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Experts doubt Stislicki will be found

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Danielle Stislicki's family may continue to grieve publicly for their lost loved one, but some local experts doubt the accused killer will ever hint to where her body is — assuming he knows.

They say that if Floyd Galloway Jr. is convicted of murder or a lesser charge, any chance of parole could be lost if he shares his secrets, and any future claims of innocence would fall on deaf ears.

In such a situation, Galloway also would lose the control he may think he

wields over the Stislicki family by granting one of their most earnest wishes when it comes to closure.

"They don't usually reveal the location of body as this cements their guilt," wrote Daniel Kennedy, an Oakland University adjunct criminal justice professor, in an email. "If there

is nothing in it for them, they don't talk.

"Police will have to locate (the) victim themselves, which may never happen. Perhaps someone may happen upon the remains accidentally."

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David Mansfield, above, and his brother, Josh, will be manning the grill, fryer and stove at Rolling Stoves' permanent restaurant when it opens Monday in Farmington. The eatery began as a local food truck. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Rolling Stoves opens Monday in Farmington

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Customers won't need to search out the truck in order to get their fix of The Rolling Stoves food anymore.

The Farmington-based food truck, ran by Joshua and Carli Mansfield, has now step up shop in a brick-and-mortar restaurant opening to the public Monday.

"Very, very happy. It's been good though," she said when asked if she was happy the restaurant would finally open. "We've definitely stepped out of our comfort zone."

The couple is set to open its doors Monday at its new restaurant, 20780 Farmington in Farmington. Just north of Eight Mile, the restaurant occupies the long-empty storefront next to Dunkin' on the site that formerly housed Big Boy. It's been in the process for nearly a year, Mansfield said, one that took a lot longer than expected.

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Rolling Stoves restaurant sits at Farmington Road just north of Eight Mile.

Proposed park in Plymouth Twp. would be passive

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A vacant nine-acre piece-of-pie-shaped parcel of Plymouth Township-owned property would make a delicious spot for a "passive" park, township supervisor Kurt Heise recommended last week to the township's board of trustees.

Making the idea even more appetizing, Heise explained, was the township-based company Webasto's donation to the township of more than 150 trees, many of which could be strategically planted on the land that is bordered by Ann Arbor Trail, Beck and Powell roads.

And to top off the idea like a scoop of economy-flavored ice cream, township planner Laura Haw revealed she was confident of being able to enlist the volunteer (translation: free) services of several University of Michigan or Michigan State University graduate students (Haw earned degrees from both universities) with urban planning-related degrees to help design the park.

The park would be dog-friendly, Heise suggested, but not strictly a "dog park", of which the township has none.

"People could bring a leashed dog to the park as part of their jogging or walking regimen," Heise said, "which is something that is not allowed at Township Park. Dog parks, per se, bring very high maintenance and potential liability, considering dogs can attack other dogs and, in rare cases, people."

"This would be more of a reflective park for people, with picnic tables, benches, trails for walking and biking ... and, of course, the trees that are being donated by Webasto."

"There would be some costs involved as far as the township is concerned," Heise admitted. "But we could check into grants from the DNR or seek sponsorships from local businesses."

The park would be labeled "passive" compared to "active," Haw explained, because it would not include athletic fields or pavilions — structures that typically would attract larger crowds.

"It would be a more natural or nature-based park with no spectator

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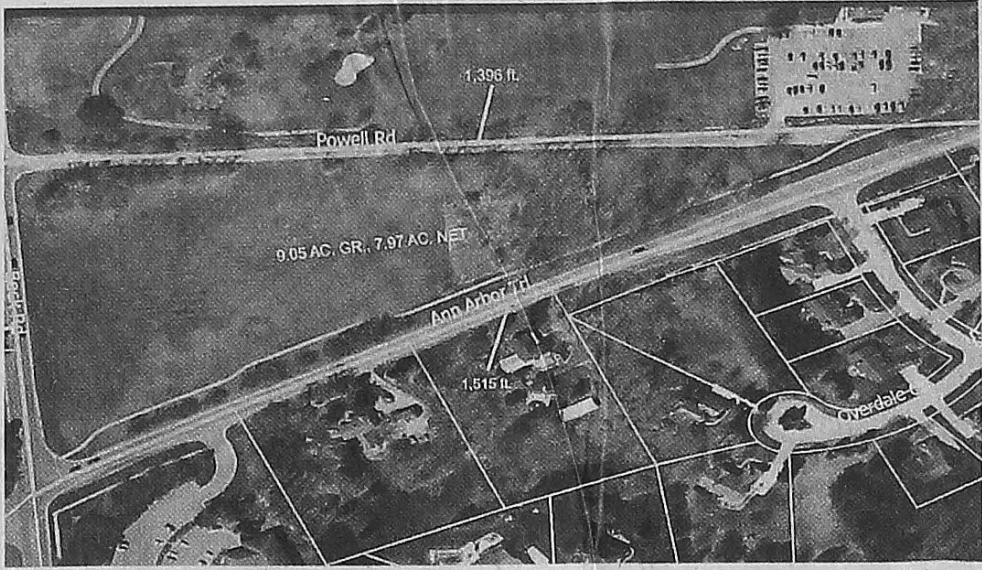
structures or large parking lots," she said. "Several studies have shown that walkable parks like this increase real estate values for neighboring homeowners upwards of nine to 23 percent."

Heise explained that the property, which has an estimated value of \$850,000, was not sold for developmental purposes under the current board of trustees' tenure because it provided a monetary safety valve in case the 2018 police-and-fire millage failed.

Heise's idea generated mixed reviews from the trustees.

"I drive by that property just about every day and it seems like it's a piece of land with no real purpose," said township trustee Jack Dempsey. "I like (Heise's) idea because it hits a lot of the items that residents think we should do. I'd prefer we do this as opposed to nothing."

Treasurer Mark Clinton expressed



An overhead view shows the property Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise has proposed be transformed into a passive park. COURTESY OF PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

concern about the plan.

"Taking the con side of the pros-versus-cons debate, I'm concerned that once we planted these donated trees and turned it into a park, we'd never be able to reconfigure the property if we

needed to," Clinton said. "Plus, the Township Park is a short distance away and that offers residents a lot of the amenities this proposal would include."

Heise said that the new managers of

the adjacent Hilltop Golf Course were not "thrilled" with his idea, hinting they'd prefer to use the property as an extension of the course.

"There is evidence to suggest that the land was formerly used as a driving range for the golf course," Heise said. "To turn it into a driving range these days would require the addition of netting along Beck Road, which would not be a positive addition visually, at least in my opinion."

Heise said if his proposal is carried through, its logistics would be an ideal project for the township's recently-approved Environmental Leadership Commission.

For the time being, given the property's proximity to Hilltop Golf Course, the project has been given the name "Golf-view Park," although Heise said a township-wide naming contest could be developed.

The trustees voted unanimously to allow the supervisor to continue to study the project, making it subject to further review.

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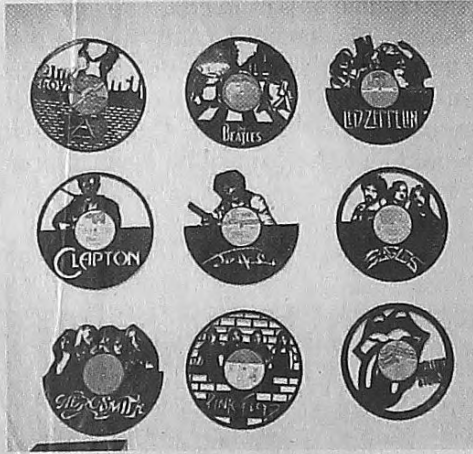
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Inside, the restaurant sports a fast-casual look, something similar to a Five Guys Burgers and Fries or Qdoba Mexican Eats. A massive Old English "D" rocks the north wall by the menu board, and there is plenty of seating inside.

Mansfield, who grew up in Canton, said it was important for the family restaurant to open up in Farmington, the community they call home. They looked at opening in a space near downtown Farmington, but given the business model of quick dining, having ample parking was a necessity. That led them to the restaurant just north of the Farmington/Livonia border, which allows them to attract customers from both communities.

"In the style of food we're doing, we need people in and out," she said. "But we really want to attract the businesses around here for their lunch breaks."

Longtime customers of the food



Some of the decor inside Rolling Stoves. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

truck, which recently wrapped up its seventh year in operation, will be able to get their hands on many of the same tasty treats they buy when they see the truck outside Comerica Park or elsewhere across metro Detroit at its hundreds of stops a year.

"We're expanding," she said. "So people can still hire the truck for private caterings."

In addition to the burgers, French fries, onion rings and fried pickles, the restaurant will also serve salads and have gluten-free buns available, something that isn't typically offered on the food truck. The store also expects to offer online ordering in the future as well.

The addition of the restaurant doesn't mean the food truck is going away; it will continue to make stops across the region beginning again in 2020. But the couple hopes customers make their way to the restaurant to enjoy their food all winter long.

The restaurant continues to hire more employees ahead of the opening. Those interested can stop by the restaurant or message it on Facebook.

In addition to being close to home, Mansfield said the culture of Farmington, made it the right place for their family to begin a restaurant, especially with it being her husband's hometown.

"He loves this city so much," she said. "I think Farmington still has this hometown feel about it, which I love. And I love that a lot of families are coming into Farmington. And we love the community-oriented feel."



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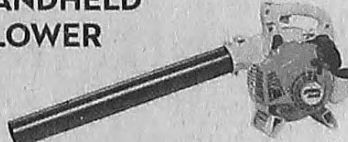
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Brighton Harley-Davidson facility closing

Motorcycle dealership to join sister store in Farmington Hills

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Brighton Harley-Davidson will close later this month.

The motorcycle dealership, store and repair shop at 5942 Whitmore Lake Road is consolidating with Motor City Harley-Davidson at 24800 Haggerty Road in Farmington Hills.

The two stores are under the same ownership.

"I'm excited to combine two good teams and make a dream team," said Craig Collins, who manages both locations and is an equity partner with majority owner, Tom Celani.

"Motor City is nearly three times as big as Brighton, and we have much better ability to service all the zip codes (of motorcycle owners) out here," Collins said.

He said Harley-Davidson Motor Company limits the zip codes that a particular store can service to keep the company's stores from competing with one another.



Brighton Harley-Davidson will close and consolidate with MotorCity Harley-Davidson in Farmington Hills. JENNIFER TIMAR/LIVINGSTON DAILY

Brighton Harley-Davidson will remain open through Sept. 29.

Motor City Harley-Davidson expanded to a 75,000-square-foot space in a former Sam's Club in August 2016.

Collins said Celani purchased the Brighton location in 2013. He expanded the dealership, doubling its size from about 17,000 square feet to 35,000 square feet. The expansion created a new showroom and larger retail area. It also added more storage and space for special events.

The store originally opened in 2002.

"We came to a point where we asked Harley-Davidson to do a market analysis, and it made sense at that point to consolidate stores," Collins said.

He said most of the Brighton full-time staff will work in Farmington Hills.

"There are 26 full-time employees, and I have been able to bring 21 over, and other employees will get a severance and we'll support them finding new employment," he said.

"We're trying to sell everything between now and then," he said. "Customers can save thousands on any pre-owned bikes and there are specials I cannot disclose (due to corporate policy) on new bikes."

Parts, accessories and Harley-Davidson licensed apparel and other gear are also on sale.

"We want people to know we are honoring all Brighton gift cards and loyalty rewards points at Motor City," Collins said.

Local nonprofit attempting world record

Hundreds of volunteers were expected to converge at Stoney Creek High School in Rochester on Saturday to make 2,500 blankets for children in hospitals all across Michigan as part of Fleece & Thank You's Make A Blanket Day 2019.

Make a Blanket Day will include an official Guinness World Record Attempt to create 2,500 blankets. This attempt has been pre-approved by Guinness World Records, and one of their representatives will be out to count the blankets.

Fleece & Thank You supplies the materials (blankets, scissors, etc.), and volunteers supply the superhuman manpower to make this all possible. The purpose is to help bring a sense of comfort and hope to children facing illness and their families supporting them.

Fleece & Thank You believes in creating a better world for children suffering in the hospital. The Farmington Hills-based nonprofit works with local groups to make blankets and video messages, and then they deliver the blankets to hospitals.

Their goal is a simple one: every child in every hospital bed receiving much needed hope in the form of a colorful, fleece blanket and a friendly face at the start of the treatment. It aims to serve Michigan and Northwestern Ohio with more than 30,000 blankets every



Leo Burnett employees make a blanket at Fleece and Thank You in Farmington Hills. FILE

year, one for every child entering the hospital for treatments.

Every \$24 raised means another blanket that will be made at the event. Individuals interested in creating a team or donating to fund blankets can do so by visiting <https://ftyblanketday19.funraise.org>.

Zero birds killed in Lyon Oaks goose hunt

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Hunters laid a goose egg during the first ever managed hunt of the birds at an Oakland County Park.

The pilot program Sept. 8 at Lyon Oaks resulted in zero birds taken by youth hunters.

"We didn't get any geese, but the hunters had a great time," Sarah Cook-Maylen, natural resources coordinator for Oakland County Parks and Recreation, wrote in an email.

