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Santa's sleigh and Christmas trees adorned with lights await guests at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. The is closed for Thanksgiving, but will open at 7 a.m. Black Friday and remain open until 9 p.m. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Malls stay closed for Thanksgiving this year

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The holiday shopping season is going to be unlike any other this year.

With the COVID-19 pandemic continuing to rear its ugly head heading into Thanksgiving, those looking to shop may not be doing the typical stops they do yearly on the fourth Thursday of November and the following day, Black Friday.

Those changes are prevalent with area malls this year as well: for the first time in years, all the region's malls will have their doors closed on Turkey Day. While malls such as Laurel Park Place and Westland Shopping Center have closed their doors on the holiday in previous years, Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi is joining them in keeping closed Thursday night.

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Many retailers at Twelve Oaks Mall already have Christmas decorations set up.

Winner declared in South Lyon Schools election

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The winner of the final available seat on the South Lyon Board of Education has been revealed two weeks after the election.

Bridget McDowell was elected to a partial term on the board, with 779 votes. She defeated Ann Marie Rimanelli, with 389 votes; Patricia Szewczyk with 209 votes; and Stephanie Ann Junkulis-Pierce with 47 votes.



McDowell

McDowell, an education assessment specialist for the Michigan Department of Education, will serve a term on the South Lyon School Board that ends Dec. 31, 2024 and said she was humbled by the support shown to her.

"This is obviously a difficult time for the district, and I'm eager to get to work on plans that prioritize the health and safety of our children, our staff, and our community," said McDowell, who was inspired to run for the board out of a desire to advocate for early literacy programming that focuses on evidence-based practices. "If there were ever a 'rising tides raise all boats' opportunity for our schools, it's found in early literacy."

All of the candidates for the partial term on the South Lyon School Board filed as write-ins and thus the delay in not knowing vote counts until the Oakland County Board of Canvassers certified the results, officially released on the county website on Wednesday. No candidates had filed to have their name appear on the ballot by the deadline.

The certified write-in candidates received a combined 1,424 votes. Official results posted Wednesday Nov. 18 on the Oakland County elections site show that nearly as many write-in votes, 1,222, were rejected.

County Clerk Lisa Brown explained, "Rejected votes are people writing in Mickey Mouse, Jesus Christ, themselves... I don't know what they all are, but those are generally what gets

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Milford restaurant owners deal with second shutdown

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Some Milford restaurants suffered another blow in this year of blistering pandemic punches with the statewide order to shut down dining rooms for three weeks.

How are they handling it?

Jim Eggl, owner of three Milford es-

tablishments — The Bar, Hector and Jimmy's, and Gravity Bar and Grill, is blunt.

"Other than the big box stores and grocery stores of the world, I don't know of anyone doing well with the virus," Eggl said. "Leisure and entertainment, from restaurants and gyms, to Disney World, cruise lines, and hotels, are dramatically affected. We are down."

Eggl is a member of the Michigan Restaurant and Lodging Association, which sued the state health department to stop the shut down of indoor dining in restaurants for the second time this year, but were denied for a stay by a judge on Friday.

He and the group maintain that most restaurants are operating safely under current masking, distancing and clean-

ing protocols, and the state health department's own numbers bear that out—with only 4.3% of outbreaks attributed to restaurants and only eight current statewide investigations of COVID-19 infection involving restaurant patrons.

"I do not want to affect guests or my

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Money Matters
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Comparing plans: Medicare vs. Medicare Advantage

Dear Rick:

A few weeks ago, I attended a Medicare Advantage webinar. Since that seminar, I have been hounded by people trying to convince me to go into Medicare Advantage. I currently have regular Medicare, Medicare Part B and a Medicare Prescription D plan. The people from Medicare Advantage tell me that I would be foolish not to make a change. They claim that they can save me money and offer everything that Medicare does and more. I don't want to make a mistake. Can you tell me if what the salesperson tells me is true? In addition, what are the downsides of Medicare Advantage?

Thank you, HC

Dear H.C.:

You are not alone in being confused. There is a lot of misinformation out there, particularly during open enrollment. Although I'm not in favor of aggressive salespeople, what you were told about Medicare Advantage is true. Many Medicare Advantage programs offer services, such as optical and dental, which are not included in original Medicare, and there are some Medicare Advantage plans that have zero premiums. It is important to compare the plans and select the one that best suits you.

Medicare Advantage consists of Medicare-approved plans offered by private companies. Many of these plans are an all-in-one alternative to original Medicare. These plans include Medicare Part A (hospitals) and Part B (medical) and, in most cases, Part D. In addition, many of these plans offer extra benefits such as vision, hearing and dental. When you have original Medicare, Part A is free, and then you pay for Part B, Part D and generally a supplemental insurance plan. With Medicare Advantage, these are bundled together into one plan. Although you generally will still have to pay your Medicare Part B premiums, there are plans with no additional premiums.

Therefore, what the salesperson told you is essentially accurate. However, there are some disadvantages to Medicare Advantage Plans that are important.

Generally with Medicare, you're free to go to any doctor that accepts Medicare. That is not the case with Medicare Advantage. Typically, you must go to a doctor in their network. If you go to a doctor outside your network, you may be responsible for those costs. In addition, you may find that those costs do not apply to your out-of-pocket maximum within your policy.

Another disadvantage to Medicare Advantage is that for certain types of services and procedures, you must have a referral from your primary care doctor. In addition, this could affect home healthcare, medical equipment, and other services. For example, before you can go to an ear and nose specialist, you would need to receive a referral from your primary doctor.

Typically, Medicare Advantage plans are limited to geographical areas. If you spend winters in Florida, for example, you may not have adequate coverage when you're in Florida.

Good luck!

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South Lyon Schools plans to go fully remote until 2021

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The South Lyon Schools superintendent is recommending a return to all-virtual learning in the district until at least 2021.

In a letter to families Thursday afternoon, Superintendent Steve Archibald announced that he would recommend the school board approve on Monday a plan in which all students will learn remotely again.

The plan would take effect Nov. 19 and remain in place until Jan. 8, with a reassessment at that time.

In the letter to families, Archibald acknowledged a report that the number of COVID-19 cases transmitted within school walls is low and believes the district's safety measures have mitigated risk, but also noted the spread of the disease in the community is on the rise.

"Unfortunately, the continued community spread has impacted our district causing significant disruptions," Archibald wrote. "Since mid-October, it has been necessary to move two schools and eight individual classrooms to remote instruction across the district for an extended period of time due to staff

and students being quarantined."

The quarantine requirement, he continued, "has severely compromised" the district's ability to provide a "predictable and stable in-person plan."

"Despite our best efforts over the past several weeks to maintain a viable in-person learning program, we have reached a point where it no longer proves to be the best instructional choice for our students," he wrote.

South Lyon began the school year fully-remote and began in-person learning only a month ago.

In the past month, the district has identified 22 school-associated COVID-19 cases in students and staff, defined as a positively-identified or probable case of the coronavirus in a student, staff member, coach, or volunteer who was on school property or at a school function during an infectious period of their illness. Such cases can result in numerous quarantines.

COVID-19 cases in athletes and associated quarantines of entire teams is also on the rise. Just this week, South Lyon volleyball and football teams were ousted from the playoffs as a result of COVID-19.

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While walking down Main Street in Northville on Nov. 19, Manfred Schon points to Northville's Town Square, where the city will be building pods and stands by early December to accommodate diners in winter.

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Northville's 'Heat in the Street' to combat cold, COVID-19 spread

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Catalysts behind the Northville business-boosting concept "Heat in the Street" are confident downtown visitors will be willing to venture out of their comfort zones this winter for some roasted chestnuts and a warm glass of wine, among other delicacies.

"We're going to ask people to embrace the cold," said Brian Turnbull, the city's mayor, while discussing the innovative idea to keep the business district buzzing even when the temperatures start freezing.

The nuts and bolts of the elaborate plan are to build 22 eight-foot-by-eight-foot aluminum structures off-site, and deliver and place them strategically throughout Northville's current traffic-free social district.

Approximately half the pods will be used by businesses to sell food and drink, the others will be heated, open-air units where consumers can consume their edibles while social-distancing.

The idea was conceived by Northville businessman Manfred Schon, who experienced similar setups while living for most of his early years in Germany.

"In Germany, it's common to see outdoor Christmas markets in downtown areas," said Schon, the CEO of Up2Go, a connectivity software company. "Probably the only positive side of COVID is that it forces us to get creative once the weather gets cold. This concept will allow for social-distancing and provide a business opportunity for restaurants and other vendors who want to participate.

"With people already allowed to carry around alcoholic beverages in the social district, it will provide a financial injection into Northville's downtown. And the nice thing is, it can work even after COVID is gone."

The concept — which is slated to debut in late-November or the first week in December — would not be possible, Schon asserted, without several heart-warming donations by area businesses that will help cover the estimated \$300,000 price tag of the units.

"The amazing thing is that a lot of our sponsors didn't even want to take credit for their donations," Schon said. "They said, 'You don't need to put our name on the signs,' but we're going to do it anyway."

Schon also praised the designer of the units, OIX Studio, for its efforts.

As of Nov. 18, Schon had raised approximately

\$150,000 — and was confident that another \$150,000 could be collected from sponsors before the project's grand opening.

"This isn't a one-time deal; the pods can be reused for years to come," Schon added. "They can even be used for festivals when the temperatures are warmer."

Schon has been working closely with the Northville Downtown Development Authority and members of the city council to make the concept a reality.

"We started talking about this in the summer, brainstorming ways to continue to keep the social district a desirable place even after the weather starts to cool off in late-October," said Northville DDA Executive Director Lori Ward. "This is a great way in which we can embrace winter while giving people an opportunity to enjoy some of their favorite food and beverages from our downtown vendors."

Ward said the format as to how the vendors' units will be shared is still being worked out, but that some form of rotation process will be utilized.

"We've already received a lot of interest from businesses," Ward said. "They like the idea."

The program will be re-evaluated on a month-to-month basis, added Turnbull, who said he's excited for the day people begin converging in downtown — following social-distancing guidelines, of course — to "Chill in the Ville."

"This is a great way to extend our popular social district into the colder months of the year," Turnbull said. "The collaboration between everyone, involved has been amazing."

The only potential downsides of the plan are small-scale traffic issues that will result from the closure of streets, and more noise than usual downtown, Turnbull said.

"But the benefits this program would create far outweigh the possible negatives," he added.

The food and beverages offering can be complemented by live music, the orchestrators said, adding to the already electric atmosphere.

"And you can't top the smell of chestnuts roasting on a fire that can only help make everyone forget the cold," Schon said.

Schon emphasized that the booths will be ADA compliant.

Once the weather warms in 2021, the units can be placed in storage, maintained in downtown Northville for a variety of purposes, or even moved temporarily to other areas of the city like Ford Field for farm markets or festivals, Schon said.



A sign posted at Milford's Gravity bar & grill reminds visitors that it's still open. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Shutdown

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employees, I want to be safe and I don't want to take (COVID-19) home to my wife, but the science shows we are operating safely and better than retail," Eggl said.

He noted that the restaurant association had offered to reduce capacity from the 50% that they have been operating at since the end of spring's first shutdown to 25%, and also to abide by a curfew of 10 p.m., both to no avail.

Eggl acknowledged the rising number of COVID-19 cases and said he also agreed with some of the governor's measures to keep the state safe, while expressing frustration that there had not been a cohesive national plan, which he felt would have mitigated the spread.

He is left instead to continue with carry-out and on Thursday said he had a couple diners outside, but noted that would not work when temperatures fall to 22 degrees, even with heaters.

"I'm sure (the health department) is frustrated, we are all frustrated too," Eggl said. "And if people would just wear their damn masks and not get together in homes with people — that is where it is spreading — that would be helpful."

Eggl cites *The Economist*, an international publication, with stating the risk of infection is highest in private homes and among similarly aged people, as well as occurring in operations where people are in close quarters such as prisons and meat packing plants.

His business is down "a lot" and while the Milford business owner of more than 35 years said he will weather this storm, he knows many other businesses may not and Eggl also points to a reduction in employment. His staff across his three restaurants has been cut nearly in half from last year—from 45 to 22. For the industry, he notes there is a lot of anxiety, because business owners have to pay their rent and their employees, and if the virus and the lockdowns continue, staff could leave for other jobs.

Business people like predictability, he said, something hard to find in this pandemic and getting scarcer along with supplies again as the numbers rise and shutdown hammer falls.

"Everything is off the shelves again, people are hoarding again and you can apply that to all business supply chains, there are things we haven't been able to get for months," Eggl said.

Breweries don't brew every beer anymore, distilleries in America are running 24/7 and can't keep up with the demand for alcohol, and Eggl's hasn't been able to get Godiva Liqueur for months. Even the price of let-



Coratti's restaurant in Milford already has Christmas lights up and covering its Main Street location.

tuce has shot up.

He calls it all a "big cluster," but is thankful for the overall support of the community, and who continue to order carry-out for both food and "cocktails to go."

Others affected

Brian Belwood, owner of The Burger Joint, is also getting a lot of carry-out and curbside business, which he returned to a week before the second dine-in shutdown.

Still, his business has seen a 41.4% decrease this year from last.

"It's not great for business, but part of being human is putting people before profits, and we're all for it if it brings health back to our friends and neighbors," Belwood said, adding that he and his wife have lost two longtime family friends to COVID-19 and know several who tested positive, although none of his employees.

He, like Eggl, is struggling with the unpredictability the pandemic has wrought on his business.

"We were finding our place again (before the second shutdown), things were starting to feel normal," Bel-

wood said. "Projections were back, and anyone who works restaurant or retail works on projections—for staffing, for food... I've got a lot of people criticizing me—why am I rolling over dead (with state orders). But if the case numbers stay where they are now, we won't open the dining room. I don't believe it will be three weeks."

Instead, he is planning to remain open for carryout.

Some Milford businesses took advantage earlier this year of outdoor dining platforms approved by the Downtown Development Authority and village, a summer and fall solution to pandemic hardships.

But the platforms are down now and there are no readily apparent alternatives for winter.

