the closet.

When people started talking behind his back, he wed a woman to whom he remained married for 31 years and had two sons.

They raised their sons in the Northville Methodist Church, where Lightfoot also taught Bible classes. He hid his sexual orientation for years, noting that gays are shunned, disowned and urged into "reparative therapy." He never lost his faith in God, although he lost his respect for people in the church, particularly

after coming out in 2007 following a deep depression in which he was suicidal.

"I believe in God, I talk to God, I've screamed at God a few times in my life," Lightfoot said.

He and his wife divorced within a year of his finally declaring his true sexual orientation, but he also left the Methodist church. Despite a supportive pastor who told him he was not the only gay member in the congregation that was part of a couple, other church members were gossiping.

"I didn't feel welcome anymore," Lightfoot said. "I sat down and felt they were staring. I never felt comfortable after that. Gossip is a vicious thing."

Lightfoot met his husband, Ron, in 2009 and the two wed in Florida in a non-religious ceremony in 2015, just a few months before same-sex marriage was legalized in Michigan. The pair wanted to make Ron officially a stepfather prior to the weddings of their sons later that year.

Lightfoot said the past dozen years have been the sweetest of his life and he also has a place of worship that he feels fully supports him — the Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit, in Clawson, where he said the pastor will officiate at all weddings of two people who love each other.

Such a path is what he hopes the Methodist Church will take, regardless if they risk losing members.

"Churches are dying," he said. "For the survival of any church, they have to welcome everybody."

Hope for the future, by looking to the past

David Ascher has been a member of South Lyon UMC for 24 years with his wife, Kim. They have raised their two daughters, now 18 and 17, in the church. He and his family believe that LGBTQ people should have the right to be ordained ministers in the church and that same-sex couples should be able to be wed by a Methodist pastor.

The vote Tuesday means they will have a family discussion about whether to remain in the church, but Ascher holds hope that change will come, noting that generations ago, divorced ministers were not allowed, nor were female pastors, nor could blacks and whites worship together — all things that are now possible.

"I choose to see great hope for the future," Ascher said. "Churches have an obligation to not just be rainbows and hearts. We have to wrestle with social issues."

McInnes will be back in the pulpit with the same vision today, and the same message of love, despite her disappointment in the outcome of the vote.

"I have hope we will get it right, even if it's not this week," she said. "We have a mission to serve. We need a message of love, grace and comfort."

Robert Liebler said he would be back at Milford United Methodist Church with his wife of 68 years on Sunday regardless of the vote, but his take on the matter was simple:

"I can't dictate what others do, I have a hard enough time dictating what I do," he said.

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The congregation at South Lyon First United Methodist Church on Feb. 24. In the day's sermon, Pastor Mary McInnes urged members to choose love. SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Demolition

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of the structure will be much less dramatic than the scenarios that led up to its demise.

"It's a relief that we will finally have some closure on this issue, regardless of what your perspective is," Gallagher said. "Selling the (Main Street School) property was always part of the plan to renovate Old Village School and it's what a vast majority of our community and the neighborhood affected the most told us they wanted."

Several Northville residents who live near the affected area spoke in favor of the plan to replace the school with single-family residences, citing, among other factors, the potential for a vacant Main Street School to become a magnet for trespassers.

Not everyone, however, is pleased with the plan.

"As educators, you want to teach children the value of history," Northville Historical Society Director Bob Sochacki told the school board at a meeting last fall. "To turn around and tear down a structure that is a contributing building in the historical district would send the wrong message."

Northville City Manager Patrick Sullivan concurred with Sochacki.

"We are disappointed with the ruling," Sullivan said. "However, the city has done all that we can reasonably do to uphold our Historic Preservation Ordinance and the state Historic Preservation Statute."

Gallagher emphasized that the district could not afford to restore both Old Village School, which recently underwent a \$10 million restoration as part of a multi-year bond approved by Northville residents in 2017, and Main Street School.

"Forcing the district to retain this property would have caused undue financial hardship to the district," Gallagher said.

Northville Public Schools, which will pay the approximate \$400,000 demolition price tag, is expected to net in the neighborhood of \$1.3 million once the transaction with the Mike Miller Building Company is completed.

Miller's initial proposal included the construction of five homes on the site, four on Main Street and one on Cady Street. However, the plan was altered to three homes, a park and additional parking for Old Village School.

Miller said he expects construction of the new homes to stretch from this summer to some time in mid-2020.

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PREP WRESTLING

DCC wrestler makes MHSAA history

Tom Lang Special to Detroit Free Press
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With a 7-3 decision at 145 pounds and one hand raised in victory, Novi Detroit Catholic Central senior Kevon Davenport became a part of Michigan athletics history.

During Saturday's Division 1 finals at

Ford Field, he became the 26th wrestler in Michigan history to win a fourth consecutive state title and the first to accomplish the feat from the high-powered Shamrock program, which won the team title last weekend.

But more significant than the rest, Davenport became the first African-American to win four in a row.

"In my opinion, the sport of wrestling is not a super-diverse sport," Davenport said. "There's not very many African-American wrestlers out there. And so, I've wanted to come along and inspire people and, hopefully, them seeing me be the first four-time African-American state champ they can try to bring wrestling to the Detroit Public Schools sys-

tem. You know, I just want to try and grow wrestling through my own community and my fellow African-Americans."

Only six wrestlers accomplished four state titles prior to the turn of the century, but another 20 — including Jordan

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PREP HOCKEY



While balancing on one skate, Spartan Joe Sharkey tries to get a hold of the puck. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Livonia Stevenson beats Howell for regional title

Andrew Vaillencourt Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The Livonia Stevenson Spartans are regional hockey champions.

The Spartans defeated the Howell Highlanders 3-0 in Saturday night's Region 15 final, despite a strong defensive performance by the Highlanders.

The low-scoring game was hard fought on both sides, but Stevenson's depth allowed it to overcome upstart-minded Howell in front of a packed house at Novi Ice Arena.

"Hats off to Howell and those coaches and that group," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "They did such a great job to help the Howell program really take a huge step forward in high school hockey, so congrats to them."

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The Livonia Stevenson Spartan hockey team gathers around their MHSAA regional trophy after defeating Howell 3-0 on March 2.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Wayne Memorial topples Canton to win district title

Andrew Vaillencourt Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It was not the night Canton had in mind.

The No. 3 high school team in the state according to MaxPreps, Canton entered postseason play with state championship aspirations.

Wayne Memorial, Canton's opponent in the District 20 final, however, had different plans for the Chiefs and dashed their championship hopes by defeating Canton, 55-50, to win the district title.

The Zebras took it to the Chiefs in the first quarter, getting out to an early 14-3 lead, but Canton eventually battled back to take a one point lead early in the fourth quarter. That lead quickly vanished, and Wayne held on for the win.

Wayne improves to 18-5 and advanced to regionals, where it was scheduled to play Detroit Catholic Central, which beat Northville in the District 18 final.

Visit hometownlife.com for results from the Wayne-Catholic Central contest, played after print deadline.

Canton ends its stellar season at 21-2.

"It's a rivalry with us and Canton," Wayne Memorial coach Nkwane Young said. "In 2017 we won the whole association and beat them twice. Last year, they beat us twice."

"We were looking forward to playing them in this game. (Canton) coach (Jimmy) Reddy does a hell of a job over there."

Here are three takeaways from the game:

First quarter dooms Canton

Wayne dominated the opening quarter. It wasn't until after the Zebras got out to a 14-3 lead that the Chiefs finally woke up, scoring the last four points of the quarter.

That deficit left Canton playing catch-up for the entire first three quarters, which played to Wayne's advantage.

The Zebras were able to sit starting point guard Isaiah Lewis for the entire second quarter after he got into foul trouble, which the team likely otherwise wouldn't have been able to do if it didn't have the lead it did.

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PREP HOCKEY

Brighton's reign ends in loss to OLSM

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

ORCHARD LAKE — Even at the lowest moment of his Brighton hockey career, Tim Erkkila was able to express gratitude.

