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Wayne-Westland school board votes in Dignan

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It's the start of a new era for the Wayne-Westland School District. On Monday, the school board voted John Dignan the district's new superintendent in a 7-0 vote.

"I'm convinced that Mr. Dignan is the best choice for our district at this time,"

Treasurer Tom Buckalew said. The board supported Dignan, who currently works as the director of post-secondary options and community partnerships for Southfield Public Schools, as the most "well-rounded" candidate. Board members also expressed admiration for Keith McDonald, the other finalist for superintendent.



Dignan

"It just became apparent to me that Mr. Dignan was ready for the job right now," said board Vice President Frederick Weaver. Because of the coronavirus pandemic, several board members voiced an opinion that Dignan's experience makes him well-suited to lead the district during uncertain times. Members also ac-

knowledged their unanimous vote, which they saw as important in a body that doesn't always get along. Dignan, if he comes to a contract agreement with the district, will succeed Shelley Holt, who resigned last year after a flurry of conflicts with the school board.

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Ron Bruff, of Livonia, retired April 29 after delivering mail in the area for 34 years. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Garden City mailman retires after 30 years on same route

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Ron Bruff is part of a rare breed of mail carriers: He answers every single letter addressed to Santa Claus he picks up, and he sings to people on their birthdays.

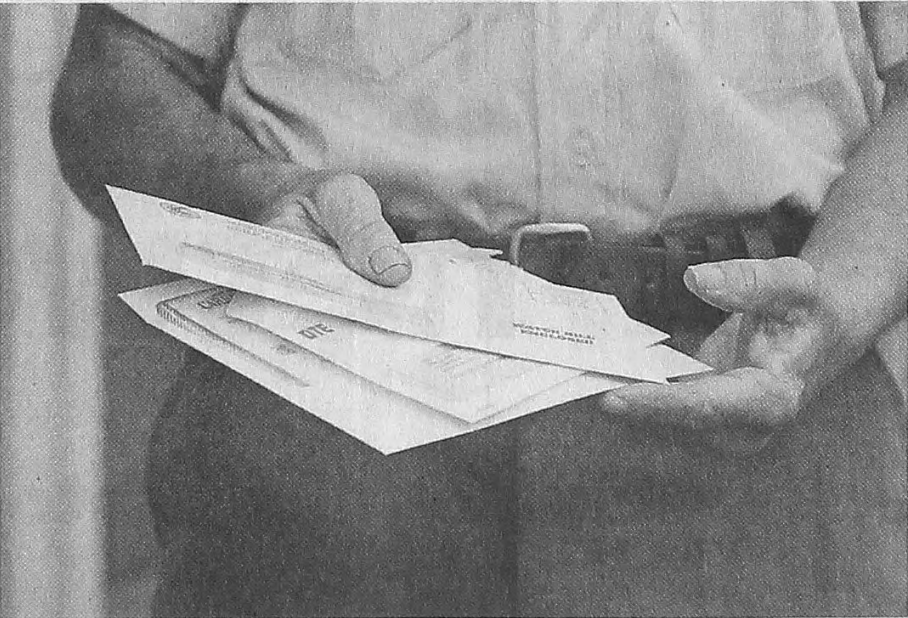
"I answer them and I leave the envelopes unsealed so mom or dad can read it first," he said. "I answer all of the Santa Claus letters."

"I'm one of those take-care-of-the-customer mailmen."

Bruff, 62, retired April 29 after 34 years as a mail carrier. He lives in Livonia, just five miles from the route in Garden City he's worked for 30 years.

"There's not a person on my route I don't care for," he said. "I take care of them and they take care of me."

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Bruff handles letters outside a Livonia home on one of his last days at work.

Art in the Park in Plymouth canceled

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Add Art in the Park to the growing list of summer events that have fallen victim to the coronavirus pandemic. The annual event, originally planned for July 10-12 in downtown Plymouth, has been canceled, the festival's organizers announced May 1 on Facebook.

"For the past seven weeks our team has explored all options and if there were any assurances that there was a safe way forward we would take it, but at this point we believe this is the right choice," the Facebook post reads. "We feel it is no longer practical to continue with an event this size at this time. The health & safety of artists, attendees, our community, and crew always comes first."

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Teen helped others after classmate's suicide

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Annie Heitmeier lost a Northville High School classmate to suicide during freshman year. The tragedy hardened her commitment to starting a group dedicated to mental health awareness and teen suicide prevention.

When school is in session, NHS' Color My World club meets monthly to discuss teen challenges like depression, eating disorders and striking the right balance between academics and

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Beaumont Wayne partially reopens

Trauma center will remain closed for now

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Beaumont Hospital in Wayne is about to be back in business. The health system announced the hospital, previously closed temporarily as the system braced for a surge in coronavirus cases that never came, would reopen, which happened this past Tuesday, treating both COVID-19 patients and patients with conditions not related to the coronavirus pandemic.

“We are thrilled to begin re-opening the Wayne campus in phases as we carefully prepare for another potential COVID-19 surge. We have always said that we remain committed to the Wayne community and we are eager to begin providing care at our campus again,” said Beaumont Health Chief Operating Officer Carolyn Wilson in a news release. The campus, located at 33155 Annapolis, will bring staff back to work in phases, the first of which will accept patients in the emergency center as well as offer child birth services, pharmacy, food, labs, outpatient surgery and inpatient care.

Though the emergency center will open, the campus’ level three trauma center, the only in the region, will not. Beaumont plans to open it at a later date. The second phase will add “more inpatient and critical care capacity.” Until that happens, patients who come to Wayne and need a high level of care will be transferred to another Beaumont facility. Contact reporter **Shelby Tankersley** at stankersle@hometownlife.com or 248-305-0448. Follow her on Twitter @shelby_tankk.

Doctor says jail had insufficient coronavirus prevention

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A medical expert testified to a federal judge Monday that the Oakland County Jail has not sufficiently prevented the spread of coronavirus. “It appears that they’ve been unable to maintain social distancing among the detainees...,” Dr. Adam Scott Luring, a University of Michigan associate professor, told U.S. District Judge Linda Parker during a hearing. “It also appears that there has been insufficient attention to testing, hygiene and cleaning the environment.” The hearing was scheduled to continue May 6.

Last month, five inmates sued Oakland County, Sheriff Michael Bouchard and Curtis Childs, his corrective services commander. They demanded safer housing conditions and the release of medically-vulnerable inmates. The suing inmates have bronchitis, sleep apnea, hypertension, obesity and cardiac disease, which Luring said can make them more vulnerable. Jail officials have said the suit has little merit. The county’s attorneys and nurse said during the hearing that more than 100 medically-vulnerable Oakland County Jail inmates were tested for COVID-19 on May 1 and only one test came back positive. Groups backing the Oakland County Jail inmates include the Advancement Project and American Civil Liberties Union. They have filed similar suits in Miami and St. Louis.

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Westland police work to find larceny suspect


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Westland police are looking for a man suspected in a recent cell phone theft from the CPR Cell Phone Repair store on Ford Road. Police said a man in his early 20s and of medium build entered the store around 7 p.m. April 22. He was wearing a gray zip-up hooded sweatshirt and ripped blue jeans. When an employee left the sales area, he allegedly reached behind the counter and stole a phone. He apparently then entered the passenger side of a red vehicle that headed east on Ford Road. If you can help officers identify the suspect or the vehicle, call (734) 713-3706. svela@hometownlife.com



Westland police are looking for information that identifies this man. COURTESY OF WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT



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Teen

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extracurricular activities. They offer self-care packages to their fellow students during stressful test times and offer to connect with therapy dogs, meditation teachers, yoga instructors and others who might transform their perspectives and better prepare them for life's difficulties.

With Heitmeier leading the group, Color My World has held 5K color runs that raised money for mental health awareness and suicide prevention.

NHS' Class of 2020 also lost a second student to suicide. But there have been students who contacted Heitmeier to say the club saved them.

Heitmeier said teen suicide is a serious issue in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide was the second leading cause of death for ages 10 to 24 in 2017.

Hometown Life contacted local police early this year for information on deaths found to be suicides, and some provided details about juvenile suicides.

Farmington Hills police reported four juvenile suicides for the last five years, 2015 through 2019; and 17 juvenile attempted suicides for the same years.

Canton police reported 32 suicides for the same five years, 10 of which (eight males and two females) were between ages 18 and 30.

