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Work could begin this fall at 505 Main

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It's still vacant but one of the most visible properties in downtown Milford could see work beginning in the coming months.

Groundbreaking for the new building and parking lot planned at the 505 Main site at the corner of Commerce Road could be sometime later this fall, said Ann Barnette, the executive director of the Milford Downtown Development Authority.

She said final drawings are still waiting to come in for review, but the overall sense of the project will be one the community is familiar with.

"There's been a lot of movement, it's just not visible," she said.

The lot was opened up to parking, Barnette said, to help alleviate concerns for patrons looking to come downtown, especially in light of the opening of Charlie's Still on Main, just north of the lot, earlier this summer.

The project will still consist of a four-story building that will be made up of retail and residential units, as well as add more than 100 parking spaces accessible from both Commerce and Main streets. A planned unit development for the project was approved early last year by the village.

Work on the project, if it begins this fall, would be expected to wrap up by 2020 or 2021, depending on work schedules and other issues that could

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The lot at 505 N. Main St. in Milford could see groundbreaking on a development project this fall and be completed by 2020 or 2021. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Biggby plans more BCubed coffee shops



A drone image shows an aerial view of the BCubed modular coffee shop in Battle Creek, part of East Lansing-based Biggby Coffee. Others, including one in Wixom near Meijer, have been planned for the future. COURTESY OF BCUBED ENTERPRISES

Company says modular, tiny cafe concept to come to parking lot of Meijer on Grand River

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It's not uncommon to see Biggby Coffee shops in a strip mall. Soon, you'll be able to find one in the middle of a parking lot at stores like Meijer and Walmart.

The coffee company, based in East

Lansing, has begun pushing a new model entitled BCubed, a modular coffee shop designed for drive-through and walk-up traffic.

Several have opened across Michigan in Battle Creek, Saugatuck and

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The concept was showcased Aug. 7 during the annual franchise meeting held at the Surburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

Erwin Orchards development denied as 'crappy plan'

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
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To the applause of a standing-room-only crowd, the Lyon Township Planning Commission voted 6-1 on Aug. 12 to recommend denial of a preliminary plan to redevelop Erwin Orchards.

Vice-Chair Carl Towne made the motion, citing in particular the high density of housing, roughly 270% over what is permitted, and also its inclusion of retail that doesn't fit the master plan.

Planning Secretary Stephan Hoffman was the lone "no" vote.

Howard Fingeroot, who represented applicant Cider Mill Village of Lyon, LLC, defended himself following the nearly three-hour meeting in which he faced significant backlash from both residents and commissioners.

"While they looked at me as the bad guy, I really wanted to do good things - fix the road network and preserve the orchard," Fingeroot said.

Even before residents lined up to speak at the podium and denounce the plan, the planning commissioners were giving a glimpse of how the night might go.

"Why do you bring such a crappy plan to us?" Commissioner Patricia Carcone, who is also liaison to the township board, asked Fingeroot.

She gave him credit for previously doing "a lot of good developments" in the township, but questioned the plan with 490 housing units, reduced by about 90 from a conceptual review turned down earlier this year for high density. She criticized it as still too much (181 units would be permissible) and noted the adjusted plan was missing critical details.

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Two charged with sexual assault of 15-year-old girl

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Two men face the possibility of up to life in prison after being charged with sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl.

Charles Seymour, 18, and Quintin Peters, 19, were charged with two counts each of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, second-degree criminal sexual conduct, third-degree criminal sexual conduct and fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct.

They are also each charged with one count of intent to do great bodily harm less than murder.

The charges arose out of an incident in Livingston County earlier this month.

Peters, of Highland Township, and Seymour, of Milford, are scheduled to be back in court on Aug. 23.

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Accused spy faces health crisis

Kristen Jordan Shamus
Detroit Free Press
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Paul Whelan, a Novi man who has been held in a Russian prison for more than seven months on espionage charges, has a hernia and may need surgery, his English-speaking lawyer, Olga Karlova, told the Free Press on Friday.

"Paul had some problems with his hernia last week on Friday," Karlova said in an email. "He was examined by a doctor, who prescribed some medicine — painkillers and special pills to release the tension, to block the spasm. Paul feels much better now."

"But doctors decide if Paul needs a surgery, and if he does, when to make it."

Whelan, 49, said he traveled to Russia in December for the wedding of a friend; he was arrested Dec. 28 at his Moscow hotel.

The Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) alleges that Whelan was caught with classified information on a flash drive. Whelan says he is innocent and that his arrest was a setup.

His twin brother, David Whelan, said the hernia was causing trouble for his brother before he traveled to Russia.

"We are aware Paul has a hernia and had scheduled surgery for his return from Russia, at the start of this year," David Whelan said. "Obviously, his false arrest made that impossible. We aren't surprised that it might still require surgery."

"I don't know the specifics of his condition nor his access to medical care. It is my understanding — based on the (Russian) Ministry of Foreign Affairs' refusal to let him see an English-speaking doctor, and despite the prison officials' refusal to document the care they are providing — that any care he receives will be performed by prison medical staff, in the prison."

David Whelan explained that inmates held at Moscow's Lefortovo Prison are allowed to exercise in an open-air, fenced rooftop area.

"He has written about walking up



Accused spy Paul Whelan, right, attends a hearing of investigators' motion to extend his arrest at the Lefortovsky district court in Moscow, Russia, on May 24. Whelan, a citizen of the United States, Britain, Canada and Ireland, was detained on suspicion of spying by the Russian Federal Security Service (FSB) at the end of December in Moscow. If found guilty, he could be sentenced up to 20 years in jail, media reported. MAXIM SHIPENKOV/EPA-EFE/REX

to and from that roof for his exercise time," David Whelan said. "It would not surprise me that the stairs exacerbated his condition."

Paul Whelan, who worked as director of global security for BorgWarner, an Auburn Hills-based auto supplier, before his arrest, is scheduled to have another detention hearing in Moscow at the end of August.

Karlova said the FSB investigation in Whelan's case is expected to be complete in September. After that comes evidence review by the prosecutor and defense teams.

"It may take from a week to a month," she said. "So the trial hearing on the case itself may hypothetically be in October-November."

But David Whelan said it's hard to predict how swiftly the Russian legal system will move in his brother's case or whether his health will interfere at all with the process.

"A trial might happen this year or it might be next year," David Whelan said. "I believe Frode Berg waited nearly eight months after the 'investigation' was

completed" for his trial.

Berg, a retired Norwegian border guard, was arrested in December 2017. The FSB said Berg was caught with classified documents.

Berg, who denied the espionage charges, was convicted in April in a closed-court hearing in Moscow and sentenced to 14 years in prison.

"On the other hand, since Paul is a political prisoner and there is no evidence to support the charges, who knows? The Russian legal system has shown it can turn on a dime in these sorts of cases — Edmond Pope, for example — and hold a trial when it wants to."

Pope, a retired naval intelligence officer and businessman, was convicted of espionage and sentenced to 20 years hard labor before winning a pardon in 2000 by Russian President Vladimir Putin. Pope, who had a rare form of bone cancer, spent eight months in Lefortovo Prison.

If Whelan is convicted of spying by the Russian court system, he could be sentenced to up to 20 years in prison.

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"He was my mentor and friend," said David Nagy, who knelt down to pay respects to L. Brooks Patterson at Woodside Bible Church in Troy on Aug. 15. Nagy joined many to celebrate the life of Patterson, the sometimes controversial Oakland County executive. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Oakland County executive Patterson is mourned by his 'great work family'

Bill Laitner
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

In a funeral service that drew politicians and business leaders from across Michigan, as well as Washington, D.C., longtime Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson was remembered Thursday as a warm boss, kind father and stalwart fighter for what he believed in.

The crowd of mourners nearly filled the main-floor seating of Woodside Bible Church — with a listed capacity of 2,500 including its balcony — to hear praise for the man who had dominated Oakland County politics since 1992, when Patterson was first elected to the county's top political

office. Among the mourners were former Republican Gov. John Engler and Democratic Congresswoman Debbie Dingell.

After becoming well-known as Oakland County prosecutor from 1973 to 1988, Patterson went on to be elected a record seven times as county executive, dying at age 80 on Aug. 3, when he was more than halfway through his seventh term.

Patterson was not just an employer but a mentor and friend to countless county employees, said Gerald Poisson, who has succeeded Patterson after serving the county as chief deputy executive since 2009. The two worked closely together for 38 years, Poisson said. "Brooks had a great work family ... the county

workforce. He never took credit for any accomplishment without praising us first," Poisson told the audience.

"He shared his friendship with colleagues, all kinds of civic leaders and even Mark Hackel," Poisson quipped, in Patterson's irreverent style, as the audience roared and as Hackel — the Macomb County executive — sat near the front row and joined in the laughter.

A video displayed on three big overhead screens showed photos of Patterson and Hackel together, mugging for cameras, including a touching shot of Hackel bending down to tie Patterson's shoe in the years when injury from an accident limited Patterson's mobility.

Before the service, Hackel said that even though Patterson was a Republican and Hackel a Democrat, "We really liked each other and respected each other."

For months before Patterson died, Poisson had been acting executive during Patterson's absences occasioned by his

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCE NO. 19-99.18

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 15, "FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION," ARTICLE II, "FIRE PREVENTION CODE," SECTION 15-16, "INTERNATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION CODE-ADOPTED AS AMENDED; INSERTIONS" AND SECTION 15-17, "AMENDMENTS," TO ADOPT AND INCORPORATE THE 2015 INTERNATIONAL FIRE CODE.

The Ordinance was adopted by the City Council on Monday, August 12, 2019 and the provisions of the ordinance shall become effective fifteen (15) days after its publication. A complete copy of the Ordinance is available for public use and inspection at the office of the City Clerk, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., prevailing local time.

Cortney Hanson, City Clerk

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City of Novi Public Hearing Notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Zoning Board of Appeals** for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **September 10, 2019 at 7:00PM** in the **Council Chambers** of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ19-0028 (Louise L. Holbel) 23833 Harvest Drive, West of Novi Road and South of Ten Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-27-202-023. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 to allow a proposed rear yard setback of 16 feet, 35 feet minimum allowed by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ19-0029 (Thompson Design Group) 1310 E Lake Drive, West of Novi Road and North of Thirteen Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-02-151-033. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 4.19 (E); for a 173 square foot variance for a proposed 1,023 square foot garage, 850 square feet allowed by code. Section 3.1.5 for a 25 foot total combined side yard aggregates. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ19-0030 (Tri-County Builders) 22955 Beck Road, West of Beck Road and North of Nine Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-29-400-016. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 4.19.1.E.iii for the additional 160 square foot variance for a proposed 1,023 square foot accessory structure, 1500 square feet allowed by code, Section 4.19.1.1 to allow for a 3 foot height variance, one story of 14 feet allowed by code. Building shall be set one foot for each foot the building exceeds fourteen feet in height. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-1).

PZ19-031 (Donald Smolarek) 41932 Cherryhill Road, East of Meadowbrook Road and South of Grand River Avenue, Parcel # 50-22-23-409-017. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 4.19.i.J for a variance to build a proposed second accessory structure, one 850 square foot accessory structure is allowed by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCE NO. 19-124.20

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 11, "DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION STANDARDS," ARTICLE III, "WATER MAINS," SECTION 11-68, "DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS," SUBSECTION (F), "FIRE HYDRANTS AND APPURTENANCES," IN ORDER TO AMEND STANDARDS RELATING TO PLACEMENT AND SPACING OF FIRE HYDRANTS.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN COUNTY OF OAKLAND CITY OF NOVI ORDINANCE NO. 19-158.01

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF NOVI CODE OF ORDINANCES, AT CHAPTER 22, "OFFENSES," ARTICLE IX, "OFFENSES PERTAINING TO UNDERAGED PERSONS," IN ORDER TO AMEND DIVISION 3, "TOBACCO PRODUCTS," TO INCLUDE VAPE, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS; TO AMEND SECTION 22-263, "USE OF TOBACCO ON SCHOOL PROPERTY," VAPE, ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES, AND NICOTINE PRODUCTS; AND TO INCLUDE AND PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

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treatment for Stage 4 pancreatic cancer, made public in late March.

When Patterson died, Poisson was sworn in 12 hours later to fill the position. By law, he will continue in that role until the general election in 2020 unless Oakland County commissioners vote to appoint a successor within 30 days of Patterson's death, which their board agenda says they may do on Friday.

After a visitation period in the lobby of the contemporary-style church that sits on 35 acres, Patterson's flag-draped closed casket was wheeled into the church's Worship Center auditorium by a military honor guard. Patterson served two years of active duty in the U.S. Army in the early 1960s.

Along with business and political dignitaries, hundreds of county employees were in attendance, from dozens of department heads who were appointed by Patterson to mid-level managers, secretaries and hourly workers, county officials said before the service.

One of those eulogizing Patterson's memory was Deputy County Executive and Chief Information Officer Phil Bertolini, who, under Patterson, has led the county to a string of national awards for its digital advances in serving the public via the internet.

Patterson never wanted to micromanage his subordinates, Bertolini said.

"He would lay his vision on the table and then get out of the way," he said, adding: "He always looked for a joke but when the going got tough, he was a stalwart fighter."

Bertolini's staff then projected a video, midway through the service, showing examples of Patterson's vigorous advocacy of the county's growth, his sometimes comical defiance of the disability caused by his auto accident, and his commitment to local charities he founded.

Patterson's children also spoke, in remembrance of their father.

"I've had the best possible role model next to me for 42 years," said his daughter Mary Margaret Patterson Warner of Clarkston.

Her ever-playful dad could be a stickler about language — "no double negatives allowed" — and about table man-



Mary Margaret Patterson Warner, daughter of L. Brooks Patterson, holds her son Vincent's hand outside of the Woodside Bible Church in Troy after the funeral for her father. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

ners as she grew up, Warner said.

"I know I could eat with the queen," she said.

Her voice cracking, Warner thanked her father's nurses in the audience, some of whom had cared for him for the last seven years since the car crash. She also thanked his drivers, "who came over even when he didn't need a ride, just to sit with him, on and off duty."

Patterson's stepson, Dr. Dayne Rogers, a chiropractor who lives in Davis-

burg, took the stage with an alcoholic beverage in hand, then took a swig to laughter and applause.

"They said I couldn't swear, but they didn't say I couldn't drink, pastor," he said.

Rogers said in his stepfather's final days, Patterson sometimes forgot what year it was but he never forgot who was president, and recalled him saying: "Trump, and he's kicking ass," to more laughter.

Some of Patterson's grandchildren also spoke from the stage, showing they'd inherited their grandfather's poise and wit when offered a microphone.

Brooks Warner, in middle school, said his "papa" never missed one of the youngster's theatrical performances.

"And who knows? Maybe there will be another Brooks in politics someday,"

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the young Brooks said, to applause.

As a musical break, the audience heard Frank Sinatra's rendition of "My Way," which family members said was Patterson's favorite song.

The church pastors ended the 2½-hour service by saying that Patterson, near the end of his life, sought religious uplift.

"You heard the song 'My Way.' This is a man who (at the end of his life) did it God's way," said pastor Doug Schmidt, who is director of Barnabas Ministries at Woodside Bible Church.

Patterson, who attended college and law school at the Jesuit-led University of Detroit in the 1960s, received last rites as a Catholic, said Bill Mullan, who was communications director for Patterson for the last decade. The family chose Woodside Bible Church for the funeral because "they needed a large church and they were familiar with this one."

Following the service, an Oakland County Sheriff's honor guard escorted Patterson's casket to the church foyer, then paused while other deputies outside conducted a 21-gun salute and one deputy played taps for the longtime leader of Michigan's most affluent county.

After taps sounded, a helicopter from the Oakland County Sheriff's Office performed a low-level flyover, its whirring noise pouring through open doors of the church.

As the family stood before the casket, Sheriff Michael Bouchard formally presented a folded American flag to Patterson's daughter.

Bouchard, in his full-dress sheriff's uniform, then returned to his post and drew his fingers across one eye. Moments later, the honor guard wheeled Patterson's casket outside on its way to a private burial.