It's a career that won't be defined by a career-ending 2-1 loss to Orchard Lake St. Mary's Thursday night in the Division 1 regional semifinals at St. Mary's Ice Arena.

Instead, Erkkila's time at Brighton will be remembered for the two state championships, the three trips to the state final and the soon-to-be three all-state honors.

Everyone's high school playing days end sometime. Brighton seniors just aren't accustomed to them ending in the middle of regionals week. It's been eight years since the Bulldogs exited before the regional final.

"I'm really fortunate to play in the Brighton program," Erkkila said after his 119th game, five short of the maximum that can be played in a four-year career. "It's obviously an elite program in the state. The coaches, the teammates ... I'm the luckiest guy in the world. There's no place I'd rather play in Michigan. In terms of development, these guys are as good as it gets. I feel extremely grateful to be from Brighton and to play for this organization."

To his coach, Erkkila will be remembered for his leadership during a trying season in which the Bulldogs started out 2-7 before going on a 5-0-1 run entering their final game.

"We're fortunate we had a player like Tim, who's our captain, our leader, a great character kid," Brighton coach Paul Moggach said. "He had the charac-

ter you wish you had in all 18 of them.

"Tim would hold them accountable. He had high expectations for himself, and he passed that on to the others."

Brighton (13-13-1) has been to three straight state championship games, but its season could have easily ended against St. Mary's in any of those seasons. The Bulldogs beat the Eaglets in the last three regional finals, 3-2 in 2016, 2-1 in overtime in 2017 and 3-1 last season.

"You hate to lose, but it's kind of a reminder of how hard it is to get to the place we're used to being," said Erkkila, who scored his 100th career point Tuesday against Grand Blanc. "For the guys who are coming back, it's a good lesson. They can take it into next year how hard they have to work throughout the season."

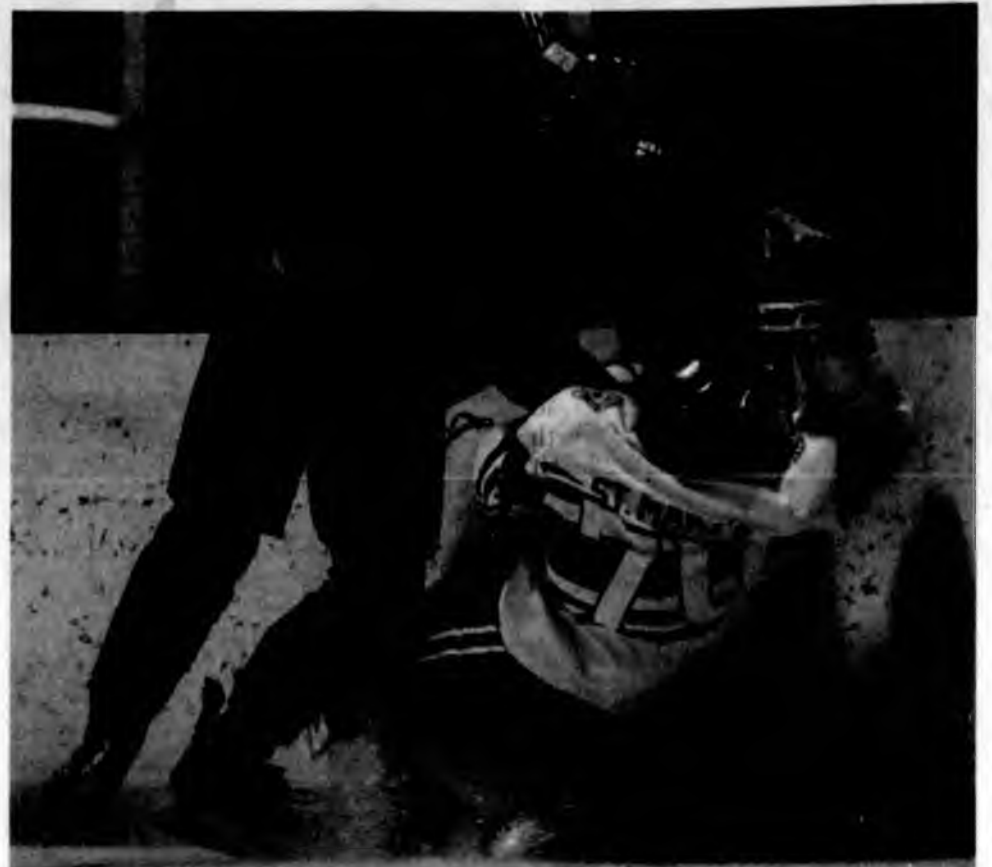
St. Mary's took a 1-0 lead on Kallen's 22nd goal of the season at 7:52 of the first period, then made it 2-0 when Preston Hazelton scored with 3:38 left in the second. Hazelton's goal came shortly after the Eaglets killed off three minutes of a major penalty.

The Bulldogs got back in the game when Noah Stanko scored with 59.7 seconds left in the second.

Brighton couldn't score again against senior goalie Preston Lenarcic, who made numerous huge saves. The Bulldogs held a 28-26 edge in shots on goal.

"You live for that as a goalie," Lenarcic said. "You dream about those at night, visualizing what you're going to do, the big save in bed. You finally get the opportunity to do it, go out there and do your best, and it happens."

Including the regular season, St. Mary's lost six straight times to Brighton. The Bulldogs won, 2-0, on Nov. 21.



Brighton's Tim Erkkila checks Orchard Lake St. Mary's Bryce Kallen to the ice in a 2-1 regional semifinal loss Feb. 28. TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

"They've certainly been a nemesis for us over the years," St. Mary's coach Brian Klanow said. "It's always a good game when we play them. It was a good game tonight."

Brighton graduates eight of the 19 players on its roster, including both goaltenders. Junior Will Jentz, the team's leading scorer, leads the returning group. The loss ended Brighton's

streak of 21 straight seasons with a winning record.

"We had some injuries and guys who weren't available at times," Moggach said. "But I think we got a lot out of this team at the end. We came on late. But for a shot — who knows? — we would be going on to play at USA Arena again. It's tough for them, tough for us as coaches, but that's the way it rolls sometimes."

Hockey

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Stevenson advanced to Tuesday's state quarterfinal against Trenton which won the Region 16 final over Woodhaven. The Spartans improve to 21-5-1 with the win, while Howell ends its season at 15-13. Find results from Tuesday's game online at hometownlife.com.

"To the program, the players and the community (the win) is huge," Mitchell said. "Winning isn't easy. Winning's not normal. To do this year in and year out and build some consistency and stability, all the credit in the world goes to our players and their families and our staff. They work tirelessly. ... You can never take winning for granted because it's very hard to do."

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Goalie duel

Both goalies in this one were dominant. Howell senior Ethan Ryan may have allowed both of the game's goals that were scored on goalies (Stevenson's third goal came on an empty net by senior Adam Hillebrand), but you could make the case he was the best player on the ice for either team. He stopped shot after shot, making saves on more than a handful of breakaways and kept his team alive and in the game, despite Howell's lack of offense.

"Ethan Ryan was outstanding," Mitchell said. "He was everything as advertised. We knew going in that he was capable of stealing games for them and he almost did. He's one of the better goaltenders in the state and he showed that tonight. We put a lot of pucks his way and put a lot of pressure on him, he was absolutely outstanding."

For Stevenson, it was senior Eric Polzin who once again played a brilliant game to secure the win. He was the team's MVP in regional play, allowing a total of one goal in Stevenson's two wins.

"Eric Polzin was absolutely outstanding for us, I can't say enough about him," Mitchell said. "It was a great win. I'm happy for our guys."

Special teams decides it

The first goal of the game came with 5:31 left in the second period. Stevenson was on its first power-play of the game, only a few minutes after killing off a penalty of its own. Stevenson sophomore Ian Kimble received a pass from sophomore Ayden Adamic and took it right in front of the net. Kimble then dished it to sophomore Brendan Heard, who put the puck past Ethan for the goal. It was a highlight play, and with the way Ethan was playing, it was the only



A large scrum for the puck involving six players took about 30 seconds to clear. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Stevenson goalie Eric Polzin tracks the puck while Howell's Stefan Frantti creates traffic around the net.

way the Spartans were going to be able to get on the scoreboard.

