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## Humane Society takes aim at Novi Petland

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

The Petland store in Novi is under fire by the Humane Society of the United States amidst several sick puppy complaints.

The HSUS issued results last week of undercover investigations it says it conducted at Petland stores nationwide, in-

cluding the store inside Twelve Oaks Mall.

"Our investigations have revealed a distressing trend in Petland stores across the country: sick and dying animals who desperately need help being peddled to deceived customers," said John Goodwin, senior director of the Humane Society of the United States' Stop Puppy Mills campaign.

According to the HSUS report, customers "regularly called with complaints about sick puppies they had purchased. On one occasion, our investigator witnessed Petland employees talking to three people who called about sick puppies during a single shift."

The investigation was conducted with hidden cameras and HSUS released a video allegedly taken at a Pet-

land Novi staff meeting in March. Faces in the video have been pixelated to obscure identities.

A man in the clip, which Goodwin says is the Novi store owner, can be heard explaining an arbitration clause in contracts that would not allow customers to take the store to court, and

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Chef Ken Miller pulls a nearly-finished duck from the smoker May 30 at Toasted Oak in Novi. The ducks are dry-aged for two weeks in Detroit. They're smoked for a few hours, rubbed down with a salt mixture and then finished in an oven.

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## Toasted Oak Grill adds dry-aged duck to menu

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It's been a tricky process for Chef Ken Miller to come up with the perfect recipe to cook and serve duck at the Toasted Oak Grill and Market in Novi. He admits he and his staff hadn't been able to find the right way to prepare duck to the liking of their customers.

But now, Miller, the restaurant's executive chef, believes he has just the

recipe. And he's hoping it'll draw out not only customers locally but those who would typically head to downtown Detroit or Birmingham for a high-end meal.

"That's been one of our goals since the beginning: try to get people that aren't just around here. We want to be that local neighborhood place that people want to come to and hang out and have a nice evening," he said. "But I think we needed to figure out something

that sets us out even further."

That recipe ages the duck, harvested from several Midwest farms, for two weeks down at Fairway Packing Company in Detroit before it makes its way to the restaurant inside the Barquette Renaissance Detroit-Nowi hotel at 27790 Novi Road. Once it arrives, the duck is smoked and gets rubbed down with Michigan maple syrup.

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## Metropark's albino doe gives birth

Sean Bradley Staff Writer  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A white doe in Kensington Metropark has given birth to a pair of fawns.

The reported birth took place recently, said Danielle Mauter, chief of marketing and communications at the Huron-Clinton Metroparks, of which Kensington Metropark is part.

"At this time, we cannot confirm if the fawns are albino or not," Mauter said.

Ashley Autenrieth, a biologist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, said last month that there are three types of albinism in animals - albino, all-white and piebald.

Albino is lack of pigmentation, she said, while all-white means the fur is all white. Piebald occurs when there are spots of brown on the animal.

There is a one in 10,000 chance of a parent deer in a general deer population passing on the albino gene to its offspring, Mauter said. It did not appear that the fawn carried the albino gene.

Park officials do not check on individual deer since the park is a natural habitat.

"We ask the public not to go out and disturb them," Mauter said.

She said taking pictures of the animals in the park is encouraged.

"This is the time of year when deer drop their fawns," said Victoria Taylor-Sluder, western district interpretive services supervisor for the Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

The recently-spotted albino doe has mainly been seen on the park's west side, she said.

Hunting is not allowed at any time in any of the metroparks in the state.



A white doe, possibly an albino, photographed on numerous occasions in Kensington Metropark, has given birth to fawns. SUBMITTED

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## Petland

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which would cost the customer \$250 to start a case with an arbitrator.

Goodwin said that sickness in puppies occasionally spread beyond the animals to humans, with a staff member and customer allegedly contracting campylobacter infections, which can cause abdominal distress and fever and which is resistant to antibiotics.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a multi-state outbreak from 2016 to 2018 of the sometimes life-threatening infection was linked to contact with pet store puppies.

### Petland responds to claims

"Petland Novi" emailed a response to the HSUS report, in which it stated:

"At Petland, the health and welfare of all our pets is our number one priority. We work closely with and take direction from respected, professional

animal care personnel such as veterinarians, and local, state and federal animal agencies, all of whom frequent our stores and inspect our operations.

"As for the specific claims (last) month, it is once again ridiculous that HSUS would sit on information for six months without making Petland aware of any specific animal welfare issues. And, once again, these allegations coincide with a time period when an undercover representative of HSUS was employed at the store."

The statement goes on to say the HSUS activist had gone from state to state working at the Petland stores being investigated for short periods of time, lying on her applications and had "manipulated situations" for the video and the current report, possibly against the law.

Goodwin argued that Petland taking issue with the methods used by the Humane Society was "a desperate attempt to distract from the real issue, which is dying animals in their stores."



A "bullet," a cross between a bulldog and a Basset hound, relaxes in its crate at Petland Novi.

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Petland has faced several lawsuits and when asked about the arbitration clauses now in customer contracts, officials sent a second email, in which it responded

"So far as Arbitration goes should a Customer have an Issue that can't be resolved within 60 days by the Claims and Warranties Department then the Issue would be resolved by a 3rd Party Arbitrator. Arbitration is faster and more cost effective than litigation for both parties. To date we haven't had any Issues that have gone to Arbitration as we always go over and above for our Customers should a legitimate issue ever arise."

The store provides information to potential customers in a brochure which states, "Questions and allegations have always arisen regarding where retail pet stores acquire their puppies. At Petland we continue to investigate such claims and are vigilant about reporting and banning substandard operations as

we have been for almost 50 years."

According to the brochure, Petland gets animals from USDA-licensed breeders who have had "no direct violations within the past two years" as well as hobby breeders who raise their animals "in a humane manner."

### No recent violations found at store

Bob Gatt, mayor of Novi as well as manager of the Oakland County Animal Shelter and Pet Adoption Center, said animal control officers had been called out to Petland several times in the past several years over allegations of abuse or neglect and each time had determined the call was unfounded.

"They are not neglected or abused, they are treated humanely and with care, and any sick animals are under the care of a veterinarian, with records always produced to verify that," Gatt said, adding that the police had also been called to the store several times

over the years.

Novi Police Chief David Molloy said there are no active police investigations at this time regarding Petland in Novi and he can't remember the last time the department investigated a call at the store. When a call is received, he said a thorough investigation is always conducted. He can't recall any charges that were substantiated for prosecution.

"We would contact animal control if we saw obvious signs of neglect and abuse," Molloy said. "When our officers go, they don't see these sick animals. If we did, we would take action."

Some police complaints regarding Petland are determined to be a civil matter. That was the case in a 2016 complaint in which a woman requested help from police after the \$4,000 poodle puppy she purchased from Petland in Novi fell ill and she couldn't get her money refunded.

There would not be any action for the city council to take on the HSUS report, Gatt said.

"We can't get angry at Petland because there is a sick animal," he said. "If we find them abusing the animal by not getting proper care, then we would take enforcement action... It just seems to me that if they were a horrific business, the law of public demand would put them out of business, but they seem to thrive. I have to believe they are not abusing or neglecting animals as indicated in that report."

The HSUS continues to advocate for legislation to prohibit the sale of puppy mill dogs in pet stores, an action Goodwin said has been taken in California and Maryland, as well as in close to 300 municipalities across the country.

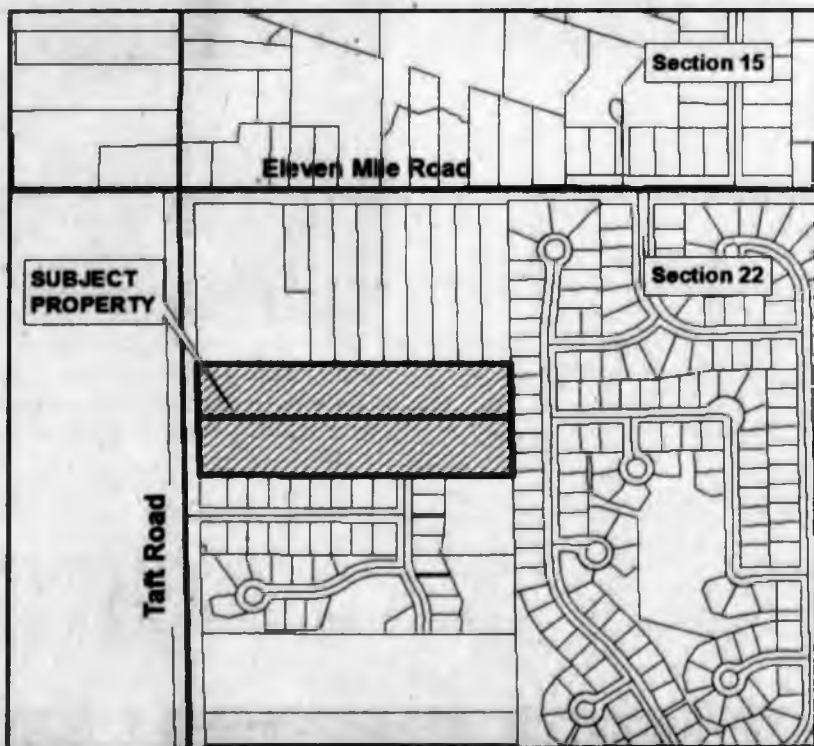
He also urges consumers to get their animals from shelters, animal rescues, or a responsible breeder rather than commercial pet stores which "price gouge customers paying by credit for sick animals."

"If you want a puppy of a specific breed, there are three things you want to do - meet the breeder, meet the mother dog, and see where the mother dog lives," he said. "Pet stores and these websites that sell puppies unseen, are perfect for puppy mills. They are far away from where the puppy's mother lives and customers never see those conditions."

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## CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 7:00 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider **MUNRO'S PRESERVE JSP 19-09 FOR PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN, SITE CONDOMINIUM, WETLAND PERMIT, WOODLAND PERMIT AND STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL. THE SUBJECT PROPERTY IS ZONED B-4.** The subject properties are approximately 11.55 acres and are located on the east Taft Road, south of Eleven Mile Road (Section 22). The applicant is proposing a site condominium development with 17 single-family, detached residential units utilizing the Open Space Preservation Option, stormwater management ponds, wetland conservation area and sidewalks. Also proposed is an extension of Danya's Way to serve two additional parcels not included in the site condominium.



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

Subject Parcel IDs: 22-22-100-027 and 22-22-100-028.

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, June 26, 2019.

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Novi Planning Commission  
Michael Lynch, Secretary

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## CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF PUBLIC SURVEY 2020-24 STRATEGIC COMMUNITY RECREATION & MASTER PARK PLAN

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Novi has posted a public survey online at [www.cityofnovi.org/parksurvey](http://www.cityofnovi.org/parksurvey) to seek public input for the Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services' 2020-24 Strategic Community Recreation & Master Park Plan.

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## NOTICE CITY OF NOVI REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY SPECIAL LAND USE PERMIT PTSLU19-0004

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the representative for **Feldman Chevy Novi** requesting a Temporary Special Land Use Permit in accordance with 7.6.2 of the Novi Zoning Ordinance for temporary vehicle storage during construction at parcel 50-22-23-023, north of Grand River Ave and west of Meadowbrook Road from May 17, 2019 through September 30, 2020. The property is zoned B-3 (General Business) and the use is contrary to 3.14.1.A of the Novi Zoning Ordinance.

