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Group protests sale of Hines Park mills

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Those looking at getting their morning workout in Thursday at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center in Livonia were welcomed with plenty of protesters holding signs.

The protesters, more than a dozen of

them, weren't there for those looking for an ab workout: instead, they were there expecting to see potential developers interested in redeveloping two historic mills in Hines Park in both Livonia and Plymouth.

The group, part of Save Hines Park, hopes to steer Wayne County away from selling two of the historic mills once

used by Henry Ford in Hines Park and keep them within the county parks portfolio.

"What we're trying to say is, we have no problem of re-adaptive use of the mills. In fact, we proposed that in 1989 with the master plan," said Nancy Darga, the former chief of design for Wayne County Parks who was at the protest

with the group. "What we're saying though is, we don't want to lose ownership of the mills and we can make more money through federal and state grants. A private person can't access environmental cleanup funds."

The group expected to see developers

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CONGRATULATIONS, CLASS OF 2019 GRADUATES!



Very few, if any, Northville High students would expect to be able to leap into the arms of Northville High School Principal Tony Koski, left, on graduation day – except his daughter, Dora Koski. Find more graduation photos for Northville High on **Page 7A** and online at hometownlife.com. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Meet 12 'Survivor' contestant hopefuls

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
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Hundreds of people lined up outside Value City Furniture in Novi on June 5 with a common goal.

Among them were survivors of cancer, an eating disorder, domestic violence and an economically-ravaged city. They are self-described bad asses.

They were ready to make their case for why they should be on an upcoming episode of the long-running TV show "Survivor," and would soon do so in a 60-second video clip taped by CBS 62 Detroit employees.

Kyle Jason, a Detroit bounty hunter and bail bondsman and competed on season 32 of the show, had some advice for those trying out.

"Be yourself, don't be that character you think they want," said Jason. "If you're a housewife, you can still win. As a mom, you manipulate kids every day... If you come dressed like a pirate, they know you're not."

Jason finished his season in sixth place and said what is critical to success once making it on the show is having a social game and being able to manipulate people to get them to do what you want without them knowing you're manipulating them, as well as maintaining enough likeability to get the jury votes in the end.

We talked to 12 random men and women, some who would already count themselves as survivors as well as those who think they have the potential.

Do they have what it takes to outwit, outplay, outlast? You decide.

Shaun Hetu

Age: 25
Hometown: Novi
Profession: Operations manager
How many years watching the show: 5-6 years



Favorite previous Survivor competitor: Joe, on the most recent season

Favorite and least favorite challenges: I like all the challenges, but really like mazes and big obstacles.

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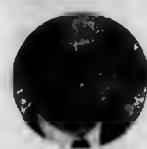


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School may be ending, but learning doesn't stop



Super Talk
Steve Matthews
Guest columnist

By noon on June 14, the school year will officially be over for students in the Novi Community School District.

Most students will be happy; most parents will not.

For our students, even though the school year has ended and school is out, learning will continue.

In the not too distant past, many adults viewed summer as a time when children, not engaged in the process of formal education, learned little.

Riding their bike, playing with friends, sleeping over at each other's house, catching bugs, inventing new games – all of this was seen as fun but not overly important in the grand scheme of things.

What we know now is that these summer activities are actually quite important in the learning process and help tremendously as children develop into young adults and responsible, capable citizens.

Learning, in the age that we live in, is no longer controlled by the school or by the teachers who work at the school.

Learning, if it ever was true, is certainly no longer confined to the school house and to the school calendar. Learning happens everywhere and at almost any time.

With students connected through phones and tablets and computers, students have access to information and ideas unlike any time in our history.

Our connected students also use multi-player games and simulations to develop skills in problem solving, collaboration, and creativity.

These games played on computers,

hand-held devices, and phones, help our students develop the ability both to support each other and compete with each other.

In the summer our students can and do explore personal interests and passions that, unfortunately, they sometimes do not get to explore in school.

In doing so our students figure out how to gather information, how to create prototypes, how to modify and improve projects, and how to experiment and iterate.

These explorations could be in music or mechanics or design or construction or any number of other areas of interest.

In the summer our students can apply the skills that they have learned in our schools to projects of their own choosing.

They can think about and think through ideas in a more deliberate manner, given time and space to explore.

As this school year ends, we look forward to the next school year the Novi Community School District where we will continue to improve our ability to connect what we do in school to the ideas and interests of our students.

We understand that what goes on inside our school doors is important but that we also need to connect school to the larger world.

Summer has finally arrived for the students in our school district.

What I am confident in is that learning will still continue over the summer, powered by the passion of our students, and that when our students return this fall they will find teachers eager to engage them once again in meaningful and important lessons.

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Historic mills still in process of being sold

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The weather is warmer and Hines Park is seeing more and more visitors taking in the sights, enjoying nature and maybe riding their bicycles in the park through Northville, Plymouth, Livonia and Westland.

Wayne County officials hope there will be a bit more for park visitors to do soon as they continue to push forward with the sale of three historic mills.

It's been nearly six months since Wayne County announced it would look at selling three mills in Hines Park to developers to better use them and provide additional public spaces. Those mills, the Phoenix Mill in Plymouth Township, the Wilcox Mill in Plymouth, and the Newburgh Mill in Livonia, were put up for sale late last year.

Assistant Wayne County Executive Khalil Rahal said the county continues to market the Wilcox and Newburgh mills and has received some interest from developers. He said the county hopes to host a public meeting some-

time this summer regarding proposals for the Wilcox Mill.

"Those negotiations are at a place where we feel comfortable, where we can show some of the details with the public," he said.

The county and developer Critical Mass LLC closed on the sale of the Phoenix Mill in Plymouth Township earlier this spring, Rahal said. The \$615,000 the county received for the sale went to fix several bridges in the park.

The project, entitled the Mill Run Project, seeks to redevelop the three mills in Hines Park, which have gone with little use over the years.

The project has seen some opposition from community groups, including Save Hines Park, which opposes the sale of the mills and continues to organize signed protests against the sale of the mills.

In addition, the county plans to purchase several acres from the Wayne County Land Bank to add parkspace in Westland near the Hawthorne Valley redevelopment project.

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, in his State of the County address earlier this year, said the project is crucial in keeping them mills, once ran by Henry Ford, relevant.

"A historic site is important, but it can't be our financial priority. And so those mills either die a slow death or they become a part of a turn around which is a public-private partnership," he said. "And hopefully you all will agree that that's an important thing to do."

The county hopes a grant it was awarded earlier this year will also lead to better communication from residents and better connections to the eastern part of Wayne County.

The county received a \$2 million grant to better connect the Downriver area to the rest of the county, including Hines Park. A portion of that grant, \$400,000, will be used to study the best ways to make those connections.

That grant will hopefully enhance the plans for developing the mills into more public spaces, said Beverly Watts, the county's director of public services. While the county will look for more feedback with the plan, it already has some info on what residents are looking for in the parks: it's required to do a five-year master plan that includes some of that data.

"We kind of already have some data," Watts said. "One of the things and many things is connectivity."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2019-2020 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Thursday, June 20, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan, the Board of Education of Novi Community School District 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 the public hearing. Beginning June 13, 2019, a copy of the 2019-2020 proposed budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Educational Services Building, 25345 Taft Road, Novi, 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.

Willy Mena, Secretary
Novi Community School District Board of Education

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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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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 05-20-19

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted **Ordinance No. 05-20-19** – an ordinance to amend Chapter 80 Telecommunications in the Code of Ordinances. The amendment to Chapter 80 Telecommunications adds Article III Wireless Facilities in Right-of-Way.

This article is in response to new State and Federal laws and regulations, including Michigan Public Act No. 365 of 2018 (MCL 460.1301 - 460.1339), 47 USC 1455, Rules adopted by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as 47 CFR 1.40001 (now 47 CFR 1.6100) and 47 CFR 1.6001 - 1.6003, and the FCC's Declaratory Ruling and Third Report and Order in FCC 18-133. This article was proposed for the purpose of complying with those State and Federal regulations by providing for and regulating access to and ongoing use of, public rights-of-way for wireless facilities that are not considered to be telecommunications facilities covered by the Metropolitan Extension Telecommunications Rights-of-Way Oversight Act (Act No. 48 of the Public Acts of 2002) ("Act"), and permits applied for and issued under that Act.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on May 20, 2019 and was adopted by the City Council on June 3, 2019. The ordinance shall become effective on June 14, 2019. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

DIANNE MASSA, CMC, CITY CLERK

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CITY OF NOVI NOTICE OF ENACTMENT - ZONING MAP AMENDMENT 18.725

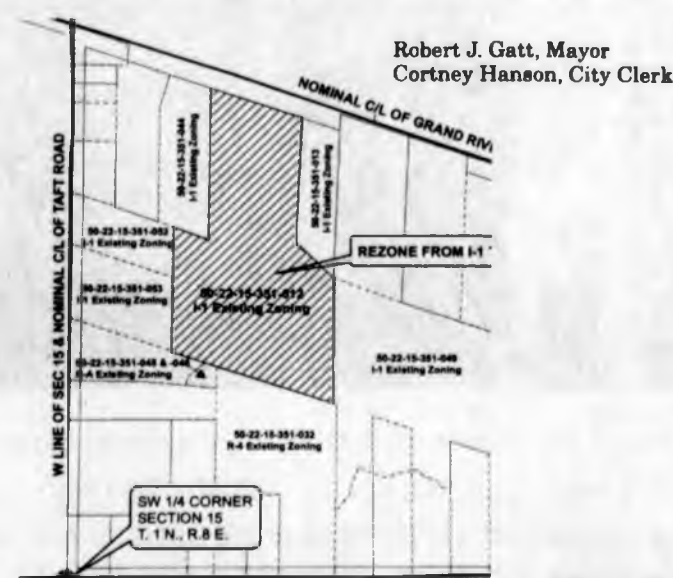
THE CITY OF NOVI ORDAINS:

Part I. That Ordinance No. 97-18, known as the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Novi is hereby amended as indicated on ZONING MAP NO. 18.725 attached hereto and made a part of this Ordinance.

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

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

MADE AND PASSED by the City Council of the City of Novi, Michigan on the 3rd day of June, 2019. Copies of the Ordinance Amendment may be purchased or inspected at the Office of the City Clerk, Novi, Michigan, weekdays between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM, local time.



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Approximately 7.61 Acres of parcel 50-22-15-351-012 as described above to be rezoned. The area to be rezoned is indicated in hatch in the map above.

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At left, Livonia resident Natalie Hnatiuk, and at right, Hamtramck resident Frank English, stand with signs outside the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center on June 6. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAC/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Mills

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for a supposed meeting at the rec center, though they said it may have been canceled.

It has been against the plan since it was announced late last year. Wayne County officials seek to sell the Newburgh Mill at Hines Drive and Newburgh in Livonia and the Wilcox Mill at Hines Drive and Wilcox Road in Plymouth. The county's hope, officials say, is that the structures can be revitalized and developed into usable, public spaces such as breweries, coffee shops or other uses.

A third mill, Phoenix Mill in Plymouth Township, has been sold and closed on to a private developer seeking to construct a banquet facility and restaurant. The closing on that property took place earlier this spring.

The group, which has been vocal on Facebook over the last few months, has been out speaking its message and holding signs out in front of the mills. It's a process they expect to continue as the county moves forward on the sale of the mills.

"We're trying to come up with a schedule of places to meet. Put my-



Protesters stand outside the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center on June 6.

self out there or somebody else out there at Newburgh or Wilcox, just to keep the flag up because with so little information to share, it's the same old story.

"We want to be able to raise our identity, raise our signs, to let people know that this is still a work in progress and we

still need to hopefully influence the outcome here. They don't have to sell that much property."

The protest attracted a variety of Wayne County residents, including at least one who doesn't live near Hines Park.

Hamtramck resident Frank English made the drive with a homemade

sign to stand outside the rec center.

"We don't have many open spaces in Hamtramck," he said. "We come out this way a lot of ten and it would be such a shame ... to sell it off."

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Nancy Darga stands outside the rec center.



Dennis Lewis of Westland holds a protest sign.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ADOPTION ORDINANCE NO. 05-06-19

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 05-06-19 – an ordinance to amend Chapter 86 Utilities in the Code of Ordinances. The ordinance amends Article III Stormwater to add Division 1 Generally, and Division 2 Stormwater Management – Illicit Discharge to provide for the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Northville through the regulation of non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system as required by federal and state law.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on May 6, 2019 and was adopted by the City Council on June 3, 2019. The ordinance shall become effective on June 14, 2019. The complete text of the ordinance is available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk, 215 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATES CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE 4:00 P.M. ON JULY 23, 2019

The City Charter language pertaining to filing nominating petitions for regular city elections is superseded by Michigan Election Law MCL 168.644e as amended under PA 276 of 2012.

The non-partisan candidate filing deadline for the November 5, 2019 election (no primary) is 4:00 p.m., July 23, 2019. Candidate packets are available at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

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Arbor Brewing opens in Plymouth

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It appears the first customers at the new Arbor Brewing Company taproom in Plymouth came a really, really long way to get a Strawberry Blonde.

Amber Miller, who was up from Austin, Texas, with her fiancé, said she was the first person to set foot in the new taproom. She left pretty pleased with the service and the beer.

"I talked to multiple employees here and they gave me suggestions on what their drink was. I thought that was interesting," she said. "Everybody had their own favorite drink that they pushed on me."

After many months of renovations in the space formerly occupied by the Box Bar, Arbor Brewing opened its third pub, this one at 777 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth. It's a vision, head brewer Jon Wagner said, that's become an incredible reality since they began renovating after the Box Bar closed at the end of 2017. The space joins Bigalora Cucina in the former bar space, a restaurant that opened earlier this year.

The pub features many of the regular beer fans of Arbor Brewing can expect, including Euchre Pils, Buzzsaw IPA and Strawberry Blonde. It also features a few Plymouth-only brews right now, including:

- Anecdotal Truth, a New England IPA
- Grand Excursion, a west coast IPA
- 7 Decades, a stout and
- Anderson's Amber, an amber

"This brewery's going to afford us an opportunity to let our brewers expand and try some fun things," Wagner said. "I intend to use this brewery as an R-and-D brewery, so we can try pilot beers."

Keeping its roots

Despite being the new kid in town, Arbor Brewing is still recognizing the area's roots and has touches of the former Box Bar inside. Hanging from the ceiling is the former Box Bar sign (now all lit up), and the 7 Decades stout pays homage to the length of time the Box Bar existed in downtown Plymouth. Some

of the booths from the Box Bar made their way to the Corner Brewery in Ypsilanti as well.

Having those local touches of history was crucial for the brewery to keep, said Luciano Del Signore, one of the partners of the brewery.

"It was a no-brainer. We looked at that sign when we came in and said, 'that has to be refurbished and that has to stay on this property,'" he said. "That means something to this community. We didn't want to take that away from them."

Much of the food menu is pub fare, with some dishes unique to the Plymouth location. Some barbecue, made

using the Box Bar's Southern Pride smoker that was left behind will also eventually join the menu. Sandwiches, salads and other appetizers will be served, and patrons who love the pizzas in both Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor will be in luck in Plymouth.