Ten hunters ages 10-17 had the potential to take up to five geese apiece, with the assistance of guides at the golf course section of the more than 1,000 acre park.

It was the first hunt of its kind held at an Oakland County Park, and Cook-Maylen said it was held with the hope of reducing the amount of goose poop.

Lyon Oaks was chosen as the ideal location of the first managed goose hunt in an Oakland County park through mutual agreement by parks and recreation partners National Wild Turkey Federation, MParks Archery group and the non-profit organization, Our Global Kids.

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Bound over

47th District Judge James Brady bound over Galloway's murder case on Sept. 10, saying that there was "overwhelming evidence" supporting that decision.

His decision concluded a two-day preliminary examination with interesting dynamics since no one has recovered Stislicki's body since she went missing nearly three years ago.

Prosecutors called about 15 witnesses and presented about 45 exhibits to build a premeditated case showing Galloway had decided not to work his security job on Dec. 2, 2016 — the day Stislicki, 28, went missing.

Testifying coworkers said they saw Stislicki talking to a suited man who seemed to be having car troubles outside the MetLife offices in Southfield after the work day ended and then saw her drive away with Galloway in her Jeep Renegade.

With her body never recovered, prosecutors emphasized during the preliminary examination a patch of master bedroom carpeting that was replaced, a nearby patch that had Stislicki's DNA and a trash can that had carpet shavings.

There also were mentions of dumpsters, garbage pickup days, incinerators and Galloway traveling on Dec. 2 between his Berkley home, the MetLife offices, Stislicki's Farmington Hills apartment, a Tim Horton's near her residence and Grodan Drive near the MetLife offices.

There were other peculiarities because no one has found a body, despite massive searches throughout the region.

Prosecuting without a body

Oakland County's Chief Medical Examiner Ljubisa Dragovic testified that he received a probate judge's order to issue Stislicki's death certificate in 2018.

"I indicated that the cause of death of Danielle Stislicki was being victim of assault and body not found," he said.

Prosecuting attorney Jaimie Powel Horowitz asked Dragovic to testify to the possibility that Stislicki was



Danielle Stislicki has been missing since Dec. 2, 2016. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

"It is my best belief that the deceased was abducted by force and rendered death by violence. This young woman did not ever show up again. I firmly believe that she died by violence."

Ljubisa Dragovic
Oakland County Medical Examiner

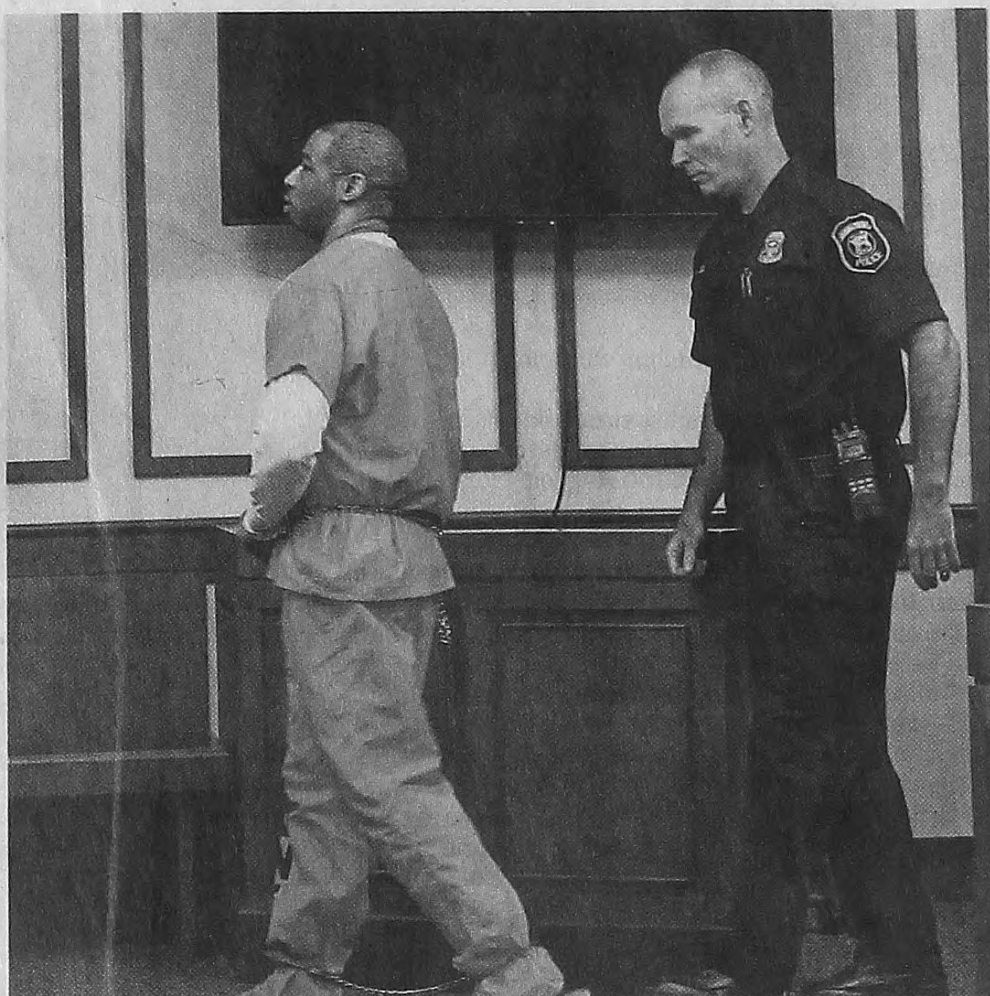
asphyxiated.

"It is my best belief that the deceased was abducted by force and rendered death by violence," Dragovic said after explaining what happens biologically when someone is asphyxiated. "This young woman did not ever show up again. I firmly believe that she died by violence."

Some experts following the case agreed Galloway, a married man, demonstrated stalker tendencies. A forensic document examiner said he wrote a secret admirer's note that accompanied some flowers placed on Stislicki's work desk before her disappearance.

There also were texts to which Stislicki stopped responding.

Kennedy said Galloway fit the bill of a predatory stalker with paraphilias, which according to the dictionary, are patterns of recurring sexually arousing mental imagery or behavior that involves unusual and socially unacceptable sexual practices. Predatory stalkers



After a mid-morning recess, Floyd Galloway Jr. re-enters the 47th District Court of Judge James B. Brady on Sept. 9. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

also prepare in advance, study their victims to develop a plan, attack without warning and have prior sexual offenses.

Where is Danielle?

Galloway, 32, is serving time behind bars for pleading guilty last year to sexually assaulting a Hines Park runner in Livonia the September before Stislicki's disappearance.

He admitted to grabbing the runner as she ran through Hines Park, strangling her and attempting to have sex with her.

That woman seemed to recover, finishing a half marathon a month after her attack. Stislicki apparently never had such a chance.

Wayne State University criminal justice instructor James Geistman said "it's not really that uncommon" for charges to be filed without a body to investigate if there's strong enough evidence.

If Galloway doesn't say where the body is, "either he is innocent, which I don't think is the case, or he wants to carry on that patina of being innocent."

Geistman said the Stislicki family probably has been suffering longer than most victims' families because they don't have the closure that accompanies proper burials and cremations.

"It's a tough psychological shape to be in," Geistman said.

He noted that Great Britain has acknowledged crime victims' pain with Helen's Law: Murderers who won't share the location of their victims' bodies could be denied parole.

Trying to move on

Richard and Ann Stislicki talked to the media after Brady said there was enough evidence for Galloway to potentially stand trial for Stislicki's death.

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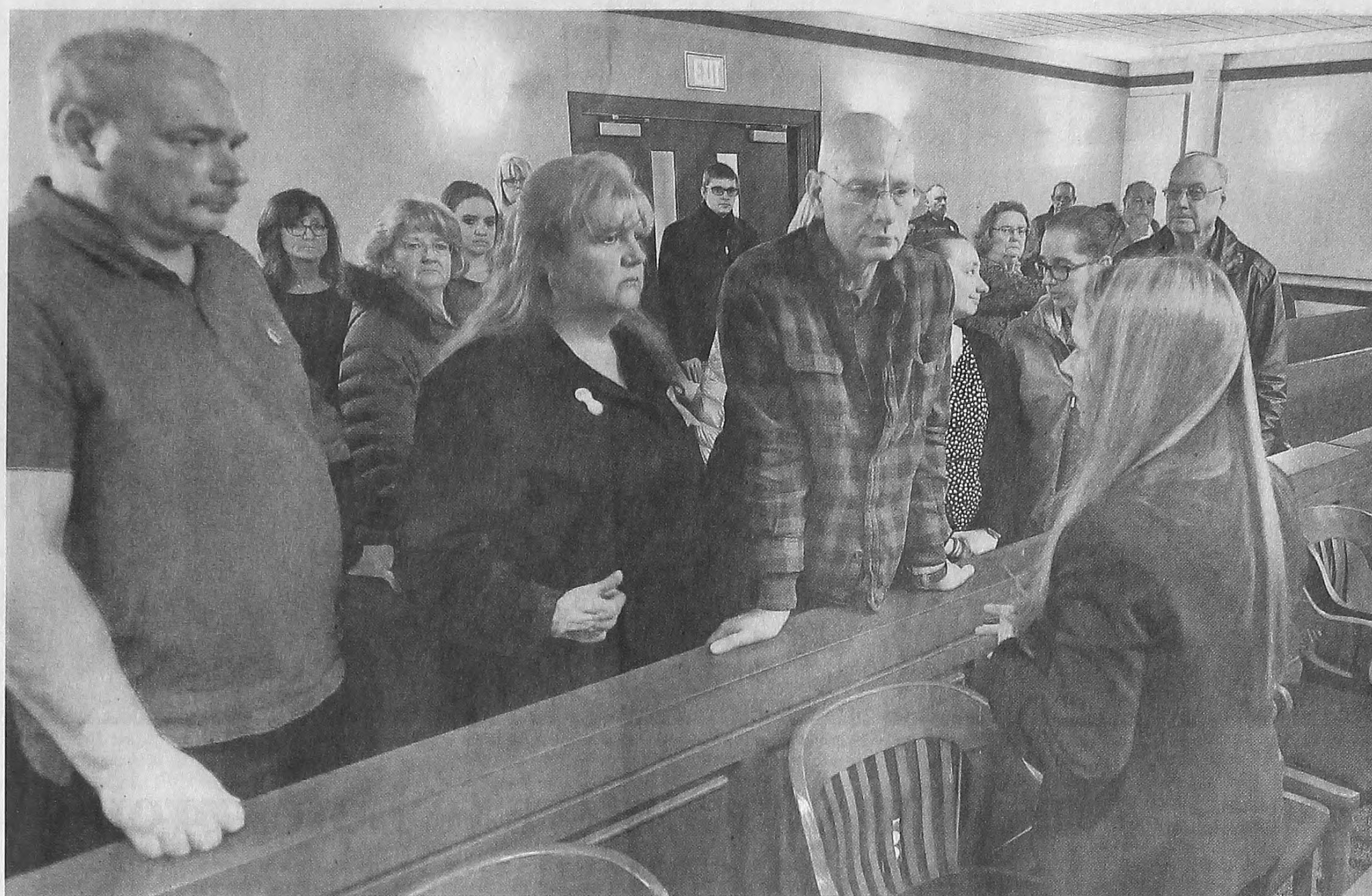
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Galloway also could bargain a plea deal as his case moves through Oakland County Circuit Court.

"That was one of the items that we thought when we started this journey...that just because someone's body is not available, that does not mean that we cannot move forward with prosecution," Ann Stislicki said. "Times have changed. We want to make it very well known that this is going to stop, as far as

people who believe that they can go ahead and do this and think that they can get away with murder."

The Stislickis were not available for comment for this story. Michigan State Police Lt. Sarah Krebs, who is the founder of Missing in Michigan, spoke on their behalf.

She visited the family at the 47th District Courthouse during the preliminary examination and said they're in better shape than most families dealing with similar circumstances.

"They're incredibly positive and just strong," Krebs said. "We all know that Danielle didn't walk out of that family's

life."

Krebs said, if Galloway is guilty, he could be holding out until he gets convicted and sentenced. She hopes, if that's the case, he'll then let the Stislickis know where their daughter is.

"I'm trying to hold out hope for that, just like Ann and Rich are," she said.

The law enforcer added that there are dozens of cases where prosecutors aren't pursuing charges because victims' bodies haven't been found.

A Galloway conviction could boost prosecutors' confidence and convince them to move forward with charges. Krebs noted that "people are constantly

leaving a digital footprint" because of technology.

"The more success we have prosecuting these cases, the less cold cases we will have," Krebs said.

Cell phone data played a significant role in Galloway's bind-over decision. An FBI agent tracked cell phone movement and activity for both Galloway and Stislicki on Dec. 2.

He was able to show that both phones were simultaneously connected to the cellular tower near Galloway's home that evening.

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The former L'Esprit Academy on Schoolcraft in Livonia is to be demolished and replaced with a hotel. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Livonia grants tax incentive to hotel project

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A proposed hotel development will see hundreds of thousands of dollars in savings on their annual tax bill after the Livonia City Council approved a tax incentive for the project.

