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Trustees vote unanimously to deny appeal

Future of Cloudz Hookah in doubt following vote

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The future of Canton's Cloudz Hookah Lounge is hazy at best in the wake of the April 17 Canton Township Board of Trustees meeting.

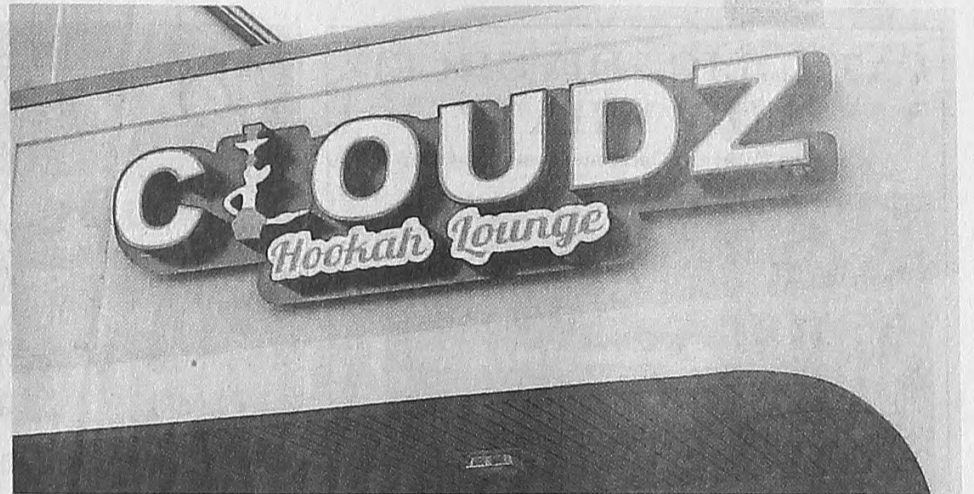
Following a 57-minute appeals hearing that was originally slotted for 30 minutes, the board voted unanimously to uphold the denial of owner Charles Ankouny's 2018 smoking lounge business license, citing a series of violations

the business has committed since May 2017.

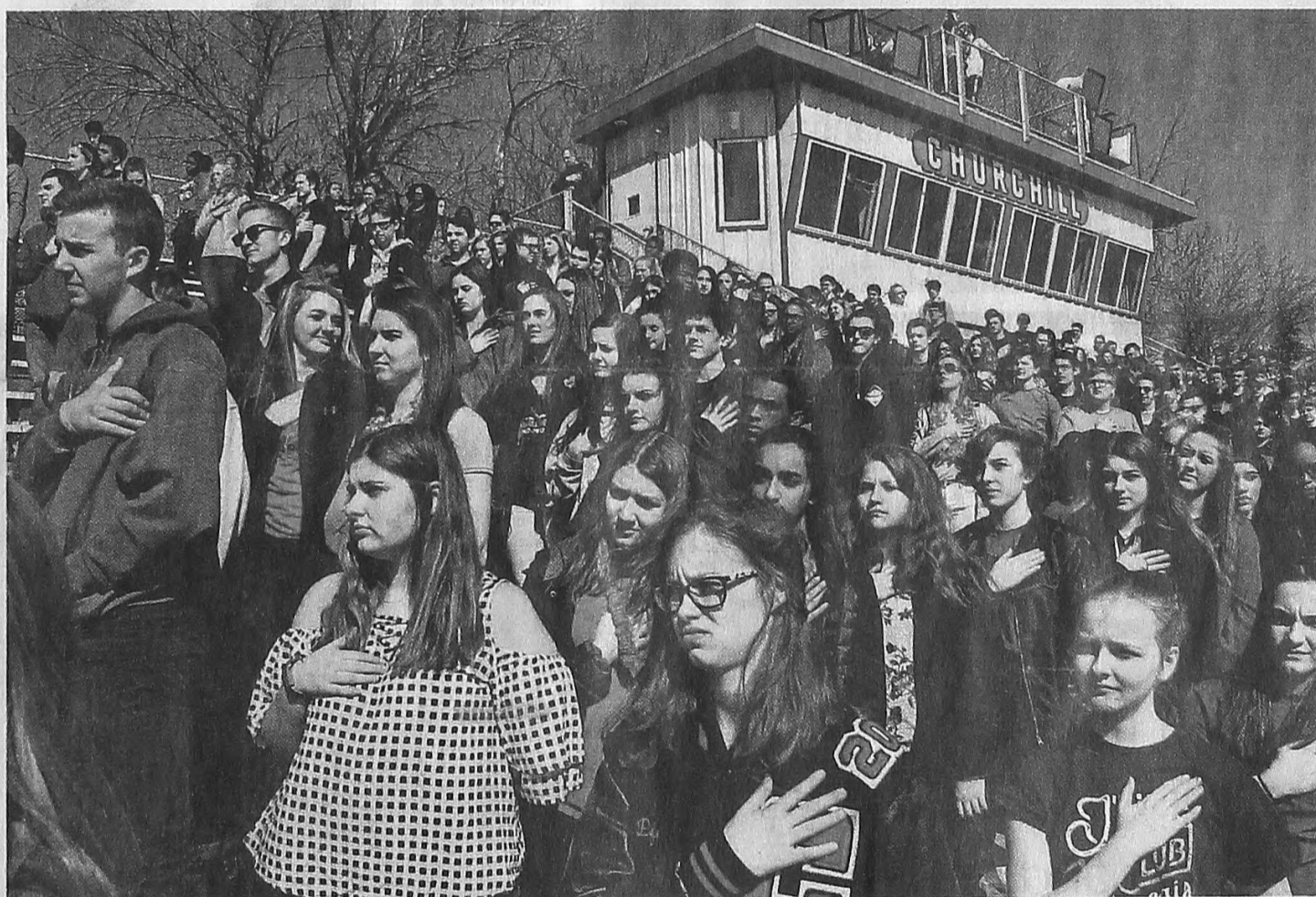
The board advised Ankouny that he could immediately rezone the business as a tobacco sales establishment, with no smoking allowed in the building, and reapply for a 2019 license in December that would allow him to reopen as a hookah lounge as soon as Jan. 1.

Ankouny countered by stating that he has invested \$178,200 to run the establishment as a hookah lounge and that an inability to do so for the next eight months would cripple not only his hookah lounge, but his Sheikh restaurant, which operates in the same Ford

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Cloudz Hookah Lounge is facing a hazy future. ED WRIGHT



Students listen to the national anthem during the walkout at Churchill High School. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Senior Expo returns to Schoolcraft College

Vendors, businesses will convene Tuesday, May 1

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A sure sign that temperatures are beginning to warm up takes place next week at Schoolcraft College.

The 15th annual Senior Expo will once again grace the halls of the VisTa-Tech Center at the Livonia college, 18600 Haggerty, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 1.

Sponsored by Schoolcraft College, The Elder Care Firm, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, Marycrest Manor and the Observer & Eccentric, the spring expo has everything seniors need, including booths discussing elder law, asset management, health care and pain relief. More than 30 businesses and organizations will have a presence at the expo.

Admission is free and those who attend will receive several free goodies, including tote bags and other items. Raffles for various prizes will also take place, including for Detroit Tigers tickets, gift baskets and an electronic toothbrush.

"Observer & Eccentric Media and our advertising partner, Michigan.com, is once again thrilled to bring the Senior Expo to Schoolcraft College. With huge numbers of baby boomers hitting 65 years of age, the importance of planning and caring is extremely important," said Dan Dean, managing editor at the Observer & Eccentric. "From financial decisions, senior housing, estate planning and caring for loved ones, it is a time when many important decisions are being made. The exhibitors and speakers at the Spring Expo provide a wealth of information for not only adults hitting this stage of life, but for their families as well."

In addition to the informational booths, several seminars will take place, including the O&E's Money

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RAISING THEIR VOICES

Students seek a safer environment with gun-violence walkouts

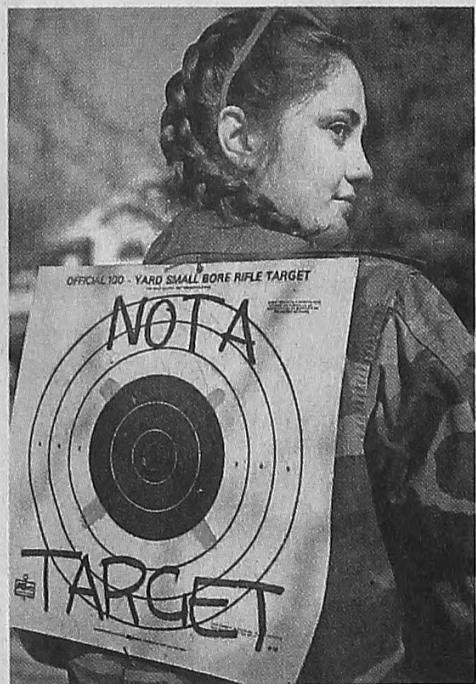
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The irony was thick enough to cut when North Farmington junior Bebe Schaefer got the alert on her cellphone. It was so stunning she couldn't believe her eyes. She had to show the alert she'd just gotten on her cellphone to classmates.

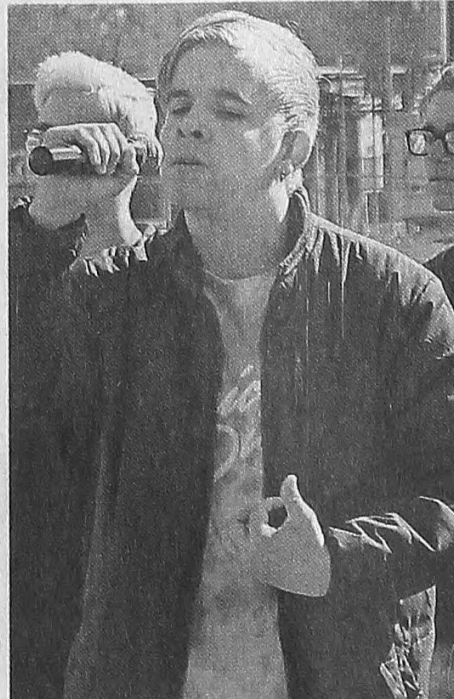
It was a report about a student being wounded in a shooting Friday morning at a high school in Ocala, Fla., shortly before students were to walk out as part of a national protest against gun violence.