"We've created an incredible flatbread pizza that we cook in a deck oven," Del Signore said. "We were so successful with this at the other two Arbor's, that there was no way we couldn't bring it here as well."

The bar is open 11 a.m. every day and closes at 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 p.m. Sunday, with the kitchen closing an

hour before.

The community has been incredibly welcoming as well, said Mike Messink, another partner of Arbor Brewing. Especially on the outskirts of Kellogg Park, he believes Arbor Brewing will mesh well with the city.

"It's huge. We're looking to steadily expand our reach and I think Plymouth shares a lot in common with Ann Arbor and Ypsi where we already have locations," he said. "It's really a natural synergy."

"We could not have picked a more receptive community."

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Bartender Poco Kernsmith pours a beer in the new Arbor Brewing taproom at 777 W. Ann Arbor Trail in Plymouth. PHOTOS BY DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Austin, Texas resident Amber Miller drinks a Strawberry Blonde at Arbor Brewing in Plymouth. Miller said she was the first to enter the taproom after it opened.

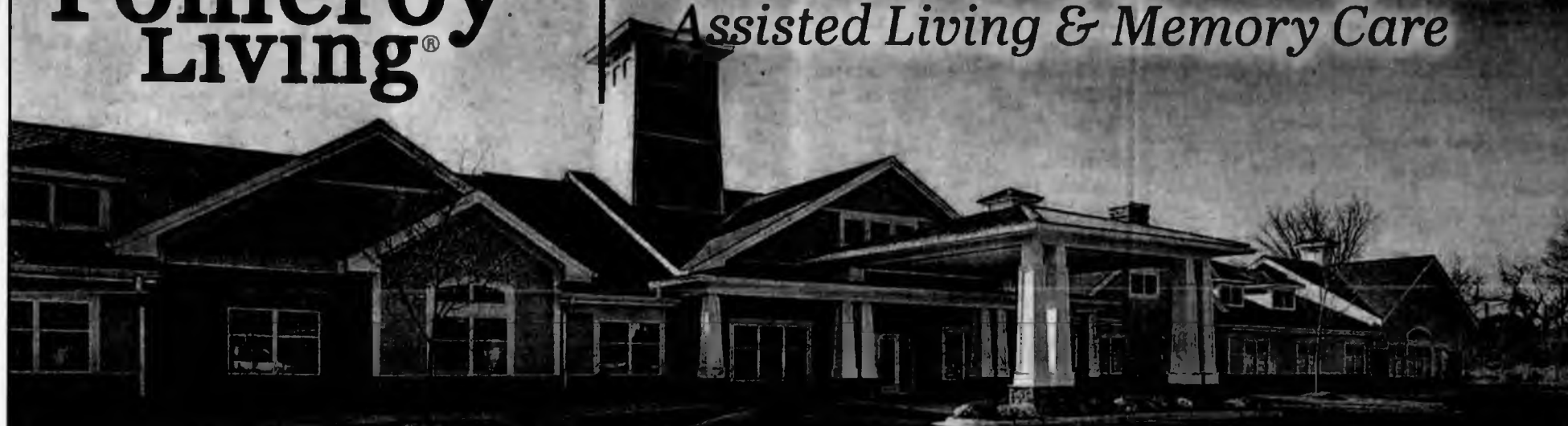


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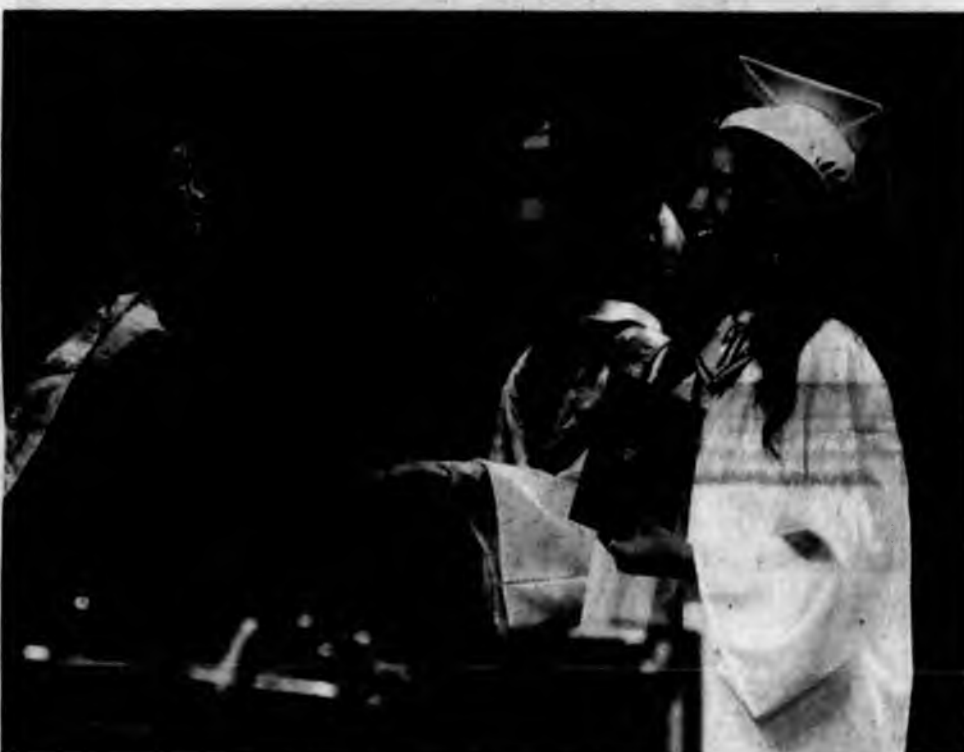
Novi graduate Chyna Martin awaits the start of the school's class of 2019 commencement ceremonies.
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The Novi High wind ensemble plays during commencement June 1.



A moment from Novi High's commencement at EMU's Convocation Center.



Julianne Vargas shakes hands with the principal after receiving her diploma.



Novi High student Julianne Shaw waves to friends and family in the stands.

NORTHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S JUNE 2 COMMENCEMENT



A Northville High graduate gets some assistance adjusting her mortarboard.
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A moment from Northville High's Class of 2019 commencement ceremonies, held June 2 at the USA Hockey arena.



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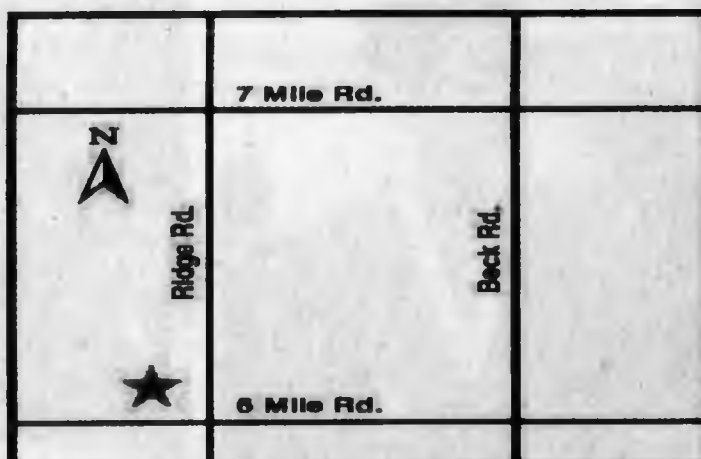


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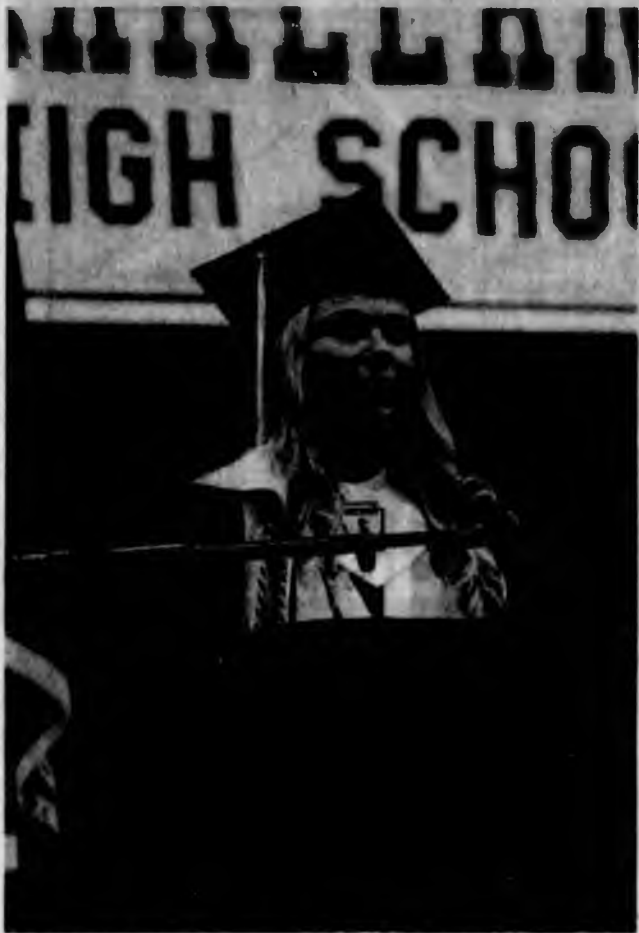
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Lakeland Valedictorian Charles House gives his address during commencement ceremonies.



Award-winning Milford High School graduate Sarah Nelson sings "Always Starting Over."



Lakeland graduates Abigail Ziebarth, Rachel Marcelli, Mackenzie Hanner and Caitlin Davis show off their decorated mortarboards before the start of the ceremony.



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South Lyon East High's Class of 2019 lines up in the auxiliary gym of Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center on June 8 as the graduates prepare for their commencement ceremony. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



South Lyon High graduate Georgina Perez-Diaz smiles as she accepts her diploma June 8.



South Lyon High student Lauren DeWitt speaks to the Class of 2019 during commencement.



South Lyon East High graduate Natalie Kraemer receives her diploma.



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Local studio a haven for rap, hip-hop

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Sporting shoulder-length hair and white skin, Rick Young is not your prototypical rap and hip-hop music producer.

Looks are definitely deceiving in the case of Young, who has bolstered the careers of a variety of soulful artists — D12, Lockdown and Ricochet, to name three — while smashing stereotypes from his south-Canton Talent Live recording studio.

Even some of Young's clients have been fooled by their first impressions of the former rock-band guitarist.

"Back in the day, Erick Sermon from EPMD started using the studio, and he liked it so much he started sending all these rappers up here," said Young. "One time I looked out the door (of the studio) and saw all these blacks guys getting out of a car. I knew they were rappers from Georgia who Erick knew."

"They walk in the studio and one of them says, 'Hey Dog, what's up? How ya doin'?' I said, 'I'm OK.' They said, 'We're here to see Slick Rick.' I said, 'I'm Rick.' Then he went like this (Young delivers an expression of disbelief) and says, 'It's like this, bro. We're here to see Slick Rick, the guy who does hip hop.'"

"I said, 'Did you like the beats you guys are about to record here? Well, I'm the guy who created those beats. I'm Slick Rick.'"

The beats go on

Young's taste in music is broader than the menu at a Baskin-Robbins.

As a youth, he started playing the clarinet and quickly learned to appreciate the work of Pete Fountain and Benny Goodman.

Up until the mid-1980s, Young was the lead guitarist for the band Teezer, which performed predominantly at metro Detroit venues like Harpos in Detroit and Canton's Center Stage.

In 1987, Young and his dad Bruce built the recording studio on a plot of Canton land just north of Michigan Avenue.

"Before we built this, I visited just about every recording studio around Detroit," Young remembered. "I'd make mental notes about what I did and didn't



Rick Young straps on a Les Paul and sits on stage at his Talent Live Recording Studios in Canton. Young has sat in on sessions over the years with a variety of stars. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

like about each one.

"Once my dad and I agreed to go into business together, we wanted to create something unique. For example, we wanted to get the sound that Led Zeppelin was getting ... a big, big drum sound, so we found out how they did it and rec-

reated it in here."

Young's love for rap and hip-hop had vanilla origins.

"I got into it because I liked it," Young says matter-of-factly. "I was the only long-haired caucasian in rap back in the '80s when I started making beats. Rappers started hearing my beats and they'd come here and ask me, 'Can you make me a beat?'"

"When I started doing hip-hop, people looked at me like I was a nut. I'd say to them, 'Listen to this beat by Big Pun. They'd say, 'What?!'"

One day, the members of D12 — longtime collaborators with Eminem — showed up to record at Talent Live, sparking a relationship that would last for years.

"The first day they recorded here, I sent a picture of me and D12 to my daughter, Kelsey, with a message saying, 'Look, Eminem's guys are in here,' Young reflected. "She said, 'Oh, that's cool, but you look like a shrimp.'"

Talent Live is a family-first business, said Young.

"One night, about 2, 3 a.m., Lockdown is here recording some pretty hard-core rap," Young said. "These guys are like 6-11, 6-10 ... the shortest one is 6-1 and they're kind of intimidating if you don't know them. My mom, who was about 4-10, comes into the studio and says, 'Let me make you boys some sandwiches. She wasn't afraid of anything."

"As it turned out, they started calling her 'Moms'. When my mom passed away last year, the Lockdown guys got up and spoke about her at the memorial we had right out here in the parking lot. The Warden — the 6-11 guy — broke down in tears. It was just one example of how much the artists who came in here to record loved my family."

The set-up for Young's studio is one-of-a-kind. Instead of having a single live room, artists from the same group are broken up into smaller rooms that are partitioned off throughout the facility.

Young's recording equipment is state-of-the-art, which is just one of the draws for aspiring and established musicians.

"We isolate the musicians in various rooms, then I have patch bays to help put everything together," he said. "A lot of performers that come in here — I'd say about 90 percent — don't want anyone watching them while they're recording; they don't want to be judged, which is why we isolate them."

Young revealed that his digital automated sound board is "like 1,000 times" what his previous board was.

"Our mission is to give our clients pristine, crisp quality," he added. "All of them are just blown away once they hear the final product."

Where dreams come true

Inkster native Ricochet started his

now ultra-successful rapping career at Talent Live.

"Jay-Z actually picked him up," Young said. "When he started recording for Jay-Z, he refused to go to the studio they had picked out for him. He told Jay-Z, 'I want to work with this guy name Slick Rick in Canton, Michigan. His CD ended up going platinum and he toured with Eminem and Snoop Dogg.'"

"Once the tour ended, Ricochet landed at Metro Airport and instead of going home first, he came here. He gave me a big hug and told me thank you."

Young didn't make a dime off one of his proudest projects — a collection of songs he produced with Merrill Osmond immediately following the Sept. 11 attacks.

Proceeds from the sales — several million dollars, Young said — of the CD were donated directly to the families that lost relatives in the attacks.

Now that he is financially set for life, Young said his purpose is to help people's dreams come true. He charges a modest \$75-an-hour fee for recording at the studio.

A 14-year-old rapper from Detroit was recently propelled to stardom by the beats created in the Talent Live studio.

"He just signed with P Diddy," Young said.

You never know ...

After excelling in the business for decades, there are still times when the background of Young's clients surprises even him.

"I had a guy come in here to record scripture; he is a pastor at a church in Detroit and he wanted to get young people to come to God," Young said. "He's a large man and as we got to talking, I found out he had earned 10 certifications in martial arts."

