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Use of reindeer at event angers activists

Group asks Plymouth to ban live-animal exhibits

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Animal-rights activists are decrying the presence of a live reindeer last month at a downtown Plymouth holiday event, arguing it posed a threat to the

public and the health of the animal.

Michigan State Director of The Humane Society of the United States Molly Tamulevich and four other advocates addressed the Plymouth City Commission on Monday, urging commissioners to create an ordinance prohibiting fu-

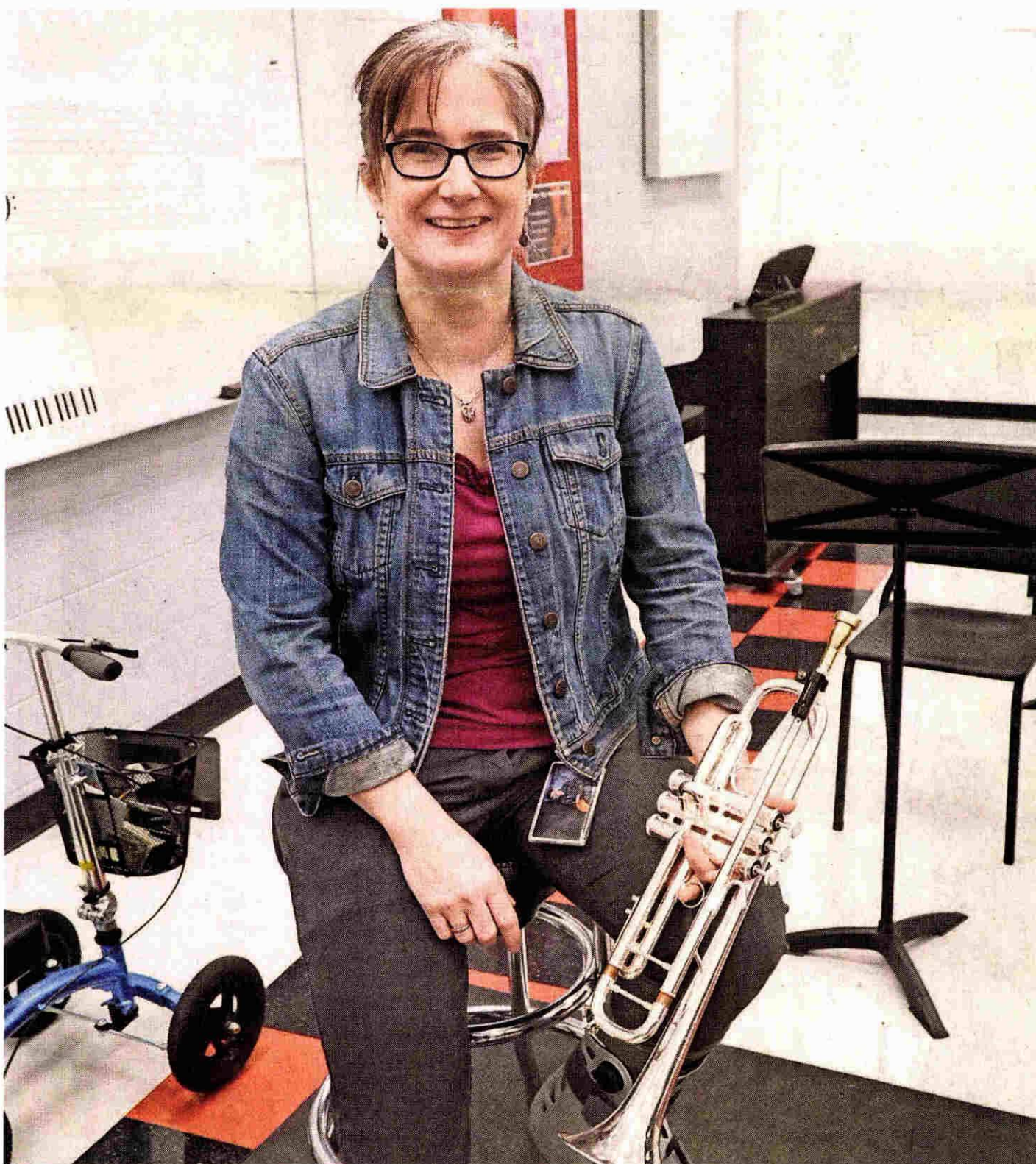
ture live-animal exhibits, emphasizing that placing an animal in an out-of-its-element setting is potentially harmful to the public and the welfare of the animal.

Ferndale and Eastpointe are the only two Michigan municipalities to enact such an ordinance, Tamulevich said, adding that Plymouth could be among the animal-rights front-runners if an ordinance were passed.

"Whether it's a circus, a traveling tiger show or a reindeer posing for photos on a city sidewalk, exhibits that feature wild animals threaten public safety by bringing people dangerously close to powerful, unpredictable and stressed wild animals who, all too often, take every opportunity to lash out or escape,"

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Teacher snags Grammy nod



Livonia Churchill High music teacher Elizabeth Hering has been nominated for a 2020 Grammy Music Educator Award.
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Churchill's Elizabeth Hering nominated for Music Educator Award

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This year, Churchill High School teacher Elizabeth Hering could be attending the annual Grammy Awards alongside music giants like Blake Shel-

ton and Taylor Swift. For the second time, the teacher was named a finalist for the Recording Academy and Grammy Museum's Music Educator Award.

Hering, Churchill's music department chair and the director of bands, was one of more than 3,300 nominees

from all 50 states. She's the only Michigan educator to be named one of the 10 finalists.

"It doesn't even matter if I reach the finals or not, just receiving that email

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Farmington Hills police officer saves cat from fire

On Dec. 14, Farmington Hills resident Scott Sinischo arrived home to find that a fire had caused extensive damage to his apartment, leaving it charred and covered in soot and smoke.

He soon learned that his cat, Ludwig, had not survived the ordeal. He was also unable to locate his other cat, Pearl, and believed that she had also perished in the fire.

According to the American Veterinary Medical Association, about 40,000 pets die in residential fires each year, mostly from smoke inhalation.

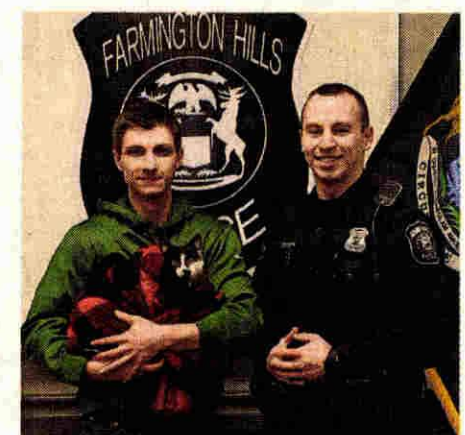
While people often believe that animals run out during a house fire, the vast majority hide someplace they consider safe instead of escaping during the emergency, city officials said.

This is precisely what happened with Pearl. After Farmington Hills Fire Department personnel completed the fire investigation, Officer Timothy Sjostrom re-entered the apartment in a final effort to locate Pearl just in case she had gone into hiding.

It turned out his hunch was correct; Pearl was under the bed in the back bedroom covered in ashes, disoriented, and suffering from smoke inhalation.

Upon seeing Sjostrom, the terrified cat crawled inside the bed's foundation, which had a small hole in the fabric underneath.

See CAT, Page 6A



Farmington Hills police officer Timothy Sjostrom recently helped save a cat that tried to hide for safety in its owner, Scott Sinischo's, apartment during a fire. COURTESY OF FARMINGTON HILLS FIRE DEPARTMENT



CORRECTIONS

■ A story running on 1A in the Jan. 9 edition, "Plymouth Ice Festival offers winter fun," should have identified Rep. Matt Koleszar, D-Plymouth, as taking part in the opening at the Plymouth Ice Festival.

■ A story running on 1A in the Jan. 5 edition, "Canton smoking ban includes golf courses," referenced the township parks and recreation decision to ban smoking at Canton's two municipal courses, except in designated smoking areas. A subsequent release from the township stated that golfers will be allowed to smoke on the golf course itself. "It is common practice for golf courses to allow smoking on the links due to the large, open natural spaces and its low impact to other golfers on the course," stated Greg Hohenberger, Canton Leisure Services director, in the release. "The intent of the smoking ban on Canton Leisure Services facilities and parks is to create a healthy environment for public gatherings and to ensure that visitors to our parks and facilities have a more enjoyable experience."



