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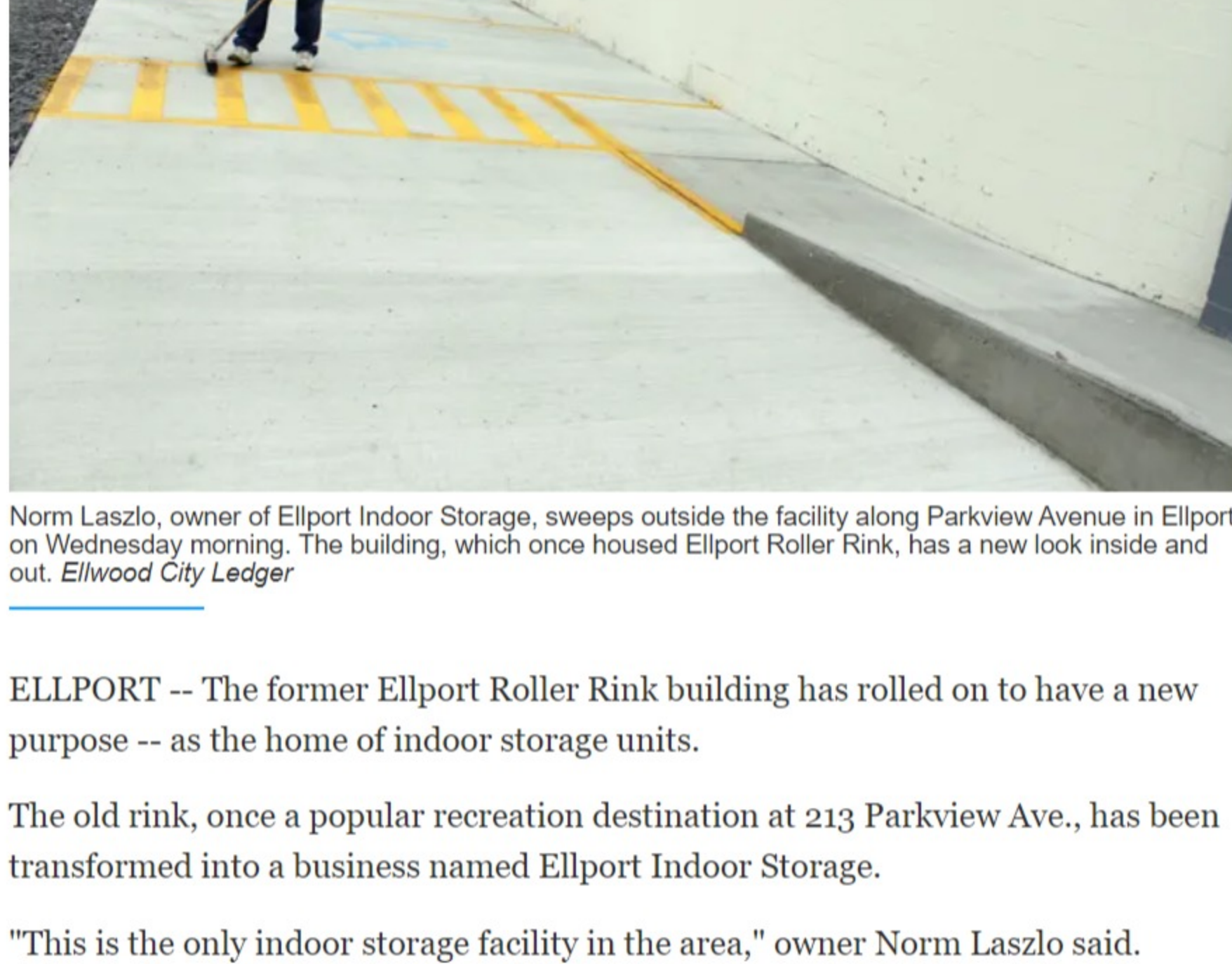
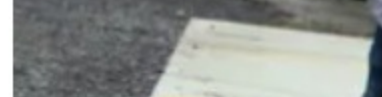


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Ellport Roller Rink reborn as indoor storage facility

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Norm Laszlo, owner of Ellport Indoor Storage, sweeps outside the facility along Parkview Avenue in Ellport on Wednesday morning. The building, which once housed Ellport Roller Rink, has a new look inside and out. *Ellwood City Ledger*

ELLPORT -- The former Ellport Roller Rink building has rolled on to have a new purpose -- as the home of indoor storage units.