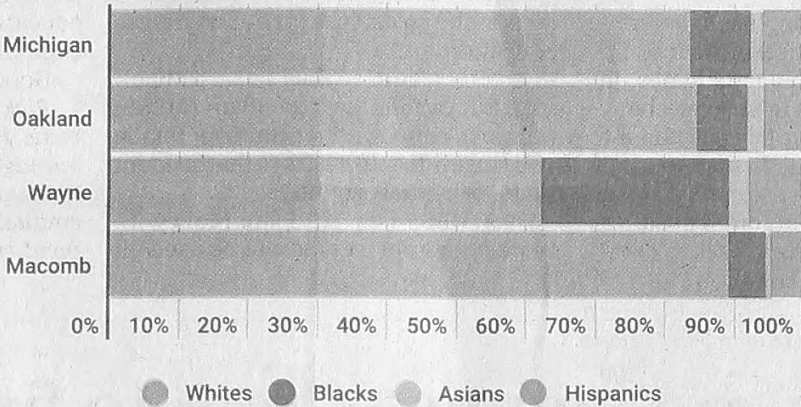
Even though the Color My World club members can't meet under one roof, they stay connected



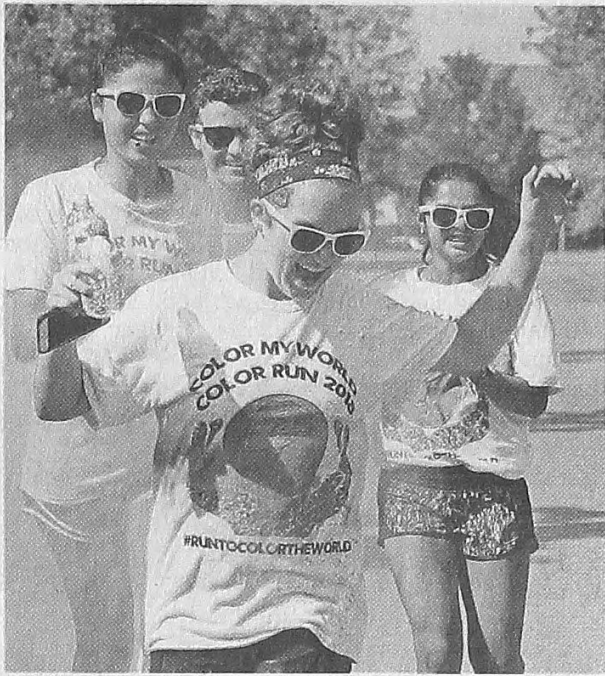
The club's long-term goals include work at the middle school level, creating mental health resource pamphlets, making the color run an annual event and getting suicide prevention training into schools.

2018 SUICIDES BY ETHNICITY

The state reports that suicide mainly happens among metro Detroit's non-minority demographic group.



Source: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services



Northville High School's Color My World club has been holding 5K color runs for the past few years to promote mental health awareness and prevent teen suicide. PHOTOS COURTESY OF COLOR MY WORLD

About this series

Suicide has long been a subject most people avoid talking about publicly, yet suicides in metro Detroit counties have increased in recent years.

This is the sixth in a series of stories examining the topic.

through their phones and video apps. Heitmeier

said she and her club-mates are staying focused through the coronavirus pandemic.

The club's long-term goals include work at the middle school level, creating Color My World mental health resource pamphlets, making the Color Run an annual event and getting suicide prevention training into Michigan schools.

Heitmeier urged peo-

ple experiencing mental health crisis to talk to someone they trust. Talking about challenges and problems keeps people responsible. Talking to an adult is likely to result in the realization that there's so much to live for and that pain and crises are temporary.

"Sometimes, it's hard to see past a specific moment in time," Heitmeier said.

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High school graduates should continue education



Money Matters

Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

I first would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the high school graduates and their families. Graduating from high school is a milestone that deserves to be celebrated.

Although high school commencement ceremonies have been canceled, depriving high school graduates of their special day, it is important that we all take the time to congratulate them on a job well done.

They may not have a traditional commencement or prom, but that doesn't diminish what they have accomplished.

My advice to high school graduates is to continue their education beyond high school.

My fear is that high school graduates who do not continue their education will end up locked in lower-paying jobs with fewer growth opportunities.

I am not saying college is for everyone, because it is not; however, there are many other ways for graduates to con-

High school graduates are entering into a very competitive and challenging world where education is not only essential, but also extremely expensive. If your high school graduation gift can help reduce the burden on the graduate, your gift will pay dividends well into the future.

tinue their education, such as trade schools and apprenticeships. It is important that high school graduates understand that we live in an ever-changing world, and it is critical for them to constantly re-educate themselves.

If you do not have a commitment to some sort of continuing education, you're going to find that you're falling

behind, and once you fall behind, it is very difficult to catch up. I encourage all high school graduates not to look at graduation as an end to their education, but rather, a new beginning.

Because ongoing education is important, but it is not free, we who give high school graduation gifts should take that into consideration. For those of you who are looking for a gift for a high school graduate, as opposed to giving cash or a gift card, why not give something that will have longer term value: an education savings plan.

I recognize that most of our high school graduation gifts are not going to pay for someone's college education or even education at a trade school. However, gifts add up, and before you know it, if more family and friends band together with their gifts, they can make a dent in the cost of the graduate's future education.

I recommend families set up a Michigan Education Savings Plan (MESP) (misaves.com) and encourage family and friends to make gifts to that account in honor of their graduate.

The MESP is a 529 Plan. Money invested does not just have to be used for

college, but rather, for any post high school education. The MESP, if you buy it directly through the state's website, is a very good low-cost plan. Other 529 Plans that are also investor friendly are Vanguard and Fidelity.

I recognize that contributing to a 529 Plan may not be what the graduate would want. I have no doubt that many would prefer a gift card; however, that should not be the criteria. High school graduates are entering into a very competitive and challenging world where education is not only essential, but also extremely expensive. If your high school graduation gift can help reduce the burden on the graduate, your gift will pay dividends well into the future.

To all high school graduates and their families, I congratulate you again on a job well done! However, remember your educational journey is not over; it is just beginning.

Good luck!

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How co-owner board can get developer to fix problems



Robert Meisner

Guest columnist

Q: We're feeling rather stuck. Our community association has just transitioned to a co-owner-controlled board of directors from the developer. There are many remaining issues that we need the developer to address, including repairs and significant funds that we believe they are illegally keeping from us, and our requests are falling on deaf ears.

The developer included a provision in the master deed that says we have to obtain the approval of the co-owners before initiating a lawsuit, along with a bunch of other procedural hurdles that

have to be cleared first.

What do we do?

A: These types of provisions have been popular for a long time now, and in fact they first came about due in no small part to the success that our firm has had in pursuing developers in construction defect claims over the years.

While you could attempt to obtain the required co-owner approval of legal action and satisfy the other requirements under the current provision, there is another option available to you.

Depending on the specific circumstances, it may be advisable for boards of directors in your position to cut the poison off at its source and propose that the co-owners approve an amendment to the master deed that will delete that provision in its entirety.

This may be the more advantageous route because you would not have to deal with holding another vote when considering future litigation, assuming the amendment is approved.

Also, the question can be framed in terms of ensuring the board of directors is vested with the proper authority to make these decisions, and the board remains answerable to the co-owners who elect them. You would also save money from not having to hold additional votes on future litigation.

In any case, you can expect an opposing public relations campaign from the developer saying don't worry, there has been some confusion but we'll take care of everything, you don't need to pay expensive attorney fees, it's all the board's fault, etc. But you can rest assured that

those messages are being crafted by the developer's attorney.

Our firm recently helped another client successfully remove such a provision by amendment and obtain funds that were being wrongfully withheld from the association by the developer.

So, it is possible to get "unstuck" from this situation with the assistance of legal counsel.

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Canceled

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The cancellation means thousands of people who typically head to Plymouth to see the bountiful art displays won't be coming this year.

The festival joins several other events canceled for the first half of the summer, including the Livonia Spree, Liberty Fest in Canton, the Redford Township Summer Festival, the Memorial Day and Independence Day parades in Milford, and Art on the Grand in downtown Farmington.

The event has already begun to promote next year's event with its Facebook page cover photo: Next year's Art in the Park will take place July 9-11, 2021.

"We understand that this news is compounded by the sheer number of events that have been canceled leading to so much uncertainty and economic heartache," the Facebook post reads. "We do appreciate your support, and your trust and hope above all else to be back better than ever next year!"

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A crowd wanders among the booths near Kellogg Park, taking in the first day of Plymouth's Art in the Park in 2019. This year's event has been canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE



Board

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Dignan would likely start in July and, according to the board, play a critical role in the district's relationship with the community.

At the meeting's close, board Presi-

dent David Cox called Dignan to tell him the good news.

"That is awesome," Dignan said. "I'm so ecstatic and eager to start. I'll be honest, I feel like my heart fell through my shoe a little. ... It's exciting to say the least and I can't wait to get started."

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Mailman

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Bruff's route included the old folks who waited at their doors for him every day and kids who followed him around the neighborhood, and he has, of course, been bitten by a few dogs.

"I meet lots of people and I consider lots of them like my friends and my extended family," he said. "Most of them I'm telling that I'm retiring are not happy."

Though Bruff has never been a big fan of the outdoors, and working Michigan winters on a walking route can be brutal, he said the people made the job worth looking forward to every day.

Closing out his career has been a bit unusual: Because of the coronavirus pandemic, people don't open their doors

"There's not a person on my route I don't care for. I take care of them and they take care of me."