George Miller, seated, poses for a photo with local public safety officials. Miller, from Canton, served as a heavy-artillery gunner in France, Belgium and Luxembourg during World War II. He died Jan. 6 at age 99. COURTESY OF CANTON TOWNSHIP

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World War II veteran from Canton dies at 99

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World War II hero George Miller, a longtime resident of Canton, died Jan. 6 at St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti. He was 99.

Miller earned several medals during WWII, including the French Legion of Honor, six Bronze Stars and was a rifle marksman. He served three years with distinction as a heavy-artillery gunner in France, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Among his many distinctions was aiding with the evacuation during the fall of Paris. He also fought in the Battle of the Bulge and received multiple commendations for his dedication and

bravery.

"The discipline and patriotism he learned in the Army never left him, as friends and family will attest," said his son, Don Miller.

Miller was raised in southern Indiana, the second youngest of five children. He eventually left his family's farm to live with relatives and eventually joined the Army.

Miller later moved his family to Michigan to take a job as a carpenter, before securing a job on a production line for Ford Motor Company, from which he retired in 1970.

Miller is survived by his four sons: Frank, George Jr., Don, and Thomas. He also leaves behind eleven grandchil-

dren: Guy, Margaret, David, Terry, Stephen, Andrew, Carla, Kristin, Bradley, Davis, and Lacie; fourteen great-grandchildren: Alex, Brandon, Isaac, Scarlett, Matthew, Kyle, Kia, Christian, Sabrina, Noah, Erik, Ian, Maggie, and Ella; and two great-great grandchildren: Damian and Andrew.

Visitation will be held 2-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 11 and 12, at Uht Funeral Home, 35400 Glenwood Road in Westland.

Miller's burial service will be held 10 a.m., Monday, Jan. 6, at Glenwood Cemetery in Westland.

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At left, Jim Diebolt, co-owner of Your CBD Store, checks out a CBD tincture made by Sunmed. The new shop sits at 467 Forest Ave. in Plymouth, pictured at right. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

CBD shop opens in downtown Plymouth

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The opportunity to return to Michigan and open their own business was enough to lure the Diebolts home from Pittsburgh. That business is one they're excited to launch in Plymouth.

The Northville couple recently opened Your CBD Store at 467 Forest Ave. inside where the Old World Olive Press used to operate. While in Pittsburgh, they noticed several Your CBD Store shops open and thought they would give it a try in Michigan.

"The last year we started considering moving back," she said. "This brand, Your CBD Store ... they started popping up all over Pittsburgh.

"So we took notice of that."

The two began using CBD and became big believers in the product before

changing career paths to own their own business.

The store opened in December and offers several CBD products, including water-soluble CBD products, oil tinctures and other edible ways to ingest the CBD. It carries a line for pet usage, as well.

Proponents of the product claim it can be an alternative relief for various kinds of aches and pains, though it's still so new to the market — CBD was made available after the legalization of hemp in 2018 — there's no real consensus among medical professionals over its use by the masses yet.

Your CBD Store operates more than 600 stores across the United States, though just two are located in Michigan: in addition to the Plymouth store, another operates in Sterling Heights.

Shops that sell CBD, or cannabidiol,

have popped up across the region since it became legal at the end of 2018. Dedicated shops just selling CBD have arrived in communities such as Farmington and Highland Township, and other stores carry CBD products in addition to their regular stock.

Kate Diebolt said Your CBD Store isn't like other stores, as they hope to blend into the city and become part of the fabric that is downtown Plymouth.

"There's a lot of CBD that's offered in other storefronts," Kate Diebolt said. "What makes this unique is that we're really set up to be part of the community."

When looking for a place to set up shop, they looked across the region before deciding on downtown Plymouth. When Old World Olive Press's space became open on Forest Avenue, the couple jumped at the opportunity. They spent

weeks renovating the space beginning in November, refreshing the interior and opening in early December.

"We couldn't have been more proud to find a space in Plymouth," Jim Diebolt said. "Easily the best form of advertising we've done is put the shop where we have."

The couple hopes to provide answers to shoppers' questions about CBD and hope to have educational events in the future.

"In general, we're not only here to get the products in the community's hands, but to get them to understand what they can do and that there are alternatives out there," Jim Diebolt said.

The store is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

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Art and Jake's sports bar coming to Northville

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An east side staple is making a move to Northville Township later this year.

Art and Jake's, a sports bar with locations across Macomb County, will open its first restaurant west of Dequindre Road later this year in the building formerly occupied by Brann's Steakhouse at 39715 Six Mile, just west of Haggerty Road.

The restaurant group has purchased the building and is in the process of removing the old equipment and preparing for a complete remodel both inside and out.

"The building is going to be completely redone, outside and inside," said Victor Trpceviski, owner of Art and Jake's. "It's going to be something Northville hasn't seen yet."

Trpceviski said his goal is to open this summer, no later than Aug. 1. That opening will come after the remodeling and hiring of a new team for the restaurant.

Art and Jake's is a sports bar that's operated for nearly 25 years, Trpceviski said. They currently have locations in Sterling Heights, Shelby Township and



The former Brann's Steakhouse at Six Mile and Haggerty in Northville Township is being redesigned into an Art and Jake's sports bar. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Washington Township, as well as a location in Newnan, Georgia.

The restaurant is one that focuses foremost on food, Trpceviski said, a difference from other bars that focus more

on drinks. Each location has its own chef, and the menus will rotate items on a regular basis.

"The difference between them and us and our place is we push food first," he

said. "We're a big family tavern."

The restaurant will have specials on weekday nights, including \$5 burgers on Mondays, kids night on Tuesdays and \$9 ribs on Wednesdays. It's a place, Trpceviski said, that they hope to attract several area sports teams looking for a place after games to eat and other events.

Brann's Steakhouse closed late last summer after a run of 15 years in Northville Township.

While the restaurant focuses first on food, Trpceviski said there are plenty of drink options, including 40 beers on tap and a full selection of wines. The restaurant also has several craft cocktails it serves at its locations.

The expansion in Northville Township is one of several the company hopes to accomplish in the coming years. Trpceviski said his team can't wait to expand and move to another part of metro Detroit.

"We're a sports bar with fine dining flavor," he said. "We're excited to come to that neighborhood."

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Farmington Road wreck fatally injures passenger

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An 80-year-old Livonia woman has died from injuries sustained in a Tues-

day morning wreck along Farmington Road in Livonia.

The unnamed woman was the passenger in a vehicle pulling out of the Pinebrooke Office Park south of Eight Mile

Road around 10:35 a.m., police said in a report.

A northbound vehicle driven by a Westland resident, 47, struck their vehicle.

All of them were hospitalized. An investigation continues.

Names are being withheld until families are notified.
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Novi woman arraigned on homicide charges in son's death

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Mason Shi was known by some of his neighbors as the quintessential child — pure, innocent and peaceful.

He would wave, smile and blow kisses to passersby. His mother Chunhui Shi usually was outside, and neighbors knew them to be outdoors, working or playing, whenever the weather was right.

They were shocked to learn Friday that Mason was dead and that his mother could be the one responsible.

"He was very nice," neighbor Dev Rammagari said. "He was a lovely cute little boy."

Chunhui Shi, 36, was arraigned Monday in 52-1 District Court on two counts of homicide and one count of first-degree child abuse, city officials said in statement.

She is accused of killing her son with a kitchen knife before harming herself.

Shi has been denied bond and has been in police custody at an area hospital since Friday. She will head to the Oakland County Jail upon her medical discharge.

Her husband returned to their home in the 50900 block of Sevilla Circle Friday evening to find his wife and their toddler son, Mason, 2, violently injured.

Shi apparently had a history of mental health issues, which some neighbors said they never realized, maybe because of language barriers.

They heard, though, that she had tried seeking help before Mason died.

Shi and her husband are from China. They came to the United States in 2014, police said.

Neighbors said the couple moved into the Andelina Ridge subdivision home less than two years ago. Shi's hus-



Police say a toddler died Friday inside this Sevilla Circle home in Novi. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

band apparently works at Denso International America, Inc., an auto body parts supplier in Southfield.

One neighbor, who did not want to give her name, said she rarely saw the couple together. However, she frequently saw Shi and Mason together. Shi would hold the child in her arms as she walked near their home.

The neighbor said she was horrified when police showed up Friday. Shi was taken out of the house on a stretcher. Her husband was in the back of a police vehicle, and he wasn't handcuffed. But there was no sign of Mason.