The old rink, once a popular recreation destination at 213 Parkview Ave., has been transformed into a business named Ellport Indoor Storage.

"This is the only indoor storage facility in the area," owner Norm Laszlo said.

The rink's hardwood maple floors remain, but a lot has changed. The building has the latest in keyless entry, emergency lighting and video surveillance inside and out.

Laszlo, an Ellport resident, bought the building May 15 and thought about moving his business, N.A. Laszlo Heating & Plumbing, there from 168 Portersville Road. But he did not.

He began cleaning up the building, which had been closed since 2009. The exterior was painted. The apartment above, which had been vandalized and unused for years, was refurbished and is rented.

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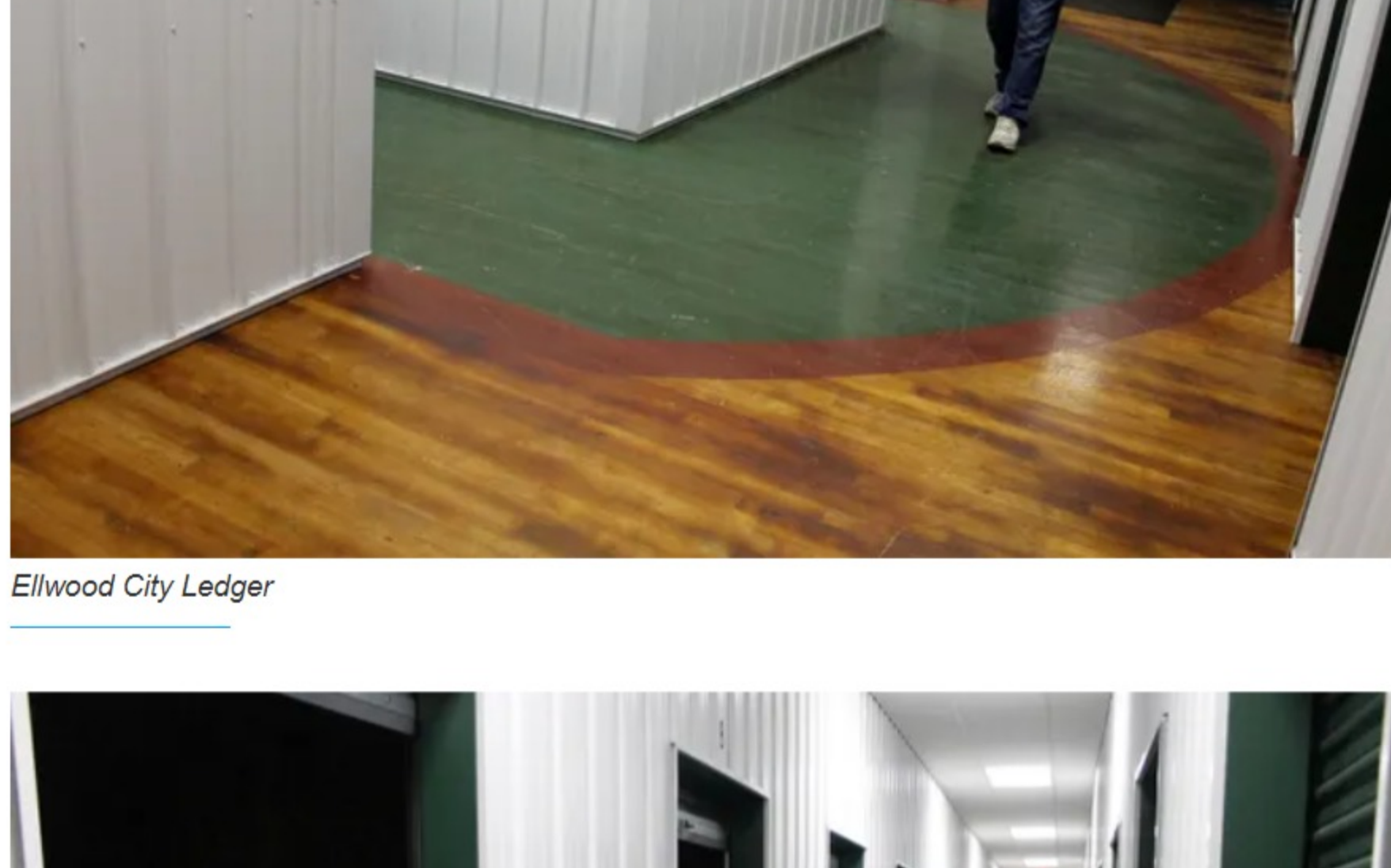
The businessman also decided to use the building's spacious garage with a bay to store his large plumbing and heating equipment.