Ron Bruff Retired mail carrier

or chat with him at the mailbox anymore, but the pandemic doesn't make Bruff particularly nervous.

With a walking route, he doesn't have to worry about being stuck inside a vehicle.

"I don't want a riding route anyway," he said. "You've got all those extra chances of getting in an accident and you don't get to talk to anybody."

"I like talking to the people, I don't even take a lunch break."

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Dancing Eye Gallery employee Janine Bauchat brings orders to the sidewalk in front of the North Center Street art shop May 1. Customers can order via phone or online and pick up their items curbside. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Businesses begin long process of reopening

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Theresa Schierloh is happy to have some company again.

The owner of Dancing Eye Gallery at 101 N. Center St. in downtown Northville closed her shop as Gov. Gretchen Whitmer issued a stay-at-home order in late March. Since then, she's been filling online orders by herself; with the shop closed, she had to temporarily lay off eight employees.

But Friday, she started brought back a few employees and began offering curbside pickup of specialty gifts, artwork and other items from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. six days a week. Schierloh said it gives her a sense of getting somewhat back to normal.

"It's so nice to be back in the store," she said. "Looking at all the art, looking at all the handmade stuff ... it just makes you happy."

Dancing Eye Gallery is one of many businesses reopening as Whitmer eases restrictions put in place to help stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Whitmer's executive order April 24 allows nonessential businesses to resume operations again so long as they keep their shops closed to visitors and open for curbside pickup and delivery. Businesses from restaurants to specialty shops have inched closer to reopening after being closed for more than a month.

Schierloh began listing curbside pickup on her website April 29, and she immediately saw customers signing up to take advantage of the service. With Mother's Day coming, she said she's been selling plenty of gifts for moms online, as well as face masks designed by metro Detroit artists.

"Every other order, people are getting a face mask," she said. "Honestly, I've sold out of so many so far."

Down the road in Plymouth, many businesses have begun to offer curbside pickup; the city's Downtown Development Authority keeps a running list of local businesses and their activities. One such business, Frame Works, began offering pickup April 27.

Owner Cindy Eckley, who took over the store at 833 Penniman Ave. earlier this year, had several pieces of art dropped off before businesses were ordered closed. She's happy to finally reunite them, now framed, with their owners.

"Especially with art, people have been stuck at home four to six weeks and they're in their room and staring at that wall and contemplating redecorating or rearranging," she said. "Art is a great thing to make a change and ... make people happy."

Eckley said she's tried to fit as many objects for sale in the shop's window as



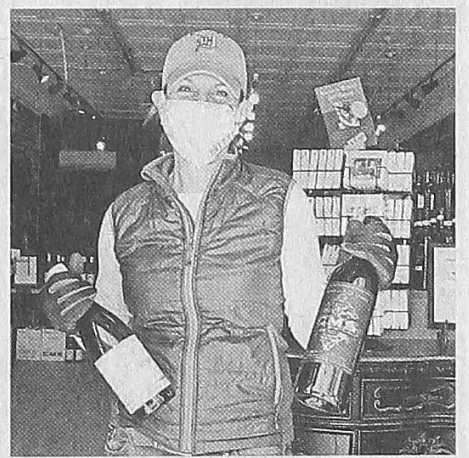
The display case at Northville's Dancing Eye Gallery is full of attractive items meant to catch the attention of pedestrians.



Cindy Eckley, owner of Frame Works on Penniman Avenue in Plymouth, reopened her business for curbside pickup April 27.



Beth Hussey, co-owner of Hazel, Ravines and Downtown in Birmingham, said she felt more comfortable closing the restaurant instead of reorganizing.



Simply Wine owner Maria Vasseliou has her North Center Street shop open for phone-in or online orders.

she can to inspire buyers. Given how personal framing can be, she's opted to put other items for sale, including purses and jewelry, in the window.

That strategy worked: she said she's sold some pieces to the few pedestrians passing by.

The types of businesses reopening range in size: The South Lyon Village Bakery, 222 S. Lafayette, reopened Friday after being closed for more than a month. Certain retailers at Laurel Park Place mall at Six Mile and Newburgh in Livonia now allow curbside pickup. The mall lists open businesses on its website, laurelparkplace.com.

While restaurants were never ordered to shut down completely, some opted to do so for several weeks including Hazel, Ravines and Downtown, located off Maple Road just west of Woodward Avenue in Birmingham.

Co-owner Beth Hussey said she felt more comfortable simply closing the restaurant in late March than trying to scramble and recreate the business. Now, after several weeks, she and executive chef/co-owner Emmele Herrold are ready to offer carryout and delivery.

They decided to reopen using one of their most popular items ever to lure customers back: springing off the success of last summer's "lobster pound takeover," the restaurant is serving up hot and cold lobster rolls, lobster bisque and peel-and-eat shrimp.

Hussey said the menu's popularity last year made it the perfect option to offer when reopening.

"It just feels like it's time," she said. "It travels well, it's easy to handle."

Anyone within a 15-minute drive of the eatery - in Birmingham, Bloomfield Township, Royal Oak or Troy - can have the restaurant's items delivered right to their door. Customers can order online at the restaurant's website, hrd.kitchen.

Offering such dishes would have been difficult a month ago, Hussey said, with fishing shut down in the Atlantic Ocean. But with some restrictions being relaxed on the East Coast, the restaurant is once again able to get its hands on fresh lobster regularly.

"They should be able to keep up with our volume right now," Hussey said. "Four, five, six weeks ago, it would have been difficult."

Carryout and delivery will be the main ways for diners to enjoy their favorite restaurants for the next several weeks: Whitmer has extended her executive order closing dining rooms through at least May 28.

While some businesses are navigating through a new venture, the goal for many remains the same: keep employees and customers safe while the coronavirus continues to infect thousands across Michigan.

Completely reopening is a goal for many businesses, including for Eckley at Frame Works. While it's nice to have some revenue returning, she said, she looks forward to the time when shoppers can come into the store again and make framing selections for their family photos and artwork.

"I hope we'll bounce back when we are allowed to sell stuff. We don't want to rush that. We're safety first," she said. "We want to make this as safe as possible."

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Livonia launches initiative to help long-term care facilities

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Livonia has the second-highest number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Wayne County. Coming in only behind Detroit, Livonia had 658 cases and 108 related deaths as of Monday.

That means 16% of COVID-19 patients in Livonia die, and Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan has said that's because the city has a large elderly population and 28 health care centers des-

ignated for long-term care, memory care or senior living. Collectively, those centers care for about 2,100 people.

"We have data coming directly from our fire department telling us how many runs they make and where they make those runs to," Brosnan said. "There was a week a couple weeks ago where 70% of our runs went to long-term care facilities in Livonia."

In an attempt to help those facilities, the city launched an initiative called Together Livonia Cares, or TLC.

The initiative sends first responders to help equip staff with personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitation techniques, screening methods and isolation or quarantine plans. The city is also encouraging centers to use the field hospital at Suburban Collection in Novi as an isolation site.

"There is no sense in having a patient who tests positive, goes to the hospital for treatment then comes back to their own senior care facility and still remains positive," Brosnan said.

The mayor said although the county and state have not provided Livonia with the locations and ages of coronavirus patients in the city, she is "rock solid" in the opinion the elderly are the most affected Livonians.

"We've really kind of come at this from the front end, recognizing that we have one of the largest numbers of long-term care facilities in the county here in Livonia," Brosnan said. "We also have the second leading number of COVID-19 deaths."

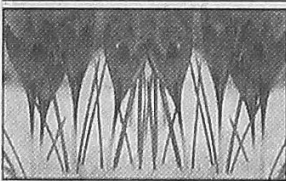
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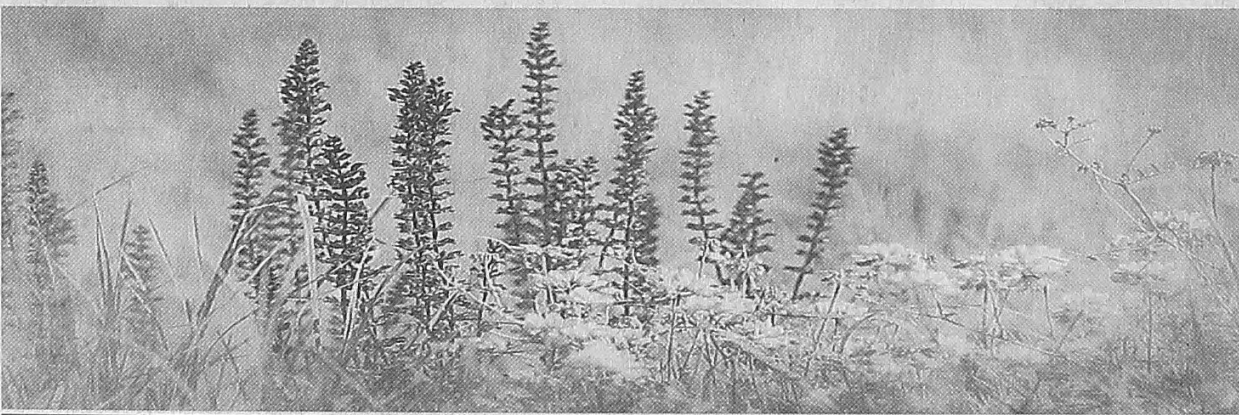
Ceverena E. Davies

Ceverena E. Davies (Fitch) passed away on April 23rd surrounded by family. She was born in New Jersey on September 11, 1930; the youngest of 3 children of Hugh & Ceverena Fitch. Mom is survived by her remaining children Phillip Davies (Jody), Andrea Tomaszewski, Nancy Faught (John), and daughter in-law Linda Davies; and many grand & great children. She is preceded in death by her eldest son Jeffrey Davies, her brothers Richard Fitch and Edward Fitch, her parents and many dear friends. A private service has occurred.