One day, after Young had gained the man's trust, the pastor told Young an amazing story that "he'd never told anyone."

"The pastor opens up to me and tells me he used to be in to hip-hop," Young said. "He told me he was cussin', drinkin', womanizing, the whole shebang. He told me he was doing some hard-core stuff."

"One day he came home to Detroit to visit his family before he had to fly back to Los Angeles for his job. At this point, he asks me, 'Do you know who I am?' and I had no idea."

"He said, 'I was Tupac Shukur's personal bodyguard. I was supposed to be in the car the day he was killed. I would have been sitting right next to him, so I probably would have been killed, too. I was running late that day and I missed my plane. A couple hours later I heard Tupac was dead.'"

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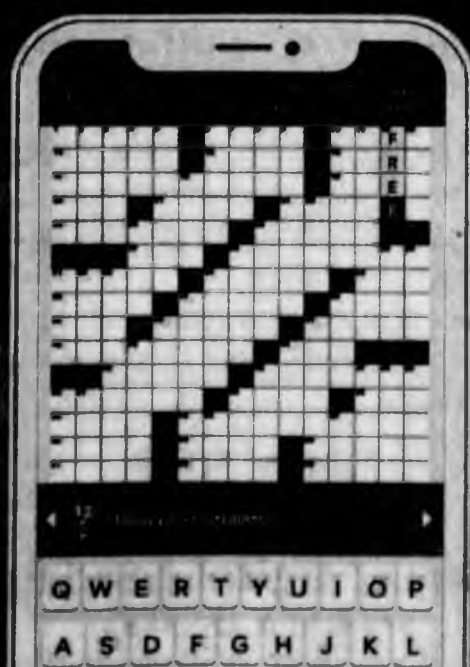
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Food is probably my least favorite challenge.

Who are the most annoying people on the show: Nobody, that's just who they are. They have to talk.

What is the scariest prospect if you are chosen for Survivor?: Scariest would be coming home and seeing yourself on TV and coming back to real life.

What life experience has helped prepare you for competing on this show?: My Mom passed away when I was in college and I've had to be emotionally stronger.

What makes you a Survivor?: In my current job I have to talk to people and motivate them. That will make me a Survivor.

Jessica Bragg



Age: 19
Hometown: Toledo, Ohio

Profession: Works part-time at a mini golf course and concession stand; is a full-time student at Bowling Green State University

How many years watching the show: I was born the summer it came out, but I've watched every season, every episode starting when I was 11.

Favorite previous Survivor competitor: Stephanie Lagrosse

Favorite and least favorite challenges: I loved the big circle in the water and they all held weights. My least favorite is when they have to stand on a pole in the water.

Who are the most annoying people on the show: Where do I start. The blindsides are annoying and bitter jury members that hold a grudge.

What is the scariest prospect if you are chosen for Survivor?: I am most scared of being away from home.

What life experience has helped prepare you for competing on this show?: Last summer I went to Europe for two weeks, to Italy and Greece and it made me more confident, it sparked an adventurous side of me.

What makes you a Survivor?: I'm young, but I'm tough. I'm athletic and intelligent and underestimated. I'm excited to kick some ass and prove people wrong.

Clint Boley



Age: 44
Hometown: Russia-ville, Indiana

Profession: Factory worker for Chrysler in the Kokomo transmission plant

How many years watching the show: 20 years and this is my fifth time auditioning

Favorite previous Survivor competitor: Rupert

Favorite and least favorite challenges: Least favorite is puzzles, I can't do them. Anything to do with balance is my favorite.

Who are the most annoying people on the show: People that whine about life in general. They're crybabies.

What is the scariest prospect if you are chosen for Survivor?: Being away from my kids and not knowing if they're OK.

What life experience has helped prepare you for competing on this show?: Being president of the Milwaukee Iron Motorcycle Club. I've got thick skin.

What makes you a Survivor?: I'm a bad ass, no sugar-coating it. I don't take crap from nobody.

Kim Snook



Age: 48
Hometown: Haslett
Profession: Haslett High School science teacher

How many years watching the show: Since 2000, the whole time.

Favorite previous Survivor competitor: Ozzy

Favorite and least favorite challenges: I like obstacle course challenges. I'm not sure I would perform well in puzzles.

Who are the most annoying people on the show: I hate that who I feel should win never wins.

What is the scariest prospect if you are chosen for Survivor?: They don't eat gross things any more, so it has to be I would be sad to be voted out.

What life experience has helped prepare you for competing on this show?: As a high school teacher I deal with teen scams all the time and as a track and cross country coach, I like to compete.

What makes you a survivor?: I suf-

fered an eating disorder for 10 years, but then I hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon and stayed a week and realized how small our issues are in the great universe.

Jason Anderson



Age: 48
Hometown: Rockford, Mich.

Profession: Social worker

How many years watching the show: I've watched since the first episode, but sometimes you need to go and do adventures and not just watch.

Favorite previous Survivor competitor: Ozzy, but Adam played a good game last season.

Favorite and least favorite challenges: I like endurance challenges like when they stand on the posts. I'm tired of slide puzzles, it's played out and boring.

Who are the most annoying people on the show: Those with negative attitudes and complaints about the conditions. You'd think they're there to enjoy the adventure.

What is the scariest prospect if you are chosen for Survivor?: Snakes. I will scream and run. Being tired, wet and hungry is all part of the fun I am looking forward to.

What life experience has helped prepare you for competing on this show?: My job as a social worker and in a couple hours, building trust with people. It will help navigate a show about relationships, people and voting alliances.

What makes you a Survivor?: My attitude of curiosity. When I see the Grand Canyon, I raft. When I see a mountain, I climb. When I see a trail, I walk it. I am just seeking the next adventure.

Kathi Shipley



Age: 50
Hometown: Holt, Mich.

Profession: Nurse at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing

How many years watching the show: I've watched since Richard Hatch (first season).

Favorite previous Survivor competitor: There's too many, they get more devious as the years go on, which is fabulous. I did like that Richard was naked all the time.

Favorite and least favorite challenges: I love anything with balance and water. Shimming under a log would be my least favorite.

Who are the most annoying people on the show: Liars, but everyone has to lie at some point. In real life, I'm a straight shooter and honest. It's a dichotomy.

What is the scariest prospect if you are chosen for Survivor?: Being away from my family, but I'm cool with heights, small spaces and eating bugs.

What life experience has helped prepare you for competing on this show?: I've done over a dozen half and full Iron Mans. I'm comfortable being mentally and physically uncomfortable.

What makes you a Survivor?: I survived breast cancer. In 2013, I had a double mastectomy and every girl part taken out. I've had five surgeries and am cancer free. I'm gonna suck the marrow out of life and do everything I can.

Glenn Eyre



Age: 47
Hometown: Laingsburg

Profession: Financial advisor

How many years watching the show: I haven't watched in a lot of years, I'm here because I thought it would be a cool experience. If I go more than three hours without eating, I'll kill someone. I can't sleep without a pillow.

Favorite previous Survivor competitor: Richard Hatch

Favorite and least favorite challenges: No idea.

Who are the most annoying people on the show: The best people don't win, the scumbags do and that's the opposite of the way it should be in life.

What is the scariest prospect if you are chosen for Survivor?: I'm addicted to food and coffee. I'll get sick with headaches and hunger without them. Dirt doesn't bother me.

What life experience has helped prepare you for competing on this show?: Being an Eagle Scout.

What makes you a Survivor?: I'm

not going to compromise my principles, I'll play different and that's why I'll win. They're used to backstabbers.

Melissa Shoenheide



Age: 43
Hometown: Livonia

Profession: Franklin High School special education teacher

How many years watching the show: Since 2000.

Favorite previous Survivor competitor: Boston Rob

Favorite and least favorite challenges: I love all the challenges.

Who are the most annoying people on the show: Liars, except that's part of the game.

What is the scariest prospect if you are chosen for Survivor?: Being away from my family for 39 days.

What life experience has helped prepare you for competing on this show?: I'm a survivor of domestic violence. It prepares you for a lot more than you realize.

What makes you a Survivor?: I've had a few people try to destroy me in any way they could — financially, emotionally, psychologically. You don't let them. You go on and every day you get up.

Hailey Brooks



Age: 22
Hometown: Romeo

Profession: I just finished up as the WRIF rock girl. I bottle serve at 3 Fifty Terrace in Detroit and I'm a personal trainer.

How many years watching the show: I haven't watched the show, not even an episode.

Favorite previous Survivor competitor: Jay, he was also on Ex on the Beach on MTV.

Favorite and least favorite challenges: I have no idea about challenges.

Who are the most annoying people on the show: I don't know.

What is the scariest prospect if you are chosen for Survivor?: Figuring everything out, especially safety for food, because I'm vegan.

What life experience has helped prepare you for competing on this show?: I body build and my Mom's a gardener, so I have strength and know about plants. I'm strong-willed and goal-oriented.

What makes you a Survivor?: I'm a cute girl that can be a bad ass, too. You

can be both. That's why I'm here, to push myself.

Michael Harrison



Age: 36
Hometown: Trenton

Profession: Welding contractor for the Marathon oil refinery in Detroit.

How many years watching the show: 10

Favorite previous Survivor competitor: Rick Devins, he has a similar personality to me.

Favorite and least favorite challenges: Favorite is anything in the ocean. Least favorite is bug-eating.

Who are the most annoying people on the show: Arrogant people.

What is the scariest prospect if you are chosen for Survivor?: Being away from my family, I have a 1-month-old, and a 6- and 3-year-old.

What life experience has helped prepare you for competing on this show?: The people I work with — some are rugged, some are educated. When I was in elementary school, my teacher called my Mom and told her to not let me sell anything else at school.

What makes you a Survivor?: Just being the overall package — I'm humble and a people person, and athletic. I love to be outside competing.

DaVonta Grant



Age: 24
Hometown: Flint

Profession: Salesman at Todd Wenzel car dealership

How many years watching the show: Off and on for 10 years

Favorite previous Survivor competitor: Joe or Ozzy

Favorite and least favorite challenges: I like the physical challenges, I don't like the balance challenges.

Who are the most annoying people on the show: People with a sheep mentality. They don't try to win.

What is the scariest prospect if you are chosen for Survivor?: Long swimming challenges. I can swim, but I can't float. I'll be like Nemo — just keep swimming.

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Michigan's most popular state park campgrounds

Tanya Wildt Detroit Free Press
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Trying to find a campsite at Michigan's most popular state parks during the summer isn't an easy feat.

It's the peak season for camping, and data from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources show most sites at parks with the highest traffic are reserved between June and August.

However, all hope is not lost.

You'll have better chance of finding an available site during the week when some popular parks see a sizable decrease in reservations.

Here's a look at the five most popular Michigan State Park campgrounds by occupancy rates, according to data from June through August 2017.

5. Sleepy Hollow State Park

Sleepy Hollow State Park is located northeast of Lansing in Laingsburg, Michigan and has more than 181 modern campsites.

On the weekend, park occupancy was 97%, according to Jason Fleming, chief of resource protection and promotion for the DNR's parks and recreation division.

Occupancy dropped quite a bit during the week to 59.8%, making weekdays your best chance to reserve a spot.

4. Lakeport State Park

Lakeport State Park on Lake Huron has a total of 250 modern sites divided between two campgrounds, according to the DNR.

It has 97.1% occupancy on the weekend, but only 76% during the week, offering campers better odds to find a site at the popular park.

3. Grand Haven State Park

Grand Haven State Park on the shores of Lake Michigan and the Grand River has 174 modern campsites on pavement.

Occupancy is high here on both the weekend and during the week at 98% and 94%, respectively.



Securing a reservation at Holland State Park will be the toughest for campers this summer. PHOTOS COURTESY OF GOOGLE MAPS

2. Ludington State Park

Located between Lake Michigan and Hamlin Lake, Ludington State Park has three modern campgrounds with 347 campsites combined.

The weekend occupancy is 98.3% and weekday is 96.2%.

Ludington State Park topped the list of most camp nights in 2018 with 49,173.

1. Holland State Park

Holland State Park, with Lake Michigan on one side and Lake Macatawa on the other, had 98.6% occupancy on the weekend and 96.3% during the week.

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What life experience has helped prepare you for competing on this show?: My social game is there and I played high school sports.

What makes you a Survivor?: I've survived the worst economic city in Michigan. I survived that, I can survive this show.

Emily Stamm

Age: 33

Hometown: Perry

Profession: I work two jobs, at a truck stop and Hungry Howie's.

How many years watching the show: Since season one, but off and on the last eight or nine years because of working.

Favorite previous Survivor competitor: Rupert and Cowboy Caleb

Favorite and least favorite challenges: My favorite was when they untangled from a knot and found the keys for a box. Least favorite is when they have to eat bugs.

Who are the most annoying people on the show: The ones that let their emotions control them and the back-



Stamm



Kyle Jason of Detroit competed on season 32 of the CBS show "Survivor."

stabbers.

What is the scariest prospect if you are chosen for Survivor?: Dehydration. Weather and bugs don't bother me.

What life experience has helped prepare you for competing on this show?: Camping and fishing when I was younger.

What makes you a Survivor?: I'm not willing to give up. I don't lay there. If I need to fix it, I fix it.

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Brother Rice defeats CC in final second

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For most of the afternoon it felt like Detroit Catholic Central was going to capture its second consecutive state championship — but luckily for Birmingham Brother Rice, the only score that matters is the one on the score-

board when the clock hits triple zeros.

With just one second remaining in the game, Brother Rice senior captain Justin Glod fired a shot past Catholic Central goalie Jakob Hemme, who by all accounts played a great game, giving Brother Rice a 14-13 lead. It was the team's first lead since the middle of the second quarter and would hold as the final score in the state title game at How-

ell's Park Middle School.

The Warriors fan section exploded and the team's sideline jumped for joy, shouting and hugging all-around. Brother Rice was back on top as the Michigan state champions, one year after falling to the Shamrocks in the title game.

It's Brother Rice's 14th state championship in the last 15 years, a dynasty ri-

valed by nothing else in Michigan high school sports.

"It's pretty awesome," Brother Rice coach Ajay Chawla said. "I wasn't wanting to get into a shootout like we did today, but ending like that is a hell of an ending. It was a fun game — more so to watch than it was to coach I'm sure. It's

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GIRLS SOCCER



Plymouth coach Jeff Neschich holds up the Wildcats' Division 1 regional soccer trophy as his team celebrates.
PHOTOS BY JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth girls team headed to Final Four

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Plymouth's girls soccer team is crushing the notion that life gets tougher the further you advance in the state tournament.

On Friday at Dearborn High, the Wildcats bolted to a 2-0 lead in the opening 14 minutes of their Division 1 regional final match against Ann Arbor Huron before posting a never-really-in-doubt 3-1 victory.

Plymouth hammered Dearborn, 3-0, in Wednesday's regional semifinal — six nights after engineering an epic comeback in its district final match against Canton.

Now 18-4-1, Plymouth earned a state semifinal date with Troy played Wednesday at Troy Athens High School.

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Plymouth players rejoice seconds after the clock hit zeroes Friday night. The Wildcats beat Ann Arbor Huron 3-1, then went on to beat Dearborn High 3-0.