"I just wasn't certain what I wanted to do with the rest of the building," Laszlo said. "I kept looking at it and thinking about what it could be."

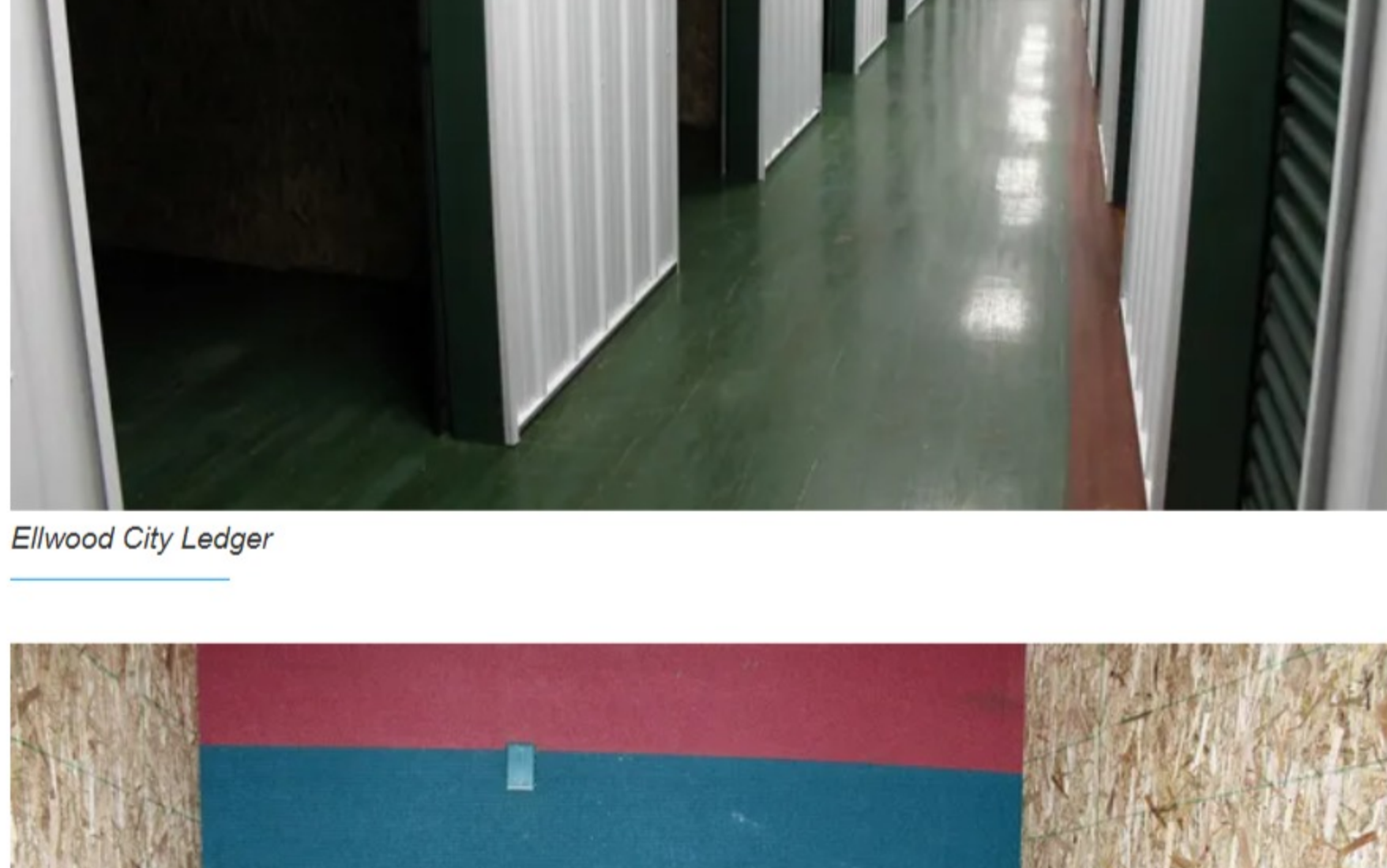
When some friends suggested indoor storage units, Laszlo began to entertain the idea and had an architect draw up the plans. After doing the paperwork and getting the proper clearances and permits, Laszlo hired the Amish building firm owned by Dan Byler to turn the space into indoor storage units.