His mother faces life in prison if convicted of the charges of homicide — felony murder, homicide — first-degree

premeditated murder and first-degree child abuse.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Novi Police Department at 248-348-7100 or remain anonymous by calling Crime Stoppers at 1-800- SPEAKUP.

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Los Tres Amigos waitress Mayra Garcia pours a margarita at the new restaurant in Northville on Mary Alexander Court. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Los Tres Amigos opens in Northville

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The first time Ruffy Ramirez went through Northville, he knew he had to open a restaurant in the charming downtown. After eight years, lots of waiting and plenty of renovations, his wish came true Dec. 26.

"It takes time to find a place," Ramirez said. "When I did, I said, 'Let's do it.' 'We're so happy right here in this town. Finally, we're open.'"

Los Tres Amigos, a group of Mexican restaurants based in the Lansing area, opened its most-recent restaurant in late December in downtown Northville. Located at 144 Mary Alexander Court in the building that housed the former Wok Asian Bistro, the restaurant joins several others in the area, including Farmington, Plymouth Township, Canton, Livonia and Howell. The company owns more than 20 restaurants across the state.

The restaurant has been in the works for more than a year with the interior getting completely redone to transition it to a Mexican eatery. The dining room, which seats 90, is decorated simply, complete with murals of famous Mexican celebrities from the mid-1900s, including Pedro Armendariz, Pedro Infante and Frida Kahlo. Focusing on traditional Mexican fare, patrons can dine on several delicacies, including fajitas, burritos, tacos and chimichangas, to name a few.

Ramirez said the Northville restaurant's opening has inspired the chefs to add several new items to the menu, including three vegan dishes, the first of its kind at Los Tres Amigos. Guests can choose from Tacos De Chorizo, made with soy chorizo; Tacos De Peschado, plant-based fish tacos; or beefless tacos, made from plant-based beef.

Ramirez said the vegan options have

been popular among guests coming to the new restaurant in its first days. He attributes part of that to his chefs, who have made the dishes appetizing.

"It tastes exactly the same," Ramirez said.

Ramirez said the new dishes will start in Northville and hopes to expand them to the other Los Tres Amigos in the coming weeks.

The bar also boasts 17 types of tequila to make its signature margaritas, as well as other drinks.

"We make it fresh," he said.

And if you're waiting to enjoy that drink in a warm Michigan summer, you'll be able to do that: the restaurant will offer some outdoor seating on the patio, which oversees the Northville Town Square. The seating will be perfect for events happening across downtown, including the concerts that take place every summer.

The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday. More information, including a menu, can be found at lostresamigosonline.com. The restaurant continues to hire employees; those interested in applying can stop by the restaurant and fill out an application.

Despite the increased presence in Detroit's western suburbs, Ramirez says he isn't finished in the area. He hopes to bring another Los Tres Amigos to the area, aiming to open in a place like downtown Plymouth.

Ramirez said he knows it'll be a challenge going there, given the low number of vacancies, but believes he can do it if he finds the right opportunity.

"It's going to be hard, but we're still looking at that," he said. "People like it. So we keep going."

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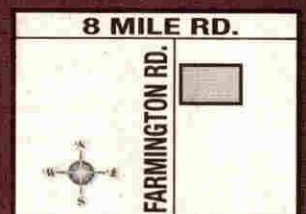
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Pit bull shot to save life of shelter worker

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When three Oakland County dog shelter workers couldn't dislodge a raging pit bull mauling the kennel supervisor, a police officer shot the dog in the head, saving the supervisor's life, officials said Friday.

The pit bull, with a history of biting family members in Troy, fell to the floor and shelter personnel pulled Shelley Grey to safety last month, as shown on a dramatic video, before she was rushed off in an ambulance. Yet, the 80-pound dog — after being shot "at point-blank range, between the eyes," seemingly rose from the dead, Oakland County spokesman Bill Mullan said.

As the video shows, when the officer returned to the special hallway where six kennels house dangerous dogs, the pit bull had regained consciousness and now posed a fresh threat.

"The officer saw it was now a wounded animal and the possible threat played through his mind, so he immediately ended its suffering" with a second shot that was fatal, Mullan said. Still, "the first shot was effective because it got this dog off Shelley; it saved her life," he said.

That account was the dramatic core of a story told Jan. 3 by Oakland County officials, following up initial reports last month of the Dec. 12 attack. It occurred inside a "quarantine kennel" where cages hold dangerous dogs, and where the pit bull had been caged after Troy police responded to a report that 4-year-old Roscoe had attacked an adult and two children of the family that raised him as a puppy.

Officials said the attack prompted them to add safety equipment and new procedures "to make sure this kind of incident never happens here again," said Bob Gatt, manager of Oakland County Animal Control.

"This is the first time anything of this magnitude has happened here, to my knowledge."

Bob Gatt, manager of Oakland County Animal Control

The incident "traumatized everyone here and we're still dealing with that," Gatt said, adding: "This is the first time anything of this magnitude has happened here, to my knowledge."

Grey, 52, the injured supervisor, is a 25-year veteran of animal control and care, still recovering at home from serious injuries to her right arm and shoulder as well as to her left hand and one leg, Gatt said. She suffered a broken left finger as well as muscle damage to her right forearm, both requiring surgery, according to a county news release. Will she ever come back to work?

"I sure as heck hope so," Gatt said.

Since the attack, the shelter has improved training for all staff who enter the facility's two quarantine kennels, each of which has six cages that individually house "dogs that have bitten people," Gatt said. Cages are now doubled locked.

Those who enter must have attached to their clothing "an audible alert device" that summons help instantly; and now hanging nearby for fast access are emergency protective devices, including clear plastic shields, dog snares for capturing a loose dog from a safe distance, and break sticks used to force open the jaw of a biting dog, Gatt said.

"But I've seen pit bulls bite and I don't think those would be able to open some dogs' jaws," he said. Pit bulls can make gentle family pets, but any dog that

shows a tendency to bite "for no apparent reason, you're best bringing it to us — that dog is going to hurt someone," he said.

Officials did not identify the Troy family that owned Roscoe. They said the family, even after the dog seriously bit the family's mother and two children, refused to give permission to the county to euthanize their pet.

"What we heard is that the mom was on the phone and they said the dog bit her because she was talking too loudly," and then turned on her two children, Gatt said. The woman drove herself to Henry Ford Hospital in Troy, after which EMS transported her children to Troy Beaumont Hospital, according to a police report.

Responding officers found the pit bull "loose outside the residence," the report said. They caught the dog using a snare device, holding it in the home's basement until a county officer arrived to take the dog to the Oakland County shelter in Pontiac.

A man living at the house, not married to the bitten mother, according to the police report, told police that the dog had "been aggressive before in the past and has bitten people/family members."

The following day, Roscoe bit an Oakland County animal control officer as the officer tried to remove the dog's leash inside the shelter's quarantine kennel, according to the county's news release.

Yet, when shelter staff visited the man the next day and asked whether the county could get custody of the dog, as a step toward euthanizing it, the man refused, according to the release.

Later, by telephone, the mother who'd been bitten also declined to surrender ownership of the dog to the county, the release said.

When the dog attacked on Dec. 12, "we were just about to go to court to get custody of this dog, and we're quite sure the court would've granted it," Gatt said.

Cat

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Sjostrom, with assistance from Officer Zachary Kosal, tore away the remaining fabric, secured Pearl and placed her in a pet carrier.

Pearl and Sinischo were then transported in a police cruiser to the BluePearl Pet Hospital, a 24-hour emergency veterinary service located nearby in Southfield, where the cat received the urgent care needed to save her life.

Police Commander Bonnie Unruh wasn't surprised by Sjostrom's response.

"This is just another example of a Farmington Hills police officer going above and beyond," Unruh said in a release. "Officer Sjostrom saw the urgency of the situation and responded with professionalism and compassion."

The rescued pet is now on her way to a full recovery. On Jan. 5, Pearl and Sinischo stopped by the police station to thank Sjostrom in person.

"Pearl was minutes from death," Sinischo said. "She wouldn't be here today if it wasn't for the actions of Officer Timothy Sjostrom."

Grammy

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that says somebody appreciates what you're doing and they nominated you and think that you should win this award always feels good," she said.

The award, entering its seventh year, honors a music teacher who has made "a significant and lasting contribution to the field of music education." The winner will attend the 62nd annual Grammy Awards on Jan. 26 and a few related events throughout that week. They'll also get their own Grammy in a small ceremony.