The irony? Schaefer had to interrupt the gun violence protest she'd helped organize herself to make the announce-

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Raleigh Nolan, a high school junior, is one of the organizers of the student walkout at the Plymouth-Canton schools. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Freshman Colin Jatzcak sings during the walkout Friday morning. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Expo

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Matters columnist Rick Bloom, who will discuss the impacts of the new tax law enacted by the federal government and what that means for seniors. His discussion will take place at 10:45 a.m. in Room VT550.

Dr. Sol Cogan, CEO and president of HealthQuest Management, will also be on hand to talk about new technologies in pain relief. His talk will take place at 10:45 a.m. in VT425.

And for those who come with an empty stomach, refreshments will be available.

More information on the Senior Expo can be found in the special section included in the Observer & Eccentric newspapers from last Sunday, April 22. The section serves as a guide for the expo. Please note the date included in the special section is incorrect.

Contact David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.



The Senior Expo returns from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 1, at the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia. FILE PHOTO

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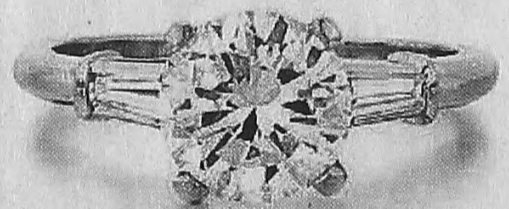
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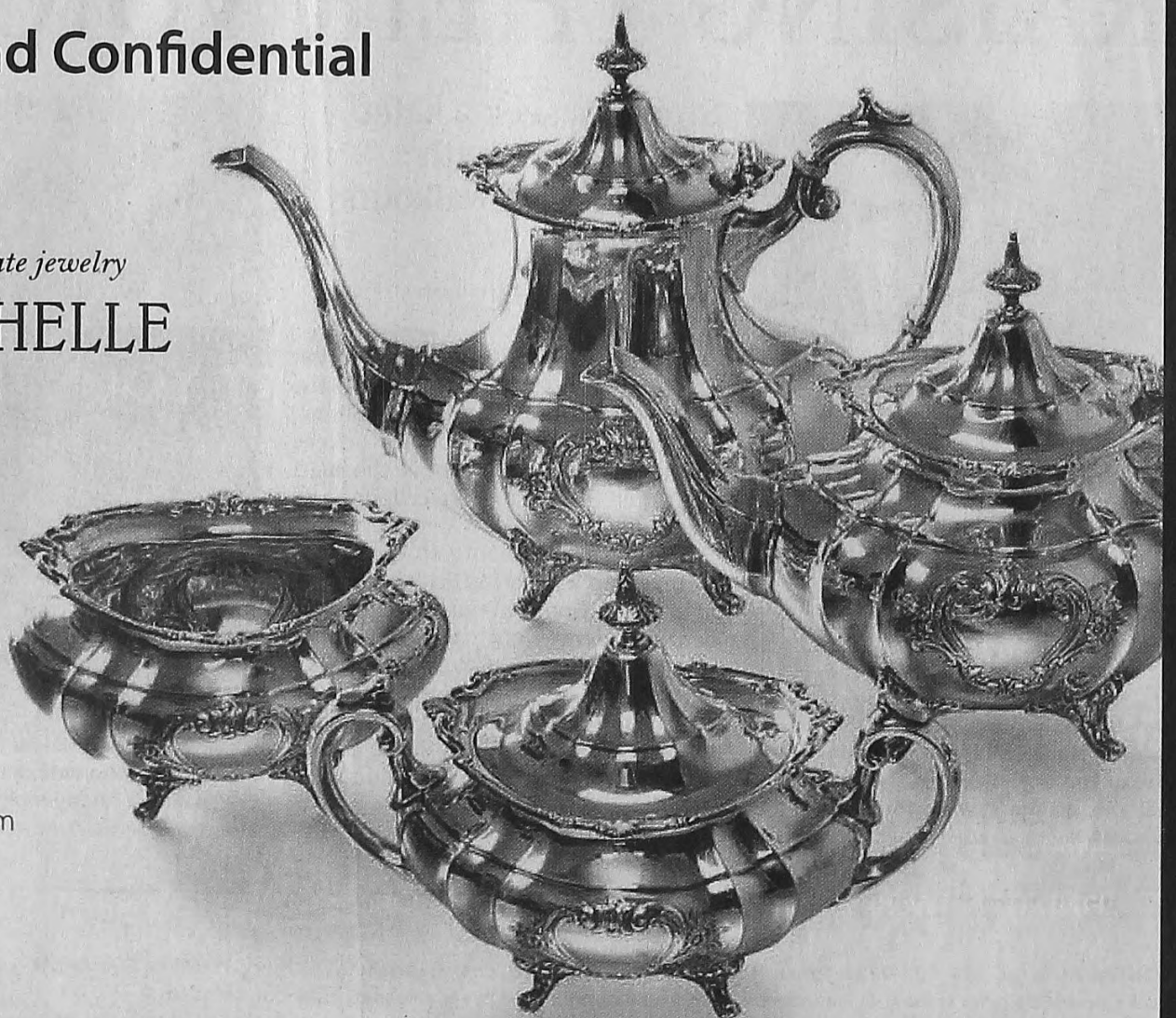
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Hookah

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Series of missteps

"The bottom line is, the township worked with Mr. Ankouny for close to three years to try and help him run a successful hookah lounge," township Clerk Michael Siegrest said. "Unfortunately, he operated his business for seven months without an exemption, which is unlawful."

"Mr. Ankouny not only operated his business after it was closed by the state, which is a misdemeanor, but he tampered with the seal (that declares the establishment's certificate of occupancy had been pulled). We strive for compliance in Canton and he ignored the official notice to close."

Ankouny's problems started in May 2017, when the state notified him that his 2017 non-smoking exemption — of which there are only five issued in Canton Township — had been revoked based on his 2016 tax returns.

To run a non-smoking-exempted business in Michigan, a minimum of 75 percent of the establishment's total sales must be tobacco-related. Ankouny's tobacco-related sales totaled just 49 percent.

"The letter Mr. Ankouny received from the state stated that his tobacco-related sales equation was not satisfied and that he could reapply for a 2018 exemption in December," said Marco Bisbikis, Ankouny's attorney. "It said nothing about having to shut down his business."

"When my client didn't receive anything from the (township) regarding having to shut down, he continued to run his business as usual. It was ignorance on his part regarding the law; he was not maliciously defying the law. This is the first tobacco-related business Mr. Ankouny has ever been involved in and the rules governing these businesses are very, very confusing. There was no malicious intent on the part of Mr. Ankouny."

In early December 2017, the township clerk's office sent out applications for businesses to apply for 2018 licenses, Siegrest said.

"On Jan. 8, Mr. Ankouny notified me that he had misplaced his 2017 Notice of Decision exemption, which is curious because he had not had an exemption since the state took it away on May 17, 2017," Siegrest said.

On Jan. 8, a red seal notice was placed on the front entrance door of Cloudz, stating that the establishment's certificate of occupancy had been pulled by the township.

On Jan. 12, a Canton law enforcement officer drove by Cloudz at 12:45 a.m. and noticed a piece of paper had been taped over the red seal and four to six people were inside the lounge, reportedly smoking.

"So many people had been approaching me, asking

me about the red paper, that I put a piece of paper over it for just a few hours, while we followed the orders to remove the cloud and hookah graphics on the front of the store," Ankouny said. "The people inside the establishment weren't patrons, they were employees who had helped me take down the signs."

Ankouny ultimately pleaded guilty to tampering with the red seal, which is a misdemeanor. The charge of ignoring an official order to shut down the establishment was thrown out in court, according to Bisbikis.

"Based on the fact that Mr. Ankouny blatantly disregarded township ordinances and pleaded guilty to tampering with the red seal, he should not be entitled to a business license for 2018," Siegrest said.

Before the board voted on the immediate fate of Cloudz, Bisbikis attempted to convince the trustees that, yes, Ankouny was careless when it came to educating himself on the tobacco-sales tax laws, but that it shouldn't cost him his business.

"Before this started, Mr. Ankouny had zero violations throughout the 10 years he has owned the Sheikh restaurant," Bisbikis said. "He has consented that he wasn't the most sophisticated person when it came to the tax law, but he has since become educated."

"Mr. Ankouny has an immense amount of money and energy invested in this business, but it would be impractical for him to run anything but a hookah lounge as that is what the decor, the furnishings, everything is set up for. He does like investing in Canton and he is an investor in a very successful restaurant. He works as an engineer at Ford, but he lives in Canton and he likes to invest here."

"If he is not allowed to reopen, he may lose both businesses. Plus, the employees that worked for Mr. Ankouny have been without a job since February. He is remorseful."

Prior to the vote, Trustees John Anthony and Steven Sneiderman said they were surprised that, given how much money Ankouny had invested in the business, he wasn't more educated on the tax laws.

"You did get caught up in a quagmire of legal issues, but you made some bad decisions regarding getting your paperwork tight and right," township Supervisor Pat Williams told Ankouny following the unanimous vote to deny the appeal. "You were disrespectful to notices and ordinances, to which we take great offense."

"But to your credit, you did go through the court process and paid your fines. Your other business is successful and you're a good corporate citizen. We as a government are here to help you, but you brought this on yourself by some of the decisions you've made the past several months."

Moments following the hearing, Ankouny said he is determined to fight for the reinstatement of his hookah lounge.

"I'm taking this to court," Ankouny said. "I'm not giving up."

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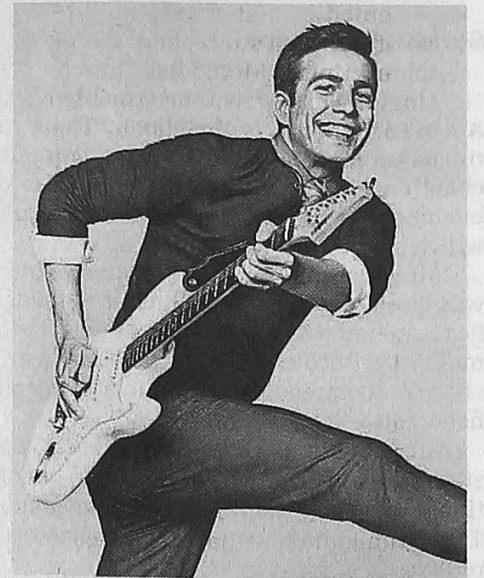
Kubart to perform Village Theater show

Tim Kubart, the 2016 Grammy Award winner for Best Children's Album and host, producer, writer for Sprout Channel's "Sunny Side Up," series will be performing live at 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

Kubart's performance is an engaging, interactive set of original songs and stories. As a songwriter/composer, Kubart has also composed songs for "Sesame Street," including "We Can All Be Friends," the introductory song for Julia, the first Muppet with autism.