The result is 42 storage units. By October, the units were finished. Some are being used.

The majority are 8.5 feet by 9.5 feet in size. Others are 9 feet by 15 feet or 9 feet by 17 feet. Rates begin at \$50 a month.



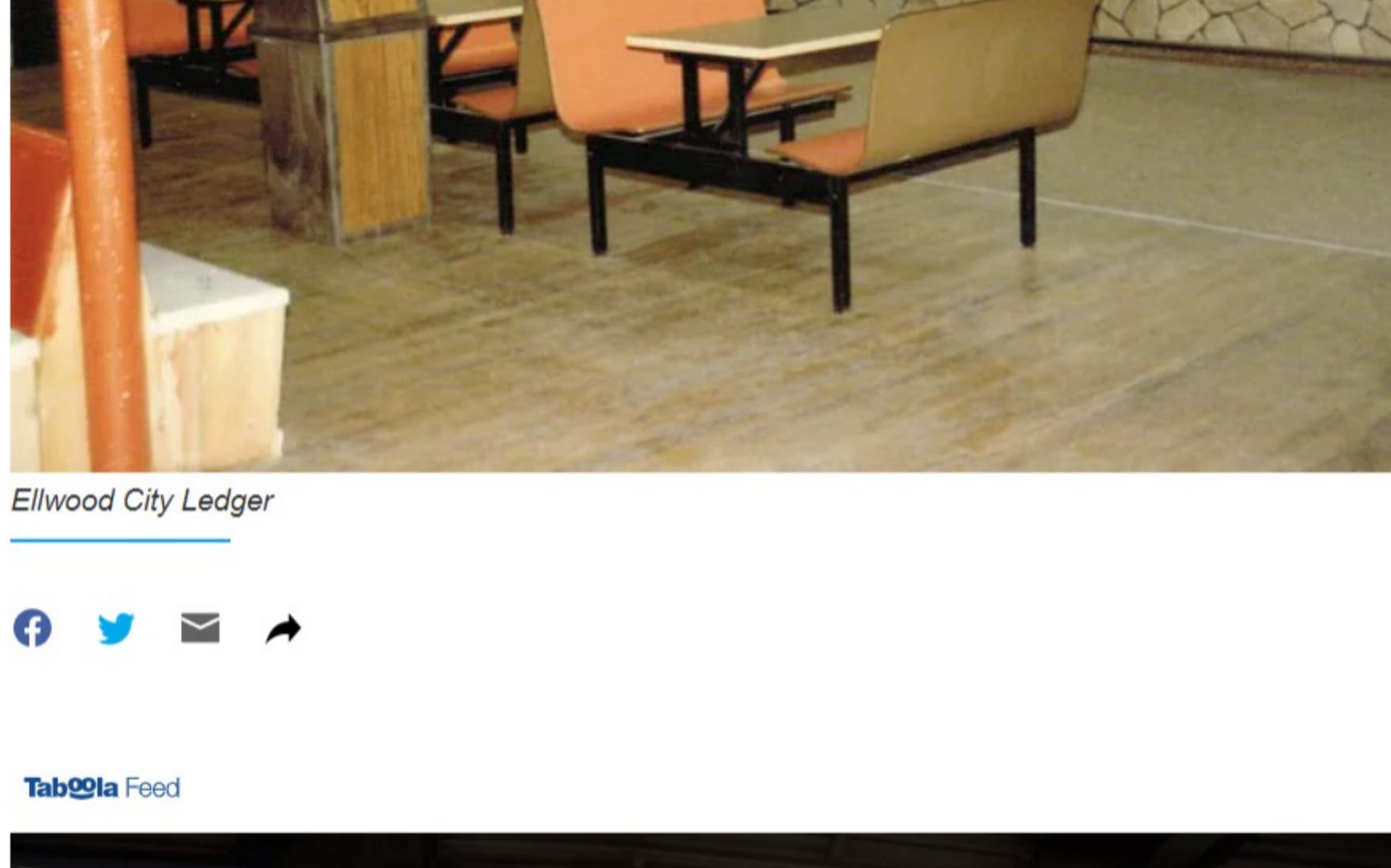
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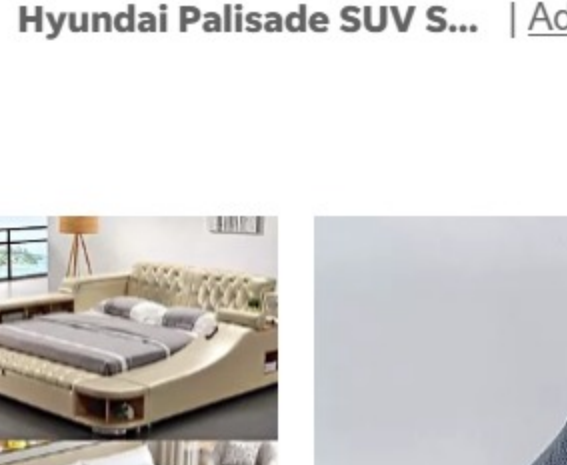
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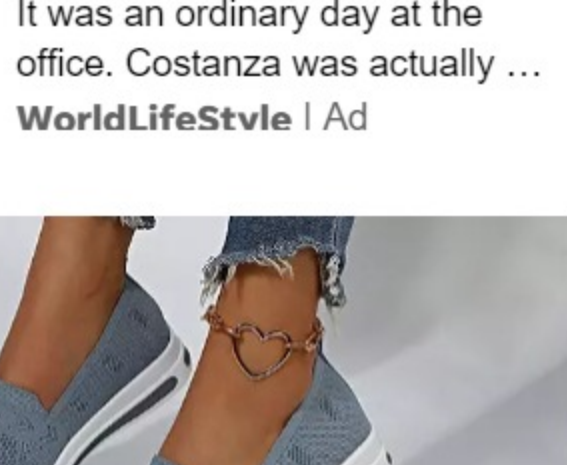
