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## Sending a message

### Students step out of class to protest gun violence

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Both sides of Middlebelt Road were filled with students Wednesday morning outside Clarenceville High School. Some wore Trojans varsity coats, some even wore shorts and T-shirts.

But a few students stood out donning blue and silver choir robes. Those students were from Chelsea High School, at Clarenceville for a choir festival. They decided the issue was important enough to come out and join their fellow students in nationwide protest against gun violence.

"We're all students trying to stand together and bring awareness that it's a problem," Chelsea High School senior Brianne Ackley said.

Students from Clarenceville, Milford, Novi, North Farmington and many other schools walked out of class Wednesday morning as part of a nationwide movement protesting gun violence. The walk-out, which lasted 17 minutes to symbolize the 17 killed in the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting Feb. 14 in Florida, happened at schools across the country.

Clarenceville senior Mia Daniels, one of the organizers of the Clarenceville event, said the issue has hit closer to home after a Central Michigan University student was accused of shooting his parents in his residence hall earlier this month, resulting in a lockdown in Mount Pleasant until the suspect was located.



Rene Ngo (left) and Jordan Lay, both sophomores at Clarenceville High School, hold a sign along Middlebelt Road during a 17-minute walkout to urge changes making schools safer from gun violence. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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## Feds snub Ford Road funding for ninth time

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A \$30 million project intended to ease Ford Road traffic congestion in Canton has been dealt yet another blow as federal officials snubbed for the ninth time a funding request tied to job creation and economic recovery.

Canton was passed over as the U.S. Department of Transportation this month announced \$500 million for 41 road, transit, maritime and rail projects across the nation. The money comes from the federal TIGER program, or Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery.

"Obviously, we're saddened by not getting the grant again this year," town-

ship Supervisor Pat Williams said, "but that is not going to deter us."

"It's very frustrating," township Trustee John Anthony said. "I don't think you could ask for a situation that requires money more than Ford Road does. Why we didn't get it is a puzzle to everybody here in Canton."

In the latest TIGER proposal, Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said Can-

ton had asked for \$12 million in federal dollars. If approved, Canton and the Michigan Department of Transportation had agreed to pay the remaining \$18 million tab, with Canton's portion being about \$8 million.

The only Michigan project chosen this year for TIGER money involves ef-

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# Student radio station receives top award

The Michigan Association of Broadcasters Foundation presented WSDP-FM (88.1) with the 2018 High School Station of the Year Award. The MABF also honored 11 Plymouth-Canton Educational Park students in their annual High School and College Awards Competition. The MABF presented the awards March 7 during the Great Lakes Broadcasting Conference and Expo in Lansing.

P-CEP students received 12 of the 29 awards presented in the high school radio category, including four first-place awards in the 10 categories. The Park has received the Station of the Year Award seven times since 2001.

Those P-CEP students earning first-place awards were: On Air Personality or Team: Fiona Hughes (Canton junior); Sports Public Service Announcement: Saba Mangla (Plymouth senior); Sports Public Service Announcement: Rebekah McBride (Canton senior); Sports Public Service Announcement: Sam Badger (Canton junior); Sports Public Service Announcement: Maxim Jenkins (Plymouth senior); Current Events Program: Serafine Hinz (Salem senior); and Talk Show: Maxim Jenkins (Plymouth senior).

Those earning second-place awards were: Sports



Radio station WSDP-FM (88.1), known as The Park and run by students from Plymouth-Canton schools, was named the top student station in the state.

Public Service Announcement: Serafine Hinz (Salem senior); Sports Announcing Team: Jack Krumm (Canton junior); Sports Announcing Team: Max Mulvaney (Canton senior); Current Events Program: Emma Menebroker (Plymouth senior); Current Events Program: Jack Krumm (Canton junior); Current Events Program: Katie Rapai (Plymouth freshman); Current Events Program: Rohan Ghantasala (Plymouth sophomore); and Public Service Announcement: Serafine Hinz (Salem

senior).

Those earning honorable mention were: Sports Public Service Announcement: Emma Menebroker (Plymouth senior); Innovations in Digital Media: Serafine Hinz (Salem senior); Innovations in Digital Media: Fiona Hughes (Canton junior); Current Events Program: Emma Menebroker (Plymouth senior); and Talk Show: Rebekah McBride (Canton senior).

"Our students worked so hard this year and we couldn't be prouder of their success," said Bill Keith, station manager.

The MABF received nearly 410 high school entries from 19 schools in the radio and television competition. The MABF is dedicated to promote, support and enhance the broadcast industry for the good of all Michigan citizens, through education, research, public service, historical preservation, information dissemination and a commitment to diversity in all aspects of the broadcast industry.

WSDP is owned and operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district. Students at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools serve as staff members. The Park is celebrating 46 years of serving the community.

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## Ford Road

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forts to resurface and improve safety along a 4.5-mile stretch of North Holly Road in Oakland County. The project is getting \$3 million and includes cutting hills to improve sight distance, raising the road in flood zones and making improvements to potentially dangerous curves.

Faas plans to meet in coming days with officials from MDOT and the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments to discuss possible steps moving forward.

In Canton, a study by MDOT has indicated the best way to ease traffic congestion along one of Michigan's most crash-prone roads involves converting Ford Road into a boulevard. The plan involves separating opposing lanes of traffic with a median, eliminating left turns at major intersections and creating boulevard-style turnaround lanes — measures MDOT says would reduce traffic bottlenecks.

"We are passionate about the Ford Road project and reducing the number of crashes," Williams said.

The problem, as is true for many Michigan road projects, is funding.

While MDOT has identified the Ford Road project as a long-range fix, Faas said MDOT officials haven't listed the project in the latest five-year plan.

"They've identified it as a priority," he said, "but it is a priority that is currently not funded."

Under the plan, Ford Road would become a boulevard from the I-275 interchange west to nearly Canton Center.

Township Treasurer Dian Slavens said Canton officials need to try to determine what communities like Holly brought to the table that Canton didn't.

"We're just going to have to try to find some type of revenue, whether it's through the state or whatever," she said. "We're not going to give up. We'll keep trying."

Anthony commended Williams for carrying the TIGER-seeking torch of his predecessor, former Supervisor Phil LaJoy, who lobbied extensively for the project including travels to Washington, D.C.

Federal officials did indicate that 64 percent of this year's TIGER grants went to rural projects, in a move to support rural communities. That reflected a funding high for rural communities,

with U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine Chao saying the money "will increase safety, create jobs and modernize our country's infrastructure."

Local officials have long speculated that TIGER grants, intended to help communities recover from the Great Recession, could soon end, though Faas said there has been no definitive word.

Some efforts to ease Ford Road traffic problems already have been implemented. Those involved paving a continuous third lane on westbound Ford, from Lotz to Lilley, lengthening turn lanes near the I-275/Ford interchange and paving the one-mile stretch of Lotz between Ford and Cherry Hill. MDOT also installed sidewalks near the interchange to improve pedestrian safety.

While local officials are frustrated that funding for the boulevard plan has been elusive, they haven't stopped trying. Moreover, a new Canton Roads Task Force in April is expected to issue some recommendations on the scope of Canton road problems and possible ways to address them.

"We're not going to give up, that's for sure," Anthony said.

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# Lilley bridge closure to last until spring 2019

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A Canton bridge, shut down last April amid concerns by Wayne County that it was unsafe, isn't expected to open until spring 2019, after it is completely replaced, officials have confirmed.

That means another year of detours for residents who live near the Lilley Road bridge, between Palmer and Michigan Avenue, but Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams said it's the first time a tentative opening for the new bridge has been confirmed.

"We're just pleased as punch that we actually have a schedule," he said.

Williams has asked residents to remain patient as Wayne County this year embarks on a project to replace the old bridge. He said his office still receives inquiries, nearly a year after the bridge was shut down.

Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said it now appears "the best-case scenario" is for Wayne County to bid the construction project in late summer, with work likely completed in early 2019.

Williams mentioned the spring opening during his recent State of the Township address.

Wayne County abruptly closed the bridge last April 20 after an inspection revealed it was badly corroded and could be unsafe for traffic. Motorists who use that section of Lilley Road have had to find alternate north-south routes.

Some Canton historians had hoped the old bridge could be rescued, because it was listed on the National Register of Historic Places for the way it was designed and built. But Wayne County officials have said it was beyond repair.

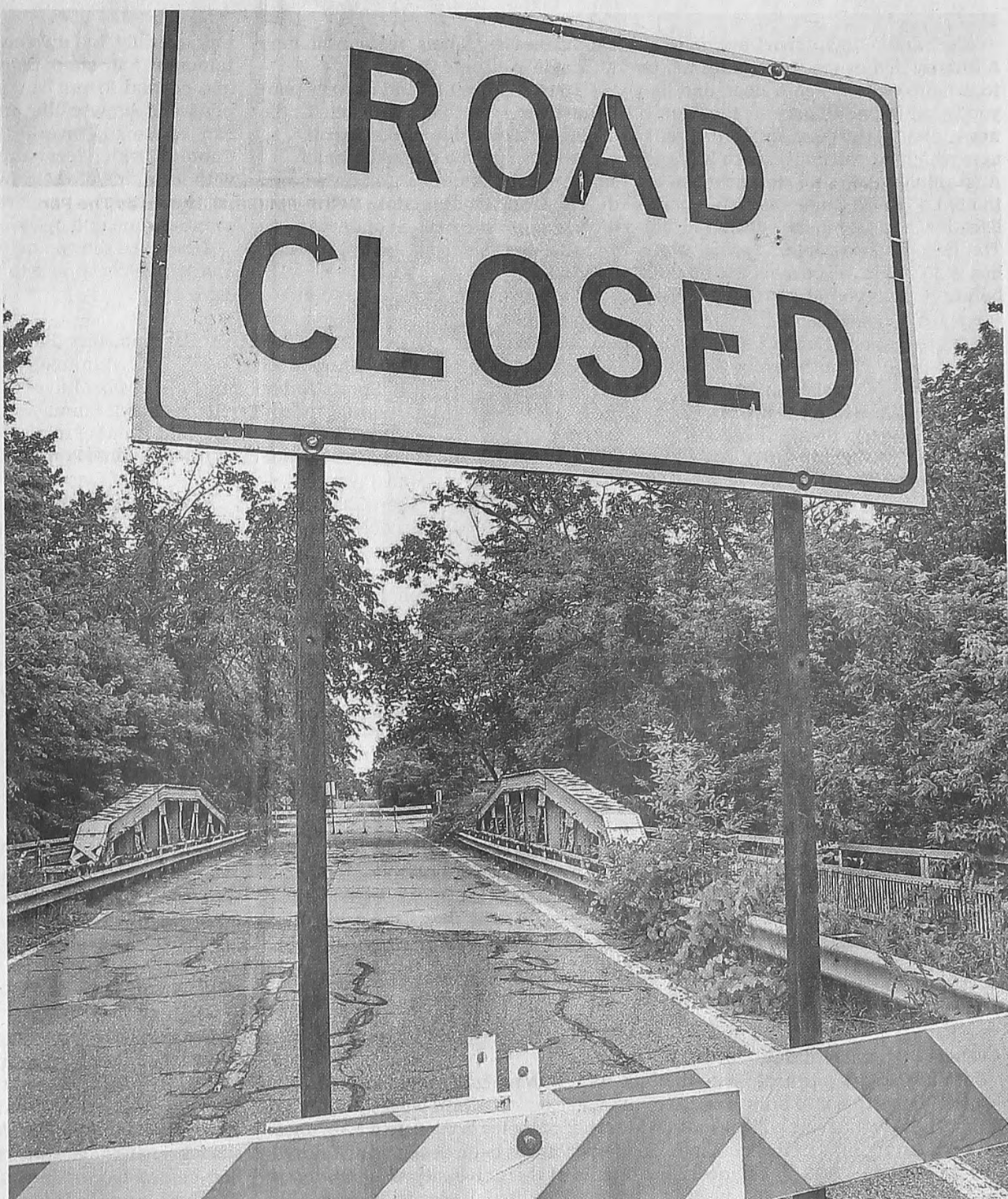
The bridge — described as a 90-foot-long, camel-back, pony truss bridge made of concrete and steel — was originally built in 1923 on Telegraph Road, near Warren, but was moved after it was deemed too small while Telegraph was being widened. It later became the Lilley Road bridge in Canton.

It cost just under \$21,000 when it was built. Officials have estimated the cost of replacing it at \$1.9 million.

In shutting down the bridge last spring, county officials said the concrete deck was badly deteriorated and the steel support beams were weak. The decision came as Wayne County had been assessing bridge needs in all 43 communities in the county.

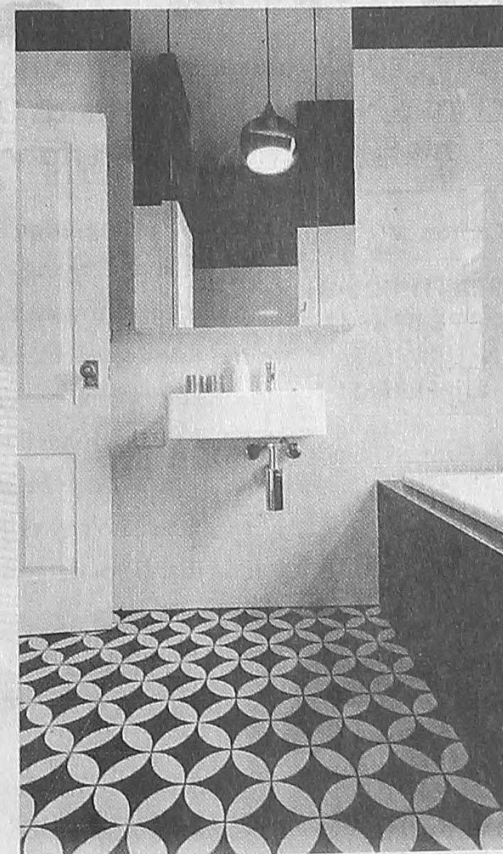
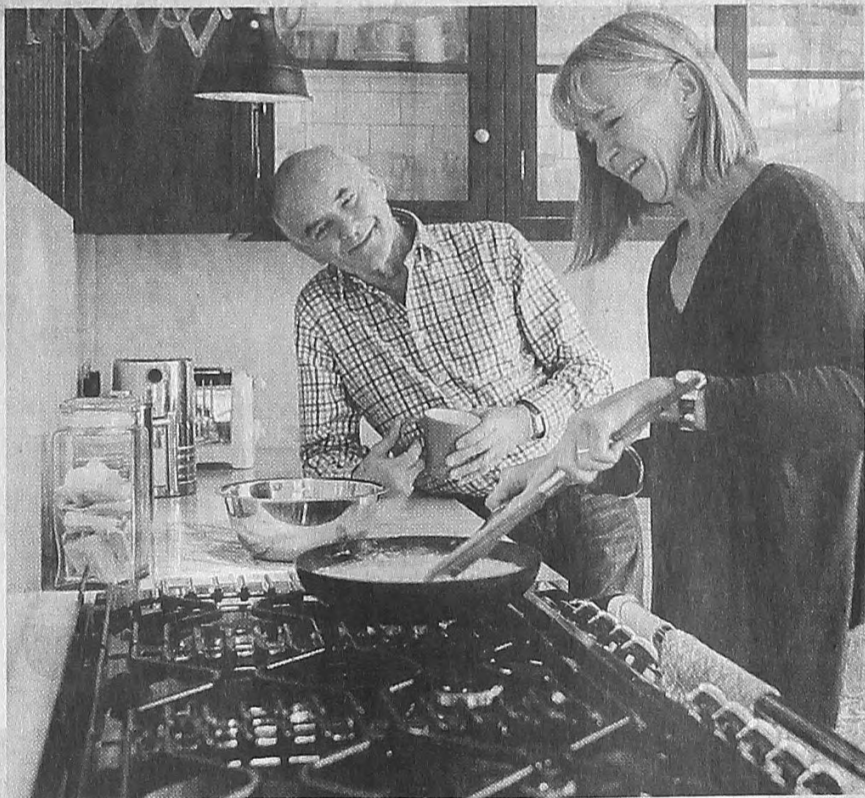
A company hired by the county, Great Lakes Engineering Group, advised the county to close the bridge.