As dignitaries hobnobbed in the foyer, some county employees strode briskly to their cars. One was Jacqueline Howes-Evanson, drug treatment court supervisor for Oakland County Circuit Court.

"He's always just been so gracious to all the employees," Howes-Evanson, a 32-year county worker, said of the legendary county executive.



Sally Foley, of Bloomfield Hills, a professional colleague to L. Brooks Patterson, joined family, friends, and constituents as they gathered at Woodside Bible Church in Troy on Aug. 15 to celebrate his life. PHOTOS BY MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS



Kathy Patterson, facing, gets a hug as she greets family, friends, colleagues and constituents at Woodside Bible Church on Aug. 15 to celebrate the life of L. Brooks Patterson.



Erica Couliston looks up from the flag-draped coffin of L. Brooks Patterson to her husband, Ira Couliston, as they pay their respects.

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Ferndale mayor becomes Oakland County executive

Christina Hall and Bill Laitner
Special to Detroit Free Press
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In a historic shift in Oakland County — after half a century of Republican rule from the executive's office — the county's Democratic majority on the board of commissioners used a narrow 11-10 margin Friday to appoint one of its own, Ferndale Mayor Dave Coulter, as county executive.

The vote was bitterly disputed by Republicans, who tried unsuccessfully during the board meeting to challenge the Democrats' move in court, only to be denied by a judge. The appointment capped two weeks of political tumult and legal wrangling following the death of Oakland County's longtime leader and Republican standard bearer, L. Brooks Patterson.

Coulter's elevation to the county's top political post was made contingent on his resigning as mayor of Ferndale. The Ferndale City Council will hold a special meeting at 8 a.m. Monday, at which city council members are expected to accept Coulter's resignation.

Coulter had been suggested behind the scenes for more than a week as a strong candidate. He was seated in the audience in the commission chamber as the vote was taken, which triggered Commission chair David Woodward's announcement: "Mr. Dave Coulter is the next county executive."

It was Woodward's deciding vote — and his very ability to cast it on Friday — that prompted bitter objections from Republicans. They were fully aware that Woodward, a Royal Oak Democrat first elected to the commission in 2004, had resigned his seat last week so that he could apply for the appointment. But when that chance slipped away, the Democrats faced a 10-10 deadlock on the board.

Woodward then controversially rescinded his resignation Friday morning before the board convened at 9:30 a.m.,



The Oakland County Board of Commissioners meet Aug. 16 at Oakland County Board of Commissioners Auditorium in Oakland County to consider appointing an acting successor to the late L. Brooks Patterson as county executive.

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citing a fresh legal opinion that said no resignation from a legislative body takes effect until that body votes to accept it. The county board had yet to cast that acceptance vote, and Oakland County Corporation Counsel Joellen Shortley, a Patterson appointee as the county's top lawyer, told Republicans in their caucus that Woodward's legal opinion probably would prevail in court. Still, Republicans after losing in court during the board meeting, said afterward they would continue with a law-

suit next week that would challenge Woodward's abrupt return to the board.

The shift from Republican to Democratic Party control of the affluent county's administrative machinery means much more than a simple shift from one party to another, said state Sen. Jeremy Moss, a Democrat from Southfield.

"This is a totally new day in Oakland County," Moss said.

"Certainly, this was not the way we wanted this to happen, with Brooks' death. But this is a day that a lot of us

have been waiting for. It's really a shift from northern Oakland County representation to southern representation.

"I can tell you as a former member of the Southfield City Council, the south end has been underfunded for decades. We had fight after fight for our share of road funding in Southfield," he said. Moss noted that Republicans used their former power — both on the county board and in the state Legislature — to

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force redistricting of Oakland County's south end, eliminating many traditionally Democratic seats on the county board in 2012.

"And still, we overcame that" to gain the slim 11-10 majority, while showing that Oakland County is growing more Democratic with every election," Moss said.

Coulter also can be expected to be more regional in his outlook, accepting Oakland County's responsibility to be a full partner in broad initiatives that can benefit all of metro Detroit, such as transit funding, Democrats said after the meeting.

And the fact that Coulter is to be Oakland County's first openly gay executive ensures that he will make county government more diverse, as the county increasingly becomes home to a more diverse population, Democrats said.

As Coulter rose to accept his appointment, the room filled with applause from Democrats while Republicans and their supporters sat motionless. Coulter, a former county commissioner well-known to county officials and most commissioners, said he wasn't about to celebrate.

"I appreciate the responsibility that you placed in me. I appreciate the applause. But I realize that this opportunity is only happening to me because of the passing of Brooks Patterson," he said, bowing his head momentarily.

Coulter said he'd long considered Patterson a friend, and while speaking about pancreatic cancer — the disease the killed Patterson — said his brother had died of the same painful illness several years ago.

Prior to the vote to appoint Coulter, Republican members of the commission had pushed to keep Gerald Poisson, who served as Patterson's chief deputy executive and who was sworn in as the next executive only 12 hours after Patterson's death on Aug. 3. But the Democrats, flexing their renewed 11-10 margin, rendered the Republicans' praise and advocacy for Poisson futile.

Before the vote, several longtime deputies of Patterson said they would resign or retire at 5 p.m. on Friday if



From left, Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner and county board Chairman Dave Woodward. DETROIT FREE PRESS PHOTOS



A photo of a copy of the resignation letter submitted by Dave Woodward to the Oakland County clerk last week. The letter is being used by the GOP in its legal argument.



Dave Coulter, mayor of Ferndale, speaks after being named Oakland County executive. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

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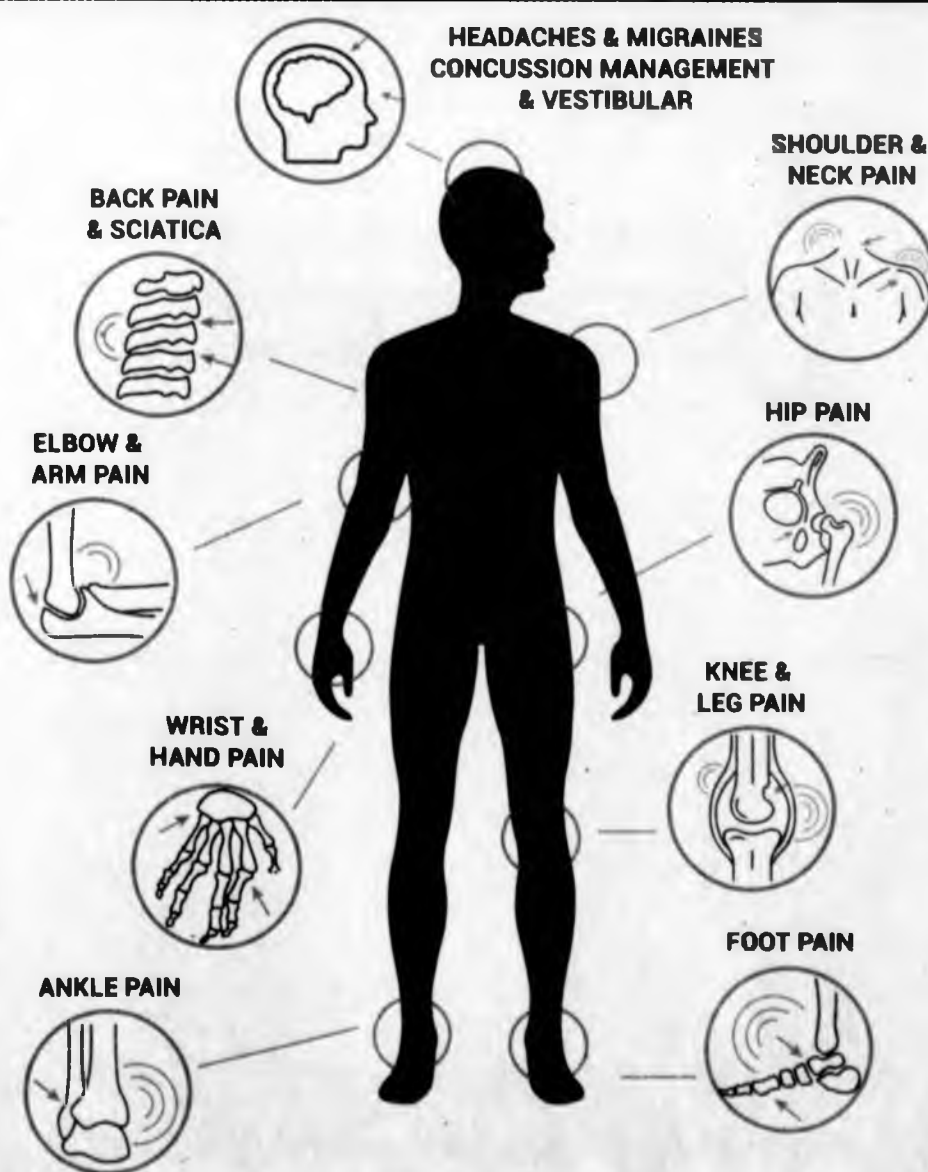
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Poisson were not retained.

Bill Mullan, media and communications officer for the executive's office, said that those team members had said previously they were planning to retire before Friday's vote because there was talk of transition a week ago. He added that it was his understanding that Poisson would remain in the executive role for now and that he intended to be in the office on Monday.

Mullan said that part of Patterson's success as executive was "he made his team ensure that staff were prepared for succession."

"What that means is, our directors and our deputies, our senior managers are capable of running the county and maintaining continuity no matter who is in the top office," Mullan said. "Even if a number of Brooks' team retires, the county is in the good hands of senior managers who have been well-trained and are well-qualified to keep that continuity."

During his acceptance speech, Coulter addressed Brooks' staff, asking them "respectfully" to assist him in the transition.

"The law says that in just 10 days, the executive's deputies must be appointed. And I need all of your suggestions for putting this team together," he said.

"The second thing I'm concerned about is putting together the budget. I learned from Oakland County, from Brooks, and all of you that I worked with (as a former county commissioner) that budgeting is essential. And I will do nothing to put at risk your AAA bond rating, Mr. Patterson," he said.

"I may not have been your first choice, or second choice, or third choice. But I know that you all came here to put the interests of Oakland County first, and so do I."

The executive's job pays \$198,000 a year, according to Chris Ward, chief of staff for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners. Ward ask Coulter to quickly make a video that will assure county workers "that everything is continuing — they can come to work on Monday."

The appointment surely begins a contentious road to the 2020 election for the seat as the GOP and Democrats



Oakland County Republican Party Chair Andrew "Rocky" Rasczkowski clutches a copy of David Woodward's resignation as he speaks at the Oakland County Board of Commissioners meeting Aug. 16. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

battle over the top job.

The GOP had hoped to succeed in using the resignation letter Woodward filed with the Oakland County clerk in its legal argument in court against reseating Woodward.

"This shows what they're doing is fraud," Rocky Rasczkowski, chairman of the Oakland County Republican Party, said Friday morning, before a judge rendered the GOP's legal action moot.

According to the six-page complaint filed in the case, "as a result of Woodward's formal resignation as a member of the Board, the Oakland County Human Resources department processed his resignation and shut off his county email."

But Circuit Judge Daniel O'Brien denied the injunction, allowing the hiring process to proceed, said the county's top lawyer, Shortley, to the Democrats

during their caucus Friday afternoon.

Woodward's resignation and drive to succeed Patterson drew protests last week from his Democratic rival, Oakland County Treasurer Andy Meisner, who has declared his own intention to run for the executive job in 2020.

Then, acting Board Chair Marcia Gershenson, D-Bloomfield Township, canceled the meeting at which Woodward would have been appointed and opened the application process to the public. Five candidates were interviewed Wednesday, including Woodward but not Coulter.

During Friday's board meeting to choose among the five, the public reacted to the return of Woodward, with the crowd speaking both for and against his return to the board.

The GOP's Rasczkowski, raising his voice in the chamber, told the board: "If

you flagrantly disregard the rules so that you can have an executive from your party, shame on you! Bring back some dignity to this process for the county employees who are sitting here. I would be saying the same thing if the Republicans did this to the Democrats."

After the vote, Rasczkowski said that he believes Coulter was improperly placed in the executive position because Woodward should not have led Friday's board meeting.

"I think this has soiled the reputation of Oakland County," Rasczkowski said, later adding that the Democrats are only concerned about power.

"This was ramrodded. It was rushed. It was a sham," Rasczkowski said, adding that he is going to call on the FBI's corruption division to investigate the "behind the scenes, shady business going on."

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Company scores goal in move to Farmington Hills' old soccer fields

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Mercedes-Benz Financial Services is moving out of its building in Farmington Hills, but the company and the city have both scored a game-winning goal.

The company announced via a press release Tuesday it would relocate from its office on Corporate Drive near 12 Mile and Halsted to a new, larger building at the 35-acre site of the former soccer fields at 12 Mile and Drake to remain in the city.

The building will be three stories tall and comprise 200,000 square feet.

Construction is expected to begin this fall, and will look to wrap up by 2021.

As a result of the move, 1,100 jobs will be directly or indirectly retained.

"This project brings together two longstanding, committed community partners to invest in Farmington Hills, which has proudly been our home for more than a decade," said Peter Henn, Mercedes-Benz Financial Services president and CEO, in the release. "Identifying the ideal, local solution was a priority, reflecting our commitment to the talented team that is the basis of our success."

"Furthermore, this build-to-suit approach will create a space that allows us to continue to cultivate our great corporate culture, inspire creativity and improve productivity, ultimately enabling us to best serve our customers in this

new era of mobility."

The project is being done with Olympia Development of Michigan, best known for its ownership of Little Caesars Arena in downtown Detroit.

The land, owned by the company, was formerly considered for the headquarters of Little Caesars, said Keith Bradford, senior vice president, Olympia Development of Michigan, but he said the company was excited another worldwide brand would occupy the land.

In addition to the amenities inside the proposed building, the campus will include onsite a walking and jogging path and will preserve the woodlands and wetlands currently on the site.

Farmington Hills Mayor Ken Massey said the project has been discussed for nearly a year.

The property is currently zoned accordingly and the developer would not need to get any more approvals from the planning commission or the city council, he said.

The decision for Mercedes-Benz Financial Services to remain in the community is a testament to the climate the city has toward business, Massey said.

"Obviously it's wonderful for the community," he said. "It speaks highly of the business-friendly nature of Farmington Hills."

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A Mercedes Benz Financial Services building has been proposed for property at 12 Mile and Drake roads in Farmington Hills. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Charyl Stockwell plans middle school for 2020

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A new middle school for the Charyl Stockwell Academy District is planned to open in 2020.

Located across from the Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy at 1032 Karl Greimel Drive in Brighton, the new 41,000-square-foot middle school will include an art instructional space and gymnasium, according to a news release.

"This is the absolute next logical step," Steven Beyer, executive director and principal for the charter school district, said. "Our parents have been waiting for this and they know we've been planning for this for the past two years."

A start date for construction has not yet been determined, he said.

"They're going to renovate to our design to meet our instructional needs, and there will be a new build in terms of a new gym in addition to the building that is there," Beyer said. "Right now, it's some doctors' offices and some corporate offices. It's going to be brand new, like new construction inside."

The new school will focus on team teaching, where students will be grouped in pods. There will also be a large gathering area for collaboration.

Both the academy's middle school and high school programs are currently located in its main building.

The district's board of directors and executive leadership team have been planning a new middle school building for more than two years.

"We knew that was coming based on

our projections from the last couple of years," Beyer said.

The academy district is partnering with Brighton-based company Stone Ridge Office, LLC to develop the space, the release stated.

Beyer did not disclose the financial investment by the district when asked but did say the money for the project comes from per-pupil funding.

The high school will expand into the space vacated when the middle school moves out of the academy's main building. The academy was founded in 1997 by Chuck Stockwell and has an enrollment of 1,120 students, the release stated.

Of the enrolled students, there are slightly more than 300 middle school students and 300 high school students, Beyer said.

In the 2008-2009 school year, the academy had 742 students, according to the school information database MI School Data.

The current academy building was constructed in 2008.

"We don't want to get any bigger than 1,400 students," Beyer said. "That's kind of our vision. We've had steady and purposeful growth in all of our programs."