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

A public hearing will be held at 11:00am on June 13, 2019 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road in the Community Development Conference Room. All written comments should be directed to Katherine Oppermann and must be received prior to Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 3:00PM.

Publish: June 6, 2019

## SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2019-2020 BUDGET

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on June 25, 2019, at 6:00 o'clock p.m., at Old Village School, 405 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, the Board of Education of Northville Public Schools, Wayne, Oakland and Washtenaw Counties, Michigan, will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2019-2020 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2019-2020 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2019-2020 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at 405 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Sarah Prescott, Secretary

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## Duck

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It's then roasted in an oven and rests before served with leeks, rhubarb and salsify, along with a sauce made up of barrel-aged maple syrup, fermented morel juice and ramp vinegar.

It's not a recipe most people would likely find elsewhere, something Miller wanted to do to make his restaurant stick out.

"It's a nice, perfect, medium-cooked duck," he said. "The skin is crispy, it's wonderful."

"It kind of smells like duck bacon."

### Dish seeing success

Miller, who's been at the Toasted Oak for about two years, connected with the Fairway Packing Company at a previous job. Once he came to the Novi restaurant, he began bouncing the idea of dry-aging duck in the warehouse. They decided to give it a go and found the end result to be a tasty and satisfying conclusion.

It joined the menu at the restaurant May 28. So far, Miller said the dish has been a huge success with customers in the first few days it's been offered, saying it has great potential to become a sticking point on the menu.

"We've had a few individuals who have said we've ruined duck for them because they won't eat it any other way," he said. "We had a gentleman who said he didn't care how much we charged for it as long as we kept it on the menu; he would continue to come back just to eat the duck."

It joins a wide menu that is completely different than what was served at the restaurant before Miller arrived. He's hoping the dry-aged duck, along with other changes to the menu, will attract customers who may not have given the restaurant a chance in recent years.

The dish is made to reflect the natural flavors in the Great Lakes region, using as many native ingredients as possible.

In addition to local maple syrup, the leeks are prepared with a black walnut miso made in house. It's one more addition to really bring that taste of Michigan to the restaurant just outside of Twelve Oaks Mall.

"We're trying to figure out what a 'Great Lakes cuisine' would be," he said.



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**Ken Miller** Chef, Toasted Oak Grill & Market

"We're trying to figure out the voice of Michigan."

Ferris Anthony, the restaurant's director of food and beverage, said he was on board when Miller brought the idea of adding the dry-aged duck to the menu.

Having such a dish with a unique regional partnership is a feather in the cap of the Toasted Oak, he said.

"He really goes out of his way to makes sure he treats them well," Anthony said. "Previous chefs we've had in the

past, never had this type of relationship with vendors."

The dish is available at the dinner hour seven days a week at the restaurant, which begins at 5:30 p.m. every day and runs until 10 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 9:30 p.m. Sundays.

More information, including a full menu, can be found at [toastedoak.com](http://toastedoak.com).

Contact David Veselenak at [dveselenak@hometownlife.com](mailto:dveselenak@hometownlife.com) or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.



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# Lawmaker wants to give state residents dibs at campgrounds

Kathleen Gray Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

LANSING — As state parks gear up for what is expected to be another booming summer season, Michiganders could find themselves with a distinct advantage.

A Michigan lawmaker wants to give state residents a two-week head start over out-of-staters in making reservations at the multitude of state campground sites in state parks.

It's an issue that any person who has tried to book campground spots at some of the prime locations — especially along Lake Michigan in Grand Haven, Holland, Petoskey and Traverse City — has encountered.

As soon as reservations open six months before the date of a vacation, those campground sites are snapped up almost immediately.

"Within seconds, those campsites will be reserved and Michiganders are competing with people from Indiana and Ohio and they're given no advantage," said state Rep. Steven Johnson, R-Wayland, who is sponsoring the legislation. "We have national parks, private campgrounds that people from out of state can use. As far as state parks, Michiganders should be prioritized."

Michigan taxpayers at least partially subsidize the state parks, Johnson reasoned, so they should get first crack at the primo spots.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources opposes the legislation, saying that systems it has put in place are addressing the problem of people hoarding reservations. Plus, Michiganders already get 88% of the state campground reservations each season.

"We certainly want to encourage tourism and have people come into the state," said Ron Olson, chief of the parks and recreation division of the DNR. "Our system also is a lot easier to manage. It would cost us a lot of extra management to do this because we couldn't be sure if somebody was actually a resident."

There are 103 state parks with 14,100 campsites that attract up to 28 million visitors a year, Olson said. Five million



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of those visitors are actually camping for at least one night and the rest are buying day passes.

The land for the state parks generally has been purchased through the state's trust funds or through grants or gifts by Michigan landowners. Roughly 95% of the cost of maintaining the parks is paid for through user fees, said Jason Fleming, chief of the parks and recreation's Resource Protection and Promotion section.

Out-of-staters already are charged more for camping reservations.

A day pass costs a Michigander \$11; someone from out of state pays \$33.

The state has implemented a system that has been trying to penalize people, whether from in-state or out of state, if a reservation is made and canceled at the last minute.

Anyone can make a reservation at a state park for up to 15 days, but many people try to game the system by making a long-term reservation, but then changing their plans.

It used to be that people who canceled their reservation, even at the last minute, would only lose their \$8 online or \$10 phone reservation fee, plus a \$10 cancellation fee. Now, the closer a person cancels to the time of the actual res-

ervation, they could lose up to 40% of the money they've paid for the campsite — roughly \$15 per night for a rustic campsite all the way up to \$126 for a deluxe cabin and \$215 for a larger lodge with modern amenities — plus the reservation fee.

"There has been a lot of conversation about people who hoard sites," Fleming said, noting that after implementing the new system, "we saw a significant shift on how people reserved nights. At Grand Haven, there was a significant drop in 14 to 15 day reservations. So we're able to service more of our campers."

Fleming noted that of 27 states surveyed by the DNR, none offered an advantage to their own residents.

"Our customers are coming from all over the place," he said. "And there are significant campaigns, including Pure Michigan, that are geared to bringing people in from other places."

Rep. Bill Sowerby, D-Clinton Township, said he feared that if Michigan started an advantage for residents, many residents who travel to state parks in Ohio or Wisconsin could face retaliation.

"We're becoming isolationist in our state," he said.

## Candidates needed for South Lyon School Board

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

District officials are seeking applicants for an open position on the South Lyon School Board after Margaret Follow resigned. She is moving out of the district.

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The deadline for submissions is noon, June 7, and can be sent or hand-delivered to the superintendent's office, to the attention of Judy Wiemer, executive assistant to the superintendent, 345 South Warren St., South Lyon, MI 48178.

Questionnaires are also available at the superintendent's office, or can be found online at the district's website, [www.slcs.us](http://www.slcs.us).

The board will review applications during a study session at 5 p.m. June 10, after which they will select candidates to be interviewed at 6 p.m. June 12. Following the interviews, an appointment to the board will be made.

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Townhomes range from 1,861 to 1,890+ sq. ft. and include a 2-car garage, finished lower level, and the option to add a rooftop deck.

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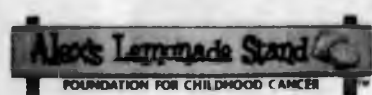
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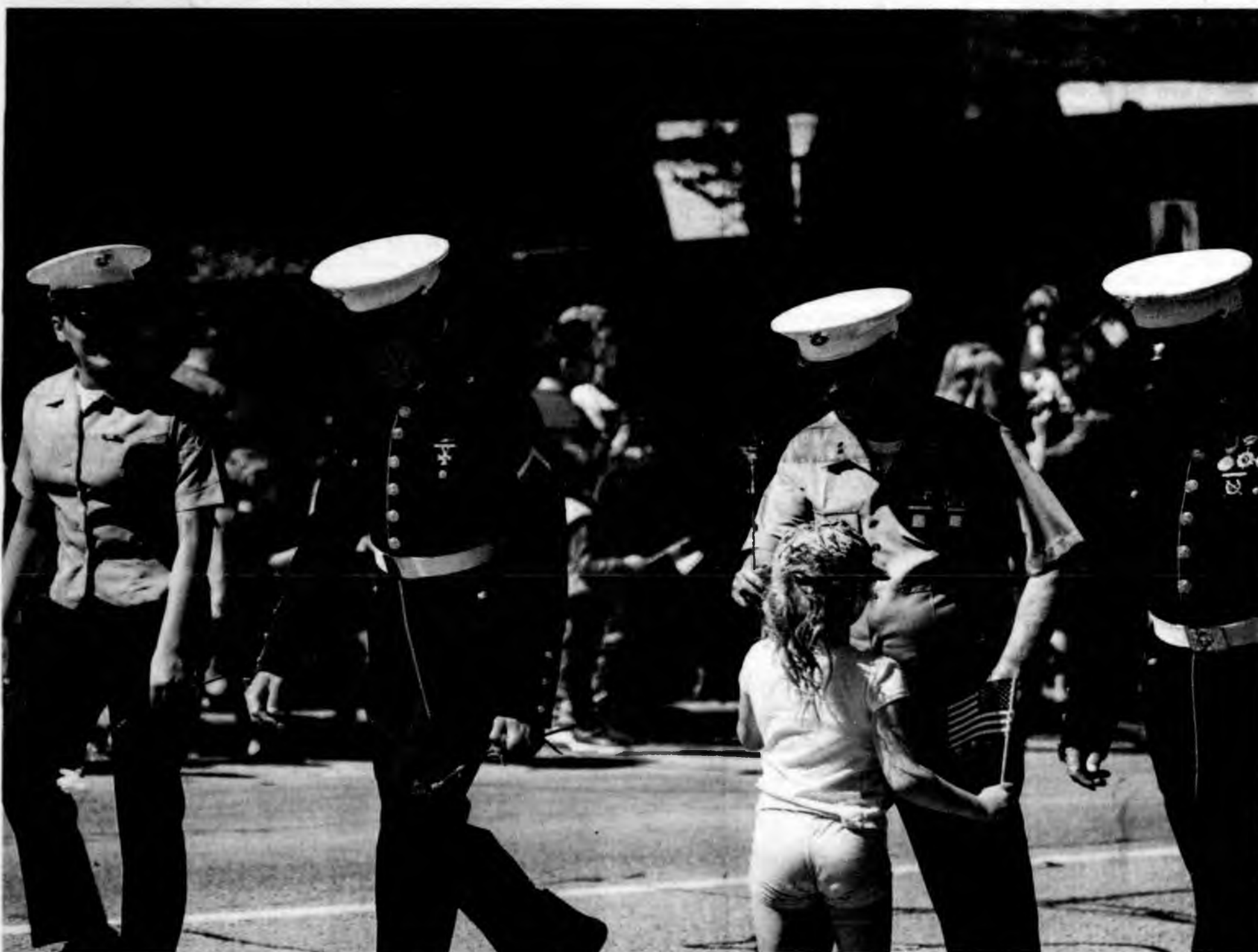
## SCENES FROM MEMORIAL DAY



Mike Gentile holds a large American flag as he awaits the start of the Northville Memorial Day Parade.  
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A group of veterans rides down the Main Street parade route in a Jeep in the Milford Memorial Day parade.  
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A parade-goer thanks veterans as they walk the parade route during the Memorial Day parade May 27 in downtown Milford.