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Officials say the new Lilley Road bridge isn't expected to open until spring 2019. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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# Canton DDA launches new mobile app

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cal businesses, hotels, restaurants and Michigan Welcome Centers. "The ShopCanton Guide is very popular with the community. In fact, it's the strongest tool in our marketing plan, so we've introduced a digital companion," said Amy Hamilton, Canton downtown development coordinator. "The new mobile app and new ShopCanton.org website give us a fresh exciting outlook for 2018." The free mobile app features a direc-

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### U-M STEM Spring 2018

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### Sunday Afternoon Music Series

**When:** 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, March 25

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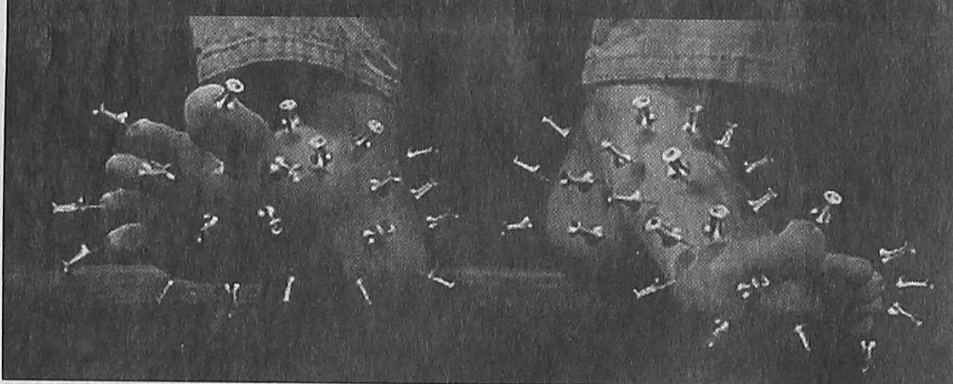
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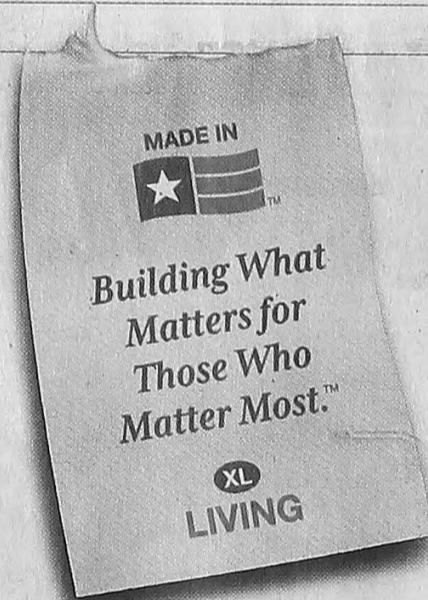
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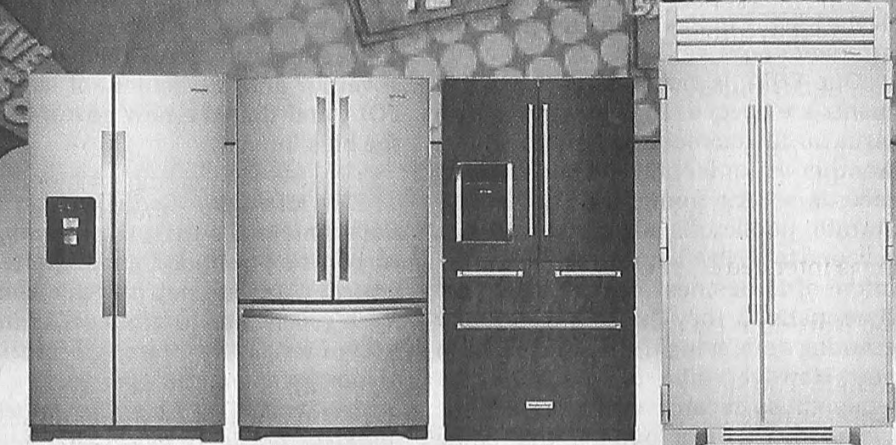


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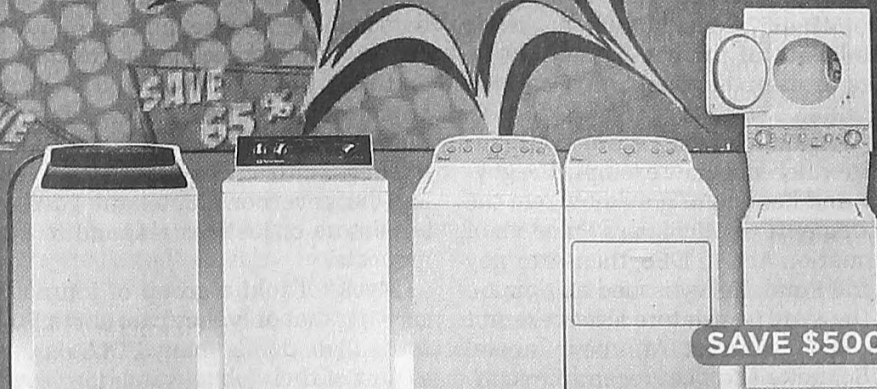
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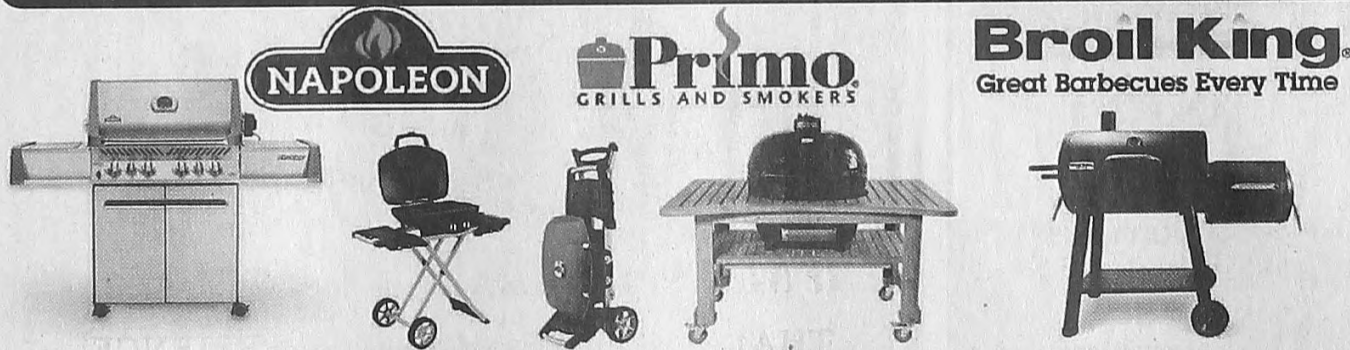
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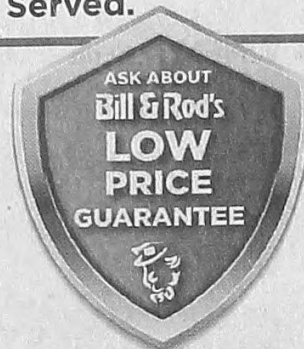


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# This Sunshine Week would be brighter with stronger FOIA laws



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As citizens around the country celebrate the 13th annual national Sunshine Week, March 11-17, Michigan residents have nothing to cheer.

A series of open records bills that would put Michigan in sync with the rest of the country are buried, once again, in the state Senate Government Operations Committee through the actions of Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof, R-West Olive.

Despite unanimous bipartisan support in the House for the Legislative Open Records Act spelled out in House Bills 4148-4157, Meekhof will not move the bills out of the committee that he chairs or even allow a vote within the committee.

Michigan is the only state in the nation in which state law exempts the governor and lieutenant governor from the requirements of Michigan's Freedom of Information Act. In 1986, then-Attorney General Frank Kelley issued an opinion that the state Legislature also is exempt from FOIA. Current Attorney General Bill Schuette's office recently recon-

firmed that opinion.

This makes Michigan a FOIA outlier among the states. It means the citizens here have no right to request and obtain records from their governor and lieutenant governor (a critical issue as the Flint water debacle unfolded) or their elected representatives.

City councils, township and school boards, local and county governments are all required under FOIA to provide public records — except in the case of a limited number of exemptions — to people who request them. But what is required of local public officials is not required of Michigan's state elected officials.

The state Supreme Court summarily exempted itself from FOIA's requirements when the law was passed in 1976. The high court ruled that FOIA's mandates violated the separation of powers of the three branches of government and that the legislative and executive branches could not compel the judicial branch to be covered by FOIA. So now Michigan citizens have no way of making the governor, lieutenant governor, legislators or justices respond to FOIA requests.

Meekhof told a group of journalists last year that only they care about FOIA. Journalists do file many FOIA requests as part of their job to watchdog govern-

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ment at all levels. But everyday citizens also file FOIAs and plenty of them, as we at the Michigan Coalition for Open Government know well.

Our FOIA is not perfect. Improvements are needed. High fees are still an issue for citizens seeking public records. Another major loophole is in delivering records sought from public bodies. By statute, public officials are required to respond to a FOIA request within a maximum of 15 business days. Within that time period, they must respond by granting or denying the request all or in part. However, there is no deadline for when those records must actually be provided. This is a loophole that some

public bodies already have used to slow down turning over records. Michigan State University played this game initially with FOIA requests by media over the Larry Nassar case. Requests from Flint also met, at times, with similar delays.

The bills making up the Legislative Open Records Act would be a major step forward toward making state elected officials more accountable. The current lack of accountability and transparency earned Michigan an F grade in 2015 in the Center for Public Integrity's survey of all 50 states. Michigan should earn another F in the next survey if lawmakers don't pass the Legislative Open Records Act.

This is Meekhof's last term due to term limits. The hope is that, in the next session, senators will join their House colleagues and make themselves, the governor and his lieutenant subject to FOIA and that the new governor signs the bills into law.

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## Leukemia foundation gets four-star rating

Charity Navigator, the leading charity evaluator in America, recently awarded Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan a four-star rating for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to patients and families with leukemia, lymphoma and other blood related disorders. A four-star rating from Charity Navigator is the highest an organization can receive.

Charity Navigator's goal is to provide donors with essential information to verify and evaluate work in the nonprofit sector. It evaluates 1.5 million charities and only gives out four-star ratings to very select organizations. This evaluation process uses unique methods of data-driven analysis and criteria, including communication, goals, progress, trustworthiness and long-term

commitment, on which items CLF received a perfect score. Charity Navigator's four-star rating indicates that CLF, based in Farmington Hills, executes its mission in a financially effective way, exceeds the industry standards and outperforms other charities in their category of work.

CLF's four-star rating and review for commitment to accountability and

transparency can now be viewed on Charity Navigator's website: <https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=12195>.

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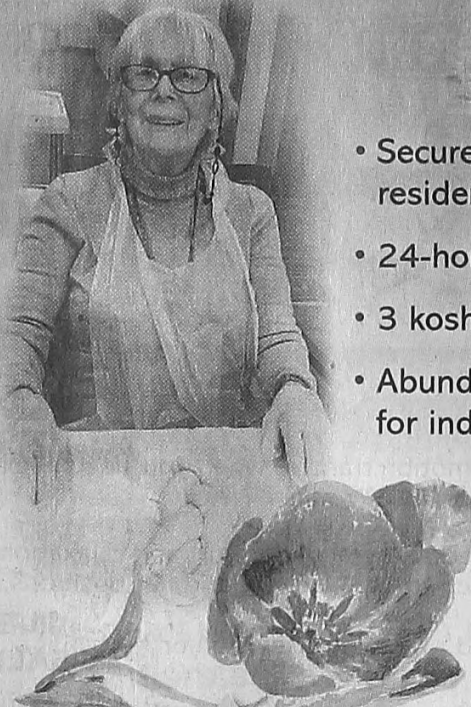
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## Students

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"There's been 18 school shootings this year alone and just the school shooting that happened up at Central (Michigan University). We need safer schools," she said. "I had to text a couple of my friends and say, 'Are you OK? What's happening?'"

About 200 students took part in Milford High School's protest, which saw students read the names of all the Parkland victims before placing a white rose into a vase.

Milford student Lilly Niehaus said this incident touched her personally, as she knows someone who attends Stoneman Douglas High School.

"I had no idea how many students would participate today, but I am very happy with the turnout because one of my good friends attends Stoneman High School," she said. "When I told her what we were doing today, she was very happy."

Milford High School Principal Kevin McKenna said he was pleased at how the students handled the protest.

"I was very proud of our students today. Overall, they did exactly what they wanted to do and it was respectful and cooperative with us," he said. "I'm always proud of our young adults when they are put in tough positions ... they did a nice job planning this and making it work."

### 'All we want is to feel safe'

For North Farmington High School senior Lily Kollin, the reason for Wednesday's walkout in protest of gun violence was incredibly simple.

"We did this because students died," said Kollin, one of the leaders of the group Students Demand Action that organized Wednesday's walkout. "We are fully aware that could have been us and can be us. We did this because innocent lives were lost and these are deaths that could have been prevented."

Like students across the country, Farmington Public School district students say they've had enough of gun violence and stood up Wednesday to say, "Enough is enough."

Student walkouts at all three Farmington high schools — Farmington, North Farmington and Harrison — mirrored walkouts around the nation as students gave their voice to the protest.

At North Farmington, the SDA-organized walkout drew an estimated 900 students into the gym to hear music, poetry, student readings and a beautiful rendition of "Hallelujah."

At Novi High School, hundreds of students left their classrooms at 10 a.m., filing into the auditorium for a "speak out" of music, poetry, speeches and theater.

Junior Renee Boudreau urged students to reach out to schoolmates who may feel ostracized.

"It doesn't take political power to be kind, but kindness can prevent tragedy," she said.

Several speakers called for increased activism and



Senior Leah Shamoun and junior Ben Lauter sing "Hallelujah" during the walkout at North Farmington High School. BRAD KADRICH

advocated for gun restrictions, including thorough background checks, increasing the minimum purchase age to 21, the banning of "bump stocks" used to make semiautomatic rifles fire more rapidly and a ban on gun ownership by known criminals and the mentally ill.

"All we want is to feel safe. Is that too much to ask for?" sophomore Hrishika Gogineni said.

Steve Matthews, the Novi Community School District superintendent, said there would be no disciplining of students who participated as long as they stuck to an agreed-upon half-hour time frame.

"We told them we would give them the space," he said.

But high school students weren't the only ones participating Wednesday. Lily Pazner and Alexis Butcher, both Bloomfield Hills residents and eighth-graders at Detroit Country Day Middle School in Beverly Hills, organized a "walkout with a purpose" at their school.

Julie Bianchi, middle school director, gave the event her blessing after the girls presented their ideas, which involved setting up four student activity stations during the 17-minute walkout.

"What I see is two young women who put in effort to show leadership. If this is a student movement, it only makes it appropriate that students were the ones who said can we make this happen," Bianchi said, explaining why she supported the idea. "This was very well-articulated and thought out. For these kids, now there is something tangible they can go home and talk about."

Students had the option of staying in class or in participating in one or more of the activities, which were organized on three floors inside the middle school. Students made posters, watched videos about the Second Amendment, wrote letters to families involved in the Parkland shooting and wrote letters to lawmakers.

"When you're in middle school, you're in an awkward position because you can't vote and you don't know what you can do to make a difference," Pazner said. "We wanted to show them that, even though you can't vote, there is so much more you can do."

The movement was the first national protest and won't be the last: Students across the country are

planning on doing another walkout Friday, April 20, the 19th anniversary of the shootings at Columbine High School. Many students, including some at Livonia Churchill High School and the three Plymouth-Canton high schools, have indicated they would participate in that walkout.

### Some schools keep students in

Some schools were hesitant to allow students outside during the protest, citing safety concerns. Some schools also declined to allow reporters onto school grounds to cover the protests.

Students at South Lyon and South Lyon East high schools did not go outside their schools as part of the nationwide protest. It was not immediately clear if there were any students protesting within the buildings.