Charyl Stockwell Academy District consists of the Charyl Stockwell Academy Elementary campus on Highland Road in Hartland which also houses Charyl Stockwell Montessori Academy Preschool, and the Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy campus on Karl Greimel Drive in Brighton that houses the middle and high school programs.

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Mediterranean eatery 'something different'

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Susie Ansara said she's happiest when she's cooking.

Food is a passion she has had since she was a child. After years of thinking about opening her own eatery, Ansara launched a new restaurant, cafe and ice cream parlor in Green Oak Township.

The menu features Mediterranean dishes and meals inspired by cuisine in the Middle East and Europe.

"It's all my home recipes. I've been cooking that food all my life," she said.

Soup & Scoop Café is located at 10630 Rushton Road, Suite 5, in the Blue Heron Place business park, west of downtown South Lyon.

Mediterranean and Middle Eastern-inspired dishes on the menu include pita, chicken shawarma, falafel wraps and kibbeh.

Some European-inspired items on the menu include pierogi and a kielbasa and sauerkraut sandwich.

She will also serve ice cream, breakfast foods such as muffins and bagels, and custom coffee blends, among other offerings.

"For dessert, I'll have things like baklava, protein balls and rice pudding, and of course ice cream," Ansara said.

She said she offers some vegan and gluten-free options.

The approximately 900-square-foot restaurant seats up to 15 people indoors.

People can also order meals to-go and hire her to cater events.

"I'll have outdoor seating in the summer, with a picnic table and some more seats," she said.

It is not her first foray into the food business.

"I've catered and taught cooking lessons, and I plan to have my own cooking classes here," she said.

Born in Jordan, the Northville resident came to the U.S. about 35 years ago.

She said she hopes her new restaurant will bring something new to Green Oak Township and the South Lyon area.

"I grew up with the food, so I know it's healthy, and it will bring something different to the area, because I'm sick of Coney Islands and pizza," she said. "This will be all home-made."



Susie Ansara stands outside her Mediterranean cuisine inspired restaurant, Soup & Scoop Café, in Green Oak Township.

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Dreams of expanding

If all goes well, Ansara will likely expand the restaurant into a portion of an estate sales and consignment shop she owns next door in an adjoining space.

She opened Estate Sales and Consignment there in December. A long-time real estate agent, she sells items cleaned out of houses and also sells items on consignment.

"I'd expand that way, and it would be full dining. It would expand into a full restaurant," she said.

She said she envisions keeping part of her existing shop as a gift shop featuring items from estate sales and consignments.

"Maybe I'll franchise, with some here in Michigan and some outside of the state," she said.


Dennis Dubuc, an attorney who redeveloped a once trash-covered former manufacturing site into Blue Heron Place, said he is excited for a restaurant in the business park.

"She's put a lot of time into it," Dubuc said. "It will be a great place for a restaurant, and if it's a big success, she'll expand it."

Soup & Scoop Café is located at the former site of Polish Pottery and Beyond, which closed.

Dubuc said Ansara took over the space after Polish Pottery and Beyond owners Jim and Diane Richardson moved out of state.

"I've been wanting to do this for so long, and then the space (next door) became available," Ansara said. "Maybe God brought me here to have it here."



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Summit View development moving forward in Milford

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A piece of property in the Village of Milford that has been an eyesore for about two decades is getting some action.

The village planning commission voted 5-1 on Aug. 13 to recommend rezoning and a redevelopment site plan for property at 140 W. Summit. Commissioner Myles Davis voted no. Commissioner Karen Worrell abstained from voting.

The plan will now go to the village council for a vote on final approval.

"I like the fact that (the planned development) is alleviating a blighted site," DDA Executive Director Ann Barnette said. "We've been looking at a chain link fence and obsolete blighted building for 20 years."

A plan for development of the two parcels, totaling nearly 8 acres at the intersection of W. Summit Street and N. Milford Road, has been in the works since 2016 by Raymond LeDuc, president of South Summit Inc. and North Summit Inc.

LeDuc could not be immediately reached for comment.

The combined planned unit development, known as Summit View of Milford, proposes 93 housing units total, with 44 single-family residential villas on the vacant northern parcel, and 49 condominium units contained with a multi-family building on the southern parcel that had previously been zoned industrial.

The former Gazebos Unlimited building is on that site and would be demolished.

Besides removing the blighted structure and adding a variety of housing options, an additional public benefit is the developer's mitigation of environmental issues at the industrial site, Barnette said.

The multi-family four-story building, which contains 78 parking spaces on



Developing the former Gazebos Unlimited property on Summit in Milford would remove an eyesore and address environmental contamination at the site. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

the ground floor, incorporates a unique industrial architectural style, resembling a train depot, to fit the parcel and replace the old art deco structure.

"I think (LeDuc) used some imagination in architecture to combine an urban industrial look with a depot look with a residential look," Barnette said. "He took a lot of comments at planning and ad hoc meetings to come up with design that was a-typical and reflected the site."

Both housing units have less density than what would be permitted at the lo-

cation.

Barnette acknowledged that traffic is always a concern of residents with new developments, but that concern needs to be balanced with the rights of landowners to develop property.

"The Milford road system is almost the same size as it was 100 years ago and there is no way to expand the road system unless you want to widen to five lanes, and no one wants to do that," she said. "You can't widen the roads, buildings are in the way."

The new units would add about 300

residents to a village that currently has about 6,000. She notes that Milford is "about 95% built out" and has been a very slow-growth community, with the exception of a growth spurt in the late 1950s to 1960s which doubled the population from about 2,000 to 4,000.

If the council approves the plans, substantial completion of site work must be done within two years, Barnette said.

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Biggby Coffee expects to open a BCubed in Wixom in the coming months, similar to one it has already established in Battle Creek. COURTESY OF BCUBED ENTERPRISES

BCubed

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Alpena, where the concept was first launched.

The first BCubed in metro Detroit is planned for Wixom, in front of the Meijer at 49900 Grand River Ave. It will be the first of its kind in the region, said Lisa Oak, the chief development officer for Biggby Coffee.

"The franchise owner actually owns the building," she said. "This is all self-contained and ready-to-go."

The concept was showcased Aug. 7 during the annual franchise meeting held at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The concept, originally pitched by Alpena resident Jeff Konczak, brings together 349 square feet of building that can be installed within hours. The structures are manufactured in Alpena at his warehouse and are shipped to their location. They can connect to water, sewer and electrical lines and can operate as a full-service Biggby Coffee shop on any piece of land the franchisee has access to. More are planned elsewhere across the state coming in 2020, including Swartz Creek and Birch Run.

"I hope to come out with 20-plus buildings done in the spring," Konczak said. "I see BCubed as another arrow in Biggby's corner."

It was an idea that raised the eyebrows of Biggby owners Michael McFall and Bob Fish when they first heard it. McFall said they saw such a McDonald's built from shipping containers during a

trip to Indonesia, and wanted to find a way to bring that feel to their own shops. Once they heard it pitched by Konczak, they knew it would be a major step for the coffee company as it looks to grow its brand.

"We looked at each other and went, 'Oh my God, there it is,'" said McFall, a Milford native.

Fish said he hopes the concept makes it big across the region, including in Detroit's western suburbs. He anticipates it will bring in customers that may not be as familiar with their products.

"You may not know what Biggby Coffee is, but all you want to do is pull into that drive-through and go to it," he said. "This thing goes up, and this thing's like a lighthouse."

"There's nothing really like it here in the Midwest."

Having such buildings is just one more option the coffee company wants to give its franchise owners, who operate all the stores across the nation. Having the BCubed model, Oak said, gives those owners more flexibility if they're looking to locate in a specific market or if they want to relocate if sales aren't meeting their expectations in that space.

"I don't want to take anything off the table. We are still going to be looking at those strip centers with an end-cap drive-through, free-standing buildings depending on the market," she said. "This is another iteration, which is very exciting again."

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Franklin's starting QB ready to win

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Livonia Franklin senior quarterback Jake Kelbert doesn't want his sophomore season to be the only year he reaches the state championship game. If all goes according to plan, the Patriots will be back at Ford Field this November with a shot to win it all.

Kelbert, who is entering his third season as the team's starting quarterback, has a contagious swagger about him. He's steadily improved each of his years on varsity and has taken the program to new heights. He's also the coach's son — although not during football season, he joked.

Franklin will be a contender in the KLAA East, a division loaded with play-off teams, including division one pow-

erhouse Belleville, which won the conference last year. The Patriots finished the season 7-5 in 2018 with a loss in the regional final to Birmingham Groves. Expectation are even higher for this year.

"What's going to separate our team from the rest is that we will not back down from anyone," Kelbert said. "We will come out every Friday night and punch you in the mouth. We're not going

to talk all this hoo-rah on Twitter and be more like a flashy team. We play south-side Livonia football, we'll come and smash you in the mouth."

As a junior, he threw for 1,950 yards, 28 touchdowns and four interceptions. He also ran for 860 yards and nine scores. He loses some of his wide receiver talent, but he figures to put up big

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South Lyon motivated to repeat undefeated season

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Last season, the South Lyon football team accomplished something that hadn't been done since before any of the current players were born — go undefeated in the regular season.

However, the joy that came with a Lakes Valley Conference title and that perfect 9-0 record was quickly lost when the Lions were defeated in the second round of the division two playoffs by conference foe Walled Lake Western — a team South Lyon had already beaten during the regular season.

Now, South Lyon enters this season not only loaded with returning talent from last year, including 15 starters, but an extra surge of motivation to repeat their special regular season and finish the job in the playoffs.

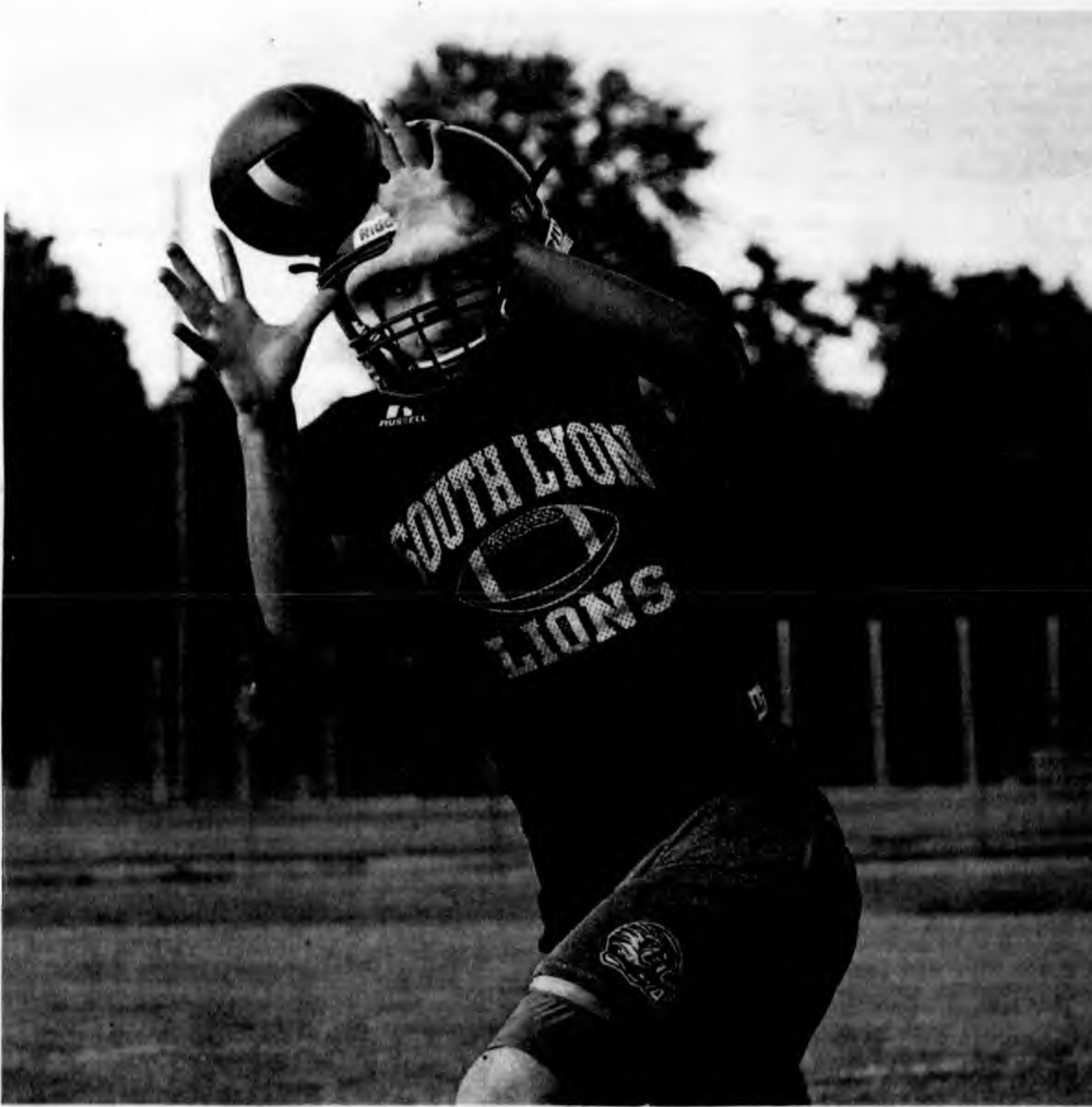
In order for the team to accomplish its goals, it will count on senior quarterback Connor Fracassi, who is a three-year starter at the position, to lead the way.

"I think there's the possibility that we'll be even better this year," Fracassi said. "Right now we're not focused on last year or anything like that, we're focused on week one. We're not looking ahead to anything else just like we did last year."

The Lions may not be looking ahead, but that doesn't mean their rematch against Walled Lake Western isn't in the back of their minds.

"It's circled on the schedule for sure," senior wide receiver Brendon Lach said. "That week will be the most intense week we've ever had or ever will have. It's going to be a brawl. I think we have the right mindset that we can go out and win, but everyone has to be on the same page. It's got to be complete focus that week."

Lach and Fracassi will be a force to reckon with through the air this fall.



South Lyon High football receiver Brendon Lach brings in a pass from QB Connor Fracassi during an Aug. 15 practice.

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Kocur Foundation to hold annual softball series

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The Joe Kocur Foundation for Children will hold its 11th annual Celebrity Softball Series Saturday, Aug. 24, at Duck Lake Pines Park in Highland.

The series will consist of three soft-

ball games featuring alumni of the Detroit Red Wings, such as former goaltender Chris Osgood and right wing Kirk Maltby, and local Detroit celebrities, like former Detroit Lions quarterback Eric Hipple and actor Jeff Daniels.

Kocur, who played for the Red Wings for nine seasons as a right wing, began

his foundation in 2009. Its main priority is to assist local charities that focus on children and local families in the metro Detroit area.

The proceeds from the softball series will benefit organizations like Huron Valley Special Olympics, Wings of Mercy East Michigan, FAR Therapeutic Arts

and Recreation and the Play Like Jackson Foundation.

Tickets for the softball series are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the gate. Gates for the event open at 11 a.m. on Aug. 24, with games beginning at 12:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m.

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South Lyon football players use a Tackle Wheel to work on their running take-downs during an Aug. 15 practice. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Undefeated

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They connected for seven touchdowns last season and are poised for an even better year.

As a junior, Fracassi threw for 1,318 yards, 18 touchdowns and four interceptions. He also added 280 yards and six touchdowns on the ground, making him one of the best dual-threat quarterbacks in the LVC.

Both Fracassi and Lach are part of the group of eight players who were called up to varsity as sophomores and saw significant playing time. The team went 1-8 that year, but the experience paid off last year with the 10-1 finish.

Going through seasons on the opposite end of the spectrum has helped prepare this group for anything and give them an appreciation for the work it took to get to the top. It's also made them hungrier than ever to go deeper into the postseason.

"We can totally go further, we have a lot of returning starters, seniors, we've been through the experience," Lach said. "We experienced going 1-8 our sophomore year, we flipped it around to go 9-0 the next year and we want to do that again. That's all we want, to come out to two Lakes Valley Conference championships. That'd be an accomplishment like no other."