DDA Executive Director Ann Barnette said restaurants have retooled to focus on carryout and catering, as "that is what is going to get them through."

Retail stores remain open for shopping, she emphasized.

"Everyone is getting exhausted," Barnette said. "It's been a very tough year."

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Election

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rejected. If they are not a certified candidate, they don't get a vote."

The Oakland County Board of Canvassers had to go through every cast ballot and check the names written on each ballot to determine the winner, a process which can be complicated by misspelled names.

"They still have to go through every signature and if

it was misspelled, determine was that vote meant for someone or not," said Brown, who also saw at least one ballot where the write-in box was filled in, but the line for the name was left blank. "It's a long process, and write-ins are all over the place. It's normal for us to need two full weeks."

When asked if the Oakland County Board of Canvassers had any issues certifying the county's election results, such as their counterparts over in Wayne County did, Brown paused before replying, "I'm just going to say 'no comment.' They are certified."

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Consider our giant Thanksgiving Day crossword puzzle a gift to your family. Once the pumpkin pie's been cleared, spread the puzzle out on the dining room table and tackle it as a family. Bonnie L. Gentry of Sun City West, Arizona has built the puzzle to be fun and friendly but still challenging. So, grab some pencils, some erasers and your smartest kids. And enjoy. **Find the answers on Page 8A.**

Across

1. "Pay attention!" (2 wds.)
 9. ___ Victor ("His Master's Voice" company)
 12. ___ chi chuan (Chinese exercises)
 15. Maker of Perfect Sleeper mattresses
 20. Implement for landing fish
 24. Menzel who was the voice of Elsa in "Frozen"
 29. Nike's logo
 35. Not even a little off
 40. Citizens of Zagreb
 46. Lacking compassion
 47. Pneumatic passenger-protection devices (2 wds.)
 49. Company VIP's
 50. Hershey's caramel-and-chocolate candy
 51. Mah-jongg pieces
 52. Kitt who sang "Santa Baby"
 53. Nigeria's most populous city
 54. Pictionary maker
 55. Creator of eye-bending designs (2 wds.)
 56. "Just say no" say (Hyph.)
 57. Superior school grade (Hyph.)
 58. "How could ___ this happen?" (2 wds.)
 59. Basketball Hall of Famer Thomas
 60. The way things currently stand (3 wds.)
 61. Formation of words like "buzz" or "hiss"
 63. Longtime Georgia senator Sam
 64. Like a pre-birth position
 66. Mork's birthplace on "Mork & Mindy"
 67. Union that merged with SAG in 2012
 69. Young ___ (tykes, in dialect)
 71. "___ have to spell it out for you?" (2 wds.)
 73. Like politics, by nature
 75. Violent outburst
 77. Form-1040 org.
 78. Hosp. aide's superior
 79. A Fitbit counts them
 81. "The Tortoise and the Hare" storyteller
 83. Moray fisherman
 85. Eliminate waste
 88. Burns with smoke and no flame
 90. Paid attention (2 wds.)
 92. Chocolate craving, e.g.
 94. Prone to getting sunburned on the scalp
 95. "We've been over this before..." (3 wds.)
 97. Unsure of what to do (3 wds.)
 99. Writer Melville
 101. Before, before a word
 102. ___ Lingus (Irish carrier)
 103. Perform on the stage
 104. Unbleached muslin shade
 105. Uses strong-arm tactics on
 107. Add, as an extra charge (2 wds.)
 110. Sports channel that shows college games
 112. S, M, L, and XL
 113. Give counsel to
 114. Shrunken Asian body of water (2 wds.)
 116. Bath sponges
 118. Perp's patterns, briefly
 119. Put an ___ (stop) (2 wds.)
 120. Couch potato's condition
 123. Larger-than-life stories
 125. Message from a pulpit
 127. Privileged groups
 129. Heavy imbiber
 130. "___ Beso" (Paul Anka hit)
 132. ___-kiri
 133. Writer Fleming who created Bond
 134. Straight and limp, like hair
 136. Letters on a Nittyany Lion
 137. Onetime immigration center ___ Island
 139. Protected wading bird
 141. Shade of meaning
 143. Clark's partner in exploring
 144. Sight enhancer
 147. Dec. 24th VIP (2 wds.)
 149. Rebuked officially
 153. Make a decision (to)
 154. Distributed, as cards
 155. Title in "Macbeth"
 156. "U guys agree?"
 158. Oktoberfest vessels
 160. Vehemently condemn (2 wds.)
 162. Comment often after "Hm..." (2 wds.)
 163. Overstuffed footstools
 164. Wet/dry ___ (multi-purpose cleaners)
 166. Teenagers rooms, to parents
 168. Bridge money makers
 170. Ogles offensively (2 wds.)
 172. Sports org. with a five-ring logo
 173. Santa ___ Park (horseracing venue)
 174. Law that incited a 1773 Boston revolt (2 wds.)
 177. Like the mood in a losing locker room
 179. Mavs on the board
 180. Reverberations in a concert hall
 182. Pungent salad ingredient
 185. Repeat the question
 187. Male duck
 188. Underwater sound detectors
 190. Aussie bird that can't fly

192. Titles for attorneys (Abbr.)
 193. Obstructed, like a river
 194. Household rival, often
 195. Packages of copier paper
 196. 2004 "Survivor" island
 198. "Good buddies" on the hwy.
 200. Song of mourning
 202. Corrects a mistake
 205. Latin for "where it originally was" (2 wds.)
 207. Photocopy precursor
 208. Bluish-green shades
 210. Take a playful poke at
 212. K. T. of country music
 213. Word form for "bone"
 214. Like a region with sparse rainfall
 216. Two-door Mazda convertible
 218. Patty Hearst's SLA alias
 219. Endorses digitally
 221. Take in, as a dress
 222. Signs of surprise
 224. Concerning (2 wds.)
 226. Modern video transmission
 228. Mensa-eligible
 230. Like Cheerios cereal
 231. Respectable, like a citizen
 233. E. Sicilian volcano (2 wds.)
 235. Long-term occupations
 237. Going-nowhere states
 239. Lead-in to "di" or "da" in a Beatles song
 241. Source of "The Lord is my shepherd..."
 243. Certain salt source
 245. Where Big Ben bongs
 247. Underground passages
 248. Reacts to, as fireworks (2 wds.)
 249. Great Lake with the longest shoreline
 250. Hold the same opinion
 252. Grab forcibly
 254. Leaves speechless
 256. First tribe encountered by Lewis and Clark
 258. Two-___ (old kind of movie)
 260. Smartphone predecessors (Abbr.)
 261. Homes for eagles
 262. Undermined by stealth
 266. Coco of perfume
 268. Suffix with "auto" or "bureau"
 269. Accept flattery eagerly (3 wds.)
 271. Results of some peacekeeping efforts
 273. Puts the kibosh on
 275. Open with a paper knife
 277. Google co-founder Sergey
 278. Half of an octet
 280. For, in a debate
 281. In a lascivious way
 282. Used a keyboard
 284. Sporting a new decor
 285. Generous prime rib serving
 286. Series starters (2 wds.)
 288. Shaped like a plum tomato
 290. "Goodness gracious!" of yore
 291. Sort of, but not quite
 293. Exxon in Canada
 294. Department head (Abbr.)
 296. 8'way success signs
 298. Voices an objection
 300. "RU 4 real?"
 303. December ocean phenomenon (2 wds.)
 304. Coeur ___, Idaho
 305. Experience of riding a roller coaster (Hyph.)
 307. Oddsmaker's nightmare
 308. "Piece of cake!" (2 wds.)
 311. NYC bus and train group
 313. Football's Broadway Joe
 315. Weapons for some fencers
 317. Uses a rifle scope
 318. Topper for Bogart or Sinatra
 319. When repeated, classic song with the lyric "Me gotta go"
 320. It's about a month after Turkey Day
 322. Former Russian state (Abbr.)
 325. Hourly clock sound
 326. Painter Henri de Toulouse-___
 328. Show disapproval
 330. Ribs-eater's need
 332. Tempt, as customers (2 wds.)
 334. DIY moving options (Hyph.)
 336. Some Nintendo consoles (2 wds.)
 337. Give ___ rest (shut up)
 340. Pectoral muscle's place
 342. Rum concoction often served with a pineapple garnish (2 wds.)
 344. "Fiddlersicks!"
 345. Sign of an angel
 346. Billionaire Buffett
 347. Narrowing toward one end
 348. Half of a hot dog vendor's tool
 349. Hospital diagnostic device (2 wds.)
 352. Track-and-field activity
 353. Encourages to misbehave (2 wds.)
 354. Tummy muscles
 355. Arranged in thin plates
 357. Without moisture, as land
 358. Squeamish people
 359. ___ snap (type of cookie)
 361. Morticia Addams' cousin
 362. Former ABC executive ___ Aledge
 363. Actress Maria Conchita

366. Tennis-court divider
 367. Peacekeeping org. since 1949
 369. Proctor-___ (small appliance maker)
 370. Opus ___ (group depicted in "The Da Vinci Code")
 372. Male hormone
 374. Lawn sport that requires balls
 375. One or the other
 378. Look through hastily
 379. Characters of novel, play, etc.
 381. Enjoy a newspaper
 383. After-wedding offerings
 385. Elaborate pretense
 387. Kitcher of "Two and a Half Men"
 389. Eye protector
 390. Bulb-brightness measure
 391. Cornhusker's state (Abbr.)
 393. Thurman of the "Kill Bill" films
 394. Mojave, Kalahari or Gobi ___ as a wet hen (2 wds.)
 397. Day's opposite in commercials
 398. Letters before iotas
 399. Highway speed postings
 401. Geisha sashes
 403. Gas leak warnings
 405. Move with a mouse wheel
 407. Cul-de-___ (dead end)
 409. LAPD dispatch
 410. Domed church structure
 411. ___ example (for instance) (2 wds.)
 413. Talk about again and again
 415. Brillo alternatives (2 wds.)
 417. Moves stealthily
 419. Nibble between meals
 420. Miner's or caver's light generator
 423. What doctors are sworn not to do
 425. Champagne-and-orange-juice drink
 427. Like a burned-out bulb
 428. Ridicule
 430. "___ to Billie Joe" (Bobbie Gentry hit)
 431. Winning the race
 432. Wearing something
 434. "Don't Bring Me Down" band, briefly
 436. Not so messy
 437. Feature of just-baked cookies
 439. Contents of a La Brea pit
 440. Arafat of the PLO
 442. Estevez who is a brother of Charlie Sheen
 444. Windy City newspaper
 446. What MapQuest requests
 448. Big name in outdoor and fitness gear
 449. Pelicans' relatives (permanently)
 452. Wet spongy earth
 453. Attempts to gain control, say (2 wds.)
 456. First pope with the title "the Great" (2 wds.)
 457. Troop division
 458. Fur shoulder scarves
 460. Destinations on the www
 461. Square dance partner
 462. Really must (2 wds.)
 463. Relatives of "Gee whiz" and "Shucks!"
 464. Period's place in a sentence
 465. Photocopier tray filler
 466. In the ___ (soon to happen)
 468. Longtime talk show host Dick
 469. Product-launch pronouncement (2 wds.)
 470. Handyman's gadget
 471. Subdue by force of personality
 473. Female officer on the Enterprise
 475. Whirlpool alternatives
 476. Trivial Pursuit category (Abbr.)
 477. The "S" of SUV
 478. Obeyed the sentry
 480. Rubik, the cube inventor
 482. Tending to ooze
 484. Rockies roamer otherwise known as an elk
 487. Historical time frame
 488. First woman to be Speaker of the House
 490. Walk-in clinics don't require them (Abbr.)
 493. Game usually played with 32 cards
 495. Confer holy orders on
 496. LeVar, on "Star Trek: The Next Generation"
 498. ___ out (win a mind game)
 500. Went by paddle boat
 502. McDonald's logo part
 505. Org. that awards merit badges
 506. Place to get coffee and free WiFi
 510. Where a hurricane makes landfall
 511. First Secretary of State under Reagan, Alexander ___
 512. With hands on hips and elbows out
 513. Hare's opponent of fable
 515. Bubble and churn
 517. Attic dust collector
 519. Certain church officer
 521. Inner skin layer
 523. ___ Skywalker (nickname in the "Star Wars" movies)
 524. One way of fitting (3 wds.)
 526. ___ charmed life (escaped hardship) (2 wds.)
 527. Moviedom's Long and Verdalos
 529. Sense much used in a bakery