GIRLS SOCCER

Novi blasts Grand Blanc in rematch

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In the last meeting between Novi and Grand Blanc, it took 77 minutes before either team scored a goal.

This time, Novi pounced on the Bobcats twice in the first half, building an early lead en route to a 4-0 victory last Thursday night at West Bloomfield High School.

The win sent Novi to the state semifinals, where it was scheduled to play Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central on Wednesday at Holt High School. Forest Hills Central beat Midland 2-0 in the regional finals to get there. Find the latest scores online at hometownlife.com.

After playing teams for the second or third time this season to this point in the playoffs, the Wildcats were excited to play a team for the first time this season, which Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer says may have helped the team have the outstanding game it did.

"I think that was definitely our most complete game," Novi coach Todd Pfeiffer said. "We finally saw someone we haven't seen before ... so I think that that helped too. It was refreshing. We knew how bad they wanted this, Grand Blanc, they're phenomenal. Greg (Kehler) is such an awesome coach. ... We knew it was going to be a great game and had to step it up."

Novi junior Avery Fenchel got the scoring started. She dished a nice pass to senior Julia Stadtherr who stopped the ball, turned and placed a through ball right to Fenchel who had run by the defense.

She shot it low and past Grand Blanc goalie Madison McKay and celebrated with a fist pump as she gave her team the lead with 18:59 left to play in the half.

"It was great teamwork getting the ball up the field," Fenchel said. "I was able to see Julia wide, we'd talked about her staying wide for the ball and I saw a gap between the defenders and I ran through and she gave me a perfect ball, so credit to her."

About 12 minutes later, senior Jessica Bandyk hit senior Lexi Whalen with a pass, who chipped it over the head of McKay and into the net.

"The chemistry (with Stadtherr and Bandyk) is great," Fenchel said. "We've been playing together since my freshman year so we have the experience. ... I think that Jessie gives great balls to me and Julia same thing, it's a great connection between us."

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Rematch

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It was a dominant first half by the Wildcats, who held Grand Blanc without any real scoring chances. The Bobcats had an occasional shot, but nothing that caused too much of a problem for the Wildcat defense.

"We talked about starting quickly because we know how great of a team they are," Pheiffer said. "We told them if we can get one early and get them back on their heels, and we were able to do that. I think that kind of relieved a little of the pressure of knowing a trip to the state semis was on the line."

The second half didn't go any better for Grand Blanc.

Just under 10 minutes into the half, Fenchel struck again. The goal was assisted by Bandyk, her second of the game.

With 20:46 remaining, Fenchel was awarded a free kick and connected, giving her a hat trick. She now has 24 goals this season — a team high for the All-American.

"When you think about 24 goals in the conference that we play in, playing Hartland three times, Brighton three times, Northville twice, Plymouth twice, Canton twice, Salem twice, Grand Blanc now, Stevenson twice — it's just a credit to how hard she has to work, because everybody knows what she's done all season and tries to mark her," Pheiffer said. "She does a great job moving up top to pick and choose her spaces."

Pheiffer added that Fenchel continues to stand out as an elite player not just because of her stats but because of everything that she brings to the offense.

"A lot of it is just the passion," Pheiffer said. "There's a lot of good forwards and people that score a lot of goals, but a lot of hers are because she wants to score. A lot of forwards would like to score, she wants to score. She'll crash the goal, make those runs through the back defense, she'll pick and choose. She has a very high soccer IQ."

Novi, which is ranked No. 1 in both the state and the entire country, improves to 24-0-1 overall and has shut out opponents in 22 of its 25 games — an unbelievable feat.

The last time the Wildcats lost was during last year's regular season, when they fell to none other than Grand Blanc. Grand Blanc ends the season with a record of 20-3-1.

"(Making the state semifinals) is a great accomplishment for our team,"



Novi teammates celebrate after winning the regional championship. PHOTOS BY MICHAEL VASILNEK/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Novi's Avery Fenchel, right, hugs a teammate after scoring a goal.

Fenchel said. "We're really motivated to win this again, so we'll just keep going out strong. Grand Blanc was a great opponent for us, great rematch from last year. I think we're gaining some confidence and moving forward."



Novi's Jessie Bandyk dribbles up the field against Grand Blanc.

Plymouth

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The Colts edged the Wildcats, 2-1, back in March.

Plymouth's depth and versatility were both on display against Huron.

Coach Jeff Neschich rotated players frequently throughout the first half, but the winners' controlled the play regardless of who was on the pitch.

"Until it cooled off, we had to keep fresh legs out there," Neschich said. "I gained confidence in the kids we had out there and I let them stay out there a little longer."

Among the Plymouth reserves who gave Huron fits were defenders Grace Brooks and Mackenzie Osgood, and forward Megan Wu.

Senior two-way standout Rebecca Przybylo supplied the versatility, excelling at goal-keeper in the first half before moving to forward for the final 40 minutes.

Przybylo made one sterling save, diving to her left to rob Huron's Minna Tremonti of a goal one minute before half-time. Thirty minutes later, she widened the Wildcats' lead to 3-0, settling a pass from Eve Davis 10 yards from the goal line before lasering a shot past Huron keeper Dana Decan.

"Becca brings a spark to us in our attack; she's so aggressive up there," Neschich said. "I always want her on the field and we have a strong backup keeper in Ashley Bowles. She's really good."

Przybylo said she savors Friday's victory for a variety of reasons.

"We hadn't been this far in the tournament since my sophomore year when we got beat, unfortunately, by Saline," she said. "Coming in this year, we knew we were going to be good, we thought we could go a long way."

"I'm just happy that I'm not done playing. I get to keep playing my senior season and I get to keep practicing and playing with my teammates. We love going to every practice and every game. It's a big family."



Plymouth's Sophie Zelek elevates to win a 50-50 ball from a Huron defender. JOHN KEMSKI/EXPRESS PHOTO

Senior forward Kennedy White was her usual crowd-pleasing, unselfish self, scoring the 'Cats' second goal — and her school-record 31st of the season — from a nearly impossible angle near the goal line from 15 yards out, while drawing double-teaming attention from Huron, opening lanes for her teammates.

Plymouth's Energizer Bunny — junior Lily Tiplady — was in the middle of the action more than she wasn't, fearlessly throwing her 5-foot-2 (maybe), 90-pound frame into the fray regardless of

the size of her Huron counterparts.

"I play aggressive, I guess, and fast," Tiplady said, when asked to describe her style of play. "This team is like a family. Everyone likes each other and we talk well together."

Friday's momentum-starter was junior Sophie Zelek, who broke a scoreless tie at the 31:56 mark when she deposited the ball into the net following a frenetic blast of pressure that was triggered by a well-placed corner kick.

Huron's lone goal was tallied by Tremonti, who answered Przybylo's goal

with a net-finder at the 10:16 mark.

"I thought Huron had some dangerous players," Neschich said. "They just couldn't get organized against our defense. They never got their attack going."

"We've made it to the regional final three or four times the past several years, but we hadn't won a regional since 2010, so this feels good. I've been coaching so long, I really don't feel the highs and lows like I used to, but this one definitely feels good."

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Lacrosse

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a sweet victory. It led us to a perfect season, and that was our goal from the first day that we stepped onto the field."

Brother Rice finishes the season an unblemished 22-0, while Catholic Central ends up 20-4. Three of those losses came to Brother Rice.

"It's been an incredible ride," Glod said. "Ever since last year's state championship game, the day after that we were back to work. ... We had this in mind the whole year. We knew we were going to get back here and we knew that we had to do everything we could to win this game and we did."

"Coming into this season, our only goal was the go undefeated. We knew that we could beat a lot of teams and we had the schedule to do it. Going undefeated is huge. We're one of four teams in school history to do it."

The comeback

The first quarter was all Catholic Central. The Shamrocks got out to a 6-2 lead and held it until Brother Rice stormed back in the second quarter with five straight goals. CC finished the half strong, however, taking a 10-7 lead into halftime.

The third quarter saw just three combined goals, before a back and forth final period.

Senior Joseph Kamish scored six goals for the Shamrocks, while senior Ryan Birney added four. The furious Shamrock attack put the Warriors on their heels, but Glod said they didn't let it faze them.

"We came together and said we can do this, it's no big battle for us, we've come back from worse," Glod said. "These guys aren't as good as us, flat out. We can beat them on any side of the field, that's pretty much how it was."

Glod backed up his talk on the field, scoring three goals, including of course the game winner. Brother Rice also had hat tricks from senior Dylan Braddock, junior Pat O'Hara and junior DJ Dixon.

With 2:29 left in the fourth quarter, Catholic Central took a 13-12 lead after Kamish's sixth goal of the game. It allowed a Brother Rice goal just over 30 seconds later and the game was tied with 1:55 to play.



Brother Rice senior captain Justin Glod goes in for a shot in front of Catholic Central's Keegan Koehler.
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A critical faceoff went the Warriors way, and the rest is history.

"We knew once we won that faceoff, we wanted to hold for the last shot," Chawla said. "Their offense had been scoring today, they were on and we knew we had to hold for the last shot. We have a lot of faith in our offense. We knew if we had the possession at the end of the game and had the ability to shoot and score it was going to happen. We ran through a play and missed the shot with eight seconds left and at that point you have to put it in the hands of the guy you trust."

There was one guy that Chawla knew needed to get the ball — Glod.

"We knew we had to put it in Glod's hands," Chawla said. "He's been there before, he's a senior, he's a leader, he's a hell of a good player and you guys saw

what happened, it was awesome."

Glod recognized the situation and as a senior captain, knew he had to make the most of the opportunity. He ran around from behind the net and to Hemme's left and put the ball in the back of the goal. He'll remember the aftermath for the rest of his life.

"I went into shock pretty quickly," Glod said. "I turned back at the crowd and put my hands up, it was probably the best feeling in the world. Seeing my teammates run after me, it's got to be one of the top five moments of my life."

A year in the making

After losing to Catholic Central on June 9, 2018 in last year's state championship game, Brother Rice became ultra motivated to get back to its winning

ways.

The team was right back on the field the next day.

"They came out with a lot of fire this year," Chawla said. "They came out June 10th last year with a lot of fire. The leadership on this team may be the best I've seen on any program I've played in or coached at. Our three captains were unbelievable. Everybody fed off that."

Glod, senior Mike Cosgrove and senior James Donaldson were the team's three captains.

It's fitting that the best rivalry in Michigan high school sports finished with a bang. It was the sixth straight season the two Catholic League clubs met in the state final.

"When you realize your goals, there's something really special about that," Chawla said.

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BASEBALL

CC beats Stevenson, falls to Fenton in regionals

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Until the fourth inning, things were looking good for Livonia Stevenson. Starting pitcher Nick Olsen was cruising, and the Spartans held a one run lead.

That good feeling didn't last much longer than that, however, and Detroit Catholic Central went on to win 6-1 at Catholic Central High School to advance to the regional finals.

It all started with CC's Ryan Marra, who led off the bottom of the fourth inning with a single. That brought Joe Hardenbergh to the plate, who hit a ground ball to second base, which was flipped to the shortstop Jacob Townley in an effort to get the lead runner out and possibly turn a double play.

Marra slid hard into the bag and took out Townley in the process as he slid into and just beyond the base. He was called safe.

Four batters later, Catholic Central took a 3-1 lead after a suicide squeeze by Jake Zeeb and a two-run single by Regan Paulina. The Stevenson staff was furious — and their gripe was legitimate.

According to the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) Rule 2-32, Marra should've and could've been called out for taking out Townley with his slide.

The rule states that the runner is out if he slides beyond the bag and "makes contact with, or alters, the play of the fielder."



Stevenson was upset that Shamrock Ryan Marra was called safe on this play at second after he slid through the bag and wiped out Jacob Townley, top.

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"We got a horrible call at second base on what I perceived as interference," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "The umpire misinterpreted the rule, and as a result, instead of it being double play, it's not and they come back and get the momentum. We just couldn't get anything (after that). I'm not criticizing him, the guy just didn't know the rule."

Berryman went on to say that you can't say turf because if you slide into the kid and knock him down, he's out and you can't say intent because you can't read somebody's mind.

"I'm not taking away any credit though," Berryman said. "The young man that pitched for Catholic Central did a fine job. He mixed his pitches, he was up, he was down and he changed

speeds. He did that well and kudos to him."

That CC pitcher was senior Thomas Sylvester, who was absolutely dominant.

He pitched a complete game and struck out nine batters while allowing only one run. He had four 1-2-3 innings, including the final two and gave up only two hits. Several runners reached on fielder's choices and errors, but no harm came of it outside of an RBI single by Evan Bradford in the second inning.

"Thomas Sylvester was unbelievable," Catholic Central coach Dan Michaels said. "He threw almost 70 percent strikes and probably should've had a shutout. I can't say enough about him."

He added that Sylvester probably hit the 86 and 87 miles per hour mark a few times during the game.

"Everything felt good, everything was working really well. I got a few changeups over in the beginning and the curveball was really working late. I got a lot of swing and misses," Sylvester said. "I felt good early, a couple quick innings to start off and felt like that kept going."

CC piled on two more runs in the fifth inning on a two-run single by Blake Salamon before Marra tacked on another in the sixth with an RBI single. The Shamrocks' bottom three hitters, Salamon, Zeeb and Paulina combined for five RBIs.

"Every one of those guys can get a hit," Michaels said. "When I'm standing down there at third base and they come up, I know we have a chance because they can hit. It was a great squeeze bunt

by Zeeb. I wanted to get that run and I knew Rick knew I was going to do it. I think they tried a little pitch-out and Zeeb is probably our best bunter and got it down."

It was the second time the teams have played this season. They played during the first week of the season and CC squeaked out a win. Both teams grew much stronger as the year went on, leading to this moment.

"This was great," Michaels said. "We played Rick and the boys in the second game of the year, they're a good team. First five or six batters in the game we played in March, it was 4-0 (Stevenson lead). They threw a four-spot on us so I kept thinking about that the whole game, knowing it wasn't over. That catcher and first baseman, they can mash."

Michaels said it was because of that game that he decided to keep Sylvester in the game instead of taking him out to be available during the team's next game. He ultimately decided to keep him in because he didn't want to allow Stevenson back in the game.

The game was moved to Catholic Central after the field conditions at Farmington High School, where the game was originally scheduled, were poor. It was Berryman who called Michaels and suggested it.

It's the first time CC has reached the regional finals since 2016. Catholic Central lost, 6-1, to Fenton in the regional finals. The Shamrocks finished the season 22-8-1 overall.

Stevenson finishes a great season with a record of 23-12.

Livonia Franklin to hold summer baseball camp

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Livonia Franklin head coach Matt Pournier and the rest of the coaching staff is holding a pair of summer base-

ball camp for area players.

The "Future Stars" camp is open to boys and girls exiting grades two through eight. Each camp will spend two days focusing on sport specific skills.