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## SCENES FROM MEMORIAL DAY



Hundreds of veterans marched along Main Street to Central Park in downtown Milford during its Memorial Day Parade on May 27. COURTESY OF POWERHOUSE GYM MILFORD



Northville Memorial Day Parade participants head down Main Street to Rural Hill Cemetery for a ceremony May 27. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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# How to deal with telephone scams



**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

The other day I got a phone call. The phone rang and since I didn't recognize the number I let it go to voicemail. When I played the message back, the voice was very harsh and told me that a criminal indictment is being filed against me for non-payment of taxes. The call went on to explain that the only way to stop the proceedings was to contact them immediately and to make a payment.

Of course I know this is a scam, so I ignored it. Within an hour, I received two more calls from the same number. Each of the calls was a little more threatening, with the last one claiming that U.S. Marshals were on their way over to arrest me.

Needless to say, I knew that the calls were fraudulent, and no matter how threatening they were, it was very easy for me to avoid them.

I've talked about this many times in the past, and this is just a reminder that if you receive a call from anyone who claims they're from the IRS, the best course of action is to not take the call, or if you do take the call, hang up as soon as they claim they're from the IRS. The IRS does not contact taxpayers out of the blue. Therefore, unless you've had some previous

dealings with the IRS, their initial contact with you will be through the mail; it won't be through email or through the phone.

Consequently, if your initial contact with the IRS is a phone call or an email, you know you're being scammed.

When I received the call, part of me wanted to call the people back and play with them for a while. I didn't do this, and I would also recommend that you don't do that. Remember, these people are very good at what they do, and there's no reason whatsoever to open the door for them.

In addition, don't forget if you answer their emails they have a way of attaching viruses and other ways of attacking your computer, and therefore, the only proper course of action is to delete the emails. Remember, it is up to you to protect yourself and your sensitive information. After all, we all know the reality, and that is the government doesn't have the resources to protect us, it is up to you and I.

As a reminder, identity theft continues to be a major problem, and as I've said many times in the past, you and I are our last line of defense. That is why it's always important that you think twice before providing any one information such as your Social Security number. In addition, just because you receive an email, doesn't mean you need to answer it. When I receive an email from a debt collector claiming I owe money, I don't open the email; it goes right to trash.

Phone scams are a growing business in America. I recently read that someone estimated that nearly 45 percent of all calls to cellphones are fraudulent. What was even more shocking is this number a few years ago was estimated to be only four percent. Therefore, you have to keep your eyes and ears open when it comes to your cell phone.

My advice is to never answer the phone from someone you don't know, and also keep in mind that government institutions like the IRS and Social Security do not contact people out of the blue. Therefore, if your caller ID says IRS or Social Security, you know you're being scammed.

One other way you know you're being scammed is if you ever tried to google the phone number the crooks are calling from. It wouldn't be surprising if the search showed that it was an unsafe number.

It would be nice if I could tell you that the government is on top of these scams and that the crooks are eventually caught. Unfortunately, that is not the case. The scam artists always seem to be one step in front of the government and that is why we have to set rules for ourselves, and most importantly to protect ourselves, we have to follow those rules.

Good luck!

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## Papa Romano's returns to Milford in July

David Veselenak [HometownLife.com](http://HometownLife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

For those in Milford who have missed getting their fix of Bambino Bread the last decade: your long nightmare is over.

Papa Romano's, based in Commerce Township, is bringing its pizza, salad and dinners back to Milford after closing a store in town about 10 years ago, said Chris Konja, the chain's director of operations.

He said he believed the store formerly operated on General Motors Road before closing, and the company is excited to bring its signature pies back to the Milford area.

"As a company, we're just excited to go back where we had a nice footprint and where we had good will," he said. "The community really wants it."

The pizza place, which will also have a Mr. Pita attached to it, will open in the WOW! gas station at 100 S. Milford Road, right at the Milford/General Motors intersection.

Konja said the restaurant is expected to open by July 1.

The shop will serve its typical fare, consisting of pizza, breadsticks, salad and dinner, as well as Mr. Pita wraps.

The restaurant will also offer catering as well, Konja said.

The Milford restaurant continues a period of rebirth for the company, which closed many stores during the recession, Konja said. The company recently opened a new store in Walled Lake and plans to open another in Lake Orion soon.

"We want through the same hardships as other companies did during the recession," Konja said. "Our franchisees are backing us up. It's giving us an oppor-



A banner hangs outside the WOW! gas station in Milford in which Papa Romano's is expected to open in July. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

tunity to grow."

Currently, the pizza chain operates area shops in Livonia, Bloomfield Township, Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Redford Township and Wayne.

Those interested in applying to work at the new

Papa Romano's can do so at the gas station or by filling an application out online at [paparomanos.com](http://paparomanos.com).

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"During the lecture," he says, "I found something that was indeed life-transforming. Christian Science gave me a new view of God that I'd not had before: a view of God as Love itself, divine Love that loved me fully. I also discovered that this loving God was not the source of my troubles (which were many) but the solution to them. My life began to improve quickly and I became a healthy man."

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## Two doses of Narcan revive Highland man, 21

Susan Vela  
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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICH.

Two doses of Narcan recently were required to revive an unconscious 21-year-old Highland Township man.

A family member was attempting CPR in the 3700 block of Heritage Farms Drive when deputies arrived at the township address shortly before 5 p.m. Friday.

The man was breathing after losing a pulse but remained unconscious.

Deputies said in a press release they saw narcotic paraphernalia at the home. They delivered one dose of Narcan, which delivers naloxone, the opioid-overdose antidote.

Highland Township firefighters gave the man a second. The 21-year-old regained consciousness.

Contact Susan Vela at [svela@hometownlife.com](mailto:svela@hometownlife.com) or 248-303-8432.





Northville's Main Street School as it looked in March during the demolition project, which is now nearing completion. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Demolition of Main Street School in Northville nears completion

Demolition of the former school in downtown Northville is nearly complete.

Originally called Northville Grade School, Main Street School was ready to accept students in late winter of 1937 and formally dedicated April 22, 1938.

Last August, the Northville Board of Education agreed to sell the land and have it developed into single family homes and a park area.

There was some controversy with the

City of Northville, which sued the district as it considered the school building a historic structure that needed approval from the Northville Historic Commission before demolition could take place.

Ultimately, a judge ruled in favor of the schools.

School officials said maintaining both the Main Street School and Old Village School was cost prohibitive.

The district instead restored the historic Old Village School.



Part of a partially demolished west-facing wall at Northville's Main Street School remained standing May 7.



A man watches as a bulldozer crane from Dore and Associates loads parts of the demolished Northville Main Street School into a hauler May 7.



Construction equipment had been tearing apart the three-story building for about two weeks in March, almost finished razing the building's west side.



A pile of dirt, a few bricks and chunks of foundation are all that remains of Northville's Main Street School on May 24 as workers finish up their demolition.

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# Deputies investigate suicide pact report

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Oakland County deputies continue to investigate an online group chat regarding a possible suicide pact discussion that may have involved a South Lyon teen who died May 26.

Undersheriff Mike McCabe declined comment while the matter remains under investigation.

Two girls rushed to a school resource officer after they learned the South Lyon High School senior, 17, was dead.

They relayed that the teen participated in the online chat. Several youngsters may have participated and most seemed to not take mention of a suicide pact seriously, according to South Lyon City Police Chief Chris Sovik.

He doesn't know if an actual pact was made.

"It wasn't really defined. It wasn't set in stone," he said.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office is handling the investigation as it reached an agreement to have deputies stationed at the South Lyon Community School District high schools.

Sovik said a father returned early May 26 to his home in the city after working a night shift to find his son had died by suicide.

Police notified the school district, and the district responded by letting high school parents know a South Lyon High School senior had died unexpectedly.

School administrators encouraged parents to talk their children through potential grief. They also said counselors, teachers and students were available for support.

A second notice advised parents to

watch for changes in such things as motivation, anxiety, depression and risky behaviors.

"When youth experience the sudden loss of a member of their community, you may notice changes in behavior or personality that are concerning," Principal Chad Scaling wrote. "Often times the loss of someone can remind a child of previous losses in their own lives."

"It can be helpful to understand the changes that you observe so you know if your child needs additional support."

Parents also were advised to increase monitoring of their child's social media use for the next several days and weeks. Contact information was provided for agencies that could help.

Friday was the last day for seniors. A South Lyon High School commencement ceremony is scheduled for Saturday. The district's last school day for

all other grades is June 14.

Meanwhile, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention categorizes suicide as "a large and growing public health problem." The agency calculates suicide as the 10th leading cause of death in the United States.

A problem for every generation, it is the second-leading cause of death for 10- to 34-year-olds, the fourth-leading cause for 35- to 54-year-olds and the eighth-leading cause for 55- to 64-year-olds.

"Generally speaking, schools are microcosms of society," Assistant Superintendent Ben Kirby said.

Police officials also are encouraging communication for families concerned about the grieving process.

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## Woman's Walled Lake bird rescue goes awry

**Susan Vela** HometownLife.com  
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A 30-year-old Redford Township woman may consider bird watching instead of a bird rescuing since Oakland County Sheriff's deputies had to pull her from Walled Lake.

Oakland County deputies said in a news release a marine unit was patrol-

ling the lake May 25 when a boater waved for help.

One of his passengers had gone swimming and was struggling to stay afloat.

Deputies observed the woman swimming on her back. They lost sight of her several times while she yelled and struggled to stay above water.

The woman was able to grab their flo-

tation device and rescue rope. She refused medical treatment.

She told deputies she entered the water to rescue a small bird that had fallen in. She became fatigued because the water was colder than she expected and began having trouble.

The woman was returned to a pontoon boat where her friends and family awaited.

## Cash drawer stolen from Lyon Twp. restaurant

**Susan Vela** HometownLife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

A Lyon Township restaurant's cash drawer landed in Milford, and Oakland County Sheriff's deputies followed up with a breaking-and-entering investigation at Teresita Mexican Grill.

Deputies said in a news release the cash drawer apparently was taken from the restaurant some time over the Memorial Day weekend.

The incident was investigated by the Milford Police Department when the drawer was found in Milford.

Deputies visited the restaurant in the 56000 block of Grand River Avenue in New Hudson and discovered the glass had been shattered in the front door.

They saw that the cash area had been rummaged through and the cash drawer was missing.

The investigation continues.

## 178 cats removed from home in West Bloomfield

**Ann Zaniewski** Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Animal control officers recently removed 178 cats from a home in West Bloomfield in what authorities are calling the largest animal hoarding case in Oakland County history.

The couple who owns the home but lives elsewhere could face animal cruelty charges.

"It was very disgusting," Joanie

Toole, chief of the Oakland County Animal Shelter, said. "Officers were telling me that the floors were so urine-soaked that the floors were actually bowing."

On April 24, an animal control officer visited the residence on the 1700 block of Elsie Drive and saw several sick cats through a window. That led to search warrants and a removal operation that stretched over several days and included investigators from the Michigan Humane Society.

Sixty cats had to be euthanized because of severe illness or aggression.

Toole said officers believe they removed all the cats, but they returned and set traps to be sure.

Investigators will turn the case over to the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office for possible charges.