530. Rock containing crystals
 531. Prepared to be knighted
 533. Pierre's gal pal
 534. Infomercial staples
 535. Know-nothing
 538. Inessential internal organ
 540. Cup-filling limit
 542. Submits tax returns paperlessly (Hyph.)
 544. Birthmark, e.g.
 546. Gloomy, to a poet
 547. Sound with flashing lights
 549. Hard-to-reach nest
 550. Not immune to bribes
 551. What 101 courses give
 552. Fill the tank, maybe (2 wds.)
 555. Season ___ (first game)
 557. Fly-trapping sticky stuff
 559. Precious violins
 561. Memorable opera star
 563. Gorilla researcher Fossey
 564. Turn the dog loose
 567. "They'll never suspect me!" (2 wds.)
 568. Starts being effective (3 wds.)
 570. Delight (in)
 572. Patronize (a restaurant) (2 wds.)
 574. Slide through a doorway, say (2 wds.)
 576. Prima donnas have big ones
 578. Caves on the board
 579. Keep way too much stuff
 580. "Fancy" singer lobby
 582. Newly-hatched hooter
 584. Worker with circus lions
 585. Range between Spain and France
 587. How diamonds appear on playing cards (2 wds.)
 589. Dairy section spreads
 591. Great ruckus (Hyph.)
 593. Pours to the brim
 594. Relative, but not by blood (Hyph.)
 595. Dipped water out of a boat
 597. Heady of "Samson and Delilah"
 599. Flying biters
 600. Policy shared by PBS and Wikipedia (2 wds.)
 601. Part of a restaurant's warning sign (2 wds.)
 603. Kirsten of the "Spider-Man" movies
 606. 'Here's an idea...'
 607. Out of America, for an American
 609. "Sharknado" star Tara
 610. Character that rhymes with Pooh
 612. Friend of Snow White
 614. Was in a funk
 617. Eat between meals
 619. Etched in ___ (permanent)
 620. Boxing's "Marvelous" Marvin
 621. Place for recyclables
 622. Lake ___ (site of the 1980 Olympics)
 623. Voiced a complaint
 625. Sen. Marco of Florida
 628. Regulator of OTC drugs
 629. Prepares Mexican beans
 631. Negative campaign tactic
 633. Pagan nature religion
 635. "___, meeny, miney, moe..."
 636. Treat kindly (3 wds.)
 638. Spotted fish of the Atlantic
 640. Henhouse big shot
 642. Reply to "That ain't true!" (3 wds.)
 644. Part of a Genesis-inspired costume (2 wds.)
 646. Salt-___ (hip-hop group) (Hyph.)
 649. Battleship barrage
 651. Car that became a 1964 hit song
 652. Fellow members of a congregation
 653. "Easy to clean" ad catchphrase (2 wds.)
 656. Giving rise to
 658. Wild guesses
 660. From that point on
 661. Home to a famous geodesic sphere
 662. Early computer that weighed 30 tons
 663. Unofficial promissory note
 664. Wimbledon match sections
 665. Shoo-___ (sure winners)
 666. Gillette Mach3 predecessor
 668. Brother of Peyton Manning
 669. Country singer Jo ___ Messina
 670. Lottery winner's choice
 672. Violent weather, informally (Hyph.)
 674. Mother's sisters
 676. Grows weary (2 wds.)
 678. Search stealthily, as for prey
 681. ___ whim (for no real reason) (2 wds.)
 682. "Yeah, like that'll never happen" (2 wds.)
 684. Give a free meal (2 wds.)
 687. Low-altitude clouds
 689. Surgical holding area (Hyph.)
 691. Bring back from injury
 693. Contaminates
 694. Summarizing, as a ball game
 697. Zap with a beam
 698. Walk-___ (nonspeaking roles)
 699. How-___ (instructional videos)

700. Small-sized batteries
 701. Move with stealth
 702. Ring-shaped
 704. Changing for the better
 707. "Rated ___ everyone" (video game words) (2 wds.)
 708. To ___ (precisely) (2 wds.)
 709. "Ready when you are!" (3 wds.)
 711. Acted as a bodyguard
 714. Term applied to distinctive collector car
 716. Twenty fins equivalent (Hyph.)
 717. Luggage lugger
 718. Quick scissor cuts
 722. Something that ends a wrestling match
 723. Serena Williams' org. (Abbr.)
 724. Spy aircraft's attribute
 726. City north of Tijuana (2 wds.)
 728. Old-school laundry detergent
 730. Start of some aircraft carriers
 731. ___ shooting (sport using clay targets)
 733. Medical staffers (Abbr.)
 735. Pester with barks (2 wds.)
 737. Smell ___ (have suspicions) (2 wds.)
 738. Utterly defeating
 741. Stream erosion result
 743. Finally arrive at (2 wds.)
 745. Comedian's offerings
 747. Delta rival, as it used to be called (2 wds.)
 749. Target of tongs, frequently (2 wds.)
 752. "What a Girl Wants" singer Christina
 754. Start up again, as a business
 755. Ice hockey game interruption
 756. Distinct feature
 757. It might be picked up by a hound
 758. High schooler's facial concern
 759. Liam of One Direction
 760. Glasses part (2 wds.)
 761. Person giving ear
 762. Typo list
 763. Revs in neutral
 764. Overtakes on the road
 765. Works behind the bar
 766. Beginning of a conclusion
 767. Unexpected problems
 768. Caught the meaning of
 769. EMTs' destinations
 770. Innate

74. Hebrew Bible figure
 76. Auto shop employees
 80. Pelted with rocks
 82. Kukla or Lamb Chop
 84. "Viva ___ Vegas!"
 86. More of a gamble
 87. Posing the least challenge
 89. Hall of Fame hockey defenseman Bobby
 91. "Then again," in tweets
 93. Monopoly acquisitions (Abbr.)
 94. Hokey
 96. Almost equal to, with "than" (2 wds.)
 98. It's obtained by centrifuging blood
 100. Meas. of the cereal without the box (Abbr., 2 wds.)
 106. Security system component
 107. Suffer a canoe mishap (2 wds.)
 108. Revenue source for magazines (2 wds.)
 109. Consider any chance, no matter how slight (3 wds.)
 111. Very close, in poems
 115. Mynra who starred in "The Thin Man"
 117. Mi's scale followers
 118. Cleans up financially (3 wds.)
 121. Chair-back piece
 122. Mineral used in glassmaking
 124. Gentleman from Madrid
 126. "No right ___" (traffic sign) (2 wds.)
 128. "Old MacDonald" sequence
 131. Antipasto staple
 133. "The rocks," in bars
 134. Stop bothering (2 wds.)
 135. Kicked in the pot, as chips
 138. Caterer's food warmer
 140. Worked wearing pajamas, maybe
 142. Brokerage with an asterisk in its name
 145. Moo goo ___ pan (Chinese dish)
 146. Got lucky on the subway
 148. Suffix with final or fatal
 149. Run-of-the-mill
 150. Spread, as sunshine
 151. One who makes things possible
 152. Hi-speed internet connection
 157. Alaskan Native American
 159. State south of Va. (2 wds.)
 161. Getting ready to golf
 165. More than a little
 167. "Green Eggs and Ham" writer
 169. Features of biology classes
 171. Like most Google Earth views
 173. Come to the rescue
 175. ___ spumante (sparkling Italian wine)
 176. Blue-green gem
 178. Alpha to ___
 181. Actor Morales of "NYPD Blue"
 183. Gunpowder ingredient
 184. Removes lumps from batter
 186. Krispy ___ (doughnut place)
 188. Tranquil
 189. Wheelchair-friendly feature
 191. To the time when
 193. Repugnant
 194. "Lose You to Love Me" singer Gomez
 196. Noun followers, often
 197. Apprehension
 199. "Telenovela," north of the border (2 wds.)
 201. Relatives of crows
 203. Enjoy with enthusiasm (2 wds.)
 204. ___ reason (makes sense) (2 wds.)
 206. Without, in Paris
 207. A Reagan Attorney General
 208. ___ cards (fortunetelling tool)
 209. Fourth-year college students (2 wds.)
 211. ___ Caps (movie theater candy)
 214. Displays bad posture
 215. Set back from a margin
 217. Chronological records
 220. Underwater breathing apparatus
 222. One who knows the future
 223. Aviator and movie producer Howard
 225. It's formed by winding a coil of wire round soft iron and passing a current through it
 227. Conclusion of a bridal path
 229. Q-U separators
 231. Not decribable
 232. Arnaz of '50s television
 234. "I haven't a ___ to wear!"
 236. Yankee nicknames beginning in 2004
 238. Forward, as email (2 wds.)
 240. Having good circulation
 242. Snob's attribute
 244. The "M" in M.R.E.
 246. Martini garnish, perhaps
 248. The science of making or flying airplanes
 249. It begins "cube," but not "circle" (2 wds.)
 261. Certain wiggly electric fish
 253. Fast-forwards past the commercials
 255. Have no ___ for (dislike)
 257. Fun house worker, maybe
 259. Curb, as spending (2 wds.)

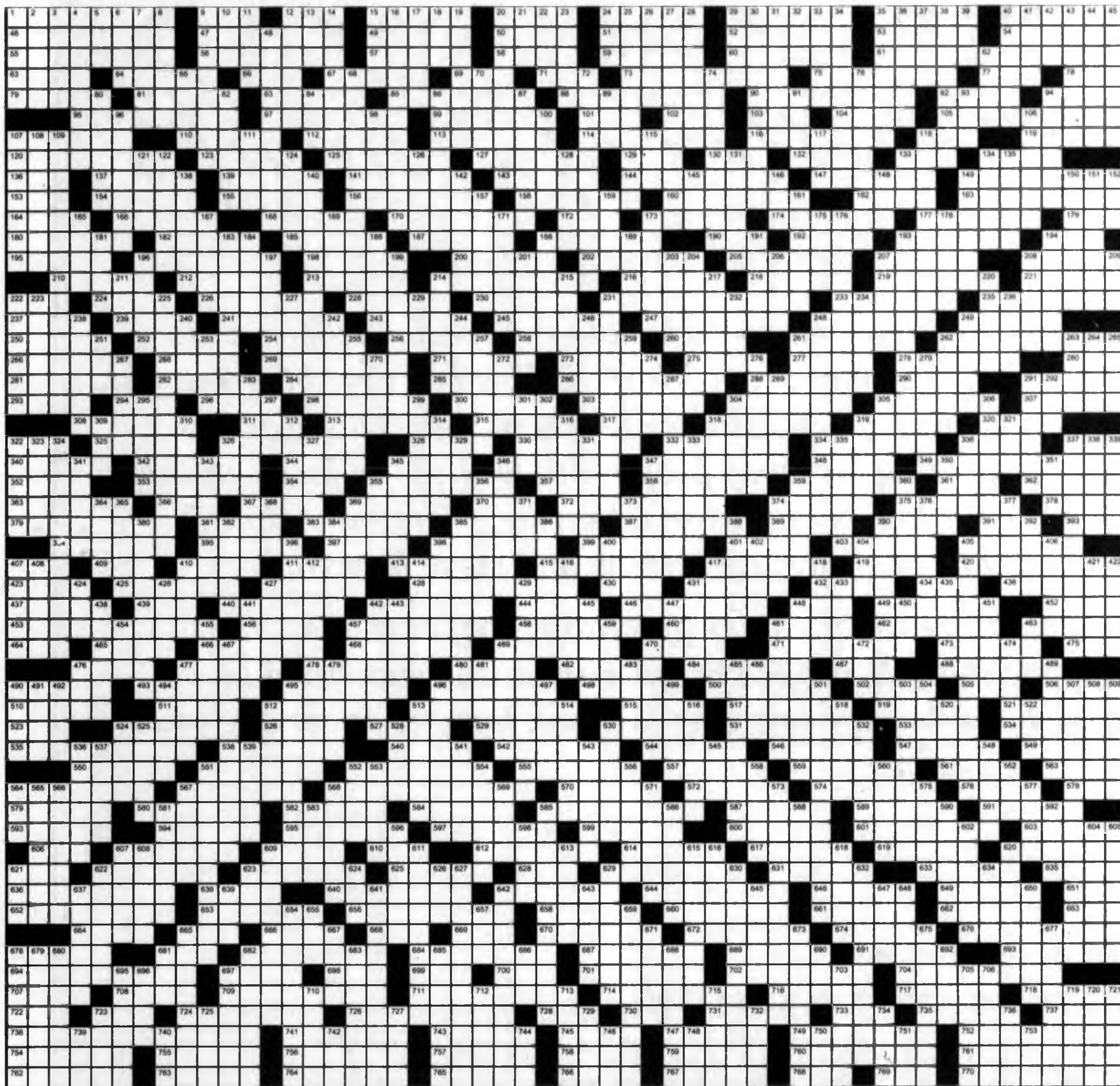
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261. More proficient
262. Prolonged look
263. Stats. that supplement your SATs
264. Traditional language of the Irish
265. ____-yourself kit (Hyph.)
267. Word with node or gland
270. E Pluribus ____
272. Amt. equal to 1/16 of a cup
274. Remote, as a probability
276. Brown-nosers
279. Excessive concern for self
283. ebay.com, e.g. (2 wds.)
287. Hard-to-handle rushes
289. Like a stereotypical Nord
291. Luminous object in outer space
292. "What can Brown do for you?" company
295. Tough laundry problem
297. Disco ____ (cartoon resident of Springfield)
299. First orange property on a Monopoly board (2 wds.)
301. Headley of HBO's "Game of Thrones"
302. Decade components
304. American farm machinery industrialist
305. Overcharge excessively
306. Quality of an entity
309. Trick-or-treat mo.
310. Khaki-like color
312. Standing by the plate (2 wds.)
314. Shape of a DNA strand
316. Elaborate food layout
318. City south of Yosemite National Park
319. "Tootsie" Oscar-winner Jessica
321. Prop on a karaoke stage
322. Junkyard material
323. Mineral layer involved in fracking
324. Best turnout ever (2 wds.)
326. Language spoken in Vientiane
327. Bomb-defusing worker
329. What a waiting time may seem
331. Popcorn bowl remains
333. Underdogs' victories
335. Head ____ (big boss)
336. Words ____ Friends (Facebook game)
337. Protecting, as from a virus
338. Leisurely time to arrive at work (2 wds.)
339. Common concert venue
341. Smell, taste or touch
343. Some women's shoe fasteners (Hyph.)
345. Back-baring top
346. Some door decorations
347. Like arguments or coins
- (Hyph.)
350. "Norma Rae" director Martin
351. Toddlers hear a lot of them
355. Supermarket shopper's need
356. The act of sticking together
359. "Don't just wait for someone to help you!" (2 wds.)
360. Opposite of fronts
364. Former Cubs slugger Sammy
365. Common lunch hr. end (2 wds.)
368. Dentist's grp.
369. Holy one with a halo
371. Lyric-writing Garshwin
373. Shelters on the beach
374. Duck hunter's hiding place
376. Shout when an anticipated letter finally arrives (2 wds.)
377. Telecasted over
380. Market manipulation method
382. Part of a college application
384. Warning to a studio audience (2 wds.)
385. What a certain constellation represents
386. Arranges and classifies
388. ____ than (at the minimum) (2 wds.)
390. Some salad accessories
392. Portend, as ill
396. Ted of "The Good Place"
398. Every bit of it (2 wds.)
400. Subj. of a Wall Street Journal story
402. Unfair, unbalanced viewpoint
404. It may be used against you in a court of law
405. Chatted (3 wds.)
406. Woolly Peruvian animal
407. In good ____ (physically fit)
408. Boy's name that's almost always first alphabetically
410. Choice between two things (3 wds.)
412. Jingly February outings (2 wds.)
414. Removed typos from, say
416. Veggies sometimes served in rings
417. Varnish used in finishing
418. One of many in a movie
421. Two-lanes-into-one highway sign
422. ____ release (message targeted to the media)
424. Mrs. from Montreal
426. Sir's counterpart
427. ____ or lose... (part of a
- fitness motto) (2 wds.)
429. "I've gotta have one!" (4 wds.)
431. "This way" sign symbol
433. Petrol unit in the U.K.
435. Paved the way (to) (2 wds.)
438. Take into custody
441. "Star Trek: First Contact" actress Woodard
442. Walking-on-air feeling
443. Acknowledged expert
445. Censor something said on TV
447. Small singing group
448. Certain critics (4 wds.)
451. Spiritual selves
454. Prism manufacturer
455. Oscar-winning role for Meryl Streep
457. Students' high-tech workplace (Abbr., 2 wds.)
459. Lambs' moms
461. Mother's evening command (3 wds.)
463. Word before "Kapital" or "Boot"
467. Keeps going despite obstacles (2 wds.)
469. Where to do what others do (2 wds.)
470. Business magnate
472. Parshegion of the Fighting Irish
474. MapQuest lines
476. Sporty coupes, for short
477. Sings like Ella Fitzgerald
479. Super Bowl space seller (2 wds.)
481. Seriously deteriorates
483. Flammable structure at some funerals
485. Finishes for the day (3 wds.)
486. Listen ____ (hear via eavesdropping) (2 wds.)
489. Weepy 1954 Patti Page hit (2 wds.)
490. Trendy berry for health
491. Word with "ping" or "beer"
492. ____ in the neck (annoyance)
494. Company supplying vans and cardboard boxes (Hyph.)
495. Largest lake in Florida
496. Green at a traffic light, e.g. (2 wds.)
497. Long island town with a weather station
499. Seeker's target in a kid's game
501. Common DVD extra (2 wds.)
503. Most elegant
504. ____ cable (computer/TV connector)
507. Veterans' organization (2 wds.)
508. Pertaining to a son or daughter
509. Preserver of the Dead Sea Scrolls
512. "Kate & ____" of 1980's TV
513. Sticky mammoth trapper (2 wds.)
514. Queen who wrote popular novels
516. Flood-control embankments
518. Clean-shaven man's lack
520. Land of the leprechauns
522. Clean Water Act org.
524. Bronzes at the beach
525. Nebraska city with the motto "Gateway to the West"
528. PCs made by Big Blue
530. Powerful economic coalition, before Russia joined (Hyph.)
532. Fire-breathing fairytale beast
536. To an excessive degree
537. Uses a Kindle, e.g.
539. "Don't give me that!" old-style
541. Lava below the surface
543. The "E" in E = mc2
545. Uncle Sam's land
548. Dusk-to-dawn period
551. Deadly nightshade (2 wds.)
552. Respond to sunburn, a couple days later
553. Say out loud
554. Appear to be that way (2 wds.)
556. Label again, as a computer file
558. iPod products introduced in 2005
560. Legendary birthplace of Apollo
562. Alternative win to XXX
564. Former TV band for Channel 14+
565. More irritating to the ear
566. Granddaddy of fitness gurus Jack
567. Ho Chi Minh Museum city
568. Light aircraft
569. Asian sea with a much-receded shoreline
571. Excuse from punishment (2 wds.)
573. Redirection of feelings, as to an analyst
575. Opposite of "in any way" (2 wds.)
577. Happy Meal component, often
581. One of December's birthstones
583. Little Orphan Annie or Oliver Twist, e.g.
585. Made susceptible to
586. ____ de corps (morale)
588. Cheese named after a town in Holland
590. Gary of "Forrest Gump" and "CSI: NY"
592. Extremely large
596. Like some fins near the tail
598. Taken by force, old-style
602. Admit you goofed
604. Issued, as an invitation (2 wds.)
605. Pre-Broadway performances
607. Yell "Heads up!" to
608. ____ Motel ("Psycho" setting)
609. Wedding run-through
611. Defeated a schemer
613. Ravioli or rigatoni
615. Reagan's decade
616. Takes out, editorially
618. Greek letter before lambda
620. Pale yellow Danish cheese
621. Agcy. that warns about scam operations
622. Greek Squad offering, informally (2 wds.)
623. Exclamation from Emeril
624. Operating system before Windows
626. Revolutionary statesman Franklin
627. Rainbowlike display
629. Like some high-tech factory machines
630. Dismissed disgracefully (2 wds.)
632. Repeated event
634. Caesar's 152
637. Fighting words (2 wds.)
639. Opposite of neg.
641. Golfer's position (2 wds.)
642. Beach Boys #1 hit of 1964 (3 wds.)
643. Utters, to Shakespeare
645. Somethingsquirrellede away
647. Cornmeal concoction
648. "Well, wouldja look ____!" (2 wds.)
650. Atlantic and Pacific
654. Symbol for a sharp mind (2 wds.)
655. Mrs. below the border
657. Common Core org.
659. Public-budget rarities
665. Took, as food
667. Cookie maker Famous ____
671. Parting words at Gatwick (Hyph.)
673. Getting on, as a horse
675. Siberian sled dogs
677. One giving a cue
678. Whip up, as a meal
679. Crude processor
680. Supreme Sandra Day
681. ____-upmanship
682. Subject of some jury deliberations
683. Single-piece body garments for babies
685. Like the best outlook
686. Piece of body art, for short
688. 50-50 chances (Hyph.)
690. Grp. founded by the Arab League in 1964
692. Pre-release software version
695. The green on old bronze
696. Words that are slanted (Abbr.)
697. One whose property is claimed legally
703. Sitting around relaxing (2 wds.)
705. Language for a Sherpa
706. Bring home, as a cat with its prey (2 wds.)
710. City in Tibet for which a toy dog is named
712. Nash who wrote humorous verse
713. Tried to unearth (2 wds.)
715. "____ Little Prayer" (Dionne Warwick hit) (3 wds.)
719. Dunne of the Golden Age of Hollywood
720.) or (____)
721. Test giver's announcement
723. ____ one's appetite
725. Cultivate land, in a way
727. Earns after taxes
729. Actor Bruff or Galifianakis
732. Mocedades hit "____ Tu"
734. Condo building overseer, for short
736. ZZ Top hit
739. Type of beer orig. brewed in England
740. "Where ____?" (dazed query) (2 wds.)
742. What some running mates become, briefly
744. NBA scoreboard item
746. Roamer of the Serengeti
748. ____ Francisco, CA
750. Dove's call
751. Form for candy
753. Ending meaning "native of"