Carolyn Ann Jones

LIVONIA - Carolyn was born on June 30, 1942 in Craigsville, WV, and passed away on April 29, 2020, at St. Mary's Hospital at the age of 77. She will forever be loved by her husband, family, and friends. She was a very loving wife, mother, and good friend to all. She worked at Hope's Fish & Chips in Livonia on Friday's and primarily as a bookkeeper. Carolyn is survived by her loving husband Floyd Jones, loving mother to Cari (Andy) Czako, Cathy Farrell, and cherished grandmother of Eric, Bryan (Natalie), Mitch, Nick and Kyle and loving sister Helen Brown. Due to the Covid-19 and the Stay at Home Order, please leave your condolences and/or memories at www.rggrharris.com.



Harry George Greenleaf

LIVONIA - Harry George Greenleaf of Livonia, Michigan was born on May 27, 1936 and passed away April 28, 2020 in his sleep. He is survived by his loving wife Audrey Greenleaf and they been married for 58 years. Proud father of Kim (Greg) Page and Mark (Kathy) Greenleaf.

Dear grandfather of Brittany (Christopher) Barcroft, Harry C. Greenleaf, Christian Greenleaf, Brad Page, Katie Page, Allie Page. Dearest uncle of many nieces and nephews. Harry is preceded in death by his sibilings Edward Greenleaf, Rosella Thompson, Newton Greenleaf and Fred J. Greenleaf.

Harry was born in Palermo, New York to his late parents Fred and Mabel. He retired from Ford Motor Company after 37 years of service. He served as a member of the Board of Trustees at Schoolcraft college for 18 years and was an active volunteer in politics at all levels.

His passions included education and family. In his free time he enjoyed traveling, golf, gardening, and spending family time at the cottage in Northern Michigan.

A private family service will be held May 2, 2020. Arrangements for a Memorial and Celebration of Life will be forthcoming.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy can be shared at www.HarryJWillFuneralHome.com/Livonia.

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Marguerite Kalec

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- Marguerite M. Kalec (nee Barber) age 91, died peacefully at home April 30, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Edward for 58 years. She was also preceded in death by her daughter-in-law Ann. Loving mother to Robert, and Ann (David) Oehring. Devoted grandmother to William, Michael, Stephen, Emma, Terence, Tyler, Tanner, and great-grandmother to Lauren, Payton, and Kenneth. Born in Flint, Marge obtained a degree in education from Wayne State University and taught in the Detroit Public Schools for over a decade. She subsequently earned a master's degree from the University of Michigan and was a guidance counselor in the Farmington Public Schools for more than twenty years. An avid traveler, she was also an accomplished photographer, and family genealogist. A private service and burial will be held.



Nancy Lee (Broman) Giannotta

November 3rd 1929 to April 26th 2020

Our family is mourning the loss of our best friend and sister, aunt and chosen mother. We are, Beverly Ann Johnston, Kristin and Robert Forester, Diane and Kurt Johnston, Megan and Les Pernia and Lisa Cook. Many nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews and great, great nieces and nephews.

We are confident that the love of her life, her husband Frank, was impatiently waiting for her with dancing shoes in hand. Nancy spent her life giving to others however her special love was for animals.

If you would like, please donate to a worthy cause to help rescue, foster or adopt an animal.

A champagne celebration will be held in Nancy's honor at a later date.

"You may be gone from my sight, but you are never gone from my heart" Winnie the Pooh.

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



Virginia Ruth Sauls

March 10, 1928 - April 11, 2020 (age 92)

Virginia was born in Roseville, Michigan to Rivan and Ruth Frazee. She was the oldest of four children and her siblings included Rivan, William, and Helen. They lived in Roseville on Ruthdale, a little street named after her mother because theirs was the first house built there.

After graduating from high school, Virginia attended Wayne State University in Detroit where she met the love of her life - Gordon Sauls. They were married in 1951 and had three sons David, Brian and Eric. Their first family home was in Inkster, and then in 1964 they moved to Livonia. They purchased one of the first homes in the Meri Lynn Farms subdivision and were eventually surrounded by numerous wonderful neighbors and schools. The Sauls family experienced many memorable years while living there.

Virginia earned her Bachelor's Degree in Art from Wayne State University. She later completed her Master's Degree in Education from Eastern Michigan while she and Gordon raised their three sons. They both taught in the Livonia Public Schools from the early 1960's until they retired in 1988. Virginia taught at several different elementary schools throughout her teaching career, while Gordon taught his first year at Cleveland Elementary and then Franklin High School.

An avid world traveler, Virginia explored the globe with Gordon. They visited England, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Egypt, Mexico, Jamaica and more. She also traveled with friends to Japan, Greece, Australia, Turkey, Germany, Hungary, and New Zealand. Virginia loved cooking and always had a tasty well balanced meal for the family - juggling this with being a



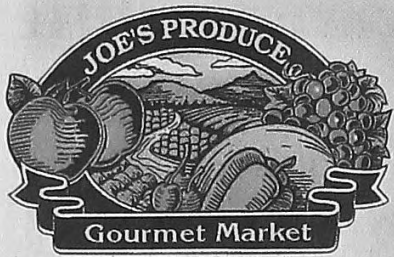
school teacher. Her specialties included a delicious brisket, Hamburger Corn-Pone-Pie (a family favorite), home-made spaghetti sauce, numerous exotic foreign dishes, and many more. She was a true believer in adding spice to her life by means of travel and food.

Virginia was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother - gentle, patient, kind, and funny - always upbeat and positive. She loved reading, classical music, educational TV shows, movies, and playing card games.... especially an old family favorite "Old Hell". She loved her teaching career and her students. Virginia often reminisced about many of them and wondered what they did with their lives years later. She took great satisfaction in knowing she gave her students her very best - that pride never left her. After retiring from teaching, she continued to travel numerous years and also enjoyed a good home life. She and Gordon moved into assisted living in October of 2018.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents and two siblings, Rivan Frazee and Helen Lippert. She was also preceded in death by her oldest son David in December 2018 and her husband Gordon in December 2019. She is survived by middle son Brian (Charlene) of Harrisburg, PA, her youngest son Eric (Erin) of Highland, MI, and four grandchildren: Ian and Keith of Pennsylvania, and Michelle and Katy of Highland, MI.

Virginia will be missed by all those who knew her, but she told her sons and close friends not to be sad after she departs because she had lived a wonderful and happy life. She went strong up until the last week - always upbeat and sharp as a tack. A memorial to celebrate Virginia and Gordon's lives will be scheduled after the current COVID-19 crisis subsides.

The family requests any donations be made to Michigan Premier Hospice, who was wonderful in helping care for Virginia and Gordon in their final months.



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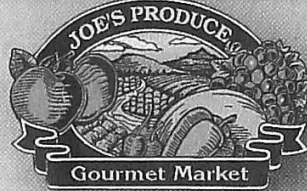


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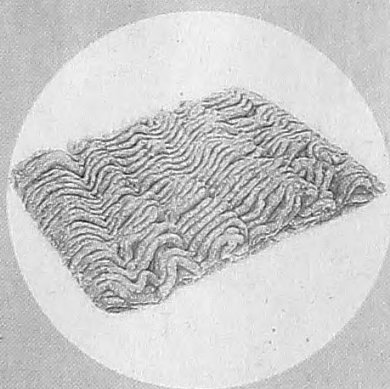
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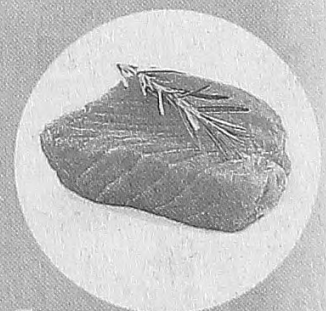
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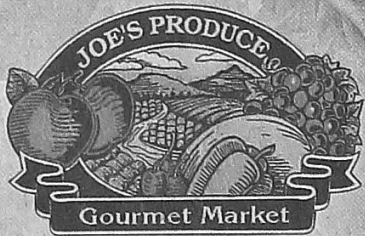
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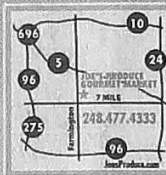
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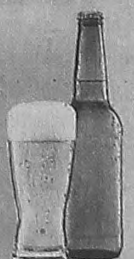
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Sports



Armand Vigna, left, led Livonia Franklin to its only football state title in school history in 1975. Vigna, 84, died April 28.
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Vigna, coach of Franklin football state champs, dies

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Armand Vigna was detail-oriented, well respected, a teacher and a friend to many.