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# Plymouth storms back to beat Saline

Claim first regional title in school history

Andrew Vaillancourt Hometownlife.com  
 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Plymouth entered the playoffs in one of the toughest regionals in the state.

In order to win an elusive regional title, the Wildcats would have to beat two top 10 teams — Northville and Saline — which had both already beaten them this season.

Despite the odds, Plymouth was the team left celebrating at Tom Holzer Field in Northville Wednesday night after the Wildcats stormed back to defeat Saline 19-12, securing a berth in the state quarterfinals.

It's the first regional championship in

school history, which comes after falling in the regional final each of the last two seasons.

"It feels great," Plymouth coach Ray Miller said. "We didn't have an easy road, we went through Saline and Northville, hats off to both of those teams and both of those programs. Our second half tonight was unbelievable. ... For us to battle back, to really take it to them and come out firing in that second half, I'm so proud of our boys."

Plymouth improves to 17-4 overall on the year and will play Rockford in the quarterfinals on Saturday.

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Plymouth's Brendan Allan, right, was the team's top goal scorer in a win over Saline that clinched the regional title for the Wildcats.

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## BAYSHORE MARATHON



Josh Lassaline, 14, the youngest runner in the Bayshore Marathon, crosses the finish line May 25.  
 COURTESY OF BAY CITY TRACK CLUB BAYSHORE MARATHON

## GIRLS SOCCER

# Down 2 with 6 minutes left, Plymouth wins district

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com  
 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Erasing daunting late-game deficits has turned into an art form for Plymouth's girls soccer team.

Thursday night against Canton, the Wildcats painted a Picasso.

Trailing 4-2 with less than six minutes remaining in the second of two 10-minute overtimes in a Division 1 district title match at Dearborn Heights Crestwood, senior Kennedy White scored twice — the second on a penalty kick with 2:15 left — to force a shootout that Plymouth won, 3-2.

It was the second time in less than a month that the Wildcats dug out of a late two-goal hole to upend the Chiefs. They also overcame two-goal deficits in their pair of wins over Northville.

The 5-4 victory propels the Wildcats (16-4-1) into Wednesday's 7 p.m. regional semifinal encounter against host Dearborn (16-4-3), a team Plymouth defeated 6-1 earlier in the season.

"Until that last whistle blows, we play our hearts out," said Plymouth goalkeeper/forward Rebecca Przybylo, summing up the Wildcats' spirit. "We're a very driven, competitive team and we don't like to lose."

Przybylo played a pivotal role in the

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Plymouth teammates celebrate their first goal against Canton.  
 JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# South Lyon boy, 14, youngest in marathon

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com  
 USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

In a marathon with more than 1,300 runners, a South Lyon eighth grader was the youngest.

Josh Lassaline, a Millennium Middle School student, was the lone competitor under the age of 15, and finished in a time of just over 3 hours and 40 minutes at the Bayshore Marathon May 25 in Traverse City.

"A lot of marathons won't even take you if you're not at least 16- or 18-years-old, because it's a lot of stress on your body," said Brenton Montie, one of Lassaline's track and cross country coaches. "He's a good example to other kids, because it takes a lot of dedication to do the training and takes a lot of time. A lot of kids won't take that time."

Typical training schedules for a marathon runner include gradual increases in long runs, including at least

one 20-miler, leading up to a marathon to build endurance and confidence.

Lisa Taylor, executive director of the Traverse City Track Club, said there is no minimum age for runners in the Bayshore Marathon, although it is uncommon to have a runner younger than 15 as shown in race records dating back to 2000. Many other marathons do have limits, she added, including the

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## PREP BASEBALL



Canton celebrates its first Division 1 district title since 2011 on June 2 after outlasting Salem, 10-6. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL VASILNEK/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Canton wins first district since 2011

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Canton's baseball team captured its first Division 1 district title since 2011 on Sunday, June 2, when it outlasted Salem, 10-6, in the championship game.

The final two games of the district tournament were moved to Salem from Plymouth — and from Saturday to Sunday — due to unplayable conditions on the Wildcats' field.

The Chiefs will carry a 27-6 record into Wednesday's regional semifinal at 4:30 p.m. against the winner of the Saline-hosted district, which won't be completed until Monday, according to the MHSAA website.

The three schools still in the hunt are Saline, Ann Arbor Huron and Ypsilanti Lincoln.

Canton scored in five of the seven innings against the Rocks and mounted bases-loaded rallies in the two frames that ended with no Chiefs crossing the plate.

The prime benefactor of the 10-run/11-hit uprising was junior right-handed starting pitcher Nick Yeager, who yielded four runs (three earned) in 5 and 1/3 innings, striking out seven Rocks while issuing four walks.

Evan Petersen relieved Yeager in the bottom of the sixth and yielded one hit and an unearned run. Jake Rubis retired Salem 1-2-3 in the seventh, striking out a pair and getting the final batter to ground out.

Canton seized a 2-0 lead in the top of the first off Salem starter Owen Keyes when lead-off batter Ben Stesiak — the hero in Canton's Saturday afternoon semifinal win over Plymouth — walked, stole second and scored on Nate Blaine's double. Blaine later scored on a wild pitch.

Salem slashed its deficit in half, 2-1, when Luke Jakubik reached on an error and scored two batters later on a second Chief bobbled grounder.

Canton extended its advantage to 3-1 in the top of the second when, with one out, Liam Radomski singled, advanced to third on Nate Herberholz' single. Radomski scored when No. 9 hitter Marco Johnson dropped down an effective sacrifice bunt.

The Chiefs loaded the bases without a hit in the third against Jake Nastally, who managed to strike out Bryce Mandelka with two outs to squirm out of the jam.

Salem inched to within 3-2 in the bottom of the third when Matt Claerhout RBI single plated Tyler Overaitis, who



A Salem player hustles back to the base to beat a pickoff attempt.

had worked a two-out walk.

It appeared Nastally would cruise through the fourth when he registered back-to-back whiffs of Radomski and Herberholz. However, the Salem reliever walked the next two batters and gave up an infield single to Jake Rubis that scored Johnson. Blained then roped a two-run single and Jack Rector hammered a run-scoring double to inflate the Chiefs' lead to 6-2.

Undaunted, the Rocks countered with two runs of their own courtesy of two walks, an infield single and a run-costing Canton error on a pick-off to pull to within 6-4.

Rubis, playing second base, prevented what may have evolved into a disastrous inning for Canton when he dove to his left to track-down a hard grounder from Overaitis, spun while still on the ground and fired out Overaitis on a bang-bang play at first.

The Chiefs broke it open in the fifth, scoring three runs on three hits, an error, a squeeze bunt and a walk to pad their lead to 9-4. The big hits were delivered by Herberholz, who singled in Mandelka, who had led off the frame with a single, and Johnson, who stroked an RBI double to bring home Herberholz.

Rubis chalked up an RBI on a squeeze bunt that plated Johnson.

Trailing by five, Salem kept chipping away, scoring twice in the sixth on a walk, wild pitch, Carlton Harper single and a Canton throwing error.

The Chiefs tacked on an insurance run in the top of the seventh when Blaine was hit by a pitch and ultimately scored on Rector's fielder's choice grounder.

## Plymouth-Canton semifinal

Stesiak and Blaine were the stars for Canton in their weather-shortened 4-1 triumph over arch-nemesis Plymouth, which had knocked the Chiefs from the tournament three of the four previous years.

Stesiak cranked a grand slam in the second inning to account for all the runs the Chiefs would need, thanks to the dominating mound work of Blaine, who gave up just one run on four hits. He struck out seven and walked only one.

Plymouth's lone run scored in the first when Dalton D'Alexander singled, stole second and scored on Kai St. Germaine's single.

With one out in the top of the second, Ben Spencer doubled and went to third on an infield single by Rubis.

After Radomski grounded out to Plymouth starting pitcher Kane Elmy, Johnson walked to load the bases. Stesiak then cleared them with a towering shot that barely cleared the fence in left-center field.

Plymouth put their first two running on base in the bottom of the sixth when umpires called for a 30-minute delay after thunder was heard in the area.

The weather only grew worse as the

day wore on forcing the game to be called complete by the site officials.

Elmy was filling in for Plymouth's pitching ace Dylan Brown, who was reportedly sidelined by an arm injury.

## Salem-John Glenn semifinal

Salem lit up Westland John Glenn pitching ace Chad Stephens early and often on the way to a 10-2 semifinal victory that was moved to Sunday at 2 p.m. due to Saturday's soggy weather.

The Rocks set the tone early, scoring four runs in the opening frame. Harper singled, Jakubik doubles and Overaitis brought them both around with a scorching two-bagger.

After Jake Amato reached on a fielder's choice, Claerhout plated Amato and Overaitis with a sharply-struck single.

The Rockets struck back with two runs in the top of the second — their lone tallies of the game — while Salem kept hitting ropes off the hard-throwing Stephens, scoring single runs in the third (a Claerhout home run) and fourth (RBI bunt by Claerhout), before piling on three in the fifth (key hit: an RBI single by Dante Douty).

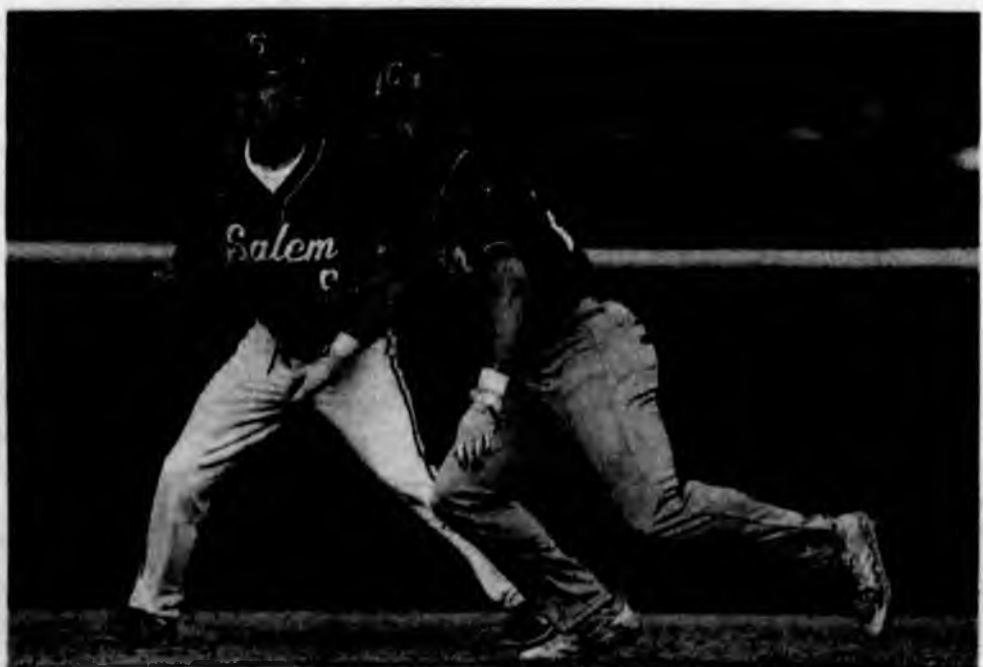
Harper picked up the Rocks' final RBI when he walked with the bases juiced.

Jake Amato was brilliant on the mound for Salem, scattering two hits and two walks while striking out five.