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Thanksgiving is a time to remember the special people in our lives. It is a time for caring. Most of all, it is a time of giving thanks for the many blessings and joys of life. This year has been devastating for many people, but we need to focus on the positive. Our family has a special saying, "Tiriamo Avanti," which means to always stay strong and move forward.

We would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to everyone that has broken bread with us and supported us throughout this difficult year. We look forward to serving you for years to come.

Sincerely,

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BREAKING NEWS: BUSINESS BAN BEGETS BANKRUPTCY BLUES

DO NOT DESPAIR

SMALL BUSINESS RESCUE MONEY STILL AVAILABLE IN SOME COUNTIES!

CONTINUOUS COVID CRUSHING COMMERCE

You may recall last week's Reporter. We remembered getting together with friends at the local diner or coffee house. Renewing the bonds of friendship. Maintaining life-giving relationships. Well, forget about it. COVID continues to disrupt your life. Imagine no Thanksgiving. It's easy if you try. No family with us. Above us only sky. Imagine all the people living all alone. It isn't hard to do. No bowling leagues or sports teams. And no religion too.

So here we are. Shutdown impacts you. And not only you, but your neighbors: the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker. All the small businesses that serve you and yours. And it has been devastating.

The big disaster relief money is gone. The Paycheck Protection Program closed in August. A distant summertime memory. Is anybody looking to Congress for help? It is to laugh.

LOOKING FOR LOOSE CHANGE

Have you ever pulled the cushions off the couch looking for loose change? It is that time again. Many county governments throughout the state created Small Business Recovery Programs. Local governments recognize that no community can thrive without small business. Without seed corn there is no harvest. Destroy the economic base and you cannot recover. Much of the money allocated to these programs has already been spent. But like loose change in the couch, it is worth searching. Every little bit helps.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act flooded trillions of dollars across the country. Some money went to city and county governments. Some city and county governments set money aside for small business. Some money is still available. Your tax dollars at work.

WHY?

To quote the Kent County Small Business Recovery Program:

This fund helps businesses that have not been able to access, or have been declined for local, state, or federal relief funds, or need additional support to weather this crisis.

We are focused on businesses that may be dealing with additional barriers including but not limited to language, general business knowledge, and from underserved communities.



David Carrier



Consistent with the limitations of the CARES Act, these businesses also must have been directly impacted and experienced losses due to business interruption due to COVID-19.

All distributions of funds are subject to the requirements of the CARES Act and Treasury Department guidance on the use of Coronavirus Relief Funds.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Programs differ in the details. But generally:

- Private, for-profit business located and registered in the grant district
- 25 or fewer full time equivalent (FTE) employees (that means you can have 50 half-timers)
- Some have expanded eligibility to businesses with up to 50 FTE employees
- Direct impact and loss from COVID (in other words, everybody)
- In business before 2/15/2020

Your mileage may vary.

HOW MUCH?

Smaller businesses with 25 or fewer FTE employees may receive \$5000 to \$25,000. Twenty-six to fifty FTE workers? You may get \$10,000 to \$40,000.

Business owners know that money evaporates. Everything costs more. Everything breaks. At the worst possible moment.

Murphy's Law: "Anything that can go wrong will go wrong".

Small business Owner's Law: "Murphy was an optimist".

Still, these are grants not loans. No repayment. Now you can fix the refrigerator. Restock the supply room. Meet payroll for one more week. It helps!

HOW TO APPLY?

Get your financial documents together. You must provide any two of the following:

- Tax return
- Income statement
- Sales report
- Cash flow statement
- Profit and loss statement
- Balance sheet

Sole proprietor? They will need your individual tax return as well.

Most Small Business Recovery Programs have an online application process. And it is simple. Gather your financial documents, file the online application, keep on working your butt off.

HOW LONG TO GET AN ANSWER?

Check your email. They are trying to get the money out there quickly. Someday soon, you may get the notice that help is on the way.

BUT I DON'T WANT GOVERNMENT HELP!

Small business owners are independent do-it-yourself types. Government hand-out? Perish the thought! Understandable. But.

Government demands taxes. You pay taxes. You never thought you would see any of that money again, right? No return on that investment. This is a return on that investment. Unusual times.

Same approach applies to estate planning and elder law. You paid in, why shouldn't you be paid back?

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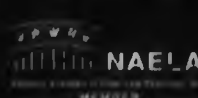
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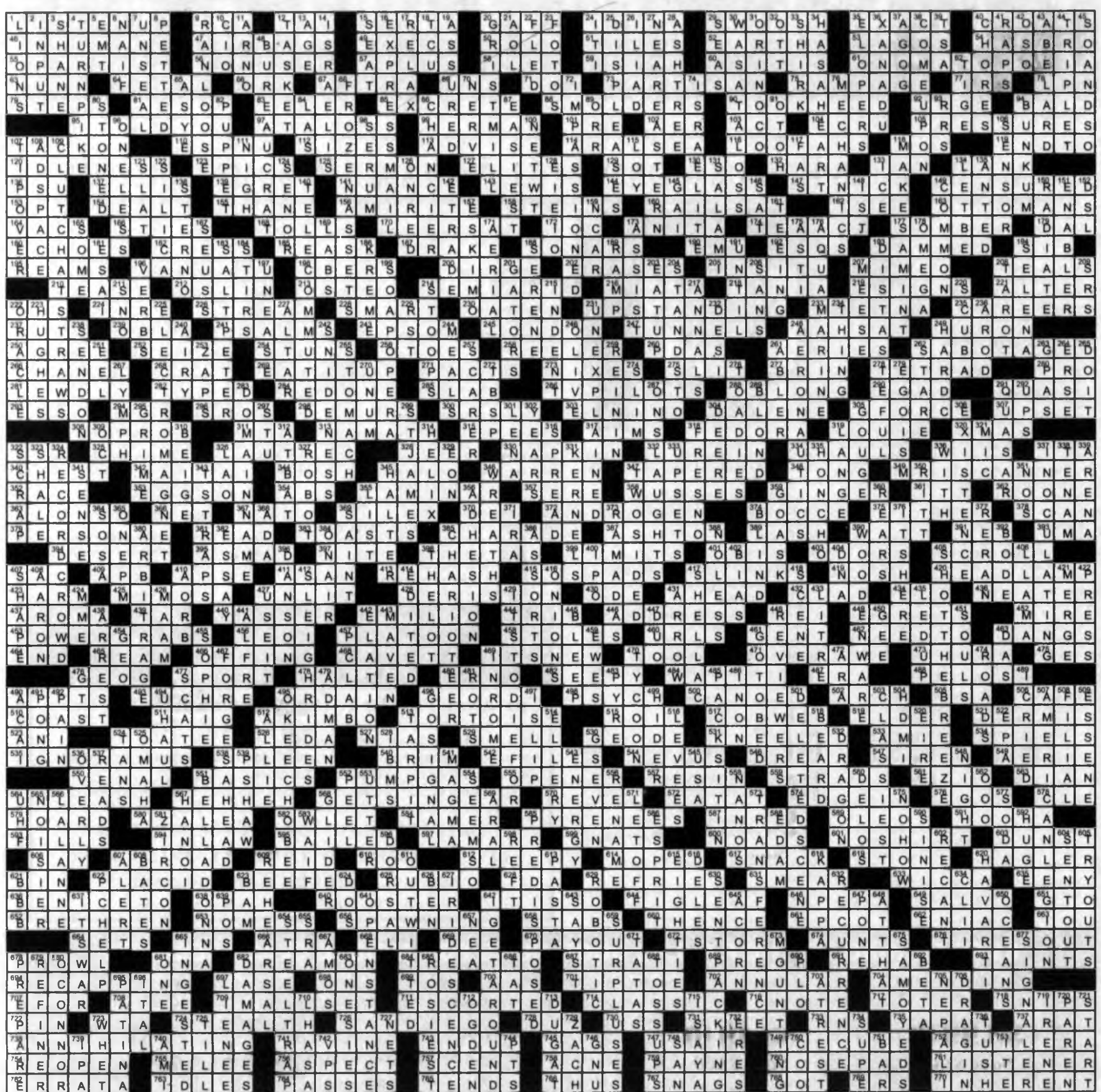
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THE BIG CROSSWORD ANSWERS



Malls

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Kelsey Kiefer, a marketing specialist for the mall at 27500 Novi Road, said this is the first time in her career at the mall they've opted to close the doors Thanksgiving evening.