Noting safety of students was a top priority and one contingent on knowing student whereabouts during the school day, South Lyon Community Schools district Superintendent Melissa Baker issued a statement that high school principals are working collaboratively with groups of student leaders to ensure that they are supervised and orderly if they choose to peacefully demonstrate.

An employee in the school office responded to an inquiry by saying students would not be allowed to leave the building, but would possibly stage a walkout inside the school. Asked about coming inside to talk with any student demonstrators, the staff member said a reporter wouldn't be allowed in the building or on school property.

Baker's statement noted that the district's regular attendance policy would apply if a high school student participated in a demonstration for longer than the organized window or refused to stay in a supervised area. As a public entity, Baker said it was the district's responsibility to remain content and viewpoint neutral.

Marcia Wilkinson, director of communications and family engagement for the Birmingham Public Schools district, said some Seaholm High School students planned to participate in the walkout. However, under direction of the superintendent, news media would be barred from campus in order to safeguard student privacy.

She also said that, as a safety measure, the district would not disclose where on campus students would gather for the event.

Wilkinson said students planned to read the names of victims in the Parkland shooting, but wasn't sure what else the event would entail.

"This is completely student organized and led by students," she said. "We don't know how many will be participating."

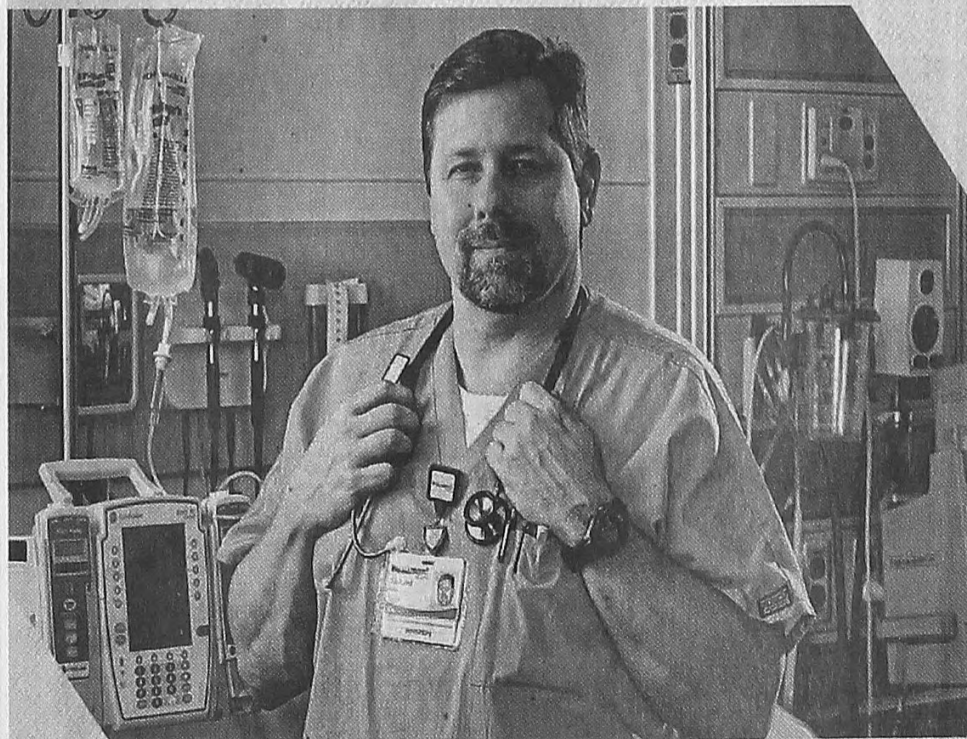
Northville Public Schools district officials also barred the media from its campus during the protest.

Staff writers Sharon Dargay, Matt Jachman, Brad Kadrich, LeAnne Rogers and Ed Wright contributed to this report.

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# Board should distance itself from president's emails



**Condo Living**  
Robert Meisner  
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**Q: Is there a legal issue when a condo association president sends emails to all of its members expressing his political opinions that certain people and the media are biased against certain political figures?**

**A:** While the specific content of the emails may determine the extent of actions we would advise to take, this is certainly an inappropriate use of the association's email list, which this person seems to have used for his own personal purposes.

If you are on the board of directors yourself and a majority of the board agrees with you, you may wish to consider a resolution that formally censures him for these actions. If the emails in question make negative generaliza-

tions about certain groups of people, for example, based on race, political affiliation or affiliation with the media, it is important for the board to distance itself from those comments in writing. It must be made clear to the association's members that his statements are his personal opinions only and do not reflect the opinions of the board of directors. And if he happened to have "president" and/or the association's name in his signature line, that would be even more egregious, as you can imagine how someone reading it may reasonably conclude that he is representing the board's opinion. Formally distancing the board from those comments lessens the chance that the association will face claims of discrimination or disparate treatment from people who belong to the groups referenced in his emails.

Officers also serve at the pleasure of the board, so if a majority of the board agrees, you can remove him from the office of president and appoint someone

else to the office. But you could not remove him from the board, as only the members would be able to do that by a recall vote (there may be exceptions in some cases, but this would not be one of them).

Again, depending on the specific content of the emails, it may also be advisable for the association's attorney to write a letter to the president demanding he cease and desist from sending emails to everyone that are not related to the association's business. That letter would also put him on notice that the association would demand indemnification from him in connection with any suit filed against the association as a result of his actions.

Individuals can simply block this person from sending them emails, as most email providers make it pretty easy to do so. At the very least, the board should make sure that the president is not in charge of sending out anything important to the membership, because

those who choose to block him won't get the important association messages.

If you are not on the board and the other board members don't want to do anything about this, you should seriously consider running for the board yourself and getting some like-minded neighbors to run as well. If this person cannot see that these actions are improper, they are likely taking other actions to the association's detriment.

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# Tax preparer bats .500 concerning questions from reader



**Money Matters**  
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**Q: I just got some bad news on my tax returns. I was expecting a refund, but it turns out that I owe money. I wanted a second opinion as to if my tax preparer handled things right. I had two unusual things on my tax return and that is what I am questioning. The first deals with the sale of my up north property. Plain and simple, I overpaid for the property and the only way I could sell it was through a short sale. Without going over all the details, the house sold for about \$60,000 less than the mortgage. My preparer claims that I have to pay tax on that money. The second issue deals with an inheritance I received. My great-aunt died and left me her house, which is worth about \$40,000, and her IRA, which was about \$20,000. My tax preparer said I had to pay tax on the IRA, but not on the house. You should know, I did cash out the IRA.**

**A:** I have some good news and bad news for you. The good news is it appears your tax preparer has made a mistake with regards to your mortgage. The bad news: Your tax preparer is correct that you are taxed on the IRA.

A few years ago during the financial crisis, Congress did pass a law that waived the taxation on forgiveness of debt with regards to mortgages. That law expired as of Dec. 31, 2016. With the recent Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018, that law was reinstated for 2017. You should be able to exclude your cancellation of debt income on your qualified principal residence. You should have your tax preparer review this and he should be able to amend your return.

With regards to the inheritance of the IRA, your tax preparer is correct. Money in a qualified account such as an IRA is taxed differently than if you inherited assets outside the IRA. When you inherit an asset that is not in an IRA, such as the house, there is no income tax consequence and your new cost basis for tax purposes is the fair market value of the home as of the date of death. It doesn't matter what the person paid for the

house; the key upon inheritance is the fair market value.

When you inherit something like an IRA, a 401(k) or something of that nature, there are different income tax consequences. Since that money has been growing tax-deferred and has never been subject to income tax, whoever inherits that money must pay the tax. There are different options as to how you treat the transaction but, ultimately, the money in the account is subject to income tax. You are taxed on when the money is distributed from the IRA to you. Typically, a taxpayer will have many different options as to how that money is distributed, potentially deferring the tax liability. In the situation at hand, since you took a distribution of the entire IRA, that amount is subject to income taxes.

If you find that with the additional tax liability you cannot afford to pay the taxes, I still encourage you to file your return. Whether or not you can afford to pay the taxes, it is always recommended that you file your return on time. If you don't, not only will you have to pay interest, but you can also be hit with sub-

stantial penalties. I've always found that whether or not you can afford to pay the taxes, you're in a much better position to deal with the IRS when your returns were timely filed.

For anyone who owes money to the IRS, you should know the IRS has gotten easier to deal with. The IRS has a number of programs that can assist taxpayers who are unable to pay their taxes, including installment plans which are relatively easy to implement. The key is you have to be proactive.

I always recommend that, if you have a tax problem, when you deal with the IRS, you consider using the services of a professional. The IRS has its own language and procedures and someone who is familiar with dealing with it can help you reach a more favorable outcome.

Good luck!

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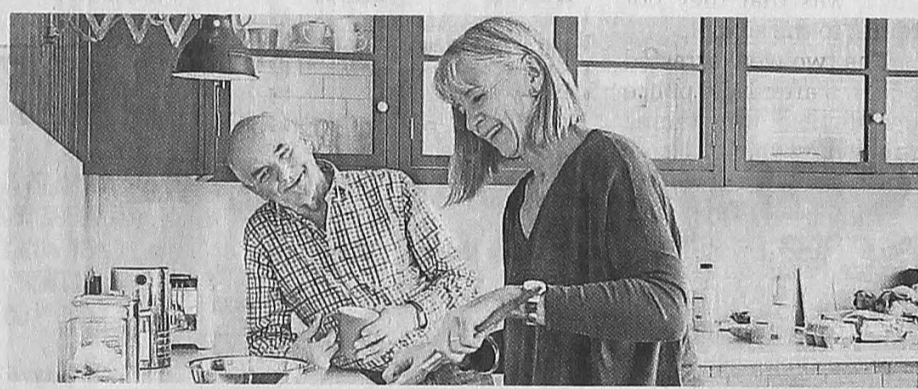
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# Takes all steps to save marriage before divorce



## Tales From the Front Lines

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**M**y wife wants a divorce and I do not want one. Is there anything that I can do to stop our divorce?

You are raising a very important issue. I have handled many divorces over the years where one party did not want the divorce. Once a divorce is filed, it can be stopped at any time. The problem is, if your wife proceeds with the divorce, you can delay it, but you cannot prevent it.

I believe that divorce should be the last resort. When a client comes to me whose spouse has already filed for a divorce, I will always ask whether the marriage can be

saved. I have had success over the years where a divorce has been filed. Through extensive counseling, I have seen many marriages saved.

The law in Michigan is, if there has been a breakdown of the marriage to the extent that the objects of matrimony have been destroyed and there is no reasonable likelihood that the marriage can be preserved, then a divorce will be granted. The reasons are not relevant as to the breakdown and granting of a divorce. The reasons for the divorce become relevant regarding issues involving custody, parenting time, property division

and spousal support.

What steps can you take when your wife has already filed?

1. You can ask for marriage counseling if it has not been tried. While judges encourage marriage counseling, they will not force it unless there is reason for counseling regarding children. There is no law in Michigan requiring counseling before a divorce can be granted.

2. I will send a letter to the opposing attorney, asking for counseling and explaining that my client does not want a divorce. A good attorney will explore all possibilities of saving a marriage and will encourage his or her client to reconsider and think about possible counseling.

3. In the answer to the complaint for divorce, if

my client is seeking a reconciliation, I will deny that the marriage has broken down and will state that, through counseling, my client believes that the marriage can be saved.

4. The minimum time period a divorce can be granted with no minor children is 60 days in Michigan. If there are minor children, the minimum time period is 180 days. If there are minor children and my client is hoping to save the marriage, I will insist that the divorce take as long as possible and will not agree to waive the 180-day statutory waiting period.

5. If there is any hope, I encourage my client to communicate with his spouse and see if there is anything to be done to reconcile. This is espe-

cially true if there are minor children involved.

6. I once had a case where the divorce was finalized on the record in open court and the couple disappeared together for a weekend after the court date. My client, the husband, called me and told me that he and his wife had talked and wanted to save the marriage. In that situation, because no written judgment was ever entered, it was possible to still dismiss the divorce action. A court speaks through its written orders and, until that final judgment is entered with the court, there can be a glimmer of hope.

7. I have had situations where, on the court date, I have allowed a client to speak and state that he did not want the divorce and was still hoping to persuade his wife to drop

the divorce. It provides some catharsis for my client, but will not stop the divorce.

Divorces are complicated, people are complex and the reasons for saving or ending a marriage can be endless. By proceeding slowly and carefully, I have been able to assist in saving many marriages, even though a divorce had been filed.

These are my thoughts on this weighty issue. Please share yours.

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# Students charged with Novi school threat released

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Two Novi Middle School students charged with making a threat toward their school have been released from custody to their parents.

Their release was ordered at a pre-trial hearing in Oakland County Probate Court, where the charge of making a terrorist threat against each student will be adjudicated. Among the conditions for the students, who are being charged as juveniles, was that they not return to the school.

The two were arrested March 5 after Novi police investigated threatening comments which a classmate reported hearing during class. The comments were reported to be about a shooting at the school.

Police conducted consent searches at each student's home and the students — who police declined to identify by age, gender or hometown — were arrested and charged.

Investigators had confirmed the juveniles involved did not have access to any weapons in their homes.

The Novi Police Department and the Novi Community School District remain steadfast in providing a safe learning

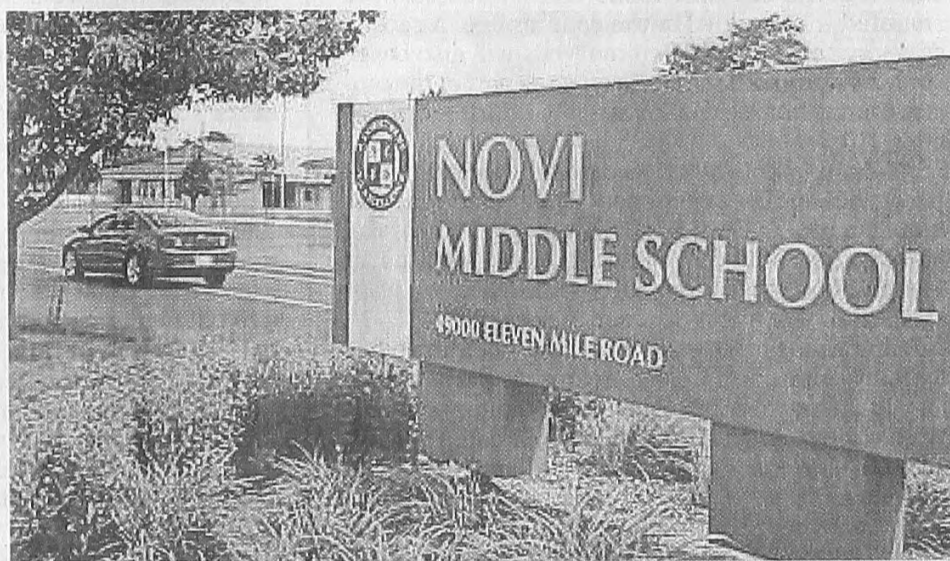
environment for all students, according to a statement issued by police. Any and all threats made against schools, students and staff will be fully investigated if all means necessary, it read.

It was the latest in series of threats at area schools that came in the wake of the school shooting that left 17 people dead earlier this month. No charge will be sought in a threat allegedly made at North Farmington High School, but a South Lyon High School student re-

mains jailed on a charge that he made a threat against his school.

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Two Novi Middle School students face charges of making a terrorist threat. FILE PHOTO



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## Livonia archery range opens April 7

The Livonia archery range will open for the season at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 7. The archery range, located on Glendale Avenue, east of Farmington Road, between Plymouth Road and I-96, offers several target lanes and one lane specifically for shooting broad heads to tune-in hunting bows.

The archery range is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Saturdays and from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Sunday (starting in May) through October. During September and October, the range is also open from 4 p.m. to dusk each Tuesday and Thursday. An adult must accompany all children ages 10 and under. Daily fees for adults are \$4 for Livonia residents and \$6 for non-residents. Children are \$2 for Livonia residents and \$4 for non-residents. Season pass rates are also available.