The first camp, which will be for

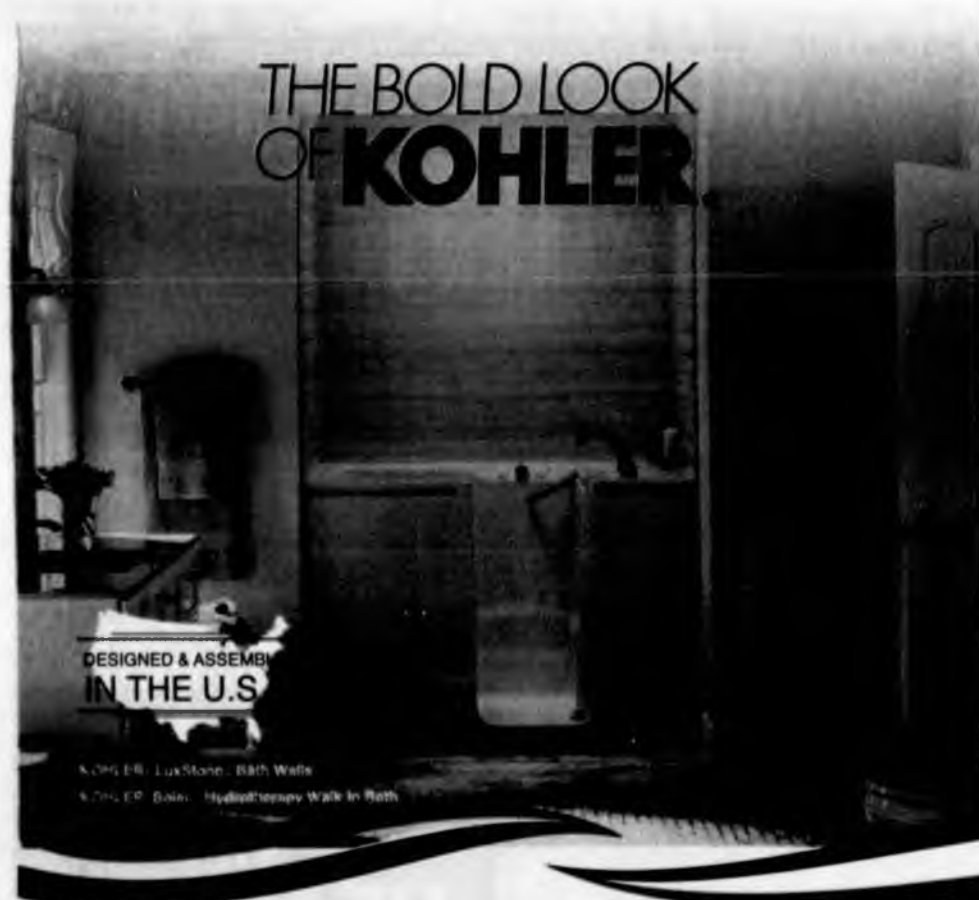
campers exiting grades 5-8, will be held June 24-25. The second camp, for grades 2-4, will be June 26-27. Both will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at Franklin High's baseball and softball fields.

The cost is \$50 per student and includes a t-shirt.

The registration deadline is Friday, June 21.

For more information, contact Pournier at mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us.

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Ranking the top 10 public golf courses in Metro Detroit for 2019



Lyon Oaks Golf Course in Wixom is the jewel of the five courses run by Oakland County and offers a stunning setting. COURTESY OF OAKLAND COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

ABOVE PAR

Carlos Monarrez Detroit Free Press | USA TODAY NETWORK

The Free Press' ranking of metro Detroit's top 10 public golf courses for 2019 features two new entries that offer stellar conditions, variety and beauty.

It's always a challenge to boil the best of the best down to some selective criteria, but anyone who loves golf should find these entries enjoyable this year.

No. 1: The Orchards Golf Club, Washington

This Robert Trent Jones Jr. course on 525 acres of apple orchards remains a masterpiece since it opened in 1993. The Orchards is as true a test of golf as you will find, with so much variety that all 14 clubs will be dirty by the end of your round. The course offers elevation, subtle greens and a staff that provides impeccable service.

The Orchards likes to bill itself as "your club for the day," and it feels that way from the minute an attendant greets you in the parking lot. Bonus points for being able to see the Detroit skyline 40 miles away when you stand on the first tee on a clear day.

No. 2: Shepherd's Hollow Golf Club, Clarkston

If you say Shepherd's Hollow to someone who knows the course, they're certain to invoke the "it feels like Up North" mantra this track inspires. You're just an hour outside of Detroit, yet it feels like you've traveled through a wormhole to the secluded sanctuary of our northern hinterland on 27 holes Arthur Hills coaxed out of 350 acres of elevated, rolling, wooded golf majesty. As a bonus, the clubhouse — with its French doors, white coffered ceiling and charming veranda — might be the finest of any public course in the country.

No. 3: Graystone Golf Club and Banquet Center, Washington

Jerry Matthews' design is a superb, fun and challenging test. The highlight is the 16th, 17th and 18th holes that wrap around a water-filled quarry and comprise what likely are the best three finishing holes on a public course in Michigan.

No. 4: WestWynd Golf Course, Oakland Township

No two holes feel the same on this course that offers plenty of elevation and gorgeous rugged bunkering that inspire your secret wish to wear a kilt. The course is in great shape and requires you to often consider your club selection. The greens are huge, multi-tiered and subtle.

But you'll mostly be impressed with the course's level of detail and service. An attendant will snatch your bag in the parking lot, rangers patrol frequently and a refreshment cart is available weekday mornings. There's also a subtle elegance to the course. Cart paths consist entirely of brick pavers, you'll spot a little rock-formation stream on the third hole and a flower bed adorns a walk to a par-three green. The only thing holding WestWynd back is the absence of a driving range, a major flaw for an elite course.

No. 5: Lyon Oaks Golf Club, Wixom

Lyon Oaks remains the jewel of the five courses run by Oakland County and



The course at the Orchards Golf Club is a true test, with so much variety that all 14 clubs will be dirty by the end of your round. DAVID P. GILKEY/DETROIT FREE PRESS

offers a stunning setting among a hardwood forest and wetlands. The course is usually in great shape and the greens roll fast and true. It's a tough but fair test of golf. But be mindful of the wind, which can turn Lyon Oaks into a growling beast.

No. 6: Lakes of Taylor Golf Club, Taylor

The residents of Taylor should count themselves lucky for being allowed to enjoy this magnificent municipal course for the humble peak rate of \$45. The 7,028-yard layout has tons of variety, beautiful bunkering, a cool stadium hole on the first tee and a picturesque 18th hole that's radiant at sunset.

No. 7: Coyote Preserve Golf Club, Fenton

The Arnold Palmer signature course is as beautiful as it is immaculate and challenging. The rugged bunkering and massive greens are wonderful. The 220-yard 17th hole is one of the best par threes in Michigan — bar none. It's almost all carry over water to a green fronted by boulders. Sure, you can bail out to the left. But did you really come to Coyote Preserve to bail out?

No. 8: Pine Trace Golf Club, Rochester Hills

It doesn't get the respect or accolades of Shepherd's Hollow, its sister course. But Pine Trace is a perfect blend of bucolic wonderland and demanding golf.

The seclusion and elevation of some interior holes even give this course — wait for it — an Up North feel. The final three holes are a subtle masterpiece.

No. 9: Stonabridge Golf Club, Ann Arbor

Our second new entry has enjoyed a sterling reputation among locals since it opened in 1991. Nested within an upscale community, this Arthur Hills course isn't easy to see or get to. But once you arrive, you feel like you've discovered a great secret. The condition of the course is impeccable and the immaculate greens are fun and fair. What the course lacks in elevation it makes up for in playability. It's also quite pretty. Look for swans on the pond off the 17th fairway. Stonebridge gets bonus points for the state-of-the-art GPS touchscreens in its carts that offer distances for drives, layups and approaches, as well as on-screen tournament scoring.

No. 10: Moose Ridge Golf Course, South Lyon

From the minute you step into the Montana-style lodge, you'll feel like you're playing golf at a special place. A stuffed 10-foot-tall Alaskan brown bear greets you inside the clubhouse, which is adorned with a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace and other mounted trophies. The pastoral setting is a beauty, but the golf course is a beast. Tough but fair, Moose Ridge's slopes, swales and prodigious length — the fourth hole is 630 yards — make it a daunting delight.

DETROIT FREE PRESS SPORTS AWARDS LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Farmington Hills Harrison football coach John Herrington receives the Lifetime Achievement award at the Detroit Free Press Sports awards at the Fillmore on June 6.
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How Harrison football coach Herrington became the G.O.A.T.

Mick McCabe
Special to Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

When John Herrington decided back in 1962 to become a high school football coach, you would have needed quite an imagination to predict he would wind up winning a record 13 state championships at Farmington Hills Harrison.

First of all, the state playoffs were only a rumor. They wouldn't begin for another 13 years.

Second, Harrison also was only a rumor, and wouldn't exist for another eight years.

Third, and most important, Herrington's football knowledge was... well... limited.

"He didn't know anything about football," said Ron Holland, the legendary North Farmington coach who hired Herrington and made him his junior varsity head coach.

Surely, Holland is exaggerating. You don't win a state record 443 games without being something of a football savant from the get-go.

"I couldn't diagram a play," Herrington admitted.

Herrington played college basketball at Central Michigan and chose to become the JV football coach at North over being the JV basketball coach at Oak Park.

He has come a long way since then. His 49-year career as a head coach will end at the end of this school year when Harrison closes its doors for good with Herrington having served as the school's only head football coach.

To honor his many achievements, Herrington received the lifetime achievement award at Thursday's Detroit Free Press Sports Awards presented by the Detroit Area Honda Dealers at the Detroit Fillmore.

Like a sponge

But seriously, how does someone without much of a football IQ, back then, go on to become the greatest coach in state history?

"When I started at North," Herrington said, "I had a great mentor in Ron Holland."

Holland was a terrific coach, leading North to the Free Press' 1970 mythical state championship.

As far as Herrington was concerned,



John Herrington, shown here embracing senior Roderick Heard in October 2018, won 13 state titles at Farmington Hills Harrison over 49 seasons.
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"He didn't know anything about football."

Ron Holland
Former North Farmington coach

whatever Holland said was gospel.

As the JV coach, Herrington ran Holland's offense and defense.

"Basically, I remember we had one defense — the wide tackle six — which wouldn't look too different from some defenses today, really," Herrington said. "I took the JVs and did the best I could and had pretty good talent."

But it was more than just good talent. Herrington became a sponge, soaking in everything Holland said.

"I got to go to all of the meetings with the varsity," he said. "And that's how I started to learn."

Over the years, Herrington learned more about football in the offseason than he did during the actual season. It began by attending clinics around the state.

"Ron taught me a great thing," he said. "He used to say: 'You sit in the front row and you take notes on everything.'"

Holland was even more specific than

just sitting in the front row.

"Front row on the right side," Holland said.

The North coaches were assigned to listen to different speakers. When they returned home, they typed up their notes and ran them off on the school's mimeograph machine and Holland distributed them to all of his coaches.

"We had everything covered that way," Herrington said. "I continued to do that and I still sit in the front row at all of the clinics."

Over the years, Herrington has heard hundreds of speakers; some were better than others.

Tony Mason, the former head coach at the University of Cincinnati and Arizona, was one of Herrington's all-time favorite speakers. He thinks he spoke on line play, but isn't sure.

"He was an amazing speaker," Herrington said. "I can't remember what he said, but it was very inspirational."

He remembers hearing basketball coach Bob Knight speak at a football clinic and he was impressed with Rick Neuheisel's take on the passing game.

"I think I've heard everybody from Bud Wilkinson on," Herrington said. "Of course, hearing Bo (Schembechler) was always fantastic. He didn't give you tons

of football stuff, but his presence was enough, there was no question about that."

Trial and error

The nuts and bolts of football were delivered by assistant coaches and the best of the assistants were often line coaches.

"They really get down into it," Herrington said. "Everything about taking a six-inch step to the left and a six-inch step to the right and so on. They're good."

The best of the line coaches, according to Herrington, were Michigan's Jerry Hanlon and Buck Nystrom, who coached at Northern Michigan and Michigan State.

"Buck would take his teeth out, set them on the desk and get a demonstrator up there with him," Herrington said. "He'd get down in a stance and hit the guy and actually knocked him off the stage."

There were not that many big clinics in the 1960s, so coaches who wanted to improve their knowledge base would meet informally throughout the winter.

The mini-clinics moved from school to school and one of the constants at them was the late Dr. Don Lessner, who was the highly-successful coach at Riverview.

"It seemed like everybody was there," Holland said. "Don took all the notes and sent them to us and it was like you just got something out of the library. Don was unbelievable."

Attendance for North assistants was optional, except for Herrington. But it wasn't exactly a hostage situation for him.

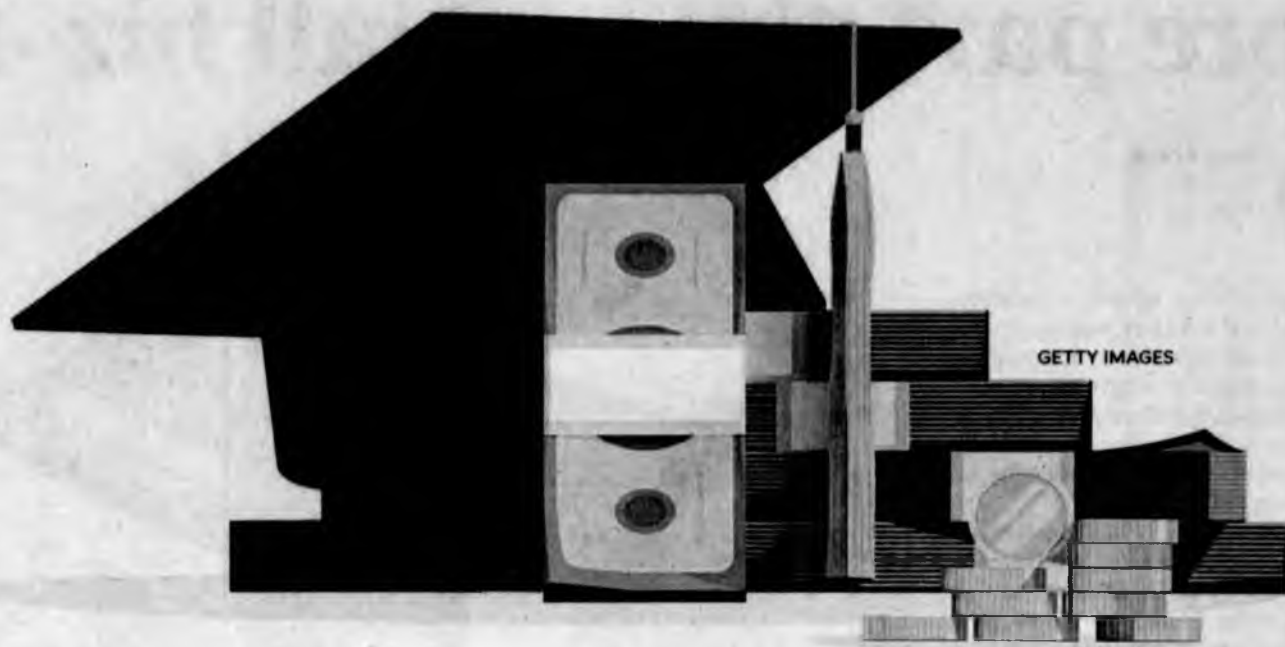
"Any staff that wanted to go could go, but John for sure because he was our head JV coach," Holland said. "He just wanted to go because he loved football. He just loved football."