The council voted 5-2 to grant a seven-year commercial rehabilitation exemption certificate to a proposed Staybridge Suites development at the site of the L'Esprit Academy beauty school at Merriman and Schoolcraft. That project would bring a multistory hotel to the Interstate 96 corridor, though a site plan had not yet been proposed to the city.

As a result of the abatement being granted, the developer, Schoolcraft Lodge, Inc., would save roughly \$675,000 over the life of the abatement.

That abatement did not sit well with Vice President Jim Jolly, who voted “no” on the abatement, along with President Laura Toy.

Jolly said he did not believe using such tax breaks for the project made sense for the city, especially as several hotels have and continue to pop up across Livonia.

“When we started offering tax breaks such as this, we set a precedent. The precedent is, if you want to do business in Livonia, the taxpayer is going to help you out,” he said. “In this case, I think this is absolutely ridiculous.”

Many times, such tax abatements are granted on a project-by-project basis depending on the circumstances. Councilwoman Kathleen McIntyre said such tools are useful and it made sense to approve the abatement for the project.

“Sometimes, you need to use the tools that are available to you to get the highest and best use,” she said. “I think we’ve had a lot of time to look at this. I think we’ve had a lot of clear guidelines and lots of opportunity to consider this.”

Several hotels have popped up across the region the last few years, including two along Schoolcraft in Livonia and a rebuilt Holiday Inn near Six Mile and Interstate 275. Other hotels have been constructed or are planned in other surrounding communities, such as Canton, Novi and Wixom.

There was some discussion of sending the issue to a committee for further talks, though that plan was pulled after Councilman Scott Bahr, who originally seconded the motion to send it to committee, withdrew his support after hearing arguments for the abatement.

Before withdrawing the support to send the issue to committee, Bahr said the project is one that fits the location.

“I actually think there is a lot of precedent for this,” he said. “I do think the proposal for this site is an excellent use for this site.”

Paul Bohn of the Fausone Bohn law firm representing the developers, said he was prepared to discuss the issue further if it meant more members of the council could see the benefits of the abatement.

“If there’s a higher outcome of that happening, and it can be done in a timely fashion, so I can advise my client, if you can give me some insight on that, that would be helpful,” he said.

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Where to watch Michigan fall colors

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Fall colors should start showing up in full force within the next week in the Upper Peninsula, while changing foliage will make its way through the rest of the state in the next month.

Michigan's Country Road Association released a list of what should be the prettiest fall drives in the state, encouraging residents to get out to see fall colors.

Upper Peninsula: Sept. 20-Oct. 5

Chippewa County: North and South Caribou Lake Roads in the DeTour Village area; Gogomain Road from Goetzville to Pickford; Lakeshore Drive from Brimley to M-123; Salt Point Road from M-28 to Lakeshore Drive

Dickinson County: Kramer Drive on the north side of the city of Iron Mountain; Metropolitan Road near Felch

Houghton County: Covered Drive Road; Freda Road; Calumet Waterworks Road

Iron County: Ottawa Lake Road/Hagerman Lake Road loop; Pentoga Trail (CR-639) to CR-424 along Chicagon Lake and Pentoga Road from CR-424 to Brule River; Bates-Amasa Road (CR-643) US-2 to US-141 by Paint River and Hemlock River; Gibbs City Road and Ponozzo Road; US-2 to Houghton County

Keweenaw County: Brockway Mountain Drive; Lac La Belle Road; Gratiot Lake Road; Mohawk-Gay Road; Eagle Harbor Road; Cliff Drive; Five Mile Point Road

Marquette County: County Road 510 from County Road 502 north to Big Bay; Triple A off County Road 510 in Big Bay; County Road 533 in Skandia; M-35 from County Road 480 to Gwinn

Northern Lower Peninsula: Sept. 24-Oct. 7

Alpena County: Bolton Road to Long Lake Road; Nicholson Hill Road; Scott Road; Long Rapids Road

Antrim County: Deadman Hill overlook off US-131 viewing Jordan River Valley; Jordan River Road off US-131; Pinney Bridge Road off M-66; Cascade Road off Alba Highway (CR 620)

Crawford County: CR101 looking north from CR100 ("Pioneer Hill")

Emmet County: Pleasantview Road north of Boyne Highlands to Robinson Road; Robinson Road from State Road to Pleasantview Road; State Road from Harbor Springs to Cross Village; Brutus Road from Pleasantville Road to US-31; Mitchell Road from Fletcher Road to Cheboygan County line

Leelanau County: North Eagle Highway; Newman Road; Port Oneida Road; Gills Pier Road; Schomberg Road

Mason County: Lakeshore Drive from Oceana Drive to Iris Road; Hawley from Pere Marquette Highway to Walhalla Road; South Masten Road to Washington Road and the Ruby Creek area; North Lakeshore

Drive along Hamlin Lake; Custer Road from Hogue Road to US-10

Montmorency County: Pleasant Valley Road; Farrier Road; Carter Road; Meridian Line Road

Presque Isle County: Long Lake Highway from M-65 into Alpena County; E-634 Highway from Polaski Road west to Lake May Road; W-638 Highway Ocqueoc Road from Walker Highway to North Allis Highway from Ocqueoc Road west to M-211

Wexford County: Fall color scenic routes, all starting from downtown Cadillac.

Mid-Michigan: Oct. 7-14

Barry County: Hickory Road from M-43 to east near Gilmore Car Museum

Clinton County: Maple Rapid Roads from Harris Road to Tallman Road; Tallman Road from Maple Rapid Road to Stone Road; Stone Road from Tallman Road to Wacousta Road; Wacousta Road from Stone Road to Hyde Road; Peacock Road from M-78 to Cutler Road; Clark Road from Upton Road East

West Michigan: Oct. 7-14

Berrien County: Blue Star Memorial Highway along Lake Michigan from Van Buren to M-63; M-63 south to St. Joseph; Red Arrow Highway from Stevensville to Lakeshore Road in New Buffalo; Red Arrow Highway to Union Pier then back to Warren Woods Road; Red Highway to Madron Lake Road in City of Buchanan

Kalamazoo County: Q Avenue - 10th Street to 12th Street, Texas Township; U Avenue - 4th Street to 8th Street, Prairie Ronde Township

Kent County: Honey Creek Avenue from Pettis Avenue to Cannonsburg Road; Bailey Drive from Vergennes Street to Lincoln Lake Avenue; Fallasburg Park Drive from Lincoln Lake Avenue to Gavin Lake Avenue; 5 Mile Road from Lincoln Lake Avenue to Gavin Lake Avenue; Gavin Lake Road from 5-mile road to Belding Road; Wabasis Avenue from Belding Road to 12 Mile Road; Ramsdell Drive from 5 Mile Road to 11 Mile Road

Southeast Michigan: Oct. 7-14

Macomb County: Wales, McKail and Fisher roads in Bruce Township; M-53 between 23 and 26 Mile roads; 24 Mile Road between Van Dyke Freeway and Shelby Road; M-53 between 28 Mile Road and 32 Mile Road; Tillson Street, Romeo; Lakeshore Drive between 8 Mile Road and Marter Road

Oakland County: Lahser Road south of Square Lake Road to just north of Maple Road; Franklin Road; Orion Road between Rochester and Lake Orion

Washtenaw County: Huron River Drive between Mast Road and US-23; North Territorial Road between US-23 and M-52

Former Brighton police dog shot

Sean Bradley Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Hearing the gunshot didn't alarm Sharon Farrell. Her dog, a German shepherd named TJ who retired earlier this year from the K-9 unit of the Michigan State Police Brighton Post, had been outside on Sept. 2 in front of her home in Hudson, out of Farrell's sight.

"I wasn't watching him close, and he went down the road," Farrell said Thursday.

But then she went out to the front yard and saw TJ on the ground bleeding.

Someone had shot him, leaving the dog with three holes in his stomach and a cracked rib.

"I think it's a horrible situation," she said.

TJ was taken immediately to the Michigan State University Veterinary Medical Center, more than 60 miles away, where he underwent surgery.

After four days in the hospital, he returned home to recover.

Now, Farrell needs money to pay for TJ's medical bills.

A GoFundMe page, launched Monday, is aiming to raise \$9,700. As of Friday afternoon, the campaign had raised \$905.


A close friend of Farrell, Sherry Barker, started the fundraiser.

"I don't think he would ever hurt anybody unless someone was trying to hurt him," said Barker, who lives in Camden. "I don't know what happened but I do know he didn't deserve what he got."

Farrell adopted TJ after her son, a state trooper, told her about the dog, who retired in April from the K-9 unit due to hip-related issues.

"I'm just so thankful he's on the road to recovery," Farrell said.

There are no leads in the case so far, said Chris Mathews, MSP Brighton Post community service trooper.



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CNN features Canton's humble 'Hero'

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com
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Najah Bazyz insists she is not a hero, although the thousands of poverty-stricken people whose lives she has positively transformed would beg to differ.

CNN also respectfully disagreed with Bazyz's humble claim, adding her to the list of "Heroes" it honors every year.

Of the approximately 40,000 Hero nominations CNN reviewed this year, just 20-some were chosen.

"To me, the heroes are our clients because they're the ones who live on the battlefield of poverty," said Bazyz, who gave up her six-figure salary as a critical-care nurse several years ago to commit more time to Zaman International, the Inkster-based non-profit that helps female heads of households — many of whom have been abused, abandoned and are the mothers of differently-abled children — rise from the rubble of adversity.

"Every day, these women have to wake up and deal with systemic issues. I get up and I have to worry about what I'm going to make for dinner. They're worried about how they're going to find dinner.

"Our No. 1 goal is to get (Zaman's clients) to break the cycle of poverty so their children don't live in poverty."

Bazyz's heart is as big as the 40,000-square-foot warehouse where Zaman moved in 2016. The former site of Livernois Engineering, the airy space is now stocked with a food pantry, racks of clothing, furniture and self-help classrooms.

Heart of gold

One example of Bazyz's generosity unfolded nearly 20 years ago when, after delivering a presentation at a public hospital, a Catholic nurse approached Bazyz before bursting into tears.

"There's something I need you to see," the nurse said through her tears.

"She took me down to the hospital's pathology lab, opened the door and there were 200 baby fetuses in the room," Bazyz recounted. "It was a very dramatic scene, as you can imagine. If it had been a faith-based hospital, there would have been a protocol to work from, but public hospitals face restrictions.

"These were babies whose parents either couldn't afford a proper burial ... or the paperwork wasn't filled out correctly or they didn't know there was paperwork to be filled out."

Moved beyond words by the experience, Bazyz founded Plots for Tots, a non-profit organization that aids grieving, poverty-stricken parents with the burial



Zaman International director Najah Bazyz, of Canton, right, shares a hug with her C.O.O. Gail Zion at their Inkster charity Sept. 16. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

of their babies.

A mother of four, Bazyz still vividly remembers the case that sparked her life-changing, next-level stewardship.

In 1996, while still working as a critical-care nurse, she witnessed a harrowing incident when Iraqi parents, who had been displaced from their homeland to Michigan by the Gulf War, refused to let doctors disconnect their lone surviving, days-old twin child from a ventilator.

"They had already lost the one twin and they weren't ready to lose another," she said. "The surviving twin's case had been ruled futile, which means the state has the right to move on and discontinue care.

"I managed to help get the little boy home on life support. He was only going to live a few days, but ..."

When Bazyz visited the home later that week at the hospital's request, the family's predicament stunned her.

"The family was living with nothing," she said. "I thought it was because they had just moved in, but they had nothing. Zero. They had a styrofoam cooler, where they kept the baby's formula, a propane stove that families usually use for picnics and an oriental rug. That was it.

"When I arrived, the baby was lying in a laundry

basket on six, seven or eight clean white towels that still had the price tags on them.

"When I saw what I saw, it was a pivotal moment in my life. I could have walked away, which I could not, or do something. That kind of started the entire story."

More than two decades later, Zaman has grown from a grassroots organization run out of the back of Bazyz's van, to a non-profit organization with a \$2 million annual budget, 6,000 volunteers and over 400 businesses that contribute on a regular basis.

A key catalyst for the organization's growth was a formal philanthropy dinner that was organized to help the grassroots non-profit secure a modest office.

Canton-based dentists Nader Bazzi and Rima Bazzi, owners of Contemporary Dentistry, were so touched by Bazyz's message at their dinner that they donated a 3,000-square-foot office for Zaman and paid the rent for seven years, until the organization's current site was ready.

Bazyz said it's been an emotional journey.

"I cry a lot; not every day, but several times a week," she said. "Not because of the pain the people are in, but because of the hope we give them.

"People walk in here and their lives are devastated. Within a couple hours, they've met with a social worker, they're getting services, and we ask them, 'What is your hope for the day?' If it's food, OK, no problem. Here's a voucher. Go shop in our pantry.

"Seeing them move from pain to hope is what puts me in tears."

CNN was notified of Bazyz's angelic work by a Zaman donor, who Bazyz had helped navigate the grieving process after the death of her son.