Hering was a top 10 finalist for the Grammy in 2019, as well.

Because Hering is a finalist this year, Churchill receive a \$1,000 grant. If Hering isn't selected as the winner, she will receive \$1,000 as an honorarium.

"I would love to win," she said. "I think it would be an amazing experience. I have no illusions of winning, like I don't think I'm going to win, but I think it would be an amazing experience to actually do that. But it does not seem real."

Whether or not she takes home the top prize, Hering said it's incredibly meaningful to have been nominated by a student or parent in the first place.

"As an arts teacher I'm really fortunate that I get to have these students in my class for four years," she said. "I feel like being in band is about more than making music, it's about learning skills to live life and to live a full life."

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A reindeer was part of the activities at Plymouth's Mistletoe Market on Dec. 5. COURTESY OF MOLLY TAMULEVICH

Reindeer

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Tamulevich said. "As has been repeatedly demonstrated, trainers cannot protect themselves or the public when a wild animal rebels."

The reindeer used in Plymouth's Mistletoe Market event was rented from Carousel Acres in Green Oak Township. The company's website lists reindeer-rental pricing at \$350 for one hour, \$475 for two hours and \$600 for three hours, which includes one reindeer and two "elf handlers," the website adds.

While stating her case to the commissioners, Tamulevich cited reindeer-involved incidents, including an occurrence in South Dakota that included a reindeer used in a Santa Claus display lifting a man with his antlers and carrying him around for 45 minutes before the animal could be subdued.

A Google search for reindeer attacks revealed a 1997 article referencing a South Dakota man "rescued from love-struck deer," but no other such incidents were found.

Plymouth resident and Humane Society for the United States district volunteer Kyla Cruz told the commissioners she was "disappointed to see that wild animals are being used for entertainment" in Plymouth.

"What got me quite concerned was the behavior of the reindeer," Cruz said. "It appeared to be drugged up and lethargic."

Tammy Iaconelli, the owner of Carousel Acres, said the animal-rights advocates are misinformed about the way her business uses animals.

"First of all, to say the reindeer was drugged is

wrong; it was not," said Iaconelli. "Silver Belle is a tame, domesticated reindeer."

Iaconelli said the engagement between people and the animals is often heartwarming.

"We took Silver Belle to a nursing home recently," Iaconelli explained. "There was a woman who had not moved since suffering a stroke six months earlier who reached out and touched the reindeer. Animals have a way of connecting with people, especially children and older individuals."

Iaconelli added that her business is licensed by the Department of Natural Resources and the United States Department of Agriculture.

Cruz asked the commissioners whether the excitement generated by the reindeer's presence was worth the potential danger to the animal and the public.

"Plymouth has clearly demonstrated an ability to host engaging and successful programs without live animals," she said. "I hope you decide to follow Fernald and Eastpointe and come up with an ordinance that would ban the future use of live animals for exhibition purposes."

Debra Levantrosser, owner of Plymouth's Shimmy Shack vegan restaurant, said an ordinance protecting wild animals from being exhibited in public should be especially important for a city like Plymouth.

"Why Plymouth?" Levantrosser asked. "Because Plymouth is known far and wide as a family-centric city, which is why Plymouth needs to take a leadership role here. Would this holiday event be as successful without the reindeer? Yes, of course it would have."

Plymouth Mayor Oliver Wolcott assured the animal-rights advocates that the commissioners listen to public comments and take them seriously. The commission did not discuss the issue further or take action on it at Monday's meeting.

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Jerry L. Adrian

Jerry L. Adrian (Mor-ton)

Born in 1933 in Bad Axe, MI and passed away peacefully on the 30th of December. Jerry grew up in Alpena, MI and throughout high school was very involved in ice skating, the high school band, and learned the love of singing. After high school Jerry moved to Detroit, MI where she pursued her love of singing through the Detroit Conservatory of Music. Jerry was approached by Don Large at WJR and accepted a position singing with his group, The Don Large Singers on the radio for several years.



Jerry and her husband, William Adrian, met while in high school and married after William (Bill) came home from the Korean War. They lived in Detroit, MI for 25 years while Bill was on the Detroit Police Dept. After retirement in 1974, they moved to Whittemore, MI and became the owners of The Keystone Lounge until their second retirement in 1981 when they sold and moved back to the Detroit Metro area and started their third and final career, Property Management with Hartman and Tyler in St. Clair Shores, MI.

After their third retirement, they moved to Howell, MI where Jerry became very involved with the Hartland Senior Ctr. and joined the Silver Chords Senior Choir. Jerry sang in many holiday performances and once ran for the Miss Senior Michigan title; she came in second place.

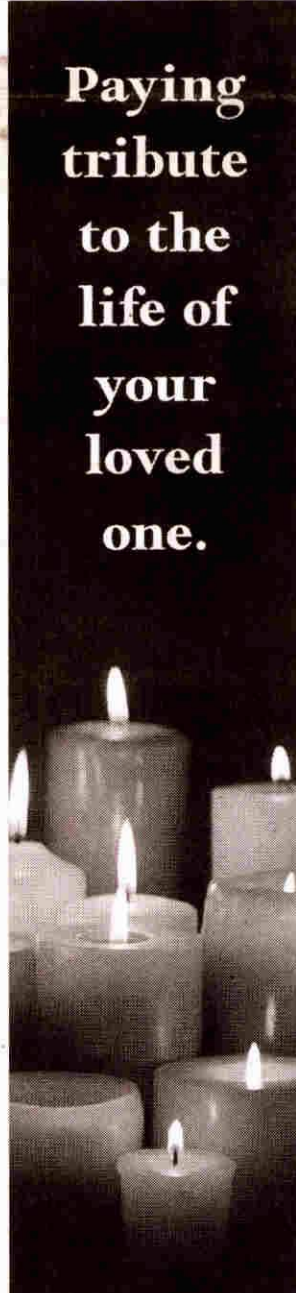
In 2016 Jerry moved to the Westland area to be closer to her family. Jerry loved and was involved in her church and sang whenever they asked. She is preceded in death by her husband, William (Bill) Adrian and her son, William (Billy) Adrian. She is survived by her daughter, Julie (Dave) Krisko, her grandchildren Justin Harris, Ian (Erica) Coomer, Heidi Adrian and Holly Adrian and four great grandchildren.

Her ashes will be spread during a private ceremony at a later date.

Sarah Katherine Geiger

LIVONIA - Sarah Katherine Geiger of Livonia, died suddenly January 2, 2020. She was 67 years old. Sarah was born in Fort Bragg, North Carolina to Robert and Verna Lee Stewart. Sarah was the beloved wife of Peter Geiger and together they shared 39 years of marriage. Sarah is also survived by her two loving children Eric and Cory Geiger, and her two dear brothers Max (Audrey) Stewart, and Wayne (Trisha) Stewart. She was preceded in death by both of her parents, and her brother Robert Kim Stewart.

Cremation Services have been entrusted to the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, and a Memorial Service is scheduled for January 17th from 4 to 8 pm. The family requests that in lieu of flowers a donation in Sarah's name to the St. Jude's Children's Hospital.



Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.

Kathleen "Kay" Koch

KANSAS CITY, MO - Kathleen "Kay" Koch (née Oker) died in her home on December 27, 2019, in Kansas City, Missouri, due to complications from Parkinson's Disease. She was 80.

Mrs. Koch was born on December 1, 1939, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to William and Margaret Oker. She married Douglass V. "Doug" Koch on December 17, 1966, in San Diego, California. They lived in Las Vegas, Nevada, for several years, where their two daughters were born, before moving to Michigan, where they stayed for 47 years, when they moved to Kansas City to be closer to their youngest daughter.

Mrs. Koch earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of California at Santa Barbara and two Master's degrees from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. She taught elementary school for more than 30 years, specializing in special education and reading. She spent most of her career in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, from which she retired in 2000.

Mrs. Koch was active in the Plymouth-Canton Branch of the American Association of University Women and the Gamma Gamma Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, the professional society for women educators. She volunteered at the Plymouth District Library and Resurrection Parish in Canton. She was an avid rose gardener and world traveler.

Mrs. Koch is survived by her husband; her sister and brother-in-law, Patricia "Pat" and William "Bill" VanCleve of Carlsbad, California; her sister and brother-in-law, Barbara and William "Butch" Butscher III of LaVerne, California; her daughter and son-in-law, Michele and Matthew Cenzer of Alexandria, Virginia, and her daughter and son-in-law, Katherine "Katie" and Richard "Rich" Cane of Kansas City, Missouri.