"At this time of year, special teams are huge," Mitchell said. "We've been

working on them and working on them. What a great look by Ian Kimble to find Brendan Heard. Just a couple of sophomores that made a hockey play for us. It's been different guys stepping up, and a couple sophomores that see some pretty important minutes for us made a play."

Growing stronger

Just like the team's second round regional game against Plymouth, Stevenson seemed to grow stronger as the game went on. Howell's defense was incredible through two periods, and only faltered when it was short a man. In the third period, the Spartans continued to control the puck, firing shot after shot at Ryan.

They got their second goal of the game after winning a scrum in the Howell zone. Junior Jaron Anderson found senior Patrick McGowan who fired the puck into the net for the game's second tally. It came with 10:08 remaining in the final period.

Stevenson got its exclamation point as Hillebrand scored an empty net goal with 39 seconds to play.

"I thought we came out with the same type of energy that we did on Thursday, but we sustained it and built on it and got better as the game went on," Mitchell said. "I felt we got stronger, I felt our d-zone limiting their chances, and they have so much firepower up front with (Graham) Hassan and (Stefan) Frantti and guys that can make plays."

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Detroit CC knocks off Northville, wins district

Andrew Vaillencourt Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The Detroit Catholic Central boys basketball team defeated Northville, 44-41, in the District 18 finals Friday night.

The victory sent Catholic Central to regionals, where the Shamrocks will face District 20 winner Wayne Memorial, which beat Canton, 55-50, Friday night. That game was scheduled for Tuesday at Ypsilanti Lincoln.

It was a defensive battle all night long, which saw neither team take a lead larger than four points until the fourth quarter when Catholic Central pushed it to six.

It was 7-6 Shamrocks after the first quarter and 19-18 CC at the half.

"It was a defensive game for sure,"



The Detroit Catholic Central basketball team celebrates its win. JOHN BRADY

Catholic Central coach Brandon Sinawi said. "It was back and forth. It was an-

other battle for us in this district. Hats off to Northville, they had a really good

season, especially down the stretch. Our guys late in the game were able to find a way to come out with a win."

With around 20 seconds left, Catholic Central made a layup to go ahead by one point. A defensive stop and free throws sealed the win.

Senior Justin Rukat scored 16 points for the Shamrocks in the win. They go to 16-6 with the victory, while Northville concludes its season at 18-5.

"We're prepared for everybody in our regional," Sinawi said. "We have film on everybody. I haven't seen Wayne live, but we're going to break them down and get a good idea for how we can match up and put our kids in a good position on Tuesday."

"They're a well-coached team and athletic with good guard play, so it's going to be a good battle."

Basketball

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Elite guards, but big men decide it

Both teams had elite guard play.

Canton was led by star senior B. Artis White, who scored 14 points. He was the Chiefs leader all night long, as he has been all season. Fellow senior Vinson Sigmon scored 10 points and senior Kendall Perkins also added 10. Canton's perimeter play has been one of the best in the state this year, but Wayne chose to attack the Chiefs inside.

"B. Artis White is a hell of a player, probably the best player in the state besides Romeo Weems," Young said. "We knew we had to contain him. We knew we couldn't play them man-to-man because their guards are too good."

Lewis, who showed off his own elite talent by scoring 12 points in limited minutes due to foul trouble, led the Wayne back court. The front court was where the Zebras did most of its damage, out rebounding Canton and dominating the lane. Senior Dreyon O'Neal

scored a game-high 15 points and was aided by senior Chris Dobessi-Tindane who added 14. Senior Cartier Muse-Suber was also effective, scoring 10 points before fouling out.

"We thought we had an advantage inside, we beat them on the boards," Young said. "We told ourselves if we can keep the game in the 50's, we can beat them. That's what we did."

Comeback falls short

Canton charged back into the game in the second half, ultimately taking a brief lead.

Wayne was able to bounce right back, taking the lead for good midway through the final quarter. It was a raucous atmosphere, with both coaches and fan-bases loud and involved. The home court advantage may have given Wayne the extra little bump it needed.

"We just had to be disciplined," Young said. "We know we have a good team, we lost to Howell on our home court, we won the East Division, we thought we should've played Canton last Friday. We told our guys, hey let's go out and win districts on our own court. ... It's a big win for us."



Wayne's Cartier Muse-Suber goes for a rebound against Canton's Liam Radomski. TOM BEAUDOIN



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Kavon Davenport of Novi Detroit Catholic Central wins his fourth consecutive state championship with a 7-3 decision over Vic Schoenherr of Bay City Western on March 2 at Ford Field. TOM LANG/SPECIAL TO DETROIT FREE PRESS

Wrestler

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Hamdan of Hudson in Division 4 on Saturday — have reached the milestone since 2000. Two wrestlers did it last year, too: Jarrett Trombley of Corunna and Lake Fenton, and Brandon Whitman of Dundee, each winning titles from 2015-18.

"It's pretty much every eighth-graders goal coming into high school," Davenport said about earning four championships. "Everyone thinks, 'I want to be an Olympic gold medalist,' but there's steps on the way. There's winning state titles. There's winning national titles. So, I felt like I collected something along the way towards my ultimate goal of being the best in the world."

Hamdan, after earning a pin in 55 seconds at 135 pounds over Logan Zell of New Lothrop, became the first to do so from his school as well, which is an equally storied program. His next step is wrestling at Michigan State.

"It's pretty cool, it's a great honor," he said about being Hudson's first four time winner. "I've seen all these greats do it before me. I've looked up to them since I was really, really small. That's

why I came out here with a (20-year-old) singlet to so how much (prior Hudson players) meant to me."

At 119 pounds in Division 1, Macomb Dakota senior Nick Alayan beat defending champ Andrew Chambal of Davison. Chambal beat Alayan the prior year in the finals.

"Last year I was very nervous; this year I just went out there and had fun with it," Alayan said after a 6-4 win. "I really don't even remember what I did in the whole match. I just went out there and everything was just instinct. I was just feeling my way through it. I didn't even know time was up."

As Davenport celebrated his historic day, he didn't have to do it alone.

Teammate Steven Kolcheff got things rolling for Catholic Central with the program's first of seven state titles on the day in the heavyweight class. He beat Mahdi Hazime of Dearborn Fordson, 4-0.

Next up was Joshua Edmond at 135 pounds, who successfully defended his title. At 140 pounds, defending champ Derek Gilcher beat his own teammate, Marc Shaeffer, 7-2.

At 152 pounds, Cameron Amlin won his third state championship, senior Easton Turner took the 189-pound crown before Brendin Yatooma grabbed the 215 bout.

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PREP BOYS SWIMMING

Northville boys team wins KLAA

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The Northville boys swim and dive team came out victorious at the KLAA championships, squeaking by second place Novi by five points.

"It was a great meet," Northville coach Rich Bennetts said. "We went back and forth with them almost every event, we were ahead then they were ahead then we were ahead. It was a classic back-and-forth deal. It came down to the breaststroke and we knew we needed to win the A heat and the B heat, and we had two swimmers that just stepped up."

Their key race was the breaststroke B Heat. Northville freshman William Teng stunned Novi senior captain Daniel Chung by one second to take ninth place. Chung took 10th place, which earns three points less than ninth.

"Putting a freshman in that spot is a bit nerve-wracking as far as I was concerned, but he stepped up big and did his job," Bennett said.

Three other Northville swimmers had standout performances, Travis and Jason Nitkiewicz, and Craig Maibach.

Travis won both the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke. Jason won the 100 butterfly and placed fourth in the 200 IM.

Maibach swam both the 50 and 100 freestyle and was critical in the team's relays.

"We had great performances all throughout, but Travis Nitkiewicz and his brother Jason. Those two had fantastic meets. Craig Maibach swam amazing for us on the relays. Those three guys were key."