For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to [www.livoniaparks.org](http://www.livoniaparks.org).

## Livonia SOS office closed for remodeling March 19

The Secretary of State SUPER!Center in Livonia will close for one day Monday, March 19, for a quick remodeling project, but customers can go online to ExpressSOS.com instead, Secretary of State Ruth Johnson said.

The office at 17176 Farmington Road will normal service at 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 20.

New data communications equipment will be installed to speed transactions and additional work stations will be added to the counter line. A second self-service station for tab renewals will also be installed in the vestibule of the office as part of the project. Neither kiosk will be available during the closure.

"This project is part of our commitment to improving service and the experience of customers who visit an office," Johnson said. "Area residents now can hop online to do many transactions with us at ExpressSOS.com, but when they do visit, we want them to have the best experience possible."

Those who need to visit a Secretary of State office for services during the closure can visit one of the following offices: 8565 N. Lilley Road, Canton; 6090 N. Wayne Road, Westland; 25700 Joy Road, Redford; 25263 Telegraph Road, Southfield; or 31164 Beck Road, Novi.

For more information about office hours, locations and services, go to [www.michigan.gov/sos](http://www.michigan.gov/sos).

# DeVos flubs Michigan schools questioning

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U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos set off a fresh round of criticism Monday as to whether she can handle her job after flubbing a question on Michigan schools March 11 on CBS's "60 Minutes," saying she had no idea whether the state's schools are better or worse off because of her school choice efforts.

According to a transcript of the episode on CBS's website, correspondent Lesley Stahl visited DeVos in Michigan and asked her whether her previous efforts as a school choice advocate in the state had improved public education institutions overall as she has insisted they would.

After DeVos said that "billions and billions and billions" of dollars have been invested in public schools with "zero results," Stahl noted that U.S. test scores have risen over the last 25 years. DeVos questioned that, saying test scores have "stagnated" compared with the rest of the world.

That, in turn, led to this exchange, which began when Stahl said taking funds away when a child moves to a private or charter school, leaves his or her former public school with less funds to perform its mission.

**Stahl:** Why take away money from that school that's not working, to bring them up to a level where they are — that school is working?

**DeVos:** Well, we should be funding and investing in students, not in school — school buildings, not in institutions, not in systems.

**Stahl:** Okay. But what about the kids who are back at the school that's not working?

What about those kids?

**DeVos:** Well, in places where there have been — where there is — a lot of choice that's been introduced — Florida, for example, the — studies show that when there's a large number of students that opt to go to a different school or different schools, the traditional public schools actually — the results get better, as well.

**Stahl:** Now, has that happened in Michigan? We're in Michigan. This is your home state.

**DeVos:** Michi— Yes, well, there's lots of great options and choices for students here.

**Stahl:** Have the public schools in Michigan gotten better?

**DeVos:** I don't know. Overall, I — I can't say overall

that they have all gotten better.

**Stahl:** The whole state is not doing well.

**DeVos:** Well, there are certainly lots of pockets where this — the students are doing well and ...

**Stahl:** No, but your argument — that if you take funds away that the schools will get better — is not working in Michigan where you had a huge impact and influence over the direction of the school system here.

**DeVos:** I hesitate to talk about all schools in general because schools are made up of individual students attending them.

**Stahl:** The public schools here are doing worse than they did.

**DeVos:** Michigan schools need to do better. There is no doubt about it.

Stahl then asked DeVos whether she had visited "really bad schools" in an attempt to sort out what sort of help they may need. DeVos said she has "not intentionally visited schools that are underperforming" but acknowledged that maybe she should.

For years, the Free Press has written extensively about how Michigan's performance on a national student assessment exam has declined dramatically while other states have shown improvement. A report released last week raised concerns about large drops in student proficiency among third graders in the state and found that Michigan had the biggest declines compared with 11 other states that use a similar exam.

DeVos' "60 Minutes" appearance was widely panned, with CNN contributor Ana Navarro saying she "had not seen a TV interview so cringe-inducing, since Sarah Palin saw Russia from her backyard" and U.S. Rep. Jared Huffman, D-Calif., saying that if President Donald Trump wants to "meet someone who has an actual IQ problem," he should look to DeVos.

Trump recently has referred to U.S. Rep. Maxine Waters, D-Calif., who is African American, as "low IQ."

The Education Department apparently felt DeVos' remarks called for some clarification. "CBS This Morning" posted a message on Twitter on Monday morning saying the department was defending DeVos, and that she is "quite aware" that Michigan "needs to do better for all students."

DeVos' only previous experience in the education field before becoming the nation's top education official was as a school choice advocate in Michigan, pushing for changes in the state's laws to encourage charter and private school choice. As education secretary, she has pushed for deep cuts in the federal education budget while urging large expenditures on school choice programs.



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# Obituaries

## Charles Nelson Neubrecht

FORMERLY OF MILFORD - age 91, died, Saturday, February 24, 2018 at Hillside Terrace, Ann Arbor, MI.

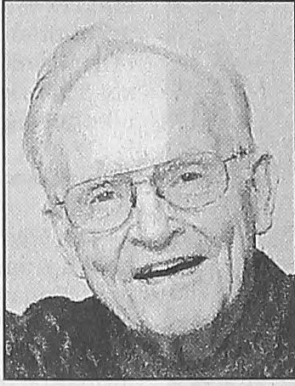
Charles was born October 17, 1926 in Detroit, MI to Rupert and Lucile (VanderVoort) Neubrecht. He graduated from Mackenzie High School in 1944 and received a degree in architecture from Ohio State University in 1949. On October 6, 1951 he married Georgia Anna Newell in Detroit. Charles and his father formed Neubrecht & Neubrecht Architects in the 1950's and together designed and oversaw construction of credit unions and other commercial properties in metro Detroit. Charles also designed homes for family and friends.

Charles grew up in Detroit, but spent many of his summers working on his uncle's farm near Wilmington, OH. He loved animals, gardening, hunting, and the great outdoors. In 1968, he moved his family to Milford, where he could pursue these passions.

Charles and Georgia were original members of the NW Unitarian Universalist Church in Southfield, MI and active supporters of many civil rights, non-aggression, and nuclear disarmament causes. They loved spending time with friends and family, hosting frequent gatherings in their home.

Charles is survived by his two daughters, Nancy Lynn Stier and husband Jim of Norton Shores, MI, Carol Ann Seidl and husband F. Andrew of Ann Arbor, MI; five grandchildren, Nolan Stier and wife Lauren, Hannah Stier, and Frank, Rita, and Rose Seidl. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rupert and Lucile, his brother, Richard, and his wife Georgia.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held in summer 2018. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Rd, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.



## Jeremiah E. Ovitt

DETROIT - Jeremiah E. Ovitt, 92, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus on Thursday, March 8, 2018. Born in Chicago, Illinois, Jeremiah was the son of the late Harry and Harietta Ovitt. Jeremiah was a WWII Army veteran. He was a foreman with Banner Lumber Company for 42 years, prior to his retirement. Jeremiah loved attending church and being a greeter which he was for 50 years at Dunning Park Bible Chapel in Detroit. Jeremiah had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed painting works of art. Surviving are his sons, Rod (Carolyn) Ovitt, Ron (Janine) Ovitt, Jeff (Cheryl) Ovitt, Keith (Vicki) Ovitt; 10 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Jeremiah was preceded in death by his wife of 70 years Allie Ovitt; grandson Paul Ovitt, 3 brothers, and 1 sister. Service is 1:00 pm, Saturday, March 17, 2018 at D. O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road with calling from 11:00 am until the service. Burial in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Memorials may be made to the Dunning Park Bible Chapel Redford Township, MI. 48239.



## Margaret "Marty" Shaieb

BLOOMFIELD HILLS - March 15, 2018. Surrounded by the love of her Family. Age 97. Formerly of Bloomfield Hills. Longtime Account Executive for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Beloved wife of the late Nicholas G. for 44 years. Dear mother of Victoria DeShaw (Late Anthony), Constance Salloum (Samuel), Anthony (Mary Ann), Katharine Shaieb (George) and Nicholas (Jean). Cherished grandmother of 21 grandchildren and 28 great grandchildren. Sister of Abraham Kalil (Doris) and Farris Kalil (Bernice). Sister in Law of Michael Saoud (Late Angeline). Also many nieces and nephews. Family is grateful for the loving care at Halsted Place. A Funeral Mass was held Saturday, March 17, 2018 at St. Hugo of the Hills Stone Chapel, Bloomfield Hills. Memorial tributes to St. Jude Children's Hospital (ALSAC). A.J.Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500

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## Kenneth R. Evans

AUSTIN, TX - Born January 2, 1941 in Detroit, MI - Died March 10, 2018 in Austin, TX.

Loving Husband, Father and Papa went to be with the Lord on March 10, 2018. He is survived by his wife Patricia; His children Kevin (Nicole), Sherry, and Craig (Rita); His grandchildren Jean-Tavis, Colin, Connor and Rorey; His siblings Karen Franklin and Robert Johns (Brenda).

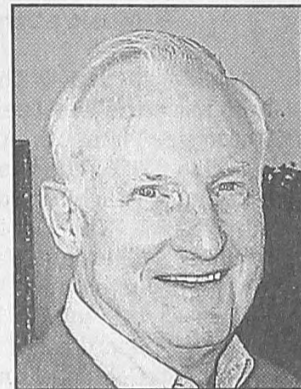
We celebrated his life at the Weed-Corley-Fish Event Center in Lakeway with Texas viewing and services as follows: Viewing on Thursday, March 15, 2018 from 6-8 PM followed by a service on Friday, March 16, 2018 at 10:00 AM. Michigan services will be held at a location and date to be determined. In Lieu of flowers, the family's desire is to support the American Diabetes Association. Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish (512-263-1511). For those desiring, you may also access the online guest registry and obituary at [www.wcfish.com](http://www.wcfish.com).



## Margaret Pariseau

- - Age 104, passed away on March 12, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Edward. Dear mother of Sandy Bell, Beverly (Jim) Duff, and Edward (Cindy) Pariseau. Loving grandmother of Fred and Jeff. Great-grandmother of Amanda. Dear sister of the late Cecelia, Raymond, Marcus, Wilbert, Mayme, Erma, Leona, and Norbert. Visitation was Wednesday, March 14, from 3-8pm at Harry J. Will Funeral Home, 37000 Six Mile Rd, Livonia. Funeral Mass was Thursday, March 15, at 10:30am (in state 10am) at St. Kenneth Catholic Church, 14951 N Haggerty Rd, Plymouth.

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## Edward A. Proctor, Jr.

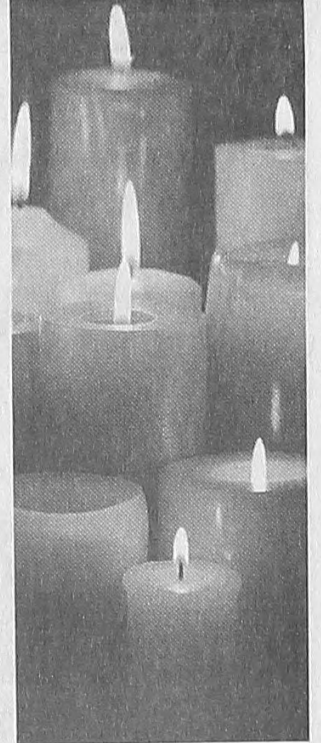
BLOOMFIELD HILLS - Beloved husband of Carrie (nee Carter) Proctor for 63 years. Loving father of Mollie Proctor, Linda (Bill) Stewart, and Jim (Annemarie) Proctor. Cherished grandfather of 7. Brother of the late Woods Proctor and the late Kitty Proctor.

Visitation at Lynch & Sons, 1368 N. Crooks Rd, (between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Friday, March 23rd, 4-8 PM. Celebration of Life at St. James Episcopal Church, 355 W. Maple, Birmingham, Saturday, March 24th, 4:30 PM. Memorials appreciated to St. James Episcopal Church, The Community House or a charity of donor's choice.

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**Candidate to host roundtable**

Dan Haberman, a Democratic Party candidate for the U.S. House District seat, will hold a roundtable with small business owners 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 18, at Sean O'Callaghan's Public House, 821 Penniman Ave., in Plymouth.

**Movie screening at library**

The local community group, Know Our Neighbor, will host a screening of the film "A Continuing Series of Small Indignities: A Personal Conversation about Race" at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 22, at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street.

Michigan filmmaker Michael Pfaendtner produced, directed and edited the documentary, which follows the personal experience of 59-year-old Rodney Harris as he recounts a lifetime of subtle and not-so-subtle racism. Both Pfaendtner and Harris will be at the library for this program. They will join a panel of community members in a discussion after the screening.

Registration is requested for this free event. Go to [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org) and click on Events or call 734-453-0750, ext 4.

**Easter egg hunt**

The Cherry Hill United Methodist Church, 321 S. Ridge Road, in Canton is hosting an Easter egg hunt from noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, March 25, for children of all ages. They can hunt for candy and small toy filled plastic eggs that will be hidden inside the church and have a picture taken with the Easter bunny.

This free event is open to the public. For more information, call 734-495-0035.

**Pagan to host coffee hour**

State Rep. Kristy Pagan, D-Canton, will hold a coffee hour at 7 p.m. Monday, March 26, at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Pagan invites residents to join her to



"Beginnings" is part of an exhibit at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill featuring the works of artist Mustapha Kandouz through March.

discuss their thoughts and ideas about how she can best represent and address the needs of her constituents.

Pagan encourages individuals to contact her directly at [KristyPagan@house.mi.gov](mailto:KristyPagan@house.mi.gov) or by calling her office at 517-373-2575. To sign up for email updates, go to [pagan.housedems.com](http://pagan.housedems.com).

**Music at the Elks**

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The Dave Bennett Quartet returns Tuesday, March 27, featuring Bennett on clarinet, keyboards, drums and guitar, joined by Cliff Monear on keyboards, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Doug Cobb on drums.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, go to [www.plyaa325.com](http://www.plyaa325.com) or email [jazzattheelks@gmail.com](mailto:jazzattheelks@gmail.com).

**Michigan Phil 100 Women event**

The Michigan Philharmonic will host

its third annual 100 Women event, which will focus on the orchestra's successful educational programming, will feature its CLASSical Music Ensemble. The event is scheduled for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, in the PARC Theater at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex, 650 Church Street.

The event is catered by Jeff Zak Catering and tickets are \$100. For more information, call 734 451-2112 or go to [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org).

**Kandouz exhibit at Village Theater**

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton will exhibit the collected works of artist Mustapha Kandouz in the Gallery@VT, through March 29. This exhibit, titled "Facets of the Human" features numerous paintings that represent Kandouz's interpretation of the human condition; what it means and how it is shaped by modernity.

This exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, during public performances at the theater and by appointment by calling 734-394-5300. The gallery is closed each holiday.

For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to [www.canton.villagetheater.org](http://www.canton.villagetheater.org).

**Lions Club Easter egg hunt**

The Plymouth Lions Club will hold its annual Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31, on the ballfields of Plymouth Township Park, 46640 W. Ann Arbor Trail. Bring baskets and camera for photos with the Easter Bunny.

**VFW fish dinners**

The Plymouth VFW Post 6695, 1426 S. Mill Street, will host fish dinners during Lent 5-7 p.m. each Friday through

March 30.

Diners can get cod or walleye, baked or fried. There will also be shrimp and chicken strips available. All dinners include french fries, baked potato or mac and cheese, along with cole slaw, a roll and butter. Coffee is on the house, all other drinks are available on a cash basis. There is also a dessert table and 50/50 drawings.

**Salvation Army rummage sale**

The Plymouth Salvation Army will hold a rummage sale from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, April 6, at the Salvation Army Community Center, 9451 S. Main Street. Tables rent for \$20. For more information, call 734-453-5464.

**All-sports equipment sale**

The city of Plymouth Recreation Department is holding an all-sports equipment sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, June 2, inside the Plymouth Ice Arena, 525 Farmer Street. Each 10- by 10-foot spot is \$20 and space is limited. You may purchase multiple booths and we will ensure that your spots will be next to each other.