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Canton's Marco Johnson is tagged out by Salem's Owen Keyes following a successful squeeze bunt.



Canton's Marco Johnson and Salem's Matthew Claerhout follow the pitch.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Readers respond to McCabe's column on Sunday sports

## Cease fire

In spite of Mike McCabe's tirade against the Archdiocese of Detroit (AOD), war on athletics has not been declared. And, it is hardly due respect to call the decision idiotic. Perhaps McCabe needs to wait and see how the plan works out before doing his best to dis it.

As leader of the Detroit area Catholics, the Archbishop has cleared the family Sunday sport schedules to make it possible for families to attend mass together with their own parish family (rather than looking for a mass somewhere else) and maybe re-prioritize their lives to recognize what should be taking precedence.

If parents/families choose not to do this, it is between them and the Lord, but at least one of the obstacles to church non-attendance has been eliminated, for which the Archbishop is to be commended. Possibly the new plan can accommodate some compromises, such as when weather related cancellations occur or when late Sunday afternoon or evening events call for it, but that has yet to be revealed.

McCabe's examples are anything but stellar. He compares once-a-year events with the once a week AOD activities that take place. Like the mass at Catholic Central prior to the once-a-year Boys Bowl game, or the once- maybe-twice-a-year school play, choir or band concert, or open house, versus the weekly games the AOD has been sponsoring.

And if some of the players only attend mass prior to a game, now they have an opportunity to make a personal decision as to how important their faith is to them.

McCabe has also not considered that some families have two or more children in sports, playing at various venues around town at the same time. This hardly promotes Sunday family unity. Nor has McCabe addressed the involvement of the many support personnel: coaches, field and gym facilitators, refreshment stand operators and others.

Finally, unless McCabe is responsible for game scheduling or for obtaining officials for the games, his rhetoric about a different brand of chaos is a bit premature. What he really needs to do is take a deep breath, pray for a renewal of the

fruits of the Holy Spirit, among which is patience, and give the plan a chance.

To all-out dismiss the directive of the Archbishop and publicly denounce his decision is not an intelligent response.

Leo Kowalyk  
Church of the Holy Spirit  
Highland

## Reaction over the top

"Declaring war" Really? Isn't that a little over the top? I think Mick McCabe is suffering from the same illness many parents these days are, which could be termed sports addiction.

Where and when does it end? Isn't six days a week enough? The "war" is only about one day a week and only CYO sports – isn't 7 days a week of recreational league, school sports, travel teams, etc. enough to satisfy anyone's addiction? Doesn't God and the family really come first before sports?

When was the last time any of the sports addicted families went to church together on a Sunday or just had a good time doing a fun activity together? When

was the last time the whole family actually sat down at the dinner table together, all at the same time, to share happenings, insights, and laughter?

How much of the family budget, that takes away from many other important things, is spent on this craze? USA Today says that nearly 20% of U.S. families spend more than \$12,000 a year, or \$1,000 per month, on youth sports, per child, and two-thirds spend up to \$500 per month. To put that number in perspective, that \$1,000 per month is also the average home mortgage payment.

What is the actual possibility of the child obtaining a scholarship or going pro – maybe about 1% and 1/10 of one percent respectively? Where's the balance? Is that really sufficient for a tirade about bringing back an important and rejuvenating family day? Is ranting about not having every available minute, in every available venue devoted to sports that important?

I'm with Archbishop Vigneron on this decision.

Bill Stockhausen  
Northville



Lassaline shows the medal he received for running in the Bayshore Marathon.  
SUSAN BROMLEY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Marathon

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famed Boston Marathon, which does not allow runners younger than 18.

"It's controversial, because young people, their bones are still growing, their bodies still maturing," Taylor said. "It's a hard thing to do, but it's an individual thing, every family has to decide for themselves. Usually kids who choose to do it are unique kids with a desire to train and prepare. Usually it's a pretty special individual who says, 'Hey Mom and Dad, I want to run a marathon.'"

Lassaline, who also plays soccer, did not take up cross country running as a sport until last year, because "My friends were doing it and it seemed kind of cool."

His father, Brian Lassaline, has run

four marathons and asked him in November if he was interested in running the Bayshore Marathon.

"I thought that would be kind of neat," Josh said. "He told me I would have to follow a training schedule."

Prior to deciding he was up to the challenge of a marathon, Josh Lassaline's longest run was a 5K race. What is even more remarkable is that while he was running five to six days a week the last few months training for the marathon, his training runs were ordinarily not more than 7 miles. His longest run before the 26.2 miles he would do at Bayshore was only 13 miles.

At the starting line on May 25, he said he felt "pretty good," but nervous.

The weather was on his side, in the low 50s, with parts of Lake Michigan covered in fog. He was aiming for a pace of about 8-and-a-half minute miles and kept feeling good until about the halfway mark, the maximum distance he had done in training, at which point he

was wishing he had run more.

"I was still doing pretty good until about three-quarters of the way, when I really started feeling it in my legs," he said. "And the last six or seven miles was the longest... I was just hoping to finish."

Spectators helped with encouragement, and he recalls that when he saw the finish line, his thought was, "Yes, I did it, holy cow!"

He crossed with a time of 3:40:38.

Four days after the race, speaking on a track at Millennium Middle School, Lassaline said his legs were still sore, but overall, he feels really good about having completed a marathon at his age.

"I feel accomplished," he said. "No one else I know this young has done it."

Lassaline, who set a personal record of 5:27.57 in the 1600 meters the next day at the Oakland County Middle School Track Championships, has no plans to do another marathon any time soon, laughing as he says, "I might wait a couple years."

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## Lacrosse

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The Wildcats trailed for nearly all of the first half and went into the halftime break down 10-8.

"The past two years we've been to the regional championship and lost, so for this year, our third year to be in it, it's that much better," Plymouth senior goalie Blake Nowicki said. "At the beginning of the season we set out our list of goals and the first one was to win a regional championship. We got it."

"Going into the second half, when we were down 10-8, we were thinking this isn't the last time we're putting the bucket on. We just had to stay positive and it's awesome."

Saline senior Tanyr Krummenacher scored four goals and added three assists, but it wasn't enough.

The second half was all Plymouth.

Junior Ethan Rottell got the scoring started just 23 seconds into the third quarter. He finished the game with four goals. Junior Brendan Allen scored next to tie the game. He would finish as the game's leading scorer with five goals.

"Brendan is special in that he finds open space," Miller said. "When you're guarding him, if you take a second off and don't see him, he's behind you. Our guys are good enough to find the open guy and he was there at least five times. I don't know if there's anyone better that can get the ball in and out and put it in the net."

Getting those first two goals set the tone for the half. Miller pointed out after the game that making it 10-9 instead of falling behind 11-8 is a huge difference, especially in terms of momentum.

The Wildcats never looked back, piling on five straight goals to make it 13-10. From there, Saline did what it could to keep the game close, but the final five goals of the contest were also scored by Plymouth to bring home the win.

"I have to give all the credit to my teammates, Gavin Roach, Ethan Rottell, Harrison Albano, they all set me up," Allen said. "I was just in the right place at the right time and they did what they could and found me to get the goals."

In addition to Allen and Rottell, seniors Carson Miller and Ian Gazdor each scored three goals for Plymouth. Roach had two goals and a whopping six assists, while Albano had one goal and



The Wildcats are regional champions for the first time in school history. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL VASILNEK/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

three assists. Samuel Peterson tacked on a goal and two assists as well.

"Lacrosse is a game of runs and we knew we were getting our opportunities," Miller said. "Sooner or later they were going to fall and luckily for us, when you have momentum on your side, sometimes you can get a goal after a goal after a goal. We definitely had that momentum in that third quarter."

At halftime, Plymouth made several key adjustments. One was figuring out a way to shut down Krummenacher. Miller stressed that the Wildcats needed to come out and play with heart, since nobody wanted their season to end. They did that and the defense flourished, led by senior goalie Blake Nowicki, who only allowed two goals in the final half.

"I think Blake Nowicki was one of the difference makers for us today," Miller said. "First half he played okay, but second half he really stepped up. He's one of those guys that buys into the program as well as all of our seniors. For a team to only score two goals in the second half, we'll take those odds any day of the week with the offensive firepower we have."

Allen echoed his coach's sentiments, saying that Nowicki knew what he had to do in the second half and came out and thrived.

On Saturday, when the team takes on Rockford, Plymouth will be facing a program that Miller says he tries to emulate. It's a public school that has enjoyed



Plymouth players pile on coach Ray Miller as he holds the championship trophy.

plenty of lacrosse success, and Plymouth hopes to sustain the same kind of success.

"Rockford is a great program," Miller said. "I have the utmost respect for them."

For now, however, Miller and his team will enjoy the regional crown.

"It's amazing," Miller said. "Regular season is one thing, but to pull this off in the playoffs, it shows the senior leader-

ship that we have. I couldn't be more proud of our boys, this is a huge accomplishment to come out of this competitive of a region. We'll enjoy it tonight but we're on to the next game tomorrow."

This championship has been three years in the making.

"To be a part of Plymouth lacrosse history is incredible," Nowicki said. "It gives me chills thinking about it."

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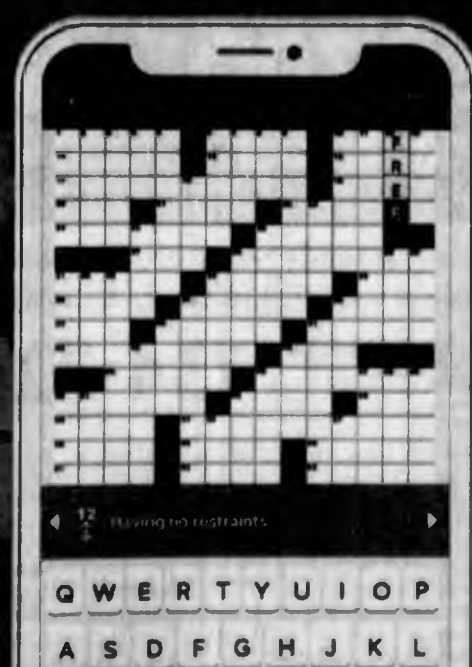
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## Soccer

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triumph, stonewalling two of Canton's penalty kicks in the shootout (a third Chief PK sailed over the crossbar).

"Fortunately, I've played against a lot of these Canton girls, so I'm used to what they do for PKs," Przybylo shared. "I kind of just went with what they've done in the past."

White, whose three goals gave her a school record 27 for the season, never doubted her team's resolve.

"We've been down two goals before this season and came back and won, so I had all the confidence in the world we'd be able to do it," she said. "Our team chemistry is amazing. We all want to win so bad and we work well together."

Canton seniors Marlee Taylor, Carly Schwinke, Kiera Savage and Katie Clark closed out their careers with spectacular efforts.

Schwinke missed 20 minutes of the first half after sustaining a bloody nose, the result of a collision with two Wildcats. When on the pitch, she was a force.

Blood, sweat and tears

Plymouth was flagged for a foul in the 18-yard box on the play, leading to Taylor's successful penalty kick that gave the Chiefs a 1-0 advantage in the fifth minute.

The Wildcats retaliated quickly, knotting the game at 1-1 at the 32:39 mark when White secured the rebound off a close-range attempt by Lindsey Melnick and tapped a soft right-footer past Clark.