The former Livonia Franklin head coach, who coached football for more than 40 years, helped the Patriots to its only state title in 1975, the first Division 1 state title in the history of Michigan high school football.

Dearborn residents Vigna and his wife Ruthie died April 28 from the coronavirus within 12 hours of each other. Both were 84.

In his head coaching career at Livonia Franklin, Cherry Hill and Ravenna, Vigna posted a record of 157-114-2, according to the Michigan High School Football Association Coaches Hall of Fame, earning regional coach of the year honors in 1975 and 1982.

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Vigna, kneeling, poses with his coaching staff, including George Lovich, center.

CC AD named CHSL Hall of Fame inductee

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When walking around Detroit Catholic Central, there are sayings that have become commonplace.

“The Mountain” — a phrase taken from Alabama head football coach Nick Saban and New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick — is used to encourage students to push past complacency and the point of satisfaction, no matter how successful one is.

“The standard is the standard,” is a phrase that creates a mentality of excellence spiritually, academically and athletically, inspiring students to get to a standard they never thought they could get to.

“The brotherhood,” the mantra of the Shamrocks, unites the school. It’s something that is real from the student body to the faculty and staff.

To Aaron Babicz, athletic director at Catholic Central, these are only a few of numerous hashtags he uses on social media to showcase the Shamrocks.

But to him, it’s more than just mindless phrases.

“Some places might say it, and it’s a hashtag to use. It’s a sexy hashtag so people buy into it on the outside,” Babicz said. “But when we say it, I feel like there is a lot of substance behind it.

“We mean it.”



Babicz

Over the past 11 years, this has been the mentality of Babicz, growing up in the Catholic High School League, graduating from Catholic Central in 1993 before returning as a freshman football coach, admissions director and, eventually, athletic director.

On April 21, the CHSL announced that Babicz would be a part of its 2020 Hall of Fame induction class.

“I just told (the students), ‘This just proves to you guys that I tried to crush it as hard as possible for you,’” Babicz said.

Since taking the athletic director job in 2009, he has seen 24 teams from nine different sports earn state titles, along with CHSL titles from 13 of the 14 teams at Catholic Central.

However, Babicz said this does not have to do with the amount of talent the Shamrocks have had. Instead, the cohesion of the team off the field or off

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Soccer club cancels 2020 Canton Cup

Andrew Vaillencourt

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Canton will be without its marquee soccer tournament of the year later this month due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The Canton Soccer Club has canceled the 2020 Canton Cup, which was supposed to take place at Independence Park over Memorial Day Weekend. The youth soccer tournament typically brings in between 500-700 teams from all across the country.

“Everybody in the township knows when it’s happening,” Canton Soccer Club President Jim Harkins said. “We bring in 30-40,000 people to the township and the couple big parks that we use.”

It would’ve been the 38th annual Canton Cup. The tournament also serves as a fundraiser for the club and Canton Township.

“The tournament itself is a fundraising opportunity for the club and the township,” Harkins said. “A lot of what happens there goes into our capital improvement plan that helps keep Independence Park one of the premier parks in the area.”

Harkins added that he doesn’t expect the loss of this year’s tournament to affect finances much, but that it’s disappointing for the area’s soccer teams that will not be able to participate.

The Canton Cup isn’t the only thing that the Canton Soccer Club has been forced to cancel either. All spring seasons for both recreational and select teams have been shut down. Instead, the club is hoping it can salvage at least a partial summer season, with the earliest possible starting date June 1.

“What we’ve been doing is focusing on what we might be able to get into a shortened summer season,” Harkins said. “We have a list of partner clubs that we already have side agreements with that if deemed safe, we will work



The Canton Soccer Club had to cancel this year's Canton Cup due to the coronavirus pandemic. COURTESY OF JIM HARKINS

with them on setting up a short scrimmage season where the results don’t mean anything but gets our kids out on the field doing what they love to do.”

The Canton Soccer Club usually has spring, summer and fall leagues for ages 5-18. Scheduling was already finished for the spring season when the CO-

VID-19 outbreak began. The club then followed the lead of the US Soccer Federation and the Michigan State Youth Soccer Association (MSYSA) which recommended events be canceled.

Information on future leagues and updates on the 2021 Canton Cup can be found on the club’s website: cantonsoc-

cerclub.com. Information on the club’s partnership with pro soccer team Detroit City FC can be found at: DCFCyouthwest.com.

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Inductee

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the court determines long-term success.

“The teams of ours that win are a family before they become a team,” Babicz said. “That’s the secret. If we lose that, then we won’t be successful. If we can keep that high level of faith in the brotherhood, then, God willing, we’ll keep going.”

To coaches that are a part of the Catholic Central athletic program, culture is what separates the Shamrocks from other schools.

Mitch Hancock, the head wrestling coach, describes Babicz as “an incredible leader and mentor” for the players, coaches and community, investing his time and platform in helping lead people to become better people.

“Our guys love him and he’s as invested as you can get,” Hancock said. “He sets the standard.”

Brandon Kaleniecki, the head hockey coach, sees it in Babicz’s day-to-day interactions inside the school.

“The biggest thing to me is that Aaron is so committed to the kids in every way. He always has time for a kid walking by



Catholic Central wrestling has won four straight Division 1 team state titles.

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his office. I see that daily in the school,” Kaleniecki said. “He genuinely loves his job and enjoys helping kids who are striving to reach something.”

Brandon Sinawi first saw this from the outside.

As a former head boys basketball

coach at Novi, he saw what Babicz built, even though he had never met him before his job interview with Catholic Central.

It’s something Sinawi did not understand completely until he became part of the coaching family.

“Culture’s huge. Not a lot of people understand that unless you are in the building and you have experienced these hallways, and the brotherhood and those type of things,” Sinawi said.

This idea is something Babicz has tried to give opponents glimpses of when they have faced Catholic Central.

In his time as athletic director with the Shamrocks, Babicz said he has tried to build relationships with surrounding athletic directors — from both public and private schools — treating each team and opposing player with respect.

But the message Babicz consistently tells the students at Catholic Central is he would suit up and go to war with them, that he loves them.

For him, that’s what separates his athletic program from others in the state: the brotherhood leads to success.

That mentality does not only affect the gyms, the fields or the coaches’ offices in the school, either.

“I tell our kids all the time: ‘I don’t care if you are a student athlete or not,’” Babicz said. “I care about every kid here.”

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Vigna

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“I have never heard anyone say ill words toward Armand Vigna. He was intense, he was competitive to the nth degree,” Livonia Franklin athletic director Ron Hammye said. “Just a person who motivated young people.”

Ahead of his time

George Lovich’s first impression of Vigna was that of a jitterbug.

The head coach of Franklin described his newest hire — the junior varsity football coach — as always wanting to get something done right away, eager to refine the game and better himself and the people around him in any way that he knew how.

Vigna did this in a way that the sports world had not seen at the high-school level: programming.

Through computer code, data and help from a friend that worked for the Ford Motor Company, Vigna would create detailed scouting reports and game plans about upcoming opponents: everything from statistics regarding suc-

cess at different down and distances to which formations were used in different in-game situations.

“We could tell you the last time you took a glass of water onto the football field,” Lovich jokingly said.

Lovich stepped down from the head coaching position in 1975 to take the vacant athletic director job, paving the way for Vigna to take over. With Vigna as a trusted assistant in the years prior, nothing really changed, as he still ran the offense and Lovich coached the defense.

But the stats affected both sides of the ball

Lovich remembers a time when Franklin took on Fordson in a game when Vigna was head coach. The Patriots knew that when the Tractors got within the 30-yard line and faced a fourth down and short yardage, they would always throw a look to the tight end.

That’s what Vigna’s numbers and data showed Lovich, and it paid off.

“We knew it, our kids knew it and we intercepted the pass when they did it,” Lovich said.

Vigna retired in 1992, but returned to the Patriots coaching staff in 2001 when Kelbert took over the program, bringing

the same computer program as he had in 1975.

“On Sundays we would get our game plan, our scout plan, and that thing would be 20 to 30 pages long of just old computer code that none of us could decipher except for him,” Kelbert said. “He would take game film, VHS tape, break it down, put it in his computer and give us all the percentages of first down, third down, areas of the field.”

To Kelbert, he called it Hudl, a video and analytics tool primarily used for high school athletics, before Hudl existed.

But to the veteran head coach at Franklin, Vigna was a source of instant credibility, bringing generations upon generations of experience to the sideline.