"We're closing down, allowing our tenants to spend time with their families that day," she said. "We just thought considering the year its been, we're following the trend that other malls are doing."

But once the turkey and leftover stuffing is in the fridge, shoppers can prepare for Black Friday, looking for deals at the major area shopping centers. Twelve Oaks will open their doors at 7 a.m. Black Friday and remain open until 9 p.m. There, customers — who should follow COVID-19 guidelines while doing so — can shop for friends and family at the various tenants and anchor stores at the popular mall.

Holiday shopping is still a go for those looking to get out of the house. The recent orders from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services allow for retailers to remain open during the three-week "pause" period that's closing down restaurant dining rooms, high schools and athletics.

Kristina Circelli, marketing director for Laurel Park Place owners CBL Properties, said the mall at 37700 Six Mile in Livonia will open at 7 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. on Black Friday after being closed for Thanksgiving, a new tradition begun about four years ago by the mall's parent company.

Safety protocols will also be in place for those heading to Six Mile and Newburgh: shops there will manage the number of visitors allowed in their space, she said.

"Most of the stores do have their own requirements. There might be longer wait times," Circelli said. "It varies according to the store based on how big they are."

Westland Shopping Center, 35000 Warren in Westland, will also remain closed for Thanksgiving and be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Black Friday.



Twelve Oaks Mall retailers are already advertising pre-holiday sales events. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

For those heading over to the Somerset Collection at 2800 W. Big Beaver in Troy for the holiday weekend, the mall will open at 9 a.m. and close at 9 p.m. The mall has expanded some of its services to assist with more contactless shopping, including adding more parking spots at the north and south entrances of the mall for curbside pickup, as well as a new home delivery service for those who live in a 60-mile radius from the mall. More information on these programs can be found at thesomersetcollection.com.

Twelve Oaks will launch a few initiatives for the shopping season, including a campaign called "#BuyNearby." That program will surprise random shoppers at the mall with gift cards and sweepstakes entries. The mall is also donating to various charities and organizations on behalf of tenants and employees. The mall is also expanding its hours starting Black Friday, going back to es-

entially what they were before the COVID-19 pandemic was discovered in the state back in March.

Anchor store hours vary

Department stores at the malls have varying hours depending on store. Here's a list of most stores at several area malls and when they'll be open for the holiday weekend kickoff. Some stores could not be reached for hours when called.

Laurel Park Place: Von Maur will remain closed for Thanksgiving and be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. Dunham's Sporting Goods will also be closed Thanksgiving and be open from 4 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Black Friday.

Westland Shopping Center: Kohl's will remain closed on Thanksgiving and then open for business at 7 a.m. Friday. It will remain open until 10 p.m. that night. J.C. Penney will also be closed

Thanksgiving and reopen at 5 a.m. Friday. It will stay open until either 9 p.m. or 10 p.m.

Twelve Oaks Mall: All department stores at Twelve Oaks are closed for Thanksgiving. Nordstrom is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Black Friday. Lord and Taylor, which is set to close later this year, will be open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday. Macy's will open its doors to customers at 5 a.m. Friday and close at midnight. J.C. Penney will open at 10 a.m. Friday and close at 10 p.m.

Somerset Collection: Neiman Marcus will be closed Thanksgiving and open its doors from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Black Friday. Nordstrom will close for Thanksgiving and be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday. Saks Fifth Avenue will close Thursday and be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday.

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Mercy senior Bishop wins Miss Volleyball

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Loretta Vogel remembers when she first saw Julia Bishop.

The Mercy head volleyball coach watched a St. Sebastian eighth grader with soft hands and a presence as an athlete.

By the time Bishop joined the Marlins as a freshman, Vogel saw something special, inserting her into the starting lineup as the starting setter to run the offense.

"From the very beginning, she knew she had something special with me," Bishop said. "I was 14. I was like, 'I don't know what you are talking about.'

"She put her trust in me right away, which is something you don't see as a freshman running that much. She just let me run the offense."

Four years, 192 wins, 5,575 assists — third most in Michigan High School Athletic Association history — 233 aces, 600 kills, 967 digs and a Division 1 state title later, Bishop finished her Mercy

volleyball career as Miss Volleyball, winning the award from the Michigan Interscholastic Volleyball Coaches Association.

Bishop received 227 votes, 35 votes ahead of second-place finisher Jenna Reitsma from Lowell. Mercy outside

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Haupt perseveres to earn All-State honors

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

As a kid, Abbie Haupt wanted to run cross country at Livonia Churchill before she even knew what the sport was.

She grew up less than a mile from the school, driving past runners on a daily basis in the fall. She saw the work they put in, day in and day out, no matter what the weather was like outside.

She knew she wanted to be one of them.

So when Haupt joined the varsity cross country team as a freshman, she knew how much work was required of herself. She knew the sport wasn't one-dimensional: an argument Haupt hates having because she knows she's right.

"There's just so much behind the scenes other than just showing up one day out of the week and running as fast as you can," Haupt said. "Really and truly, it's a very complicated sport when you start to kind of pick out the layers of it. That's what I like about it."

To her, it's 90% preparation for 10% output.

This is the path that Haupt took to earn back-to-back All-State honors her junior and senior seasons. It was becoming a true student of the game, with a bit of perseverance, that led her to meet the expectations of her coach and former next-door neighbor Sara Kroll.

Learning process

Haupt remembers the day she and Kroll became sisters.

Returning home to live with her parents for a short time, Kroll, a Churchill alumni and former Michigan State runner, became an assistant coach during Haupt's freshman year. With the prox-



Churchill senior Abbie Haupt, right, poses with her head coach Sara Kroll after her All-State run. COURTESY OF SARA KROLL

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Novi senior running back Langford finds hot hand

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
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After losing four of six games in the regular season, Novi football turned some heads at the start of the playoffs.

The Wildcats upset reigning Division 1 state final runner-up Brighton in the

first round, beating the Bulldogs, 41-27, on the road.

Senior running back Maurice Langford was a major part of that spark, running for a team-leading 215 yards on 23 carries, scoring twice and averaging more than nine yards per carry.

This helped Langford earn Home-

town Life's Athlete of the Week award the week of Nov. 3, earning 13,410 votes (42.69%) of the 31,412 total votes.

After Novi's district semifinal loss to Detroit Catholic Central, Langford received Kensington Lakes Activities Association all-conference honors.

Novi cross country runner Lizzie

Babcock finished in second with 13,203 votes (42.03%).

Farmington cross country runner Peter Baracco, Detroit Catholic Central soccer player Clay Moscovici and Seaholm cross country runner Audrey

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Abbie Haupt wanted to showcase her ability at the state meet for those on the Livonia Churchill team who could not join her. PHOTOS COURTESY OF SARA KROLL

Haupt

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imity, Kroll became Haupt's ride to and from practice.

They were friends before, sure. But during one car ride in particular, while Haupt doesn't remember what was said, she remembers the pair starting to have real conversations.

That shift in dynamic was all it took for Kroll to lead the Haupt to heights she never thought were reachable.

"Sara physically pushes me to new levels that I never had envisioned were possible," Haupt said.

Kroll, who took over the head coaching role at Churchill in 2018, said Haupt became a student of the sport, learning and developing purpose for each run, each workout; determining how fast she wanted to go and how to rest in between trials.

From middle school to high school, Kroll said, it can take time to adapt to how demanding high school cross country can be. But Kroll saw quickly an instinctive drive in her runner that can't be taught.

"The thing about Abbie is that she works very, very hard and she's super competitive, and I think sometimes it can be very hard to teach people how to be competitive," Kroll said. "I sometimes believe that it's a bit innate. She's got that."

But success did not come right away.

After failing to break 20 minutes in a race her freshman year, Haupt stepped up to a personal season-record 19:34.7 in the KLAA Conference race her sophomore year, but came up short at the regional meet.

Heading into her junior season, Haupt had not accomplished a fragment of what she wanted to achieve in her high school career.

"I just wanted it so bad," Haupt said. "I was just kind of willing to go in and work. That's what I expected myself to do. I wanted to follow in Sara's footsteps."

"I didn't just want to be another runner."

So she began to take more risks, upping her base runs over the summer to 6:50, seven-minute paces. The rough patches still came, with a four-race streak of times over 20 minutes, which Haupt said, was nowhere near where she wanted.

But starting at the Wayne County Invitational and for the rest of the season, something clicked for Haupt.

Kroll said the junior runner got out of her own way.

Haupt began with a 18:52.8 finish at the invitational, nearly three minutes faster than her previous race five days before, eventually advancing all the way to the state meet and receiving All-State honors with a 29th place finish.

To Haupt, that jump, that level of success, was a shock considering the other times she ran up to that final race. She went into the state meet with the mindset of just going for it: If it crashes and burns, at least she tried, she thought.

But Kroll knew what Haupt had inside her. She knew her runner's potential.

"When she came out of the race All State as a junior, I was like, 'OK, there we go,'" Kroll said. "I see it every day in

practice. I'm not surprised you made this jump so quickly."

Finishing strong

After her All-State performance as a junior, Haupt immediately set sights on going out with a bang her senior year. She wanted to place in the top-15, 14 spots higher than she did in her first time at state. It was a jump, but Haupt believed it was something she could work toward.

After a canceled track season due to the coronavirus pandemic and underwhelming time trials through the spring and into summer, the determination was still there.

But Haupt's left leg began to hurt.

In early-to-mid September, Haupt felt a nagging pain on the right side of her left leg near the fibula head. With the injury having more to do with muscular issues, the pain dictated the senior's early-season struggles, not recording a time under 20 minutes in her first six races.

The realization soon hit Haupt that her preseason goal could be in jeopardy.

"Waking up and feeling the pain is very, very discouraging, especially when you want to go somewhere and perform so well, just waking up with this ache," Haupt said. "Getting to the line, it was just constantly there. It was nagging as I'd warm up. It would be shooting down my leg."

"When I got to the line, I was tired and miserable. I still wanted to perform well when I got to the line, but mentally, I was just setting myself up for failure at that point in the season."

Kroll knew Haupt was not confident in how she was racing. She sat down with the senior before the regional race and asked her, simply, what did she want to get out of it?

Haupt knew what she wanted to do. She knew the goal was within reach. She did not want the season to end with the times she had started with, no matter how she was feeling.

"We just kind of hit the end game and we were like 'We really don't have time to mope about it or try and fix it anymore,'" Haupt said.

"We hit regionals and were like, 'We just have to hurt.'"

Haupt finished eighth at her regional, earning a second-straight state meet bid.

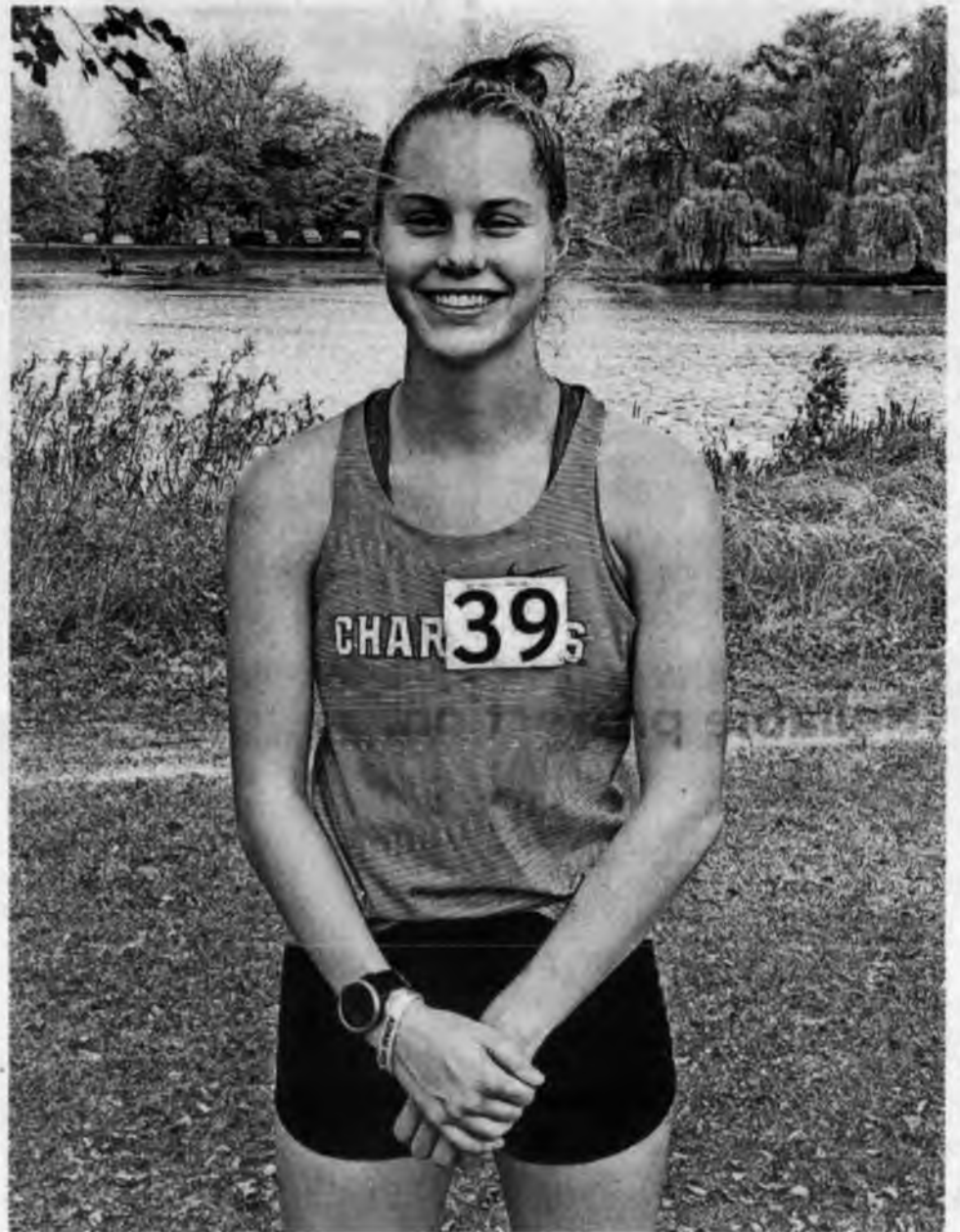
And when she arrived at Michigan International Speedway in Brooklyn for the second-straight season, she "had something to prove, something to show her teammates being the only representative from Churchill:

"Just because you have a couple of bad races doesn't mean your season's over," Haupt said. "It doesn't mean that your hard work hasn't come into play. Your body is just waiting to perform. I just kind of wanted to show off what we built and did as a team."