While Fracassi is still considering college offers, Lach is committed to

Michigan Tech where he will study biomedical engineering. He says he and his quarterback have great chemistry and have known each other since middle school.

"He has a lot of trust in me, he knows he can throw it up and that I'm going to come down with it," Lach said.

Fracassi is also one of the team's leaders, which is something he prides himself on. He compared his style of play to Seattle's Russell Wilson.

"When you're with Connor Fracassi in the huddle, he is the man," Lach said. "He knows what he's doing, he's always listening to the coach. He has the right mindset to go down the field and win the game. He's always trying to pump people up, it's why I love C-Frac and other people love him too."

Fracassi said he feels great going into his senior season and has the same mentality as last year, saying he's just playing the game he loves with his boys.

Lakeland will join Western as the two biggest threats to take down South Lyon from atop the standings. The Lions will be ready.

"It's always going to be a battle," Fracassi said. "We always have some great games with Western, no matter what year it is. ... The score may not have shown it, but it was really close that entire (playoff) game. It's always going to be a grind. We're throwing everything we got at them, it's two heavyweights going at it. It adds more fuel to the fire, obviously we're not happy with how last season ended."



South Lyon's Connor Fracassi tosses a pass during a practice Aug. 15.

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numbers once again.

His strong performance on the field is a product of the work he does off the field, making him one of the smartest and most prepared players in the league.

"Before every game I spend hours and hours preparing for every single opponent," Kelbert said. "Doesn't matter if they're 0-for going into our game or undefeated, I will watch hours and hours of film on top of doing homework, on top of everything outside of football. I still make time."

"I know when those lights come on Friday nights, I will be the most prepared player on the field and lead my team to victory."

Having that type of player at quarterback makes life easier for everyone on the team, especially his dad, who is in his 18th year as Franklin's coach.

"Any time you have a returning quarterback, it's a big benefit for the offense," coach Chris Kelbert said. "Having one that's been a three-year starter makes it even better, he's seen a lot of games, played in a lot of games. He has a real understanding of the offense, so as a coach it makes it a whole lot easier to get us in the right position."

"His football IQ is what sets him apart."

That sentiment was echoed by senior slot wide receiver and running back James Carpenter, who has played with Kelbert since they were in the fourth grade.

"He knows everything that's going on," Carpenter said. "He can pick apart a defense so easily. He knows where to put everything and is really quick. He's a really smart quarterback."



Franklin QB Jake Kelbert takes a snap during practice. As a junior, he threw for 1,950 yards, 28 touchdowns and four interceptions. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Playing for his dad has certainly been a memorable experience. Having a player and coach that are family members as part of the same team doesn't always work out well, but it's been fantastic for Franklin.

"It's definitely a different experience to say the least, but it most definitely has benefited me more than anything," Kelbert said. "It made me become more coach-able and gave me thicker skin. I wouldn't change it for anything in the world."

Kelbert, who is 5-foot-10 and left-handed, says he feels much more confident staying in the pocket now compared to his first season. He used to scramble at the first sign of danger, but now he'll stay in and take a hit when he needs to.

"I consider myself more of like a Rus-

sell Wilson," Kelbert said. "I'm not exactly the tallest so I can't always stay in the pocket and look over my linemen, I have to find my own pockets and use my feet to get away from defenders and extend plays."

Also a pitcher on the baseball team, Kelbert is known for having some zip on his passes. So much so, that he dislocated a receiver's thumb last year with a pass.

For Franklin to have a successful year, Kelbert knows he'll need to perform well — and not just on the field. A team leader, he said he knows everyone else is going to be looking at him. If he's down, his teammates will be too. He has to remain level-headed no matter the score or situation.

"He's definitely our strongest leader and he does a great job of making sure

everyone knows what to do," Carpenter said. "He's not some big tough guy who's going to yell at you if you ask him what to do, he's going to teach and help you and the team."

"He's great at getting everyone hyped. Friday night lights, there's nothing like it, and Jake'd huddle presence depends on the situation, but he knows when to flip the switch."

Both Carpenter and Kelbert acknowledged that this year's Franklin squad is talented, but it will be their work ethic that sets them apart and allows them to have a deep playoff run.

Kelbert said he believes this year's team has that "it" factor similar to the 2017 team that reached the state final.

"The reason we fell short last year was because we didn't have the team chemistry, we had to battle through so much adversity that was self-inflicted," Kelbert said. "We weren't together as a team and this year our main goal is to stop that. We're bringing our team back closer together. Our bond is so close that we think we have the talent to go all the way. Talent cannot beat hard work, hard work remains undefeated and always will remain undefeated. If we put in the work, we have the talent needed, if we put in the hard work, we can go all the way."

To add to the excitement of football season, Kelbert is entertaining multiple offers to play college football. He currently has offers from Dayton, Northwood, Siena Heights and Lawrence Tech, however, his attention is on Franklin and leading his team back to the playoffs.

"It's always been a dream of mine to play college football, but I'm focused on this season rather than focusing on the recruitment process," Kelbert said. "The recruiting process will happen, I can't avoid it, but the best thing I can do is help my team."

WLW star hopeful for appeal

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Practice was nearing completion when Abdur-Rahmaan Yaseen received a challenge.

Someone at Walled Lake Western wanted to try to cover the wide receiver who has committed to Northwestern.

The challenge came from Western coach Alex Grignon.

Grignon doesn't want to talk about how effectively he did or did not defend Yaseen, and the coach is fortunate no video tape evidence is available to show why Yaseen is one of the best receivers in the state and Grignon is ... a coach.

The pity is that may be the only competition Yaseen sees this year.

Yaseen has been ruled ineligible by the Michigan High School Athletic Association, which says that according to his academic transcript he has exhausted his eligibility because he is in his fifth year as a high school student.

"I'm definitely not giving up hope," Yaseen said. "I can't say too much because I can't control it. It's not really my fault. It's a mistake on parents and administrators."

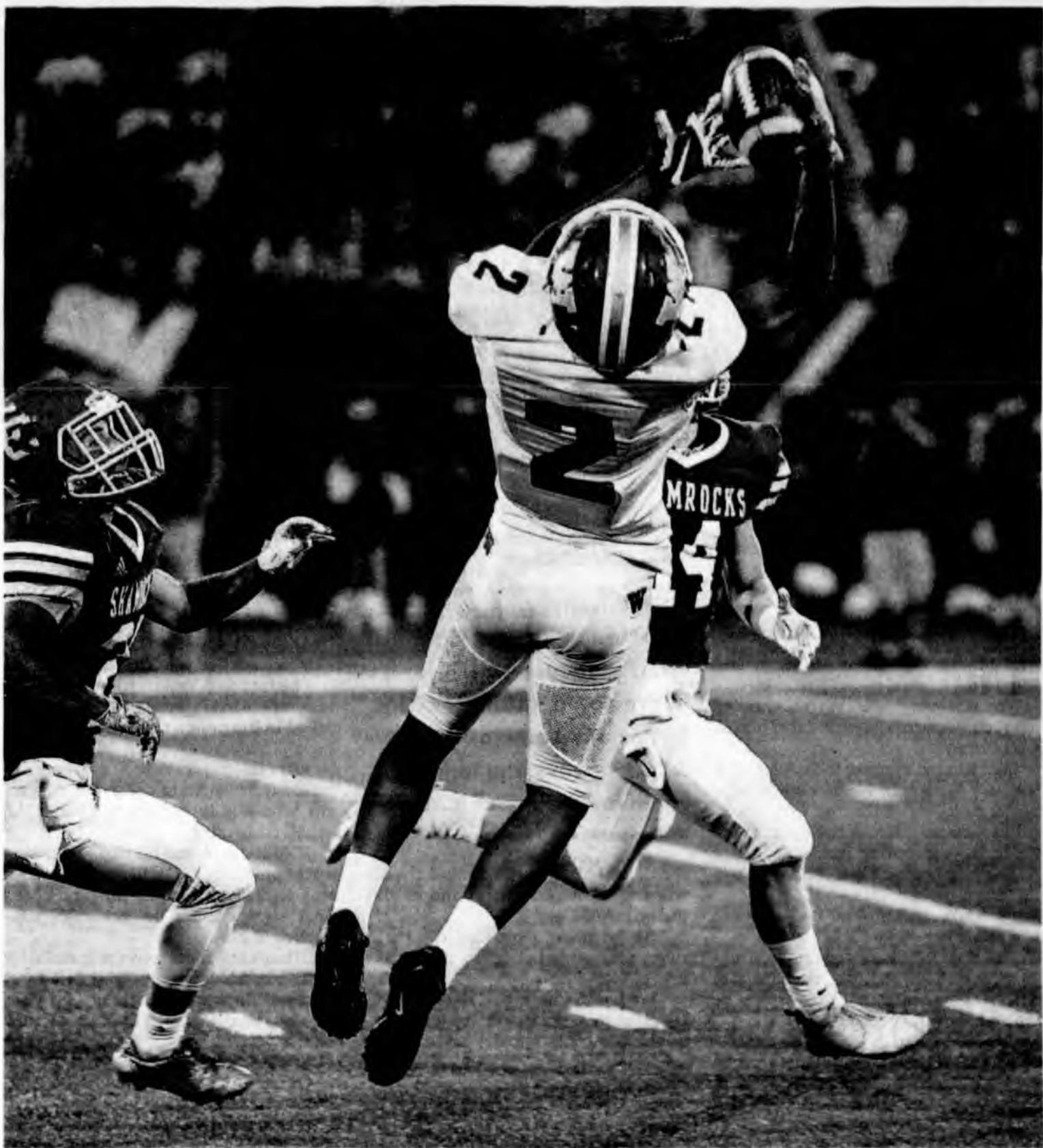
This is a complex case, and it goes back to 2010 when he was enrolled in the Michigan Connections Academy, an online school.

Before that, Yaseen had been home-schooled for three years, covering kindergarten and first and second grades. But that fall, Connections Academy erroneously listed him as a fourth grader, effectively double-promoting him, by-passing the third grade.

Nothing was made of it at the time and it never became an issue until recently.

It was a problem in the 2015-16 school year when Connections Academy listed all of Yaseen's classes as ninth-grade classes, which, unbeknownst to his family, technically made him a high school student. He would not have been considered a ninth grader had over half of his classes been at the eighth-grade level.

"We considered him in the eighth grade," said his father, Khalid Yaseen,



"I'm definitely not giving up hope," Walled Lake Western wide receiver Abdur-Rahmaan Yaseen said of his eligibility battle. "I can't say too much because I can't control it. It's not really my fault." JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

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Jaguars win big at Youth National Championships

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The Michigan Jaguars Soccer Club found success in its latest trip to the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships from July 22-28. The club had four teams participate in the tournament in Overland Park, Kansas, two of which finished as National Finalists.

Both the 2006 U13 Girls Green team and the 2006 U13 Boys Green team finished as National Finalists in the tournament, losing in the national final against Albion SC (CA) and Pipeline SC respectively.

Led by head coach Dan Trosper, the 2002 U17 Boys Green team finished as National Semifinalists, tying twice and earning a 7-2 win against OK Eneary (OK) before losing to the eventual national champion Solar (SC) in the semifinal.

After qualifying through the National

League/Midwest Regional Championships, the 2001 U18 Girls Green team finished in third place in its group, winning one of three games played in the tournament.

As a club, the Michigan Jaguars had 11 players earn individual awards. Amalia Villarreal was awarded the Golden Ball as the best U13 Girls player in the tournament.

Maya Etienne (U18 Girls), Jack Voight (U17 Boys), Eduardo Villagomez (U17 Boys), Gael Medrano (U13 Boys), Travis Zeleji (U13 Boys), Emily Kolodin (U13 Girls) and Villarreal were each named to the Best XI team for their respective age group. Issac Shriner (U17 Boys), Medrano and Villarreal each finished as the top goal scorers for their respective age group in the tournament.

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Four teams in the Michigan Jaguars Soccer Club, based in Novi, celebrate after participating in the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships in Overland Park, Kansas. COURTESY OF THE MICHIGAN JAGUARS SOCCER CLUB

Yaseen

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who played football at Michigan and Stanford.

The following year, Yaseen enrolled at Western and his parents listed him as a freshman.

"We wanted to make the adjustment because it put him where he was supposed to have been in the first place," said his father. "It was the appropriate grade, the appropriate age."

The year before, Yaseen suffered two injuries playing sports.

He broke an arm and had a closed head injury.

The head injury caused him to struggle academically, dotting his transcript with "Cs." When he got to Western, he repeated several of the classes.

"He fell behind in the online classes, but the good thing about that is you can work at your own pace so we kind of helped him a lot to get him back up," said his father. "He didn't flunk, but he didn't do well enough. I don't believe he was prepared enough to go forward in those classes."

"It's definitely heartbreaking. But right now I'm focused on improving my skills, getting better and being out here with the guys and helping them for their first game."

Abdur-Rahmaan Yaseen

Walled Lake officials noticed the discrepancy in his transcript and notified the MHSAA.

The MHSAA's executive committee ruled Yaseen ineligible for the coming school year.

"We had to make that decision with the executive committee based on the information submitted," said MHSAA executive director Mark Uyl. "The transcript information from both the academy as well as Walled Lake that the executive committee had, under the rules, it couldn't have made another decision at the time."

No other decision could be made, Uyl

said, because this case could have ramifications well beyond Yaseen.

"For us to have waived the rule, based on everything that we had," he said, "that would now set the precedent for kids to have five years of eligibility."

The fact that Yaseen was not eligible to compete in athletics when he was enrolled in the online school has no bearing on this case.

After the ruling, Yaseen's father contacted Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald, who said the school will honor the scholarship offer.

"I called him and he had just gotten out of practice," his father said. "He said he was disappointed for him and it was heartbreaking, but he was 100% supportive of him."

"That's one thing as we're grateful for that, but we definitely want to be out here with his teammates his last year. He's out here now with them, but Friday nights ..."

Friday nights will be difficult for him to handle if he is standing on the sidelines.

It will be difficult for Grignon, too, and not just because he is losing his best player.

"It's frustrating because he's a kid

who didn't do anything wrong," Grignon said. "It wasn't his fault at all. He didn't make any decisions. He was here for three years, played for three years."

"You're talking about a role model, a hard worker, no ego, humble; he's all of that."

The family could appeal the decision to representative council, but it doesn't meet again until December. Uyl said they can appeal to the executive committee again if it has additional information not presented at the original appeal.

"What we've communicated is that if a mistake was made, we need that information to come forward," Uyl said. "I think everybody agrees here that the year the mistake was made was in the time with the Connections Academy and that's the record that we just need corrected and updated."

Until then Yaseen will continue to attend Western practices and prepare himself for when he can play again ... hopefully this fall.

"It's definitely heartbreaking," he said. "But right now I'm focused on improving my skills, getting better and being out here with the guys and helping them for their first game."

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MIAC FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Newcomers include two schools

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The Michigan Independent Athletics Conference, armed with two more teams, held its media day on Monday at Clarenceville High School's football stadium to introduce the league's teams to the media.

Games are set to begin on Aug. 29, and practice started Monday.

Clarenceville and Whitmore Lake are both new to the league, which features seven schools that play football. There are 13 schools in total, the rest of which were represented at media day by their other fall sports teams.

Here's a more detailed look at the seven schools as we ramp up for the season:

Clarenceville

Head coach: Bob Meyer, first season
Last year's overall record: 0-9

Season opener: Aug. 29 vs. Macomb Lutheran North

Players to watch: RB/LB Zach Jones, RB/DB Ibrahim Kebe, OL/DL Jordan Perfect

Meyer's 2019 season outlook: "With a roster of over 50 players, I believe we will be very competitive in the MIAC. A strong senior class will provide size and athleticism, but the true strength may be a group of athletic younger players who will make a push for playing time on both sides of the ball. Our program will employ a bend but don't break defense that has size and speed, a maniacal commitment to special teams as well as an offense that prides itself on winning the time of possession battle. Our team goal is to make a return to the playoffs."