Former Lutheran West coach Dennis Tuomi used to host clinics in his basement and Herrington enjoyed being there.

"I started going there with Ron and just continued going," he said. "Then I started running clinics in my house and had people like the late Dave Schmidt from Pontiac Northern, Mike Boyd from Lakes and Darrell Harper, who was at

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Don't be an ATM for your college graduate



Janna Herron
USA TODAY

Congratulations: Your child is now a college graduate and ready to embark on adulthood. Or is she?

Many parents are helping their adult children pay for everyday expenses, from groceries and cellphone bills to rent and student loans.

In some cases, the support is putting the parents' financial security at risk.

A Bankrate survey last month found that half of American parents with adult children say their financial help has jeopardized their retirement savings. A survey last year from Merrill Lynch found that half of parents would draw down savings and a quarter would go into debt or pull from their retirement to help their adult kids.

"As parents, we love our children and want to help them when we are financially able to," says Satoru Asato, a certified financial planner in Bloomington, Minnesota. "(But) if parents are financially tapped out, they can't help their children. In some cases, they can become financially dependent and a burden."

That doesn't mean that you can't help your kids. But you should do it with the same careful consideration as any other financial decision.

Here's what a handful of financial planners recommend doing.

■ **Know what you can give:** Don't be a 24/7 bank for your children. Instead,

run the numbers or work with a financial planner to determine how much money you need to save to meet your retirement needs and what is left over.

Determine how long you want to help your adult children and be upfront that this is a temporary arrangement, says Deborah Badillo, a financial planner at The Lubitz Financial Group in Miami. She also recommends putting it in writing.

"For the adult children to really get the message, this message needs to be repeatedly given to them," Badillo says.

It's also smart to have a contingency plan if you lose a job, have an unexpected expense or another emergency that alters what you can provide. Your children should understand those circumstances, too.

■ **Allowance:** A self-described "softie," Leon LaBrecque, chief growth officer at Sequoia Financial Group, recommends providing the opposite of a graduated allowance that kids got when they were little. Instead of increasing the allowance amount, you reduce it each month by a certain amount until it's eliminated.

"(The) rules of engagement are simple: Don't bug us for more than your stipend unless it's life-threatening," LaBrecque says. "So think of it as 'financial weening.'"

■ **Encourage saving:** Help your children plan for the down the road and get ahead on retirement savings, something that many Americans lack. Give

them seed money to fund a Roth IRA or cover what they lose from their paycheck after they put 10% into their 401(k), says Sean Pearson, a financial adviser at Ameriprise Financial in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

"That will be easier to wind down than if you are paying for a car or insurance," he says.

■ **Lend, don't give:** "The big boost I'd recommend is if the parents have the ability to help the children by purchasing a home, and being the mortgage company," says Joseph Clemens, owner of Wisdom Wealth Strategies in Denver.

Clemens says parents can offer a lower – but still fair – interest rate than a traditional bank and require no down payment. The loan can also be structured so the children get a tax deduction if they take it, and the mortgage payment to Mom and Dad provides a stream of fixed income. This can also work for purchasing cars.

■ **Boomerang twist:** If your children are living with you, help them get into the habit of paying rent, says Matthew Gaffey, senior wealth manager at Corbett Road Investment Management. Set the rent at a smaller, very manageable amount and after say, three months, the rent will increase by an amount that you set. That sends a simple message to your kids, Gaffey says.

"We're here for you. We love you. We support you. At some point though, the goal is for you to move on and move

out," he says.

Here's another thought: Save some or all of that rent money in an account that you can gift to them later for a down payment on a house.

■ **Skip the smaller stuff:** Instead of picking up monthly bills for your child, consider giving a one-time gift to help them get started. You can follow up with unexpected giving afterward, but not so consistently that your child becomes dependent.

"Helping with rent, regular bills or providing a monthly stipend makes it very hard for a young person to feel the need, or the success, of achieving independence," says Elizabeth Miller, president of Summit Place Financial Advisors in New Jersey. "The trouble is, that time and time again, we have seen when families provide a safety net, it is very hard to pull it away."

■ **It's not just money:** If you can't afford to provide financial assistance – or not as much as you'd like – you can still help your child learn to manage money. Educate them on what things cost and how to find deals. Discuss the importance of having good credit, saving for emergencies and investing for the long term.

"Share the way you manage your budget," says Katrina Soelter, director of wealth management at KCS Wealth Advisory. "Knowing what works and doesn't work for an adult they respect can help children navigate their own way to budget."

ASK HUMAN RESOURCES

Staying positive when job hunting



Johnny C. Taylor
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Johnny C. Taylor Jr., a human-resources expert, is tackling your questions as part of a series for USA TODAY. Taylor is president and CEO of the Society for Human Resource Management, the world's largest HR professional society.

The questions are submitted by readers, and Taylor's answers below have been edited for length and clarity.

Question: I graduated from college and moved back home. I'm looking for a job but haven't landed anything yet. I am getting discouraged. How do I stay positive and motivate myself to apply for jobs when I'm getting rejected? – Anonymous

Johnny C. Taylor Jr.: You've probably heard the expression that finding a job is a full-time job. In some ways, it's true. But in other ways, it contributes to the negativity you are feeling.

Stop fretting, take a deep breath and focus. You will find that perfect job.

The good news is that job seekers have an advantage in today's market. You are entering the workforce at a time when there are more jobs available than people to fill them.

But that doesn't mean you don't need to work to find a job.

You are more likely to remain positive and motivated during your search if you know that you are taking the right steps.

Start by expanding your search. The No. 1 mistake new graduates make is seeking only a specific job or two based on their degree. No matter what industry you join, you are likely to start in an entry-level position. So, widen the possibilities by seeking opportunities in adjacent fields that also need your skills.

Consider relocating. Too many people say there are no jobs – when what they really mean is there are no jobs in the city or state they want to live in. Iowa has the lowest unemployment rate in the country. Imagine the opportunities awaiting someone there.



Expand your search beyond one or two specific jobs. GETTY IMAGES

Build a strong social media presence, particularly on LinkedIn, to showcase your relevant experience to a professional network. (And, while you're at it, clean up your presence across all social platforms so it reflects the professional image you seek to convey.)

Don't overlook your community. The family members, friends, teachers, neighbors and others who helped you get to college and succeed there, also can help you in your search. Make it well known that you are looking for work. You might be surprised at who can connect you to a job opening or hiring manager.

Remember, too, that family and friends cheer you on. So, turn to them for reassurance when you're feeling pessimistic.

Isolation can lead to discouragement, so put down your laptop and

phone. Exercise, spend time with friends, lend a helping hand to your parents, keep up with hobbies or learn a new sport.

Volunteering will get you out of the house, and it will provide you with valuable skills and experiences and fill in the gap between college and professional work on your resume. The contacts you meet in volunteering will expand your professional network.

Lastly, keep in mind that just because you didn't hear from an employer immediately doesn't mean you aren't being considered. Recruiters and hiring managers must sort through resumes and schedule interviews. Often, it takes time. Keep at it, stay determined and think smart, and soon the answer will be, "The job is yours."

Q: I've heard some companies are

helping workers pay off their student debt. It's not something my company said it offered when I was hired. How do I go about asking if it's available? And if it's not, how can I suggest that my company provide it? – Anonymous

Taylor: If you have a college loan, you are among the 44 million Americans who together hold more than \$1.5 trillion in student debt. And that debt is growing.

Because of this alarming trend, some companies are updating their employee perks to include loan repayment benefits. Check with your HR department or the benefits section of your employee handbook to see if your company offers such a benefit. If it does, an HR representative can tell you how and when you qualify.

One way the repayment benefit works is in monthly contributions made by employers directly to employees' student loan servicers.

Student debt repayment is a relatively new employee benefit, offered primarily by large organizations and tech startups. But the percentage of companies offering it increased from 4% to 8% in the last year.

If your company is not offering it, talk with HR about why it would be a good addition. Be sure to make a business case as well as a personal appeal.

You can do that by noting that both employers and their employees report higher satisfaction with benefits when financial wellness programs are offered.

The advantage is clear: 70% of those with student loan debt are concerned about not having enough resources to pay it off. Workers saddled with debt are less likely to save for retirement or buy a home. When workers' financial wellness suffers, so potentially do their productivity and engagement at work.

For employers, offering the benefit allows them to be competitive during a period when unemployment is less than 4% and talented workers have choices about where they work. More than one-half of working Americans said such a benefit would play a role in how they evaluate job opportunities.

More part-time, small biz 401(k)s?



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Washington is so mired in political gridlock these days that you don't expect to see much bipartisan action anytime soon on much of anything.

But legislation to enhance retirement savings seems to have legs, especially after the House passed the bill May 23 by a whopping 417-3 vote.

House Resolution 1994, the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement or SECURE Act, and a similar bill in the Senate would expand access to retirement-savings programs for part-time workers and people employed by small businesses.

It would provide incentives to employers to encourage this and even offer enticements to well-off seniors who own IRAs.

Focus on 401(k) plans

The emphasis, though, is on workplace 401(k)-style programs and getting more nonsavers to participate in them.

Roughly every other U.S. worker holds a job that doesn't offer retirement benefits, according to AARP. The legislation would allow more smaller employers, regardless of industry or business, to band together to create collective 401(k) plans and thereby benefit from economies of scale and reduced administrative hassles.

"It allows for nationwide plans where hundreds or thousands of employers could join together," said Andrew Schreiner, a senior vice president focused on workplace investing at Fidelity Investments. "The No. 1 way to get people on the right path to retirement is to have their employers offer a plan."

The legislation would offer expanded incentives to encourage more smaller employers to offer retirement programs, such as a new \$500 annual tax credit to help pay for plan-adoption costs.

Tax credits would be available to employers that adopt retirement plans that use automatic enrollment, automatic contributions, low-cost accounts and similar features. Auto enrollment in-



Small employers rarely can afford to offer traditional pensions and often struggle in crafting a worthwhile 401(k) program, but it can be done. GETTY IMAGES

voles signing up workers unless they opt out.

It's an effective way to get reluctant, less-sophisticated people on board by taking advantage of the natural human tendency toward inertia.

Once workers are enrolled, they typically stay put.

Retirement coverage still lacking

Granted, workers who lack workplace 401(k)-style plans generally still have access to IRAs, yet they are underutilized.

Only 11% of American households contributed to either traditional or Roth IRAs in 2017, according to a study by the Investment Company Institute, a mutual-fund trade group.

That means the better opportunity to extend retirement preparedness lies in employer-sponsored programs, which typically include matching funds and convenient paycheck deductions, among other features.

Another promising aspect of the legislation is that it would expand access to retirement-savings programs beyond full-time staff to include many permanent part-time employees.

Part-time workers and those employed by small businesses are two de-

The legislation would offer expanded incentives to encourage more smaller employers to offer retirement programs, such as a new \$500 annual tax credit to help pay for plan-adoption costs.

mographic groups that have been falling behind in retirement preparedness, and part-time employment could expand further with rise of the gig economy.

"Overall, we think it's a great common-sense piece of legislation to make a dent in the (retirement) coverage gap," Schreiner said.

Changes affecting IRAs, annuities

While 401(k) plans are the focus, the legislation also would tweak certain other types of savings accounts, including IRAs.

For seniors who have traditional IRAs and don't immediately need to

spend their money, the act would raise the age when required minimum distributions must start from age 70½ currently to 72.

Many affluent people in this group often dislike RMDs because withdrawals from traditional IRAs are taxed as ordinary income, and that can make some of a person's Social Security benefits taxable, too. (Roth IRA distributions aren't subject to RMD rules.)

Also under the proposal, people who continue to work into retirement age would be able to continue socking away money into IRAs. Currently, contributions are prohibited beyond age 70½.

The program also could expand access to annuities in workplace 401(k)-type plans.

Many conservative investors might appreciate this feature, as annuities typically are risk averse and offer a guaranteed income stream for life, making them especially attractive for people who expect to live a long time.

However, most Americans already have or will have access to an annuity-type asset that pays income for life in retirement — Social Security. Many people thus might want to invest more aggressively outside annuities in stock mutual funds, the mainstay holdings of most 401(k) plans.

Reaction generally favorable

In addition to broad bipartisan appeal, the legislation has been welcomed warmly by many in the financial industry. "Reforms such as repealing the maximum age for making traditional IRA contributions and increasing the age required for mandatory distributions will help align policy with the reality that people are living longer today," said Paul Schott Stevens, president and CEO of the Investment Company Institute, in a prepared statement.

Roger Ferguson Jr., president and CEO of investment-company TIAA, in a prepared statement said the legislation would "holistically improve" the retirement situation for millions of people.

"It will ensure that retirement plans cover more Americans and that they can save enough in such plans to fund sufficiently their retirement," he said.

Do homework to avoid passport and visa problems



On Travel
Christopher Elliott
USA TODAY

If you think your international travel documents for your next trip abroad are ship-shape, you might want to talk to Chrysoula Chrysogelou.

Chrysogelou, a hotel manager from Greece, was flying from Athens to Chicago recently when a Lufthansa agent told her — wrongly, as it turned out — that her permit from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's visa waiver program (ESTA) was invalid.

Because it was going to expire before she returned home, she had to pay \$522 for an earlier flight. She hoped Lufthansa might refund the money once it realized its error, but it refused.

Travel document requirements can be complicated, but as Chrysogelou found out the hard way, they've become even trickier lately.

Passengers say that on top of having to obtain the proper visas for their destinations, they also now must meet an airline's requirements, which can be even stricter. And even when airline staffers know the rules, those rules can be unevenly enforced.

So, unfortunately, it's on you to make sure you dot every "i" and cross every "t" before you board your plane to Europe this summer.

Visa waivers may not be enough

If you're traveling internationally, you might need a visa, which is an endorsement on your passport indicating that you may enter a country. Americans don't need visas to enter 116 countries — including 26 in Europe — for short-term tourism, business or layovers on the way to a non-treaty country. However, some popular destinations such as China and Brazil do require U.S. citizens to obtain visas.

In Chrysogelou's case, she qualified for a visa waiver for her trip to the United States. And while the waiver was valid when she began her trip, the German-based Lufthansa imposes an additional requirement: Passengers must have valid documents for the "entire duration" of their stay. (After I asked Lufthansa



These days, you may have to jump through extra hoops before you even make it to passport control. ENNIO LEANZA/EPA-EFE

about her case, it rescheduled her flights to her original dates.)

In other words, you need to know how long you can remain in your destination country without a visa. If your trip exceeds that period — typically 90 days for U.S. passport holders visiting European countries on business or leisure trips — you need to obtain a visa through the embassy of the country where you will spend the bulk of your visit.

To be on the safe side, the State Department also recommends that you make sure your passport is valid for six months past the date of your trip.

Chrysogelou isn't the only traveler with a tale of woe involving travel documentation and misinformed airline agents.

Atif Shabbirdin, a building manager from Boxhill, England, says his wife, who resides in Spain, ran into trouble when she tried to fly EasyJet from Malaga, Spain, to London.