“Being a first-time head coach and being a 26-year-old, I didn’t know a whole lot, thought I knew a whole lot,” Kelbert said. “Just having him with me, and all the things he had already done and the things he had been through really helped me: his wisdom and just a wealth of knowledge for us.”

More than a coach

To Lovich, Vigna was more than just

a fellow coach.

When he was called and told that Vigna had died, he was told that every time he would call his co-worker after both had retired, Vigna’s daughters would always say, “Dad, your girlfriend is calling.”

With that, all Lovich could do was laugh.

“That’s what my daughters would say when Armand would call me.”

Lovich described the family dynamic between him and Vigna to be as close as close can be.

Lovich said what he will miss most is talking football with Vigna, talking about Franklin, long after the two stopped walking the sidelines together.

“But the part that you can’t pick up the phone, call him and start talking football,” Lovich said. “I’ll miss that. It’s not there anymore, even though I knew it was happening.”

“For the past two years, I knew it was coming. We tried to keep it going as long as we could.”

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State's campgrounds closed until June

Amy Huschka Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Although the weather is warming up and Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has encouraged folks to get outside during the coronavirus pandemic, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is saying “not so fast” on everything getting back to normal.

To help slow the spread of COVID-19 and carry out Whitmer's extended “Stay Home, Stay Safe” Executive Order through May 15, the DNR has updated anticipated opening dates at many of its public outdoor recreation sites and facilities.

Most state parks and recreation areas and state-managed trails and boating access sites are open, but social distancing is encouraged.

Proposed facility reopening dates are being staggered to allow for proper preparation.

Details on closures and changes in services, as well as frequently asked questions, are available on the DNR's COVID-19 response webpage at Michigan.gov/DNR.

Ron Olson, chief of the DNR Parks and Recreation Division, said he and his staff are eager to welcome back campers and visitors, but proper safety precautions and maintenance work must happen first.

“We know millions of residents are eager to return to state parks and recreation areas, and we will be here to serve them and make their visits as enjoyable as possible, but we have to open the right way and be certain that facilities and sites are clean, safe and ready to accommodate everyone,” Olson said.

To prepare state-managed parks, trails and boating facilities, many tasks must be completed once nonessential work is permitted. The department anticipates staff can start work May 15. Prep work is expected to take five weeks.

Camping, overnight lodging, shelters set to open June 22

Camping and overnight lodging reservations for dates between May 15 and June 21 have been canceled, but reimbursement options are available. Please



A family fishes of a boat on Interlochen State Park in the summer of 2019. State parks are set to reopen this year in June.
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call the reservation call center at 800-447-2757 for details.

June 10 opening for state forest campgrounds, DNR-operated harbors

The DNR will extend closures in state forest campgrounds and DNR-operated harbors through at least June 9, allowing for additional time to prepare for public reopening.

Reservations for dates between May 15 and June 9 will automatically be canceled after May 15 for a full refund to the original payment method, unless a customer calls the call center at 800-447-2757 by 8 p.m. May 15 to request a reservation be changed to a later date as outlined above (including one free night).

Boating access sites availability

DNR-managed boating access sites that already were open for the season and remained open during the stay-at-home order will remain open. The addition of various amenities, such as the placement of piers and the reopening of bathrooms at boating access sites, will begin as staff time and maintenance schedules allow.

Boating (including motorized) is allowed, but people from different households are encouraged to practice social distancing.

Other operational announcements

■ Bathroom buildings and hand-washing stations are closed through at least June 3, although those facilities at campgrounds will remain closed until the campground opens. Trash service

also has been halted during the same time frame; please leave the sites as you found them. Bring bags to carry out any trash with you.

■ Dispersed camping on approved state-managed lands is not permitted until at least May 15.

■ Due to the extended stay-at-home order and operational functions associated with starting the season, the tentative opening date at Silver Lake State Park ORV Area in Oceana County is June 3. Staff is scheduled to return May 15 and the prep work is anticipated to take about three weeks.

■ To minimize face-to-face interaction and the exchange of money, the Recreation Passport requirement for vehicle entry to state parks and recreation areas, state forest campgrounds and state-managed boating access sites has been suspended until two weeks after the stay-at-home order ends.

Discover the magic of zucchini casserole

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Grandma Leslie was a little surprised to learn that her zucchini casserole would soon grace the newspaper.

“It must be a really slow news day,” she said over the phone, with a laugh.

Of course, she knows that's not the case. Quite the opposite, in fact. But that's precisely when we need recipes like hers the most.

My mother-in-law's signature dish is a homey throwback – a pointedly unfancy casserole brimming with fresh vegetables, a pile of potatoes, a bit of meat and way more cheese than anybody should be cramming into one helping. A staple she grew up eating at her family's farm in Michigan, it holds the dual distinction of being perfectly designed for quarantine cookery and wielding mystical powers over all who try it.

“They had nothing, but they had lots of zucchini and lots of potatoes and lots of tomatoes. I don't even know if they had ground beef, but that's in the recipe. I had it from my Grandma Sophie starting when I was five years old, and it's been in my family even longer. It was designed to take care of whatever was in your garden.”

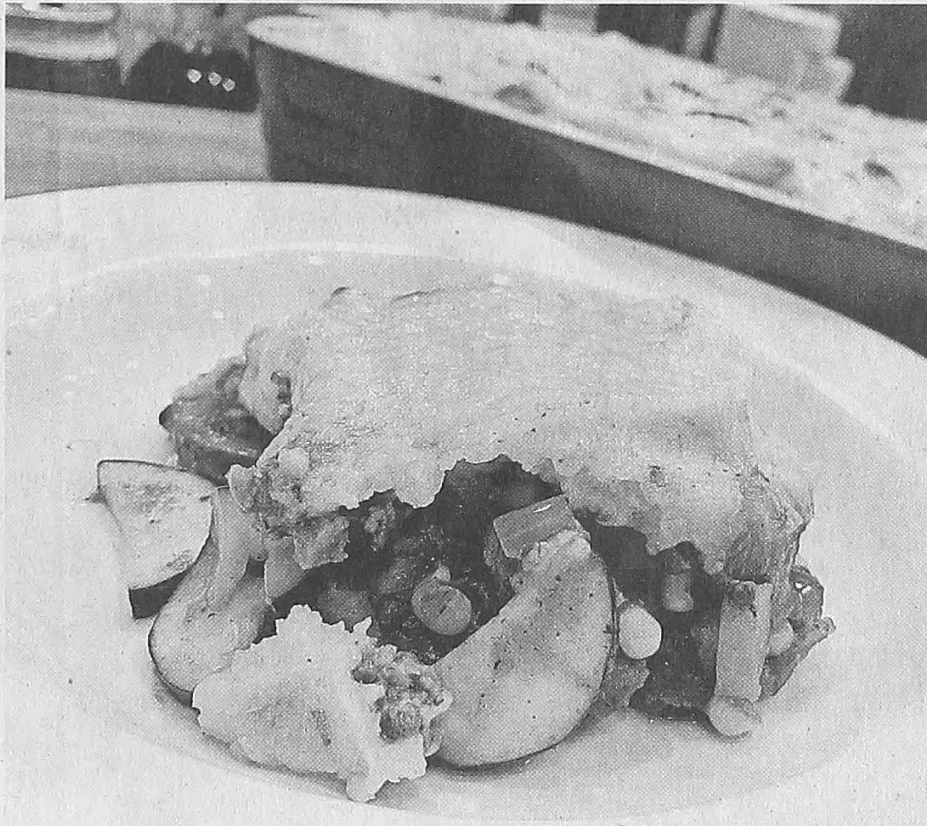
Or whatever's in your crisper drawer, as the case may be.

Not only is this the perfect catch-all recipe for whatever produce you need to use up, it also has the unique power to make otherwise finicky kids plow headlong into a big pile of vegetables. Back when my daughter refused to eat anything other than white bread, white rice, spaghetti and Special K Red Berries with the berries picked out (but not plain Special K... long story), she'd make an exception to demolish a hunk of zucchini casserole.

My wife recalls devouring it with similar zeal as a kid. And her sister, once so enthused to describe her favorite dinner for a school project, was the family member who officially codified the zucchini casserole serving size.

“My dad eats two hunks, and I eat one hunk and my mom eats one and a half hunks,” the grade-schooler dutifully reported some three decades ago.

A glance at the stained, aging recipe



Grandma Leslie's zucchini casserole makes fine comfort food.
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card typewritten by Leslie's Aunt Phyl reveals that the formula has evolved over time. Grandpa Mark abhors bell peppers, so they disappeared for a generation. Grandma Leslie is a fan of melted cheese, and her daughters wouldn't have it any other way, so neither would I. I have no idea if Grandma Sophie would approve, but I think some corn kernels lend a gorgeous, fresh pop. (And a splash of Cutino Sauce Co.'s Verde isn't half bad either.)

So, here is my lightly modified take on Grandma Leslie's zucchini casserole. I make it once a month, and we eat it all week.