Admission is free. For more information or to register, go to [www.ci.plymouth.mi.us](http://www.ci.plymouth.mi.us) or call 734-455-6620.

**Plymouth H.S. reunion**

The Plymouth High School Class of 1963 is celebrating its 55th class reunion Saturday, Aug. 18, with a dinner at The Summit in Canton. Other activities include a golf outing, a night mixer Friday, Aug. 17, at Karl's Cabin and an indoor picnic Sunday, Aug. 19, at the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex. For more information, contact Nancy Richard Earle at 734-634-8974 or [nancyearle@comcast.net](mailto:nancyearle@comcast.net).

**Baseline Folk Society**

The Baseline Folk Society continues its 2018 season, at The JWH Center for the Arts, Plymouth Community Arts Council, at 774 N. Sheldon Road. Performances include 10 open-mic artists and then the feature act at 8 p.m.

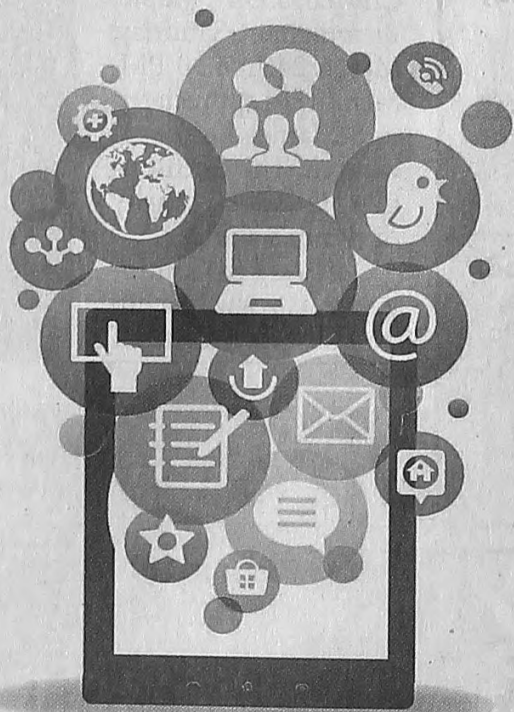
Tickets are \$5 at the door, including performers. Sign-up for open mic starts at 6:15 p.m. and ends at 6:40 p.m. Performances are the third Saturday of each month, September through May.

The season schedule is available on its Facebook page. For more information, email [bfsresident4u@gmail.com](mailto:bfsresident4u@gmail.com).

**Diabetes support group**

A diabetes support group meets 2-3:30 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street. Facilitator is Fern Vining, R.N., a diabetes educator. The group is sponsored by the Plymouth Lions Club.

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# W-W school threat still being looked into

Meetings on school safety took place across the district in response, including one Monday morning

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Law enforcement and school officials continue to investigate the threats leveled toward the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district last month. But in the meantime, Superintendent Shelley Holt has taken to the community to meet with parents, teachers and students to talk about school safety.

"What they've helped us do is humanize ourselves to one another, because they got to sit down across the table from us and realize that yes, I'm the superintendent, but I'm a mother, too," Holt said.

Such a discussion on student safety took place Monday morning in the school district's administration offices, the fourth such meeting across the district. The meetings came after schools were closed for a day last month after a threat was discovered on social media, one of many that have happened since the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Florida that left 17 people dead.

The fourth meeting attracted only about 15 people, though Holt said hundreds more attended them at Wayne Memorial High School, John Glenn High School and Stevenson Middle School.

That feedback, Holt said, will be used to move the district's security plans forward.

"All of these have been extremely helpful, because all the information gathering, we've got pages from (the forum at Wayne Memorial High School), pages from Stevenson, same thing from Glenn," she said.

"Now we're going to take all that information and bring it together and this is the information we're going to use to help with our current safety procedures."

Parent Amanda Brown, who has a child enrolled in the district, said she came to talk about the issues after saying it was important for more parents to stay engaged in such talks.

"You have to lead by example, I feel," she said. "I think more parents need to be involved."

## Investigations continue

Westland Police Chief Jeff Jedrusik said officers continue to investigate the threat, though noted it may be a while before the individual who initiated that message would be located due to how much it was shared over social media.

"It's very, very, very difficult to find out who these came from," he said. "The next thing you know, it's multiplying 10, 100, 1,000 times."

He said officers are still looking into it and did not say whether any criminal charges could come as a result of the threat.

The threat was just one of many to hit the region in the last month. Several young people, including one South Lyon High School student, have been arrested and charged with making terrorist threats with these incidents reported to school officials. School in districts such as Livonia, Plymouth-Canton, Novi and Farmington have all seen issues over the past month with threats of violence.

The meeting came just two days before students at several schools across the region plan to protest gun violence during the day by walking out of their buildings. Another such protest is planned for April



About 15 people attended Monday's meeting on school safety in Westland, though Superintendent Shelley Holt said hundreds attended previous meetings on the topic. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Westland residents Amanda Brown (right) and Caryn Hudson attend Monday's meeting on school safety in Westland. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Shelley Holt, superintendent of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district, speaks during the meeting. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

20, the 19th anniversary of the Columbine High School shooting that left more than a dozen students dead.

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# Sports

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Sequel is a winner for Zebras

Wayne Memorial tops Hartland to reach semifinals

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The last time Wayne Memorial and Hartland hooked up, three weeks ago in a KLAA girls basketball tournament semifinal, the Zebras survived a 45-40 nail-biter.

And as soon as Zebras coach Jarvis Mitchell knew his team would have a rematch with the Eagles during Tuesday's Class A quarterfinal at Southfield Arts & Technology, he started poring over the film of the February match-up.

"I probably watched that tape more than I watched my favorite movie," Mitchell said following Wayne's 54-44 victory. "Over and over and over and over. I had to figure out what was going to be our key component and making sure we came out victorious."

Mitchell laughed about what that favorite movie was: "Life" by Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence ... but now it's definitely the 'Hartland and Wayne KLAA Semifinals.'"

Now, he can put the reel away. But even still, Hartland sophomore forward Whitney Sollom made the sequel more problematic for Mitchell; she was a force in and around the paint, scoring 22 points to lead all players.

The only other Eagle in double figures was senior forward Graysen Cockerham, with 14 points.

The Zebras were scheduled to play Friday in a Class A semifinal against East Lansing (25-0) at Calvin College in Grand Rapids.

Although Wayne led from wire to wire — keyed by 16-point nights each

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Wayne Memorial's Camree Clegg (left) drives to the basket as Hartland's Syd Caddell and Kamryn Gerecke (right) defend. TOM BEAUDOIN

## PREP GYMNASTICS

# ON TOP BY THE TINIEST MARGIN

Farmington United squeaks to state crown

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There wasn't much that separated the top three teams at the gymnastics state meet. In fact, it was mere tenths of a point.

In the highly-competitive team finals held March 9 in Rockford, Farmington United scored 144.75 points and emerged with its first state championship in 12 years. Northville and the host Rams were right behind in second and third with respective scores of 144.55 and 144.45 points.

Livonia Blue (142.65), Brighton (142.575) and Plymouth (141.35) were the other schools that tallied at least 141 points.

It is the sixth gymnastics state crown in the Farmington Public School history. Coach Jeff Dwyer's Tri-Farmington team won three straight titles from 2004-06. North Farmington, under coach Mary Johnassee, captured state titles in 1979 and 1981.

"This year was so much harder, considering how close we were to all the other teams competing," Dwyer said. "All season long, we were only one- or two-tenths better. Whereas in our previous state championship years, we were clearly the favorite. So there was a different kind of pressure."

"Back then, if we didn't win, we would have choked because we were that good," he added. "This year, it was crazy close. We were in a dog fight. We weren't the clear projected winner. We

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Senior Elisa Bills returned from a knee injury to conclude her amazing prep gymnastics career as a two-time all-around state champion. KATHY BURNS

## BOYS HOCKEY

# Plymouth's Olepa wins David Mannino Scholarship

Work with Miracle League of Plymouth tops award-winning community service

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Whether on or off the ice, Plymouth senior goalie Brendan Olepa rolls up his sleeves and gets after it.

Olepa is a top student (3.81 grade-point average) and goaltender, who recently capped an excellent prep career with a heartbreaking 3-2 loss to No. 1-ranked Livonia Stevenson in a Division 2 pre-regional game.

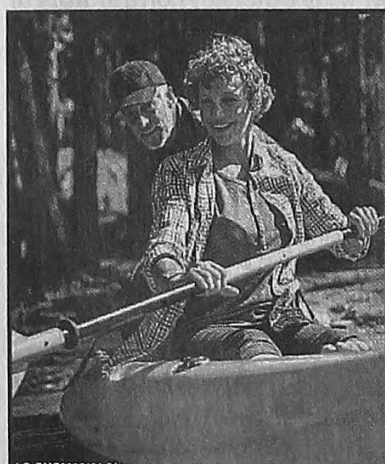
But even more of an accomplishment is his winning of the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League's annual David Mannino Scholarship. The award is presented during the prestigious MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase, with one senior from each of 42 participating teams nominated for the \$2,000 college scholarship.

"I think it's great, it's such a great opportunity, especially for me and my family," said the 18-year-old Olepa, who intends to study forensic science at Grand Valley State University. "Having to get through college, it's such a big step in my life and any little bit helps."

"I appreciate the Mannino family for giving me the opportunity to receive such an incredible reward for high school hockey."

Mannino was an all-state hockey player for the University of Detroit-Je-

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## BOYS SWIMMING

## Groves third, Seaholm fifth at state meet

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Birmingham Groves didn't get to celebrate a state championship with the traditional post-meet team splash-down.

But the Falcons finished third — one place better than last year — at the Division 2 state meet held March 10 at Oakland University. That's two years in a row bringing home some state hardware and coach Ricky Forrest can't wait for the day when it's Groves's turn to jump into the pool.

Dexter, the state's top-ranked team, won with the exciting and highly-competitive meet with 241.5 points. Rochester Adams, which won the OAA Red Division championship, was second with 220 points and Groves was not far behind with 191. Warren De La Salle was fourth with 190 and Birmingham Seaholm just missed taking home a trophy by placing fifth with 183 points.

"It was a phenomenal performance," said Forrest, who took over as head coach in 2016 after three years as an assistant. "It was a full team effort. I mean, everybody, basically, got their hand to the wall as fast as they could. Some swimmers who didn't make it to the finals were cheering for each other and that made all the difference.

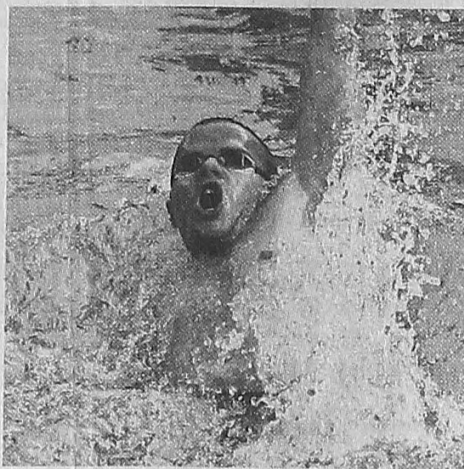
"We had a lot of best times and third is the best I've done in the program," he added. "I'm very, very proud of what they accomplished and, hopefully, someday we can jump in the pool at the end here after we win."

## Groves's medley relay record

Groves won just one of the 12 events — the opening 200-yard medley relay by less than a second over Seaholm. The Groves foursome of senior captains Robbie Hagner and Patrick Seidel, junior captain David Helton and rising sophomore Jackson Gugni touched out Seaholm's team of Michael Arpasi, Tom Girdler, Iain Bukowski and Nolan Grout by respective times of 1:33.65 and 1:33.94. Groves broke a varsity record from 1999.



Groves placed third the Division 2 state meet at Oakland University, improving on its fourth-place showing from last year. MARTY BUDNER



Groves senior Robbie Hagner took all-state honors in the backstroke with a seventh-place finish. MARTY BUDNER

The Falcons also had a number of all-state individual swims, which aided the third-place finish.

Gugni had a pair of impressive sprint freestyle finishes, taking second in both the 50 free (21.04) and 100 free (46.40). Seidel was third in the 200 IM (1:55.10) and fourth in the 100 breast (58.46). Hagner placed seventh in the 100 back (52.17).

The Falcons also earned all-state honors in the 200 free relay as the quartet of Helton, AJ Zako, Gugni and Hunter Reilly placed fourth in 1:26.82.

"I think the biggest thing for us was

our experience from last year," Forrest said. "We were on the outside looking in last year and we talked about making the program go in the right direction and these guys did a great job of that in the way they get ready for races.

"With all the work we put in, it's great to see it pay off in the end," he added. "Both Adams and Seaholm beat us in dual meets and in the OAA, but we narrowed the gap on them quite a bit at this meet and they just ended up having a little more depth than us. I'm really looking forward to see what we can do against them next year."

## Arpasi is 50 free champ

Seaholm was led by senior Michael Arpasi, who won the 50 free in 20.83 and just missed his goal of winning back-to-back butterfly state titles. Dexter rival Niklas Eberly won the fly in 48.83 and Arpasi was second in 50.23.

"I'm happy with everything. I wanted to win the fly, but won the free instead," said Arpasi, who will swim next year at Denison University. "You can't complain about that.

"The meet went really well for me. I dropped time in my fly, finally went sub-50 in it (49.75 in prelims). I dropped a lot of time in my 50 free," he added. "I feel this was a freestyle year for me anyway. I'm happy to keep the tradition up of winning the 50 free (Seaholm's Ryan

Lawrence won it last year)."

Besides the 200 medley relay, Seaholm's freestyle relay squads also earned all-state designations. The four-some of Bukowski, Arpasi, junior Sam Hoover and senior Nolan Grout place third in the 200 free (1:25.27), while the team of Hoover, senior Cameron Mabley, junior Aidan O'Neill and freshman Tom Girdler took eighth in the 400 free (3:13.68).

Besides Arpasi, Seaholm's other top eight scorers included Bukowski and Grout, who tied for seventh in the butterfly (52.44).

In other area team results, North Farmington placed 21st with 32 points and Livonia Churchill was 28th with seven points.

North Farmington's 200-yard medley relay team of junior Michael Shan, sophomore Jimmy Violassi and seniors David Schmall and Carl Schmidt placed 14th. North's 200-yard freestyle relay, which placed 10th in 1:28.78, included Violassi, Schmidt, junior Ryan Morgott and sophomore Conor East.

Churchill's scorer was distance freestyler Nathan Sutton, a junior, who took 10th in the 500 with a time of 4:44.37.

## DIVISION 1 MEET

Bloomfield Hills Brother Rice's string of four consecutive state titles came to an end March 10 at the D-1 state meet at Eastern Michigan University.

Ann Arbor Skyline won with 274 points and Holland West Ottawa was second with 207. The Warriors placed third with 154 points, barely slipping past Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, which had 153.

Detroit Catholic Central, which won the Catholic League championship, was seventh with 127 points and the combined Harrison-Farmington squad also made the top 10 by placing 10th with 81 points. Livonia Stevenson was 12th (70 points), South Lyon 13th (67), Canton 20th (54), Novi 24th (18) and Bloomfield Hills 32nd (four).

Rice senior Alex Margherio won the 100-yard (48.43).

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## Gymnastics

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had to flat out fight for this win."

## Northville snaps long drought

Like Farmington United, Northville also snapped a long gymnastics drought.

The Mustangs posted their highest finish since winning the state title in 2001 as a united team with Novi under then-coach Lindsey Crews. Northville won the state title outright in 1998.

"I emphasized to the girls all season that they are not given anything, they must earn it," first-year Northville coach Victoria Clay said. "We knew that we had a group of talented athletes this season, however that did not stop them from preparing to be the best.

"We also emphasized again and again the importance of practicing with consistency," she added. "They knew they needed to put in work in the little details day in and day out to stand out at the state competition."

This year's meet came down to the last pressure-filled moments.