"An EasyJet representative wrongfully stated that because she had a Moroccan passport, she needed a visa to join me in the U.K.," he says. "Prior to her travel, we had checked with the Border Control telephone helpline and were told there were no visa requirements."

Shabbirdin's wife showed the agent

her European Union-issued Spanish residence card, but it didn't help.

"EasyJet would not budge until my advocacy team showed it chapter and verse of the entry requirements," he recalls. "It then apologized and refunded the unused airline ticket. The airline also covered her expenses and the ticket she had to purchase."

There also is the case of Anita Tolani, an attorney from Bethesda, Maryland, whose Bahamas vacation was imperiled when American Airlines wouldn't let a member of her family board their flight from Washington, D.C., to Nassau.

"The gate agent would not allow my daughter to travel because her passport expired in February," she says. "The agent insisted that the passport had to be valid for six months after the Dec. 20 date of return." (As noted above, that is a recommendation from the State Department, not a hard-and-fast requirement, as the airline employee insisted.)

The State Department information page regarding travel to the Bahamas is clear: U.S. passports, it says, "must be valid at time of entry." American has a separate policy requiring all passports to be valid for at least six months past the date of travel.

I reached out to American about Tolani's case, and it issued two ticket

vouchers, plus two more \$200 vouchers for her "trouble."

Know the rules — all of them

Experienced travelers know that they need to know the rules before they travel. Get them from a reliable source — namely, a government agency. Then bookmark the relevant document on your smartphone and, to be extra safe, bring a printout, too.

"The only sure way to know if you have the right visa is to visit the official government website for the destination country and check the requirements for your passport," says Eric Wychopen, a frequent traveler and blogger based in Maastricht, Netherlands. "Going by the experience of other travelers or even relying on third-party visa providers is not a guarantee that your entry documentation is in order."

Where to find reliable info

To ensure you can make your international trip smoothly, you'll want to consult these sources. Make printouts of the appropriate pages and take them with you.

■ The State Department lists the most current passport and visa requirements for U.S. citizens.

■ You may also want to check with the embassy of the country you're visiting. For example, if you're headed to France, you can find out about its travel document requirements through its embassy in Washington.

■ The most reliable non-government source of travel documents information is Timatic, which you can access through the International Air Transport Association's Travel Centre.

Tom Harriman, an attorney based in Washington, D.C., says Timatic information carries a lot of weight with airlines when there's a question about your travel documents. "You hand the gate agent the Timatic printout," he says. "Game, set, match!"

■ Remember, the airline's requirements can differ from the official government requirements.

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For God and country

Country music is experiencing a religious revival as a slew of spiritual-themed songs climb the charts

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Country music stars are putting their faith in new songs that focus more on the church pew than the bar stool. ■ While religion has always been deeply entrenched in the genre, a slate of Christianity-infused tracks are receiving radio play this year, and they're being belted from award show stages. ■ At least seven high-profile songs reference God or his son or wade into the spirit of Christianity. ■ "It is noteworthy," country music historian Robert K. Oermann said. "It is not common that there'd be this many at the same time."

Blake Shelton's 'God's Country'

In April, Blake Shelton performed his foot-stomping anthem "God's Country" at the Academy of Country Music Awards in Las Vegas as the new single was shooting up the country airplay chart. The song was one of four sang from the award show stage that leaned into country music's fondness for Sunday mornings.

"God's Country," written by Jordan Schmidt, Michael Hardy and Devin Dawson, weaves together holy imagery with a rural pride and appreciation for the dirt beneath a farmer's feet.

"I saw the light in the sunrise/ Sittin' back in the 40 on the muddy riverside/ Gettin' baptized in holy water and shine/ With the dogs runnin'/ Saved by the sound of the been found/ Dixie whistled in the wind, that'll get you heaven bound/ The devil went down to Georgia but he didn't stick around/ This is God's country."

Little Big Town's 'The Daughters'

From the same stage, Little Big Town debuted its haunting single "The Daughters," which rolls through the unfair expectations society puts on women and girls. It's the last lines of the chorus that sound most like a prayer.

"And pose like a trophy on a shelf/ Dream for everyone, but not yourself/ I've heard of God the son and God the father/ I'm still looking for a God for the daughters."

Group member Karen Fairchild, who co-wrote "The Daughters" with Sean McConnell and Ashley Ray, said the song is not questioning God, but pushing listeners to think.

Matt Stell's 'Prayed for You'

The largely unknown Matt Stell stormed onto the radio chart this year with his runaway hit "Prayed for You."

Stell, who passed on Harvard University's pre-med program to take a music publishing deal in Nashville, wrote the confessional single with Ash Bowers and Allison Veltz. The song is a meditation on praying for a future spouse.

"'Cause every single day, before I knew your name/ I couldn't see your face, but I prayed for you/ Every heart-break trail when all hope fell/ On the highway to hell, I prayed for you/ I kept my faith like that old King James/ Said I'm supposed to/ It's hard to imagine, bigger than I could fathom/ I didn't know you from Adam but I prayed for you."

George Strait's 'God and Country Music'

Of the songs fueling this revival, it's "God and Country Music," a track on George Strait's new album, that illustrates country and religion's longstanding relationship best. The industry veteran performed the ode to two staples of pastoral American living at the April 7 award show.

"God and country music are like whiskey and a prayer/ Like Johnny Cash's arm around Billy Graham ... It's a dance between the sin and the salvation/ Come hell or high water/ There's two things still worth saving/ God and country music."

The genesis of the song is its title, said Luke Laird, who wrote it with Lori McKenna and Barry Dean. McKenna

threw out the words "God and Country Music" to the group, and Dean immediately started writing what would become the first verse as Laird played through a simple chord progression.

Laird, who co-founded the Nashville music publishing company Creative Nation with his wife, said he believes that without his creator there would be no creativity.

Saturday night and Sunday morning

But whether people believe in God as Laird does or not, religion is a cornerstone of country music.

"It goes back to the very beginning," Oermann, the Nashville-based music journalist and author, said. "Gospel music has always played an important part in country music."

Some of what are considered to be the first song recordings of the genre are steeped in religion, said Oermann, citing Tony Russell's book "Country Music Records: A Discography, 1921-1942."

In those formative years, Tennessee's own Vaughan Quartet recorded "Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray" in 1921, and about five years later, the Georgia-based Smith's Sacred Singers shocked Columbia Records when their "Picture from Life's Other Side" and "Where We'll Never Grow Old" became a best-seller, Oermann said.

The repertoire of the Carter Family, one of country music's founding superstar acts, is heavily laced with gospel music, he said. The words and notes of their heaven-inspired "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" wrap around the inside and outside of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum's rotunda.

Carrie Underwood's 'Love Wins'

Some artists, like country superstar Carrie Underwood, continue to return to the genre's religious roots. Her early hit, "Jesus, Take the Wheel," became a Christian crossover success just like her 2014 baptism-drenched "Something in the Water."

"Love Wins" is her latest to draw on Christian material. The hopeful, inspirational song written by Underwood, David Garcia and Brett James could read as a nod to eschatology, a biblical view on how the world will end.

"Sometimes it takes a lot of faith/ To keep believing there will come a day/ When the tears and the sadness, the pain and the hate/ The struggle, this madness, will all fade away, yeah/ I believe you and me are sisters and brothers/ And I, I believe we're made to be here for each other/ And we'll never fall if we walk hand in hand/ Put a world that seems broken together again/ Yeah I, I believe in the end love wins."

Thomas Rhett's 'Look What God Gave Her'

Rhett co-wrote his upbeat "Look What God Gave Her" with his dad, Rhett Akins, and a couple of his friends:

"Look what God gave her/ How perfect he made her/ She walks in the room/ It's like he answered my prayers/ The way that she moves/ How could anybody blame her?/ I know she's got haters/ But it ain't her fault, nah/ Look what God gave her."

Brad Paisley's 'My Miracle'

Paisley and his co-writer Gary Nicholson went more biblical in his swaying "My Miracle."

"This is the gospel according to me/ A tale of whiskey turned to wine/ Ain't no moving of a mountain/ Ain't no parting of the sea/ But I stand here witness to something just as divine."

While country stars embrace religious material, the songs tend to skim the surface theologically, David Dark, a Belmont University professor of religion and the arts, said.

He suspects that not delving too deeply into religion allows a song to resonate with the largest possible audience and boosts the bottom line for all who are trying to make a living off it.

"Vague love of God is part of the deal," Dark said. "You do have to at least pretend to believe in God."

Country music has held up a mirror to what is happening in American culture throughout its history, Oermann said.

"It's either a coincidence or it's reflective of how troubled the nation is and how much it's looking for some kind of solace," Oermann said.

"I don't think we'll know that until we look back 20 years from now and say, 'Oh look, look at that blip, look at that bump in popular God songs.'"

GOP's James to challenge Democrat Peters in Senate

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Republican businessman John James will challenge Democratic U.S. Sen. Gary Peters in 2020, he announced Thursday.

As a political newcomer, James, from Farmington Hills, put up a stronger-than-expected challenge to U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow in 2018.

"On the 75th anniversary of D-Day, the day America stepped into the breach to free the world from tyranny, I am announcing that I will be a candidate for the U.S. Senate next year," said James, a former U.S. Army captain and pilot from Farmington Hills. "I think that we are heading in the wrong direction as a country and I do not see the energetic, experienced and passionate leadership representing Michigan willing or able to unite our state toward a better and brighter future."



James

James, who filed paperwork with the Federal Election Commission, pledged to donate 5% of the money he raises during the campaign to charity.

Stabenow, who was expected to easily win a fourth six-year term in 2018, beat James by about 6.5 percentage points.

Though the race wasn't exceptionally close, many had expected a double-digit win for Stabenow against a political newcomer.

Peters of Bloomfield Township is a former congressman, state senator and state lottery director seeking a second term.

He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy Reserve.

"I'm focused on continuing to deliver results for Michigan," he said after James' announcement. "I'll keep working with anyone to improve life for Michi-

ganders, whether it's to expand training programs so everyone has the skills needed to find good-paying jobs, protect our Great Lakes or lower the cost of health care and prescription drugs."

Michigan Republican Party Chair Laura Cox praised James as "a true patriot who has dedicated his life to the service of our nation."

Republicans have not won a U.S. Senate seat in Michigan since 1994.

Lavora Barnes, chair of the Michigan Democratic Party, said she does not expect that to change.

"Voters in 2018 soundly rejected John James and his platform that ignored the hardworking families of Michigan," Barnes said in a news release. "Michigan voters will not be fooled by a reworked image of a failed candidate."

Obituaries

Anne Sparling

NORTHVILLE - Anne Sparling, age 89, of Northville, Michigan and Ormond Beach, Florida, passed away on June 4, 2019. Beloved wife of the late David M. Sparling Sr. and preceded in death by her daughter Lisa. Anne was the loving mother of Debi Mathias (Greg), Lisa Sparling Griffith (Ben), David M. Sparling Jr. (Christine) and Laura Sparling. Anne's joy came from her family and all their accomplishments. Anne's grandchildren are: Nic, Ryder, Tory, B. Ryder, Mallory, David III, Griffin, Travis, Chase, Amanda and Spencer. Anne's great-grandchildren include: Katie Rose, Maeve, Jack, Mena, Payton, Jacob, and Tesla. Anne's love for each member of her family, will forever be remembered.



Anne was born in 1930, and spent her childhood in East Bridgewater, Massachusetts and later in life moving many times from Detroit to other cities and back, including Melbourne Australia for 3 years. In High School, Anne and David met and fell love. Anne and David became a prominent Ford family with hard work and determination. Their lives were filled with travel all around the world and they enjoyed keeping up with the adventures of their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. After retirement, they migrated between Florida and Michigan yearly. Anne's days were filled with golf, cooking, shopping, friends and family.

A private family remembrance is planned. In memory of Anne Sparling, in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Lewy Body Dementia Association (<https://www.lbda.org/donate>).

Condolences may be submitted at www.mccabefuneralhome.com

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James "Jim" G. Tyler

NORTHVILLE - James "Jim" G. Tyler, a longtime resident of Northville, passed away on June 3, 2019. Born in 1935 in Portage, Pennsylvania, Jim attended Cass Tech High School in Detroit. He earned his Bachelor of Science from the Detroit Institute of Technology in 1966 and a Master of Science from Eastern Michigan University. Jim worked for 35 years as an engineer at Ford Motor Company, retiring in 2001. James loved following the stock market, kayaking on Crooked Lake at his cottage up north and biking along the intercostal near his home in Venice Beach, FL. He was always a night owl and loved to find that perfect "hot spot", which played his favorite music to practice his swing dancing and free style moves until late in the night. He adored his grandchildren. He loved listening intently to their sport stories, spoiling them during the holidays, playing practical jokes and trying to outsmart them with different games and gadgets. Jim loved all animals, especially the squirrels that would visit his side door daily or deer that would visit his property up north. James was preceded in death by his father and mother, Wilbur and Elizabeth, and wife, Marlene. He is survived by his daughter, Laurie (Mark) Bolach, and their three children, Spencer (17), Tyler (13) and Samantha (7); and his dear significant other Gail David. Services were held. In lieu of flowers, please make any donations to the Michigan Humane Society. Arrangements by Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, Royal Oak, www.Sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.



This three-bedroom home in Livonia is listed for \$165,000. Livonia has one of the lowest tax rates in Wayne County plus many starter-size homes and several public parks. COURTESY OF RE/MAX OF SOUTHEASTERN MICHIGAN

The top 5 communities for first-time home buyers

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Rising prices and slimmer inventories of for-sale houses have made it tough for many first-time home buyers in metro Detroit to find affordable places in their first or even second-choice communities.

Real estate agents insist there are still good options for would-be buyers, so long as they expand their geographic horizon and right-size their expectations.

There also are a variety of low-down-payment mortgage programs available to help buyers who lack the ready cash for a traditional 20% down payment.

A recent survey of agents and analysis of listings data by Re/Max of Southeastern Michigan produced a list of five cities and townships in metro Detroit that are well-suited for first-time buyers. The factors considered were affordability, neighborhood amenities and recent popularity with buyers.

The median home sale price for each community was obtained by Re/Max with data from the Real-comp multiple-listing service.

"The good news for buyers and sellers is that our local housing market remains healthy," said Jeanette Schneider, vice president of Re/Max of Southeastern Michigan.

1. Hazel Park, median price \$105,000

Forget your uncle's old "Hazelucky" jokes, Hazel Park above 8 Mile has emerged as southeastern Oakland County's newest hot entry-level home market.

Ted Reithel of RE/MAX Vision said it is common for house-hunters to get approved by mortgage lenders to borrow up to \$200,000, only to find nothing in their price range in Royal Oak, then surprisingly little in Ferndale. So those buyers come check out Hazel Park.

"Hazel Park was a little slower to come out of the recession, and Royal Oak and Ferndale had such high prices that people have kind of rediscovered Hazel Park," Reithel said.

A sizable number of Hazel Park houses on the market are being sold by investors who purchased them to rehab and flip, he said. So overall prices are rising, even though they are still below those in other real estate hot spots.