The meet left Bennett with a good feeling. He said he was proud of his guys for coming together after a slower start in the prelims, and is excited about what's still to come with this group. Nine swimmers will compete at the state finals next weekend in Holland, as well as one diver.

"We did not swim as well as I thought we could have on Thursday in the prelims, so that put us in a dead heat with Novi," Bennett said. "We talked about it a lot on Friday, which was our day be-



The Northville boys swim and dive team celebrates winning the KLAA championship. RICH BENNETT

tween the prelims and the finals. I had a good feeling on Saturday and it was really the first time all year that the boys supported each other and and swam for each other and not just for themselves. Every guy was fighting for points and swimming for the team instead of himself and that's always a good thing when you're going for a team title."

Here are the complete standings:

1. Northville — 855 points
2. Novi — 850 points
3. Brighton — 580 points
4. Salem — 460 points
5. Livonia Stevenson — 385 points
6. Howell — 361 points
7. Hartland — 329 points
8. Canton — 326 points

9. Dearborn — 234 points
10. Livonia Churchill — 167 points
11. John Glenn — 131 points
12. Belleville — 130 points
13. Livonia Franklin — 114 points
14. Plymouth — 111 points
15. Wayne Memorial — 96 points
16. Fordson — 78 points

What to know about picking 401(k) funds



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Many people who are saving for retirement by contributing to a 401(k), 403(b) or similar employer-sponsored plan are often plagued by this question: How do I go about evaluating and selecting which funds to invest in?

In some cases, the research shows that investors contribute equal amounts to all the funds on their menu of options. In other cases, investors — overwhelmed by the number of choices — choose not to contribute to their retirement plan. And in still other cases, according to new research, retirement plan participants use something called alphabeticity to select funds.

Using a proprietary database of 401(k) plans, researchers recently showed that alphabeticity — when fund names are listed alphabetically on an investment menu — significantly biases participants' investment allocation decisions. This as well as other factors that cause irrational investment in defined contribution savings plans are of great concern, the researchers concluded in their paper, "Alphabeticity Bias in 401(k) Investing."

"The paper confirms what many would suspect," says Stacy Schaus, the founder and CEO of Schaus Group, a retirement consulting firm. "Participants' choices are often irrational and/or uninformed."

The research also suggests that a "more strategic ordering of funds could result in favorable outcomes for participants," wrote Jesse Itzkowitz, a vice president at the Ipsos Behavioral Science Center, who co-authored "Alphabeticity Bias in 401(k) Investing."

For instance, if funds were listed in ascending order by expense ratio rather than alphabetically, then the plan design feature would help reduce investment fees paid by plan participants affected by alphabeticity bias.

In the absence of more strategic ordering of funds by plan administrators and plan providers, how might people in an employer-sponsored retirement plan go about choosing funds?



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What matters most?

Itzkowitz says people should sort their choices according to what's most important to them.

"For example, a prudent strategy is looking for funds with minimal fees," he says.

Likewise, if you think that five-year returns are most important, sort by that criteria first.

Stay focused

People can also improve their ability to pick the best option by making sure that they are alert and focused, Itzkowitz says.

"To do that, they should save important decisions, like how to invest their retirement savings, for when they are well rested, after a good meal, and before they do a lot of other difficult decision making," he says. "Research has shown that when we are tired, both physically and mentally, all of our bias-

es, not just alphabeticity, become more pronounced."

Stick with QDIAs

In some cases, when plan participants are automatically enrolled in a 401(k), they are also placed into what are called qualified default investment alternatives or QDIAs.

If that happens to you, consider sticking with them.

There are four types of QDIAs: a life-cycle or target-date fund; a professionally managed account; a balanced fund; and a capital-preservation product such as a stable-value fund.

"We know that defaults can be very helpful," Schaus says.

Work with a financial planner

QDIAs, however, are targeted to the average worker without regard to their personal needs and circumstances. Given that each person has different goals

and resources, what's needed is more customized and personal advice. And that's especially true as one gets older, as financial assets increase in value and as financial affairs become more complicated.

"The closer to retirement, the more important comprehensive planning becomes as participants are likely to have more outside assets, varying risk preferences and health considerations," Schaus says. "Decisions also matter more when the participant has more at risk — accumulated balances and less human capital. Working with a financial planner to tailor the allocation within a defined contribution plan with a comprehensive view and objectives in mind would be ideal."

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5 WAYS TO STICK WITH EXERCISING

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Whether you plan to exercise for general health benefits, to increase your physical fitness, or to maintain or lose weight, it is important to choose types of exercise that you can and will continue. The health, fitness and weight management advantages of exercise all depend on you being physically active regularly and long-term.

First, choose exercises you enjoy

One of the main reasons people find their exercise programs failing is boredom. If going for a walk gives you pleasure, turn it into a daily health and fitness opportunity. Walking with a friend can make it even more enjoyable and by committing to walk together, you are more likely to be consistent and less likely to let distractions get in the way. Some people enjoy going to a gym for strength training exercises, while others don't. Try a plethora of new activities to keep yourself interested and motivated.

Choose more than one type of exercise

Your regular weekly routine should include aerobic exercise for cardiovascular health, strength training for muscular and bone health and flexibility training for pain-free range of movement. This combination will ensure that you work on all aspects of your health and fitness. Also by doing different exercise sessions, you add variety, and by working different muscles on different days, you reduce the risk of injury, as well as preventing monotony.

Vary the intensity of your exercise

Highly trained athletes often subscribe to the 'hard-easy' principle where a day of high intensity exercise is followed by a day of lower intensity or recovery work. This principle is applicable to all fitness levels as it helps avoid injury and allows your muscles time to recover between taxing sessions.

Join a class or sports team

Many people like the discipline of attending a regular class or joining a social sports team. They find this structure helps them maintain exercise regularity and as a bonus, they work harder than they would on their own.

Increasing your level of physical activity doesn't always mean doing formal exercise. Increasing incidental activity in your day can bring about health benefits as well. For example, rely less on machinery for household chores — sweep the driveway rather than power blasting it with a leaf blower, and walk or ride your bike to the store for milk rather than driving the car. At work, take the stairs rather than the elevator, and walk to the park for lunch rather than eating at your desk.

Set aside an exercise time each day

Setting aside a dedicated exercise time each day can help turn exercise into a habit, much like washing your hair or making your bed. You'll find you are less likely to skip your workout if it is already scheduled into your day. Having said that, however, do be flexible. If you miss exercising at your preferred time, and the opportunity presents itself later that day, take the opportunity and enjoy the novelty.

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PERSONAL FINANCE



There's plenty to learn before you open a Roth IRA (or Roth anything). GETTY IMAGES

Do the math on Roth IRA

Robert Powell
Special to USA TODAY

If you haven't opened a Roth IRA account by now, you should. And that's especially so if you're young, in a low tax-bracket and expect to be in a higher one later in life – in retirement.

A Roth IRA is a retirement plan where you contribute after-tax dollars. Your money grows tax-free; and, generally, distributions are tax-free. To be sure, you won't really know if you'll be in a lower or higher tax bracket years from now.

But most advisers have this to say about Roth IRAs.

"The Roth is the second-best deal in the tax code," says William Harris, a certified financial planner and retirement management adviser with WH Cornerstone Investments.

Health savings accounts, or HSAs,

are the best deal, says Harris.

Thomas O'Connell, president of International Financial Advisory Group, agrees, noting that there are other types of Roths to consider as well.

"Roth-anything is a great first line of defense versus rising tax rates," he says. "Most people are not aware that they probably have a Roth component in their 401(k), 403(b), 457, TSP and they should take advantage of it when available."

It all sounds good on paper. But there's plenty to learn before you open a Roth IRA (or Roth anything).

Roth contributions

According to O'Connell, the top benefits of contributing to a Roth IRA are that you pay tax today in a low-tax environment and you have access to some of your money later on without penalties,

under certain conditions.