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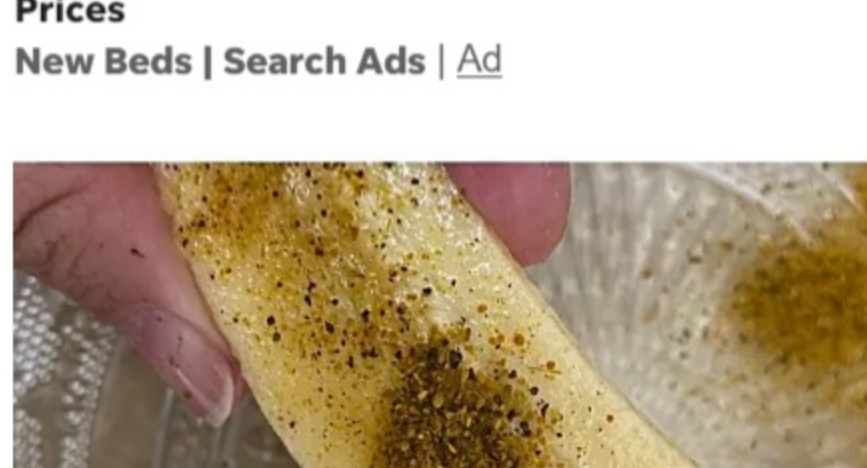
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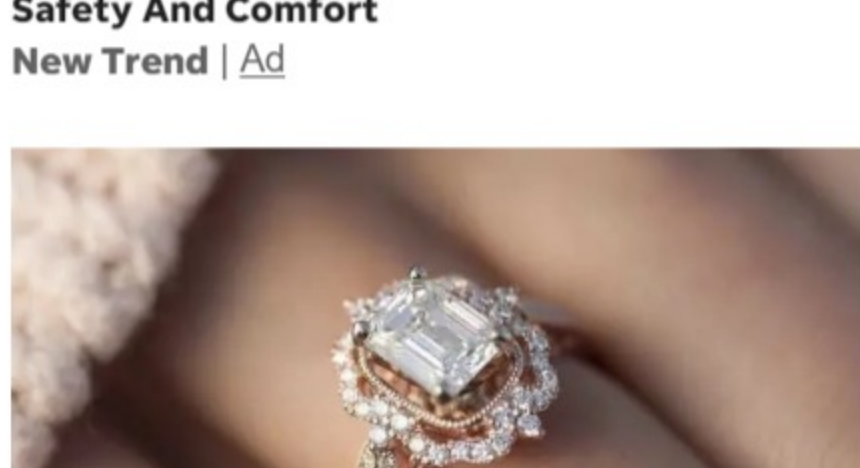