"One day she called me and told me she couldn't sleep one night, so she wrote up a nomination for you for CNN 'Hero of the Week,'" Bazyz said. "I said, 'Oh, my lord! You didn't have to do that!' She said, 'No, I did have to do that.'"

A freelance production crew hired by CNN visited Zaman for two days to put together the feature that was televised and posted on the news giant's website.

"My brother saw it first online and sent me the link," Bazyz said. "The first time I watched it, I was with my 5-year-old granddaughter, so she watched it with me. That was perfect because I'm always telling my children about the importance of service to others."

Bazyz emphasized that Zaman (which means "an era of time," she explained) could not survive without its network of volunteers and donors.

Anyone who would like to orchestrate a donation event, make a contribution or simply volunteer can visit the organization's website for more information.

"Stewardship has changed my life," she said. "It can change yours too."

Southeast Michigan's oldest osprey moved to Kensington Metropark

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An osprey originally brought to Kensington Metropark as a chick in 1999 has turned 20 years old.

Southeast Michigan's oldest known osprey, named C09, was brought to the park as part of the Metroparks' Osprey Reintroduction and Hacking Project, done in partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Detroit Zoological Society and DTE, according to a news release.

"The habitat within Kensington was suitable for raising osprey because of the water amenities and the habitat that surround them," said Danielle Mauter, chief of

marketing and communications at Huron-Clinton Metroparks.

The male bird was taken as a chick from a nest at the Soo Locks, said Barbara Jensen, director and bird bander for the Michigan Osprey Association. Bird banders attach identification tags to birds to keep track of their development.

"We know C09 was one we raised and released at Kensington as a juvenile," Jensen said. "We raised him in the park."

Jensen said a factor in the bird's long life could be because of its genetic makeup, or that it overcame issues related to its migration.

C09 was the first osprey to consistently return to Michigan from migration to Central and



Osprey C09, seen here in 2009, turns 20 this year. The species usually lives to 10 years old at most. SUBMITTED

South America to raise young, Jensen said.

"Some people shoot at them, especially if they're in an area where someone's doing farming," she said. "They've run into all kinds of obstacles. He's made it through all of those."

The bird was the first recorded osprey to raise its young in the southern half of the lower peninsula, Jensen said.

"For them to actually

return to where they took their first flight is amazing," she said.

Back from the brink

Around 1998, the future was unclear for the ospreys of southeast Michigan. The species is listed as threatened by the International Union for Conservation of Nature's Red List of Threatened Species.

A threatened species is

is vulnerable to becoming endangered in the future.

The Metroparks began working to save the bird population by reintroducing it into the southern half of the lower peninsula.

The program was created to combat a significant decline in osprey population that began in the 1960s due to habitat destruction, indiscriminate shooting, and the use of the now-banned chemical DDT.

Today, the majority of ospreys living in southeast Michigan started their lives at Kensington Metropark as a part of the initiative.

"He was the one that began the growth," Jensen said.

C09 was the first osprey known to nest and raise young in southeast

Michigan since the DDT era in the 1970s. He has continued to support growth in Michigan's osprey population by raising up to three young a year.

Today, he nests safely at a water tower near Kensington Metropark with his mate.

"There was a time when we thought there might never be ospreys in southeast Michigan again, which is why it's such a thrill to know that C09 is turning 20 this year," said Amy McMillan, Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority director. "It's truly a testament to what a group of committed partners and volunteers can achieve.

"Everyone who was a part of this project should be proud that they helped support the comeback of the osprey in Michigan."

The goal of the Reintroduction and Hacking Project was to introduce 30 nesting pairs into southeast Michigan by 2020. That goal was reached in 2010.

C09 was originally brought to the area through hacking — an integral part of the Metropark's program to increase population. Hacking is the process of transplanting young osprey from northern areas to "hacking towers" in southeast Michigan to be hand fed and raised.

Southeast Michigan's osprey population has continued to grow, with about 50 to 60 nests currently in the area.

In the spring, two Metroparks police officers assisted Jensen with the rescue of two osprey chicks that had tumbled from their nest into the water at Kensington Metropark.

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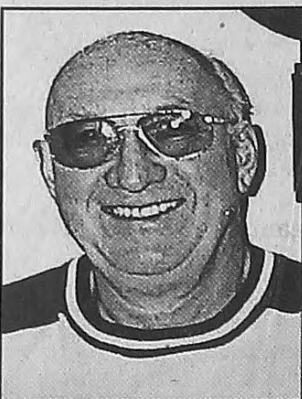
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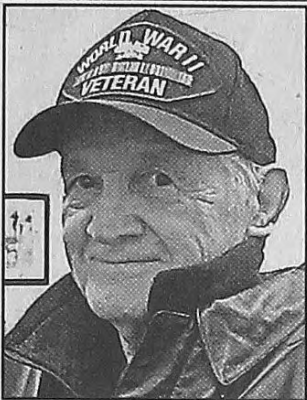


James B. "Jimbo" Hatch, Jr.

LIVONIA - Beloved husband of the late Faye Hatch for 44 years. Loving father of Nancy Hatch and the late Jimmy Hatch and Sally Rowland. Also survived by his son-in-law Bob Rowland and grandson James Rowland.

A private service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be directed to Angela Hospice.

Please share a memory of Jimbo at www.rggrharris.com



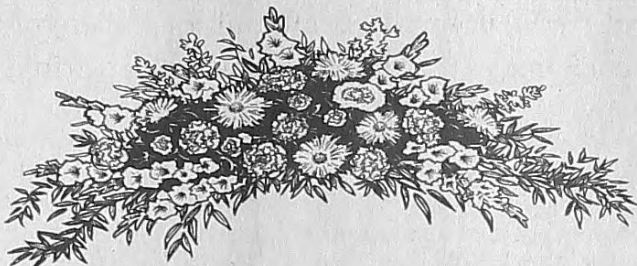
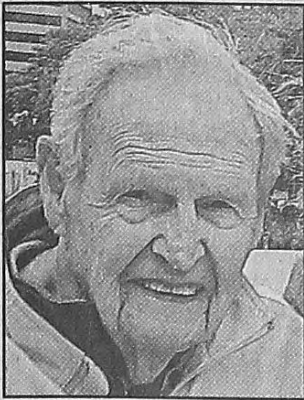
Joseph Hutnik

- - Hutnik, Joseph, Age 92. September 8, 2019. Sergeant, USAAF, WWII veteran. Beloved husband of the late Ethel Hutnik for 68 years. Loving father of Douglas, Karen Reistroffer (Doug) Gary (Julia), Susan Melvin (the late Paul), and JoAnn. Dear grandfather of Evan, Stephanie, Liam, Christian and Lauren. Please share a memory of Joseph at www.rggrharris.com



KANSAS CITY, KS - August 23, 2019, age 87. Loving husband of the late Virginia (O'Brian).

Dearest father of J Claibourne (Elaine), the late Saliann (Dan) Siwulec, Elizabeth (Ralph) Richardson, T Gordon IV (Karen) and Molly (Mike) Servais. Stepfather to Andy MacGregor (Sherri), Charles MacGregor (Sherie), Peter MacGregor (Chrissie) and Virginia Aylesworth (Randy Bloomfield). Loving grandfather to Kelly, Eliza, Elliot, Katy, Anna, Connor, Ryan, Samuel, Maggie and Claire and step grandfather to Christopher, Patrick, John, Caitlin, Keelyn, Matthew, Megan, Emily and William. Memorial contributions may be made to the Saliann Kelly Siwulec Memorial Fund: <https://www.arttrek.org/sals-memorial-fund>. A memorial service will be held at 10:30am on Saturday September 28, 2019 at Hillcrest Covenant Church, 8801 Nall Ave. Prairie Village, KS 66207



June Mihos Nicol McCombs

LEESBURG, FL - June Mihos Nicol McCombs, age 93, passed away peacefully on September 13, 2019 in Leesburg, FL.

June was born July 9, 1926 and spent her childhood in the metro Detroit area. Upon her marriage and move to Plymouth MI, June was a homemaker, school and civic volunteer, and spent several years employed with the City of Plymouth and in Westland MI as a housing specialist.

In 1989, June married Melvin McCombs and upon their retirement moved to Leesburg where they enjoyed time spent with family and friends. June was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Eustis, the Mid-Florida Lakes Boat Club, and the American Legion Auxiliary Post #330, among other volunteer organizations and spent many happy times on the bowling lanes.

June is survived by her loving husband of 30 years and her children Lisa June Nicol (Bill Pryor), Steven Nicol (Lisa), Martha Nicol Hejka (Tony), Laura McCombs Coblenz (Elvin), and Michael McCombs (Karen). She is also survived by her 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

June will be interred at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell FL after a memorial service at Mid-Florida Lakes on October 27, 2019.



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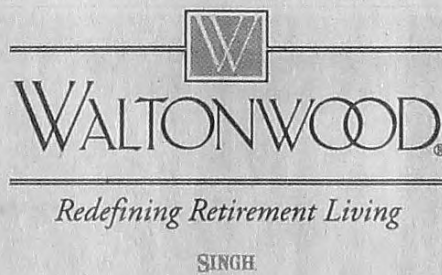
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Sports

CANTON 5, SALEM 4

Chiefs pull out close win vs. rival

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Both Canton varsity boys tennis coach Tom Kimball and Salem varsity boys tennis coach Rob McLaren knew that their matchup would be extremely close, pointing out that both teams are equally talented and evenly matched.

In Tuesday's head-to-head meet, the Chiefs came out on top, winning five of the nine total individual matchups, including three of the five total doubles matches.

"We saw, statistically, we have pretty similar scores against common opponents, so we know it's going to be close, and fun," Kimball said. "These guys are classmates and neighbors. It's a friendly rivalry."

Canton won the No. 1 singles match when junior Naeem Saleem defeated Salem senior Eric Liu in three sets. The Chiefs' No. 1 doubles match also came out on top as Larry Lu and Avneet Singh outmatched Salem's Rahul Rao and Ryan The in two sets.

"On paper, Canton beat Plymouth 6-3, we beat Plymouth 6-3, and we haven't had a lot of close matches," McLaren said. "So we knew, going into today, it was going to be a close match."

McLaren said, since Canton is a division and region rival, a win would have set Salem up for success at the regional and possibly state level.

But according to Kimball, Canton, despite being caught up in the hype of the rivalry, was calm and played fundamental tennis against its rival.

"Our team has been performing well," Kimball said. "They have been learning fast, we have a lot of experience, talent returning to the team."