A private funeral in Kansas City was held. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Association of University Women (<https://www.aauw.org>).



Gary McKinley

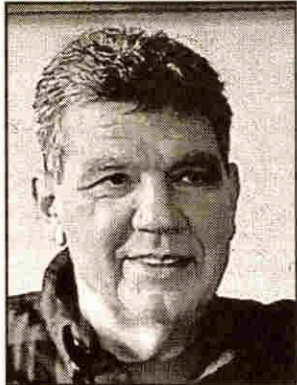
SKANEATELES, NY - Gary McKinley passed away quietly at home surrounded by family Dec. 23.

He fought a long hard battle with the blood cancer multiple myeloma.

Gary is originally from Plymouth, Michigan and moved to Skaneateles, NY in 1995. He worked as an account manager for Catalina Marketing retiring in 2017.

Gary is survived by his wife LeRhea, son Camron (Kelly), son Casey (Claire), grandchildren Ben, Pat, Lily, father, Derald McKinley, mother Carolyn Minnick (Lyle), brother Jay McKinley, (Kim) sisters Diane Payne (Steve) and Marlene Butzow, (Brian). Sisters-in-law Gena Swisher (John) and Lynnette Poole and many nieces and nephews.

A private celebration of life will be held this summer. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Kevin Guest House 782 Ellicott St. Buffalo, NY 14203 or Roswell Park Cancer Center Elm St. Buffalo, NY 14203.



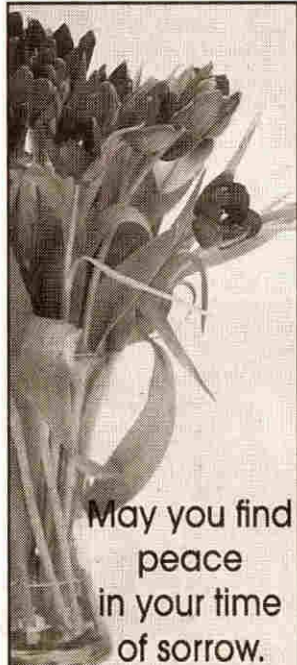
Jeanette K. Westover

1/18/1943 - 12/6/2019

Jeanette passed away peacefully after a hard fought battle with cancer.

She is survived by her two Daughters, Sherry (Joe) Monforton of Canton, Stacy Moore of Holly and brother, Martin Redilla of Brighton.

Memorial will be Jan 11th, 2020 VFW 438 S. Main St. Northville, MI Service at 12:00 Lunch at 2:00



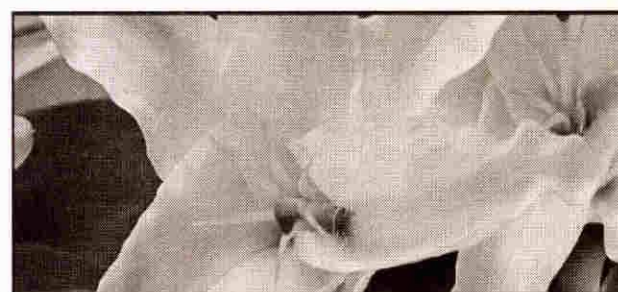
A No'el Martin

Ms. A No'el Martin, 80 years old born in Windsor Canada on March 2nd, 1939 passed away on December 24, 2019 at 10:30am in Ennis Texas. She was a such a special lady, a shining star who touched the hearts and lives of all who knew her. She was full of energy and life and loved the water.

Being born under the sign of Pisces explains her love for water and always wanting to be near it. She is with God now and is one of God's newest angels. She is a free spirit and can now spread her wings. She leaves behind her ex-husband Fred J. Martin. A son, Christopher Michael Martin, a daughter Wendy Lynn Hofrichter, five grandchildren Nicholas William Hofrichter, Tiffany Lynn Robin, Shanice Maureen Martin, Alexander Christopher Martin, Edgardo Eliecer DeGracia, and one great grandchild in Quincy William Hofrichter. My mother was a Christian woman who was very spiritual and believed in God and Heaven so I know that she will be watching over us all as she spreads her wings.



May you find loving comfort in your time of loss.

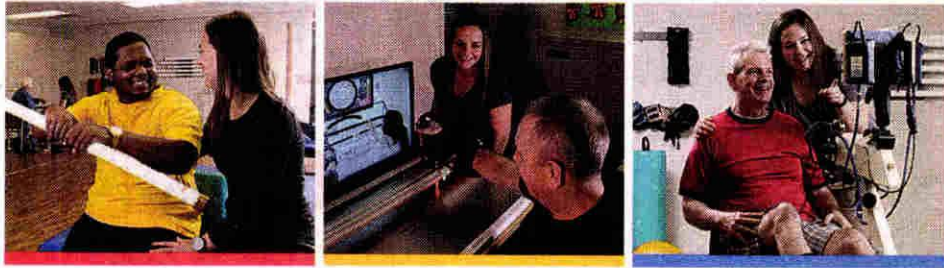


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Sports

Farmington secures league win against Groves

Falcons take home second victory of the season

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
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After his team's loss Friday to North Farmington, Farmington head coach Terrance Porter said his team has not been shooting well. He said the Falcons have been getting the looks, but not connecting.

While the offense was not perfect when it opened league play, it was successful enough as Farmington (2-4) earned its second win of the season, defeating Birmingham Groves (4-3), 66-63, on the road for its first win since the season opener against Wayne Memorial.

Here are three takeaways from Tues-

day's game.

Defensive priority

Near the end of the first quarter, it looked like the Farmington offense had come alive.

Led by junior guard Jaden Akins, who scored 10 points in the period, Farmington came out to a 20-10 lead against Groves, with guard Tariq Humes

securing the 10-point lead with a three-point make.

However, all Groves guard Devon White needed to do was answer with a three of his own to shift the momentum to the home team.

Groves erupted on a 12-1 run, securing a 25-21 second-quarter lead as 6-foot-6 guard Daniel Lee was fouled on a make

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Mercy's Maddie Kenney gets a steal at mid-court and runs it back for a layup against Marian defender Sophia Mancini. ANDREW VAILLIENCOURT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

STILL UNDEFEATED

Mercy beats rival Marian for first time since 2017

Andrew Vaillencourt Hometownlife.com | USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

It was a battle of unbeaten rivals Tuesday night at Mercy High School when Mercy and Marian got together for the first time this season. ■ Mercy outscored the Mustangs, 16-6, in the final quarter to pull out a 46-34 victory. Mercy's win breaks a four-game losing streak against Marian, dating back to the 2017 season.

The Marlins improve to 7-0, while the Mustangs fall to 5-1.

Ahead of the game, Mercy coach Gary Morris had a simple message written on the board in the locker room: It's time.

"We feel like we've been playing really well and we're going to go after them and see what happens," Morris said. "It makes it more of a rivalry when we win a game, because if one side is winning all the time, it's not really a rivalry."

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Kenney carries Marlins in first half

The first three quarters of the game were tight, but the Marlins maintained

"Kudos to them, they played a hard-fought game. It came down to our defense, defense wins games."

Julia Bishop
Mercy junior captain

a small lead for nearly the entire game. Much of that was thanks to a breakout performance by junior Maddie Kenney, who scored 17 points — most of which came in the first half.

She pounded Marian inside and was all over the court on defense making plays.

"Maddie was huge for us in that first half," Morris said. "She pretty much carried us offensively, but not just offensively. She made a lot of big plays defensively for us. She's an energizer bunny and has that extra gear. She was really good at both ends."

Her energy is contagious and has provided a big lift to this year's team.

"She brings the most outstanding energy I've ever seen," Mercy junior

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Plymouth's Ivan Davis signs to play football at D1 school

Andrew Vaillencourt Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

One of Plymouth's star football players has signed to continue his career at the next level.

Ivan Davis signed in December to play football at Division 1 Northern Illinois University, which a member of Mid-American Conference (MAC). He will play defensive end for the Huskies.

Davis is 6-foot-4, 217 pounds and played on both sides of the ball for Plymouth. He said the NIU coaching staff has told him they will use him as a third down specialist early in his career, blitzing off the edge. From there, he can develop into a full-fledged college defensive end.