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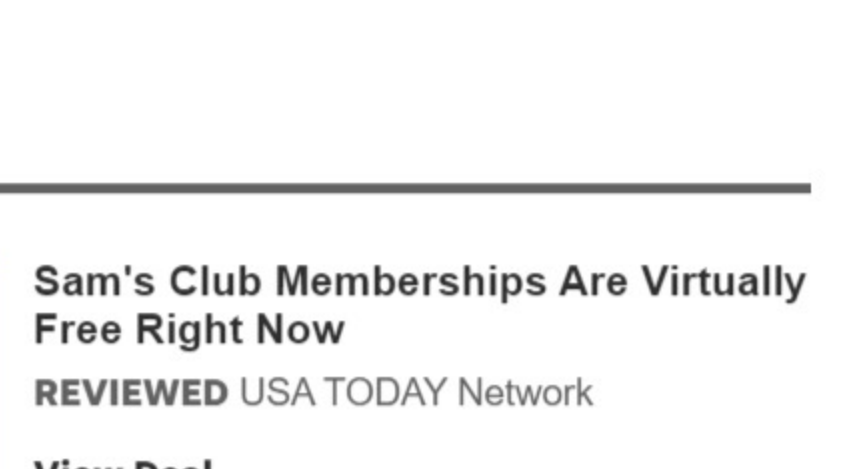
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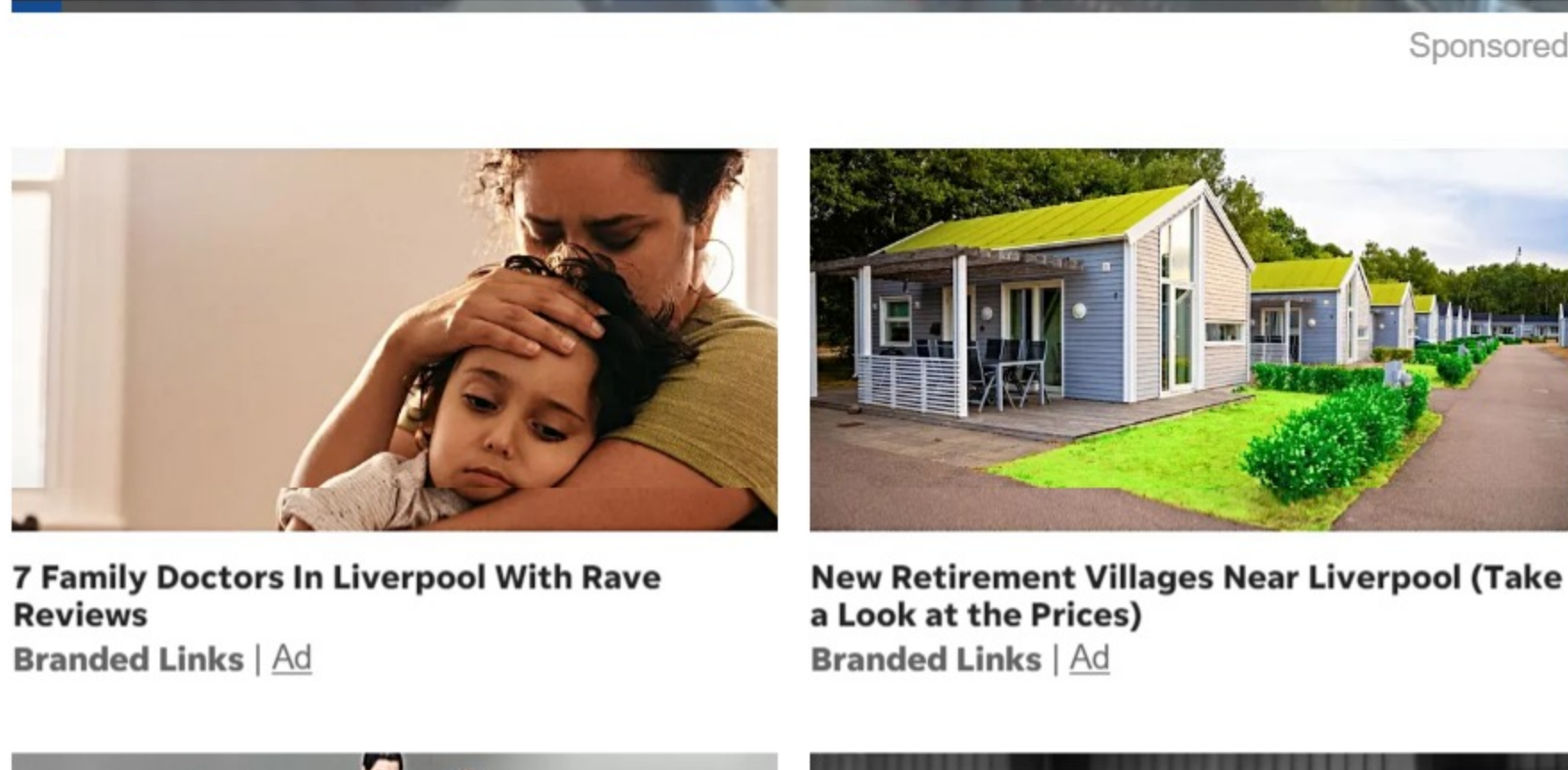