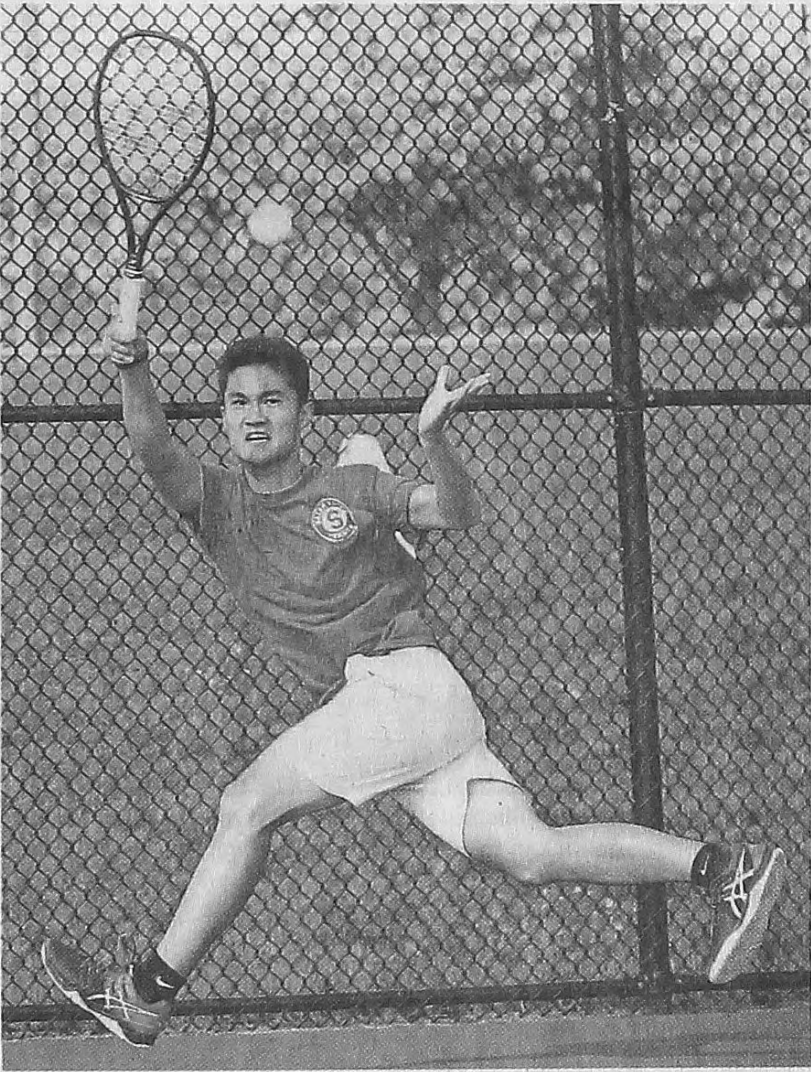
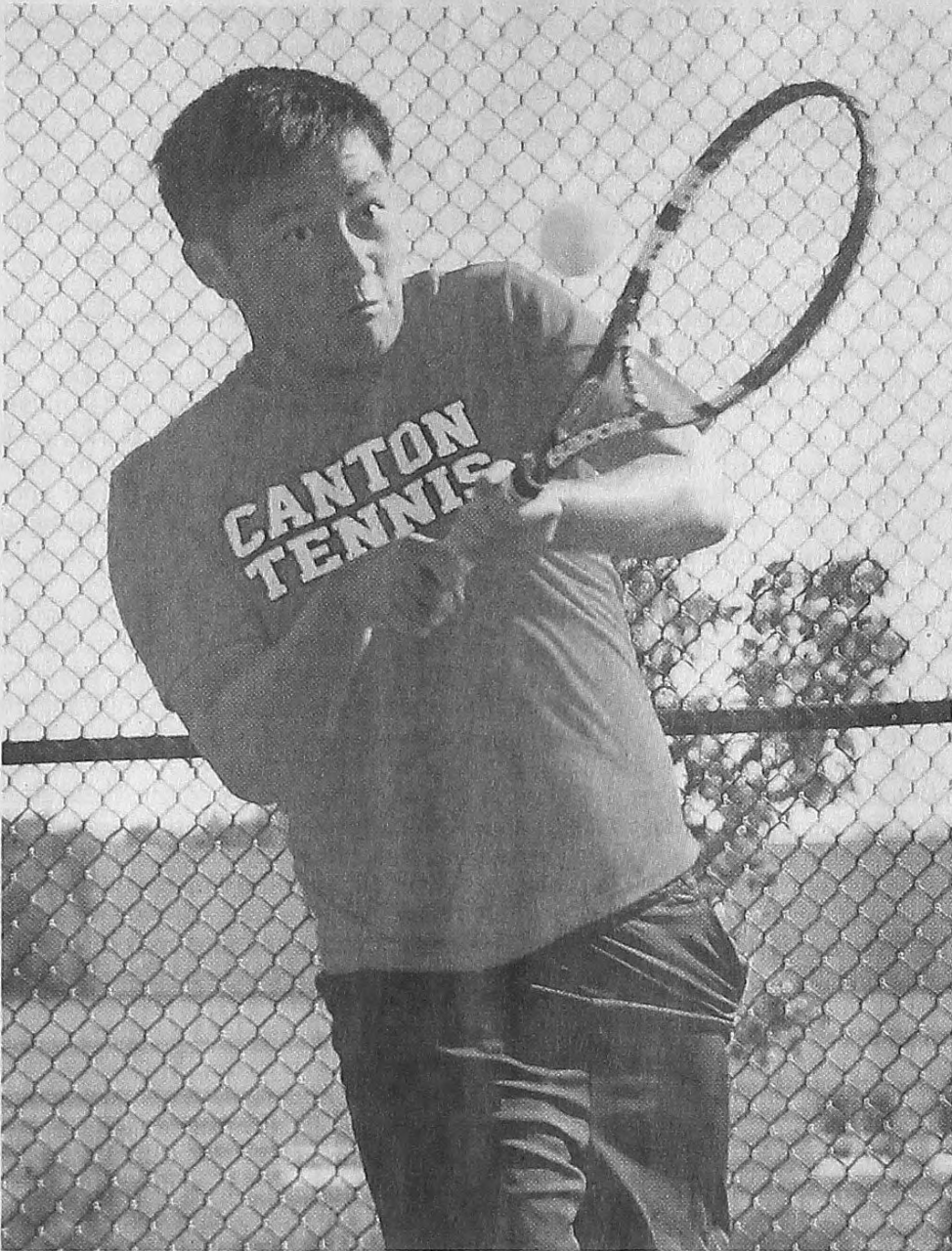
"We still have some youth, so I know we still have some things to build on for the future. We have performed well against the top-ranked teams in the state."

Here is how the rest of the match went for both Canton and Salem:

SINGLES

- No. 1 – Naeem Saleem, CANTON def. Eric Liu, SALEM, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2
- No. 2 – Jasen Zheng, SALEM def. Charvik Vaishnav, CANTON, 7-5, 6-2
- No. 3 – Nihal Lingam, SALEM def. Vishwaas Nayak, CANTON, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2
- No. 4 – Suriya Subbiah, CANTON def. Parker Henderson, SALEM, 6-4, 6-2

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Above, Canton's Larry Lu returns a shot during the No. 1 doubles match Sept. 17. At left, Salem's Eric Liu stretches for the ball during the No. 1 singles match. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/ HOMETOWN-LIFE.COM

STEVENSON 1, FORDSON 1

Defensive battle at the top of the division

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
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In the second meeting of the two soccer teams at the top of the KLAA East divisions, spectators got a battle.

After a season-opening 4-3 win for the Spartans, Livonia Stevenson and Dearborn Fordson tied in its second meeting 1-1, with the Tractors tying the game with five minutes left in the second half after an extremely physical and defensive-driven game.

Stevenson remained at the top of the division with an 8-0-1 record with Fordson immediately behind the Spartans at 7-1-1.

Here are three takeaways from the Sept. 17 tie.

Missed offensive chances

Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker knew what to expect in Fordson. His team had given the Tractors their only loss of the season.

After a seven-goal game to start the three-game rivalry this season, defense reigned and goals became hard to come by.

Stevenson junior defender Adrian Rakipi scored the only goal for the Spartans, connecting on a free kick in the 38th minute that was initially supposed to be set up for a teammate closer.

While Shingledecker called the goal lucky because the Fordson goalkeeper was screened in and could not see, he said Stevenson had plenty of other opportunities that the team could not put the finishing touches on.

"We generated chances, but we really had some bad luck," Shingledecker said. "We thought the second goal would win us the game, and I really do believe it would have. We were right there."

Shingledecker said there were many opportunities in the second half for Stevenson to earn its ninth win of the season, crediting two balls off the crossbar and one off the goalpost, as well as a leading pass gone awry in the direction of senior forward John Evangelista.

Despite being the only goal-scorer for the Spartans, Rakipi saw opportunities for Stevenson to win and not leave with a tie.

"It was our game to win," Rakipi said. "We have to look at it as a learning opportunity to come back stronger."

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KLAA conducts student leadership summit

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The Kensington Lakes Activities Association (KLAA) held a Student-Athlete Leadership Summit last Monday at Genetti's in Northville.

The goal of the summit was to provide a unique opportunity for students

from each school in the conference to learn about what makes a good leader and ways they can improve their leadership with their own teams.

The program outline these goals specifically:

- Inform athletes about the importance of leadership and sportsmanship within educational-athletics
- Teach and give athletes skills/

strategies to be an effective leader on and off the field

- Show student-athletes the importance of positive relationships and team culture

- Help student-athletes understand the importance of being aware of the different cultures in the KLAA


- Learn the importance of mental health and the effect it has on athletes

- Learn and work with all schools within the KLAA

- Provide student-athletes the platform/opportunity to take what they learn at each summit and make an impact at their individual schools


Northville athletic director Bryan Masi and Salem athletic director Brian

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Groves' Donaldson dominates in Week 1

Andrew Vaillencourt
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After an exciting first week of football, Birmingham Groves senior running back/linebacker Ralph Donaldson came away as last week's Athlete of the Week winner.

In his team's season opening win against Grosse Pointe South, Donaldson did it all. He recorded one catch for 72 yards and a touchdown, ran the ball seven times for 24 yards and two touchdowns, recovered two fumbles — returning one of them 53 yards for a touchdown, tallied six tackles and one sack.

His outstanding play continued in this past week's huge win over No. 1 ranked West Bloomfield.

In our poll, Donaldson received 5,577 votes, good for 34.3 percent. He topped Birmingham Seaholm's Caden DeWald, who received 4,992 votes (30.79 percent) and South Lyon quarterback Connor Fracassi, who received 4,000 votes (24.67 percent). Detroit Catholic Central's Brendin Yatooma took fourth place and Livonia Stevenson's Caden Woodall placed fifth.

We caught up with Donaldson and asked him some questions both football and non-football related:

Your team picked up a big win to start the season, how'd it feel to get back out on the field and dominate the way you did?

"The win at Wayne State against Grosse Pointe South was a great way to start the season. We played a good game, but I would say we were far from dominating. We have a lot to work and get better on and I'm excited to see what we do when we tap into our potential."

What are your personal and team goals for this season?

"My personal goal for this season is to



Groves linebacker/running back Ralph Donaldson runs past West Bloomfield defenders Sept. 6. FILE

be an all-state linebacker and to break the Groves single season tackle record. As a team, our short term goal is to take steps forward each week and progressively get better, which will help us reach our long term goal of winning our 14th game."

Who's your favorite athlete to watch or is your role model and why?

"Isaiah Simmons, he's a (former Clemson) linebacker that can do it all and I try to model my game after his play."

What's your favorite TV show or movie and why?

"My favorite TV show would have to be 'Rick and Morty,' no other show has made me laugh as much as 'Rick and Morty.'"

What are your favorite hobbies outside of football and why?

"Outside of football I enjoy listening to music and drawing. I don't draw often but when I do, I usually draw wild animals."

What are your plans after high school? Will you be playing college football?

"After high school I do plan on furthering my football career by playing college ball, while working on creating my own businesses."

Groves QB Alexander sweeps poll for Week 2

Andrew Vaillencourt
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For the second week in a row, a member of the Birmingham Groves football team has won Hometown Life's Athlete of the Week poll.

Senior quarterback Markis Alexander led Groves to a huge win over then No. 1 ranked West Bloomfield earlier this month and now has his team off to a perfect 3-0 start. The Falcons are now an established division two title contender, and plenty of that credit goes to Alexander.

Against West Bloomfield, he threw for more than 230 yards and two touchdowns, including the game winning touchdown in the final seconds.

It was a wild week of voting, with more than 74,800 votes cast. Alexander edged out Livonia Stevenson soccer player Nico Bunda by receiving 37,687 votes (50.33%) compared to Bunda's 33,970 votes (45.36%).

Livonia Franklin football player Evan Pittenger finished third, Northville volleyball's Jenna Boksha finished fourth and North Farmington football's Jacob Bousamra placed fifth.

We caught up with Alexander and asked him a series of questions after taking home the award:

Your team was able to knock off West Bloomfield, which was the No. 1 team in the state, how big of a win was that for you and your team and do you feel it has your team fired up heading into the next few weeks?

"Beating West Bloomfield was a huge win for our team. They are a great program and it was a really tough game. We fought through a lot of adversity that game and I think it really brought our team together."

What are your personal and team goals for this season?



Groves senior quarterback Markis Alexander evades West Bloomfield defenders Sept. 6. FILE

"Our number one goal is to eventually win a state championship. However, we just have to focus on the team we are playing each week and take it step by step."

Who's your favorite athlete to watch or is your role model and why?

"My favorite athlete to watch is Drew Brees. I like the way he plays and try to model my game after him."

What's your favorite TV show or movie and why?

"My favorite thing to watch is probably college football. It's fun to see how fast they play the game."

What are your favorite hobbies outside of football and why?

"I really enjoy spending time with friends and family. Whenever I am not playing football and I am doing something with them."

What are your plans after high school? Will you be playing college football?

"My goal is to play college football. I hope to continue my football career after high school."

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Soccer

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Goalkeepers split time

With junior Brenden Ware at goal in the first half, the Stevenson defense was stout and focused, keeping a Fordson offense at bay that scored three goals against the Spartans in their first meeting.

In the second half, Shingledecker switched to sophomore goalkeeper Eric Fifer, something he had done all season, attempting to continue a seven-game shutout streak the duo had accumulated since the first meeting between Stevenson and Fordson.

But holding a 1-0 lead late in the second half, Shingledecker knew that the Fordson offense was going to give everything they had.

"Giving up a late goal is hard," Shingledecker said. "It was a good finish, what are you going to do?"

In a one-on-one battle, Fordson senior forward Ahmad Hamad found the opening and finished, tying the game. He then raced to the sideline, embracing his father as teammates and fans that ran out of the bleachers mobbed him in celebration.

"That was one of the best feelings I have probably had as a high school soccer player," Hamad said. "Celebrating with my dad and all of my brothers, it



Stevenson senior forward John Evangelista celebrates a Spartans goal by junior defender Adrian Rakipi on a free kick in the 38th minute during a game Sept. 17. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

really meant a lot."

Despite Fifer allowing the second-half goal, Ware was extremely supportive of his fellow goalie, saying there was "nothing they could have done" to stop Hamad in that sequence.

Shingledecker was pleased with both of his goalkeepers, saying the rotation is something he will continue to do.

"Those two guys have been our guys,"

Shingledecker said. "We are just going to roll with them."

'We have the tiebreaker'

In an extremely physical game, emotions ran high with 20:53 left in the second half.

Stevenson and Fordson fought for a ball near the Tractors' goal, and a fight

broke out between the Fordson goalkeeper and a few Stevenson players, causing the referees to give a red card, stopping the clock.