Kubart is still best known as Tambourine Guy, a longstanding cast member of the viral music collective and internationally touring Postmodern Jukebox. The internet sensation has garnered more than 4 million YouTube subscribers, nearly one billion views and the No. 1 spot on the jazz iTunes charts for 10 consecutive albums. Performance highlights include New York's Radio City Music Hall, L.A.'s Greek Theatre, Denver's Red Rocks Amphitheater, London's Roundhaus, Paris' L'Olympia and Moscow's Crocus City Hall.

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Tim Kubart will be performing live May 12 at The Village Theater.

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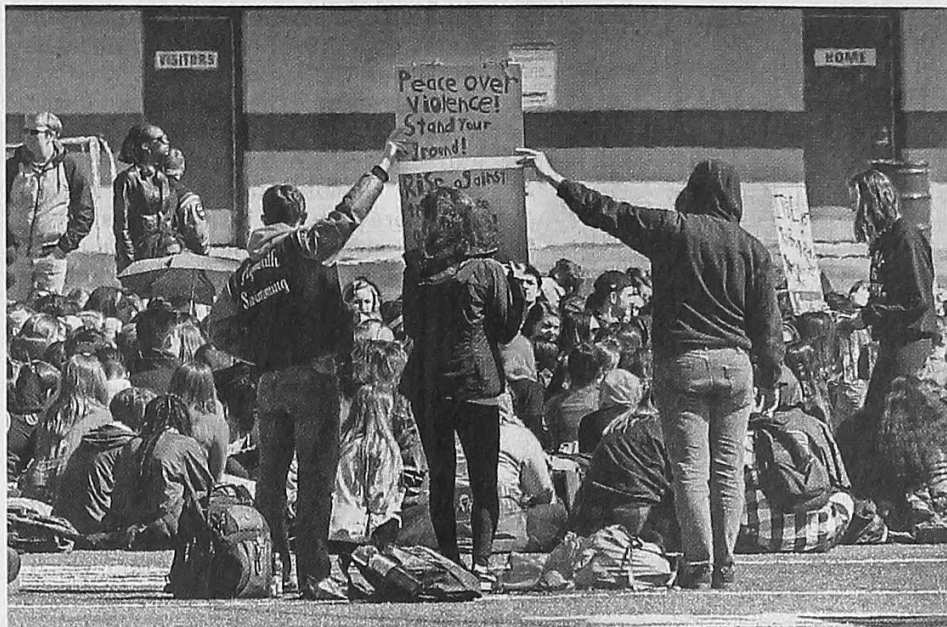
ment.

"THIS is why we're here," she practically shouted to a shocked group of a couple of hundred students in the gym at Orchard United Methodist Church in Farmington Hills, down the street from North Farmington High School. "These things keep happening. We're not going to stop until schools are safe!"

Gun violence and school safety was the whole point at walkouts staged at area schools Friday, the 19th anniversary of perhaps the most infamous school shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado.

The rallies are designed to raise awareness about gun violence and school safety. The national rallies were organized around the country to mark the anniversary of Columbine and followed similar rallies that took place last month.

Shootings like the one Feb. 14 in Parkland, Fla., and the one that took place Friday show there's still a need, organizers say.



The walkout at P-CEP drew more than 300 students. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"In wake of the Parkland shooting, we were frightened and outraged and beyond inspired by the students who spoke up from Marjory Stoneman Douglas," Schaefer said. "A small group of us came together, many of us strangers

unified in our common horror and motivation, to lead the change. We cannot just sit idly by and wait for someone else to do something, because as we have seen for 19 years of school shootings, no change has come. We are the change."

At Churchill High School in Livonia, more than 1,000 students took part in an event on the football field. Organized by several students, including seniors Cole Nelson and Sophie Tomasi, students walked the track, heard speeches from liberal and conservative students and lit candles in remembrance of those killed in the Columbine and Marjory Stoneman Douglas high school massacres.

"It's because of you guys that this walkout was able to happen," Tomasi said.

After the hour-long event, students were able to sign up to register to vote if they were of age and even have a conversation with students with differing opinions on the topic. Having such discussions, Nelson said, was a critical part of the movement to curtail gun violence.

"Nothing will ever get done if we don't talk," Nelson said. "This is how we make a difference."

Some 500 students from the three high schools at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park walked out of class and gathered on the varsity football field behind Canton High School. The

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event featured 17 minutes of silence (one minute for each victim of the Parkland shooting) and then speeches, spoken words and songs.

Canton junior Raleigh Nolan, one of the student organizers, said she felt obliged to help lead the way because "it's something I and many other students are very passionate about."

"When rumors about a P-CEP walk-out started circulating, my friends and I decided to take it into our own hands," Nolan said. "It was very important for us as a school to come together and stand up for what we believe in, no matter the consequences or criticism we faced. We hope to have been a positive influence on the people who came and supported us."

The North Farmington event, a town-hall style session, included speakers such as U.S. Rep. Brenda Lawrence, state Rep. Christine Greig, gun violence survivor Lesley Lebrun, whose brother was killed by a shooter, and attorney Jim Makowski, an NRA member and



North Farmington senior David Schmall remembers victims of a Texas shooting. BRAD KADRICH

corporate counsel for Michigan Gun Owners.

Lebrun, whose brother Mark was killed by convicted killer Clay Hayward in 1992, advocated heartily for stricter gun laws.

"A lot of things have changed and amazing things have happened that my brother would have loved," Lebrun said. "But there is one thing that hasn't changed — our gun laws."

Makowski disagreed. Drawing light applause and a few boos, the lawyer pointed out that laws designed to keep

guns out of the hands of the mentally ill, for instance, have been around since the 1960s.

"Let's enforce the existing gun laws," Makowski said. "The vast majority of gun owners are law-abiding citizens. Nobody deplores these school shootings more than I do. If someone is intent on committing a crime with a firearm, the only way to prevent it is with another firearm."

In the midst of the protest against gun violence, Schaefer said it was important to have Makowski's views explored, as well.

"We think it's important to not have an echo chamber," Schaefer said. "The point is to educate people and we can't educate from only one side. It's important to make people aware of both viewpoints."

Schaefer said students are still distraught by all the violence. From Columbine to Parkland, she pointed out, students simply don't feel safe.

"Shootings are still happening. ... They never stopped in between walk-outs," she said. "We are doing this because innocent people are killed every single day due to gun violence. School should be a safe place where we never

have to worry about a shooting taking place. We should never have to think 'where is the exit?' when we walk into a classroom."

That's how Plymouth High School junior Nash Salami feels about it, too.

"We all want to be safer at school and it's sad that so many lives had to be lost before we, the students, finally stood up and took things into our own hands," Salami said. "Our politicians were elected to serve us, not the NRA. We are watching and listening and we will vote."

Students taking part in these walk-outs heard the criticism, some of it whispered and some spoken out loud, that they are "just kids" who "don't understand" the issue.

Nolan has a message for those critics. "To the people calling us 'stupid kids,' we're the next generation," she said. "Change is coming, whether you like it or not."

Staff writer David Veselenak contributed to this report.

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Spring walk in Miller Woods

Celebrate spring with a walk in historic Miller Woods Nature Preserve. Tours will be held 2-4 p.m. Sunday, April 29, leaving every half hour; tours last about 60 minutes. The native spring flowers will be blooming soon and you can enjoy a guided walk through the woods to learn about the flowers, unique trees and the history of the Miller family.

Entrance is on Powell Road, east of Ridge Road, in Plymouth Township. No dogs or strollers. You must be able to walk on unstable surfaces due to large tree roots. For more information, go to millerwoods.com or call Cheryl Bord at 734-459-7666.

'Annie' by Spotlight Players

The Spotlight Players troupe will perform the hit musical "Annie" at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. Performances are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, April 27-28 and May 4-5, as well as 2 p.m. Sunday, April 29 and May 6.

Tickets are \$15 to \$18 and available at www.cantonvillagetheater.org. Tickets can also be ordered over the phone at 734-394-5300, ext. 3, or purchased at the box office from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday. If available, they can also be purchased one hour prior to show time.

New exhibit at Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill will exhibit the works of artist Haydar Alyasiry through Saturday, April 28, in the Gallery VT, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. Originally from Iraq, Alyasiry's oil paintings, pastels, and watercolors reflect his passion for his roots. More than 40 works will be on display in this exhibit, titled "Eve for Eternity."

The exhibit is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. The Gallery@VT is closed each holiday. For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to www.cantonvillagetheater.org.

Tea and fashion benefit show

Delta Kappa Gamma will sponsor a tea and fashion show 1-3 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Plymouth First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road. Fashions will be from the Coral Sash in South Lyon.

Tickets are \$40 and proceeds go to fund educational scholarships and grants. For ticket information, call 734-459-5009.

St. John Neumann spring festival

St. John Neumann, 44800 Warren Road, in Canton will host a spring festival 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 28, to benefit poor and disadvantaged people in Canton. There will be a Mexican-style dinner, hot dogs, popcorn, ice cream and music by the Earth Angels.

Cost is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. Call Cheryl at 734 738 6624 or email clk1928@comcast.net to reserve a spot.

Montessori school open house

Families are invited to attend an house 1-3 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Plymouth-Canton Montessori School, 45245 Joy, in Canton. Teachers and staff will provide classroom tours and enrollment information about the 2018-19 school year. P-CMS is an independent nonprofit educational community that provides an individualized learning environment for children ages 18 months through 6 years. Children are welcome to attend and light refreshments will be served.

For more information, go to www.pcmontessori.org, email pcmontessori@sbcglobal.net or call 734-459-1550. The school also hosts an open house 9-11 a.m. each Thursday for interested parents.