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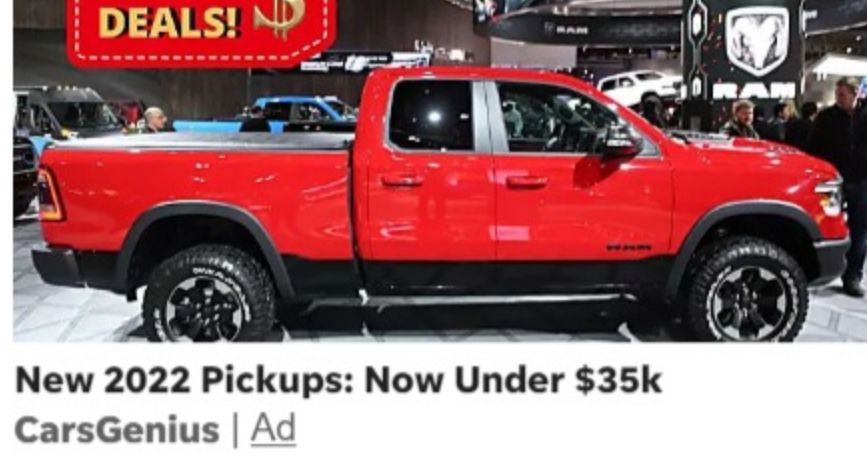
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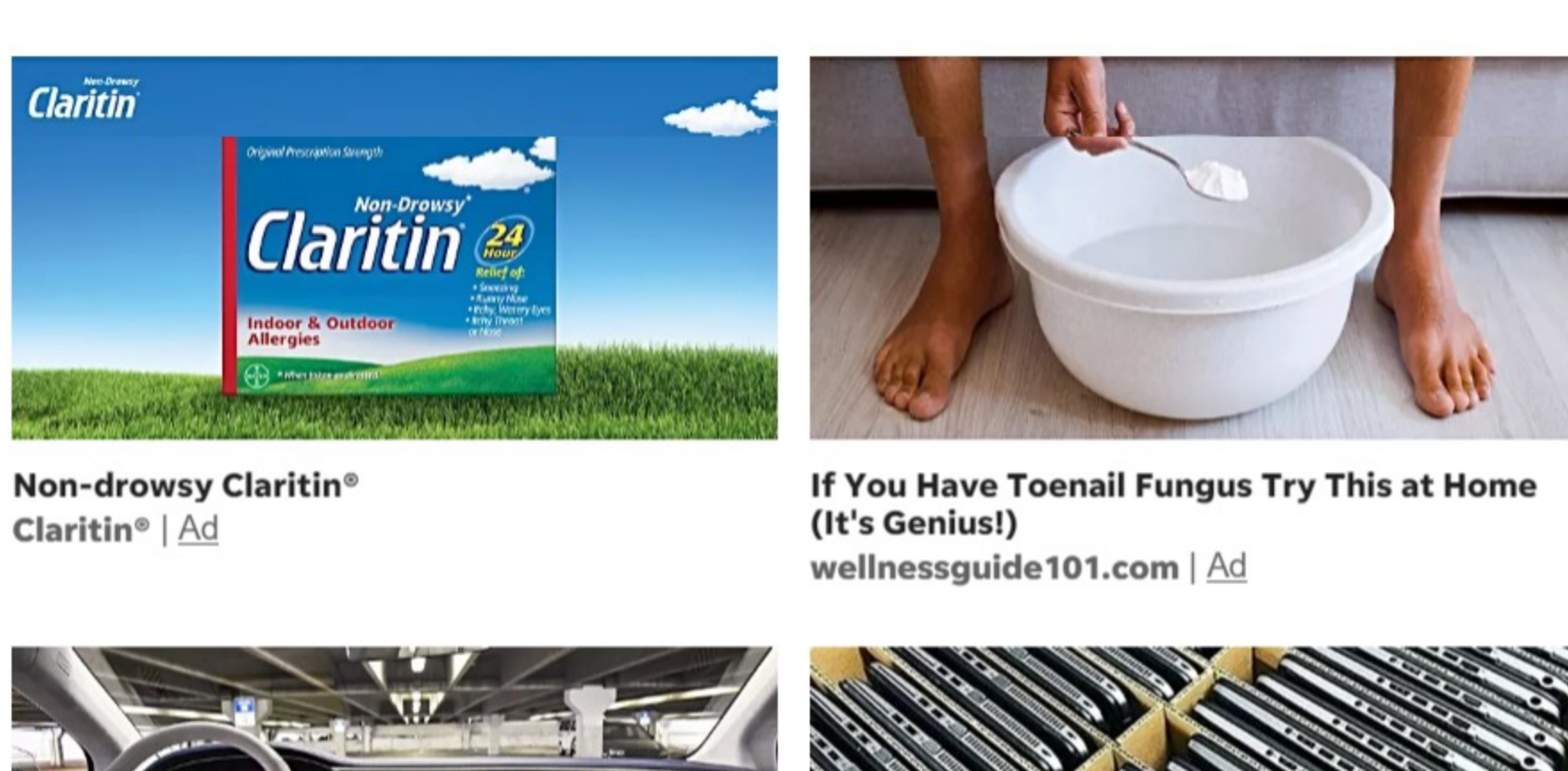
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