Shingledecker said the incident in the second half could have been avoided, saying the players on both sides could have been a bit more mature in those moments.

This incident capped off what had been a game full of physicality and emotion all over the field, something Ware had expected coming in.

"We expected it was going to be a tough game, physical game," Ware said. "We did not expect the fouls, a lot of fouls."

Shingledecker said he liked the effort his team showed against the Tractors, saying he saw two teams battling to try and take hold of the top of the KLAA East.

With the division still within grasp of both teams, Rakipi left the field disappointed, but seemingly tired from the battle he and his team faced in Fordson.

"We were expecting a war, and we got one," Rakipi said.

But when he addressed his group of players that felt like they should have come out with a road win, Shingledecker could not help but smile.

"We have the tiebreaker," he said. "We have the tiebreaker."

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KLAA

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Samulski, who will take over for Masi once he retires this fall, helped lead the organization of the conference.

"A special thanks to the KLAA principals for their kind and generous support of this endeavor. We could not have done it without all of you," Churchill athletic director Marc Hage said. "Our kids loved it and were so thankful they were invited to attend."

"Thank you again for putting this together and for all the legwork involved."

Hage added that one of his athletes thought it was a great program and that he learned things that he will use with his current team.

Topics that were focused on during the summit included: performance leaders, which highlight team captains

that also lead with their performance; locker room leaders, which they called "culture captains;" social leaders, which were called "chemistry captains;" organizational leaders, who were dubbed "campus captains;" and reserved leaders.

The KLAA will hold two more of these summits later in the school year.

The next will be Nov. 11 and the third will be held April 20.

Three guest speakers will be featured at each summit, which runs from 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Brian Morehouse, the women's basketball coach at Hope College, has agreed to speak at the April conference.

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Northville AD Bryan Masi, above, and Salem AD Brian Samulski, who will take over for Masi when he retires, helped lead the organization of the conference. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Chiefs

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DOUBLES

No. 1 - Larry Lu/Avneet Singh, CANTON def. Rahul Rao/Ryan The, SALEM, 6-1, 6-3

No. 2 - Evan Aldrich/Nathan Chan, CANTON def. Parth Narang/Ansh Dave, SALEM, 7-5, 6-3

No. 3 - Aneesh Sabnis/Akash Bharathan, SALEM def. Christian Mosca/Carl Christenson, CANTON, 6-3, 6-4

No. 4 - Marcus Boone/Shreyas Nath, CANTON def. Abdul Junaid/Havish Poluru, SALEM, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3

No. 5 - Nikhil Kondagunta/Vidvath Vasudevan, SALEM def. Ahsan Ahmed/Jonathan Schall, CANTON, 6-1, 6-0

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'If I see the ball move, then I go as fast as I can'

Deaf Bloomfield Hills defender Holmes a leader on the field

Mick McCabe Special to Detroit Free Press
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The Bloomfield Hills High School players gathered around Dan Loria, and all eyes were fixed on their football coach.

Well, except the ones belonging to senior Devin Holmes.

Instead looking at Loria, Holmes' eyes were trained on Al Kettinger.

Kettinger attends every practice, but he is not a coach. He is a sign-language interpreter and the person who makes it possible for Holmes to communicate with Loria, the other coaches and his teammates.

Holmes has been deaf since birth. He lives in Southfield and attends Bloomfield Hills schools because it is a magnet district for Oakland County's deaf students.

This is his third year on varsity and his second as a starter on the defensive line. At 6-feet, 285 pounds, he is a dominant force on the line, often forcing opponents to double-team him.

"It started with his size," Loria said. "We don't have size like that so we brought him up as a sophomore. He played some and then started last year."

Holmes is one of the team's captains, something he never envisioned. After all, he can't really talk to his teammates.

"My belief is you're not going to be a captain because you do everything right," Loria said. "There are a lot of kids who do that. I need something more. The kids rally around him. He influences them in a way I've never seen before. They want him to succeed."

Holmes has found a way to get through to his teammates without actually being able to hold a conversation with them on the field or on the sideline.

"Even though he can't talk and communicate with us, he's one of the captains who's like, 'Show me, don't tell me,'" senior wide receiver Alec Ward, another captain, said. "He'll pull somebody aside and show them and communicate in his own way instead of telling them and screaming at them."

"It's kind of a different kick off of what a captain can be. He likes to get excited. We all feed off his energy, which is why he's one of the captains because we all follow him."

Mom knows best

Football has been a part of Holmes' life for several years, but he didn't join a team until he was 12, after his sister, Lauryn, heard about the Southfield Ravens from a classmate at Detroit Cass Tech.

"I was kind of laying around and being lazy and stuff," Holmes explained through Kettinger. "My sister talked to some other coaches and they told me to come out to play. I was curious so I went out to try football. I realized I'm pretty big and I wanted to keep on playing, I wanted to keep on getting better so I could play in high school."

But his first day of practice was almost his last. It was much more difficult and demanding than he imagined.

"We took him to practice and he hated it the first day," his mother, Gail, said. "I really felt bad for him because he was so dead tired from all of the exercising and the running."

It wasn't that she wanted him to become a football star; she just wanted the youngest of her three children to be involved in a team sport.

That is why the two had a mother-son talk, with the mother doing all of the talking. She spoke about giving football a fair shot before giving up.

Reluctantly, Holmes agreed and went to a second practice.

"That next day he was hooked," Gail said. "He was so passionate about it; how could I stop him?"

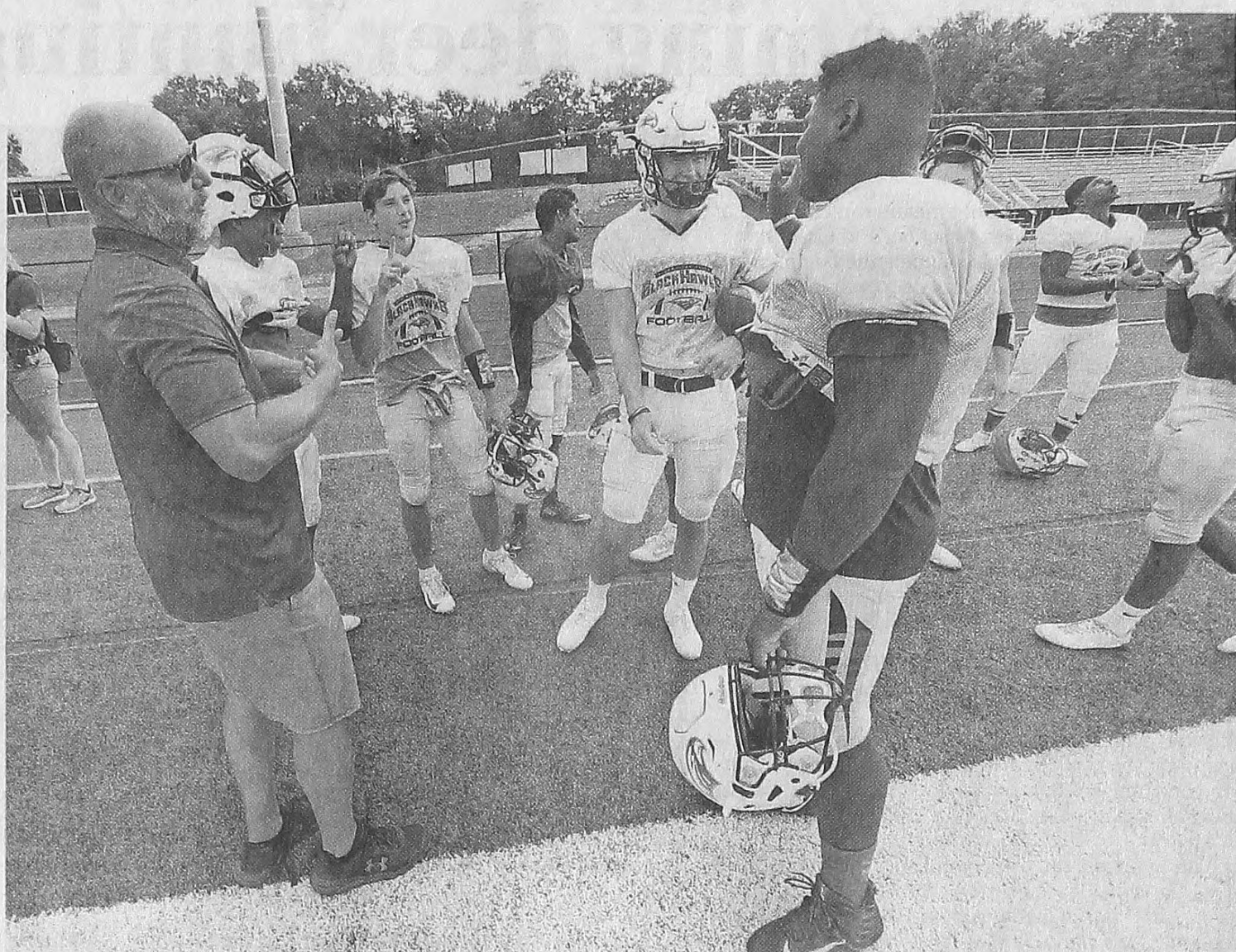
It wasn't long before Holmes insisted on being the first one to practice so he could take out the equipment. He loved being at practice.

"I wanted to put him in environments where he didn't necessarily have an interpreter," she said. "I've never wanted anyone to feel sorry for him or give him any special treatment. I know he's a hard worker and this is his passion. When he puts his mind to it, he can do anything."

Adjusting on the fly

His coach with the Ravens was Tyrone Burks, who welcomed Holmes with open arms. Then came the hard part — trying to communicate with a deaf player.

"Sometimes I had to walk away from



From left, interpreter Al Kettinger, Norman Johnson, Dean Bolton and Tasnner Slazinski sign with Bloomfield Hills defensive lineman Devin Holmes during practice. KIRTHMON F. DOZIER/DETROIT FREE PRESS

practice for a second to cool down because I was challenging myself to try to figure out how to teach this kid," Burks said. "My challenge was how to communicate with him and get him to do what you want him to do."

What helped tremendously was the frequent presence of Carin Poole, who served as the team mom. She knew sign language and was able to communicate with Holmes, who played with the Ravens for three years.

With each year, Burks became more impressed with Holmes, both on and off the field.

"The character of him and just the drive of that young man made my job a lot easier," he said. "He had no quit in him and he pushed himself. Once I learned how to communicate with him, I pushed him to the limit and he responded to every test I had. Every obstacle I put in front of him, he jumped through it."

Even though he can't hear the whistle, Holmes has never been penalized for a late hit. And if he can't hear the whistle, he cannot hear the quarterback's cadence. But he has been penalized for being offside. When he lines up, he keeps his eyes on the ball. Sometimes he detects a movement that officials miss.

"I don't go with the sound," he said. "If I see the ball move, then I go as fast as I can. Sometimes I see a move the ref doesn't see, but that's the way it goes."

The ways things go at practice, Holmes' deafness is not an issue.

"You forget he's deaf," Loria said. "You're coaching and Al is there and they're interpreting and you just move on. It has no ill effect on practices at all."

Games are a different matter. Kettinger is on the field during practices, but he is limited to the sideline at games.

That leaves it to some of his teammates to communicate the defensive signals for particular plays.

"Some of the guys on the field have taken some sign language classes," Kettinger said. "They can move him physically or we have some moves where they touch different parts of his body signaling to go left or right. We also have some guys doing fake signs, too."

One of the main beneficiaries of Holmes' success is outsider linebacker Bailey Snyder.

"It makes it a lot easier especially when he takes on a double-team," Snyder said. "It clears out the hole and makes it easier for us linebackers to fill it in and make the tackle at the line."

'Leadership through his actions'

This is Kettinger's 36th year as a sign language interpreter with the district. Both of his parents were deaf, so he learned to sign before he could speak. He has worked with football players for more than 20 years and forms a bond with them.

He admires how hard Holmes has worked to develop into a dominating lineman and how he has taken it a step further to become a team captain.

"He encourages people even though he can't communicate with words," Kettinger said. "He shows leadership through his actions. If he raises his voice and points somewhere and does a ges-

ture, they guys know what he's talking about. They know they've got to get their butts moving."

While he isn't technically a coach, Kettinger can be helpful when it comes to Holmes' play during a game.

"I try to watch whatever he does, make sure he's leading with the right foot," Kettinger said. "I know what he's supposed to do because I've interpreted those things over and over. I let the coaches coach and critique, but I am an extra set of eyes and I definitely watch him."

Holmes hopes to play football at Galaudet University in Washington, D.C.,

the only university in the world where all of the programs are designed to accommodate deaf and hard of hearing students.

Holmes' goal is to be a coach, and he has jump-started that path by helping the Ravens since the summer.

"I want to influence them and encourage them to play high school and maybe college after they graduate," he said. "It's a good thing to do."