Southeast Michigan Flute Association

The Southeast Michigan Flute Association flute choir will present The Sounds of Spring concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 29, at Living Word Church, 46500 N. Territorial Road, in Plymouth. The free program will be under the direction of William J. Underwood III.

CCS admissions at PARC

The College for Creative Studies admissions team will be at Plymouth Arts

and Recreation Complex, 650 Church Street, 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, to share information about majors, internships, successful alumni and provide portfolio reviews upon request. You can also learn about scholarships and dual enrollment classes at the PARC location, thanks to a grant from the Margaret Dunning Foundation.

Family members are welcome. To RSVP, go to <https://www.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/visit-us>.

Day of Prayer breakfast

The Plymouth Family YMCA is organizing a National Day of Prayer breakfast 7-9 a.m. Thursday, May 3, at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church Street. Members of all faith communities are invited.

Tickets are \$20 each or \$150 for a table of eight. To purchase tickets, go to goo.gl/ZXBIAz, call the Plymouth Family YMCA office at 734-453-2904.

Bomber Buffing party

The Yankee Air Museum, Willow Run Airport, Hangar 1, 801 Kirk Profit Drive, in Ypsilanti will host its 23rd annual Bomber Buffing party from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

People are invited to help us polish the Boeing B-17 "Yankee Lady" and the North American B-25 "Yankee Warrior." There is no cost to participate in this event. A pizza luncheon will be served for everyone buffing a plane. People are encouraged to bring plenty of clean, soft rags.

Yankee Air Museum itself will be open with free admission for all Bomber Buffers that day and people are encouraged to visit after polishing the planes.

Plymouth Oratorio Society

The Plymouth Oratorio Society will open its 32nd season with a concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at the First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial, Plymouth. The POS will perform J.S. Bach's "Mass #1 in F-major" and Bob Chilcott's "Requiem." The POS will be joined by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra and organist May Ann Balduf.

A free will offering will be taken; no tickets required. For more information, call 734-455-8353 or go to plymouthoratoriosociety.org.

Hernia education seminar

Join Beaumont surgeons Edward Mavashev, M.D., and Daniel Bacal, M.D., to learn about the latest hernia treatment options, including minimally-invasive surgery, 6-8 p.m. Monday, May 7, at Beaumont Weight Control Center, 6300 N. Haggerty Road, in Canton. Register online at www.beaumont.org/hernia-seminar or call 800-633-7377.

Music at the Elks

Blues @ The Elks happens 7-10 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 in partnership with the Detroit Blues Society (www.detroitbluessociety.org). There is a \$5 donation at the door.

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 or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

Archer at joint chamber event

Former Detroit Mayor Dennis W. Archer will speak at a multiple-chamber gathering from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 22, at the Schoolcraft College VisTaTech Center. The event will involve members of the Livonia, Canton and Novi chambers of commerce. Archer will be available to sign copies of his autobiography "Let The Future Begin" and take pictures after the presentation.

The cost is \$35 per chamber member. For more details, contact the Livonia chamber at 734-427-2122 or go to www.livonia.org.

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.

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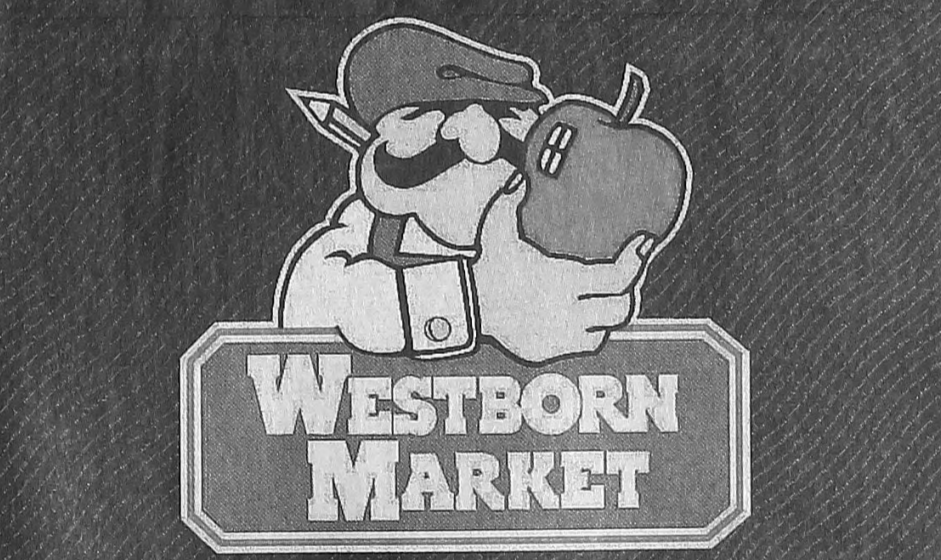
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Former First Lady Barbara Bush, in the Schoolcraft College kitchen with master pastry chef Joseph Decker in 1992. In the background is retired Schoolcraft College President Richard McDowell. Bush died April 17 at age 92. SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

The time Barbara Bush visited Schoolcraft College

David Veselenak
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Spending time with a first lady is a special memory for Schoolcraft College chef instructor Jeffrey Gabriel. Having her ask for a recipe was a whole other experience he never expected.

Gabriel was one of several chefs in the Schoolcraft College kitchen back in 1992, when then-First Lady Barbara Bush made a campaign stop for her husband, President George H.W. Bush, at the Livonia college.

"She was probably in our kitchen for 45 minutes," said Gabriel, a certified master chef who's been at Schoolcraft College for more than 30 years. "She made it a point to come to the culinary arts department."

Bush, who died April 17 at the age of 92, stopped at the college while her husband was campaigning against Democrat Bill Clinton. Gabriel said Bush had heard about the college's flagship culinary program and wanted to check it

out. She spent the morning preparing a wrapped salmon in phyllo, something Gabriel's class was making in the Waterman building, located where Henry's Food Court currently stands. The dish must have turned out well, since she wanted to take the ingredient list back to Washington, D.C., with her.

"I spent the morning showing her how to prepare this," Gabriel said of the dish. "She was very down to earth. I remember her saying, 'I want that recipe and I'll use it at the White House.'"

It was a moment, Gabriel said, that wouldn't be forgotten by him or by the students in the class, which Bush was happy to speak with.

"She was just very interactive with the students," he said. "(She said), 'You guys are so lucky, you're going to have a career that's exciting and fun.'"

Contact David Veselenak at dveselenak@hometownlife.com or 734-678-6728. Follow him on Twitter @davidveselenak.

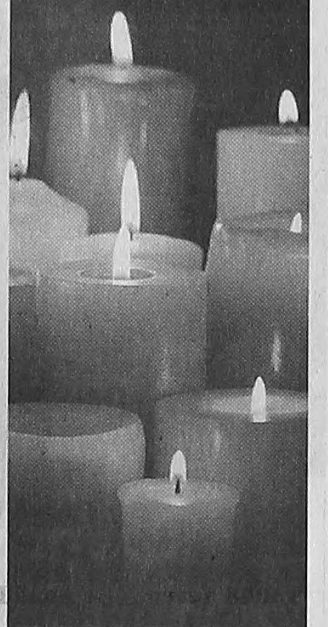
Obituaries

Lilly V. Snyder

PLYMOUTH - Lilly V. Snyder, age 95, a long-time resident of Plymouth, passed away April 22, 2018. She was born on April 10, 1923 in Plymouth, Michigan; daughter of Ernest and Thyra (nee Nilsson) Wickstrom. She graduated from Plymouth High School; Class of 1940. Lilly was united in marriage to Orrin Snyder on January 31, 1941; they spent 30 loving years together until his death in 1971. Lilly worked as a secretary at Bathey Manufacturing in Plymouth, retiring after 25 years with the company. She was a member of the Swedish Club. Lilly loved to travel; she visited places all over the world including Europe, Hawaii, New Zealand, and Australia. She enjoyed doing needlework and knitting. Lilly was a wonderful cook and baker. Lilly is survived by her loving daughter Marcia (Frank Philliben) Dawson; and her granddaughter Kristen Dawson. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband. Private family services were held. Mrs. Snyder was laid to rest next to her husband at Riverside Cemetery in Plymouth. In lieu of flowers the family would appreciate memorial contributions to American Cancer Society, 20450 Civic Center Dr., Southfield, MI 48076. Share condolences at casterlinefuneralhome.com

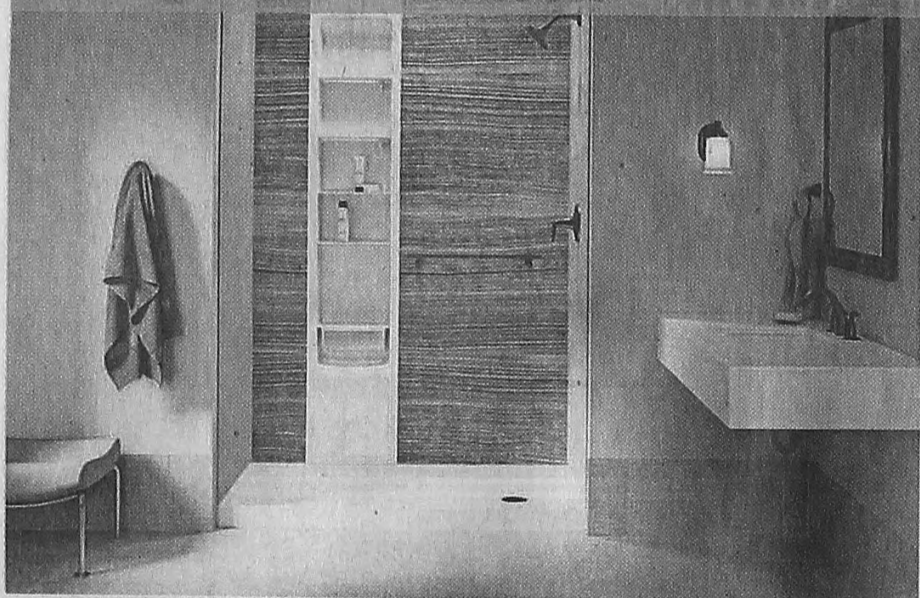


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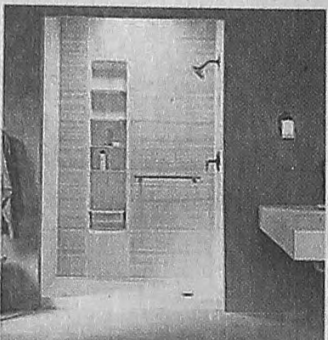