With 20 meters left in the state meet, another runner passed Haupt, putting the Churchill senior in 10th place. Standing near the finish line, Kroll remembers seeing Haupt shift into another gear, passing her right before the finish line.

Watching her senior, her childhood friend, her sister cross the finish line, Kroll began to cry.

"Just with the way the season had been going, I hadn't seen that extra little bit of fire in Abbie since last year," Kroll



Haupt said she has not yet decided where she wants to run in college.

said.

"A few people have asked me, 'Where did that come from?' It sounds cliché, but it's been there all along. I think she needed to let herself have it."

When Haupt crossed the finish line, her focus was not on if she did enough to earn All-State honors, running in the first of two heats. She was calm. She was confident. She was proud of what she had accomplished.

"I wanted to make my teammates proud, especially because they saw a lot of the failure throughout the season," Haupt said. "It wasn't what I wanted to show off. I wanted to take the opportunity to kind of make them proud and everything that we had done over the season."

Haupt finished 15th, meeting her preseason goal, and earned All-State honors for the second straight season.

Enjoying the work

Aidan Haupt knows Abbie Haupt better than anyone.

The Churchill senior football player and Abbie's twin brother describes his sister as motivated and determined, staying on schedule and going the extra mile in and outside of practice, recollecting weekends, post-practice and Christmas-morning runs.

"We kind of use each other as motivation," Aidan Haupt said. "Not saying that we always wanted to be better than each other, but it was always something that we could use to motivate each other. Her being there wanted to make me better. Me being there wanted to make

her better."

Abbie's example showed Aidan that through hard work, anything can be accomplished.

To Kroll, this is the legacy Abbie Haupt will leave when she leaves the Churchill cross country program. She was a leader and an example who earned the validation of All-State honors through perseverance.

"I know the type of character we like to see from our athletes that come from Churchill," Kroll said. "She has a relentless pursuit of excellence, she's an excellent student in the classroom too. That doesn't stop at practice either."

"She enjoys the work. She really does enjoy running. She loves everything running and this sport has brought her."

Haupt will try and bring that same mentality into college, following Kroll's footsteps in being able to run at the next level. The Churchill senior hopes to decide soon where that will be.

But while Haupt will remember those highs, those races in which she shined, she said what she will remember the 90% preparation, especially with her teammates; a group, she said, that formed a sisterhood, similar to what she and Kroll developed her freshman year on the way home from practice.

"You have people from different groups, coming from all over the school to run," Haupt said. "That's what makes cross country so unique: no one really cares about where you come from."

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KLAA releases 2020 all-conference football honors

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While the high school football season remains halted at the regional final during the three-week "pause," increasing guidelines to try and lower rising positive coronavirus numbers, postseason awards are starting to be released.

In the Kensington Lakes Activities Association, Livonia Churchill remains in the hunt for a Division 2 state title, and is scheduled to host Oak Park in the regional final 6 p.m., Dec. 15.

Here is a look at the all-conference KLAA football honorees in the Hometown Life area for the 2020 season.

Canton (8-1, first in KLAA West)

Senior linebacker Aran Patrick
Senior offensive lineman Josh Martin
Senior quarterback Kaleb Burg
Senior running back Marco Johnson
Senior linebacker/wide receiver John Levine
Junior running back Zack Badger
Senior defensive back Jack Vespaziani
Senior tight end/linebacker Michael Renzi
Senior defensive tackle Jacob Davis
Senior athlete Brayden Webb
Junior offensive line/defensive line Giulian Bodiu

Northville (5-3, second in KLAA West)

Senior wide receiver Jack Bugar
Senior defensive back James Bubar
Junior quarterback Jack Holland
Senior defensive lineman Josh Kredner
Senior outside linebacker Patrick Lach
Senior running back Nick Lauderback
Senior wide receiver Brett Rankin
Senior running back Cayden Saunders
Junior running back Kai Saunders

Livonia Churchill (6-2, second in KLAA East)

Senior quarterback Gavin Brooks
Junior running back Boston Clegg Jr.
Senior defensive back Jimmy Tar-gosz
Senior wide receiver Jordan Garcia
Junior defensive back Josh Brown
Junior defensive lineman Demarius Gibson-Wells
Senior defensive lineman Khalil Ford
Senior offensive lineman Lawrence Hattar
Junior wide receiver Bailey Brooks

Livonia Stevenson (4-4, fifth in KLAA East)

Senior running back Caden Woodall
Senior defensive lineman Landan Macek
Senior linebacker Teddy Mazaris
Sophomore offensive lineman Charlie Davidek
Junior linebacker Quincy Salter
Senior defensive end Maxim Smith

Livonia Franklin (5-4, fourth in KLAA East)

Senior offensive lineman Kyle Fugedi
Senior wide receiver Connor Hatfield
Senior defensive lineman Aaron Mass
Junior quarterback Zac Olesuk
Senior linebacker Evan Pittenger
Senior defensive back Trevor Whisman

Novi (3-5, sixth in KLAA West)

Junior offensive lineman Tommy Phimister
Senior running back Maurice Langford
Junior defensive back Tyler Patrick

John Glenn (2-5, seventh in KLAA East)

Senior tight end Justin Hart
Senior quarterback Aaron Rieskamp
Senior center Tyler Kendrick



Canton senior Marco Johnson records a touchdown against Belleville in the district final. MICHAEL VASILNEK/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWN LIFE.COM

Salem (1-6, seventh in KLAA West)

Senior offensive guard Nolan Matthew
Senior running back Jermari Thomas

Plymouth (1-6, eighth in KLAA West)

Senior offensive lineman Cenzi DeFelice
Senior defensive end Andrew Uhlian

Wayne Memorial (0-7, eighth in KLAA East)

Junior linebacker Amarus Callaway
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MHSAA releases plan for revised fall postseason

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The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced Wednesday a revised schedule after a "three-week pause" was instituted by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to combat the increased spread of the coronavirus, halting high school athletics until Dec. 9.

If allowed by the MDHHS, the high school football playoffs would continue with the regional finals starting Dec. 15 and 16. The state semifinals would be played Dec. 21 and 22, while the state finals would be hosted at Ford Field Dec. 28 and 29.

The high school volleyball postseason, with the state quarterfinal round Dec. 15, would continue with the state semifinals Dec. 17 and 18, ending with the state final Dec. 19. Both the semifinal and final rounds are to be held at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek.

The girls swim and dive state meet are scheduled for Dec. 22 for divers and Dec. 23 for swimmers.

Winter sports would resume practices Dec. 9 and competition would begin Jan. 4.

"We understand where COVID numbers were trending, and that's why we have been supportive of the order to pause," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said in a statement. "But these fall sports deserve closure, and this strategy provides the best opportunities without further interruptions to a normal course of training and competition."

"... Meanwhile, by waiting until January to begin winter competition, the council is allowing our teams to continue activity but also restricting the mixing of communities to further promote reducing COVID spread."

The MHSAA Representative Council will hold its annual fall meeting Dec. 4, and will consider changes to the winter postseason due to the shortened regular-season schedule.

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CHSL announces 2020 football honor teams

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While the high school football season remains halted at the regional final during the three-week "pause," increasing guidelines to try and lower rising positive coronavirus numbers, postseason awards are starting to be released.

In the Catholic High School League, Detroit Catholic Central remains in the hunt for a Division 1 state title, and is scheduled to take on Davison in the regional final.

Here is a look at the CHSL football honorees in the Hometown Life area for the 2020 season.

All-Catholic

Brother Rice senior defensive tackle Matt Andoni

Brother Rice junior wide receiver Cole Lacanaria

Brother Rice senior offensive lineman Drew Lees

Brother Rice senior linebacker Oscar McWood

Brother Rice senior free safety Rocco Milia

Brother Rice senior linebacker Zac Potestivo

Cranbrook Kingswood senior defensive end Bryce Hall

Cranbrook Kingswood senior kicker/punter Chase Paulus



Cranbrook Kingswood sophomore defensive back Alex Yolles

Detroit Catholic Central junior quarterback Declan Byle

Detroit Catholic Central senior wide receiver Sam Dersa

Detroit Catholic Central senior tight end Connor Dewan

Detroit Catholic Central senior defensive lineman Bruno Guberinich

Detroit Catholic Central junior running back Mohamed Jaffer

Detroit Catholic Central senior de-

fensive lineman Gavin Nafso

Detroit Catholic Central senior wide receiver Gavin Willard

All-League

Brother Rice junior quarterback Jake Coulter

Brother Rice junior defensive lineman Matthew Hendi

Brother Rice junior linebacker Jackson Minelli

Brother Rice sophomore offensive

lineman Christian Peters

Brother Rice junior defensive lineman Luke Sands

Brother Rice senior defensive back Luke Williams

Cranbrook Kingswood junior offensive lineman Victor Berger

Cranbrook Kingswood senior linebacker Drew Lauer

Cranbrook Kingswood senior offensive lineman Max Spradlin

Detroit Catholic Central junior defensive tackle Michael Beydoun

Detroit Catholic Central sophomore linebacker Brayden Courser

Detroit Catholic Central junior wide receiver Kamron Davenport

Detroit Catholic Central junior defensive back Jackson Ewald

Detroit Catholic Central junior defensive end Sean Field

Detroit Catholic Central senior tight end Michael Ramirez

Detroit Catholic Central senior center Danny Turek

All-Academic

Brother Rice senior wide receiver Gianni Dalimonte

Cranbrook Kingswood senior linebacker Jonathan Uwase

Detroit Catholic Central senior punter Charlie Mentzer

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Three area golfers named to Oakland County 'Dream Team'

Oakland County golf coaches announced their six-player Dream Team, including South Lyon golfers Katie Potter and Gabriella Tapp, along with Marian's Shannon Kennedy.

Kennedy, who helped Marian to its second-straight Division 3 state title and earned her third-straight individual state title, was named as the Oakland County Player of the Year.

The Marian senior brought home her third individual state title in four years, tying Grand Rapids Christian's Ryann Breslin in regulation at 70 before securing the victory on the first playoff hole.

Troy Athens' Olivia Hemmilla and Laura Liu and Grace Wang of Rochester Adams were also named to the six-member Dream Team, composing of the six best golfers in Oakland County from this past season.

Potter, a senior at South Lyon, and Tapp, a sophomore, helped South Lyon earn its first Division 2 state title in school history, eclipsing Forest Hills Northern by three points Oct. 16.

Potter will continue her golf career at Marshall University, while Kennedy will play at Michigan State.

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The South Lyon girls golf team recently captured the program's first-ever state title after 12 consecutive state final appearances. COURTESY OF DAN SKATZKA

Hartland man documented mammoth discovery in 2015

Jennifer Timer Livingston Daily
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Hartland Township photojournalist Daryl Marshke had a front row seat to a discovery that changed what we know about the history of human habitation in Michigan.

When he arrived at a Chelsea paleontology dig in the fall of 2015 to take photographs for the University of Michigan, "they had just started being able to uncover the skull. They kind of knew exactly what it was, but they didn't know how big it was a going to be or how old," Marshke said.

Marshke documented University of Michigan paleontologist Daniel Fisher's discovery of an ice age woolly mammoth buried on Chelsea farmland.

The mammoth bones were dug up on land belonging to James Bristle, who renamed his farm Mammoth Acres, in 2015. Some of the bones unearthed in that dig are on display at the University of Michigan Museum of Natural History, along with Marshke's photographs.

Fisher, director of the University of Michigan Museum of Paleontology, said he had a significant scientific revelation on his hands. Carbon dating showed the wholly mammoth dated back more than 15,000 years. It's the oldest mammoth dug up in the Great Lakes region that he knows about.

But it was something else about the mammoth bones that could change what we know about the region's history.

Bones were out of order, not where they should have been had the mammoth died a natural death and just keeled over.

Fisher said it was evidence that humans had killed it to eat it.

That would mean humans were in Michigan earlier than scientists knew. Scientists knew there were humans in Michigan at least 13,000 years ago. The excavation of the mammoth in Chelsea pushed it back more than 2,000 years.

"One of (Fisher's) theories was that early man, what they would do, they would kill a mammoth, they would harvest the meat, take that meat and, during the winter months, put it on a lake or

pond, put it on ice, put rocks on it and as the season melted the ice the rocks would weigh down the meat keeping it cool," Marshke said.

It could have been an early form of refrigeration.

In 2015, Marshke had just started a new job working as a photojournalist for Michigan Photography at the University of Michigan. He was assigned to take pictures for news stories for the university's publications until being furloughed due to COVID-19.

He said, at first, it was just an exciting work day for him. Then he got hooked to Fisher's research journey. Documenting the mammoth has become a passion project.

He returned with Fisher to the Chelsea dig site a second time in 2017, when they recovered more bone fragments and studied the strata of the ground where the mammoth was found. He also photographed Fisher studying in the lab and other moments in his research journey.