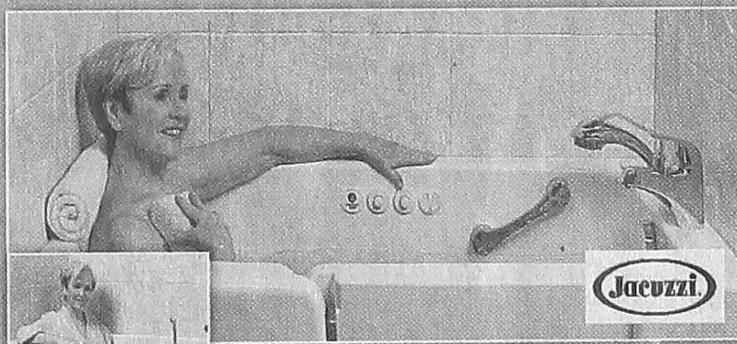
Playing football also has expanded his circle of friends.

"I have hearing friends now," he said. "I also have my deaf friends I hang out with."

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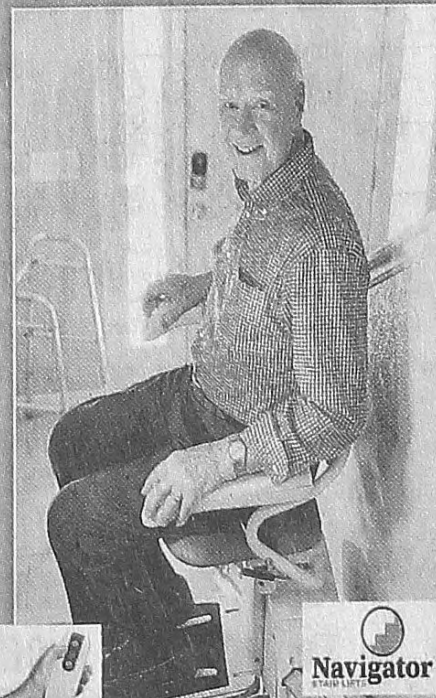
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What to know about new rules for upcoming deer hunting season

Micah Walker Detroit Free Press
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The return of fall not only means the changing of the colors, kids going back to school and football.

For many people, fall also signals the beginning of the hunting season. The firearm deer period kicked off Saturday and Sunday with the Liberty Hunt for youth and disabled hunters. Following the Liberty Hunt is the Early Antlerless Firearm Season Sept. 21-22. The two-day event is only open to private lands on the Lower Peninsula.

Here are the new rules hunters should know this season:

Daily bag limit

Only one deer per person can be taken any one day.

Baiting and feeding

As of Jan. 31, baiting and feeding is banned in the entire Lower Peninsula with the exception of hunters with disabilities for the Liberty and Independence hunts. The reason is to prevent the spread of chronic wasting disease, an illness that affects deer, elk, reindeer and moose. Symptoms include drastic weight loss, listlessness and stumbling. CWD is fatal and has no cure.

Baiting means the use of grains, fruits, vegetables, minerals, salt, or other food materials to lure deer. Feeding consists of laying out food that is meant to attract deer for a purpose other than hunting.

However, hunters can use natural or synthetic food-scented materials such as scented wicks or oil-based attractants, as long as these are placed in an area where the animals cannot eat or touch it.



A group of whitetail deer run for the cover of the woods along a two-track road in Leelanau County. GETTY

Food plots like standing agricultural crops and naturally occurring foods are also legal since they are not used for hunting purposes.

Chronic wasting disease management zone

Barry, Lenawee and Midland counties have been added to the DNR's CWD management zone, areas that tested positive or are under surveillance for CWD. Other counties in the zone are Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Isabella, Jackson, Kent, Mecosta, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Ottawa, and Shiawassee counties.

Since May 2015, the DNR has tested 60,545 free-ranging deer for CWD, with 117 positive for the illness. In the CWD Management Zone:

- There is a 40% discounted private land antlerless license for purchase; however, this license will expire on Nov. 3.
- There is a purchase limit of 10 private-land antlerless licenses per hunter.

■ Muzzle loader season is open to all legal firearms; regular firearm equipment rules apply.

■ Carcass transportation: A harvested deer cannot be possessed or transported outside of this area unless it is deboned meat, quarters or other parts of a cervid that do not have any part of the spinal column or head attached, antlers, antlers attached to a skull or skull cap cleaned of all brain and muscle tissue, hides, upper canine teeth, or a finished taxidermist mount, or:

■ The hunter has presented the head at a designated drop-off location within 24 hours after killing the deer.

■ A hunter in the CWD management zone can take an entire carcass into the core CWD area with no restrictions.

■ A hunter outside the CWD management zone can bring an entire carcass into the CWD management zone with no restrictions.

For more information on hunting regulations, read the 2019 Michigan Hunting Digest at michigan.gov/documents.

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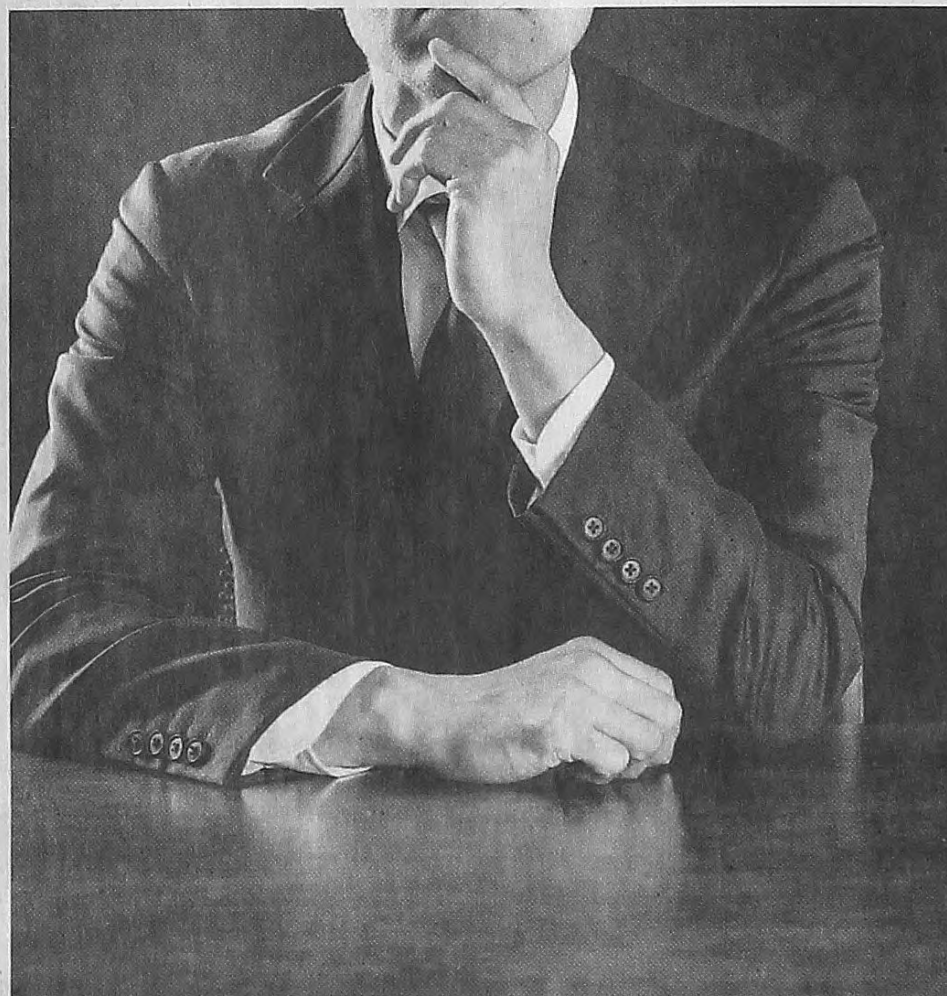
There's a common question that pops up whenever we decide to move on to newer and hopefully greener career pastures and leave a job in search of new opportunities: What exactly is my former employer allowed to say and share about me now that I'm gone?

It's a valid question, and one that can kick up a wide mix of feelings, often depending on how things went there. If you left your previous job on great terms and are confident that all those with whom you had worked were left with nothing but positive impressions of you, then wondering what previous employers can disclose about you moving forward might not bubble up to the level of a crisis. However, if things were a bit more contentious or challenging and there are some things regarding your previous employment that you'd rather not be made public, then knowing the answer to this question may be high on your list of concerns.

Whatever situation you may be in, it's helpful to know what former employers are able to disclose about you as you travel along your career journey. Let's look at some facts employers are allowed to disclose about you.

It's often a legal matter

Laws regarding what former employers are legally allowed to disclose about employees exist only at the state level — there are no federal laws designed to regulate when and what your previous bosses can share about you. Therefore, the answer to this question depends upon in which state you resided and/or worked in at the time of your employment. The best resources for determin-



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ing the specific types of information that can legally be disclosed are the Department of Labor websites for the state (s) in question.

Typically, employers can share general information regarding your tenure with their companies — things like your dates of employment, job title, and responsibilities, all which serve to confirm

your employment and validate the things you likely provided on your resume for potential employers. Some states, however, allow employers to go a bit deeper. Topics like salary, ability, performance, and reasons for your leaving (e.g., were you laid off, did you quit, or were you fired for a specific reason and why) are fair game to share.

Of course, despite what states allow, employers use their own discretion when choosing what to share. Companies are often cognizant of laws regarding defamation, slander, and libel, and usually make sure that everything they disclose is factual and precise. This helps them avoid any legal retaliation or lawsuits being brought to them by former disgruntled employees.

Control as much as you can

You have some options here. If you're concerned about what a former employer may disclose about you then it might be in your best interest to refrain from using them on any list of references, you provide prospective future employers (although this approach might raise some red flags and follow-up questions).

You can also ask previous employers what they plan to share about you and politely ask them to keep certain information private. (Just keep in mind, they aren't required to comply and it's a risk to expect them to convey exactly what you prefer.)

Be careful when trying to coordinate what you plan to say about a previous job. Nothing sounds off warning alarms for HR managers quite so loudly as when you and a previous employer have different stories to tell about your tenure. Hopefully, this will keep you on the honest, straight-and-narrow path whenever sharing information about your work history — which is always your best approach when on the job hunt trail.

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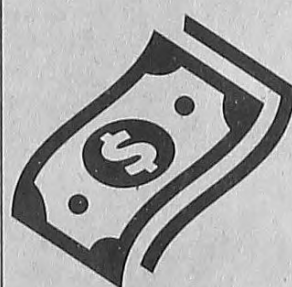


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ACROSS

1 Dwelling place: Abbr.
4 Modifying wd.
7 Fail to mention
11 Prez Lincoln
14 Bar checks
18 Artificial fat
20 Relatives of allegories
22 To — (precisely)
23 Mocking remarks from Pluto's master?
25 Burnett of CNN
26 — Spumante (wine)
27 Schubert's "The — King"
28 Manet's forte
29 Actor Claude
30 "No, we're not going to give the employee a raise?"
37 I, to Franz
40 "Mazel —!"
41 Fed. crash-probing org.
42 Countertenor
43 Very small toll to drive on a road through the Alps?

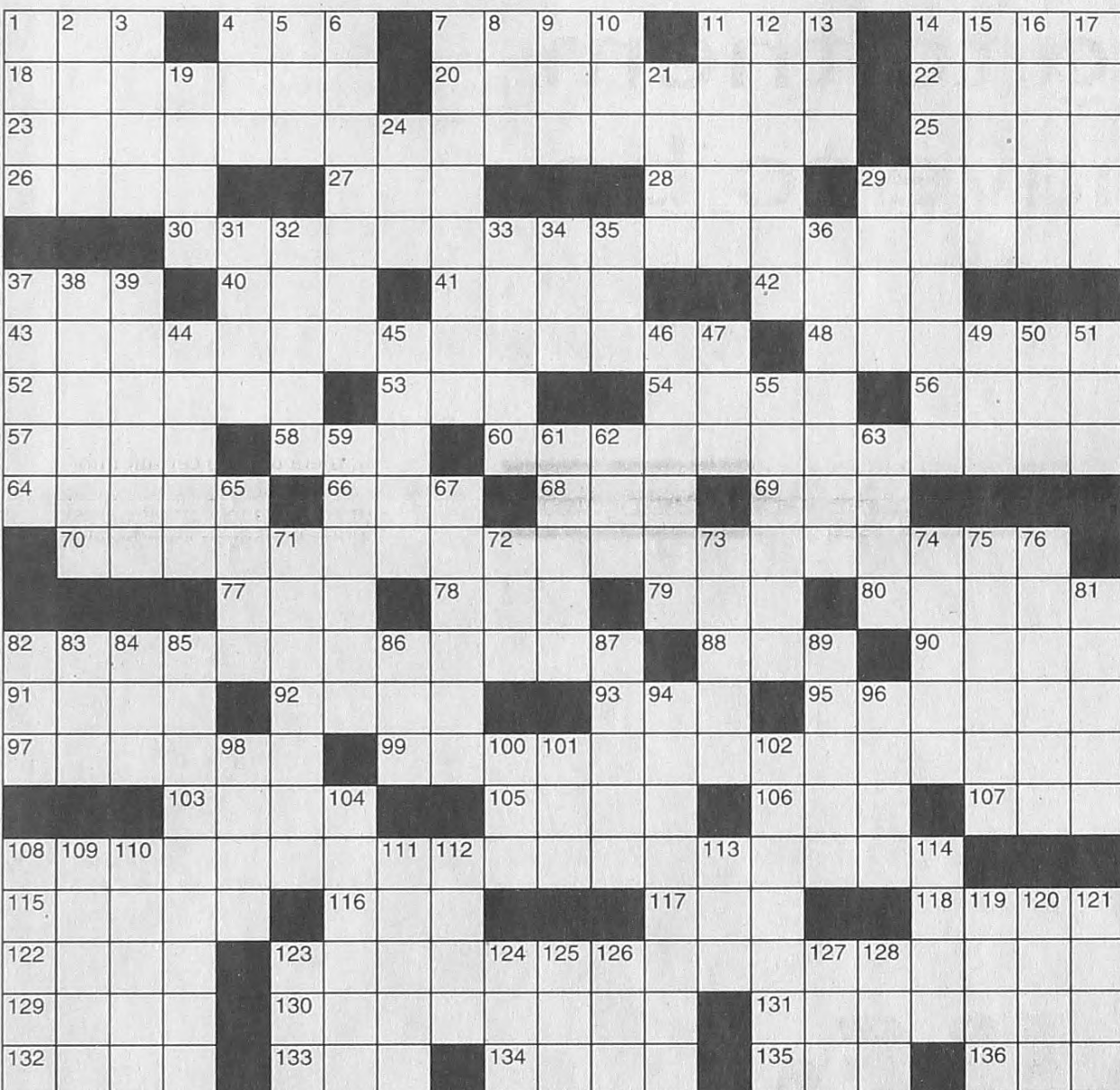
48 Present from birth
52 To a foreign country
53 Fair-hiring inits.
54 "Der —" (Konrad Adenauer)
56 Ruin totally
57 Fragment
58 Use stitching
60 Quips about a Civil War general?
64 — Boothe Luce
66 Yuletide quaff
68 "— be great if ..."
69 Leeds lav-
70 Miser's reformation into a generous person?
77 Santa —
78 Polly's "Alice" role
79 — -TURN (street sign)
80 Wafer brand
82 Verbal noun the nitwit uses a lot?
88 Actress Thurman
90 Be inclined
91 British noble
92 "Why Can't — Friends?"