Clark registered a highlight-reel play a few minutes later when she forced a streaking White to go wide before sending a tough-angled bender off the cross bar. Seconds later, sophomore Brianna McNab unleashed a rising net-finder that Spiderman could have stopped, giving the Wildcats a 2-1 edge.

The out-of-character offensive fireworks continued less than a minute later when Canton drew even at 2-2 on Jayna Fraser's point-blank goal after Lilian Lucas's well-place corner kick.

The two rivals then spent the next 69 minutes and change playing scoreless (but brilliant) soccer, setting the stage for two exhilarating 10-minute overtimes.

Canton seized the momentum and the lead 49 seconds into the first extra



Plymouth teammates race over to the stands to celebrate their 7-6 victory with their fans. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

stanza when Schwinke juked a Wildcat defender near midfield and motored up the heart of the pitch before sending a looping lead pass to Taylor, who eluded the fast-closing Przybylo and punched the ball into the unguarded net to give Canton a 3-2 advantage.

The Chiefs appeared to put a headlock on the district trophy, extending its lead to 4-2 with 1:42 remaining in the first OT when Taylor tipped in a rebound shot following Emma Morrison's near-perfect 35-yard free kick that dinged off the cross-bar.

During the three-minute break between overtimes, Plymouth coaches Jeff Neschich and Mickey Djerisillo delivered a stark message to their team.

"A lot of us were crying, so Jeff and Mickey pretty much said, 'Stop crying! This game is still in doubt, so get out there and play soccer,'" said Przybylo.

Which they did.

With Przybylo shifted to forward and Ashley Bowles inserted as the goalkeeper, the Wildcats shifted into high-

pressure mode.

With 5:22 left, White overpowered a Canton defender 12 yards out and drove a scorching liner past Clark to cut the Wildcats' deficit to 4-3.

As tears filled her eyes, White deposited a penalty kick into the right side of the net, making it 4-4.

"I got a little overwhelmed there for a second before I took the PK," White recounted. "I usually go right on those, which I did, and it worked."

Each team then selected five players to alternate taking penalty kicks for the pressure-packed shoot-out.

Canton coach Jeannine Reddy replaced Clark with senior Danielle Wilson for the shootout, which was tied at 1-1 after Lucas scored for Canton and Sophie Zelek followed suit for Plymouth.

### Turning the tide

Przybylo then dove to her right to turn away Katie Nestico's PK. McNab

then drilled her offering off the crossbar, leaving the score at 1-1 with three shooters left.

Schwinke delivered a shot into the lower-right corner of the net, giving her team a 2-1 edge, but it would be the final moment to celebrate for the Chiefs.

Plymouth's Emma Lennig made it 2-2 with a shot to Wilson's left.

After Morrison missed high with her attempt, Rivers Smyth netted the eventual game-winner when she steered the ball in the opposite direction that Wilson guessed.

Przybylo then put an exclamation point on the victory by going horizontal to deny Taylor's well-struck ball.

"This team figured out throughout the season not to panic, no matter if we're down one goal or two," said Neschich, who led Plymouth to the state championship game in 2010. "Canton kind of took us out of our game in the first overtime, but we told them to settle down, we've been coming back all season."

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TRAVEL

# Buy almost anything before you fly

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USA TODAY

CHICAGO — Carolyn Marshall was headed to the gate for her American Airlines flight to California when she spotted the sleek tan machines with the neon sign across from Gate K6 at O'Hare International Airport.

She approached the side-by-side Farmer's Fridge vending machines, tapped the touchscreen menu and was hooked. The machines, stocked twice a day, sell salads in a jar, sandwiches and wraps, Greek yogurt with granola and other healthful fare. Marshall ordered an Asian chopped salad and a couple of hard-boiled eggs for \$12, swiped her card, and the items tumbled out, one by one, like a can of Coke and a candy bar.

"I love this idea," said Marshall, a Connecticut photographer. "You're going to spend the money anyway, so you might as well eat something healthy."

Airport vending machines long ago expanded beyond soda and snacks — what frequent flier hasn't seen a Best Buy machine peddling Beats and Bose headphones and other name-brand electronics, or one of those pink, bus-shaped machines selling trendy Benefit Cosmetics?

But the number of machines and the variety of items they dispense is on the rise as travelers embrace their convenience, airports love their limited real estate and 24-hour operation, and consumer brands use them as another outlet to serve existing customers and reach new ones.

Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport added more than two dozen machines this spring, including four that sell decadent Sprinkles Cupcakes.

Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport is up to 15 machines, including two selling sundries from CVS, and is adding another one selling artsy Stance socks, a brand with more 1.3 million Instagram followers.

At New York's LaGuardia Airport, travelers passing through the newly renovated Terminal B are greeted with a row of vending machines selling Uniqlo puffer jackets, Sugarfina upscale candy



Farmer's Fridge sells salads in a jar and other healthful fare from vending machines at airports in Chicago and Indianapolis. DAWN GILBERTSON/USA TODAY

and trial-size toiletry kits from Dollar Shave Club, a newcomer to airport vending.

Gower Smith, the CEO of Swyt Inc., the automated retail technology company behind many brand-name airport vending machines, said demand for new locations and new items for sale via vending machines is strong.

The company soon will add Pokemon vending machines at airports and also plans to expand into food and beverage vending machines. Smith would love to see Allbirds sneakers next to a Uniqlo vending machine some day.

"You're dealing with a savvy consumer these days," Smith said. "A self-service experience really hits a chord with them."

Smith said he's bought a phone charger from a vending machine at San Francisco International Airport, Swyt's home base, and likely will pick up new Apple AirPods from a Best Buy machine

instead of going to the store or ordering them online since the pricing is the same.

He likens the vending machines to bank ATMs.

"There's a time and place when you deal with a person. ... There's a time and place when you just want your cash out of the machine," he said. "We bring a choice to the consumer."

Scott Kichline, assistant aviation director in Las Vegas, remembers when the airport added vending machines selling iPods and other Apple products more than a decade ago — products the airport's retail shops didn't offer at the time. They brought in as much as \$60,000 or \$70,000 a month, he said.

Then there was the test of a Rosetta Stone vending machine peddling \$500 software to travelers looking to learn a new language. Kichline and the airport's director sat across from the machine the day the test started and was "blown

away" when two kits were sold in 30 minutes.

"It's been a great format to test different products and things that are sort of nontraditional in airports," he said.

One of the best things about having vending machines in an airport's retail and dining mix, airport officials and others say: They are always open.

The new pharmacy vending machines in Las Vegas, for example, offer toiletries, including toothbrushes. Those come in handy for stranded travelers when flight delays strike late at night and the airport news and gift shops are closed, Kichline said.

"It's kind of a great service to have," he said.

Farmer's Fridge, a Chicago company whose fridges are mainly in hospitals, universities, office buildings and drug stores, sees a lot of airport sales early in the morning and late at night.

"I don't know how many times I landed and everything's closed," founder and CEO Luke Saunders said. "It's a way to bring restaurant-quality food to travelers at odd times of the day."

The vending machines also are popping up in areas where traditional airport retailers may not fit or don't want to operate.

Two of the Farmer's Fridge machines at O'Hare are in baggage claim.

In a parking garage at the Las Vegas airport, there's a MobileQubes machine renting portable phone chargers. It was added last year next to the pickup area for ride sharing companies Uber and Lyft, which are hailed via a phone app. Chargers can be purchased or returned to another MobileQubes kiosk.

The Farmer's Fridge machines at O'Hare proved to be so popular with American Airlines employees on the go the airline put one in an employee break room.

American flight attendant Kim Hoover raves about the chopped salads. Last week, she stood in line for a Mediterranean salad with chicken in the K gates at O'Hare just before lunch time. But her salad wasn't for lunch. It was for dinner when she landed at the crew hotel at dinnertime.

TRAVEL

# Trip bundling can save time and money

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USA TODAY

Travel bundling — booking flights, accommodations and attractions on one platform — is becoming more popular as it saves time from bouncing around to different sites. And booking multiple parts of a trip in one place oftentimes saves money.

Travelocity, Expedia, Hotwire, Orbitz and Kayak are go-to websites for travel bundling, where users can book flights, hotels and rental cars, but newcomers are jumping into the mix, and other platforms are expanding their offerings. Priceline and Google both have made announcements this month, introducing travel bundling and travel planning features on their platforms. Others, including Airbnb, continue to build out experiences alongside their extensive hospitality portfolios.

Here are six platforms where travelers can alleviate the hassle of trip planning:

## Google

With aims at streamlining the travel planning process, Google announced this month a new travel experience on desktop and mobile where you can search for flights, accommodations and activities, plus research destinations all in one place via Google.com/travel. Travelers can build a trip timeline; book flights and hotels; and manually change reservations. Useful information also will be provided for trip dates, including weather, suggested day plans and popular nearby restaurants and events.

## Priceline

On Monday, Priceline announced a change to its platform so you can now choose from more than 2 million listings of private accommodations, including apartments, vacation homes, boats and tree houses. Priceline also unveiled Trip Builder, a booking platform that lets you bundle flights, private accommodations or hotels in different cities into one transaction, where the total price could be hundreds of dollars less than if



Bundling a trip to New York City can include daily plans and excursions as well as booking flights and accommodations. JOHANNES EISELE AFP/GETTY IMAGES

booked separately. For example, Priceline says four-star hotel stays in downtown Boston, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., all booked in one transaction on Trip Builder amounts to savings of \$330.

## Booking.com

You can book flights, hotels, accommodations and car rentals on Booking.com. Last week, Booking.com announced at a conference a way to book experiences without having to also make an accommodation booking. At times, travelers may want to book attractions outside of a travel bundle. The product currently is available in 10 cities: Amsterdam, London, Paris, Berlin, Rome, Barcelona, Spain; Vienna, Prague, Edinburgh, Scotland; and Dubai, United Arab Emirates. In order to make attractions bookings, you search for "attractions" in one of the 10 launch cities (for example "attractions in Amsterdam") on the website and you'll find the new product page in the list of search results.

## Airbnb

From tiny houses, castles and tree houses to beachfront homestays, Airbnb's accommodations span more than 6 million places to stay in nearly 100,000 cities and 191 countries. In addition to Airbnb's vast accommodations, you can book excursions through Airbnb Experiences. There are more than 30,000 activities that are run by hosts in more than 1,000 markets. These experiences include cooking classes and kayak excursions. For example, history buffs can visit Versailles during a historian-led bike tour; foodies can take a food tour in Dublin; travelers can book a personal photographer in Paris; and adventurers can go on a 4x4 tour of the countryside in Costa Rica.

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Moments are exclusive to members for "money-can't-buy experiences," where members use their points as the only way to gain access. Moments include Chicago Cubs club box seats; concerts at Madison Square Garden; and a multi-sensory dining experience in Shanghai. Between the two programs, there are more than 120,000 experiences in 1,000 global destinations.

## IHG

IHG franchises, leases, manages and owns more than 5,600 hotels in more than 100 countries. If you are looking to book a hotel on the website, you also can select the IHG Trip Extras, that include car rentals, restaurant reservations, tours and activities in the area and transportation. For example, typing in New York City will bring up activity options such as Brooklyn Street Art Tours, helicopter tours and dinner cruises. Searching in Cali, Colombia, will bring up salsa lessons, mountain bike tours and river tubing. IHG Rewards Club members also are able to earn additional points when booking Trip Extras.