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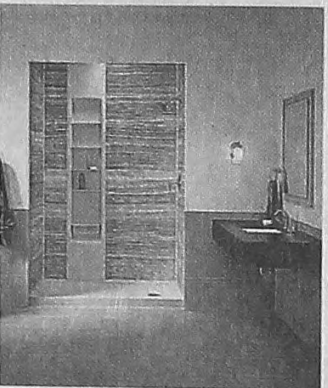
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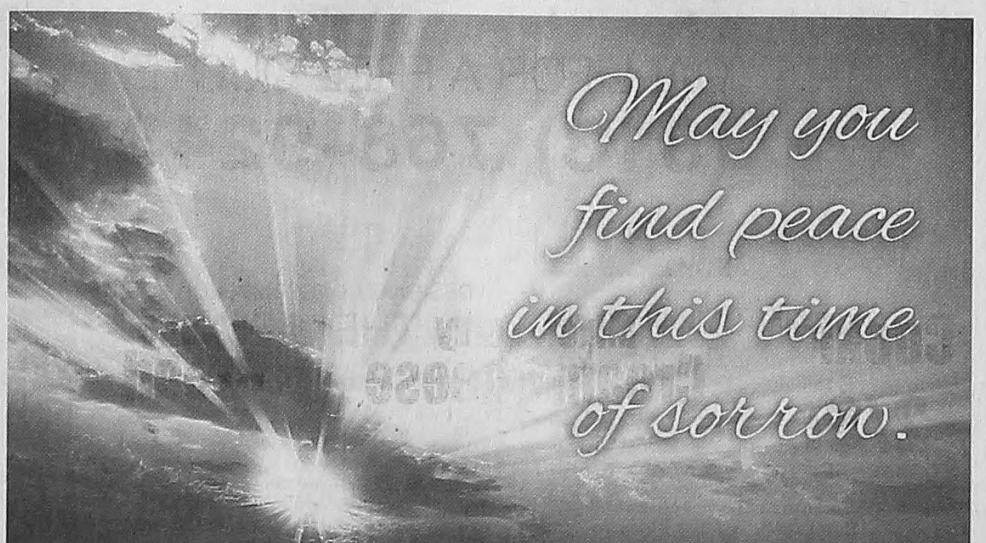
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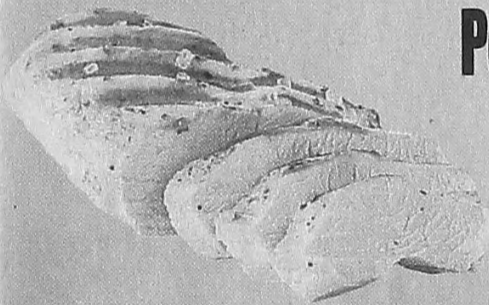
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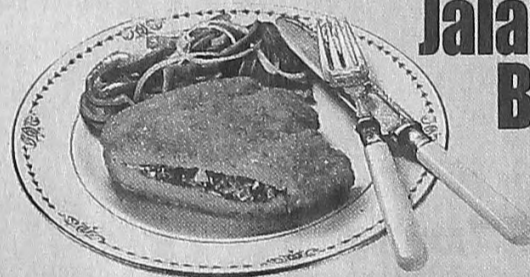
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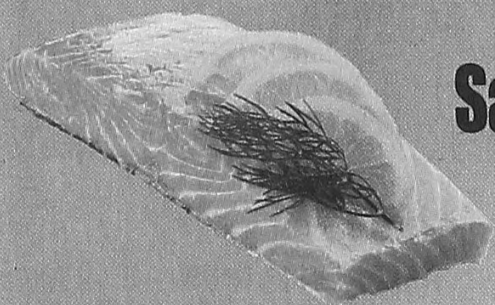


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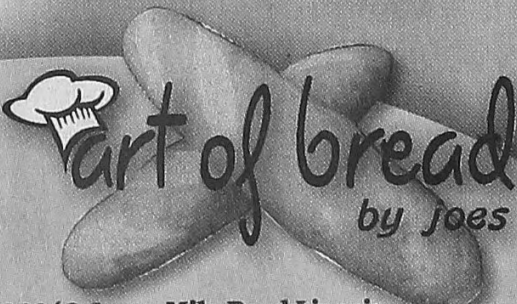
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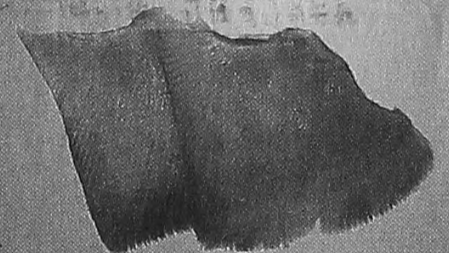
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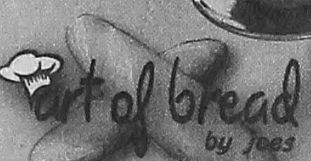
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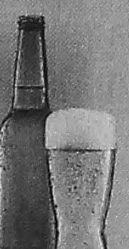
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Connor Jakacki is already proving he can skate through 18 holes on a golf course as well as he can maneuver around a hockey rink.

The Livonia Stevenson senior, a defenseman who helped the Spartans to a 23-6 record and a Division 2 regional hockey title last month, shot an even-par 71 to earn medalist honors Friday at the 32nd annual Farmington Invitational at Farmington Hills Golf Course.

"Hockey was very busy in the winter

time," said Jakacki, who balanced his 18-hole round of three bogeys with three birdies to win by a stroke. "We actually only had one match before this one, so just a lot of practice at the range, not much outside. But a lot of practice and hard work pays off."

Jakacki, who during the hockey season went indoors a couple of times a week to keep sharp, held off a strong field that featured players from 23 different schools from Oakland, Wayne, Washtenaw and Monroe counties.

Once hockey season ended March 13, Jakacki focused his attention to hitting in the dome before eventually moving

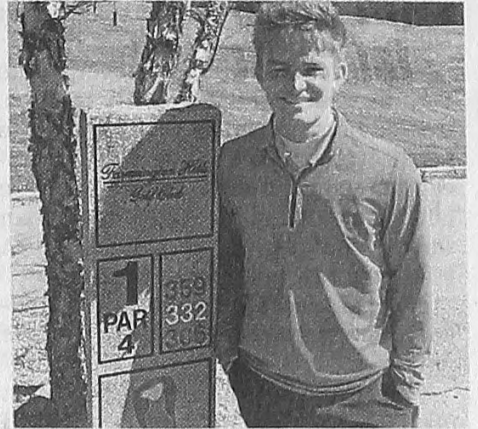
outside — weather permitting, of course.

"I was expecting to do well," Jakacki said. "This is my first time playing (Farmington Hills). I liked it a lot. The greens were rolling a lot better than the ones we had been playing. It was in nice shape."

Among the other top individual finishers were Jackson Tellerico (Farmington), Alexander Oda (Clarkston) and Anthony Comito (Warren De La Salle) at 72 each, while Jimmy Dales (Northville), Jack Muir (Birmingham Seaholm) and Jake Radom (Berkley) shot 73 each.

"I started off really well off the tee," Jakacki said. "I hit about my first seven

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Stevenson's Connor Jakacki shot an even-par 71 to win medalist honors at the Farmington Invitational. BRAD EMONS

NFL FOOTBALL

Just a chance



Former Wayne State running back Romello Brown hopes to get a pro shot. WSU ATHLETICS

Former Churchill, WSU standout Brown looking for that one NFL opportunity

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All it takes is one team to like you.

That was the message players, including Wayne State running back Romello Brown, were trying to send March 20 during their participation in Eastern Michigan University's Pro Day.

More than 20 scouts from the NFL and the Canadian Football League were on hand to get a read on players like Brown, the former Livonia Churchill High all-state Dream Team player, who showcased his skills during drills and exercises that mirrored the NFL Scouting Combine.

For the 5-foot-11, 242-pound Brown, WSU's third all-time leading rusher, it



Brown

was a chance for scouts to get familiar with his measurables, including the 40-yard dash, 20- and 60-yard shuttles and three-cone drill, before going through position work.

Other drills included the bench press, broad jump and vertical jump. The prospects also went through a flexibility test and had their height, weight, hand width, arm length and

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YOUTH BASEBALL

New summer sandlot circuit targets urban communities

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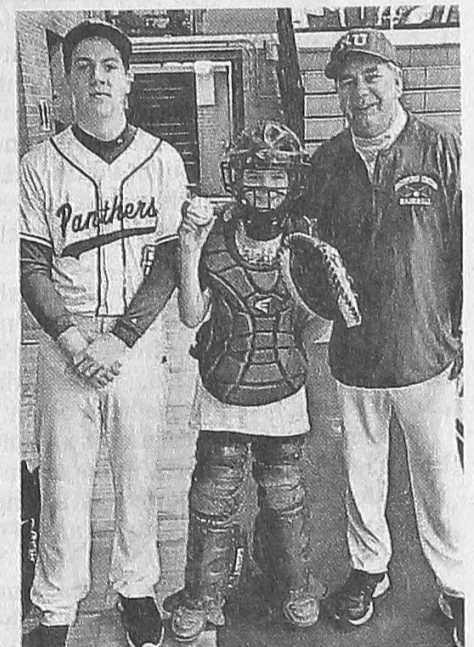
When it comes to his love of baseball, Bob Miller Jr. doesn't want summers to go to waste anymore.

The former high school baseball coach, who spent the past five years at Redford Union, is launching Coach's Kids, a summer sandlot baseball/softball program for youths ages 5-18.