93 Deutsch article
95 Develop
97 Painting on plaster
99 Concert tour during which a Muppet opens for the "Open Arms" band?
103 Singer Amos
105 Tap-in, e.g.
106 Suffix with north or west
107 Opposite NNW
108 "Stop grazing and return to your barn?"
115 Bedeck
116 Air safety org.
117 Stimp's pal
118 Close
122 Certain Slav
123 Very inexpensive part of a ship's hull?
129 Different
130 Maryland suburb of D.C.
131 Motorist's guide
132 Inuit's ride
133 1040 org.
134 With 11-Down, "Don't drop your guard!"

135 Tent stake
136 Gold, to Spaniards
DOWN
1 City in Italia
2 Yalies
3 Religious faction
4 Enjoyed food
5 Sahara-like
6 1567-1625 king of Scotland
7 Great riches
8 Some parents
9 Infuriation
10 — Mahal
11 See 134-Across
12 Big — (WWI gun)
13 Kin of -trix
14 Korean martial art
15 Upper heart chambers
16 Living thing
17 Taste, e.g.
19 Power tool brand
21 Trounce
24 Mork's home planet
29 Env. notation
31 R&B singer — James
32 Frogs' kin
33 Group values

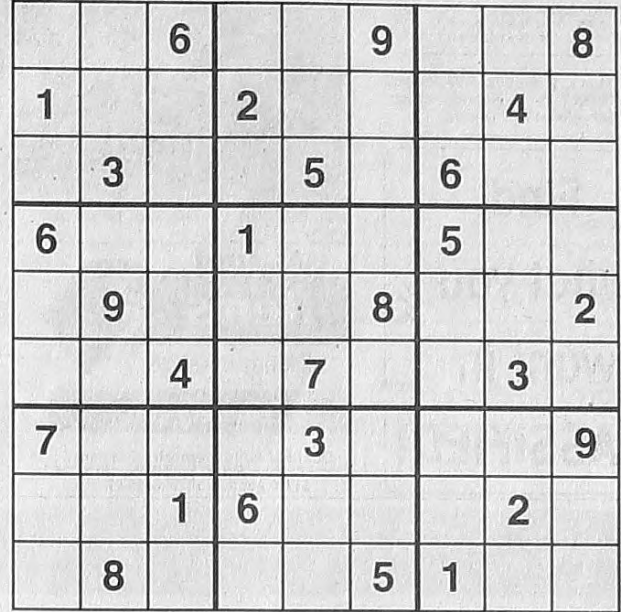
34 Ad Council ad, for short
35 "Son of," in Arab names
36 Property transferor
37 Windows ad catchphrase
38 Steel-gray metallic element
39 "Woo-hoo!"
44 — Dame
45 — the scene (having recently arrived)
46 Flower plot
47 Shade tree
49 Totally fine
50 Ascot, e.g.
51 USNA grad.
55 Perfumed powder
59 Make furious
61 Find by chance
62 Archaic verb ending
63 "Benny & —" (Johnny Depp film)
65 & others
67 Become liberated
71 Not given under 112-Down
72 Winter woe
73 Logical
74 OPEC ship

75 Gathers bit by bit
76 Tickles a lot
81 Without batting —
82 Furry TV alien
83 Opposite of 118-Across
84 Lofty verse
85 Place to find pearls
86 Peter out
87 Sudden —
89 Squirrel's bit
94 Put between
96 Ladder step
98 Quarter, e.g.
100 Tach reading
101 "For shame!"
102 Dada artist
104 Less certain
108 Valises, e.g.
109 Novelist Scott
110 Eponymous code creator
111 Balsa boats
112 Witness' promise
113 Cousin, for one: Abbr.
114 Sooner city
119 Sailors' saint
120 Lab medium
121 Debtor's woe
123 DOJ agency
124 "Certainly!"
125 May hrs.
126 Harem room
127 — v. Wade
128 Duffel or tote



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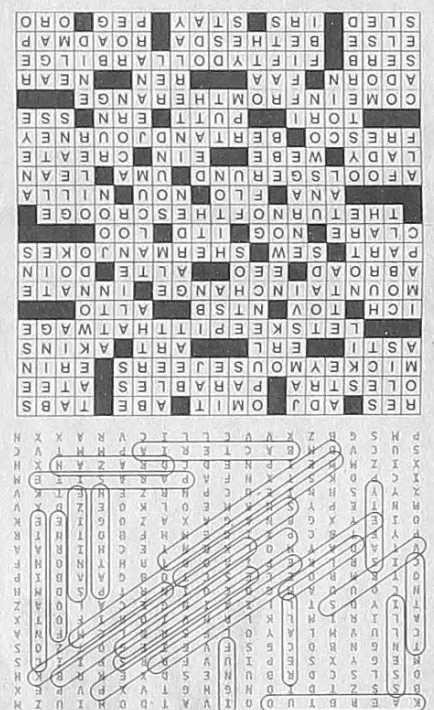
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

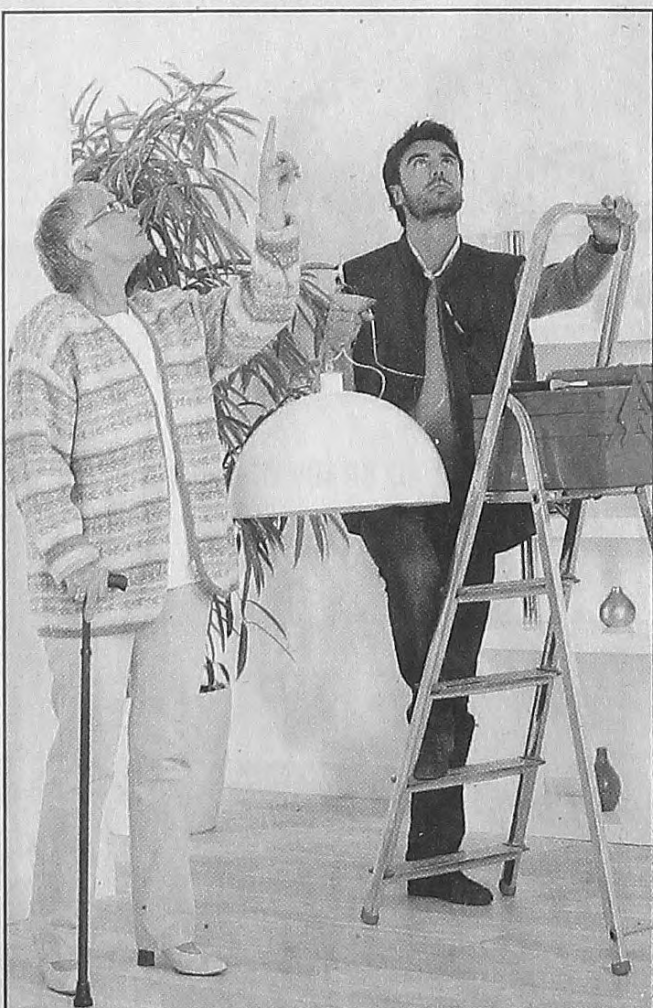
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8	2	8	2	7	9	1	5
6	5	7	1	8	2	9	2
9	8	6	2	2	5	7	1
2	1	2	8	9	7	5	6
7	8	5	8	6	1	2	9
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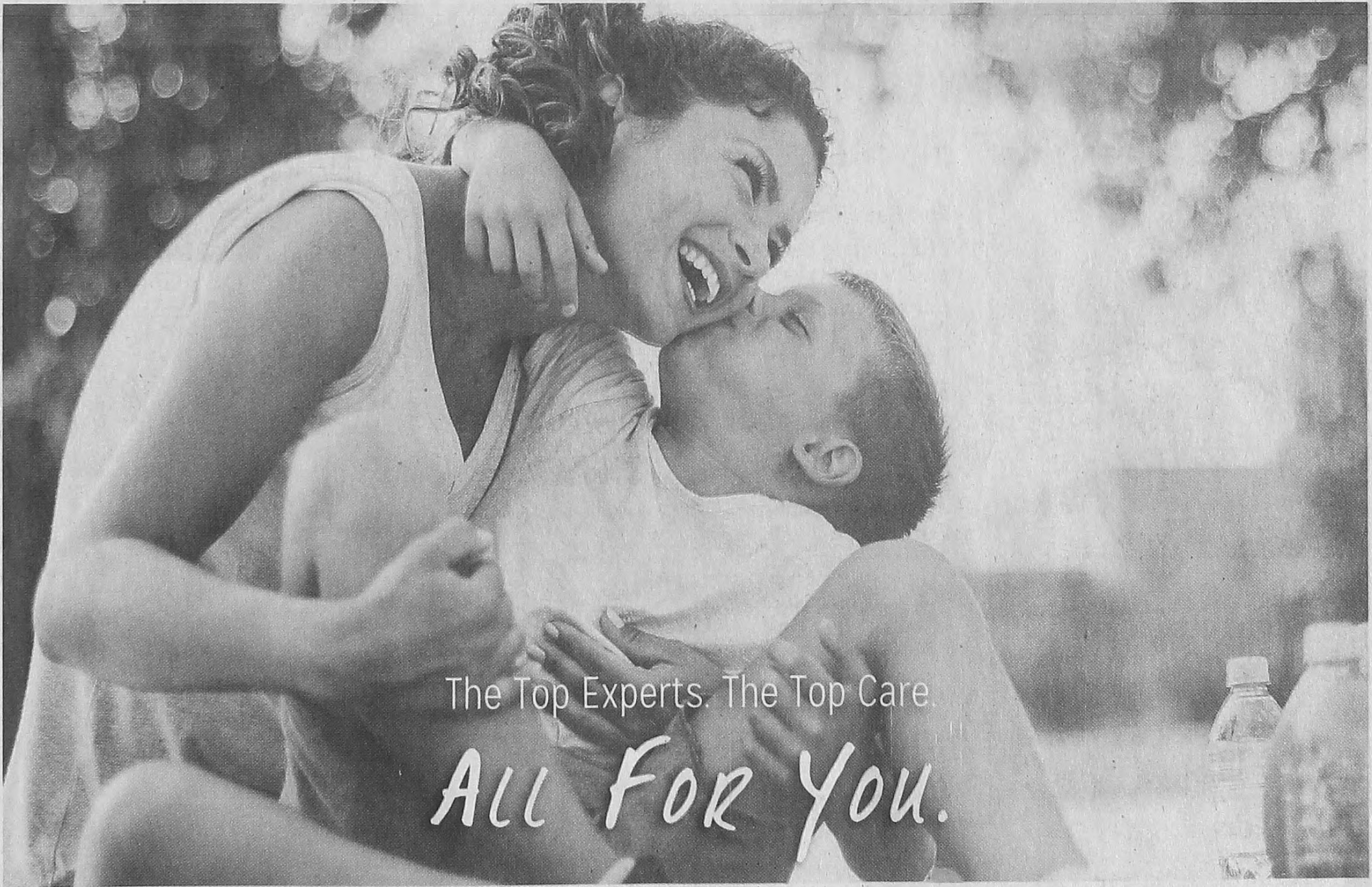
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