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## STAR WARS: GALAXY'S EDGE

# Flying the Millennium Falcon lacks 'wow' factor

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For anyone who has ever dreamed of piloting the Millennium Falcon, the fastest hunk of junk in the galaxy, here are two things to know about the new ride at Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge in Disneyland.

First, the Falcon is a finicky ship, crashing into this and colliding with that when not dodging incoming fire. Second, it's impossible to destroy, no matter the grave shortcomings of the pilots.

The iconic ship is the heart of Disneyland's new Star Wars land, as well as the star of Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run — the only ride at Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge until the formidable Rise of the Resistance opens this year.

Don't confuse this motion-based ride with the older Star Tours, where riders watch passively as their craft bumps and turns in sync with the film.

### How tall do you need to be?

In Millennium Falcon: Smugglers Run, guests take the controls of the ship, attempting to steal a precious resource for the local pirate. Riders must be at least 38 inches tall.

The adventure plays out on the curved screen that is the craft's cockpit window, following a linear path with plenty of obstacles in the way as foes try to shoot the Falcon out of the sky.

Six riders are busy piloting, shooting or fixing the Falcon as it soars, the cockpit tilting and shaking in sync with the screen. There are roughly 200 buttons



**The Millennium Falcon dominates the new Star Wars: Galaxy's Edge attraction at Disneyland.** ROBERT HANASHIRO/USA TODAY

and switches to mind, but the two joysticks at the front of the cockpit are the most fun to manipulate.

But let's step back to the beginning when the queue sets off the pleasure centers in the brain of every fan.

Guests learn that a desperate Chewbacca flew Han Solo's cherished ship to the outskirts of the galaxy in hopes of scoring vital supplies on Batuu. Soon after landing in the Black Spire Outpost, the Wookiee reluctantly lent the Millennium Falcon to resident pirate Hondo Ohnaka, who was looking for volunteers to take the ship on smuggling runs.

### This queue is one of the best

This is the start of one of the most enjoyable Disney queues, one that enhances the ride. Anticipation builds as you walk through the warehouse, meeting the put-upon RF-P8, an astromech droid that deserves better. Even with the visual delights as you make your way through the warehouse (you'll glimpse

Chewbacca working on the Falcon), Hondo's presence is singular.

He is the second-most advanced audio-animatronic figure ever created by Disney Imagineers, bested only by the Shaman of Songs in the Na'vi River Journey at Animal Kingdom in Walt Disney World.

With 50 separate movements, Hondo swerves and gestures in human-like fashion. Note how his shoulders shake when he belly-laughs, a subtle movement that gives the illusion he is real.

Hondo explains that he needs you to steal some coaxium, the hypermatter that fuels light speed (just go with it). From there you step into the Falcon and, if at first you were eager to get started, now you're happy to relax and take in the surroundings.

This is the Falcon you saw on the big screen, boasting the sort of details that only Imagineers could love (and labor over, making sure each light and wire and switch is just right).

Guests are issued colored boarding

passes, allowing them to roam this mini-museum until their flight is ready.

### What happens when it's your turn

Six people at a time enter the cockpit, taking seats at the front (pilots), center (gunners) and rear (engineers). Parents, prepare to make yet another sacrifice for your children as you sit in the back, pushing blinking buttons or flipping a lighted switch that apparently keeps the ship flying. If you ignore them, the Falcon flies on, but you may not earn the galactic credits you were hoping for (more on that in a bit).

Each pilot handles a joystick, one that controls the vertical, another that controls the horizontal. (Insider tip: The pilot on the right controls the vertical and also pulls the sticks to launch the Falcon to light speed.)

The duties of the engineers and the gunners essentially are the same — press the buttons that blink. The gunner is more of a button masher, pressing as quickly as possible. The engineers aren't quite as busy, but they also have switches to flip.

Essentially, it's a large-scale video game with impressive special effects, especially when the cockpit rumbles with every collision. While the shaking may encourage younger pilots to hit everything in their path, know that damage counts against your score.

### So? Is the ride great?

While the visuals are solid and the ride is a lot of fun, it doesn't have that "wow" factor many fans will be expecting, especially those who don't get to pilot. Pushing buttons may keep many riders entertained, but it also takes eyes off the action.

Taken as a whole, with a remarkably detailed queue and the ability to step into the Falcon as seen on the big screen, Smugglers Run is must-see, and likely will draw lines two or three hours long.

But it's not the kind of attraction that demands repeated visits, such as Haunted Mansion and Pirates of the Caribbean that overwhelm you with details.

Unless, of course, you're determined to pilot the fastest hunk of junk in the galaxy, even if it means begging your 9-year-old to let you drive.



# Birmingham grad's body found along Lake Michigan shoreline

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The body of Jacob Sandy, a Birmingham Seaholm High School graduate, has been found on the Lake Michigan shoreline, near where he was last seen.

Indiana conservation officers said in a news release that the cause of Sandy's death is pending "but is believed to be accidental drowning."

Sandy, 23, most recently of South Bend, Indiana, was last seen May 18 kayaking near Indiana Dunes National Park's Porter Beach before a storm moved across the area.

A park employee found his body around 7:15 a.m. May 29.

Sandy's metro Detroit family had

been manning a Facebook page, "Missing: Jacob Sandy."

Not ready to speak publicly, they left this post soon after conservation officers shared the truth with them: "Thank you all for helping search for Jacob. He has been found. Please keep his family, girlfriend and friends in your thoughts and prayers."

Jacob Sandy worked for accounting firm Crowe LLP and was known for his deep Christian faith, positive outlook and adventurous, humorous spirit. He moved to South Bend upon graduating from Hope College in Holland.

His older brother, Paul Sandy, said Jacob had kayaked for years before deciding to kayak from Porter Beach.

"It just seems like some bad weather

hit really fast," he recently said.

Based on discussions with family and other conservation officers, Officer Tyler Brock of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources doubts Sandy ever kayaked in the Porter Beach area before.

He received a picture of Sandy kayaking the last day he was seen. The waters would have been up to 30 feet deep and pitted with sand bars that meant treacherous drop-offs. Brock said kayaking conditions changed rapidly there.

"We haven't found a life jacket," Brock said. "He was not wearing one when he was found. We have no way of knowing whether he had one with him at the time."

Family, along with conservation officers, have pieced together what proba-

bly happened: Sandy parked his car - a blue PT Cruiser - in a parking lot near the beach. He is seen on surveillance gear visiting the park's bathrooms around 2:40 p.m. He returned to his car and assembled his kayak before going toward the water and kayaking offshore. Then the storm hit.

South Bend police took a missing person report two days later. His kayak was found about 18 miles away from where he was last seen, near New Buffalo, on May 21. Conservation officers began surface and sonar searches of Lake Michigan on May 22.

More than 100 people gathered at St. James Episcopal Church in Birmingham a day later, May 23, for a "Vigil of Hope for Jacob Sandy."

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**Robert Gavin McCormick**

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Robert Gavin McCormick age 54 of Holly, formerly of Wixom, passed away in his home last week. Beloved brother to Kathleen (Stephen) Liggett, Michael P. McCormick, Kevin (Joan) McCormick, Mark (Patricia) McCormick, John (Debbie) McCormick, Brigid (Michael) Maher and Erin (Todd) Maher. Rob will be dearly missed by his siblings and 30 nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents Michael and Agnes McCormick, his sister Rosealin and his brother Edward. Rob was a brick mason by trade and had great sense of a humor. He will be remembered as having a kind and generous heart.

A memorial service will be held Thursday June 6 at 11 am at Oxbow Lake Baptist Church 10730 Elizabeth Lake Rd, White Lake, MI 48386.



Madonna University President Michael Grandillo, left, Sister Mary Christopher Moore of the Felician Sisters, and Archbishop Allen Vigneron conduct a ceremonial groundbreaking for the new building at Madonna University. Construction is expected to begin next month, with the center to open in 2021.

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## Madonna University breaks ground on new building

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Archbishop Allen Vigneron joined the heavens Sunday in sprinkling water at the future site of the Madonna University Welcome Center and Felician Sisters Heritage Center.

He insisted he was just following God's lead.

"Admittedly, it seems a bit superfluous," he joked. "But I look at it as a way to cooperate with God's blessing."

Vigneron, along with about 100 other people, sat huddled in a tent during a rainy Sunday afternoon earlier this month at the Livonia university for the groundbreaking of the new 28,000-square-foot facility, which will lie to the west of the university's administration building off Schoolcraft Road.

The space was inspired by the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Italy, and is reflective of the values of St. Francis that are espoused by the Felician Sisters and the university. The Felician Sisters of North America Heritage Center and Archives, along with the landscape and structure of the Welcome Center, are to be places for spiritual wonder and self-discovery, according to the university.

The welcome center also will feature a Great Room that can accommodate up to 400 people for a wide range of university and community events. In addition, the facility will include an art gallery, a cafe, and offices for university departments such as admissions and advancement. The Felician Sisters archives, as well as reading rooms, storage, and circulation equipment, will be housed in the lower level of the welcome center.

Sister Mary Christopher Moore, a provincial minister of the Felician Sisters of North America, said the traditional image of what an archive looks like won't be what the center will look like.

"Archives contain the living history of an institution, school, even of a family," she said. "Archives can open up a



Archbishop Allen Vigneron speaks at the groundbreaking ceremony for Madonna University's new building.

window to the past and can light the way to the future."

Construction is expected to begin next month and hopefully wrap up by the summer of 2021, said university President Michael Grandillo.

He said the project, which has been in the planning stages for years, will make Livonia a place Catholic tourists and pilgrims will come to for learning.

"For a school our size, it might be unprecedented," he said.

The university teased the groundbreaking earlier on, saying they would begin construction on the newest building on campus. Once completed, it will join two new residence halls and the Franciscan Center as the newest buildings at the school.

Grandillo said he's pleased to see the beginning of the project commence and looks forward to what will it bring for the future.

"I think it's a great celebration. It was a long time coming," he said. "We're so excited this day's here and it'll be a part of the community for years to come."

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# Cutting the cable cord can be complicated

Streaming costs can add up, so do the math first



**Tech Talk**  
Kim Komando

Most of us have a love-hate relationship with cable. We like television. We love a handful of stations. But we don't need hundreds of useless channels, many of them boring, some of them in languages we don't understand. Month after month, we pay our cable bills, yet we use only a small fraction of what we pay for.

It's no wonder that cutting the cord seems so appealing. The idea of paying for only channels you want to watch, watching them when you want, and paying nominal monthly fees sounds great.

But like most great things in life, cutting the cord is complicated. There are so many streaming options that it's hard to settle on only one or two. Do it wrong, and cord-cutters might end up paying more than traditional cable, which is exactly what streaming companies don't want you to realize.

Sure, \$7 a month for Disney's much-anticipated streaming channel sounds great, if that's all you're subscribing to, but let's be real: You can't settle with just one streaming service, and these subscriptions add up.

## Basic livestream TV channels

The main reason people love "real" television is that they can watch events unfold live. Most of us couldn't fathom seeing an NFL playoff game or the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade after the fact. Even if we're sitting on a couch, thousands of miles from the event in question, the thrill exists only at the moment.

An antenna will help you access local channels, but what about favorite cable channels such as HGTV, History Channel, A&E and your favorite cable news channels?