For 2019, your total contributions to all your traditional and Roth IRAs cannot be more than: \$6,000 (\$7,000 if you're age 50 or older), or your taxable compensation for the year, if your compensation was less than this dollar limit. Note, however, that your Roth IRA contribution might be limited based on your filing status and income.

Some married couples might also consider funding a spousal Roth IRA, says Harris. "Generally, you need earned income to contribute, but for married couples, there is an exception for a stay-at-home spouse," he says.

Distributions

Distributions from a Roth IRA are tax-free – that is, not included in the account owner's gross income – if it's a qualified distribution or if it's a return of

the owner's contribution.

That's one big benefit, says O'Connell. The other, he says, is that the original Roth IRA account owner doesn't have to take distributions – ever.

A qualified distribution is one that meets two tests: The distribution has to be made after a taxable five-year period and it must satisfy one of the following requirements: made on or after the date on which the account owner turns 59½; made to a beneficiary or estate of the owner on or after the date of the owner's death; is due to the account owner being disabled; or used for a first-time home purchase (though there's a lifetime cap of \$10,000).

By the way, beneficiaries of Roth IRAs only have to wait until the end of the original taxable five-year period for the distribution to be a qualified distribution.

Inherited Roth IRAs

What happens if you inherit a Roth IRA? If you're a non-spouse beneficiary, you have to start taking distributions no later than the year following the death of the Roth IRA owner. The good news?

"The assets continue to grow untaxed, you can change your own beneficiaries, and withdrawals are tax free," says Harris.

O'Connell notes too that non-spouse beneficiary Roth IRA accounts have the "potential to provide multigenerational tax-free income."

If, however, you're a spouse beneficiary, you've got two options. You can elect to be treated as the beneficiary or the owner of the Roth IRA. If you choose to be treated as the beneficiary, you can defer distributions until the year the original owner would have turned 70½. If you choose to be treated as the owner, then you don't have to take any required minimum distributions over your lifetime.

"If you treat it as your own, the five-year aging requirement and over age 59½ or dead rules may apply," says Harris.

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Many still reluctant to invest after Great Recession

Market will crash again, but it pays in long term

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Next month marks the 10-year anniversary of the current bull market's beginnings. Yet many Americans remain reluctant to invest in the stock market, a scary hangover from the Great Recession.

From October 2007 to March 2009, the S&P 500 plummeted nearly 57 percent, and it took more than five years for the index to recover. But the share of Americans with money invested in the stock market still hasn't returned to pre-recession levels, according to various studies.

In 2018, a Gallup Poll survey found 55 percent of respondents were invested in stocks or stock funds, either personally or jointly with a spouse, down from 65 percent in 2007. Among those younger than 35, the drop-off is especially pronounced: An average of 38 percent of the youngest Americans owned stocks from 2008 to 2018, down from 52 percent in the 2006-07 period.

This is a problem not only because non-investors have missed out on the longest-ever bull market in U.S. stocks, during which the S&P 500 more than quadrupled. Investing is also one of the best ways to build wealth, and most Americans will need money beyond Social Security benefits for a comfortable retirement.

Here's how to shake any lingering apprehension about investing:

Accept the inevitable

There will be another market crash in the future, possibly worse than the last, so accept this as a given. The S&P 500 has endured eight bear markets (defined as slumps in excess of 20 percent from a recent high) in the past 60 years, about one every 7½ years, which may serve as a gauge for how often these occur.

But bear markets aren't entirely bad. They tend to be much shorter than bull markets, periods of rising stock prices, with losses that pale in comparison with



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the gains. Recession-era bear markets – arguably the worst of times – have seen average S&P 500 declines of 37 percent since 1946, while bull markets during a comparable period delivered average gains of over 160 percent, according to data from LPL Financial.

Long-term investors have time to wait for the market to recover, so bear markets can actually be a good time to buy stocks at lower prices.

Start small

Warren Buffett, long heralded as an investor to emulate, also happens to be among the world's richest people. This might wrongly suggest you need a lot of money to start investing, but Buffett began investing when he was 11 and bought his first stock for \$38 a share.

Today, an even smaller amount of money can get you started, thanks to robo-advisers. After you answer questions about goals, risk tolerance and other investing preferences, these automated services recommend a customized portfolio typically made up of low-cost index funds.

Some robo-advisers have zero account minimums, which makes invest-

ing accessible for beginners.

For a do-it-yourself approach, it's also possible to build a well-diversified portfolio on a budget. Less than \$300 currently could buy one share of any of the most popular exchange-traded funds tracking the S&P 500. Meanwhile, there are popular ETFs that provide exposure to other markets – bonds or non-U.S. stocks, for example – trading for about \$100 a share or less. And some brokers allow investors to buy fractional shares of individual stocks or ETFs.

Focus on the future

While investing-related decisions – broker versus robo-adviser, which company best fits your needs or what investments to buy – certainly aren't trivial, it's important to start investing in the market. Investing is a trade-off between spending today or saving for tomorrow, and focusing on what kind of future you want to fund can be a powerful motivator.

Success in investing requires more than a one-time or sporadic effort. Experts recommend regularly adding to your portfolio over time. This strategy,

known as dollar-cost averaging, ensures you spread out the price paid for investments, reducing the risk of buying all of your shares at a high.

Also consider the trade-off between collecting dividends today versus reinvesting that money. Reinvesting dividends is commonplace in 401(k)s, but optional for DIY investors. Doing so can help your portfolio grow more quickly. The S&P 500's average 30-year historical return is 11.5 percent when dividends are reinvested and 9.1 percent when they're not, according to YCharts, a financial data and investment research platform.

Finally, stay invested. The stock market will inevitably stumble at times, but it's a proven long-term bet. Ignore short-term fluctuations (even bear markets) so you don't second-guess your long-term investment strategy or, worse yet, sell near the bottom.

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English Gardens administrators, managers and local dignitaries shared in the ribbon-cutting ceremony. SUBMITTED



Taking advantage of some of the opening-day sales were, from left, Country Garden Club of Northville members Jackie Wiewiora, Sandy Petroskey, Marcia Mandell, Barb Sturtz and Jo Sillanpaa. PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Attendees at the opening ceremony were impressed by the wide-scale selection of indoor and outdoor products.

English Gardens opens sprawling new facility

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Spring sprung three weeks early Friday morning at the sprawling new English Gardens location on Ann Arbor Road in Superior Township.

As the morning sun shone brightly through the floor-to-ceiling transparent windows behind them, several English Gardens administrators and managers were joined by local dignitaries for a ribbon-cutting ceremony that officially christened the the 19-acre site that features a 12,000-square-foot retail space and 12,000-square-foot enclosed greenhouse.

Billed as the 10th-largest garden center in the United States, English Gardens is taking over the space formerly occupied by Plymouth Nursery.

"We had a store in Ann Arbor, but we lost our lease, which led to that site closing in January of 2018," English Gardens Vice President of Marketing Jennifer Youngquest explained. "Jeff Jones, whose family had owned Plymouth Nursery since the 1830s, was looking for an opportunity to retire and he knew we were looking to expand, so we acquired the business from him."

Plymouth Nursery remodeled its facility in 2008, an event that made English Gardens' transition to the 9900 Ann Arbor Rd. site smooth and relatively easy.

"Jeff did a great job building this place, which made it easy for us to move in," said English Gardens President John Darin. "Just change the sign, for the most part."

Darin admitted that his company's sixth location couldn't be in a better spot.

"Since our Ann Arbor store closed, we really didn't have a presence in the western Wayne County-Washtenaw County area, so this is perfect," Darin said.

"This is a destination location. It's much larger than most of our other locations, so we're able to offer a wider variety of home-beautification merchandise."

A 50-year veteran in the garden-center industry, Darin has witnessed a greenhouse full of changes throughout his career.

"I'd say the biggest change for us over the years is that we're more of a lifestyle store," he said. "We don't just offer outdoor items. We offer a lot more indoor products as well."

English Gardens has been family owned and operated since it opened its first location in Dearborn Heights in 1954. With additional stores in West Bloomfield, Clinton Township, East-

pointe and Royal Oak, the company is becoming the undisputed lord of landscaping in southeast Michigan.