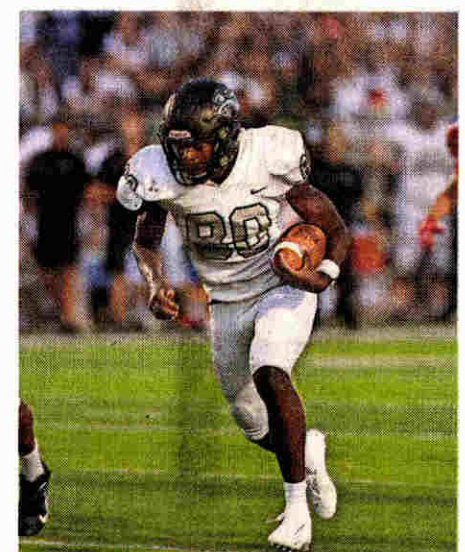
"I chose NIU because it was the place out of all the schools recruiting me that felt like home the most," Davis said. "The coaching staff was always showing interest and wanted me throughout the whole process."

Davis had offers from every other school in the MAC except Akron, which includes Eastern, Central and Western Michigan and received interest from Michigan State, Cincinnati, Wake Forest, Iowa, Iowa State, Rutgers and Temple, but did not receive scholarship offers. He was a three-star recruit, according to 247 Composite rankings.


He plans to major in kinesiology or some other type of science program.

"What stands out most is that they will show you all the love you need when you need it but can still flip the switch and get into that mode of we

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Plymouth's Ivan Davis returns a Canton-blocked punt for a touchdown. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



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HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL

Howell's new sixth man shines in win over Novi

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

HOWELL — It wasn't a mystery why Howell's Will Hann had trouble getting on the basketball court as a first-year varsity player last season.

"It was tough," he said. "We had probably two or three of the best players who ever played here, including Tony this year."

Tony would be Tony Honkala, who was a driving force behind the Highlanders' run to the Division 1 state semifinals in his role as the sixth man.

That role is now being filled by Hann who, like Honkala last season, is good enough to start, but is a better fit in Howell's scheme as the first player off the bench.

Hann matched his career high by scoring 11 points Tuesday night in Howell's 56-34 victory over visiting Novi in the KLA West opener for both teams.

Hann has reached double figures in three of Howell's five games, averaging 8.0 points. As a junior, he scored a total of nine points in 31 minutes and 21 seconds of playing time during Howell's 27-game season.

All 11 of his field goal attempts last season were 3-pointers, three of which he made.

"Last year, it was kind of come in, just shoot," Hann said. "This year, I have the ball in my hands a little bit more. I feel like everyone's looking for me a little bit more and I can find people, too."

While Hann's lack of playing time last season may have made him a mystery to the outside world, his coaches and teammates were confident he would be a significant scoring threat this season.

"A lot of guys grow up between their junior and senior years," Howell coach Nick Simon said. "That's a pretty common thing we see around here. He took a big step forward maturity-wise. His skill set was there last year, but he grew a lot mentally as much as he did physically."

"He is poised to have a really, really, really good year. He has shot the ball well already, but he's ready to break out here really soon. In the summer, we saw him hit, six, seven, eight 3s in games consistently. He's a guy we know had the talent, but really grew up a lot over the summer and has done a great job."

While Hann could start for Howell, Simon has made a practice of slotting dangerous outside shooters in a sixth-man role to provide a spark off the bench.



Howell's Tony Honkala scored a team-high 13 points in a 56-34 victory over Novi on Tuesday. PHOTOS BY GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

"We always like to have a good scorer off the bench," Simon said. "That's always helped us quite a bit. Guys like Dillon French and Johnny Shields have come off the bench. It's something we've always done to keep one of our good scorers on the bench to come in against tired legs early on."

Hann scored eight points in the sec-

ond quarter after Novi held a 12-11 lead. He closed the first half with back-to-back scores, giving Howell a 26-16 half-time lead.

Honkala had 11 points of his team-high 13 points in the first half.

"We tried to throw a couple different guys at him, especially in the first half," Novi coach Chris Housey said. "I



Howell's Will Hann scored 11 points off the bench in a victory over Novi on Tuesday.

thought we did a really good job on him. I look over and somehow he's already got around 10 somewhere. He's a great player."

Leading 33-24 midway through the third quarter, Howell broke open the game with a 14-2 run.

"It kind of snowballed a little bit there," Housey said. "We had some opportunities, and we just didn't make some shots. They came out in the second half and they worked a little bit harder. They're a very good team. They just kind of took it to us there in the second half."

Bruce Turner had a game-high 16 points for Novi (2-5).

Howell improved to 4-1, beating three programs who have reached the state final four in the past six seasons. Bobby Samples had eight points, while Colin Kraft scored seven fourth-quarter points for Howell.

"We play pretty hard," Simon said. "That part of it's really good. We've got to fine-tune some things, but I think we're confident and we can play hard the majority of the time. We tend to share the ball quite a bit. I think those are good things. Again, we're trying to get better every single day."

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Farmington

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in the paint.

After losing the lead, Porter's message to his team was clear: defense and rebounding.

He wanted Farmington to shift its focus to stop allowing players getting up easy shots at the basket, something Groves head coach Benny White said his team did well during that stretch.

"Make it difficult for them to score, make sure they get one shot," Porter said. "Now, we were able to use our speed and our athleticism to get out in transition and try to score some easy baskets."

The Farmington defense came alive in the third quarter.

Farmington allowed only six points, including only two made field goals, ending the third quarter with a seven-point lead.

"We got to mature," White said. "We are not mature enough to make the plays that we need to make when it's time to make them. That's not just at the end. It's throughout the contest."

Akins said the Falcons' mindset shift was bigger than just during the stretch against an OAA White rival. He said it's an approach that will have to remain if Farmington wants to continue to win.

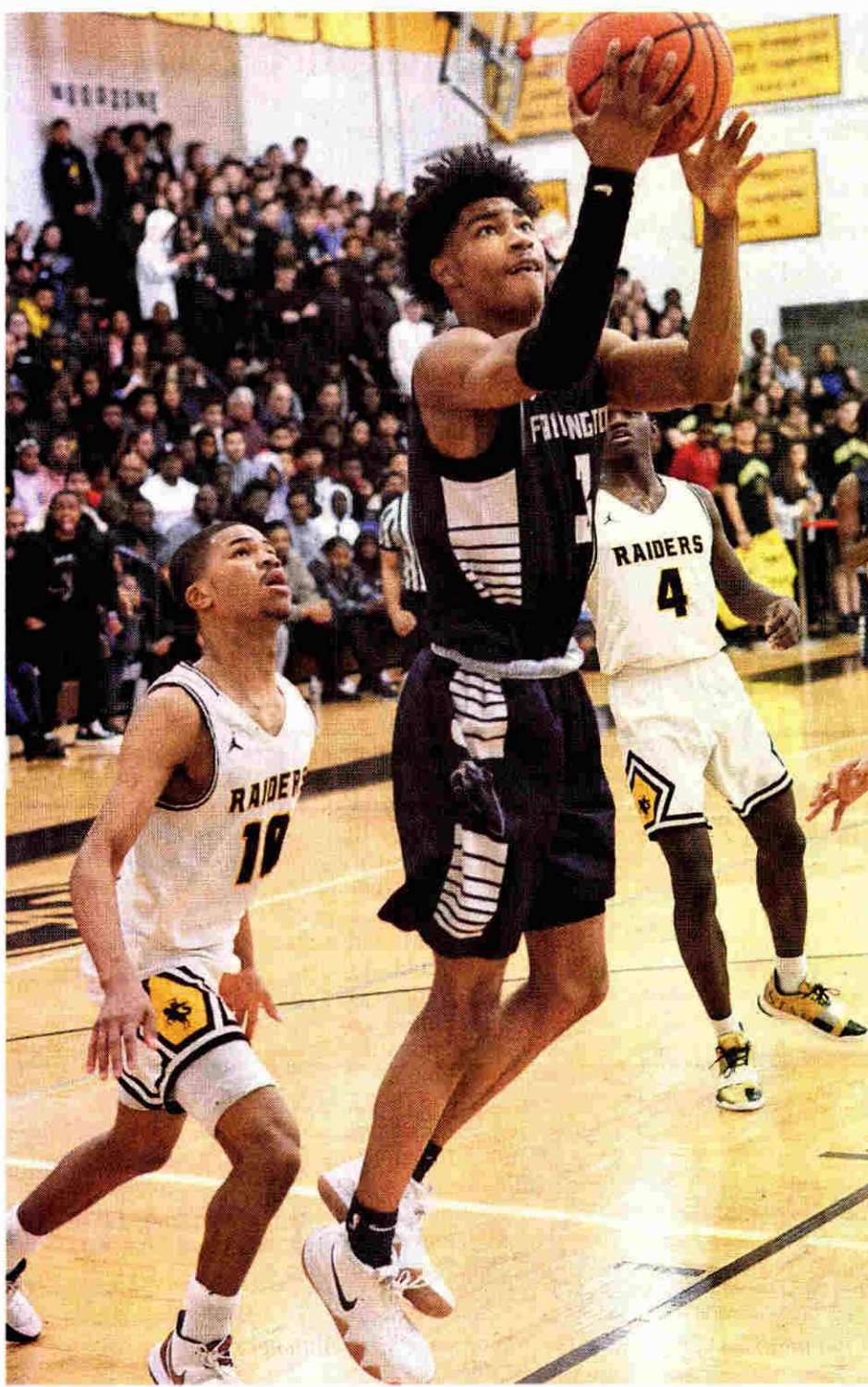
"If we can't defend and can't rebound, it's going to be a tough time," Akins said.