Lutheran Northwest

Head coach: Tim Gonyeau, second season

Last year's overall record: 3-6

Season opener: Aug. 29 at Mount Clemens

Players to watch: Aaron Gunn, Parker Bowlds, Will Cudney, Luke Lanier, Cam Rubio

Gonyeau's 2019 season outlook: "If



Clarenceville football coach Bob Meyer speaks to the crowd at MIAC media day Monday. ANDREW VAILLIENCOURT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

we can remain healthy in key spots, we will compete in the MIAC in 2019."

Lutheran Westland

Head coach: Paul Guse, 18th season
Last year's record: 5-4

Season opener: Aug. 29 vs. Saginaw Michigan Lutheran Seminary

Players to watch: Christopher Mangum, Ryan Faith

Guse's 2019 season outlook: "We return 17 players, and seven starters on both offense and defense. We're hoping to have around 23-24 players for the year. It's a great conference and we have a close relationship with all the other coaches."

Oakland Christian

Head coach: Rich Alkire, first season
Last year's overall record: 3-5

Season opener: Aug. 29 at Clarkston Everest Collegiate

Players to watch: QB/LB Daniel Siminski (Jr.), ATH Angelo Scafone (Sr.), QB/DB Jaemin Liebler (Sr.)

Alkire's 2019 season outlook: "Entirely new staff, offense and defense this season will make season success hinge on rate of players and coaches adapting

to each other and the new systems. I'm thrilled to be a part of the Oakland Christian family. Hoping to build on the strong foundation in place that attracts our current OC family and alumni to help in our football ministry."

Parkway Christian

Head coach: Joe Beck, fourth season
Last year's record: 9-1

Season opener: Aug. 30 at Marine City Cardinal Mooney

Players to watch: OT/DL Javen Cook (Sr.), OG/DL Zack Jaksa (Sr.), WR/S Joe Gillett (Sr.), LB/FB Griffin Adams (Sr.), QB/S John Stricker (Jr.)

Beck's 2019 season outlook: "We lost 10 seniors, four of them are on college scholarships now. We didn't finish the year how we wanted to, we were hoping to at least get a district title, but these guys are hungry and we're going to try to fix the mistakes we made last year and hopefully return as conference champions."

Southfield Christian

Head coach: Larry Weiss, Craig Schoon, second season as co-head coaches

Last year's record: 3-6

Season opener: Aug. 29 at Melvindale Academy for Business & Tech

Players to watch: Blake Parpart (Sr.), Ian Hanfee (Sr.), Caleb Glenn (Sr.), Gabe McFarren (Sr.), Nolan Hart (Sr.), CJ Sexton (Sr.), Matt Webber (Soph.), Jared Ervin (Sr.)

Weiss' 2019 season outlook: "The outlook for our season is promising but guarded. We have a strong senior class coming back that is talented and experienced. That being said, we lost three starting offensive and defensive linemen. Our season will depend a lot on how their replacements perform. Those positions will be taken by younger, less experienced players. Our season will depend on their learning curve. As with most teams in our league we have low numbers. We will need to be well conditioned and stay healthy in order to accomplish our goals."

Whitmore Lake

Head coach: Brian Boron, fourth season

Last year's overall record: 4-5

Season opener: Aug. 29 at Royal Oak Shrine Catholic

Players to watch: OL/DL Alex Williams (Sr.), RB/LB Evan Romeo (Sr.), OL/DE Alex Tanner (Soph.), QB/DB Zach Brady (Sr.)

Boron's 2019 season outlook: "The majority of the 2018 team will be returning. Zach Brady will begin his second season at quarterback. Four returning running backs will rotate carries in the backfield. The offensive line will be experienced as all of the players have significant game experience, including four-year starter Alex Williams. We should be a much deeper team than we were the last three seasons. Defensively, we will need to replace our leading tackler from last season. As with most small schools, our players are used to 'iron man' football and will contribute on both sides of the ball. We are playing in the MIAC for the first time and we're very excited for the challenge of competing against new teams."

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Farmington football aims to continue success

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After the closing of Harrison High School, the team's football players had a choice to make. Each had to choose at which school they wanted to finish their high school careers.

North Farmington hired three coaches from Harrison's staff: former assistants Jon Herstein and Dave Thorne along with John Herrington, Michigan's all-time winningest high school football head coach.

Farmington, on the other hand, has been in a positive trajectory over the past two seasons. Just one season after finishing with a record of 3-6 in Kory Cioroch's first season as head coach, the Falcons finished 8-4 in 2018, losing in the third round of the Division 3 Michigan High School Football Playoffs.

With all of the attention on North Farmington, Cioroch has evaded a lot of preseason hype that usually comes with a team like his. But he did want to point out that not every player that came from Harrison chose North Farmington.

"I don't really like talking about it because everyone is talking about how many kids North got," Cioroch said. "But I think we got 16, 17 kids."

Some of the new players that the Falcons gained were significant playmakers for the now-defunct Hawks this past season. Former Harrison starting quarterback and free safety Maxwell Martin joined Farmington along with senior tight end and outside linebacker Jirah Alexander and Myles Hunt, who started for Harrison at both offensive and defensive tackle last season.

Hunt and senior running back and safety Alan Roberson had initially chosen to go to follow the coaching staff and attend North Farmington. However, after a few months with the Raiders, both chose to transfer to Farmington in April.

"Going (to North Farmington), I just feel like I was in one spot only and I wasn't gradually getting better," Roberson said. "Coming here, my first two weeks I transferred, I talked to more coaches more than I have in any other year of high school."



Harrison High football coach John Herrington, watches warmup drills as QB Maxwell Martin practices. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Cioroch was familiar with many of the players he received from Harrison, scouting them when the Falcons took on the Hawks this past season. But in the time that he has worked with many of them, Cioroch said he can tell the quality of program that they came from.

"As much as they didn't play for me for three years — some of them are coming into their senior year — now I feel like I have known these kids for their whole high-school career," Cioroch said. "It is already meshed, and it's really crazy. It seemed to happen really fast."

To many of the players, success is happening a lot quicker than usual.

To senior defensive back and running back Aaron Watson, who has been at Farmington for the past three seasons, the Falcons have been having their best two-a-day practices he has ever been a part of. Much of that had to do with the arrival of his new teammates.

Now that fall practice has started, there is no real separation between former Harrison players and those who have been at Farmington. Every single player has bought in.

"They wanted to win, just like us," senior inside linebacker Engelbert Vela said. "We have the same goals: Get to Ford Field."

As practice continues, something still remains at the back of each player and coaches' heads: With Harrison gone, North Farmington and Farmington are the two teams left in the school district vying for that top spot.

Cioroch said he is not worried about North, which Farmington will play in Week 8.

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Melon Run 5K winner has unpleasant flashback

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John Monroe of Brighton had flashbacks to last year's state cross country meet Friday as he led the 5-kilometer field in the final mile of the Howell Melon Run.

It wasn't a pleasant trip down memory lane.

Comfortably in the lead, Monroe was anything but comfortable.

"The first 1.5 (miles), I was feeling good," he said. "Then two miles hit, and I was like, 'Wow, this is really long.' I haven't done one of these in a while. Then I started feeling progressively worse. Then by the last half mile, I started feeling the lactic acid coming on my left leg.

"I kind of stumbled through the finish line."

Monroe was able to hold on for the victory in 16 minutes, 46 seconds, but needed to be helped to the curb and was given some mints to chew on to get some sugar in his body.

It wasn't quite as scary a moment as the one Monroe experienced at the state cross country meet last fall when he needed medical attention after the race. He cruised through the first mile in 5:10, good for fourth out of seven runners on a Brighton team that was contending for a state championship.

He slowed to 6:56 for the third mile and wound up crossing in 242nd place, ahead of only two other finishers.

"Very similar," Monroe said. "This time I don't think it was hydration. I really focused on this one with that. I think it was more of a sugar problem. I've got to be careful with that."

A new 5K overall winner was guaranteed because two-time defending champion Patrick Miller of Howell ran the 10K. Miller, who didn't decide to run until after he'd run 5.66 treadmill miles at noon, coasted to the 10K victory in 36:23.

Aidan Bustillo, a former Brighton teammate of Monroe's, was second in 37:06.

Women's 10K winner Mary Bis of Howell got caught in a traffic jam of runners because of the new start time for the longer race.

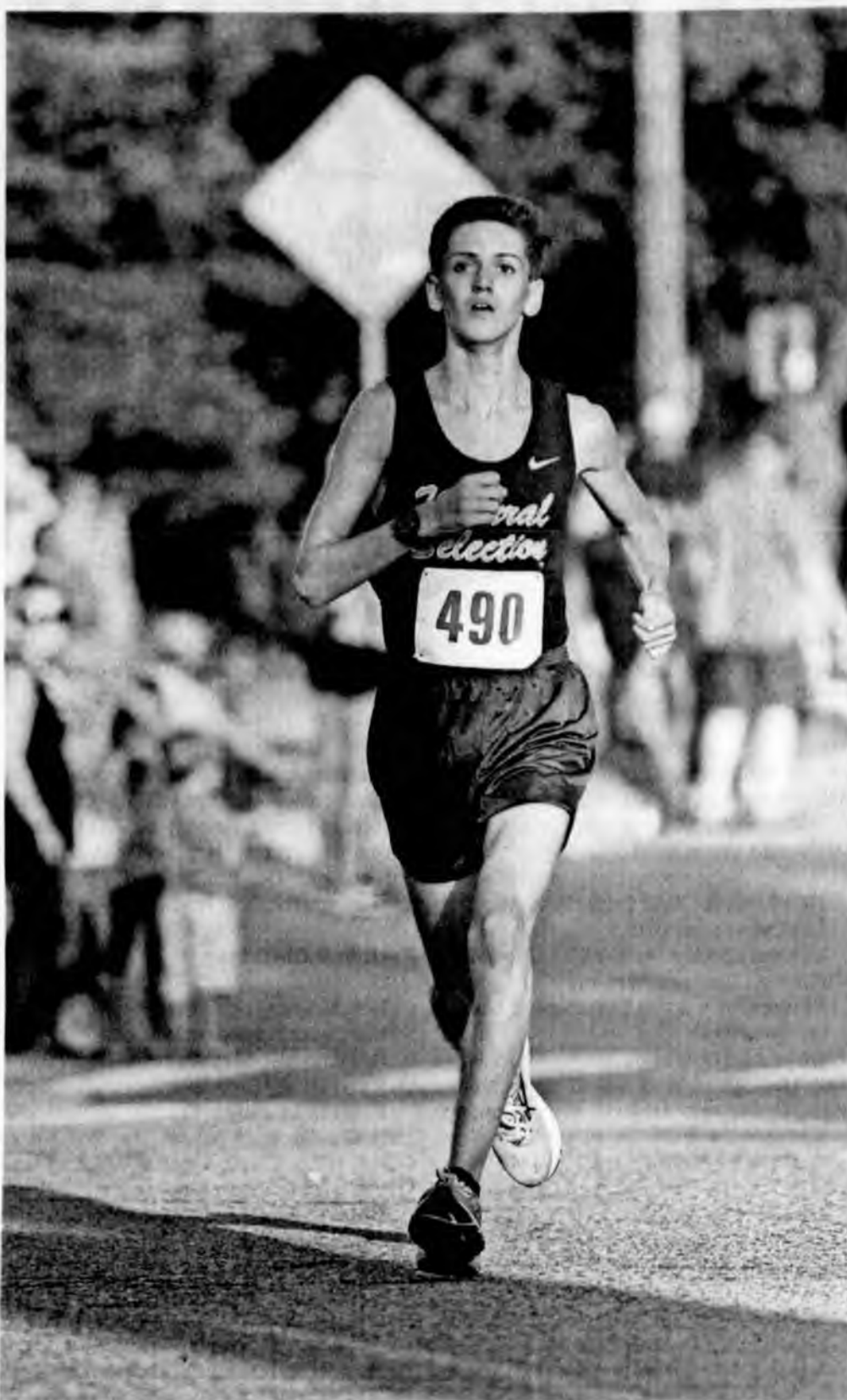
The 10K started 20 minutes before the 5K, which made it likely that the women's leader would be coming to the turnaround shortly before the start/finish line at the same time the 5K runners took off.

Bis had to run through hundreds of slower 5K runners as she hit the turnaround. The first few male runners had already cleared the turnaround before the 5K began.

"It threw me off a little bit having everyone stampead toward you," said Bis, who recently moved to Howell from Oregon. "They were good about saying, 'Turn around, turn around.' It was a little alarming at first.

"I think it kind of pushed me faster, because I've got all these other people I've got to beat."

Bis had a large enough lead to over-



John Monroe of Brighton won the 5K run at the Howell Melon Run on Aug. 16.

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Vaughn Haddix, 9, of Howell, was the overall winner of the one mile Fun Run.



Howell's Patrick Miller won the 10K.

come the inconvenience, winning by nearly four minutes with a time of 42:47.

The only repeat winner was Howell's Kayla Wiitala, the women's 5K champion with a time of 20:10.

Wiitala, who won in 19:32 last year, will be a senior on the Michigan State University cross country and track and field teams.

"I ran it last year and I like the camaraderie of it, so I wanted to be part of it again," she said.

There were 492 finishers in the 5K and 80 in the 10K.

Howell Melon Run

10K run (80 finishers)

Top 3 overall: 1. Patrick Miller, Howell, 36:23; 2. Aidan Bustillo, Brighton, 37:06; 3. Andrew Porinsky, Dexter, 41:50.

Top 3 women: 1. Mary Bis, Howell, 42:47; 2. Lori Leach Davis, Lapeer, 46:39; 3. Jessica DelCorvo, Howell, 48:46.
Masters: Men: Chris Schang, Brighton, 47:37. Women: Lori Leach Davis, Lapeer, 46:39.
Male 15-18: Aidan Bustillo, Brighton, 37:06
Male 19-24: Cal Bontekoe, Howell, 53:33
Female 19-24: Mackenzie Gormley, Brighton, 51:58
Male 25-29: Dane Patterson, Jackson, 47:27
Female 25-29: Kala Mapes, Howell, 58:38
Male 30-34: Andrew Porinsky, Dexter, 41:50
Female 30-34: Sara Rademacher, Lansing, 49:43
Male 35-39: Scott Haddix, Howell, 54:43
Female 35-39: Jessica DelCorvo, Howell, 48:46
Male 40-44: Kenneth Marr, Detroit, 50:14
Female 40-44: Shannon Laurie, Howell, 50:26
Male 45-49: Andrew Landry, Collegeville, Pa., 48:41
Female 45-49: Shawn Pollman, Howell, 53:18
Male 50-54: Michael Muncie, Novi, 56:39
Female 50-54: Carol Hollenbeck, Howell, 55:02
Male 55-59: Stefan Kogler, Milford, 58:17
Female 55-59: Kerry Hincica, Brighton, 1:01:53
Male 60-64: Clint Skinner, Linden, 55:51
Male 65-69: Dave Auwers, Farmington Hills, 54:21
Male 70-74: Claire Risner, Stockbridge, 1:09:56
Male 75-79: Ron Erickson, Wayne, 1:20:27

5K run (492 finishers)

Top 3 overall: 1. John Monroe, Brighton, 16:46; 2. Noah Weslock, Howell, 17:42; 3. Robert Cameron, Brighton, 17:44.
Top 3 women: 1. Kayla Wiitala, Howell, 20:10; 2. Sarah Duclos, Ann Arbor, 20:20; 3. Holly Pierson, Ypsilanti, 23:03.