The city also has gained a new hipness factor with the arrival of several trendy restaurants, bars and coffee shops. As for the schools, there is the Hazel Park Promise Zone, which offers free tuition or scholarship dollars for Hazel Park High School graduates.

2. Westland, median price \$135,000

Westland has been popular for years with home buyers seeking a reasonable deal. The city has a plethora of shopping and restaurant options, plus easy access to major freeways.

"Westland is always a great opportunity for a first-time home buyer," said Realtor Jason Matt of Keller Williams in Plymouth.

Recently, many first-time buyers in Westland and other communities have been putting down far less than the traditional 20% on their home loan.

"I would say 75% to 80% of the first-time home buyers that we work with are not putting down more

than 10%," Matt said. "That's just because of the programs that are out there, and the way they are getting qualified with some of the lenders."

3. Waterford, median price \$187,500

Many neighborhoods in this Oakland County community come with beach and lake access, a popular amenity with residents who don't need to own a \$500,000-plus home to belong.

"What is attracting the buyers to Waterford is it is surrounded by the lakes, it has good schools and it's an easy commute," said Tina Zudell of RE/MAX Encore, who also resides in Waterford. "I bought in Waterford because you do get more for the money here."

Prices in Waterford, not too long ago around \$150,000, have jumped in the past year, yet are still below those in other Oakland County markets known for lakes and waterfront homes.

"What's happening this year is seven or eight buyers will look at one house priced at \$150,000," she said. Still, Waterford offers a wide variety of houses at very different price points.

"You can go from the Pontiac side (of Waterford) for a \$60,000 houses, all the way to the White Lake/West Bloomfield side for an \$800,000 to \$1 million," Zudell said.

4. Clinton Township, median price \$190,694

This Macomb County community offers close access to good shopping along Hall Road and at The Mall at Partridge Creek. Many families also enjoy the township's popular library and recently redone George George Memorial Park, which has walking trails and a duck pond.

For everything residents get, the housing prices are a great value, said Realtor Sandra Hall with Re/Max First.

"We have strong schools, and our median prices are on the lower end in this area," Hall said, who also lives in the township.

Yet like other communities in the region, the township's inventory of for-sale homes is tight right now, and houses that come up for sale attract multiple bids.

To help her clients' offers, Hall recommends that they write personal letters to sellers that share details about their background and interest in the house.

"Real estate is a very emotional thing for buyers and sellers," Hall said, "and putting your emotions up front can sometimes help you."

5. Livonia, median price \$215,000

Livonia has one of the lowest tax rates in Wayne County plus many starter-size homes, as well as several public parks.

Prices are a bit higher in Livonia than in neighboring Westland, and the inventory is a bit tighter at the moment, according to Jason Matt of Keller Williams.

Because Livonia houses tend to attract multiple bids and sell quickly, he counsels would-be buyers to be ready to make an offer on a desirable property within minutes of walking through it.

"You may need to write on this home that you've only been in for 10 minutes," Matt said. "I give the analogy, if you want to sleep on it, you're not going to sleep in it."

Herrington

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Lathrup. We'd all bring in our ideas and share them.

"We did that for years and I guess that's how I learned. Then it was just trial and error."

Much of the trial and error has involved Harrison's offense, which he took with him from North. It was based on the I-formation of Roy Kramer, who was the coach at East Lansing High before moving to Central Michigan.

Kramer published a book on his I-formation and it is still Herrington's base offense because it was so flexible.

"The base offense has always been the same, but there was enough in the offense that you could go to whatever talent you had," Herrington said. "Whether it was Roy and Jason Granger just running the ball from the 'I' or Mill (Coleman) running the ball out of quarterback spot or Drew (Stanton) being able to run and stay in the pocket to throw. It's all there."

Former Nebraska coach Tom Osborne's offense provided a wealth of ideas for Herrington and former USC coach John McKay had aspects of his program that worked their way into Harrison schemes.

When Harrison great John Miller played in the Michigan State secondary for defensive coordinator Nick Saban, Herrington couldn't wait to talk football with the future Alabama coach.

"I did hear Nick and I got to sit and talk to Nick for about 10 or 12 minutes," Herrington said. "I didn't understand what the hell he was talking about. I mean, oh my goodness."

Over the years Herrington has spoken at a number of clinics, but he never worried about telling too many details about his program.

In the early 1980s, Herrington became in demand. Suddenly coaches wanted to watch his practices and sit down to pick his brain and those of his assistants.

"It started right after you win a couple of state championships," he said. "We've had a lot of coaching staffs come to Harrison and we'd sit down and talk. It's funny, coaches come in and want to learn stuff from you and they end up telling you what they're doing."

Herrington has attended the Ameri-



Farmington Hills Harrison football coach John Herrington receives the Lifetime Achievement award during the Detroit Free Press Sports awards at the Fillmore on June 6. CHRISTOPHER M. BJORNBERG/SPECIAL TO DETROIT FREE PRESS

can Football Coaches Association's national clinic for over 35 years now. This past winter, it was in San Antonio; next year it will be in Nashville. Herrington is planning to be there.

You see, Harrison isn't quite done with football.

John Herstein has been a Harrison assistant coach for 12 years and is the person Herrington groomed to be his replacement at Harrison.

For several years, he has taken Herstein with him to meetings where he nominated players from his league for

all-area and all-state honors.

With Harrison's closing imminent, over the winter Herstein was named the head coach at North Farmington and he will need someone to help run the offense with him and assistant Mill (The Thrill) Coleman while Harrison defensive coordinator Dave Thorne runs the defense.

It just so happens that Herrington is available.

"I feel fortunate and honored to have a guy on staff like that," Herstein said. "I've told him there will come a point in a

game where I'm going to ask him what play we should run there and hope he'll have something ready. He said: 'Absolutely.'"

When next season is finished, Herstein, Thorne and Herrington will continue to attend clinics.

"It's kind of neat because we still go to a lot of clinics together and he still sits in the front row," Herstein said. "That's something I do, too, now."

Mick McCabe is a former longtime columnist for the Detroit Free Press.

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3 reasons your team would benefit from a 6-hour work day

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We all know the old saying about "all work and no play..." and although it's a well-worn cliché at this point, it's hard to deny that there is an important truth contained within. Spending too much time of our time working is rarely a recipe for a happy and well-balanced life.

In fact, many experts and business leaders across industries now believe that there's a tipping point at which spending too much time working can have a negative countereffect on efficiency. Imagine putting in those extra hours every week at your job only to realize that it's hurting your productivity, not to mention the unfortunate effects it's having on your general health and well-being.

Healthline published an article on common effects of working too much, and it included a bunch of serious potential outcomes that shouldn't be ignored: added alcohol use to in order to relax post-work; stalled productivity; compromised sleep and daytime fatigue; depression; added stress; increased risk of heart disease, stroke, and cancer; extra back and neck pain; and negative effects on personal relationships.

Clearly, the seriousness of this issue has led businesses to start paying attention — in fact, many are starting to look harder at decreasing the length of workdays in an effort to offset the potential adverse side effects of overworking. Another factor that's helping to drive the case for shorter workdays is technological innovation—simply put, the tools we now have at our disposal to help us get our jobs done allows us to do more and to be more productive, in less time than ever before.



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Currently, there's no unanimous consensus regarding how long the "perfect sweet spot" is for the modern workday, but there is a growing number of businesses that are experimenting with the 6-hour workday, and the initial results are encouraging. Harvard Business Review recently made a case for the six-hour weekday, which includes a wealth of intriguing ideas about how today's companies — and employees — can potentially benefit from moving to this workday model. Let's take a closer look at some of the ways your team can benefit from moving to shorter workdays.

Enhanced prioritization

Simply put, when we have fewer hours dedicated to getting things done, we work harder to prioritize tasks and responsibilities. This has a clear net benefit—prioritization empowers us to get organized, recognize and laser focus on the most important and essential tasks, and plan appropriately, all which

help projects of all scopes and sizes get started on the right foot and progress effectively. When we move through our workdays scatterbrained and disjointed, we're more prone to get distracted, disorganized, and derailed. Here's the bottom line: shorter workdays and improved focus and prioritization are win-win scenarios for employers and employees alike.

Honesty and focus

Who among us isn't familiar with unrealistic expectations at work? In fact, the mantra of many of today's companies is "do more with less," which often translates to fewer overworked employees being saddled with more responsibilities than they can feasibly handle at any given time, with fewer resources at their disposal in order to get things done.

What does this often mean? Many of us expanding our already-long workdays in a futile effort to stay afloat at our

jobs and avoid drowning in an unfinished ocean of daily tasks, which often leads to burnout, high rates of job turnover, and unfinished or poorly executed projects. Who does that benefit?

Shorter workdays typically force employers and employees to be more realistic with what they can accomplish and be more mindful about what resources are needed in order to stay on track.

Happier employees

Who knew that happier employees typically mean more productive and reliable workers? Lots of today's most progressive and innovative companies, actually — including those who are turning to shorter workdays to empower their workers to have a healthier and happier work-life balance.

Companies are increasingly abandoning the outdated and simply ill-conceived notion that they need to wring every drop of time and energy from their employees and are learning to accept the idea that less raw hours spent at work doesn't mean less work getting done. Quite the opposite, it often translates to happier and more energized workers who are eager to roll up their sleeves and be productive. What business doesn't want that?

If you're a business owner or key decision maker at your company and are considering the idea of moving to a shorter workday but are looking for convincing reasons to do so, hopefully, the ideas presented here will get you to embrace the notion that this strategy is a great idea for your team.

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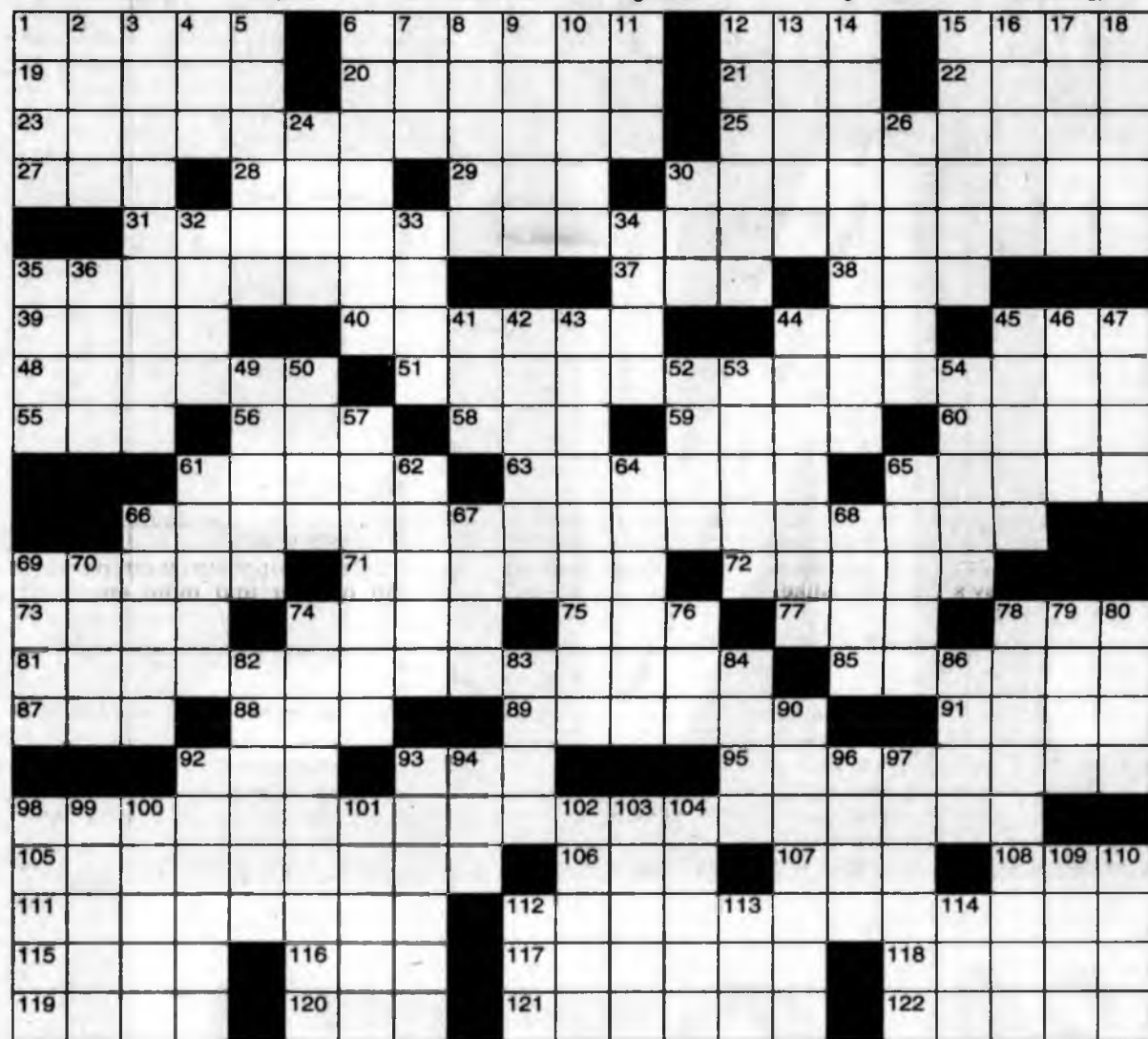
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78 Pig's place
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85 Rich Italian ice cream
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92 Move to and —
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95 Carrier to Milan
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106 Former big record gp.
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108 Big klutz
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115 Friendly bat of the eye
116 Mr. —! (Clue-like board game)
117 Cry of epiphany
118 Some upscale hotels
119 Some jeans
120 G.P.'s field
121 Looks hard

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4 "—la-la"
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7 Hip-hop mogul Gotti
8 "Pride — before destruction"
9 Need (to)
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11 Guitar maker Paul
12 Empty a suitcase
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17 Inedible type of orange
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- 32 URL lead-in
33 Apra Harbor locale
34 Mata —
35 Bluesy James
36 Performs
41 Cup part
42 Writer Gay or editor Nan
43 Diplomats' residences
44 Winter fight projectile
45 Flood barrier
46 Ill sign, say
47 Be flexible
48 Huge heroes
50 Sci-fi writer Stephenson
52 Sensed feeling
53 Land in the water, in Livorno
54 Cabbie's cry
57 Of positional relations
61 Wife of Abraham
62 Turtle topper
64 Purviews
65 Consumption
66 Shower powders
67 Intro drawing class, maybe
68 Wallop
69 Embroiders, e.g.

- 70 Ad biz award
74 Didn't waver
76 Water, to Henri
78 Of utmost importance
79 And the like: Abbr.
80 Prone to pry
82 Haifa's home
83 Close to
84 Close to
86 Jared of "Mr. Nobody"
90 "Bum" hues
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93 Quenched, as thirst
94 Instagram, for one
96 Breather
97 Baking potatoes
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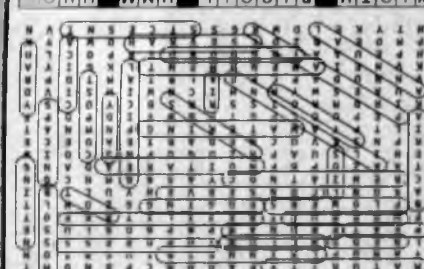
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