"Several people have told me today that coming into a place like this, especially when the weather is bad outside, is like walking into spring," Youngquest said. "It smells like spring in here and that appeals to people."

The Ann Arbor Road store will offer other a series of special services, including a garden pharmacy, where associates diagnose plant troubles and provide solutions, along with a patio furniture design center for custom orders and design services.

The outdoor living department includes patio furniture and accessories, and garden décor such as fountains, statues, accessories and garden art.

English Gardens will also offer free weekly seminars and host monthly workshops and Kid's Club events.

Marcia Mandell, a Northville resident and president of the Country Garden Club of Northville, was impressed with the new store's variety of merchandise.

"It looks like it has everything," she said. "It's a very inspiring place."

News that English Gardens was opening a facility not far from his home was music to the ears of Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise.

"I was born and raised in Dearborn and lived 10 years in Dearborn Heights, so I have fond memories of my family visiting English Gardens," Heise said. "It's great to have you close to my home again and judging by the turnout today, you're going to have an outstanding base of customers."

Although the new site is currently hiring, a large percentage of its staff are former members of the English Gardens Ann Arbor store and the former Plymouth Nursery.

"If you shopped at our Ann Arbor location or at Plymouth Nursery, you'll see a lot of familiar faces," Youngquest added.

Unlike many brick-and-mortar businesses, the landscaping industry should not be hurt by online purchasing, Youngquest said.

"We've found that, typically, when people want to buy plants and flowers, they want to touch and feel them before they pick something out," she said. "So far, to my knowledge there hasn't been a company that has been able to ship plants across the country."

"People like the experience of visiting garden centers, too. Places like this naturally put people in a good mood."

The Superior Township location will be open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday throughout the remainder of the winter season and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Obituaries

Christopher W. Culham

MILFORD - Christopher W. Culham a resident of Milford, died suddenly on February 27, 2019. Chris was 60 years old.

Christopher is survived by his wife of 32 years, Lisa A. Culham; children, Paige (Steven Dunn) Culham and Bryan Culham; granddaughter, Lillian Culham - Dunn; parents, Perry and Sandra Culham; sister, Lisa R. Culham (Joy Stearns); in laws, Janice and Arnold Stevens as well as many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Preceded in death by his brother, Gregory J. Culham.

Christopher was the water plant operator for the city of Milford DPS for over 34 years before retiring. Community service was important to him. Christopher was a member of the Milford Fire Department for 7 years and also a proud Eagle Scout. Most recently, he took a position with Highland Water Treatment and enjoyed his work there for the past 3 years. He loved working on cars and had planned on making that his number one hobby when he fully retired. Chris also spent his free time gardening, cooking and making sweets, but helping people and spending time with his family was his true passion.

A Funeral Service was held at Lynch and Sons Funeral Home, 404 East Liberty Street, Milford on Monday, March 4 at 1 PM. Rev. Doug McMunn officiant. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Community Sharing. For further information please call Lynch & Sons Funeral Home at 248-684-6645.

Ernest Floyd Rockol

SOUTH LYON - Ernest Floyd Rockol died at his home in South Lyon January 31, 2019. He was born in Ann Arbor, the son of Harold and Mildred (Arnold) Rockol on March 31, 1946. He was confirmed in the Lutheran Church in 1960. He graduated from South Lyon Schools in 1964.



After apprenticing as a carpenter he was drafted into the US Army and saw service in Vietnam in 1966-1967. Afterwards he moved to Chicago and then California for 15 years and returned to Michigan to help care for his father in 1979. He worked for Pepsi Cola in Howell until his retirement. He lived in South Lyon until his death. He will be missed by his brothers, James (Kathy) and Lee Rockol, sisters, Nancy (Bill) Perry and Mary Buege; also by his nieces and nephews: Michael Rockol and Lisa (Tom) Krause Dan, Tim, Rachel (Nick) Tolkinen and Joe (Abby) Buege, Gary Rockol and Shannon Goheen, Roger (Tiffany) and Mike (Amanda) Rockol and Jennifer (Greg) Aytes, Michael (Stefanie) Cheresko and Cassandra Perry; also by many grandnieces and nephews, in-laws and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents: Harold and Mildred (Arnold) Rockol, brother-in-law Tom Buege and one brother, Gerald Rockol. Burial was held among family and friends.



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Cruises can offer a taste of Europe with American amenities

Rick Steves
Special to USA TODAY

Recently I was on a massive cruise ship with 3,000 passengers blitting the great ports of the Mediterranean – and having lots of fun. No, I'm not suddenly abandoning my independent travel principles and becoming a huge proponent of cruising. But I am impressed by the economy, efficiency and popularity of this kind of travel ... and, to be honest, I enjoy cruising.

I'm the first to admit that cruising doesn't appeal to everyone. For some, it's anti-travel. For others, it's the perfect vacation.

On our ship, I met people who seemed to be having a great time ... most of them veterans of many cruises. I also met lots of budget-conscious travelers who told me that a cruise (which includes transportation, lodging and food for one discounted price) is a wonderful value.

The per-day base cost for mainstream cruises beats independent travel by a mile. For a weeklong European cruise, a couple can pay as little as \$100 per person per night – that's less than most hotel rooms in London or Paris. To link all the places on your own – with hotels, rail passes, boat tickets, taxi transfers, restaurants and so on – would add up fast. And you can't beat the convenience and efficiency of sleeping while you travel to your next destination.

There are some negatives. There's no denying that the cruising industry contributes to water, air and marine-noise pollution – but technology and consumer pressure are helping a bit. Environmental responsibility is such a hot topic that all the large cruise lines have website sections where you can evaluate their efforts. (Of course, this info also is intended to help market their cruises.)



Cruise staff prepare dishes that would cost a pretty penny in a restaurant, but the food can't compare with meals you can get in port. TRISH FEASTER

And what about the impact on local economies and communities? Cruising can trample towns with sightseers who leave almost no money (since they eat, sleep and buy their tours on board). On the other hand, most of those communities view cruise ships as an economic boost – which explains why so many ports are investing in cruise-worthy piers and terminals.

Conscientious travelers also want to consider issues of economic justice. Critics point out that the industry is built on rich tourists being served by crew members from poor countries. But I've talked to many people who work on cruise ships, and they've told me that the income they earn on a ship is far more than any employment prospects they have back home. And the loyalty of numerous crew members (working many years for the same cruise line) says a lot about this arrangement.

There also is diversity to this style of travel. Cruising can accommodate a



Cruising might not be for everyone, but it's an economic, efficient and popular of mode of travel in Europe and beyond. CAMERON HEWITT

family with vastly different travel philosophies. It's possible for Mom to go to the museum, Dad to lie by the pool, Sally to go snorkeling, Bobby to go shopping, Grandma and Grandpa to take in a show ... and then all of them can have dinner together and swap stories about their perfect days. (Or, if they're really getting on each other's nerves, there's plenty of room on a big ship to spread out.)

Cruising is especially popular among retirees, particularly those with limited mobility. Cruising rescues you from packing up your bags and huffing to the train station every other day. Once on land, accessibility for wheelchairs and walkers can vary dramatically – though most cruise lines offer excursions specifically designed for those who don't get around well.

And yet, I still have reservations. Just as people trying to learn a language will do better by immersing themselves in that culture than by sitting in a classroom for a few hours, I believe that travelers in search of engaging, broadening experiences should eat, sleep and live Europe. Good or bad, cruising insulates you from Europe. If the taxi drivers in Naples are getting a little too pushy, you can simply retreat to the comfort of 24-hour room service, American sports on

the TV, and a boatload of people who speak English. It's fun – but is it Europe?

Cruising might not be for everyone. But neither is my style of travel. And at least cruising gets people (who might otherwise stay home) out interacting with the world. Many of the people I met on my last cruise were enjoying (and benefiting from) the chance to broaden their perspective through travel ... even if tethered to a big floating chunk of America.