Masters: Men: Russell Stratton, Howell, 21:41. Women: Kristen Stempien, Livonia, 26:00.
Male 14-under: Joshua Partee, Fowlerville, 20:18
Female 14-under: Sarah Halliday, Howell, 24:48
Male 15-18: Noah Weslock, Howell, 17:42
Female 15-18: Justin Pennala, Howell, 23:16
Male 19-24: Alec Pomerville, Howell, 19:52
Female 19-24: Sarah Duclos, Ann Arbor, 20:20
Male 25-29: Anthony Fenn, Westland, 22:30
Female 25-29: Catheryn Vella, Howell, 26:09
Male 30-34: Robert Cameron, Brighton, 17:44
Female 30-34: Holly Pierson, Ypsilanti, 23:03
Male 35-39: Ray Metcalf, Howell, 21:59
Female 35-39: Lisa Metcalf, Howell, 24:56
Male 40-44: Jeremy Ortwin, Taylor, 21:50
Female 40-44: Dana Mannor, Hamburg, 26:14
Male 45-49: David Mann, Grand Haven, 23:37
Female 45-49: Melissa Gallagher, Milan, 28:34
Male 50-54: John Richert, Ann Arbor, 22:49
Female 50-54: Michele Vogel, Howell, 30:08
Male 55-59: Mark Gatesman, Highland, 22:52
Female 55-59: Charl vlotte Burke, Canton, 26:05
Male 60-64: Patrick Keeney, Howell, 28:37
Female 60-64: Jill Winegar, Howell, 28:27
Male 65-69: Brad Borgeson, Howell, 29:47
Female 65-69: Kathleen Oerke, Howell, 34:17
Male 70-74: William Czerniawski, Howell, 59:02
Female 70-74: Chris Ferris, Lansing, 41:05
Men 75-79: Stephen Devereaux, Howell, 35:23
Female 75-79: Lynn Pirie Hill, Millersburg, 43:24
Male 80-over: David Dugger, Howell, 36:01

Fowlerville archer hopes to compete on world stage

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Through four years of high school, Anna Herbert of Fowlerville chased perfection.

Last winter, she caught it.

Herbert made history by shooting a perfect 300 in a high school archery competition Jan. 25 at the Portage Central Mustang Shootout.

She became the first girl in the National Archery in the Schools Program to shoot a perfect score, an achievement matched just seven days later by Paige Robbins of Kentucky.

To score 300, an archer must hit a spot the size of a tennis ball 30 consecutive times with 15 shots from 10 meters out and 15 shots from 15 meters away over the course of 45 minutes. The feat has been accomplished by 10 boys, one of whom did it twice.

"It was a goal of mine," Herbert said. "I didn't know if it would ever happen, because I've been trying for it for four years. I was a senior and really, really wanted it, because no other female had shot it before; I didn't know this until I'd done it.

"There is a 300 pin. Nobody had ever got it before. I really wanted to be the first one to get it. I didn't know if I would get it. It's not something I ever planned for. ... In the last round of the tournament, I knew I was perfect up until then. When I was walking down there seeing that target, I just about lost it; I was so

excited."

Herbert did prepare for the opportunity, shooting hundreds of arrows a day. She competed for the Fowlerville High School team and continues to train at Livingston Conservation & Sports Association in Brighton.

The closest she came to a perfect score before that tournament was a 296.

"It was one of those accomplishments I knew I could do, but I didn't know when this would happen," she said.

There was certainly some pressure on Herbert when she took her final shot to complete a perfect score, but imagine trying to focus when there's actually money on the line.

She was the 2018 national high school champion as a junior, winning a shootout for \$15,000 in scholarship money. In July, she placed fourth in a tournament, earning \$10,000 in scholarship money.

"It is a lot more pressure," she said. "A little bit more nerves play a factor."

Herbert will be a freshman at Eastern Michigan University, which does not have an archery team. She still has big goals in the sport, even if she can't compete at the collegiate level.

"My goals are to go to a world tournament through USA Archery and be on their world team that travels," she said. "I know I'm going to continue doing it through college and even when I'm out of college."

Herbert dabbled in archery when she



Anna Herbert of Fowlerville scored a perfect 300 in an archery competition in Portage in January and was the national high school champion. COURTESY PHOTO

was younger, but didn't take it up as a sport until she was 12. She competed in the Junior Olympic Archery Development program, switching to the high school archery program when she moved to Fowlerville as a freshman.

"I wanted to do something," she said.

"This is what I found. I didn't know if I would really like it, but it turns out I just enjoyed it so much I wanted to keep going with it.

"I hadn't played any other sports. I wanted to, but we just couldn't work it out. This was something we could."

Spend safely and avoid outliving your money



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Many older adults worry about going broke in retirement, about outliving their assets. But they don't have to worry if they follow two key steps outlined in new research from the Stanford Center on Longevity and the Society of Actuaries, those chipper folks who study how long you might live.

1. Delay Social Security benefits. Whether you're the primary wage-earner of a married couple or a single retiree, you should delay claiming Social Security for as long as possible, though no later than age 70.

Doing so, the researchers say, does two things:

One, the beneficiary will receive the largest possible monthly benefit. That's because Social Security retirement benefits are increased by a certain percentage (depending on your date of birth) if you delay your retirement beyond full retirement age or FRA. So, for instance, those born in 1957 could get 128% of their scheduled FRA monthly benefit if they delay getting benefits from age 66 and six months (the FRA for someone born in 1957) to age 70.

And two, the increased benefit could represent two-thirds to more than 80% of a retiree's total retirement income. And for many middle-income retirees, this may represent all the guaranteed lifetime income they need, according to the researchers.

2. Use withdrawal rules. The second step is for you, the retiree, to generate income from your savings using the IRS' required minimum distribution (RMD) rules, coupled with a low-cost index fund, target-date fund or balanced fund.

The IRS requires that IRA and 401(k) account owners start taking mandatory distributions from their accounts starting at age 70½. Though complicated, the RMD rules say you must start withdrawing a certain amount of money from your retirement accounts each

year based on your life expectancy and the amount of money in your accounts.

These two steps, which the researchers refer to as the "Spend Safely In Retirement Strategy" (SSiRS), are intended as a "baseline" approach for middle-income workers who: won't have much if any traditional pension/defined benefit plan income; have accumulated \$1 million or less in their 401(k), IRA or other accounts earmarked for retirement; and might not work with a financial adviser.

Among the SSiRS' advantages, the researchers say, is that the approach is easy to understand and implement, and doesn't require the ongoing involvement of a financial adviser. Plus, optimizing Social Security benefits will mitigate some of the more common retirement risks such as longevity (the risk of outliving your assets), inflation, and declines in the value of your retirement portfolio.

But this strategy is not without its disadvantages.

SSiRS doesn't work all that well when living expenses are uneven and vary from year to year. For instance, the decision to use RMD rules for withdrawals – rather than say the 4% rule where one withdraws a fixed percentage per year from retirement accounts – means your income could fluctuate year to year. So, for example, let's say you are 70 and had \$1 million in your IRA as of Dec. 31 of the previous year. In year one of the strategy, you would withdraw \$36,496 from your account. But in year two, let's say you had \$950,000 in your account. Now your RMD would be \$35,849. So, the RMD strategy might not work for retirees who have to cover essential and/or unexpected expenses with the money in their retirement accounts.

Often, actuaries and others will say essential living expenses ought to be covered by fixed sources of guaranteed lifetime income such as Social Security or a pension.

Got questions about money? Email Bob at rpowell@allthingsretirement.com.

Podcasts being added to search by Google



Talking Tech
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Google is adding audio podcasts to its search results, alongside videos, photos and web links. You'll be able to play podcasts directly from within Google.

That means searchers won't have to leave Google and go to iTunes, TuneIn or elsewhere to listen. They'll be able to listen via the Google Podcasts app on phones or on the Web.

Google estimates that there are now some 2 million podcasts available for listening, and it wants to help people find them.

Google has been bullish on podcasts for quite some time. In 2018 it launched a Google Podcasts app, saying at the time it hoped to double the audience by exposing more of the shows to more people.

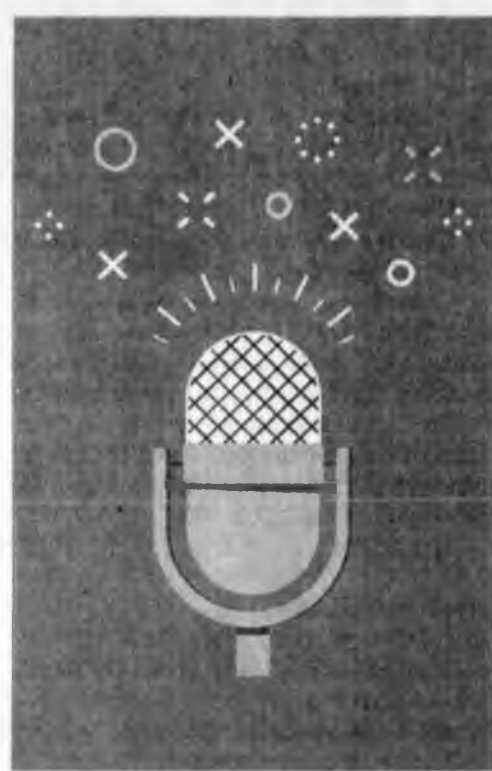
In an interview Wednesday, Google product manager Zack Reneau-Wedeen said he expects it will take three to four years for the doubling to occur, "but with podcasts in search, we hope to accelerate that."

The podcast search tools will be rolled out gradually, starting today, and searchers will need to include the word "podcast" in their query, at first. Eventually, the Google search engine will get smarter and be able to show results from shows without it, Reneau-Wedeen says.

Traditionally, Google indexes content based on written words. It needs text from web pages, photos and video descriptions to identify content. Reneau-Wedeen said Google is using "speech technology" to monitor each podcast and create an internal transcript for search results.

Later this year, Google will open up podcast search to the Google Assistant, which is available on its Google Home speakers, as well as on iOS and Android phones.

"For example, when you ask the Google Assistant for podcasts about a certain topic, such as 'Hey Google,



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play a podcast about Marie Curie," Google notes in a company blog, "it will suggest episodes for you related to your search."

Because the audio will be played via the Google Podcasts app and web player, Google notes that your listening progress is synched, so you could start a show on your computer, for instance, and continue on your phone later.

Podcasts have been on the rise in the last year, by Reneau-Wedeen's estimation having grown by 20%. The U.S. ranks No. 1, with countries such as India and Brazil joining the top 5.

The most popular podcast categories within Google's app have been the tried-and-true crime shows and interviews, he says.

Podcasts have had a busy year. Streaming music leader Spotify in 2019 bought podcast makers Gimlet and Anchor to beef up its position in the category.

In July, Bloomberg reported that Apple was looking to begin funding original podcasts.

Netflix hacks you'll wish you knew sooner



Tech Talk
Kim Komando

Netflix isn't exactly new anymore. The company started with mail-order DVDs, you may recall, before it revolutionized streaming video. Netflix has a lot of competition these days, and its selection can feel a little piecemeal. So I wouldn't blame you for getting a bit bored with the platform – which is why a lot of customers jump around services.

There are ways to liven up your Netflix experience. Some methods only work on computers and laptops, while others require Google Chrome or a particular app.

But when you think you know everything about Netflix, you suddenly find ways to search, view and organize its offerings that can freshen that ol' queue. Here are some favorite Netflix hacks.

Use special browser extensions

If you watch Netflix on your laptop or computer, there are several Chrome extensions you can use to streamline Netflix functions.

If you're not sure what an extension is, these are just programs that help you customize your browser experience – in this case, using streaming video. To find them, go to chrome.google.com and search for extensions by name.

■ No Netflix Originals. Not everyone is a fan of Netflix Originals. They only want to see the movies and TV series that have already circulated. This Chrome extension removes all Netflix Originals from your home screen, which clears up space to see what else Netflix has on deck.

A word of caution, though: The explosion of streaming services is taking a big bite out of Netflix's offerings. Soon it will lose "Friends," all Marvel, Star Wars and Disney titles, and DC films, to name just a few.

As a result, Netflix is offering more foreign movies and TV shows – and original content. At some point, the No Netflix Originals extension may leave you with slim pickings.

■ Super Netflix. This extension al-



There is a Chrome extension that removes all Netflix Originals from your home screen, which clears up space to see what else is on deck. NETFLIX

lows you to pick the quality of video streaming, rather than using Netflix's default setting. Why would you want lower quality?

Well, you can use less bandwidth on your Wi-Fi network or data on your phone. That way, you don't slow down the other devices in your home, and you don't have to worry about buying extra data from your carrier.

■ Never Ending Netflix. With this extension, you can automatically play the next episode of whatever series you're binge-watching, skip title sequences and search more than 3,000 genres.

Best of all, you can disable that "Are you still watching?" prompt, so series will continue to play until they run out of episodes.

New discoveries with category codes

Netflix has nearly 14,000 programs you can watch from the main browser. As if that wasn't enough options, there's even more that you might not know about. I'm talking about secret menus and codes. The downside to the codes is that you can't access them through your TV. You have to use a computer, laptop, tablet or smartphone browser.

Create multiple profiles based on your tastes

Many times I look at my recommendations and wonder whether Netflix knows my tastes at all. Most people like more than a handful of genres, actors and directors, which is why some of these recommendations seem limited or off-base.

This may seem like extra effort, but others haven't commandeered all your profiles, you can create new profiles that reflect your likes. One profile could be for action-adventure, another for horror films, and so on.

Play Reelgood Roulette

Reelgood Roulette is a delightful website that is also an app for iPhones. Better still, through a free subscription, you can add all of your streaming services and networks and "spin the wheel" on all of them or just one.

Go crazy and turn off all the filters and see what you get. Or if you're really in the mood to see the works of a certain actor or director, you can use those filters and spin the wheel again to see what's available.

Besides being fun, it can help you de-

cide what to watch. Also, if you don't want to play roulette, the site is a one-stop place to see what's on your services, what's leaving and what's new.

Finally, this site doesn't tie you to any one device. No matter how you prefer to watch your TV and movies, Reelgood Roulette is a helpful resource to have around.

Your Insider Bonus Tip

With all the video streaming options out there, are you struggling to find all the worthwhile content you want to watch?

You need to use a specialized search site to find what's new and popular on the various streaming services from Netflix to Amazon and beyond.

Best of all, you can see where your favorite movie or show is available for free before you buy it on another service.

Learn about all the latest technology on the Kim Komando Show, the nation's largest weekend radio talk show. Kim takes calls and dispenses advice on today's digital lifestyle, from smartphones and tablets to online privacy and data hacks. For her daily tips, free newsletters and more, visit her website at komando.com.

Equity in your home can fund projects

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My consumer watchdog coverage is largely thanks to our readers telling me about their most stubborn problems. People have contacted me by phone, email or a submission form at the end of one of my stories.

A number of you have come through with questions you think I should investigate. I've corresponded with many of you over email about your submitted inquiries, and I turned some into stories.

Here's a submitted question about home equity lines of credit – a financial concept that might be difficult for you to untangle.

What is a HELOC?

A home equity line of credit (HELOC) is a way to borrow money against the equity in your home and to pay back the loan over time plus interest. That statement might not mean much to you, so David Homs, an enterprise retail sales manager with Bank of America, helped me break it down.

Let's say Joe and Sally own a house worth \$100,000. It has been a while since they bought the house and now they owe \$20,000 on their mortgage.

They want to do a kitchen renovation, and they decide to go with a home equity line of credit to pay for it. Home equity lines of credit also are commonly used to fund college tuition or for emergencies, said Homs.

Their bank does some calculations: it caps their home equity "borrowing power" at 85% of the home's value (85% is typical for banks) minus the mortgage remainder. In this case, that's \$100,000 x 0.85 - \$20,000 = \$65,000. Joe and Sally can borrow a maximum of \$65,000 against their home's value.

If they go with a home equity line of credit, they can draw from their line of credit in installments and pay those back plus interest over time. Different banks offer variable or fixed interest rates. It's a revolving account during its 10-year "draw period" – they make payments on the amounts they draw from



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Home equity line of credit (HELOC)

A way to borrow money against the equity in your home and to pay back the loan over time plus interest.

Home equity loan

A lump sum loan against the equity in your home, paid back in installments with a fixed interest rate.

the line, and borrow more if they need, said Homs. After 10 years, the draw period ends, meaning they can't continue to use the line of credit. They typically have 20 years to pay the balance.

A home equity loan is slightly different. It's one lump sum, paid back in installments with a fixed interest rate.

A home equity loan is often termed as "a second mortgage," said Homs.

That's because, like a mortgage, the bank is lending you a lump sum to be paid back in installments with a fixed interest rate.

So which one should you get? If you own a house and you're comfortable with your original mortgage loan as it is, you can apply for either of these options if your bank offers them.