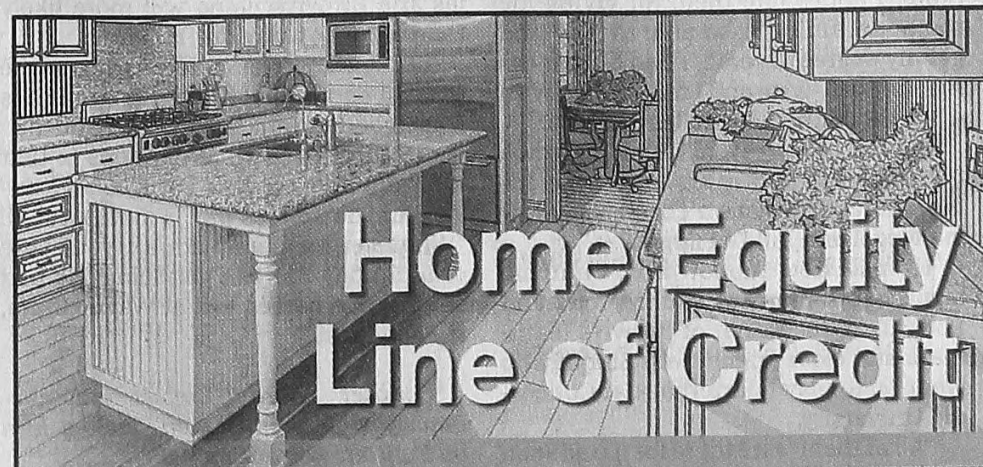
"The mission behind this is to give kids an opportunity to play baseball who, No. 1, don't have the ability to make a travel team nor the money to play travel baseball," Miller said. "There will be no cuts, no tryouts. Everybody who wants to play this great, fun game of ours will be able to play for \$100."

Miller, son of former longtime University of Detroit baseball coach and former MLB pitcher Bob Miller (now age 92), has been on the recruiting circuit reaching out to several area high schools, including RU, Thurston, Dearborn Heights Robichaud, Dearborn

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Former RU baseball coach Bob Miller Jr. (right) and player Jackson Allison (left) worked a clinic last year for area youth players.



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GIRLS SOCCER

North's late goal earns 1-1 draw with rival Farmington

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North Farmington's Gabriela Sgambati scored her first goal of the season April 19 against host Farmington in the girls soccer city championship game. It couldn't have come at a more opportune time.

Farmington junior Emily Pace opened the scoring midway through the first half and the Falcons held the 1-0 advantage for the next 58 minutes. It appeared as if the slim lead would hold up and give Farmington its first win over North in at least three years.

But Sgambati, who had never lost to Farmington in her three varsity seasons, treated fans to a dramatic finish on the frigid evening. The Raiders senior tri-captain scored after a long run down the left wing with just a little more than three minutes remaining in the OAA White contest to tie the game at 1-1.

Neither team threatened over the final three minutes to account for the draw.

"We work on those things a lot in practice, running up the left side and crossing," Sgambati said. "But I saw (the keeper) was too far over and I slipped it through and I was just hoping it was going to go in or someone else was going to tap it in. So it feels good that it went in."

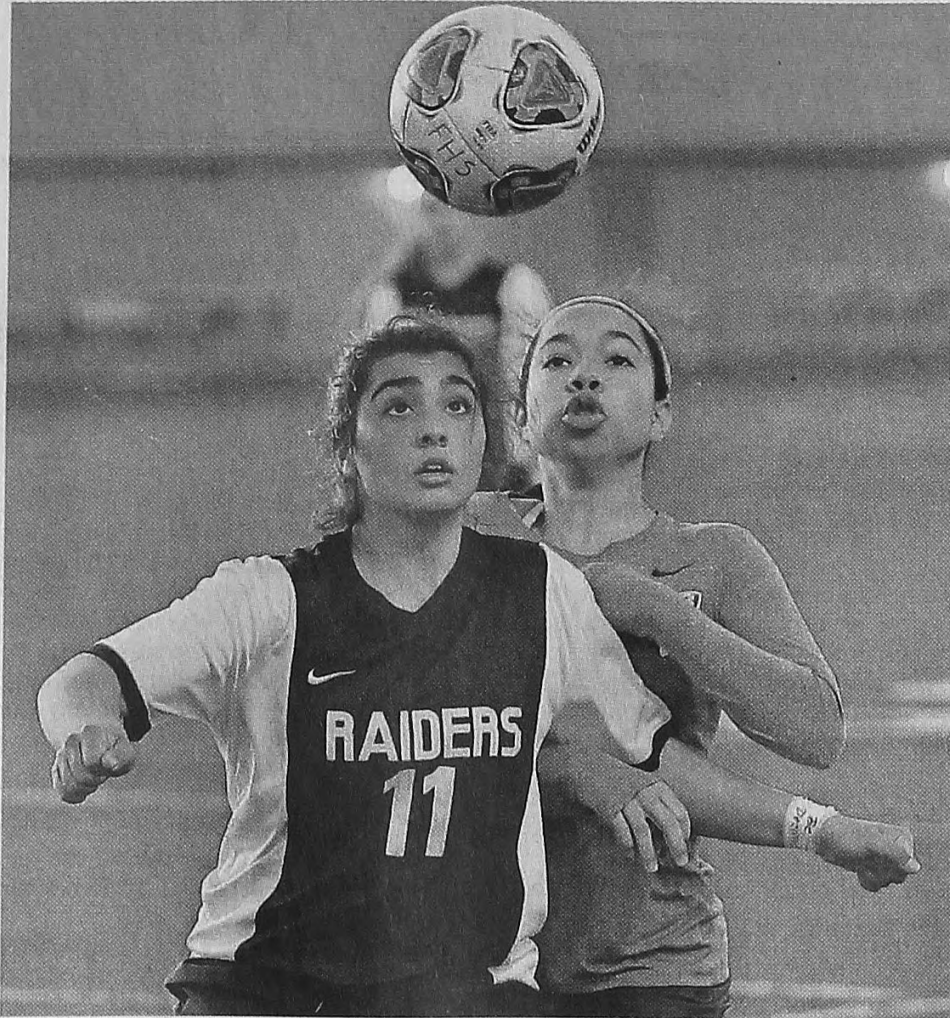
"I was very excited for this game. We usually go through the whole day and hang out with each other and try to motivate each other," she added. "We just want to get each other ready, because this is a big game every year."

Tie a 'fair reflection' of game

Second-year Farmington head coach Shaun Gray felt his team had a number of opportunities it didn't convert, which would have made a difference in the outcome.

"The longer it stayed 1-0, it always gives North Farmington the opportunity and the confidence to get one on the break," said Gray, whose team is 2-0-2 on the season. "Twenty seconds earlier, we hit the crossbar with a great shot that we all thought was going in, then right after that, Gabby breaks away and scored a very, very good goal."

"I mean, Gabby is a very good player and we talked about the threat that she has and that she can score goals," he added. "Overall, we reflect that we are kicking ourselves a little bit for not scoring on the chances we had, but I don't



North Farmington's Natalie George (front) and Farmington's Kristina Agee play heads-up soccer. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

think we can be too disappointed. A 1-1 tie is probably a fair reflection of the game."

Farmington started fast against the Raiders, controlling play from the opening minute through the first half.

Twice in the first 15 minutes, for example, Falcon sophomore forward Kristina Agee booted excellent crosses through the box that rolled harmlessly to the opposite side of the field. Then, at the 21:15 mark, senior Erin Abramczyk took a corner kick that sailed to Pace, who redirected it into the net for the 1-0 lead.

Both teams had more scoring chances in the much more physical second half.

Abramczyk had some great opportunities to give her team a two-goal lead, including two shots from 15 yards out 14 minutes into the second half. The first shot was stopped by North Farmington defender Maya Kelly, but she tracked the ball down and took a left-footer that

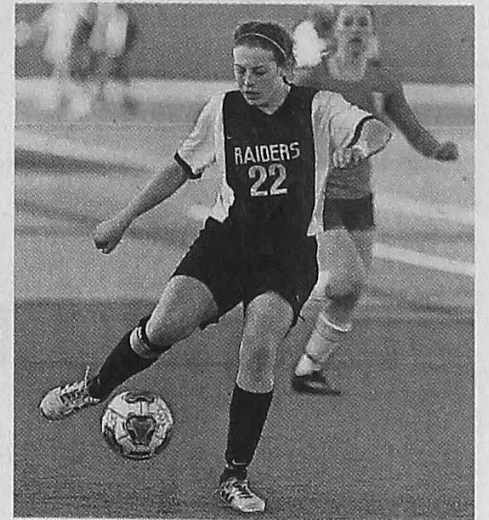
got through to Raiders goalie Patil Tcholakian, who smothered it without further damage.

Then, with 3:30 remaining in the game, Abramczyk's blast from 25 yards out slammed off the crossbar and caromed off to the left side of the field. The ball eventually found its way to Sgambati, who hustled down the pitch, worked her way past a Falcons defender and then booted the ball with her left foot to the far side of the net to forge the tie.

'Good things' for North

Veteran North Farmington head coach Tim Russell couldn't have been happier to see Sgambati register the crucial game-tying goal.

"I was especially glad that Gabby got the goal, because she's been with us for four years," Russell said. "And she's never lost a city championship. She wanted to make sure it didn't happen this year."



North Farmington senior Gabriela Sgambati scored the game-tying goal against host Farmington in the city championship game with just 3:04 left on the clock. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I thought we played a better second half than we did the first. I thought we were a little sloppy in the first half, but we got it together in the second half," he added. "It was just a lot of heart, that's what we've been talking about. Our young players are starting to step up and we saw a lot of good things today."

Farmington outshot North Farmington by a 10-7 margin and enjoyed a 5-1 advantage in corner kicks. Farmington junior goalie Alex Thomas and Tcholakian were both credited with six saves.

North Farmington captured the city championship last year, so the Raiders retained the trophy since they were the last to own it. However, the coaches agreed afterward that they would officially share the crown since the game ended in a draw.

"We share the title, but we'll keep the trophy," said Russell, whose team is 1-3-1 on the season.

"If it's based on one-off game, then we should share it, but if it's based on them winning it last year, they should rightly walk away with the trophy," Gray said. "It's always better if we can take it off of them. But Tim suggested sharing it and I think that was nice. Today was a tie and that was it."

Regardless, it wasn't a loss and that made Sgambati and her Raiders teammates a happy group.

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Brown

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wing span measured by personnel from NFL teams.

In preparation, Brown trained during the winter months, along with current NFL players and future pro hopefuls, under the guidance of Jim Kielbaso at Total Sports Performance in Wixom.

"I thought it was a good experience," Brown said. "It was something I should be grateful for, obviously, fortunate enough for the opportunity, I thought. Pretty solid overall. That's probably how I kind of viewed it. I could have done better, but overall, I thought I did solid."