Let's face it: Americans have the shortest vacations in the rich world. Some choose to dedicate their valuable time off to all-inclusive, resort-style vacations in Florida, Hawaii, the Caribbean or Mexico: swimming pools, song-and-dance shows, shopping and all-you-can-eat buffets. Cruising lets you toggle between the floating American-style resort each evening and a different European adventure each day. If you know how to use your time on shore smartly, it can be the best of both worlds. Bon voyage!

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Trends older workers need to look out for in 2019

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When it comes to workplace trends, it can seem like Millennials are the only ones facing changes and making changes. But if you happen to be a non-Millennial, like millions of American workers, it can be hard to see where you fit in with the changing workplace landscape.

If you're a Baby Boomer (born approximately 1946 and 1964), we've got you covered! Here are three significant trends you should be thinking about for your 2019 professional life.

Experience is still more important than age

Many Baby Boomers find themselves working past the age that their own parents retired, due to a range of factors from financial security to the fact that many workers just not ready yet to hang up their career hats. That trend is making its way into the hiring arena.

According to Labor Department data analysis done by TLR Analytics, nearly half of the 2.9 million jobs gained during 2018 went to workers age 55 and older. In 2018, per the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 39.2% of Americans over age 55 were employed—the highest number in that demographic since 1961. So employers are hiring older workers, but many workers are simply hanging onto their jobs longer as well.

Part of the reason is that workers are saying active longer, but also, many employers are seeking stable, mature employees. A recent study by the National Council on Aging revealed that older employees did less job-hopping than their younger counterparts and had lower absentee rates.

Contract work is on the rise

Per a 2018 NPR/Marist poll, 1 in 5 American jobs are held by a contract worker. For many Boomers, this represents a significant shift in how to think about the workplace and the work day. Many companies are shifting from a traditional full-time employment model to hiring part-timers and freelance or contract workers. For a generation that was raised with the idea that work means putting in your time and building your career around a single, stable full-time job for decades, it can be a difficult shift to digest.

This change is especially noteworthy for Baby Boomers, because contract jobs often don't come with the hallmarks of a full-time job: insurance, retirement plans, paid time off, and other benefits. Working in the contract economy can mean extra planning and different financial solutions as you start thinking about your career endgame.

More companies are willing to let you work remotely

With the rise of digital communication in all aspects of the workplace, plus the focus that many companies have on collaborating with partners all over the world, telecommuting and flexible work arrangements (like working from home or working remotely during unorthodox hours) are becoming more and more prevalent.

The 9-to-5, punch-in-and-punch-out model, isn't dead yet, but it's unlikely that we'll see a return to those traditional norms for many industries. And for older workers, this new landscape can be a distinct advantage. The number of companies that offer a remote work option may increase the number



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of job openings available to older workers who may find long-distance work difficult.

Flexible work arrangements can also be a good way to segue into part-time work or consulting if you're thinking about how to move into retirement. And these flexible arrangements also represent a boon in quality of life in many cases, offering savings in time, money, and the aggravation of a commute. Today's older workers are increasingly tech-savvy, which will lead to more and more opportunities in the evolving

physical and digital workplace.

As the workplace evolves, so does the Baby Boomer employee. The stats show that rather than being sidelined, older workers are not only fighting for (and keeping) their jobs, but also that they're a workplace force to be reckoned with—in 2019 and beyond.

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6 "Star Wars" villain — the Hutt
11 Longtime fashion mag
16 "Got it!"
19 Muslim god
20 Has left the office, say
21 Bilbao locale
22 "Whether — nobler ..."
23 Sudden-death extra in a golf tournament
25 Supermodel Kium
26 Hi-fi platters
27 Cook gently
28 Behave obsequiously
31 Secretive U.S. org.
32 Redding of song
36 Opp. of horizontal
37 Film preview
38 Sort who's at hand whenever needed
42 Part of a hunting outfit
43 Lucy of "Kung Fu Panda"
44 French painter Rosa

DOWN

45 Narcissists
48 Bone: Prefix
50 Insult, informally
51 YWCA part
54 Yule, briefly
57 Small Vlasic offering
63 Domestic
67 Explorer
68 Glossy surface
69 "As above," in a footnote
70 Morning joe, maybe
75 Tear to bits
76 Gambols
78 Inventory
79 Board, as a ship
81 One who's distraught with feelings
86 1/16 ounce
87 Perfectly
88 "— aboard!"
90 Baker's unit
94 Pec-building exercises
98 Tilling tools, to Brits
101 King, in Caen
102 Old Peruvian
103 Connections making people feel close
108 Big name in hygiene products

111 "OED" part

112 Beneficiary
113 Certain PC readout
114 Purplish fruit spread
117 Male ducks
120 — Lingus
121 Rivulet
122 What the last word of 23-, 28-, 38-, 57-, 70-, 81-, 103- or 114-Across is a synonym of
126 Hang behind
127 Giant in life insurance
128 Televised
129 ... and vice —

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2 Chicago's home
3 Close loudly
4 The Caribbean's — Islands
5 Slipper, e.g.
6 Peanut butter brand

7 Volcano stuff

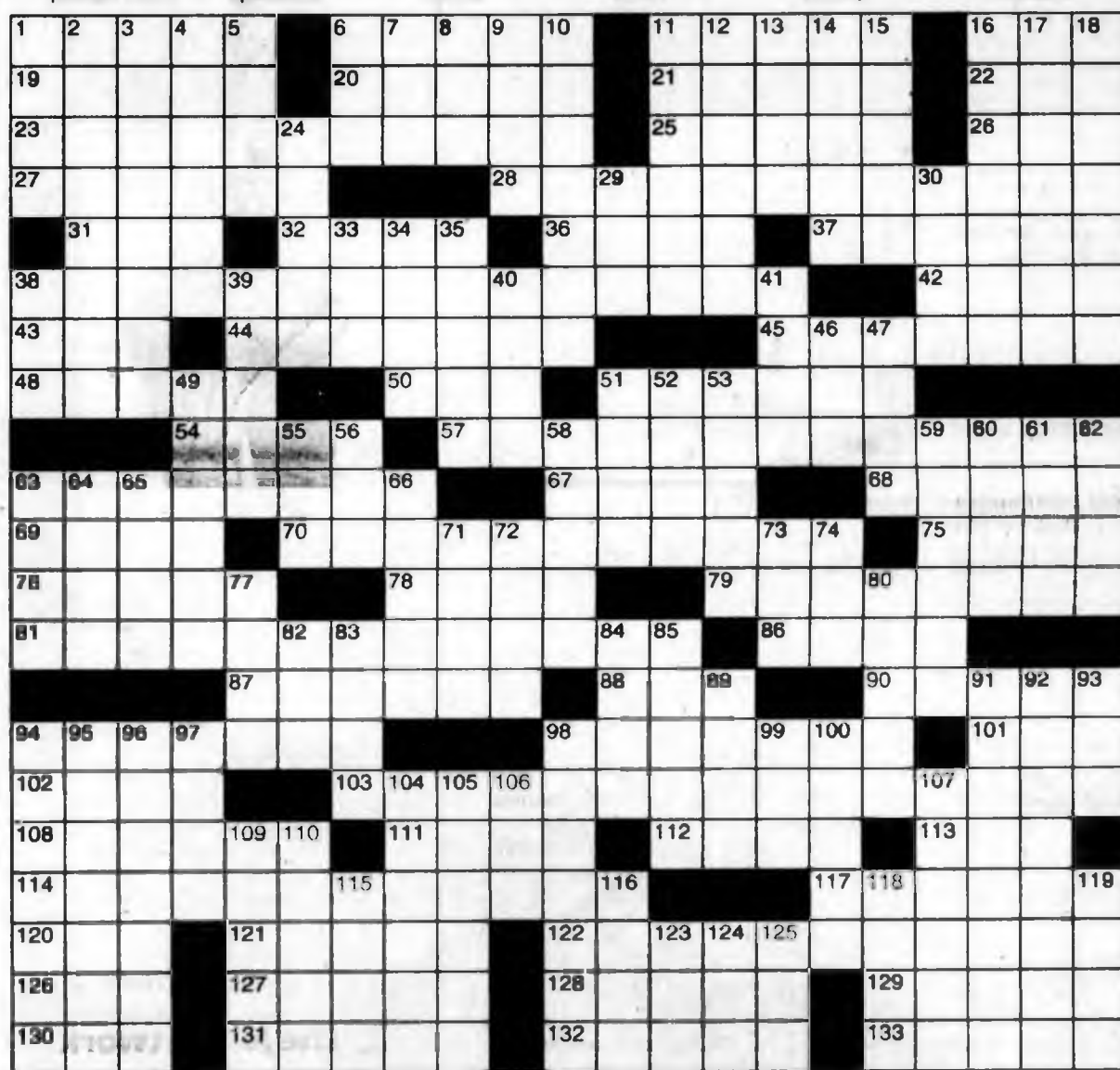
8 Startling cry
9 Light source in a socket
10 Had dinner at a friend's house, e.g.
11 Note equivalent to 66-Down
12 Not necessarily against
13 Spoke
14 In the — of (during)
15 In readiness
16 Map-filled references
17 Most with it
18 Alleges
24 Ice-cream alternative, for short
29 "Scream" director
30 Sitarist
33 Weight unit
34 With a sharp picture, briefly
35 Shrek creator
36 "Gigli" co-star, familiarly
39 Certain nuclear weapon, for short