Offensive movement improves

After a 10-point first half from Akins, who ended the game with 18 points, Farmington sophomore forward Robert Davis Jr. made sure that the third-quarter defensive uptick was not for nothing.

He scored eight of the team's 13 points, including a three-point make that gave Farmington a six-point lead early in the quarter.

In the fourth quarter, Davis handed off the offensive production to junior Tariq Humes, who hit two field goals



Jaden Akins tries to lay one in during Farmington's game against in-district rival North Farmington. Against Birmingham on Tuesday, the Falcons netted their second victory of the season. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

and connected on six-of-10 free-throw attempts.

"I thought our movement was better offensively tonight," Porter said. "I thought we shared the ball more. We had 16 assists tonight. I thought we did a better job of taking care of the ball versus what we have done in the past."

While Porter was pleased with the shot production, especially from three-point range, he was unhappy about Farmington's lack of consistency from the free-throw line, as the Falcons missed five free throws in the fourth quarter.

Using the losing streak

Coming off the court, Humes seemed extremely relieved after earning his first win since Dec. 10.

"It feels good to come out here after a big losing streak and come together as a team to get the win on the road," Humes said.

However, Porter set up Farmington's schedule on purpose.

In the Falcons' four-game losing streak after their season-opening win against Wayne Memorial, they faced teams with a combined record of 22-3.

With what he described as a purposeful schedule, Porter said it allowed the Falcons to come into league play knowing who they are as a team, knowing where they stand against highly-ranked opponents.

"That we have to play harder," Porter said when asked about what Farmington learned in its losing streak. "We got to play smarter and we have to play together more."

He said the Falcons can learn a lot from it's four-game losing streak, and that it's a process of getting better each day.

However, Porter left the court satisfied with the progress made.

"There were a lot of positives, things that we can build off of," Porter said.

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Scandal, star power fuel Google searches

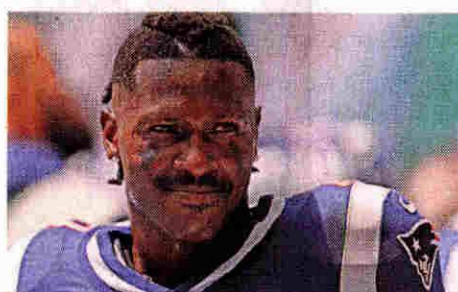
Dalvin Brown USA TODAY

Toward the end of each year, Google releases data on the most-searched-for people of the past 12 months. The tech giant's annual roundup gives us a peek into the American psyche and spotlights which public figures helped to define an era. Some of the athletes, politicians and pop culture icons top the list after inspiring a movement. Others are Googled following not-so-wonderful events. As 2020 approaches, here's a look back at Google's most-trending people from each year, accompanied by some of the reasons why they made waves.

2019: Antonio Brown

This was a turbulent year for the free-agent wide receiver. Brown, 31, played one game with the New England Patriots before he was suspended from the team while the NFL investigated his behavior following several sexual misconduct allegations.

Brown also got into Twitter fights with the NFL, made controversial posts on Instagram and missed several practices this year.



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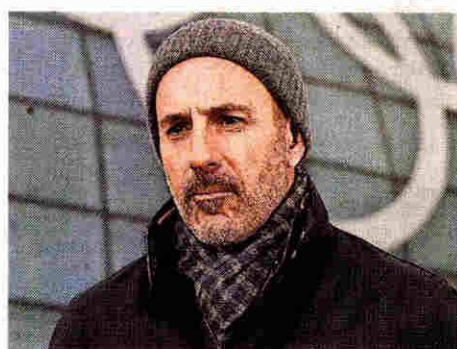
2018: Demi Lovato

The pop star beat out Meghan Markle and Brett Kavanaugh during a year rocked by celebrity cheating scandals, controversial YouTube stars and the #MeToo movement.

Lovato made headlines after she was hospitalized for an apparent drug overdose. The hospitalization was just weeks after the singer released a song called "Sober."

2017: Matt Lauer

Lauer was fired from the "Today" show over allegations of sexual misconduct. Hollywood producer Harvey Weinstein, actor Kevin Spacey and former Fox anchor Bill O'Reilly also were among the top trending people.



Matt Lauer GETTY IMAGES

2016: Donald Trump

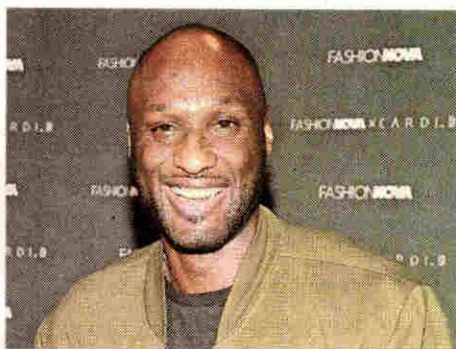
The president-elect was the top trending person in 88 countries in 2016. During his presidential run, he attracted attention for his plan to "make America great again." The mantra fueled hope for some while spurring fear in others.

Both Trump supporters and critics looked up information on his campaign. Hillary Clinton was the second-most Googled person that year.

2015: Lamar Odom

The former member of the Kardashian clan suffered a bizarre breakdown in 2015. A four-day binge that culminated with him being found unconscious in a Nevada brothel was the No. 1 searched topic that year.

Caitlyn Jenner, who transitioned to life as a woman that year, also was among the most Googled.



Lamar Odom GETTY IMAGES

2014: Jennifer Lawrence

The year Kim Kardashian broke the internet by balancing a glass on her behind, Jennifer Lawrence was busy starring in two blockbuster sequels: "X-Men: Days of Future Past" and "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1."

She also picked up a Golden Globe for supporting actress for her role in "American Hustle."



Jennifer Lawrence LIONSGATE FILMS

2013: Paul Walker

While Nelson Mandela, the late South African leader and human rights activist, was the world's top trending search, the late actor Paul Walker was the top trending person in the U.S. The "Fast and Furious" actor died in a car crash that year.

2012: Whitney Houston

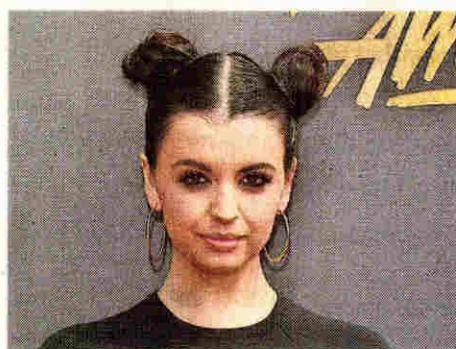
The late, vocalist Whitney Houston topped the Most Searched list after she died in 2012. People around the world searched en masse for updates surrounding Houston's accidental drowning in a bathtub in February.



Whitney Houston AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES

2011: Rebecca Black

The teenage singer Rebecca Black was the biggest breakout hit on Google after releasing her debut single "Friday." The song was supposed to be just a fun project, but it propelled Black to viral stardom.



Rebecca Black AFP/GETTY IMAGES

2010: Justin Bieber

When he was 16 years old, the pop star was the most popular person on the internet worldwide. Google only announced global trending searches that year. The teen sensation was awarded artist of the year at the American Music Awards that year.

CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following items:

Petition 2019-12-01-08 submitted by Gary Bloom pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the property at 39040 Seven Mile Road, located on the north side of Seven Mile Road between the I-275/96 Expressway and Haggerty Road in the Southwest ¼ of Section 6, from M-1, Light Manufacturing to OS, Office Services.

The above-mentioned petitions will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the scheduled public hearing and may be examined during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

CITY PLANNING COMMISSION
Ian Wilshaw, Chairman

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WESTLAND CITY COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN AMENDED AND RESTATED BROWNFIELD PLAN FOR THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 6800 N. WAYNE ROAD, 6510-6594 N. WAYNE ROAD AND 35000 HUNTER AVENUE, CITY OF WESTLAND, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CITY OF WESTLAND:

The Westland City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. in Council Chambers located at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan to consider the adoption of a resolution approving an Amended and Restated Brownfield Plan ("Brownfield Plan") for the property located at 6800 N. Wayne Road, 6510-6594 N. Wayne Road and 35000 Hunter Avenue, Westland, Michigan, parcel IDs 034-99-0003-705, 034-99-0001-002 and 034-99-0001-703 (the "Property"), pursuant to and in accordance with Public Act 381 of 1996, as amended. The Property is located on Wayne Road at and north of Hunter Avenue, south of Warren Road and is currently operated as a movie theater, commercial property and a former church and residential structure.

All maps, plats and a copy of the proposed Brownfield Plan are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the City of Westland Clerk's Office, Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan.

All aspects of the Brownfield Plan are open for discussion at the public hearing. All interested persons desiring to address the City Council shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Brownfield Plan.

This communication serves as notice of the City's intent to consider approval of the Amended Brownfield Plan for the Property.

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How to talk about strengths, weaknesses in interview

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You're in an interview. It's going well — you aced the small talk, and you have solid, thoughtful answers to all of their questions about your resume. Now things start to get a little more abstract in the questions: Tell me more about yourself. And then there's the one that can feel like a friendly, professional trap: What would you say your biggest strength is? Your biggest weakness?

Strengths tend to be a little easier; you probably already know what you do well and can sing your own praises on that one. But weaknesses can be trickier — you want to keep making a good impression no matter what, and weaknesses are (quite literally) not your best moments. Here's how to approach the good and the bad together in an interview.

Be positive

No matter what you answer, it's important to give it a positive spin. If your strength is that you're a good leader, you don't need to suggest that you're always right or tend to overpower people around you. Emphasize your skills with working on a team while steering things in a productive direction.

For example: "I really enjoy the politics of making sure everyone is working together to get a project done. I love putting together a project plan and setting up touchpoints to make sure we're all doing our part."

For weaknesses, positivity can be more of a challenge. That doesn't mean you should go with something glib, or obviously fake (like "My biggest weakness is that I work too hard," or "My biggest weakness is chocolate! *wink*").



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Instead, phrase it as something you continually work on or are striving toward.

For example: "I tend to have tunnel vision when it comes to important projects, so I make it a point to reach out to others to make sure we're all on the same page. Or I try to do everything at once, so I've learned how to negotiate and prioritize to make sure that I'm working on the right things at the right time, and not getting overwhelmed."

Be honest

Most interviewers have pretty good baloney detectors. If you're exaggerating strengths that aren't backed up by your resume, your interview, or your references, it won't be long before someone figures out your ruse. Your strengths should be realistic and should align with the narrative you're trying to tell in your resume.

For example: "One of my best assets has always been my organizational eye.

I can come into a chaotic situation and am never happier than when I can help set up a system that makes everything clear and organized."

For weaknesses, honesty is especially key. They're not asking you this question because they're going to take your answer as ultimate truth — they're asking it because they want to know how you view yourself and how you express that.

This is not a place to air your worst faults, but it's a chance to show an area that you know is a challenge for you that you want to improve.

For example: "My biggest weakness is that I sometimes work too fast, without asking necessary questions to make sure I'm aligning with the ultimate goal. That's something I learned the hard way in my first job out of school. It has taught me that I need to be honest about any questions or points of confusion I may have before I get started. It's made me a better listener and asker."

Tell a story

Again, because most of the point of this question is how you answer it, not necessarily the words you say, you don't want to give an answer that's too short or one that rambles on and on. Think of it as a short story. Tell them your strength (or weakness), add a brief example from your career to support it, and summarize with a sentence or two explaining how it aligns with the specific job you want. This is where a little pre-research can come in handy: knowing the job description and a bit about the company culture can help you tailor that last bit. And whatever story you're telling, make sure to get (and stick) to the point fairly quickly.

And finally: don't overthink it

The good news is that this is a question you can easily prepare in advance. Before the interview, come up with a list of three strengths and three weaknesses, and know them cold. That way, they'll feel more organic when they come up in conversation, and you'll be able to gauge which one you can use at the time. For example, if the interviewer seems like a stickler for order and organization, that's the theme you'd pick for your strengths.

Your strengths and weaknesses are both already part of you. It's just a matter of finding the right story to tell and becoming comfortable in singing your own praises and speaking frankly about where you need to grow professionally.

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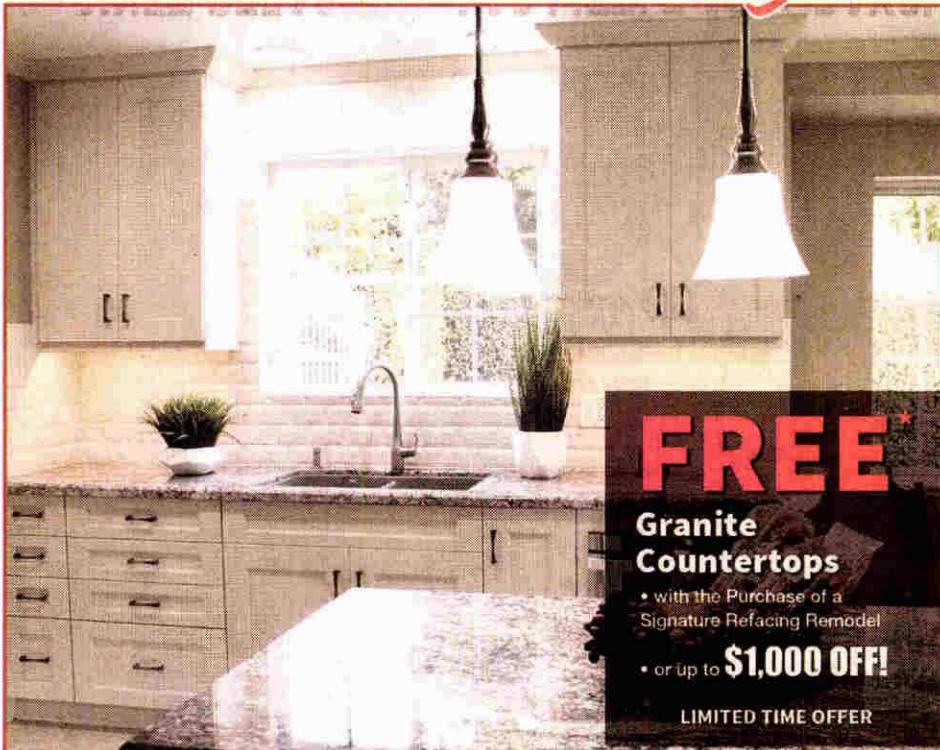
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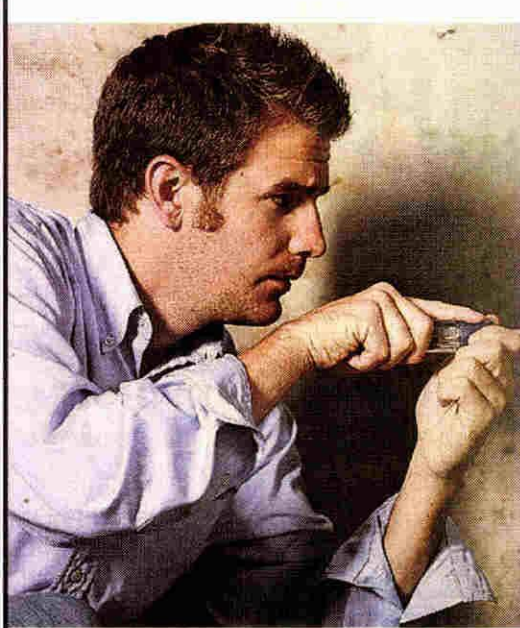
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