Farmington United ended on the uneven bars and Northville ended on its best event — the vault. Although Northville won the vault, the Mustangs didn't score enough points to overcome Farmington.

As a team, Farmington United did not win any of the four disciplines. However, Dwyer's squad showed the most consistency.

Farmington United was second in the vault (36.525), uneven bars (34.675) and the floor exercise (37.375) and placed fifth on the balance beam.

The state championship team consisted of seniors Elisa Bills, Kacey Noseworthy, Ava Farquhar, Emily Stecevic, Shelby Smith, sophomore Lily Tyler and the Schultz twins — Sydney and Allison.

"If I had to pick a group of athletes to give us a shot, I would pick these girls, as they were driven all season," Dwyer said. "I told them before the meet I would bet on them to win it, because I liked what they bring to the table. They proved themselves many times this season.

"They learned to grind it out and they learned meets can be determined by tenths," he added. "They learned not to get down when they had an off-day. You



Farmington United's 2018 gymnastics state championship team included Elisa Bills, Kacey Noseworthy, Ava Farquhar, Emily Stecevic, Shelby Smith, Sydney Schultz, Lily Tyler and Allison Schultz.

can tell them that all day long, but to actually do it is another. I am so proud of these athletes."

Northville won both the vault (36.95) and uneven bars competition (34.95) and was fourth on the balance beam (36.675). The Mustangs stumbled a bit in floor exercise, where they placed eighth (35.975).

"I can attribute preparation and team work to our high finish," Clay said. "We have prepared since day one of the season physically and mentally to not only get to states, but to achieve high goals at states.

"The girls also came together as a team like I have never seen before," she added. "They worked hard as a team all season and were consistent, so when it came time to compete at the state meet, they really came together to elevate their strengths."

## Bills defends all-around title

Individually, Bills defended her Division 2 all-around state championship. After suffering a knee injury halfway through the season, she returned just in time to qualify for the regional and then performed magically at the state finals.

Bills scored 37.175 points to edge Rockford's Morgan Chase, who placed

second with 36.825. Bills won the balance beam (9.575), placed third on the uneven bars (89.5), fourth in floor exercises (9.45) and seventh off the vault (9.2) to earn all-state honors on all four events.

"Elisa pulled off a feat that does not happen a lot — winning the all-around competition for two years in a row," Dwyer said. "I have not coached an athlete who has accomplished such a task in my 31 years and I have been blessed with a lot of talent.

"She has proven herself to be one of the top gymnasts in the state over a two-year span. It takes someone special to pull this off. Her ability to learn and handle pressure over the years and to trust her God-given talent are a huge part of her success.

"Athletes like this don't come along very frequently," he added. "I knew this was her last meet. What a way to end a career."

Noseworthy tied for third overall with Linden's Blake Hutchins, as both registered 36.575 points. Farquhar also made it into the top 10 by scoring 36.075 point to place seventh.

Allison and Sydney Schultz were 12th and 20th, respectively, in the all-around competition.

In Division 1 all-around, Northville



Farmington United senior Kacey Noseworthy placed eighth on vault, eighth on bars, third on beam, fifth on floor and third all-around at the state meet. KATHY BURNS

senior captain Erin McCallum placed fourth all-around with a score of 36.15. Her best individual showing was a second-place off the vault with a 9.4.

Northville's two other senior captains — Maddie Dragon and Grace Jankowski — helped lead the team all season through their hard work and leadership. Juniors Maddy Lewis, Mackenzie Willson and Lora Haupt, sophomore Maria Scavnicky and freshman Sarah Gallagher were other key contributors to the team's success.

"As a first-year head coach, I could not be more proud and honored to have been a part of such a memorable season," Clay said. "Although I am beyond thrilled about the second-place finish at the state meet, the hard work, dedication and passion that this team showed all season is something to be recognized. These will be some of the most cherished memories."

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

## Stevenson unable to slow U-D Jesuit in regional

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With a George Ferguson slashing layup here or a Devin Dunn trey there, Livonia Stevenson did all it could Monday to slow the Jalen Thomas-led University of Detroit-Jesuit basketball train.

The Spartans actually led 6-2 early on in the Class A boys basketball regional semifinal at U-D Jesuit and were tied 13-13 with about six minutes left in the first half, following another Ferguson layup.

But then the Cubs started rolling — taking a 35-23 halftime lead and gathering steam the rest of the way — en route to a 72-49 victory. U-D Jesuit (21-3) was scheduled Wednesday to play Detroit King in the regional final. The Cubs were gunning for a fifth consecutive regional crown.

"We didn't stay composed, we didn't keep playing our game," said a dejected Parker Graham, one of five senior starters for the Spartans (who finished 16-8). "We kind of played into them. But there were spurts where we had our runs and we just couldn't capitalize."

Thomas proved to be a heavy load, as advertised. Not only did he prove to be nearly impossible to guard in the paint (Thomas scored 16 points, all at or around the rim), he pretty much put up a "no trespassing" sign at both ends of the Cubs' home court.

In addition to his slew of points, he blocked six shots and registered double-digit rebounds.

"He gives us a real big cushion that we can fall on," said Cubs junior guard Daniel Friday, who scored 14 points. "That's because Jalen provides so much for us on the offensive and defensive end. He's the best big in the state. I've said it before."

#### Couldn't be perfect

Stevenson coach Kareem Smart's district championship team had a solid start, with successful baskets by senior center Thomas Demers (nine points), senior guard Chriz Fazica and senior guard Ferguson — who scored 15 points to share team honors with senior guard Dunn.

A triple from the right wing by Dunn put the Spartans up 9-5 with 3:21 left in the first quarter and the Stevenson cheering section went wild. But after the Cubs responded to take a 12-10 edge after one quarter,



Livonia Stevenson's Parker Graham (left) dribbles around Redford Thurston's Kevin Newell during the district final. The Spartans lost Monday in regionals.

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The Spartans would not have another lead in the contest.

"First part of the game, we stuck to our principals, but again, we were playing a great basketball team," Smart said. "We couldn't toughen it out for 32 minutes. But I think we played hard and we played pretty good for the whole game."

"When you play against good teams who's always in the state finals, every year just about, you got to ... be perfect and turnover-free. Because of our style, we're not always turnover-free, but I think we did a real good job in hanging around for a while."

Cubs coach Pat Donnelly, whose team also was helped to victory by senior forward Zachery Winston (two treys among eight points) and junior Jordan Montgomery (nine points), tipped his cap to the Spartans for their high-octane style of play.

"I tell you what, I don't know if we've seen a team all year that gets up and down the floor the way they do," Donnelly said. "That's just pure effort and I told

(Smart) after the game I wish I could figure out a way to get our guys to play that hard for the entire game.

"I think he does a phenomenal job with them. His kids worked hard from start to finish. That's a good basketball team."

If the Spartans had any designs on a comeback, they were dashed in the third quarter, when U-D Jesuit went on a 19-6 run to open the quarter.

Two baskets within a few seconds really took the wind out of Stevenson's sails late in the third. Thomas took a couple of baby steps before going strong to the basket for one field goal, then the Cubs stole the in-bounds pass — with Friday cashing it in for a layup to make it 54-29.

Stevenson did show some push-back to open the fourth, with Ferguson connecting on a triple. But Thomas scored back-to-back dunks midway through the fourth, giving the Cubs a commanding 60-42 edge.

Following are some takeaways.

#### STARTING A LEGACY

Despite the defeat, Smart emphasized that the group of seniors on the 2017-18 team has started to build something lasting for Stevenson basketball.

"The whole year, we talked about building a legacy," Smart said. "And for the first time in seven or eight years, they have a district title to show for it. So next year, people will build it up: 'OK, now let's try to win a regional.'"

Graham said his senior season was "amazing, unforgettable. We're the first team to win a district for Stevenson in seven years. It's something no one's ever going to take away from us."

"This was new for us, this was a good experience," Smart said. "They've never been in this type of setting."

#### JAMMING ME

Perhaps the only thing that didn't go right for the Cubs, at least in the second half, was a frantic sequence in which Thomas and Friday missed back-to-back slams.

"It's not going to happen again, either," Friday said with a small smile. "We're both going to make it" next time.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

## Wayne can't get over hump in regional final loss

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Missed opportunities all night Wednesday wound up costing Wayne Memorial in the Class A boys basketball regional final against Gabe Brown-led Belleville at Dearborn High School.

The 6-8 Brown scored 14 points and had 13 rebounds to spark the Tigers to a 66-54 victory, the team's first regional title since 2004.

But Wayne senior stalwarts Rashad Williams and Terence Williams both lamented what might have been had the Zebras not been plagued by a handful of missed layups in the opening quarter — not to mention too many careless turnovers that enabled Belleville to maintain an edge throughout.

"Looking at how many layups we missed, we lose by 10 and we missed about seven layups," said Rashad Williams, who will play basketball at Cleveland State. "That's a game-changer right there. We make the layups, we're in the game still."

Terence Williams (a Saginaw Valley State basket-

ball commit) said "we missed a few assignments" and battled some early nerves.

"But after coach (Nkwane Young) called a couple timeouts and got us together, settled us down, I think we realized, 'Hey, it's time to play, this is our last go-around,'" he said.

Even though the Zebras made just 22-of-57 field-goal tries (Belleville connected at a 51-percent clip, 24-of-47), they remained one sustained run away from getting right back into the game.

"I thought our defensive effort was great," said Belleville coach Adam Trumpour, whose team (20-5) moves on to face Novi in a Class A quarterfinal Tuesday. "I don't know what Rashad and (Isaiah) Lewis ended up with, but I know they were both at two at halftime. And they were tired. There's no question."

#### Can't sustain it

Despite a poor second quarter, during which the Tigers enjoyed a 14-5 advantage to take a 30-17 halftime lead, the Zebras showed glimmers of hope that things might turn around.

Rashad Williams (14 points, 12 in the second half) drained two treys in the final 2:15 of the third quarter to get the Zebras to within 43-38 with under a minute left.

Wayne (17-8) had possession with five seconds to play in the quarter and a chance to cut the lead to three, but instead, the Tigers stripped the ball and 6-2 senior Kaevon Merriweather scored a put-back to make it 45-38 — a key, four-point swing.

The same script continued in the fourth.

A steal and put-back by Wayne senior Keshawn Hayes (a spark-plug with a team-leading 18 points, despite not starting) trimmed Belleville's advantage to 47-40.

But Tigers senior Davion Williams (21 points) made an acrobatic dish inside to sophomore forward Connor Bush (10 points) for another momentum-changing field goal.

The Zebras kept trying to rally and they trailed just 53-48 with 4:30 remaining following junior Lewis's 3-pointer.

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## Zebras

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from senior guard Camree Clegg and junior guard Jeanae Terry — Mitchell was never calm about whether the final outcome would be favorable for his squad.

"I tell you, you can never, ever feel too comfortable with a basketball game until that last buzzer goes off," Mitchell said. "Lord, have mercy. I just couldn't wait for the buzzer."

Mitchell revealed that he knew Hartland coach Don Palmer would try to keep the Zebras from running and gunning, slowing down the pace and trying to get one of Wayne's sweet-shooting guards (senior Camree Clegg and junior Jeanae Terry) off their game.

Another area of concern was boxing out and grabbing rebounds.

"Any team that rebounds and rebounds like their life depends on it, that's what championship teams are made of," said Mitchell, whose team is the first in program history to reach the final four. "Great rebounding, great boxing out."

Jayah Hicks, Sammiyah Hoskin, Alanna Micheaux and Jeanae Terry snuck in there and got a couple, collectively. They all rebounded like their life depended on it. I'm very proud of all of them."

Palmer lamented some miscues and misfires on a night where his team came close to catching the Zebras in the second half. With the score 41-35 early in the fourth, Sollom drained a trey from beyond the top of the arc to close the gap.

After Wayne missed on a scoring try, the Eagles (20-6) tried for another 3-pointer that would have tied the game with 5:50 left. But the ball went in and out.

Moments later, Terry drove to the bucket for an important layup. Clegg, the Miss Basketball finalist who is going to Division I Clemson University, then connected on a trey from the right corner and suddenly the Zebras were up, 46-38.

"We've played them twice and it's kind of been the same exact result," Palmer said. "We maybe turned the ball over a little too much, but mainly I thought it was just rebounding, rebounding, rebounding."

"They rebounded their misses, they rebounded their missed free throws. And a team that athletic and talented, you just can't give them that many possessions."

"Now, did our kids play hard, was it a great effort? Yes, all that's true. But we felt going in, we might not improve on turnovers, but we had to improve on rebounding and we did not."

#### Plan B works

Clegg did not score in the first quarter, but Terry, junior forward Jasmine Elder and junior Hicks (12 points) chipped in baskets to enable the Zebras to take an 11-10 lead into the second.

The Eagles got to within 19-16 in the second quarter on a baseline hook by the 6-4 Sollom. Undaunted, Clegg went coast to coast for a deuce-and-one to pad the lead.

Wayne displayed a bend, but don't break approach, always coming through in the clutch despite an inordinate number of unforced errors — perhaps from playing too fast at times.

"Just the atmosphere and stuff like that, people were going a little too fast," Clegg said. "I just like to tell them calm down, we're going to win this game. ... We can get the shots we want if we just be patient."

Clegg made some money shots in the third quarter, too, including another trey and a floating jumper from the top of the key to keep the Zebras comfortably in front.

In the fourth, the inability of the Eagles to score around the rim hurt their comeback chances.

"We practice those every day and, I don't know, tonight wasn't our night with those shots," Sollom said. Following are several takeaways:

#### PACING THEMSELVES

"It was very important, we were trying to push the pace on them, we didn't want to play their game we wanted them to play ours," Clegg said. "So we kept pushing the ball, pushing the ball right at them when they weren't set."

"And we just kept finding the open person."

Meanwhile, Hartland's Sollom said she didn't mind the fast pace that the Zebras always display.

"I played all of them in travel, AAU basketball," Sollom said. "So I'm used to that pace and I love running with them."

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Clegg said her scoreless first quarter was of no concern, especially when she knows Terry and other players are right there with her to pick up the slack.

"They were trying to box-and-one me," Clegg said. "It's OK, I just let the game come to me. I try to find my shots. If I'm letting (teammates) score, then the game opens up for me."

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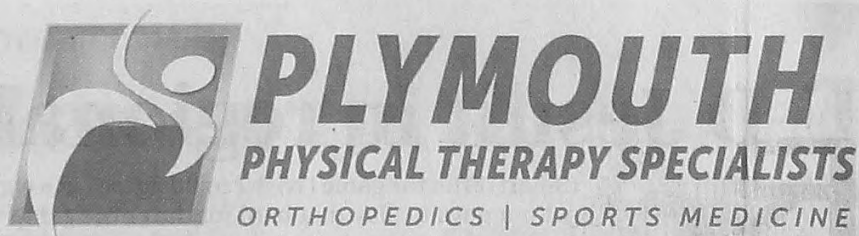
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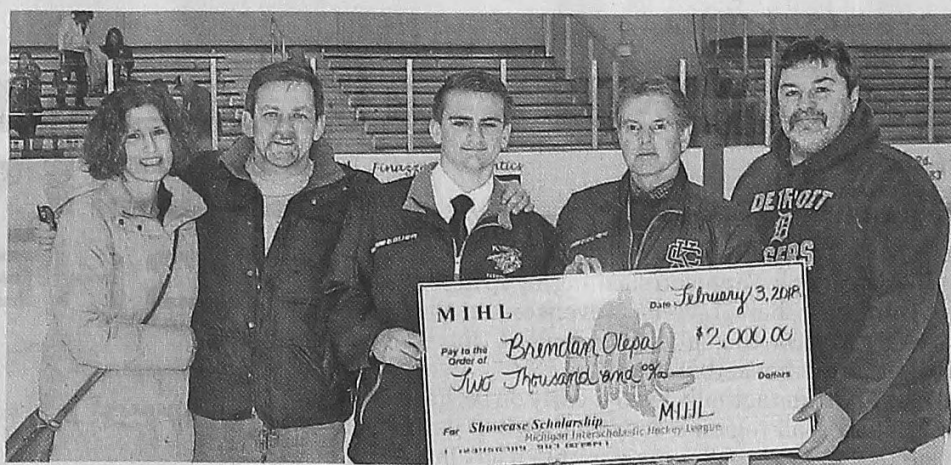
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At the MIHL David Mannino Scholarship presentation last month are (from left) Barb Olepa, Ed Olepa, Plymouth goalie Brendan Olepa, MIHL president Andy Weidenbach and Dr. Thomas Mannino (David's father). Brendan Olepa received \$2,000, which he will use toward the first year of college at Grand Valley State University.