The major difference between them is a homeowner receives the money – a home equity loan is a lump sum upfront that is repaid monthly with a fixed rate, and a home equity line of credit allows a homeowner to access a set line of credit when they need it, with payments typically based on a variable interest rate.

Words of wisdom may apply to help your 401(k)

Don't sweat the small – or complicated – stuff



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Every day I tweet a memorable investment quote from a market guru. Here are some of my all-time favorite concise words of wisdom to help you guide your retirement funds.

1. "Bull markets are born on pessimism, grow on skepticism, mature on optimism and die on euphoria." – Sir John Templeton

Frequent readers may recall this pearl from my previous columns. It's the best single depiction of evolving bull markets and sentiment. Templeton was a legendary, pioneering global investor – a great, gentle human and a font of wisdom.

2. "Investment decisions should focus first and foremost on markets or asset classes. Over time, that's going to explain roughly 90% of investment returns." – Gary Brinson

Brinson, a long-retired top-tier money management guru, pioneered the theory that asset allocation – how you divide your assets among stocks, bonds and other securities – and subsets thereof, matters more than which single stocks you own. Get those big decisions mostly right, diversify and forget needling in haystacks.

3. "Ninety percent of what passes for brilliance or incompetence in investing is the ebb and flow of investment style – growth, value, small, foreign." – Jeremy Grantham

Grantham has built a long, successful career in institutional asset management based on getting the big picture right. As I detailed on my July 21 column, most active managers' out-performance comes down to capitalizing on index quirks. When their preferred style wins, they win.

4. "The market is always making mountains out of molehills and exaggerating ordinary vicissitudes

into major setbacks." – Ben Graham

Take it from the legendary, "father of security analysis": Don't get hung up on wiggly wobbles. That most people around you will be too short-term focused makes it no less wrong.

5. "Read Ben Graham and Phil Fisher, read annual reports, but don't do equations with Greek letters in them." – Warren Buffett

Indeed. Don't overcomplicate things. Simplicity wins, almost always.

6. "Your ultimate success or failure depends on your ability to ignore the worries of the world long enough to allow your investments to succeed. It isn't the head but the stomach that determines the fate of the stock-picker." – Peter Lynch

Lynch's legendary stock-picking, and Buffett's, too, had consistently amazing symmetry with Brinson's and Grantham's quotes.

Don't overcomplicate things.

Simplicity wins, almost always.

7. "When markets are down, I'm a much happier person. When we hear about recessions, disasters, revolutions, we know there will be an opportunity." – Mark Mobius

Mobius, arguably the original Emerging Markets pioneer, working under John Templeton for 30 years, epitomized buying, "when there's blood in the streets – even if it's your own."

8. "Any man who is a bear on the future of this country will go broke." – J.P. Morgan

As long as free enterprise and relatively free markets exist, bull markets will always follow bear markets. Emergent opportunities will always arise. Bet against that and you lose.

Today's final gem from the legend I opened with:

9. "The four most dangerous words in the world of investing are, This time it's different." – Sir John Templeton

Protect your home when disaster strikes

Insurance agents can walk you through claims

Aimee Picchi
Special to USA TODAY

Home insurance may not be top of mind – until disaster hits your property.

Take Kristin Schoeffel, a homeowner who says she hadn't given her insurance a second thought since she and her husband bought their home in 2001.

That changed in June, when she forgot to turn off the tap in the laundry room sink of their home in Garden City South, New York, before she left for work. When she returned that evening, she found her basement flooded.



"The water had been unfortunately running for six to seven hours," Schoeffel says. "It was upsetting. It was scary. It was something that I can't believe that I actually did."

Schoeffel made an insurance claim for the damage, which required as much as \$10,000 in repairs. Of that, she and her husband paid their deductible, roughly \$2,500.

"I look at homeowners insurance differently now because it is something that you won't think will ever happen, but will," she says.

Here's Schoeffel's advice as well as tips from Howard White, the president of remediation company Maxons Restorations, which restored Schoeffel's basement.

Review your policy beforehand

Homeowners typically don't know what's covered until disaster strikes, White says. But it's important to make sure you have adequate insurance before that happens because insurers won't retroactively add coverage.

"Most homeowners don't think about their policy until they actually need it," White says. "So when you buy coverage, you should make sure that there's adequate limits for what if the whole place burned to the ground, or what if all your stuff was destroyed?"



Kristin Schoeffel forgot to turn off the tap in the laundry room sink of their home in Garden City South, N.Y., before she left for work. When she returned that evening, she found her basement flooded. ANDREA KRAMAR

Insurance typically covers both the structure and a homeowner's belongings, but White says common pitfalls include failing to insure a house for its actual replacement cost and ignoring the impact of inflation. For instance, a couch bought years ago for \$5,000 could now cost \$7,500 to replace.

Think twice before making small claims

Homeowners might be tempted to make small claims for damage, but White said that might backfire if an insurer determines those homeowners are bad risks and declines to renew their policies.

"I would save making a claim for something really catastrophic," he says. "Like if it far exceeds your deductible by a factor of, let's say, five."

That's what happened in the case of the Schoeffels' basement, where the re-

pairs were about four times as much as their roughly \$2,500 deductible.

"It's for the amount of the deductible as compared to what it would cost out of pocket to fix this problem," Schoeffel said. "For me, it is well worth it."

Call your agent

Once disaster strikes, call your agent, who can help walk you through your coverage and the process of filing a claim. "The first thing I would do is call the agent and say, 'Hey, I've had this loss. It looks like this. It smells like this. I have no idea how much it's going to be,'" White says.

Document everything

Insurance companies will want to see the extent of the impact, and may send a claims adjuster to inspect the damage in case of large or complex claims. In

smaller cases, the adjuster may settle the claim over the phone.

"Take photos, take video on your phone, Facetime with your agents so they can see the loss," he recommends.

The documentation also will help contractors and remediation experts assess the scale of the project. And when a homeowner makes a claim, they'll need detailed estimates to provide to the insurance agent, White says.

"If you just have an estimate from Joe's contracting company that says \$7,500, that's not going to fly," he says. "They'll never pay for it. They need to be able to count it, qualify it and then pay for it."

Schoeffel said her advice for other homeowners is to focus on the big picture. "Try not to let life and kids and everything else that we do every day distract you from the importance of your home and keeping your home safe and keeping your valuables safe," she says.

HOW I BECAME A ...

Marie Kondo brings tidiness and great joy

Susannah Hutcheson
Special to USA TODAY

Our series "How I became a ..." digs into the stories of accomplished and influential people, finding out how they got to where they are in their careers.

From becoming fascinated with the art of tidying at the age of 5 to starting her own organizing business as a university student in Japan, Marie Kondo and her approach to tidying has sparked joy in people all across the globe. Her New York Times bestseller "The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up" helped Kondo share her lessons with the world, and her Netflix original series "Tidying Up With Marie Kondo" is up for two Emmy Awards.

USA TODAY caught up with Kondo to talk about everything from the happiness she gets from organizing items into tiny boxes to producing her own television show for Netflix.

Question: How did you get your start?

Marie Kondo: When it comes to tidying, I was interested in tidying ever since I was 5 years old, and by the time I entered middle school, I dove into researching tidying. I was 19 years old when I became a professional organizing consultant. One of my hobbies when I was in college was to go tidy my friends' homes, and the word-of-mouth quickly spread that when Marie comes to visit your home, your home becomes incredibly tidy.

When I began my organizing consulting business, the wait list became half a year long, so I received a request from one of my clients that they wanted to read my lessons in book form, (and) that was how the book came to

be.

Q: How has your career changed since?

Kondo: What I do to impart what I know about tidying hasn't changed at all. But I've always mainly worked in Japan before — now, I have a lot of TV appearances, and the scale of my lectures and presentations I give certainly have changed. I also work predominantly in the U.S. now, so it's changed quite a bit.

Q: What does a typical workday look like for you?

Kondo: For today, for instance, I'm writing a new book, so sometimes I do that. I also create videos related to my tidying lessons, and for Japan I have a Japan exclusive online service, so I have to write content for that. Very full days.

Q: What is your favorite thing about your job?

Kondo: I love creating storage. I like working with tiny little boxes, and it's almost like a puzzle when it fits exactly into that space — my client's space — that we're working with. It feels so great.

Q: To what do you credit your success?

Kondo: I think I credit that to my home is tidy, but my decision-making skills are very tidy. I always feel like I'm attuned to what I need to be doing at that particular moment.

Q: How do you balance work, life and such a busy schedule?

Kondo: I wonder (laughs). In terms of balance, I always try to carve out a time that sparks joy for me, whether that is a time for reflection or relaxing

"I like working with tiny little boxes, and it's almost like a puzzle when it fits exactly into that space."

Marie Kondo

Marie Kondo discovered her love for organizing when she was a child. She first became a professional organizing consultant when she was 19. KONMARI MEDIA

and playing with my children. I make sure that I save that time so that I can always maintain myself to be at 100%, and then I try to think how to conduct my schedule in a most effective way.

Q: What have been some of your career highlights?

Kondo: Producing my own TV show

for Netflix — it's been amazing.

Q: What advice would you give to someone who wants to follow in your footsteps?

Kondo: To put it succinctly, I would say to trust in what sparks joy for you. Trust in your own sense of what sparks joy for you.

3D innovation could boost Delaware's profile

Karl Baker
The News Journal
USA TODAY NETWORK

If a team at the University of Delaware has its way, a baseball-sized chunk of ceramic riddled with microscopic tunnels will help your car talk to stop lights and your toaster converse with electrical grids.

Their goal: Figure out how to program an inkjet 3D printer with 12,000 nozzles so its layers of liquid ceramic create a mass that resembles a microscopic waffle grid, through which signals can flow.

Designed by UD Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering Mark Mirotznik, the resulting ceramic lens, in effect, will be a series of tiny antennas designed to shoot high-frequency beams of Wi-Fi, radar or cellphone signals.

Finding an efficient way to control such signals — a phenomenon called beam steering — has been among the greater hurdles facing the worldwide build-out of superfast internet infrastructure, called 5G.

Other challenges include geopolitical ones, notably the United States' opposition to China-based Huawei's installation of 5G equipment around the world.

While the forthcoming 5G network could add trillions to the global economy, Mirotznik, if successful, will publish his research openly without patenting the design, he said.

"I doubt I'll get rich on it," Mirotznik said, laughing.

Hyped for the past half-decade, 5G should bring enough internet speed and breadth to download entire movies in seconds and enable the connectivity of nearly every consumer product, from toasters to ID cards, tech experts say.

While the "internet of things" has businesses envisioning an economic boom, it also has civil libertarians warning that personal privacy could erode as more everyday items are built with computers inside.

Separately, tech companies are scrambling to market phones capable of linking to 5G, even as the network today exists only in small sections of certain major cities such as New York and Los Angeles. In the next few years, it should expand. But to get there, infrastructure companies need a more efficient way to



A massive ceramic 3D printer has been set up at the University of Delaware. PHOTOS BY JERRY HABRAKEN/USA TODAY NETWORK



Professors and researchers at the University of Delaware are fabricating a baseball-sized ceramic lens that they hope will become a key component in the future of the internet.

send signals across a city, said Dana Dror, an executive whose 3D printing company, XJet, is working with Mirotznik.

Mirotznik's antenna lens, which has no moving parts, is one solution to keep data moving, he said. "There are probably folks working on multiple solutions for this, and this is one of them," he said.

While 5G waves carry more data than 4G ones, they also travel shorter distances. That means cities will need thousands of antennas to relay 5G signals within lines of sight, Dror said.

Those antennas will need to be able to stand up to the weather because they will be outside and not consume much electricity because there will be so many.

"The idea is every stoplight, every lamp post is going to have a 5G capability and be interconnected," Mirotznik said.

While there are mechanical and electrical antennas that already exist to re-

lay signals, Dror insists that tech developers have been "stuck" trying to build an antenna that consumes no energy. Mirotznik created a plastic prototype of the antenna lens. The next step is to figure out how to build the device out of ceramic, complete with hollowed-out tiny, hair-sized passageways. The only feasible way is to use a 3D printer, Mirotznik said. "You can't mold it," he said.

A relatively new technology in its own right, 3D printing uses computerized blueprints to layer liquefied materials into shapes. While it has become popular with plastics, ceramic 3D printing still is rare, Dror said.

The truck-sized printer within a UD lab at Evans Hall is the second ceramic one from any maker to be installed in the United States, Dror said. The other is in Ohio at the Youngstown Business Incubator.

Lions fans can feast on loaded potatoes and more



Fresh locally sourced beef burger during Detroit Lions' food and beverage preview for the 2019-20 season at Ford Field. SUSAN SELASKY/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Susan Selasky
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Levy Restaurants, the food and beverage partner at Ford Field, recently gave a taste of new menu items. The new offerings were introduced on the same day the Lions hosted Family Fest, a free event that included a Lions scrimmage.

Matt Svacina, assistant director of operations for Levy at Ford Field, said the goal for

new items this year was to "make the basics better." "Our executive chefs' vision was to take the things fans want and doing it the best using local fresh ingredients," Svacina said.

Local offering include beef for the burgers and jerky from Ferndale's Farm Field Table. From Honcho in Clarkston, part of the Union Joins group, there's Latin food with an Asian flare in tacos, nachos and burritos. "Our menu concept

drove from our fans and bringing in the local food scene," said Tim Hendren, executive chef for Levy and Ford Field. "It's driven by the passion that we have to work with local chefs and local business partners to really strive and push the quality and not overthink things."

"Trying to take simple and make it high end without overdoing it so people actually know what they are eating and are comfortable eating it."

This is the fourth year for Power Hour, where for the first hour after the gates open fans get \$3 beers, \$2 hot dogs and a cheeseburger for \$5.

For each of the past several seasons, Levy developed a "wow" item, like dessert nachos and the four-pound doughnut. But this year they opted not to.

This season's highlights include the Mitten Mash, which costs \$11.50-\$12.50. It's a one-pound potato - choice of russet, sweet potato or mashed potato with three styles to choose from.

At the Crown Royal Corner Bar, the new chicken wings are brined in Crown Royal Apple and smoked with whisky barrel chips. The hearty wings are fried until crisp and \$14 for a full pound. They can be tossed in Crown Royal barbecue sauce, house buffalo sauce or chipotle lime dry rub.

If you're a fan of trendy Nashville hot chicken, Hendren tops crispy fries with smoked hot shredded chicken thighs, applewood-smoked bacon, honey and pickled jalapeño relish. It's \$13, filling and hits the spice mark. Two outposts of Wahlburgers, the chain founded by celebrity brothers Paul, Mark and Donnie Wahlberg, are located at the north and south club level.

Here are a few more highlights:

Locally sourced beef burger: Served as a cheeseburger, it's \$5 during Power Hour. During regular hours a single patty is \$11.50 and double patty \$13.50. Burgers are served with house fried chips and choice of avocado, mushrooms, fried onions, caramelized onions, pickled jalapeños or bacon for an additional cost.

Chicken tenders (\$11.50): They've upgraded the quality of chicken tenders and serve them with fries and choice of house-made dipping sauces.

Honcho: All items come with choice of Korean pulled pork, beef, chicken tinga or a vegetarian. Tacos (2) are \$10 and topped with cheese blend, red onions, salsa verde, cilantro and scallions. There are also nachos (\$14) and burrito (\$12) options with a variety of toppings.

In the beverage area they've stepped up their craft cocktail programs. There's a Rum Punch which is part of the Drink of the Game program, which will feature seasonally themed cocktails. The Leaping Lion features vodka, blue curacao and lemonade. It's featured for \$5 during Power Hour.

Each Thanksgiving, Svacina said, Goose Island Bourbon County stout is featured. "It's actually released the day after Thanksgiving, so it's special to us to have the first pour in the state of Michigan," he said.

This season, they've expanded the craft beer offerings and will designate a different release beer at every home game. "All of the beers are limited release, hard to find ... some aren't even brewed yet," Svacina said.

After much success with the Silver Savings program introduced last year that offers \$5 beers, Svacina said they've more than doubled the number of locations that will offer it.