I expect we'll be eating it all quarantine long. And who knows how long thereafter.

“Here's the thing about it,” Grandma Leslie gently intones. “Everybody loves it. That's what's so funny. It's so basic,

but there's something about it.”

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Grandma Leslie's Zucchini Casserole

Makes: A dozen hunks.

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 pound ground beef

2 medium onions, chopped

3 medium carrots, sliced

2 medium green bell peppers, stemmed, seeded and chopped

2 medium zucchini, sliced

1 cup corn kernels (preferably from two ears of fresh corn)

28 ounces canned tomatoes (crushed or squished by hand as you add them to the pan)

2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce

1 teaspoon dried oregano

1½ pounds potatoes, cut into 1-inch cubes

3 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons sour cream

½ cup milk

8 ounces shredded cheddar cheese

Heat the oil in a very large saute pan over high heat and when it starts to shimmer, add the ground beef. Cook, stirring and breaking up, until deeply browned. Remove the beef from the pan and set aside, leaving any juices and rendered fat behind in the pan.

Reduce heat to medium-high and cook onions, stirring frequently, until well-browned. Add the carrots and cook for 2-3 minutes longer. Add the bell peppers, zucchini, corn, tomatoes, Worcestershire, oregano and salt and pepper to taste, scraping the bottom of the pan to release any browned bits. Reduce heat to medium and simmer, stirring occasionally, for 15-20 minutes, until vegetables are somewhat softened. Adjust seasoning.

Meanwhile, place potatoes in a pot with salted water to cover, bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer for 15-20 minutes, until tender and easily pierced with a fork. Drain the potatoes well, return to the pot and whip with the butter, sour cream, milk and salt and pepper to taste.

To assemble the casserole, transfer the vegetable mixture to a 9x13" baking dish, then top in layers with the ground beef, then the mashed potatoes, then the cheddar cheese.

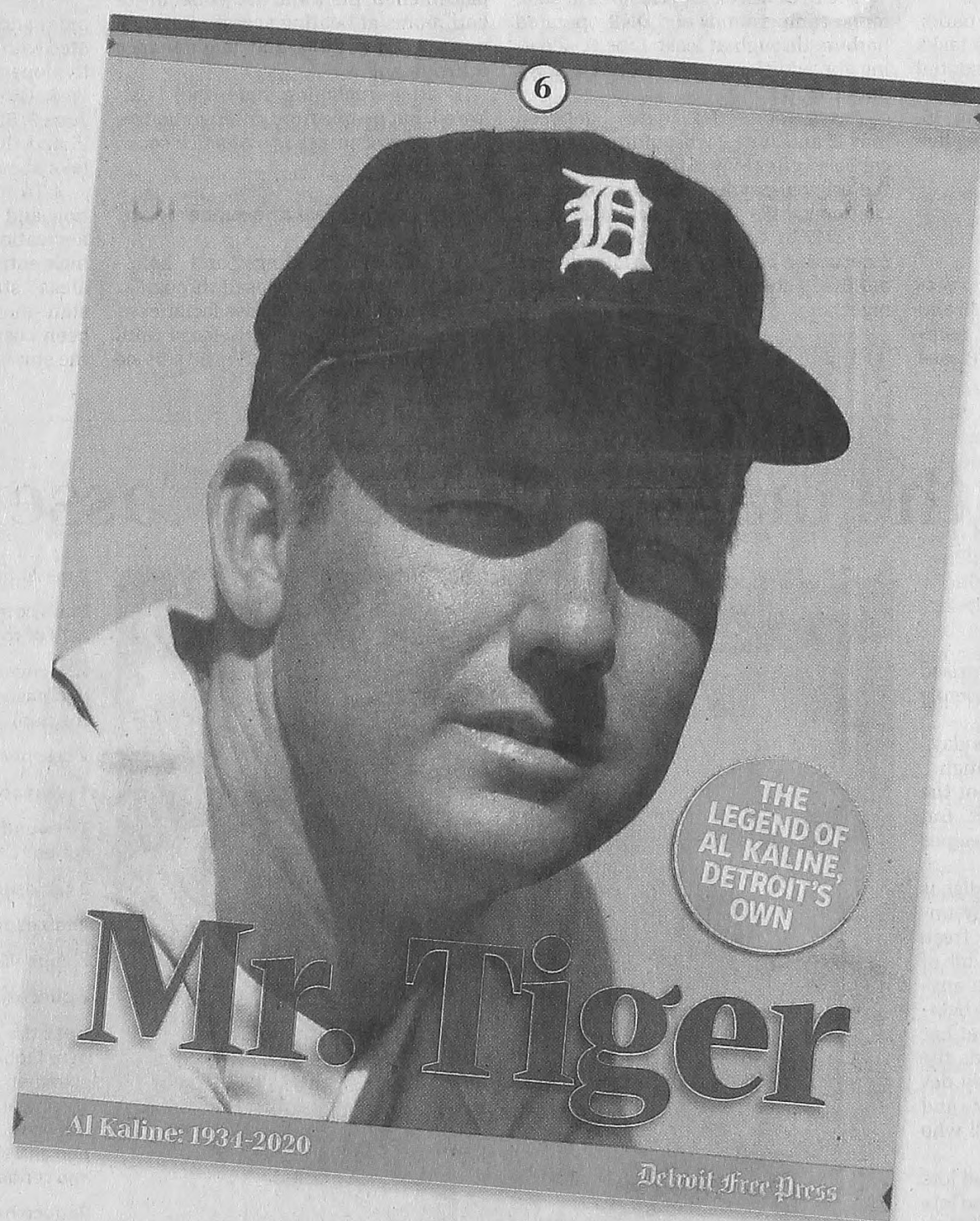
Bake the casserole in a 350° oven for 20 minutes, then turn on the broiler until the cheese is lightly browned. Remove casserole from the oven, allow to cool for 5-10 minutes, cut into hunks and serve.



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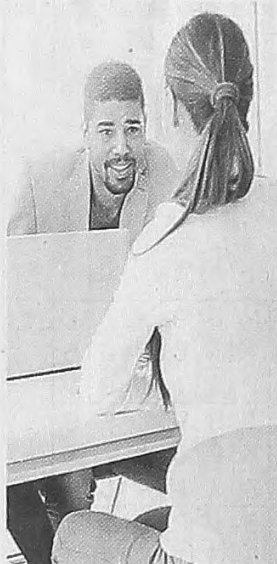
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12 Run-down 73-Down
19 Deep musing
21 Calm down
22 Filled pasta squares
23 Shady public walk
24 1909 Literature Nobel [Alabama]
26 Runner-up of tennis' 2017 U.S. Open [Wisconsin]
28 Enkindled
29 Authorize to
30 "Ye olde" place
31 Quarterback Brady
32 Counterparts of egos
35 Cutely shy
38 Cosmetics company founder [Montana]
46 Paris-based cultural gp.
49 Mysterious letters
50 Washington subway system, familiarly

51 Alfred Lunt's comedy partner [Massachusetts]
54 Poker champ Ungar
55 Spicy cuisine
56 Last line on an invoice
57 Abu — (emirate)
59 Navy off.
60 Plaintiff
61 "Today" co-anchor [Georgia]
67 Take in
70 Higher
71 Take in
72 "Jane Eyre" novelist [North Carolina]
79 Goad
83 Go bad
84 — -ski bar
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88 LAX stats
90 Comic Carrey
91 Star of the reality show subtitled "Life's a Tripp" [Connecticut]
95 Birthstone after ruby
97 "The Liberty Bell" march composer