## Olpea

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suit. He died at age 18 in November 2011, after a courageous battle against acute lymphoblastic lymphoma.

Shortly thereafter, the MIHL announced it would re-name its scholarship award in Mannino's honor.

Plymouth coach Gerry Vento nominated Olepa (whose parents are Ed and Barb Olepa) for the award, presented in early February during the showcase, held at Kennedy Ice Arena in Trenton.

"I couldn't be happier for Brendan and his family for being awarded the scholarship," Vento said in a statement. "His character and work ethic makes this a well-deserved opportunity for Brendan.

"In addition, myself and the entire Plymouth Wildcat hockey family would like to thank Dr. (Thomas) Mannino and the MIHL for making this a possibility and for the work both do to help high school players both on and off the ice."

Besides stopping pucks with great ability and determination, Olepa has applied that kind of effort to numerous volunteer roles throughout his high school career.

"We (as a team) did a lot of United Way 'rake and runs,'" Olepa said. "I did a lot of work on my own, too. I worked with the Miracle League of Plymouth and did a bunch of stuff at the Special Olympics in Tennessee that my family

helps with down there.

"I had a bunch of different things that coach Vento ran and I've just done a lot with the community. It's a really fun thing to do. I love giving back."

At the top of Olepa's list of endeavors was his time spent paired up with a "buddy" during community service at the Miracle League of Plymouth, an organization helping youngsters with disabilities play baseball.

"You and this buddy you go up and hit or go out in the field, you just kind of hang out and get to know each other," Olepa said.

According to Olepa, his mom deserves an assist for his decision to pursue a degree in forensic science (and crime scene investigation) at Grand Valley.

"My mom, when she went to school, she was interested in doing that, but her school never really had a program," Olepa said. "So she started talking to me about it and telling me, 'Hey, this is something you should look into.'

"I took it as a class my senior year and I really enjoyed it. I thought, 'Hey, this would be a kind of cool thing to get into.'"

Olepa also isn't planning on putting his goalie equipment on the shelf, either. Once he gets settled at Grand Valley, he intends to try out for the school's club hockey team.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

## Country Day falls in regional final to New Haven

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Detroit Country Day's boys basketball team fell victim to talented New Haven's incredible winning streak Wednesday.

Playing before a raucous standing-room only crowd on their home court, the Rockets soared to a 92-74 victory over the Yellowjackets to capture their fourth consecutive Class B regional championship. New Haven, the defending state champion, registered its 51st consecutive win in the process. Its last loss was to Macomb Dakota in last season's second game.

"Country Day has some great guard play. They're young but they're very, very skilled," said New Haven coach Tedaro France II, whose team is now 25-0 on the season. "We came into it knowing that in order to win this game we had to contain their guards.

"I'm just so proud of our team. We kept our poise the whole game. We got into foul trouble and our bench played well. We were concerned about our depth but they came out and got the job done.

"Our kids know that to win games like this, you have to play great defense and our defense turned into offense," he added. "We are so balanced. We play great team defense and I'm just so proud of them. It's just a blessing to coach these young men."

## Return to the limelight

It was Country Day's first appearance in the regional championship game in four years. While it was refreshing to return to the limelight of a big-game atmosphere, the Yellowjackets faced a daunting challenge against undefeated and top-ranked New Haven.

The Rockets have a well-balanced offense, led by highly-regarded 6-foot-7 junior wing/forward Romeo Weems. They averaged 80 points per game in their four previous tourney games and their 92-point out-



Detroit Country Day sophomore guard Ronnie Scott attempts to defend New Haven forward Ascaun Johnson. MARTY BUDNER

put — a season high — against DCD marked the third time this year they've reached that mark.

"Our guys came out really ready to play and I'm proud of them the way they came out," fifth-year DCD coach Mark Bray said. "We struggled all game to defend without fouling. We struggled to get back. Conversion was a problem. That was basically the difference in the game.

"But New Haven is a great team and we had to be at our best to beat them," he added. "And we weren't at our best. We knew it was going to be tough, so kudos to

them. I think they're on their way to winning another state title. They are really good."

Country Day began the game strong and caused some anxious moments early in the game for the home crowd.

The Yellowjackets scored the game's first six points and led 10-9 through the first half of the opening quarter. However, New Haven's active defense caused two straight turnovers that ended in easy layup baskets by junior guard Ronald Jeffery III, which gave his team its first lead of the game.

DCD responded and tied the game on three different occasions, but New Haven finished the first quarter with 24-22 lead. The physical game remained close through the first four minutes of the second quarter.

## Rockets run is difference

However, with two DCD starters sitting because of foul trouble, the Rockets turned a two-point lead into an 18-point advantage by halftime after going on a sizzling 19-4 run to close out the second quarter.

Country Day gamely battled back in the second half, twice climbing back to within eight points in the final quarter. The Yellowjackets trailed 81-73 lead with 2:36 left in the game. However, the Rockets went on an 11-1 run to end the game.

Bray said New Haven's run just before halftime was a critical part of the game.

"We had a bunch of guys in foul trouble (at the end of the second quarter). They were sitting and it was one of those things," Bray said. "Maybe we call timeout and stop the run, but we still have the same guys in there. We can't play our starters when they have three fouls in the first half."

Weems led New Haven with 21 points, but seniors Ashton Sherrell and Tavares Oliver Jr. were right behind with 20. Jeffery also hit double figures with 18.

Country Day's offense featured three double-digit scorers: freshman Julian Roper, who posted a game-high 25 points, junior Demetrius Champion with 15 and senior Kolin Demens with 10. Sophomore point guard Wendell Green, freshman Makyind Mancel and senior Dylan Sandhu scored eight points apiece.

"I'm just so proud of our kids and I'm so proud to be their coach," said Bray, whose team finished 17-7. "We have a great group of kids. Our four seniors are really beautiful people with wonderful families.

"I told the kids the bummer for me isn't really whether we win or lose the game," he added. "The bummer for me is that we don't get to practice with those guys tomorrow, because they're so fun to be around."

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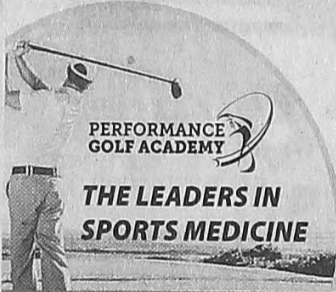
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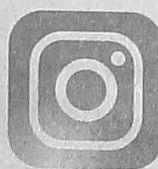
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He's appeared in only 17 games this season, but Tariq Woody has quickly found his niche with the Novi boys basketball team.

The 6-foot-8 senior transfer from Plymouth had 15 points and 15 rebounds in a 74-56 Class A district championship win March 9 over Northville after posting another double-double with 17 rebounds and 14 points, including the game-winning put-back at the buzzer, to beat Canton (19-1) in the district semifinal, 60-58.

And for his efforts in the Salem district tourney, Woody garnered Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week with a total of 11,989 votes (52.55 percent). Farmington United gymnast Elisa Bills was runner-up with 6,629.

Woody continued his strong play in the post this week, posting two more double-doubles in two regional games, including 16 points and 13 boards as the Wildcats (16-8) defeated previously unbeaten Ann Arbor Skyline, 61-59, for their first regional title in school history.

"Tariq starting to hit his stride," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi. "He can do so many things for us, not just his rebounding, but he's been able to find the basket as of

late and proved it last week with a big game against Canton and then a big one (vs. Northville). Especially with him hitting that game-winner, it kind of boosted his confidence a little bit. He's been trying to kind of find his place within our group of kids, with him being new this year, trying to find his role, and he's settling in nicely."

Under the MHSAA transfer rule, Woody sat out the first seven games. Novi went 2-5, but is 14-3 since. He had 17 points and 12 re-

bounds in his season debut Jan. 16 in a victory over Livonia Stevenson.

For the season, Woody is averaging 12 points and 10.4 rebounds per game.

"I've been going to the gym a lot more, with Tendon (Hankerson) and Traveon (Maddox Jr.)," Woody said. "We've been putting in work. We've been working hard."

According to Sinawi, Woody has the most interest from Madonna University, Rochester College, Ohio Dominican and Florida Tech.

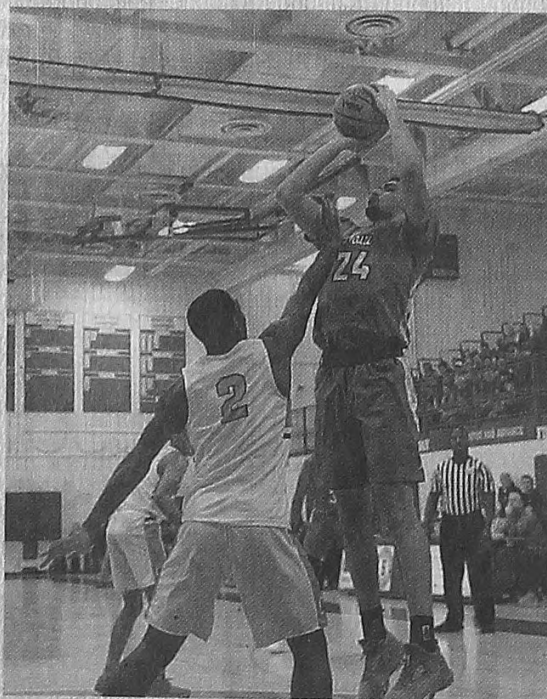
"I don't know what I'm thinking yet, I'm just waiting and I'm just keeping all my options open," Woody said of his college choice.

During his spare time, Woody enjoys watching basketball and hanging out with friends. He carries a 2.9 grade-point average.

"My favorite subject is computer programming. That's what I want to go into," Woody said.

Meanwhile, the season is far from over as Novi advances to its first state quarterfinal in school history Tuesday, March 20, at the University of Detroit's Callihan Hall to face Belleville (20-5). Game time is 7 p.m.

"He had a big week and we don't advance without his play," Sinawi said.



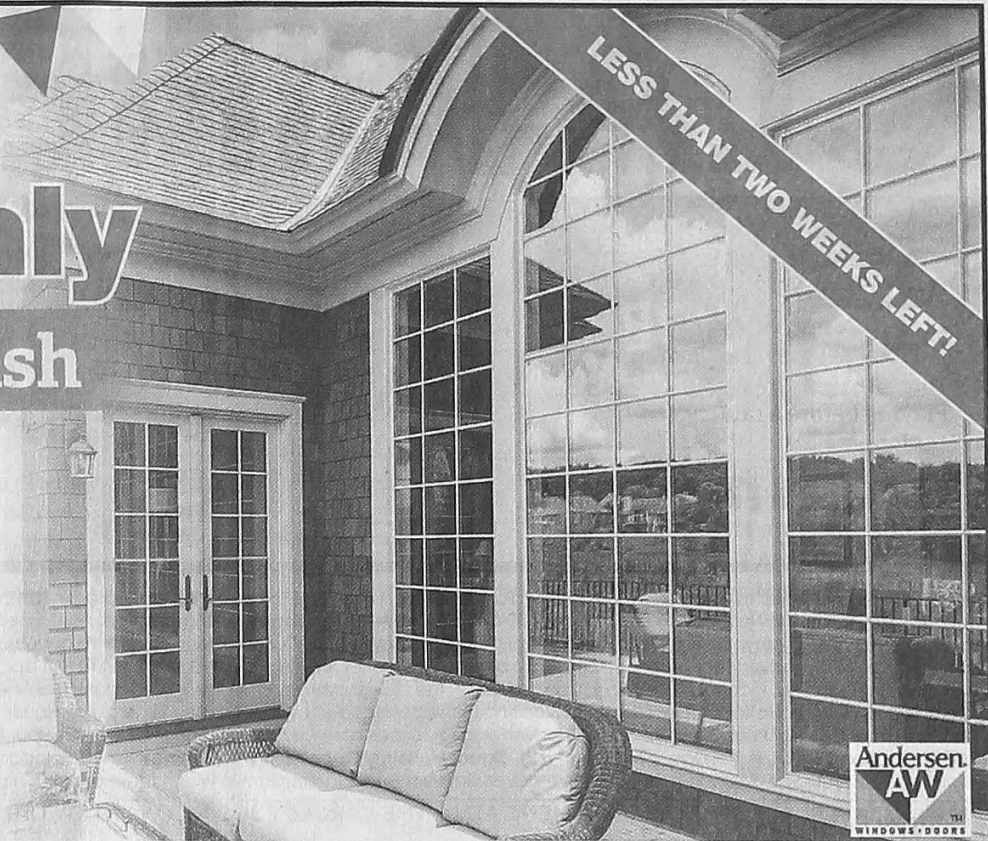
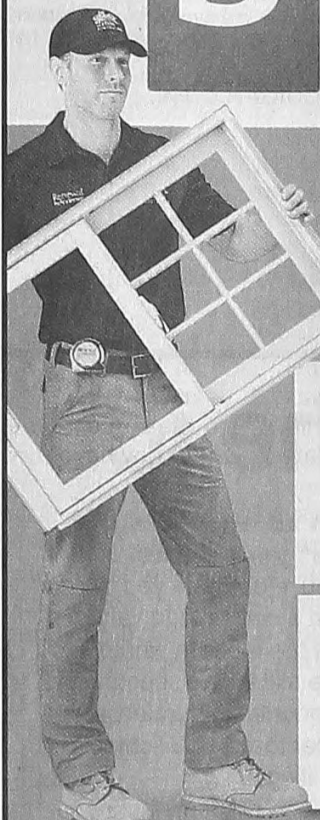
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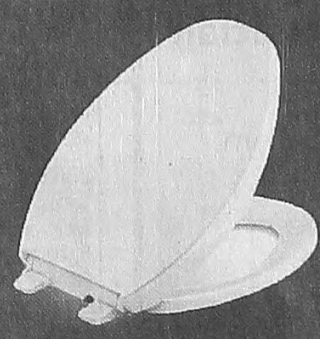
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## Avoiding age discrimination on the job

BY ERIC TITNER  
 THEJOBNETWORK.COM

At one time, age was looked at as a valuable commodity among employees, an indication of experience, wisdom and know-how. While this is still true in some industries and companies, in many others age has become a perceived weakness — an indication of decreasing relevance, energy and understanding of how the modern world (including current business needs and consumer demands) works.

In years past, companies felt the need to have older, experienced employees in positions of power and decision-making; now, they're increasingly allowing fresh young minds and perspectives to steer them toward success in our rapidly evolving, technocentric world.

So, where does this leave aging and older employees? The outlook isn't black and white. Many older workers will figure out how to avoid age discrimination and find professional success, while others will struggle and face a variety of challenges along the way. Ladders, an online job search service, discussed the issue of age discrimination in a recent article that included some helpful advice on how to face this tricky topic.



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Use the following strategies to avoid age discrimination in your professional life:

**Stay relevant.**

The world of work is quickly evolving, and those who work to stay relevant are much more likely to have a place in it. Those who choose to bemoan these changes will have a much harder road ahead of them.

Master the current technology used by your office and industry (take classes if needed), get comfortable with a new agile and lean workplace environment and even

follow current styles of professional behavior and dress so that you fit in (get casual and ditch the tie if you're the only one wearing one). Bottom line: If you want to seem relevant, make sure that you don't stand out for the wrong reasons.

**Embrace change.**

Everything is changing — the old rules and ways of doing things are being tossed out and replaced by new approaches and innovations. By not only staying on top of these changes but embracing them, you'll continually reassert your professional rele-

vance and value and increase your chances of being viewed as an asset, not a fossil.