You'll need a live-TV streaming service like AT&T WatchTV, DirecTV Now,



If you switch to streaming, don't be misled by claims that you'll save bundles by ditching cable. You may end up paying more. GETTY IMAGES

FuboTV, Sling, Hulu or any of the myriad streaming services. All of these have various packages and channel offerings, and one isn't necessarily better than the other; it's all about personal preference. You choose a streaming service and opt for the ad-free, live-TV option. You'll get access to about 70 or so channels, most of which you'll never watch, but at least you're not paying for 300+ stations from your cable company.

Your monthly cost: roughly \$50 per month. You are happily off to a great start.

But wait, there's more: You need premium channels. Here's where things start to add up. You want to add your favorite premium channels including HBO, Showtime, Starz, and Cinemax. You'll probably sign up and get some sort of three-month free deal, but after that, you'll pay about \$45 per month for the four premium channels.

Your monthly cost is up to about \$95.

## FOMO channels you must have

If you don't subscribe to Netflix and

Amazon Prime Video, you'll miss out on all the water-cooler chat about great Netflix and Amazon originals.

If you've already got an Amazon Prime account, you have access to all their Prime content. You also will have access to programming that you can rent or buy. Movie rentals start at \$1.99 and go up to \$7.99 and higher, but for our example, let's say you spend about \$25 a month on movie rentals.

Your monthly cost is up to \$120.

With Netflix, your monthly fee gets you access to their entire library of content; there are no rentals or titles for sale. You sign up for the premium ultra-HD plan for \$15.99 a month because that gets you the best quality HD, plus you and your family can share the plan and watch your own programming at the same time on multiple screens.

Your new monthly cost is about \$136.

Don't forget about Disney Plus, coming later this year. It's going to really shake things up in the streaming business, with its recent takeover of Hulu

and its enormous library of content that includes the Marvel and Star Wars universes. You have to have that. Your updated monthly cost grows to \$143.

You've got your basic channels, your four favorite premiums, Amazon, Netflix and Disney, but we haven't even talked yet about all the a la carte channels you can get that offer kids' programming, sports, independent films, and original content.

Add CBS All Access for \$5.99 a month, NBA League Pass for \$28.99 a month, PBS Kids for \$4.99 a month and YouTube Premium for the 20-somethings in your household, and we're nearly at \$200 per month.

## Should you cut the cord?

Streaming has one key advantage over cable: On-demand programming. You can watch what you want when you want, and where you want. If you switch to streaming, don't be misled by claims that you'll save bundles by ditching cable. You may actually end up paying more. Do the math first.

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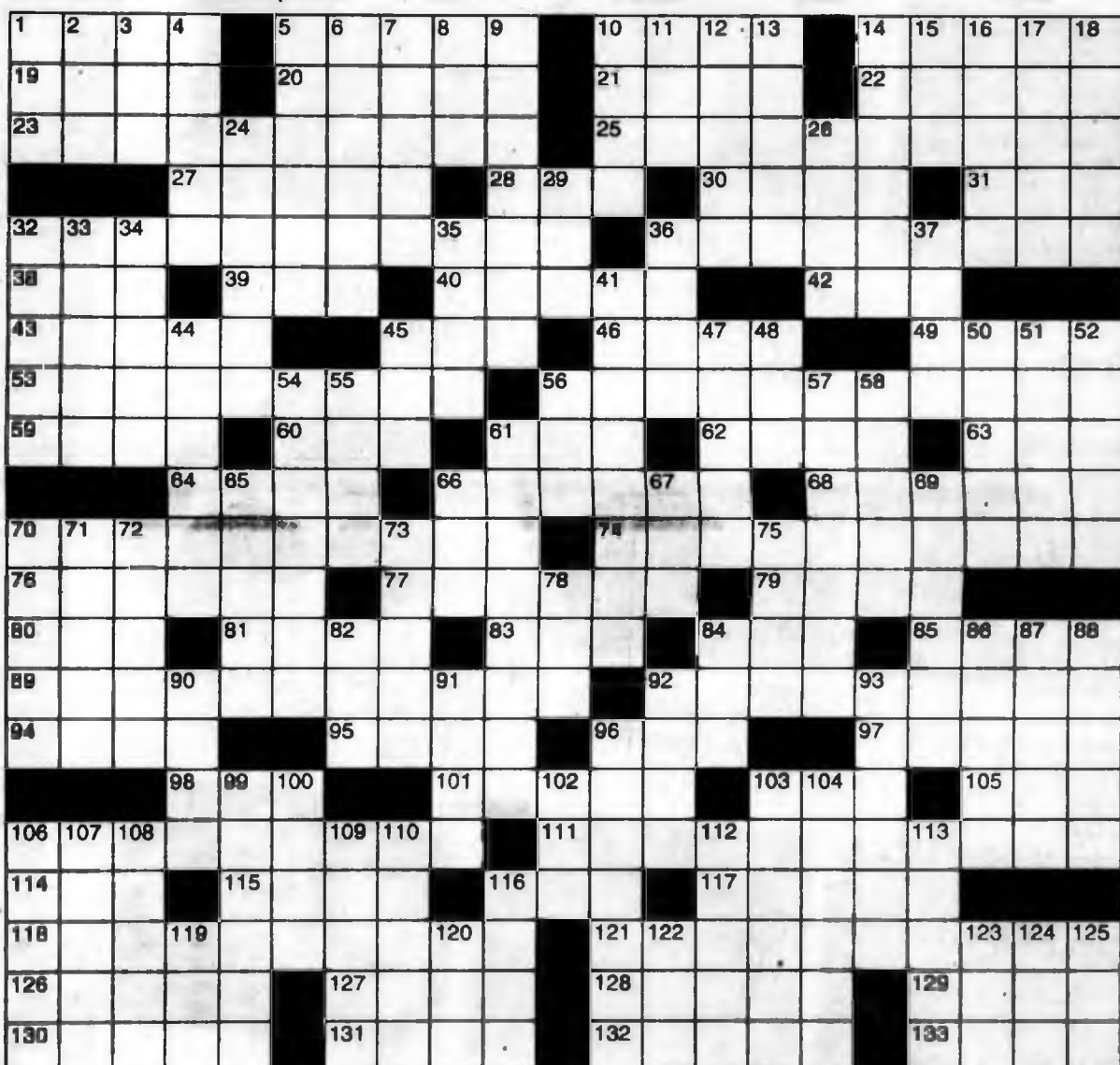


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32 Tell the judge you did it  
36 Financial aid option  
38 Ordinance  
39 Verizon Fios, e.g.  
40 Reply to "You're a stinker!"  
42 Hugs, in a love note  
43 Wet expanse  
45 Bygone flight inits.  
46 Stack messily  
49 It, in Italy  
53 Air rifle  
56 Waters off Qatar  
59 Word div.
- 60 Refined find  
61 Long-nosed swimmer  
62 Year, to Livy  
63 Taint  
64 Research into a political foe's weaknesses, in slang  
66 Silky casing  
68 2015 Bryan Cranston film  
70 She's a symbol for a cause  
74 Window material  
76 1974 hit subtitled "Touch the Wind"  
77 Signaled "yes"  
79 Cambodian currency  
80 Slugging stat  
81 Stats, e.g.  
83 Hi — (some stereotypes)  
84 Roget's entry: Abbr.  
85 Aunt's sis, maybe  
89 Dry white wine of Italy  
92 Small, loose stones for a walkway  
94 Bit of a climb  
95 Adversities  
96 Chop down
- 97 Singer Baker  
98 U.K. mil. fliers  
101 Yet to come  
103 Dudes  
105 Novelist  
106 Deighton  
110 Acted  
111 Jail official  
114 Stable grain  
115 Big brawl  
116 Suffix with planet  
117 The planets, e.g.  
118 Societal welfare  
121 Film rating that's apt for this puzzle's theme  
126 Babble on  
127 Designer  
129 Jazz singer  
130 NFL gains  
131 Romanov royal  
132 Snaring loop  
133 Result of a falling-out
- 5 Wearing tattered duds  
6 Throws together  
7 Japanese beer  
8 '60s conflict site  
9 Resistance to change  
10 Gig gear  
11 Actress  
12 Cosmetician  
13 Quiet  
14 Narcissist's quality  
15 Pt. of ETA  
16 Verdi's "Miller"  
17 Page of films  
18 Sparked anew  
24 2009 Colin Farrell film  
26 Capital in Scandinavia  
29 Novelist  
32 Sinks heavily  
33 "Cagney & —"  
34 Actor Tom of "The Seven Year Itch"  
35 Croquet site  
36 Landing site  
37 Film director  
41 Things to show a trainee  
44 Divvies up  
45 Certain day of the wk.  
47 Yoga pose  
48 Golf marker  
50 — cum laude  
51 Thick cuts  
52 '60s hairdos  
54 Highest ladder part  
55 Limey's drink  
56 Lobbying go. in poker  
57 Ponying up  
58 26-Down's country, to its natives  
61 Aquarium favorite  
65 — four (small cake)  
66 — — Magnon  
67 Antique  
69 Funnywoman  
70 Criminals, to cops  
71 Go around  
72 Tuna net  
73 How tuna may be packed  
75 "little harder"  
78 The Divine, in Genoa  
82 Three days after  
45-Down: Abbr.
- 84 Dam, e.g.  
86 Teresa of —  
87 39.37 inches  
88 — flowing with milk and honey  
90 "Grand Ole" venue  
91 Happy  
92 Mani-  
93 Forest figure  
96 Under-soil layer of clay  
99 Eagle nests  
100 Bank door abbr.  
102 Lead-in to Pen  
103 Starbucks selections  
104 Total  
106 Red flower  
107 Dem of films  
108 Being tried in court  
109 Fetch  
110 Siouan tribespeople  
112 — voice  
113 Total  
116 Bad smell  
119 U.K. "Inc."  
120 Man-mouse link  
122 Mop & —  
123 Yalie  
124 Fairy  
125 Rebel Turner



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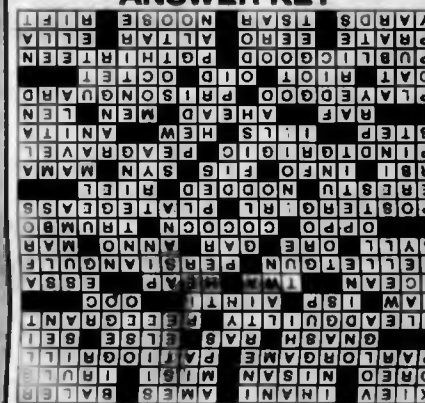


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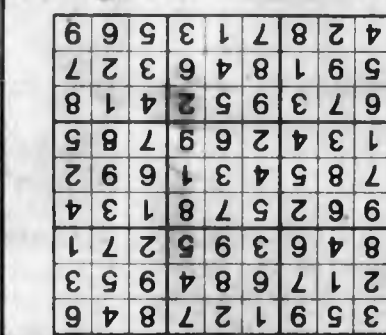
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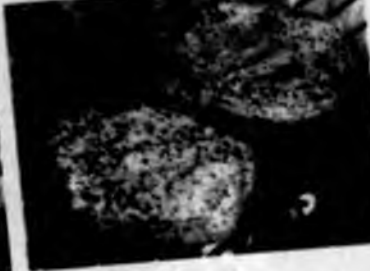
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