To nobody's surprise, the super strong Brown did 31 reps in the bench press.

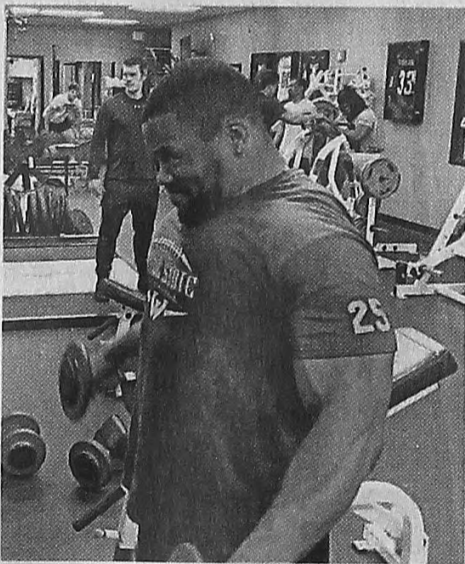
"I thought, for sure, my 40-yard dash time was going to be where it is, but I'm not really a 40-yard sprint guy, that's not my strength," he said. "My shuttle and (cone drill) could have been better."

Brown, who is represented by agent David Jones of VIP Sports Management in Detroit, could be viewed as a long shot to even get an invite to an NFL mini-camp.

But former WSU running back Joiqee Bell, the school's all-time leading rusher, made the most of his undrafted free agent opportunity and played for seven different teams in the NFL (from 2010-16), including two stints with the Lions.

And if Brown does find a landing spot, Detroit might be the most logical choice.

"There's a lot of dudes that hang around a few years and not every story in the NFL is a great draft day story, first-round kind of thing," said one of Brown's biggest supporters, former Churchill coach John Filiatraut. "We'll see how Romello does. He's got an agent working toward some things. We'll see what happens. He needs to find the right fit. And that's what it's all about — finding the right team that needs you and showcase what you've got. If you're him, you can't focus on your shortcomings. You can't focus on the things you



Romello Brown does some heavy lifting at Total Sports Performance in Wixom. BRAD EMONS

don't have, you've got to focus on your strengths and sees if it falls right for you."

Even if Brown doesn't get a tryout, he's been already deemed a success story coming out of Churchill.

As a sophomore for the Chargers, he rushed for 700 yards and seven touchdowns (2010) before upping his numbers to 1,043 yards with nine TDs as a junior (2011). That was followed by a monster senior season (2012) as the Chargers went 10-1 overall and Brown racked up 1,843 yards on just 242 carries and 29 TDs.

After sitting out his freshman season at WSU, Brown saw limited action as a red-shirt sophomore (2014), dressing for all 11 games and appearing four.

In 2015, Brown broke out and was voted second team all-Great Lakes Athletic Conference and WSU's Offensive MVP as he rushed for 1,287 yards, which included six 100-yard games.

The 2016 season proved to be his best for the Warriors as he earned second team D2Football.com All-America and third team Don Hansen All-America honors, along with first team all-GLIAC after a career-best 1,564 yards.

All things were pointing in the right

direction for another big season for the red-shirt senior in 2017, but behind a depleted and inexperienced offensive line, Brown's numbers slipped to a team-best 827 yards as the Warriors finished 5-6 and 4-5 in the GLIAC.

"It was a very frustrating season, but my biggest thing, honestly, given the life that I had, that is you've got to take the good with the bad," said Brown, who made second team all-GLIAC. "I also had some great seasons with some great offensive lines. I'm was fortunate enough, from my overall career standpoint, and I'm thankful."

Brown started 33 of 37 games during his four-year career, totaling 17,100-yard rushing performances (third most in the last 34 years, behind Bell and Joe Gough). He concluded his collegiate career third in school history in rushing touchdowns (42), rushing yards per game (102.2) and touchdowns scored (42) and fourth in rushing yards (3,780), rushing attempts (686), yards per carry (5.51) and points scored (252).

Brown, who graduated in December with a degree in criminal justice, also made all-academic GLIAC and WSU Coach's Honor Roll in fall 2014, 2015 and 2017, as well as winter 2017 (with a term grade-point average of 3.0-3.49).

"I'm fortunate enough to be able to achieve something that no one in my family has ever done, which is to get a college degree," said Brown, who hails from Westland. "It took four-and-a-half years and I'm also fortunate enough to play some really good football at Wayne State. I appreciate them for giving me the opportunity to be able to play and get my degree. Overall, I had a great career football-wise and I finished up with a 3.0 and earned my college degree."

During his days at Churchill, Brown had many mentors in his corner, including Churchill assistant coaches like Allen Fiegel and Bill DeFillippo.

He also drew support from Churchill faculty staff member Paul Mercier and Rob Suida, the father of Brown's teammate and close friend Seth Suida, who went on to play quarterback at Concordia University.

"All of them were there for me as soon

I left the door," Brown said. "They gave lead in life, a future in life, guidance and a structure and discipline. Without them, I wouldn't have found a home. I appreciate what Churchill has given me. Without them, I wouldn't be where I am today."

Brown arrived at Churchill has an unpolished stone who eventually became a glittering diamond.

"I'm not sure what Romello did in school before he got to Churchill, but he learned how to go to class," Filiatraut said. "I think he learned how to excel a little bit at Wayne State. I think, for him, it took some maturity and some people believing in him like coach (Paul) Winters and that crew down there. It worked out for him and I'm sure proud of him."

Brown's maturation period has been nothing short of remarkable, according to his high school coach.

"The things that are endearing about him are still the same, still a likable guy, still a good person," Filiatraut said. "Those are easy when you meet him. He's always had a great athletic way about him from his build, the way he moves, to his strength, which hasn't deserted him in that regard. He's grown up quite a bit. I think college for Romello is what it should be for all kids. He has to grow up, have some new experiences, stretch yourself a little bit mentally and, in his case, physically and he did that."

Brown just recently took a temporary job with a home remodeling company, where he is doing some painting work. The NFL Draft will be April 26-28 in Dallas and Brown's name will more likely than not be on any draft boards.

But it only takes one team to make the call and Brown hopes his agent has some good news following the draft.

"Regardless of what happens to that kid from here on, he's got a college degree and he's on his way," Filiatraut said. "Whatever happens with a tryout here or a pro day there is just icing. He had such a good career, too, at Wayne State, my goodness."

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PREP BASEBALL



Standing in the snow Friday are Onaway baseball players (from left) Trevor Wregglesworth, Lucas Tollini and Nick Byrne. They finally got to see some green when they traveled to Plymouth Christian Academy and Livonia Clarenceville last weekend.

Up north teams make pitch to play in sunny Canton

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A mid-April snowstorm buried Onaway High School's baseball field under two feet of the stuff.

Chances are pretty good the Onaway Cardinals won't be back on their home diamond anytime soon. So head coach Mike Crull sounded the S.O.S., looking for temporary baseball homes in southern Michigan.

Crull knew Allen Park Inter-City Baptist athletic director Nate Chatfield, but there wasn't room there.

"But he put me in contact with the A.D. from Plymouth Christian (Matt Windle), who contacted the baseball coach," Crull said. "And Joe (Bottorff) has been nothing but awesome. He's facilitating not only us to come down there, but also two additional northern Michigan teams."

Livonia Clarenceville also chipped in. The Cardinals squared off against the host Trojans in a Saturday twinbill that originally was slotted for PCA. Over at Plymouth Christian, Inland Lakes and Newberry played the Eagles, with the two northern squads facing each other as well.

After the two games at Clarenceville, Onaway bused over to PCA for a game against the Eagles.

"The southern schools, they don't have this issue," Crull said. "We're looking at, optimistically, the first week of May before we can even see the field."

"We've been stuck indoors since the first day of practice. We were able to get outside one time during spring break for about an hour and that's it."

Bottorff also finagled the schedule for April 27-28, when Onaway and Inland Lakes will once again take bus trips from up north to play at PCA.

"We always play the same guys every year," Bottorff said. "It's nice to have a

chance to play somebody new."

They'd rather play

The only downside for the Eagles is they will lose their doubleheader against Clarenceville, unless a mutual make-up date can be found.

"The pro is that we get to play some teams that we would normally never get to play and possibly create a relationship where we could start some home-and-home contests," Bottorff continued.

According to Bottorff, this is the first time in his coaching career that he was approached about helping northern teams find emergency fields.

"We've had years where the weather significantly reduced the number of games we got in or delayed the beginning of the season, but I've never had teams from up north contact me because they still had snow," Bottorff said. "One time several years ago, we went to a tournament in Traverse City in mid-May and it snowed during the game, which surprised us, but the home team said it happens all the time."

There could have been a drawback to this weekend's trip for Onaway upperclassmen. The school, located an hour south of the Mackinac Bridge, also had its senior prom April 21.

But three senior players told Crull they'd rather play baseball.

"They're actually playing college ball next year and they prioritized baseball over the senior prom," Crull said, with a slight chuckle. "That's maybe not cool for the parents, but as a baseball coach, it made me smile. It shows what kind of kids we have here."

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USA HOCKEY

U-17 team wins 3-0 to open Clark Cup playoffs

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For the first time since the OHL Whalers left town, there was playoff hockey in Plymouth.

On Saturday at USA Hockey Arena — formerly Compuware — area fans were treated to Game 1 of the United States Hockey League Clark Cup Playoffs. The U.S., behind a sparkling performance from goalie Cameron Rowe, outstanding special teams and two shorthanded goals, defeated the Chicago Steel 3-0.

Game 2 of the best-of-five matchup didn't go as well, as the Steel bounced back for a 6-2 victory to even the series. The third game is at 7 p.m. Thursday in Chicago.

"I thought the players came out at the beginning and most importantly they weren't intimidated by the stage," U.S. head coach John Wroblewski said. "They came out and really dictated the pace."

Rowe (34 saves) was on his game all night, snagging hard point shots with ease and playing positionally strong. And his team gained important momentum thanks to his clutch stops. With about 14:30 left in the game and the U.S. up 1-0, Rowe kicked out a dangerous shot taken from the right circle.

Moments later down in the Chicago end, defenseman Drew Helleson surprised Steel goaltender Oskar Autio with a wrist shot from the right half-wall to put the home team up 2-0 with 14:13 left.

"It's really interesting, especially in those kinds of situations," Rowe said, "because you never know how pucks are going to bounce off."