Demonstrate that you're not only the kind of employee who can handle change, but you can thrive when change happens and even lead the charge forward. For example, think of ways your company can take advantage of current and emerging innovation and show the powers that be that you can help steer your company to future success. It'll be difficult to deny your value as an employee if you're constantly offering bold new ideas.

**When all else fails, assert your rights.**

If you're doing all you can to remain a current and valuable part of the modern workplace but are still facing seemingly insurmountable hurdles, remember that age discrimination is illegal.

The Age Discrimination in Employment Act protects workers over the age of 40 from discrimination on the basis of age.

If you feel that you're being unfairly discriminated against, know your rights and options and don't be afraid to take action.

**The bottom line**

While getting older does present new challenges for navigating the work world, you don't have to let your age define you as an employee or job candidate, and you shouldn't allow yourself to be a victim of age discrimination. When the wave of change hits your industry or company (and there's a good chance it already has), will you sink or swim? Take charge of your professional future.

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## CADILLAC BRINGS VETERAN AUTO MARKETER WAHL INTO FOLD AS NEW CMO WHILE CT6, XT5 AND PLANNED ARRIVALS BATTLE FOR SHARE



By Dale Buss

Cadillac is going back into the heart of automotive marketing experience by recruiting Deborah Wahl as its new global chief marketing officer at a time when the GM-owned luxury brand is at a critical juncture in its global growth.

Right now, Cadillac and its dealers are relying heavily on the brand's two vehicles of newest vintage, the flagship CT6 sedan and the remake of the old SRX crossover-utility vehicle into the XT5. Both are highly capable vehicles that meet the needs and demands of luxury buyers in their segments.

The problem is that Cadillac doesn't yet have enough offerings across the board in the utility-vehicle segments that are growing these days; more are on their way soon. In the meantime, Cadillac is having

to overly rely on great sedans that its fans still love but which are finding themselves increasingly off-trend.

Another challenge is that Ford's luxury division, Lincoln, is getting more competitive every year, presenting yet another obstacle to Cadillac as it also confronts strong European, Japanese and even Korean rivals.

So Wahl will have her hands full. The veteran Lexus, Chrysler and Ford marketer—as well as McDonald's former U.S. CMO—takes the position recently vacated by Uwe Ellinghaus, who stepped in December for health reasons.

Cadillac may have made another splash with its high-profile sponsorship of the Oscars on TV on March 4, where it positioned its brand as high-end and future-looking. But the GM-owned brand continues to face tough competition in the premium auto market. Now it's up to Wahl to "Dare Greatly"—the tagline of its three-year-old brand platform, which she will no doubt want to change as she puts her mark on the brand.

"Deborah's diverse experience, as well



The 2018 CT6 represents the pinnacle of Cadillac product design.

as her proven track record of building successful global brands, makes her a natural addition to our leadership team," stated Cadillac President Johan de Nysschen.

"Cadillac has made incredible progress over the past several years in our long-term journey to regain our position as the pinnacle of premium luxury brands. Deborah's experience and strategic vision will build on that progress and help propel Cadillac forward during our next phase of global growth."

Wahl's most recent position was as U.S. CMO of McDonald's, where among other things she doubled down on the "I'm Lovin' It" tagline. She helped revive the brand in partnership with CEO Steve Easterbrook, extending breakfast to an all-day meal and rolling out digital kiosks and customization, among other moves.

Before McDonald's, however, she was a Motor City and auto-industry denizen, serving as the first-ever CMO of Detroit-based homebuilder Pulte Group and head marketer at Chrysler and Lexus, in addition to different marketing and communications roles at Ford. Her

predecessor at Cadillac, Ellinghaus, was a BMW marketing executive who came to the brand via luxury pen-maker Mont Blanc.

Wahl, who brings over 20 years of experience with high-level marketing and brand work, serves on the Boards of Directors of Groupon and media software company Mediaocean. She helmed marketing for three years as Chief Marketing Officer at McDonald's, where she played an instrumental role in transforming the business and increasing brand perception.

Ellinghaus tried to refresh Cadillac's perception by luxury buyers by making New York City the brand's global HQ in 2016 and by launching "Dare Greatly," a campaign that tried to elevate the brand to European-luxury

territory with an American twist.

Not only has de Nysschen been getting more utility vehicles into the GM product-development pipeline, which is coming to the rescue soon, but also he has been trying to bolster the brand from the other end, where Cadillacs are retailed. He has eliminated tactics that have harmed the brand's image for years, such as sales to rental car companies and steep end-of-the-month discounts.

But taking those tools from dealers' toolbag has put even more pressure on Cadillac to present a brand image that brings buyers into showrooms, and the Wall Street Journal reported that dealers are frustrated. The brand also needs to keep pace with other luxury makers by improving customer service and overall relationships, which is one reason Cadillac launched its Book subscription service last year.

Detroit native Wahl now will be bringing her collective experiences to identify and pursue smart opportunities to grow the Cadillac brand. Fortunately, her new boss has patience, stating that "Great brands are not built overnight."



Deborah Wahl, Cadillac's new global chief marketing officer.



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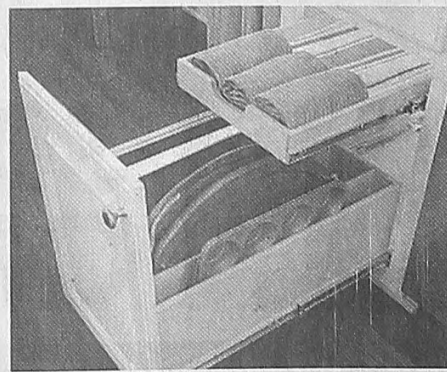
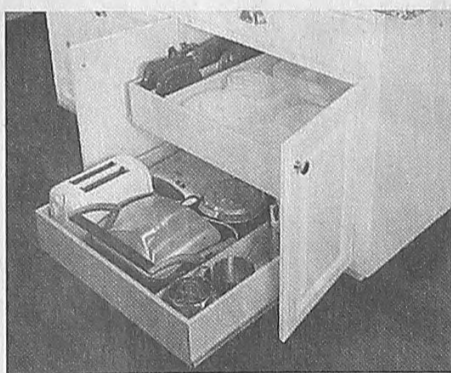
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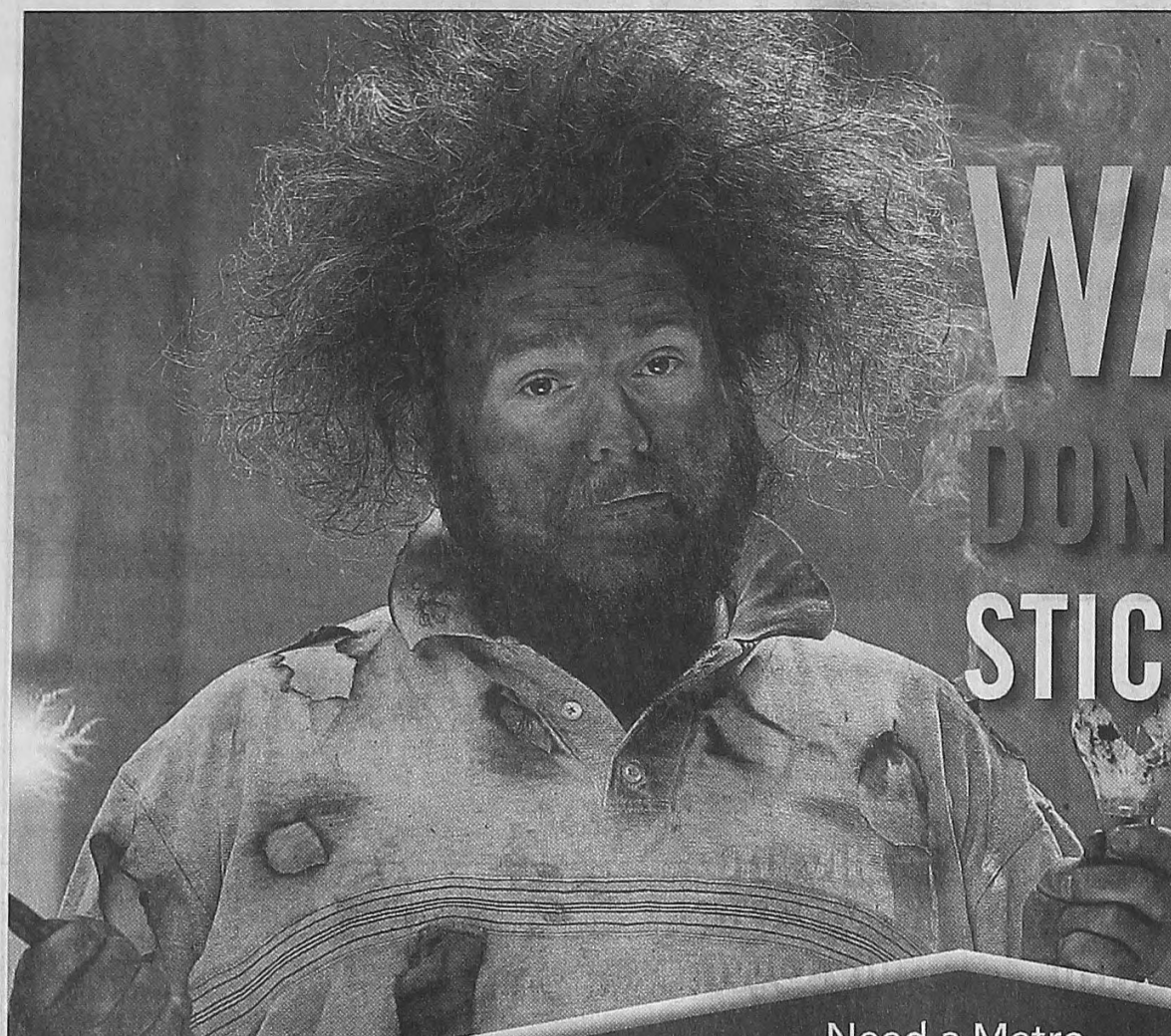
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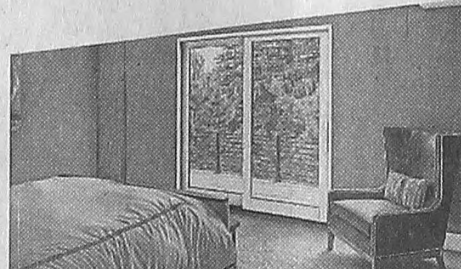


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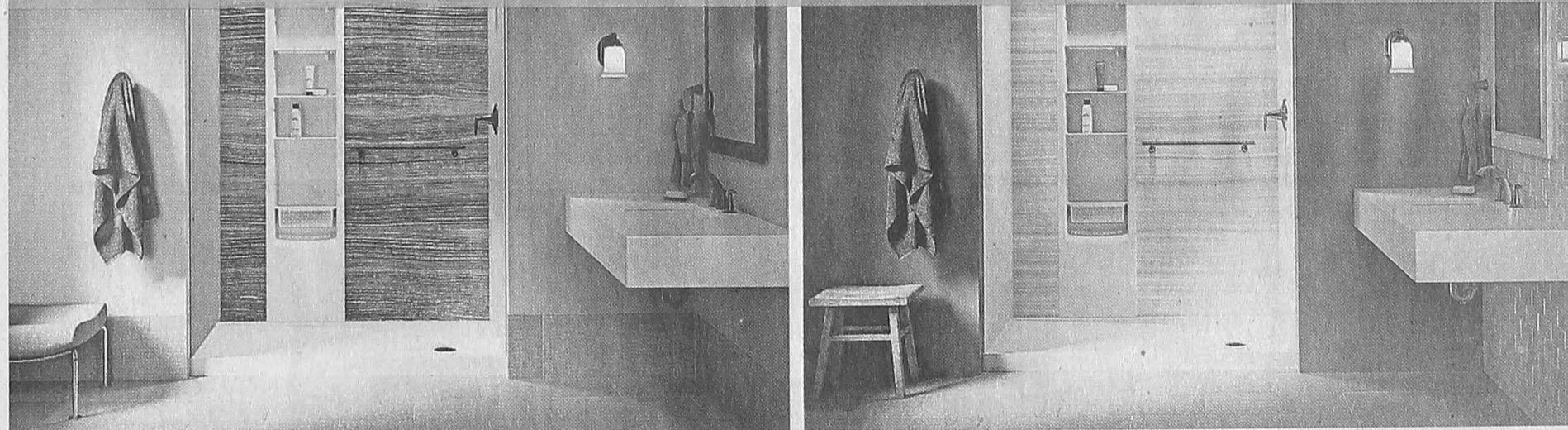
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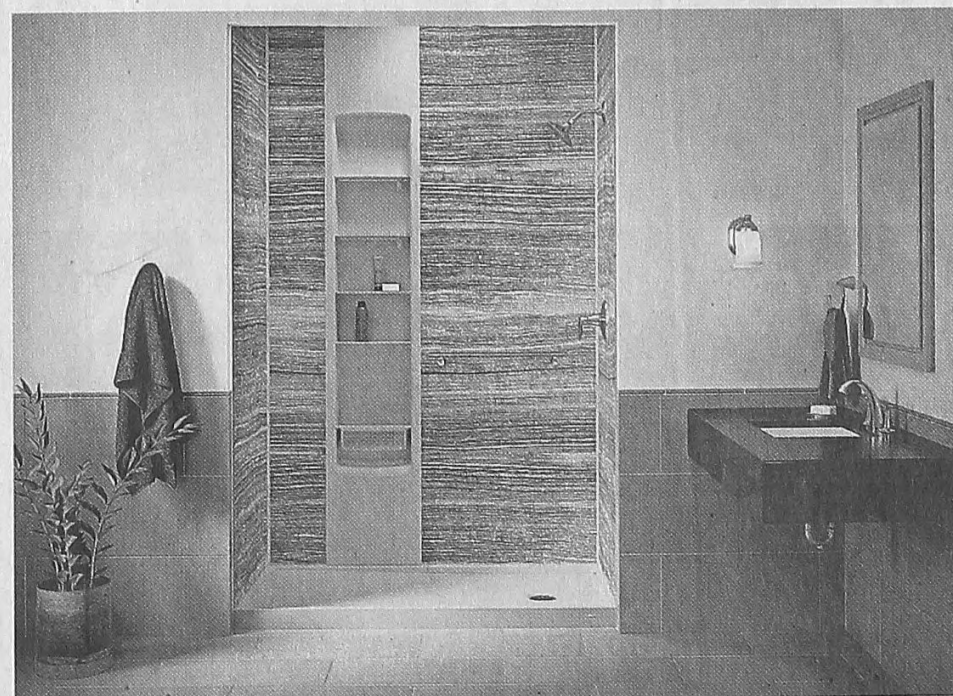
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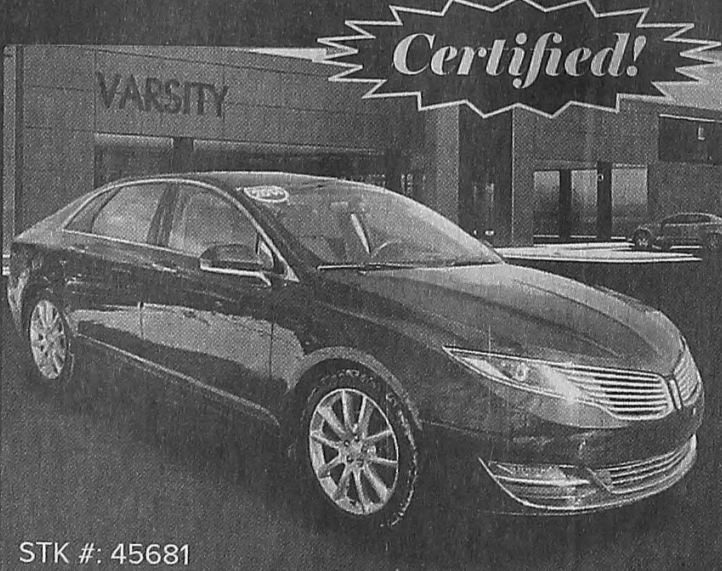
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