40 "Be silent!"

41 Adolescent
46 Country's econ.
47 Suffix of medical conditions
49 Free (from)
51 Plump bird
52 "— From Muskogee" (1969 hit)
53 Annoys
55 Circle part
56 Ionian, e.g.
58 Upper crust
59 Purity of a color
60 Razor-sharp
61 Advanced
62 Lead-in to skeleton
63 Give a job to
64 Former Laker
65 Office letter
66 Note equivalent to 11-Down
71 Do a tax task
72 J.D. Salinger title girl
73 "— be my pleasure"
74 Baby of a boomer
77 In — (as first found)

80 Big name in beer brewing

82 "Alley —"
83 Condé —
84 Mail lure
85 Spill clumsily
89 Guitar's kin
91 Con artists
92 Abridge
93 Took cover
94 Patchy horse
95 Vague
96 Plague
97 Fit as a fiddle
98 Sound of falling hail
99 F-J link
100 One of two in "crocodile"
104 Wading birds
105 R&B singer — Badu
106 — Mahal
107 Accuses
109 PLO head
110 Brimless cap
115 "The Godfather" score composer
Nino
116 Some med. scans
118 All-night bash
119 Comic Laurel
123 Eon subunit
124 Bonn article
125 TSA requests



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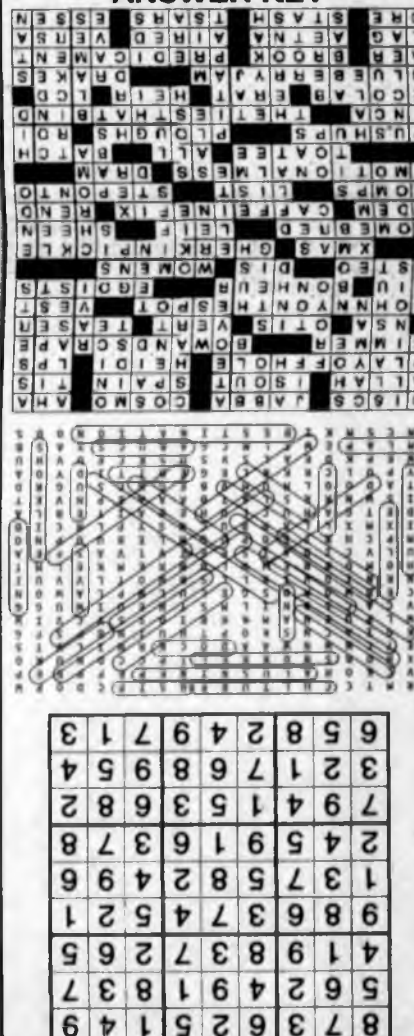
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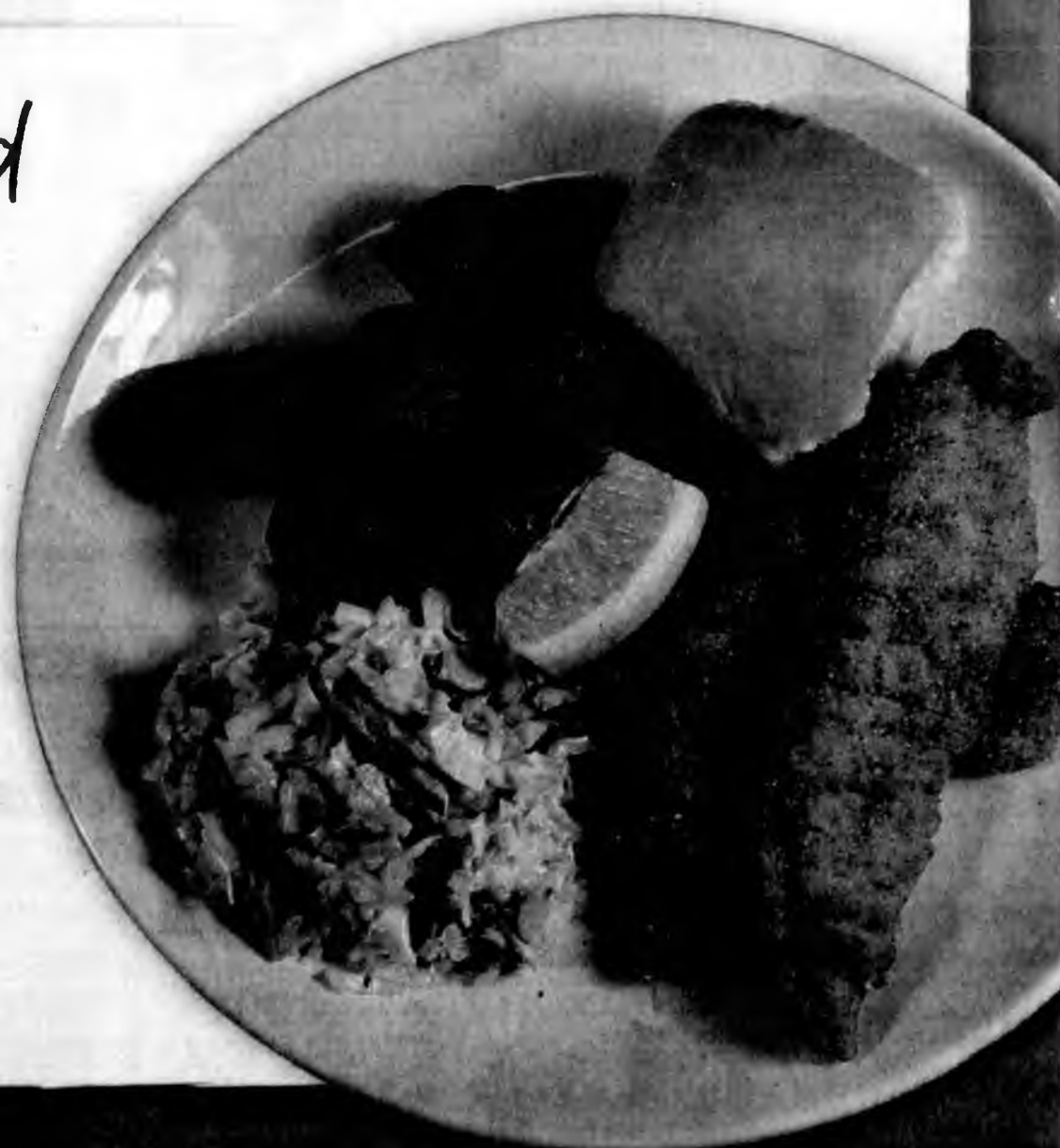
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