98 Passionate
99 "Weeds" actress [New Jersey]
103 — Plaines
104 Mag heads
105 That lad's
106 Motorola competitor
109 Saturate
112 Iceberg part
113 "National Velvet" novelist [Oklahoma]
119 1970 #1 hit for The Guess Who that's apt for this puzzle?
124 "Woe Is I" author Patricia T. —
125 Price ceiling
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128 Having been banished
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130 Golf course units: Abbr.
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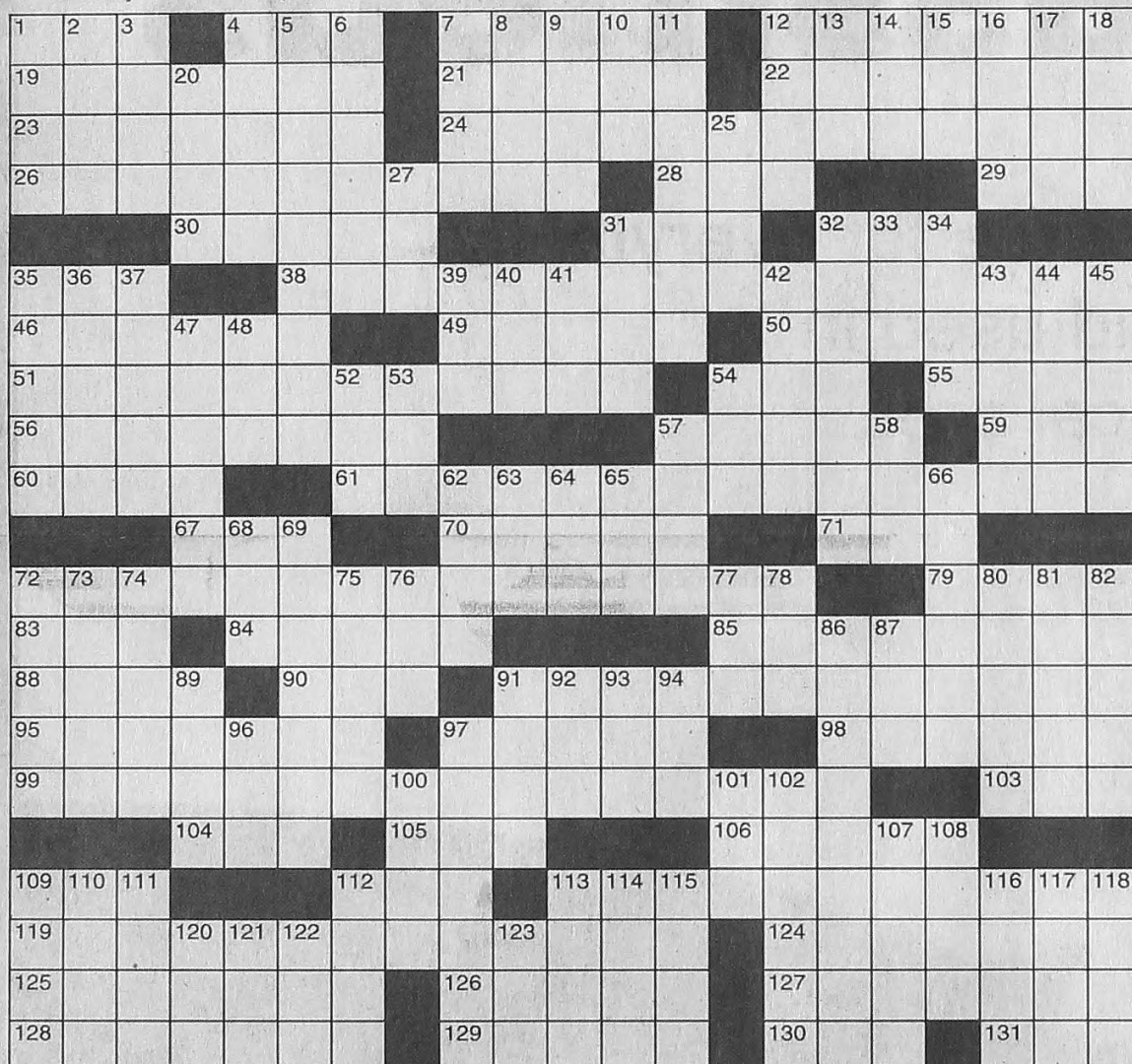
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7 Stun with a charge
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9 Good friends
10 \$\$\$ holder
11 Passionate
12 Greek society
13 Delay
14 Abel's mom
15 Broadcast
16 — weevil
17 Healing plant
18 Donation
20 Send out
25 See 31-Down
27 Kenan's sitcom buddy
31 With 25-Down, perch for a nest
32 Night demon
33 Mil. award
34 "Keep it in"
35 Niche sects
36 "The joke's —!"
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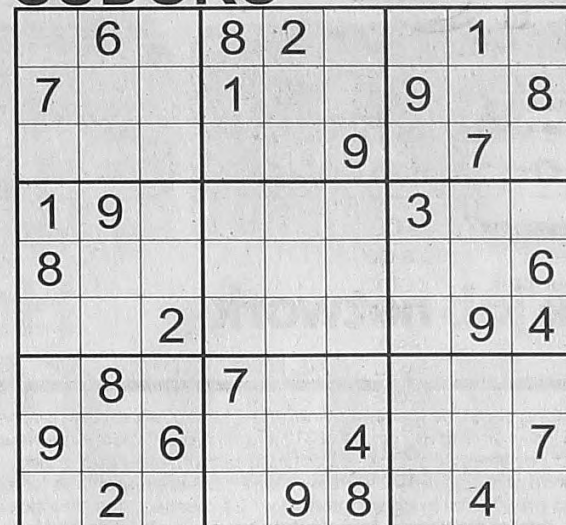
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53 Caddy drink
54 "Zip it up!"
57 "Aw, rats!"
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63 LAPD alert
64 "Weekend Edition" network
65 Natal lead-in
66 Set of seven
68 Similar to
69 Superbly done tasks
72 Delicate pancake
73 The Ritz, e.g.
74 Pong creator
75 Overused
76 Pro —
77 — for tat
78 Rock's Brian
80 Irritated
81 Sheeplike
82 Auto dings
86 Northwestern Pacific fish
87 ER skill
89 Large or medium
91 Enjoys some 1940s jazz

92 Regret
93 Syr. neighbor
94 Hefty Cinch —
96 "Old man"
97 Slope on which a vessel is built
100 Wispy
101 Pol. wild card
102 Unimportant person
107 Stravinsky and Sikorsky
108 Part of A.D.
109 Indian dress
110 Arab nation
111 Singer Seeger
112 Racket grip enhancer
113 "The Circle" actress Watson
114 Brand of hair remover
115 Stay-the-night sites
116 Informed of
117 Utah city near Provo
118 Abstainers from alcohol
120 Writer Stout
121 French for "here"
122 Shortstop Ripken
123 Poem type



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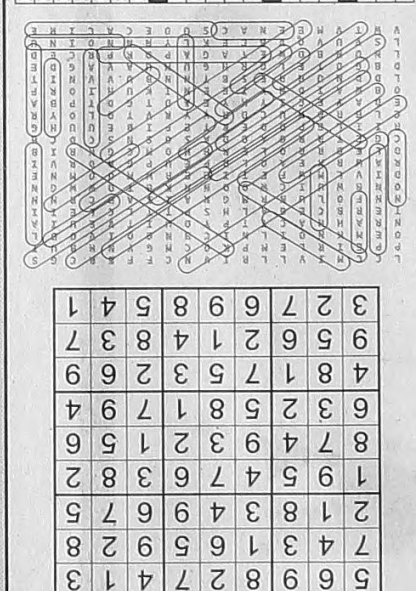
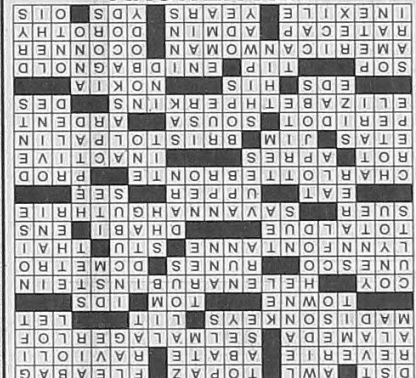
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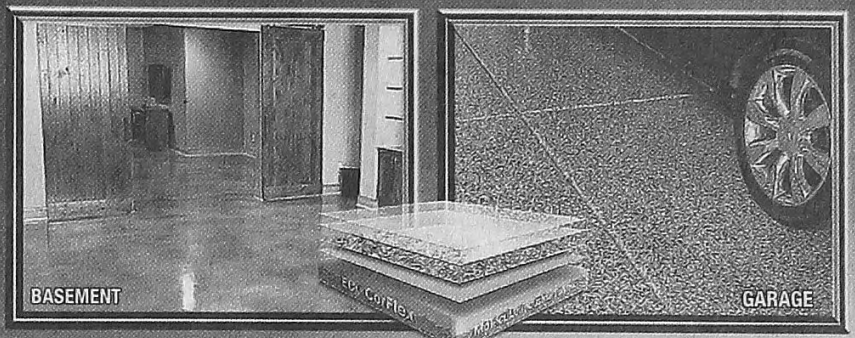
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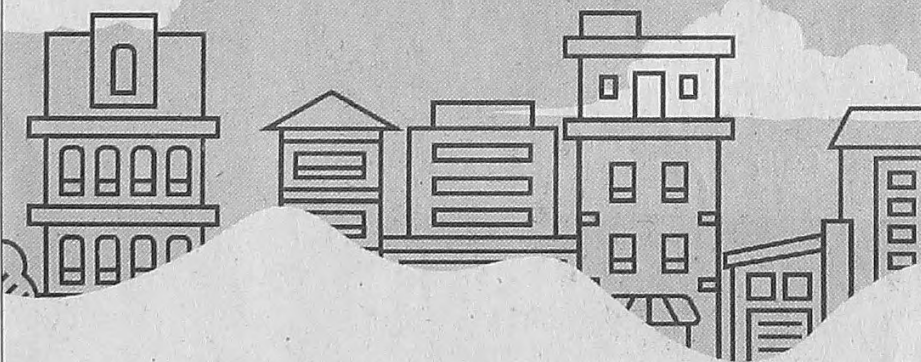
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