He won a national award for a book of the photographs he put together and self-published, "Once Upon a Mammoth," taking second place in the University Photographers' Association of America's competition for specialty books.

The discovery came about because the farmer's field needed a new sump pump to manage water. A excavator unearthed bone fragments. Bristle contacted the university to tell them what he had found.

Marshke said his favorite moment of Fisher's dig was when they lifted the skull and tusks out of the ground.

"They took a backhoe...tied up ropes and different straps and carefully, over probably a half hour, began lifting the skull and tusks out of the ground..." Marshke said.

It smelled of clay.

He also photographed people's reactions.

"It became a spectacle. People gathered. I captured the whole day, the vibe, and then followed progress for over a year, his research, the other dig..." he said. "I told my boss I want to continue following this story wherever it leads."

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Term of self-ban from casinos eased

State says after 5 years, people can leave list

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Michigan has relaxed what was an extraordinary lifetime ban from entering the three Detroit casinos for problem gamblers who volunteered to join a self-exclusion list.

Those who sign up for the list, known as the Disassociated Persons List, now have the option to get off the list after at least five years on it. Previously, they had no choice but to stay on the list for life and face possible criminal prosecution if caught trespassing on the gaming floor at MGM Grand Detroit, MotorCity Casino Hotel or Greektown Casino-Hotel.

Michigan is one of 23 states with some form of self-exclusion list for casinos and gambling activities. Until the policy change passed the Legislature and was signed into law Oct. 14, Michigan was the only state that gave everyone a lifetime ban with no option to ever leave the list, according to a Free Press analysis of an American Gaming Association report.

There were 4,825 people on the Disassociated Persons list as of Oct. 1. Since the new law took effect, about 50 people have formally asked to be removed, said Richard Kalm, executive director of the Michigan Gaming Control Board.

The list doesn't extend to the 24 tribal casinos within Michigan.

"Life circumstances change, people change, people recover, and so there was a push to soften that life ban," Kalm said. "I would get eight or 10 or maybe 15 letters a year from people saying, 'Look, I've been on it for 10 years and I have a family now. I just want to go into the casino and enjoy the game,' and I couldn't do anything about it."

Michael Burke, president of the Michigan Association on Problem Gambling, said the policy change is good because some problem gamblers have wanted to join the self-ban list but were reluctant to do so because of the inflexible duration.

Other states have given people the option to leave the self-exclusion list after a period of time, often three or five years.

"The only avenue available in Michigan was a life-long ban and that really deterred a good number of people from ever signing up on it," said Burke, 74, of Portage, who overcame gambling problems himself that began after Caesars Windsor opened in 1994.

Still, similar to recovering alcoholics who choose to give up drinking for life, many problem gamblers may never be ready to return to the casinos and so a lifelong ban could still be appropriate for them, according to Burke.

"I would never gamble again, because then you get that dopamine going in the brain again," he said.

Sneaking in

The Detroit casinos catch about 10 disassociated people a month violating the ban, he said. Violators are often caught when they try to cash out after having



Jeff Zaniewski stands in front of the MGM Grand Detroit. For years, Zaniewski gambled at MGM once a week until he asked to join Michigan's Disassociated Persons List in 2017. More than 4,800 people have volunteered for the list. ERIC SEALS/DETROIT FREE PRESS

won a big jackpot. Yet many people are believed to still pass through the casinos undetected by casino staff.

"To be honest with you, it's difficult to keep people out — even if they put themselves on a list," Kalm said. "We don't have facial recognition (cameras) in the casinos. If there's 6,000 or 5,000 people in a casino on a Friday night, back before COVID, how in the heck can they know who everybody is? They just can't."

The casinos don't let disassociated people whom they catch take home any winnings before kicking them out. That money is seized, and State Police give the self-ban violators criminal trespassing tickets.

The tickets are for misdemeanors punishable by up to 1 year of prison and/or a \$1,000 fine. However, first-time offenders can undergo gambling addiction treatment and have the cases dismissed.

Last year the casinos seized about \$193,000 in winnings from disassociated persons, Kalm said. The Gaming Control Board gave the surrendered winnings to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services to fund problem gambling treatment for those who can't afford the programs on their own, which is common.

"When gamblers finally come to get some help, one of the things gone is their money," said Burke of the Michigan Association on Problem Gambling.

Michigan also has an "Exclusion of Persons List" for individuals who are involuntarily banned from the Detroit casinos, often after committing serious offenses or a crime within a casino. There are 113 people on this list, and unlike those on the Disassociated list, their identities are considered public record.

Self-ban as prevention

Jeff Zaniewski, 33, of Commerce Township voluntarily signed up for the Disassociated list in September 2017. He said he decided to do so because he realized he had a moderate gambling problem that he didn't want to spiral into a serious problem.

For him, the precipitating incident was a visit to

MGM Grand when he couldn't bring himself to pocket any of his big winnings and just blew it all.

"I probably took \$100 with me. I got up to \$700, and then I gave it all back," he said. "And I just thought to myself, at what point is this going to end? Even if I left a winner today, I'm going to come back later and I'm gonna be a loser again, so at that point I kind of made a promise to myself."

Zaniewski said he might consider leaving the list once he hits his five-year mark in 2022.

He continues to visit tribal casinos from time to time, but said the driving distance to get there deters him from the sort of spur-of-the-moment trips that led him to trouble at the Detroit casinos.

He used to visit Hollywood Casino Toledo, but he has been banned from that property since the Toledo casino's owner, Penn National Gaming, purchased Greektown Casino in May 2019 from Dan Gilbert's Jack Entertainment.

Penn National has an "exclude-one-exclude-all" policy that forbids anyone who is on a statewide self-exclusion list from visiting any Penn National property.

Zaniewski recalled making an in-person visit to the Gaming Control Board's office in Detroit's New Center area to get himself added to the Disassociated list.

"I had a consultation, she asked me if I was on any drugs or any alcohol, she asked me a lot of questions," he said. "The real poignant one was, 'Why don't you want to gamble?' And I just looked at my wallet and said, 'The only thing I have to show are these players club cards, which get me nothing. This is just a huge waste of time and money. It's not really fun anymore.'"

He added, "I never did anything bad; I didn't blow my mortgage. I just felt like that money I wanted to gamble with, I couldn't use it on anything else. If I wanted to buy something new for the house, I wouldn't do it — I'd feel guilty about it — but I'd have no trouble spending that \$200 at the casino."

The application for removal from the list is on the Michigan Gaming Control Board's website.

Obituaries

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Evelyn Thelma Barrett

Evelyn Thelma Barrett passed away peacefully Thursday evening, Nov. 5, 2020 in Commerce Twp, MI at the age of 92. She was born in Middlesboro, KY on June 3, 1928, to Clyde and Hettie Trammell. The family then moved to Michigan where Evelyn, as a young adult, worked at Edison in Detroit, and lived at the Evangeline, having fond memories of both. She also met the love of her life, Edward Barrett, a dental school student, marrying him in Detroit on Sept. 2, 1950. They eventually moved to Rochester where they raised five children and built a successful dental practice in Auburn Hills. In later years, Evelyn enjoyed working at the practice until retirement. They then set off for world travel, day trips around MI, lunch at Lipuma's Coney Island or the Hamlin Pub, and traveling to Texas to enjoy their grandson, Will. After Edward's passing in 2004, Evelyn moved to Commerce Twp to be closer to family. There she enjoyed family, condo neighbors, her beloved dog, dining out, reading, knitting and cooking. Evelyn was proudly conservative politically and was known for her quirky sense of humor.

Survivors of Evelyn include son Ed Barrett Jr. and four daughters, Heather Pahl (husband Kurt), Pat Otto (husband Al), Terri Barrett, and Peggy DuBois (husband William) along with grandson Will Barrett DuBois. She will be deeply missed by all.

The family extends gratitude for the compassion Evelyn received by the caregivers at Westlake Health Campus in Commerce Twp, especially Legacy Director Regina Hughes. Many thanks also to Heart to Heart Hospice for the brief but wonderful care as well.

A private family memorial will be held gravesite at Mt. Avon Cemetery in Rochester at a future date so that Evelyn's ashes may rest alongside her life partner, Edward, for eternity.

New Michigan bills aim to help veterans find work

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LANSING — On the eve of Veterans Day, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and lawmakers from both parties announced legislation Tuesday they said will make it easier for military members, veterans and their families to get jobs in Michigan.

The package of bills will make it easier for them to get professional licensing when they move to Michigan from other states, cutting fees and red tape to speed transfers, officials said.

Active military members are transferred frequently and it is often difficult for their spouses or children to quickly get work in a different state after a move.

"Spouses that are seeking employment ... are disrupted every time they move," said Major Gen. Paul Rogers, director of the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and adjutant general of the Michigan National Guard.

The bills will ease such moves to Michigan, affecting doctors, nurses, engineers, accountants, social workers, plumbers, skilled trades people and many others who require professional licensing.

In addition to helping the military, "it will help our economy," Whitmer said.

"I want to thank all the great men and women who have put their lives on the line for others in this state."

Veterans are already eligible for initial license, registration, or application fee waivers for professional occupations regulated under the Occupational Code and the Skilled Trades Regulation Act. This legislation will expand present fee waivers under those acts to include dependents of veterans and those on active duty. Fee waivers will also be extended to health professions licensed under the Public Health Code. A dependent is defined as a spouse or child under the age of 26.

Also Tuesday, Whitmer asked President Donald Trump to extend federal pay and benefits for the use of Michigan National Guard personnel to assist in the fight against the coronavirus, through March 31.

Currently, federal funding is approved through



The 30-foot-tall deteriorating Michigan War Veterans Memorial sits near the now-abandoned State Fairgrounds in Detroit. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

the end of the year.

"The Michigan National Guard remains a crucial part of the state's emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the Guard is vital to our ongoing recovery as well," Whitmer said in a news release.

"Michigan, as in many other states, is experiencing a marked decline in our COVID-19 positive cases across the state. To provide a thorough response, Michigan has been heavily relying on the Michigan National Guard's efforts to perform widespread testing and screening, distributing personal protective equipment, and assisting at numerous food banks across the state."



Novi senior running back Maurice Langford was an integral part of the Wildcats offense in 2020. COURTESY OF MAURICE LANGFORD

Langford

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DaDamio finished in third, fourth and fifth, respectively.

We spoke with Langford, asking him about Novi's offense and what 2020 did for him and the Wildcats.

How would you describe Novi's offense, how the triple-option works and how you played a big factor in it this year?

"I feel like the Novi offense, it's a pretty well-run offense. We do a lot of good stuff like we trick a lot of people. That's how we get our scoring going because the way it's ran, I feel like it's very hard to stop. I feel like you have to really study it to stop it. That's why we are always working in the summer on it. You see that there are not too many option teams like us."

What was the 2020 season like for you personally and as a team?

"I feel like it was my best varsity year. I feel like I really didn't do too good, that well last year. We've come very far. We all did good as a team. We started doing

stuff we never did last year. We started all communicating with each other, we built a better bond, the coaching all that."

What made it more successful?

"We all started communicating with each other. We started practicing more. If we were doing bad, we would stay after practice, work on what we are doing wrong."

"We would be more open about what's going on, like what we were having a hard time with, talking with the coaches, all that other stuff."

How did it feel to complete your final game at Novi? What was that experience like?

"It didn't feel real, like it all went by really fast. Just crazy. I didn't expect it to go how I thought it would. I was really shocked actually: like this is my last football game, my last high school football game playing and it just takes me back to when I started playing for Novi as a freshman. All the stuff we've been doing, all the games we had, big games, crowds, all that."

Did you expect Novi to go as deep as it did in the playoffs?

"Oh yeah. What I've been seeing in

practice, I've had a lot of confidence. I thought we would go farther than that, actually. They way we were working and stuff, I was not seeing that last year. I had a lot of confidence in my team. I've been telling that to the team and to the coaches. The coaches thought we would go pretty far too. We looked pretty good."

What's next for you?

"My second main sport is track, so I'll be preparing for that and see where that will take me: win anything or go far in that. The last time I did track, I did pretty good, I got injured though."

How is track training different than football training?

"I don't have to eat as much as I did for football. For football, I'm a running back; I have to be at a certain weight. I feel like I have to diet more in track. I don't have to do bench presses or all that other stuff that you do in football. I don't have to practice like six hours out of the day, be coaches all that much... I'm a sprinter. I run the 100, 200 and 400."

Do you want to play football or run track at the next level?

"It depends on which one will make be succeed more. It depends on what opportunities I will get doing those

sports."

What are your goals for the rest of the year?

"I just want to get to a good college that I prefer and just make the best of it, make the best of this year: to be good at sports and to be that man."

How would people describe you off the field?

"A funny person, dedicated person, careful person. I'm really supportive, I like to see everybody succeed. If everybody's like doing anything, I'll build their confidence up, all that... I'm always giving the team good vibes. When the sideline is like quiet while it's game time, I'm always hyping it up. I'm like keeping the good vibes going."

What words of advice would you give to the football players that are returning next year?

"Be a leader. Always be positive in your team and always have that confidence in your team. They'll get going quick."

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Key outcomes for workers in three states

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In Nov. 3's election, voters had their say on ballot measures in several states that will affect millions of workers.

1. Florida approves a \$15 minimum wage

Voters in Florida approved

an amendment to gradually increase the state's minimum wage to \$15 an hour by Sept. 30, 2027, raising it to \$10 on Sept. 30, 2021, then \$1 per year.

Efforts to put similar measures on the ballot in Ohio and Idaho failed to obtain enough signatures. But the resounding result in Florida — 60.8% in favor — will likely encourage supporters of minimum wage increases to bring such measures to a vote in the future.

2. Colorado approves paid family leave

Voters in Colorado passed a ballot measure to establish a statewide program for paid family and medical leave, to be funded through a payroll tax on employers and employees. The measure will allow eligible workers to take 12 weeks of paid leave. An additional four weeks of leave will be allowed for pregnancy or childbirth-related complications.