Obituaries

John Joseph Allen

NEW HUDSON - John Joseph Allen, long-time New Hudson resident age 93, passed away August 16, 2019. John was born in Detroit in March 1926, to Joseph and Marie (Godde) Allen and moved to New Hudson shortly thereafter. He graduated from Milford High School and served in the United States Army Air Corps. John married Dolores Campbell, also of New Hudson, in 1949 and together they raised their family. He owned his own manufacturing company Hilltop Manufacturing. In 2000, John and Dolores moved to Barryton, Michigan where he enjoyed fishing and deer hunting until moving back to New Hudson 2 years ago. John is survived by his wife of 70 years, Dolores, and 6 of his 7 children and their spouses: Susan (Dan) Glazier, John David Allen, Patrick (Debbie) Allen, Robin (Ronda) Allen, Joseph (Judy) Allen, and Katherine (James) Bridson. He is preceded in death by his son Michael John Allen. John is also survived by 9 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. www.phillipsfuneral.com



Elizabeth Kirtland Gress

MILFORD - Elizabeth Kirtland Gress, a resident of Milford, MI, died in the late hours of August 15, 2019. She was 91 years old. Elizabeth was a long time member of the First United Presbyterian Church in Ypsilanti and currently attended the Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Brighton, MI. She was also a lifetime member of the Daughters of American Revolution (D.A.R.). She is preceded in death by her husband, La Marr Gress (d. 2011).

Elizabeth is survived by daughters, Nanette (Mark) Paladino of Milford, Natalie (Larry) Hulaj of Las Vegas; grandchildren, Joseph Paladino, Holly (Abe) Chahrour, Alexander Paladino; and great grandchildren, Lena, Kamli, and Noura Chahrour, Farrah, Elise and Adam Chahrour.

A Memorial Service took place at Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 with pastor Chris Winans officiating.

Memorials are encouraged in her name to the Pregnancy Help Clinic, 7743 W. Grand River Ave., Brighton, MI 48116 and Right to Life - Livingston County, 802 E. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116.

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May you find loving comfort in your time of loss.

Regina (Reggie) Marie Lubaczewski Hodson

- - Regina (Reggie) Marie Lubaczewski Hodson passed away on August 16, 2019 surrounded by her family.

Reggie was born on D-Day, December 7th, 1924 in Philadelphia.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Robert (Bob); parents Julia and Constantine Lubaczewski; brother Ted Lubaczewski; sister Mildred Przybyszewski; nephews Joe Przybyszewski and Tom Lubaczewski and son-in-law, Ken Bohn.

Reggie had the voice of an angel and sang in various choirs and clubs in high school and college; as an adult in community theatre, and church choirs; and even at 94, was asked to sing with the LampLighters Men's group when they came to sing at Brookdale, Brighton where she was staying.

Trained as a secretary, Reggie worked for Yale and Town in Chicago, where she met her future husband Bob on a lucky Friday the 13th. They were married in 1948 and had five daughters - Christine (Tom) MacNaughton, Barbara (Mark) Gow, Kathleen (Dan) McLean, Peggy (Ken d.2009) Bohn, and Tricia Dewar. Reggie was blessed with eight grandchildren - Justin & Lauren Gow, Erica & Kaitlyn McLean, Patricia (Kurtis) Carroll & Jennifer Bohn, Robby & Christopher Dewar; and three great grandchildren - Lily Gow and Leo & Thomas Carroll.

Reggie set up new homes numerous times as Bob's sales career took him to Binghamton, NY; Elmira, NY, Berkley Heights NJ, Chagrin Falls, OH and several homes in Michigan, finally settling in South Lyon.

Reggie unconditionally loved everyone, and everyone who met her loved her. She was always upbeat, smiling and laughing, and connected with neighbors wherever she lived.

Her family was the most important thing in her life, and if she could have, she would have had all of them living with her to be able to see them every day.

Mass of the Resurrection will be held at St. Mary Our Lady of the Snows, 1955 E. Commerce Rd., Milford on Friday, August 23, 2019 at 11:30AM. The Rev. Msgr. John Budde to officiate. Visitation will be held at the church on Friday, August 23, 2019 from 10:30AM until the start of service.

Memorial contributions are encouraged in her name to the charity of your choice.

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Gordon C. Kimball

MILFORD - Gordon C. Kimball, a long time resident of Milford, died on August 15, 2019 at the age of 83.

He is survived by his children, Bryan (Ella), Lisa (Alan), Deborah (John), and Shawna (Tim); grandchildren, Carol, Chrissy, D.J., Rachel, Ross, Tommy, Josh, Alanna, Lindsay, Johnny, Dina, Andrea, Kayla, and Michelle; great-grandchildren, Mia, Melody, and Aurora; sisters, Evelyn Tapp and Mary (Duanne) Eghotz. Also survived by many extended family and friends. He was preceded in death by his wife, Arlene (d. 2011) and siblings, Bud Kimball, Jean Parks, and brother-in-law, Jim Tapp.

Funeral Service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, Milford with burial at Highland Cemetery.

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Teandra Birely O'Brien

- - Teandra Birely O'Brien, age 43, passed away August 17, 2019 after her courageous battle with cancer.

Teandra was born in Livonia to David and Jean Birely on January 13, 1976. She taught at Sayre Elementary for 18 years at different grade levels, 3rd grade being the most recent. She will be remembered as a loving and devoted wife and mother, beloved daughter and sister and caring teacher and friend. Teandra is survived by her husband Patrick; daughters: Alexandra Jade, Samantha Makena and Danielle Caitlyn; mother Jean Birely, brothers Timothy Birely and Anthony Birely and sister Terri Lynn Papanastopoulos. She is also survived by many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Jude Research Hospital or American Cancer Society.



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Job seekers with felonies still have rights



Johnny C. Taylor
Columnist
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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: According to the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the decision not to hire a person with a past felony should be job-related. But some companies in the trucking industry are not abiding by this, even though some of them signed the Obama administration's Fair Chance Business Pledge. For example, a company says that a job candidate's felony conviction must be more than 10 years old for that candidate to be considered for a position. But when you have a felony conviction from more than 16 years ago and unrelated to driving or the duties of the job, they still deny you. Why are companies allowed to go against federal law? — Anonymous

Johnny C. Taylor Jr.: While it is true the EEOC has suggested that background checks could be discriminatory, federal law does not actually provide protection against someone discriminating against an individual simply because he or she has a criminal record.

But there is some good news.

When employers evaluate a job candidate's criminal convictions, they should consider certain factors: whether the conviction is job-related, the nature and gravity of the offense, and how much time has passed since the offense or completion of a prison sentence, according to the EEOC.

So what does this mean for job applicants with past criminal convictions?

A company may have valid reasons for denying employment to an applicant based on his or her past criminal con-



Some states have "ban-the-box" laws, which prohibit an employer from asking about convictions early in the application or interview process. THINKSTOCK

viction, but if a company rejects a job candidate without considering these factors, it risks a discrimination claim.

Until a discrimination claim is filed, however, it remains only a risk. A job applicant must file an actual discrimination claim against the company to be entitled to relief or a remedy.

As job candidates with criminal backgrounds pursue employment, they should know their rights and discuss their convictions openly with employers when appropriate. Consider this:

■ Several states have revised their laws on the expunging of criminal convictions. Depending upon the length of time that has passed since a conviction, individuals might be eligible to have their convictions set aside under state law.

■ Some states and local governments have "ban-the-box" laws, which prohibit an employer from asking about convictions early in the application or interview process. If a state or locality

has such a law and an employer asks about convictions, it is violating the law. If you are a job candidate in this situation, you should address it with the employer professionally. Use the opportunity to note that the conviction is not relevant to the position you're applying for and you would be happy to discuss it at the appropriate time in the hiring process.

■ The Fair Credit Reporting Act allows job candidates to request a copy of the results of a background check. They can ask for a copy to see what information the employer requested and how far back it looked. If the rejection was based on a conviction listed in the report, the employer must notify the job candidate. This, too, can open a dialogue.

■ If employers say their policies do not allow for a job candidate with a criminal background to be considered for employment, they should explain how the candidate's conviction is rele-

vant, given EEOC guidance. While employers are not required to respond to a request for this information, this will at least give the job candidate a chance to explain the conviction and why it should not be considered in the hiring decision.

As I tell CEOs, HR professionals and hiring managers, a criminal background should never be an automatic barrier to employment.

But continued progress will take honest conversations. That means a job candidate may need to pre-emptively raise the issue of a conviction. One way to do this is to appeal to the company based on any public support it has expressed for candidates with criminal backgrounds. Applicants can include in a cover letter, for instance, that they are specifically interested in the company because of its public support and then take the opportunity to explain their situation and how their skills and experiences qualify them for the position.

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How to negotiate a higher salary for yourself this year

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The work world is full of tricky and challenging situations, and it's often up to us to rise and meet each obstacle and challenge head-on — which helps us learn valuable lessons and evolve and grow as professionals as we journey across our career paths.

For many of us, the topic of salary negotiation is an especially anxiety-producing one. Despite its importance as a key measure of professional achievement, fulfillment, and success, many of us shy away from engaging in discussions with employers about our compensation unless we're absolutely required to — and this can have a detrimental effect with lasting consequences. As many employers will happily refrain from offering us a pay bump if not prompted to do so, those of us who avoid negotiating for higher salaries will likely earn less over our careers than our colleagues who are more comfortable and confident with asking for raises. This cycle can have a real and lasting negative impact on your motivation, performance, and overall job and career satisfaction over the long haul.

Hopefully, by now, you realize the importance and benefit of gathering the courage and gumption to enter into salary negotiations with your employer — as long as you go about it the right way. Not all negotiations are created equal, and going about it inefficiently can not only cost you a well-deserved raise, but it could also have the opposite effect and leave you in an adversarial position at work.

Let's take a closer look at some proven tips for negotiating a higher salary that you can use to your advantage right away.



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Choose the right moment

Although you may be eager to get the negotiations started so you can see a bump in your paycheck as soon as possible, it may be wise to take a beat and assess the situation. When getting started to enter into a salary negotiation, it pays to choose your time carefully — after you successfully complete a big project or following a big revenue-generating win for the company are

much better choices than right after the company receives bad news or is struggling financially.

Also, gauge the mood of your boss before diving into the salary talk. If you sense they're having a bad day, do you think that's the ideal time to ask for more money?

We don't think so either, so it's best to hold off until they're in a better, and hopefully generous, mood.

Be professional

The topic of salary negotiating is a highly personal one that can get emotionally charged, especially if it comes following a long period of feeling undervalued and unfairly compensated. It's in your best interest to check your emotions at the door and enter into negotiations in a calm, measured, and professional manner. Even if things don't initially go as planned and you don't get the response you were hoping for, stay cool and collected. Make your case for why you deserve the increase in a confident manner. Letting your emotions take over could lead to a tense and awkward conversation, a heated argument, or worse.

Compromise is crucial

When entering into a salary negotiation, you may have a specific number in mind. We're here to tell you that it might be more helpful to keep this number as a loose goal rather than setting it in rigid stone. Salary negotiation is similar to any other business negotiation in terms of allowing room for compromise — although each side has a real interest in having the outcome work to their best possible advantage, a good negotiating process includes both sides being flexible enough to meet somewhere in the middle. If you're you eager to engage your employer in a raise discussion, use the strategies and advice presented here to help achieve the outcome you're looking for. Congratulations on taking the first step toward asking for what you're worth!

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31 Peace Nobel
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34 Antarctic penguin
35 Enticingly beautiful mugs?
40 Braininess
43 How distant stars shine
44 White-rayed flower
47 Trevor of "The Daily Show"

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- 48 Port on the Gulf of Mexico
52 Poet Doolittle who did all of her writing in her boudoir?
55 Caspian Sea feeder
56 "Don't leave!"
59 Easily spread cheese
60 Put decorations on your phone, then dial someone's number?
66 Ticked by
71 Warrant
72 Wearing a fancy crown
74 Verdi opera
75 Maker of Galaxy phones
77 Crustacean that's most active just before sunup?
79 "Exile" New Age artist
81 Falco with four Emmys
82 Notion, in Nantes
83 Black hole sucking in everything around it?

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- 1 Emanates
2 Duo
3 Lashes' base
4 See 87-Down
5 Shaved off
6 Rocker Brian
7 Use a fan on
8 Steinbeck novella, with "The"
9 "Platoon" war zone, in brief
10 Snowman in "Frozen"
11 Box in an opera house
12 Silents star
13 Mollified
14 Mummify
15 Former New York City mayor Rudy
16 Antifreeze compound
17 Kazan of film
18 By — of (owing to)
24 God, to Henri
25 Baldwin of "Still Alice"
30 Apt., e.g.
32 Brunch quaff
33 "My man!"
36 Roman 401
37 Quirky habit
38 Brake part
39 Male title of respect

DOWN

- 41 Smidgen
42 "— Na Na"
45 Bawl
46 Days of old
48 Lipstick units
49 Action venue
50 Female title of respect
51 Ancient Roman lower class
52 Via automobile
53 Director Forman
54 Moor shrub
57 It blasts
58 Take — (swim or bathe)
61 Given a hint
62 Singer Loggins
63 "Rules — rules"
64 Worker filling a cargo hold, say
65 Spearhead
67 Great risk
68 Begin to fail
69 Bugs bugger Fudd
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78 Most recent
80 "Makes sense now"
83 Chitchat
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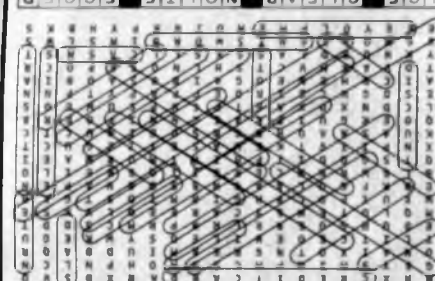
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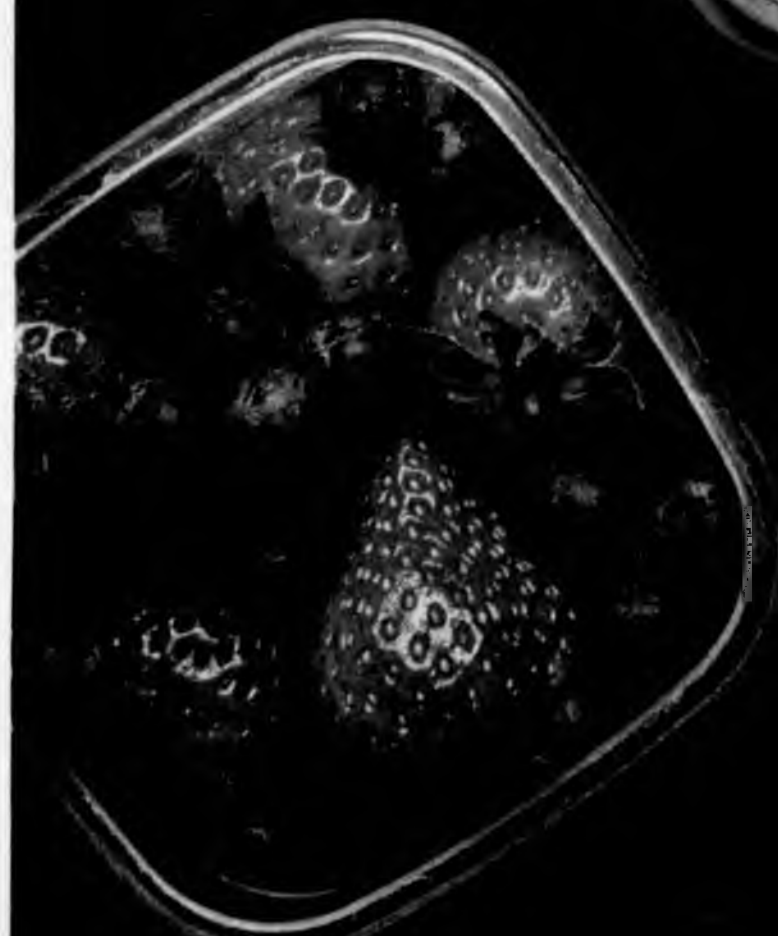
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