Workers who have earned at least \$2,500 with their employer and have been on the job for at least 180 days will be eligible for the job-protected paid-leave benefits. Businesses with fewer than 10 employees will be exempt from the employer tax premium. Companies will be allowed to opt out of the state program and create their own family leave programs instead, provided they meet certain criteria.

Only three states — California, New Jersey and Rhode Island — currently require paid family leave. The success of Colorado's family leave proposition will likely encourage other states to pursue similar programs in future elections.

3. California approves independent-contractor model for app-based drivers

Voters in California passed a ballot measure (Proposition 22) to exempt drivers for app-based transportation and delivery companies from being classified as employees. California Assembly Bill 5, which went into effect Jan. 1,

requires companies that hire independent contractors to reclassify them as employees, with a few exceptions. But Nov. 3's vote in favor of Prop 22 will now exempt companies like Uber, Lyft, DoorDash, Instacart and Postmates.

The decision is a major win for gig economy companies and makes it more likely that the gig worker employment model will survive. While the measure disqualifies app-based gig drivers from benefits typically reserved for employees, it does entitle drivers to some new benefits, like minimum earnings and vehicle insurance.

4. California rejects measure restoring affirmative action

Voters in California rejected the repeal of a measure that makes it unlawful for the state and local governments to discriminate against or grant preferential treatment to people based on race, ethnicity, national origin or sex. The repeal would have cleared the way for the state to restore race- and sex-based affirmative action in government agencies and public universities.

Ten states in the U.S. have banned affirmative action since 1996: California, Texas, Washington, Florida, Michigan, Nebraska, Arizona, New Hampshire, Oklahoma and, most recently, Idaho. California's decision against affirmative action could make efforts to repeal such bans in other states less likely and boost efforts in other states to introduce similar bans.

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12 Cat feature
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19 Cajoles
20 Backcountry
21 Actor Alan
22 Before
23 Saving a Hilton from being demolished?
26 Rove (about)
27 Eisenhower, informally
28 Dawn deity
29 Country that's the setting of a story told by Jesus?
31 Confusion when a golfer can't find the club for the green?
36 2000-15 CBS show
37 Two racing Unsers
38 Strike — (do some modeling)
39 Admission of defeat
41 "The way things now stand ..."

44 Road named for a head of state?
50 Intent
53 Golf average
54 Mental sharpness
55 Santa — winds
56 One who's bad at playing practical jokes?
62 Richard of "The Jackal"
63 Former AT&T rival
64 Creepy
65 Tax audit org.
66 Hunchback creator Victor
67 Belgian river
68 Favorite crucifix style?
74 "I seel," facetiously
77 Match units
78 Cruise of "Top Gun"
79 Actress Bette
83 No. in Fife
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90 Final words from a bully
92 Tirana's nation: Abbr.
93 Picnic pest

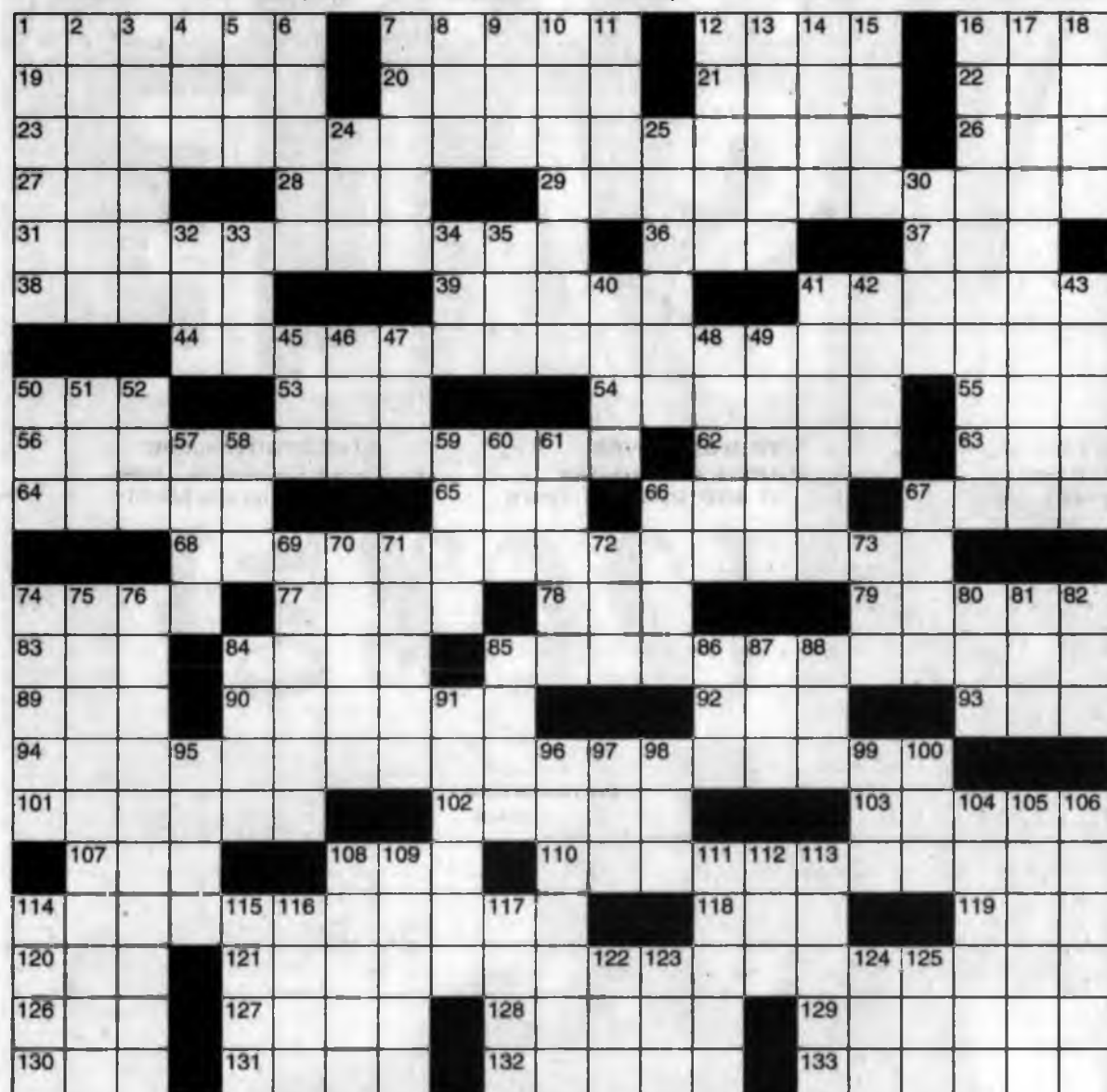
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101 "Penn & Teller: —" (TV series)
102 Maui "hello"
103 Hunter constellation
107 Three in "minimum"
108 Big tea vessel
110 Aviator who was really courageous?
114 Little squeeze from a fuddy-duddy?
118 Grain variety
119 NASA's Eagle, e.g.
120 Suffix with resin or riot
121 Forehead border you had before you started going bald?
126 — kwon do
127 Coal source
128 Door reply to "Who's there?"
129 Most current
130 Antiquated
131 Fax, e.g.
132 "The battle —"
133 Provides, as with power

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2 Devise, as a plan
3 Would really rather not
4 Application filename extension
5 Actor Gibson
6 According to
7 Not stale
8 Vienna's nation: Abbr.
9 Two after uno
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11 Thomas — Edison
12 British bye-byes
13 Perp's excuse
14 Revered one
15 Narrow road
16 Groups of trial lawyers
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48 Be an omen of
49 Feudal vassal
50 Big galoot
51 Outrage
52 Impair
57 Frank Sacks' "— the Unicorn"
58 Plunk lead-in
59 Helpful hints
60 Get it wrong
61 "— Be My Girl" (top 5 tune for the O'Jays)
66 Source of CBD oil
67 "Right on!"
69 Ancient Egyptian god
70 Dwarfs' count
71 Vodka brand, familiarly
72 In support of
73 Govt. health agcy.
74 "— you act now ... (informercial segue)
75 Is unrivaled
76 Hardly ever employed
80 By way of
81 Hostel

82 Mil. officer
84 Bean curd
85 Touch
86 Traitor
87 Yale alum
88 "The Good Doctor" airtel
91 Virgin Mary's mother: Abbr.
95 Actress Lanchester
96 Many #1 songs
97 Calder Cup rink org.
98 Writer Santha Rama —
99 Email giggle
100 Verdi's "— tu"
104 Instead (of)
105 Danish port
106 Big Apple MLB squad
108 Coll. in Philly
109 Made grain-sized
111 Skater Sasha
112 Python in "The Jungle Book"
113 Scrabble
114 Hermande —
115 Engine stats
116 A Great Lake
117 Roman 402
122 Sydney's state: Abbr.
123 Non- — food
124 Sprinted
125 "Inc." relative



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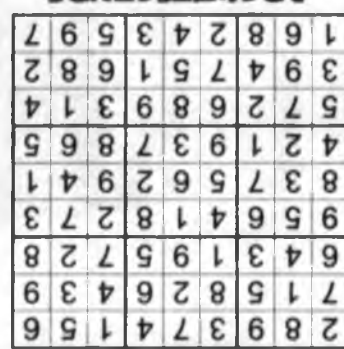
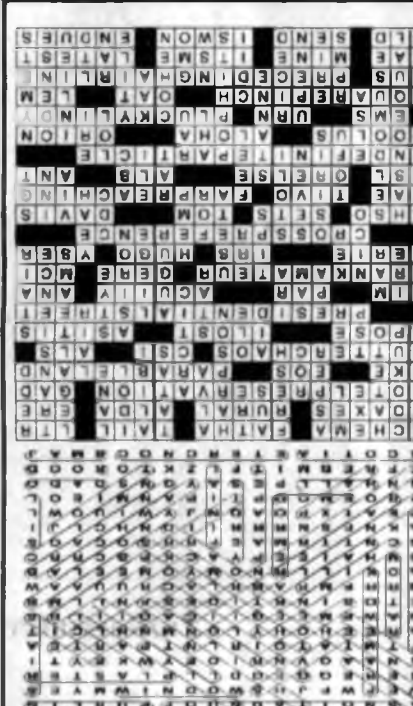
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Can you find all the words hidden in the grid? Read backwards or forwards, up or down, even diagonally. The words will always be in a straight line. Cross them off the list as you find them.

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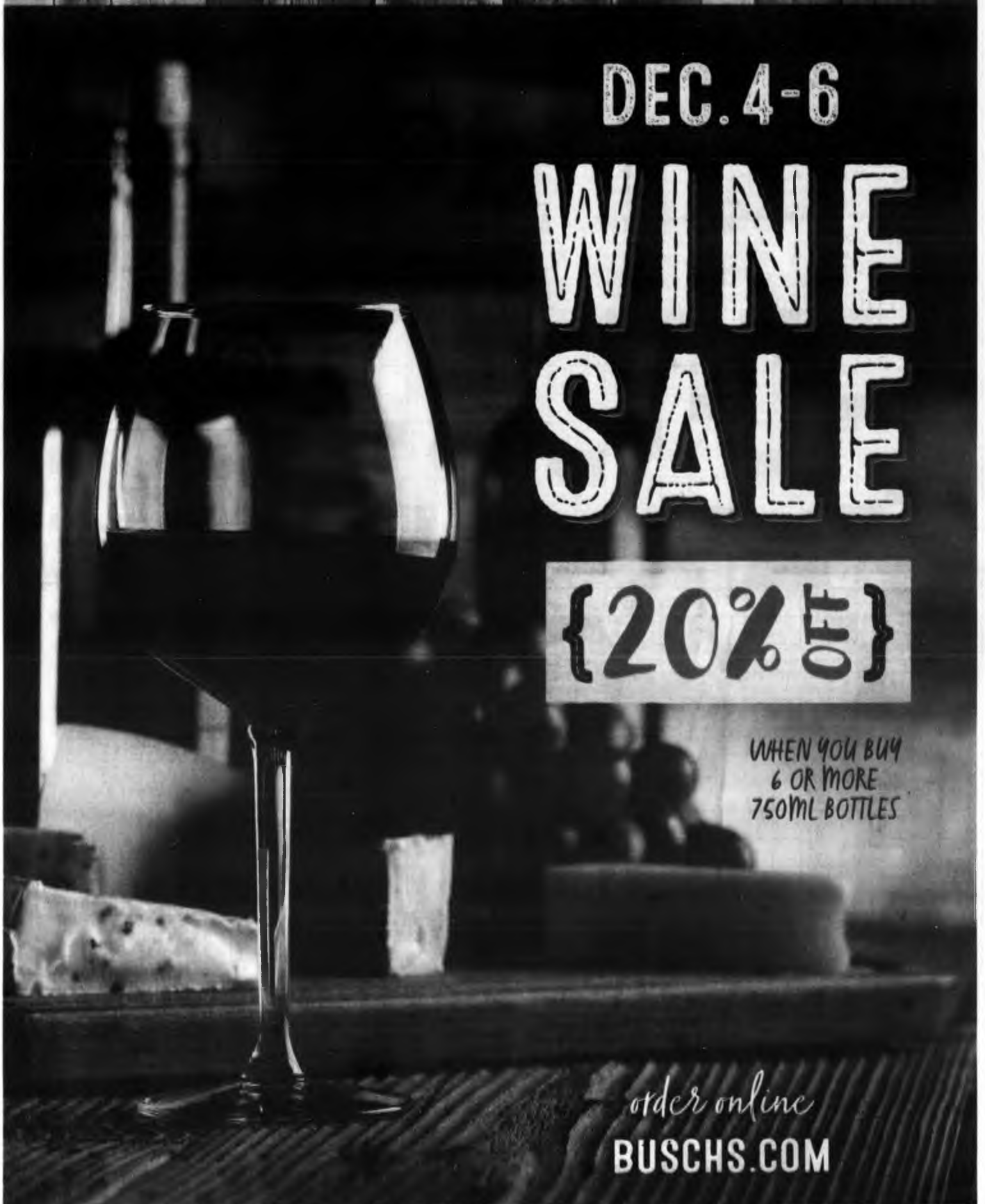


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