"Every save is important, just like that one. If I didn't make the save, if it didn't hit me the right way (and carom out), then we wouldn't have got that goal."

Forward John Beecher then padded the lead with a shorthanded goal at 10:30 of the third, the second U.S. short-handed goal of the game. Beecher cut in from the left wing and flipped a low shot past Autio.

Opening the scoring at 5:53 of the middle period was forward Owen Lindmark, also during the penalty kill. Lindmark took an outlet pass from

Helleson and streaked up the middle before sniping a shot over Autio's trapper.

"It was an emphasis point for our players to be heavy on the penalty kill," Wroblewski said. "They're lethal, they've got a collection of players that are big and strong and skilled. ... You really have to fight for your loose pucks."

"It was a really nice bonus (the short-handed goal by Lindmark) and then Johnny Beecher is a man-child, which we've

been seeing here the last two-and-a-half or three months. He's been like this, just outstanding, and so it's really cool to see him get rewarded."

There were several other similar breakouts from the U.S., with players picking off Chicago passes like low-hanging fruit and launching dangerous rushes as a result.

"It's really big, something we've worked on in practice, working on our penalty kill and clearing pucks out," Rowe said. "I think that definitely translated into two goals and offensive chances we had."

Rowe needed to stave off a flurry of last-minute chances in order to protect the shutout.

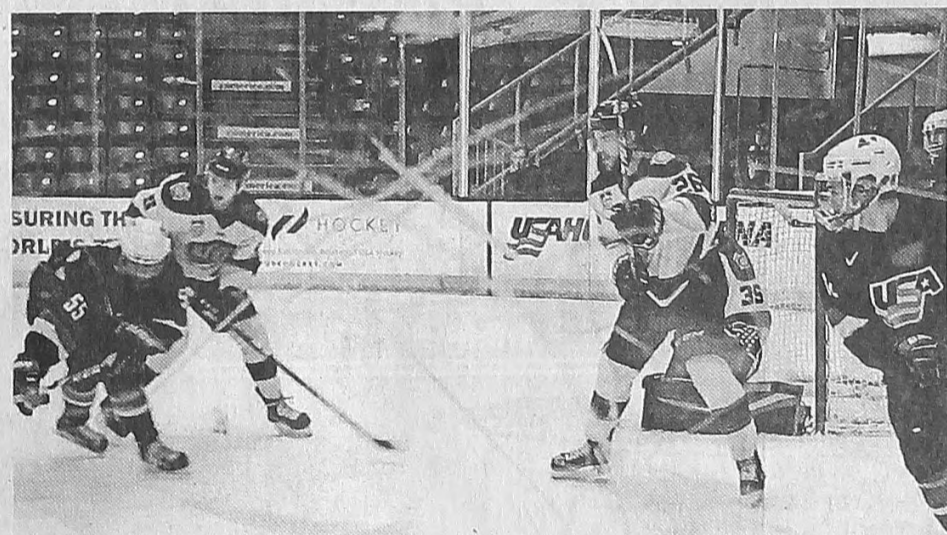
"He's played a lot of really good games for us this year," Wroblewski said about Rowe, a 6-1, 185-pounder from Illinois. "The kid can rise up and really steal games."

"Tonight, it was a team effort. I don't think he stole this one. He was there when we needed him and I thought the guys played really well in front of him, too."

The National Team Development Program U-17 team is playing all USHL postseason games while the U-18 team is in Russia at the 2018 IIHF Under-18 World Championships.

UNDER-18 WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS: The U.S. U-18 Men's National Team is off to a 1-2 start in the preliminary round, losing 6-4 to Canada on April 19, defeating Switzerland 8-5 on April 21 and falling 3-1 on April 22 to Sweden.

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Action heats up around the Chicago Steel goal during Saturday's opener of the USHL semifinals against the NTDP U-17 team at USA Hockey Arena. TIM SMITH

Jakacki

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fairways or so and I was hitting every green. I putted pretty well ... 32 putts. I could have had two more birdies, honestly, but made a lot of clutch par putts and three birdies on the day, so that helped."

Jakacki is entering his third varsity season. He was a team captain last year and is again this year for the Spartans, who opened the season April 13 by winning the Livonia Public Schools Invitational at Whispering Willows as Jakacki took medalist honors with 36.

"He's just gotten so strong in his tempo and he just has a good mind to fight back when he gets in trouble," third-year Stevenson coach Curtis Hay said. "I saw a lot of good birdie chances. And if you're shooting for birdies a lot, you're going to score well."

Jakacki got an early start in the game of golf. He started playing competitively at age 11.

"My grandparents got me into it when I was really young. They're big golfers," Jakacki said.

Although he's hanging up his hockey stick, Jakacki is taking his golf clubs to the next level.

"I visited a bunch of schools last fall and Saginaw Valley gave me the best offer, so I didn't want to turn that down," Jakacki said. "Took that, signed last week and very excited for the future. I think golf is the way to go for me now."

Clarkston, meanwhile, placed first in the team standings with 305 points, while Northville beat Warren De La Salle for second on the fifth-player score tiebreaker after both teams finished at 310.

Rounding out the top 10 were Birmingham Seaholm (321), Farmington (323), Royal Oak (327), Stevenson (329), Troy Athens (336), Rochester Adams (341) and Salem (344).

Northville was led by Dales, the University of Wyoming golf signee who made honorable mention all-state in hockey for the Mustangs. Dales, a senior, was in contention for medalist honors before taking a double-bogey on the par-4, 418-yard 18th hole.

"It's a dogleg right; I've never liked it," Dales said. "I think I've only played it a few times. It's weird driving hole and I didn't execute on it."

Other Northville scorers included

Abhi Alluri (eighth, 75), Saahith Mummandi (80) and Nick Weaver (82) — all seniors — along with junior Ryan Gallagher (87), whose score on the third play-off hole was the difference between second and third place in the team standings.

"Our team showed a lot of good things today," Dales said. "We had really good scores from our fours and fives. It really helped us and I think up top, we have a really good top three and we're really going to have to have our four and five come through. And it happened today. Today was a really good showing. It shows a lot of promise for the rest of the year."

Second-year Northville coach Chris Cronin was also encouraged by his team's showing.

"I'm excited. The weather was nice, but it's been a rough start with all the snow, rain and cold," he said. "But I'm really pleased with how we played. The guys kept it together for a full round. And I'm happy for these four seniors, too, in our lineup today. It's nice to come out in early season and put in a good performance."

The remaining teams in the field were Temperance Bedford (347), Berkley

(348), Rochester Stoney Creek (348), South Lyon East (350), South Lyon (352), Saline (355), Livonia Churchill (358), Birmingham Groves (360), Canton (364), Rochester (375), Walled Lake Northern (383), North Farmington (389), Farmington Hills Harrison (421) and Rochester (475).

Other top scorers for Seaholm included Andre Krivan (80), Hagen Cunningham (83) and Connor Everett (85), while Farmington's other three cards came from Brendan Klimas (81), Jack Johnson (81) and Tyler Klimas (89).

Other area top individual team leaders outside the top 10 included A.J. Clark (South Lyon East), 77; Easton Schlatterbeck (Stevenson), 78; Jack McCarthy (Salem), 81; Bryce Henderson (Salem), 82; Logan Welch (Churchill), 83; Daniel McDermott (South Lyon), 84; Quinn Yun (Canton), 86; Luke Tsuji (North Farmington), 87; and Derek Schmidt (Harrison), 93.

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Sandlot

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Henry Ford Academy and Detroit Communication & Media Arts, as well as Hilbert and Pierce middle schools in Redford.

The Coach's Kids' season will run from June 12 through July 31, with league games played at 6 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday at RU and Thurston.

"We're projecting, but it's early, 100 kids," Miller said. "This year, we can accommodate 200 without a problem, but our goal is to get it up over 500."

Coach's Kids will be sponsored and has been approved as part of the MLB RBI program, which reinvests in baseball in urban communities.

"They're supplying us with all the equipment," Miller said. "We have to raise money for everything else."

He is in the process of adding additional league sponsors, but the start-up cost is part his foundation, Real Estate Donations, USA (www.redusa.us), a 501(c)3 nonprofit.

Miller said he has been involved in the fundraising business more than 10 years and has raised more than \$4 million for charities such as Veteran Housing, Habitat for Humanity, Special Olympics and American Cancer Society, to name a few.

"People donate real estate for several reasons, usu-

ally for a tax write-off," Miller said. "The property is sold and we (use) proceeds for charity. The mission is changed. We're still raising the money, but it's something I've formed with Coach's Kids."

High school assistants, along with former RU coaches, will serve as Coach's Kids coaches. To pass MLB RBI guidelines, each coach will be fingerprinted and go through a background check.

"They'll also have to pass a class that I teach on coaching, which is something I just put together because I want coaches to do it for the right reason," Miller said. "This is not win the national championship, this is to do it for the right reasons, educate and mentor these kids like I did at RU, turn them into good citizens."

"I've always said everybody has talent, but not everybody has opportunity, so I want to bridge that. This is where talent meets opportunity. I don't care if they go on and play college. It doesn't matter to me. Police will be involved to do conflict resolution training. We're going to do a lot of educating and mentoring. That's the bottom line on this thing and we're going to give kids a future."

After coaching high school baseball for five years, Miller noticed that there was a huge void to fill during the summer off-season.

"There's no Colt, Pony, American Legion leagues

anymore," Miller said. "There's nowhere for them to go and it's a big problem. I've been recognizing this. When I went over to Thurston, I asked all of the kids, 'How many of you play summer baseball?' One kid raised his hand. How many kids play (summer) baseball at Robichaud? None. How many at RU? One. I said, 'What are you going to do?' Most won't pick up a bat until the first game in April. So that's what I want to put an end to."

Down the road, Miller would like to expand Coach's Kids into other sports.

"One of the things I really want to get into next year is lacrosse, which is so big," Miller said. "I think at RU and Thurston, you'd have great lacrosse players, too. There's not an opportunity because there are no teams around. I'm going to look at a lot of things, just not baseball. This is just the start."

Miller is not only looking for players, but also volunteers and sponsors.

For more information and to register for Coach's Kids, call Miller at 248-568-2448 or email him coach-bobmiller@yahoo.com. To learn more about his foundation, go to www.redusa.us.

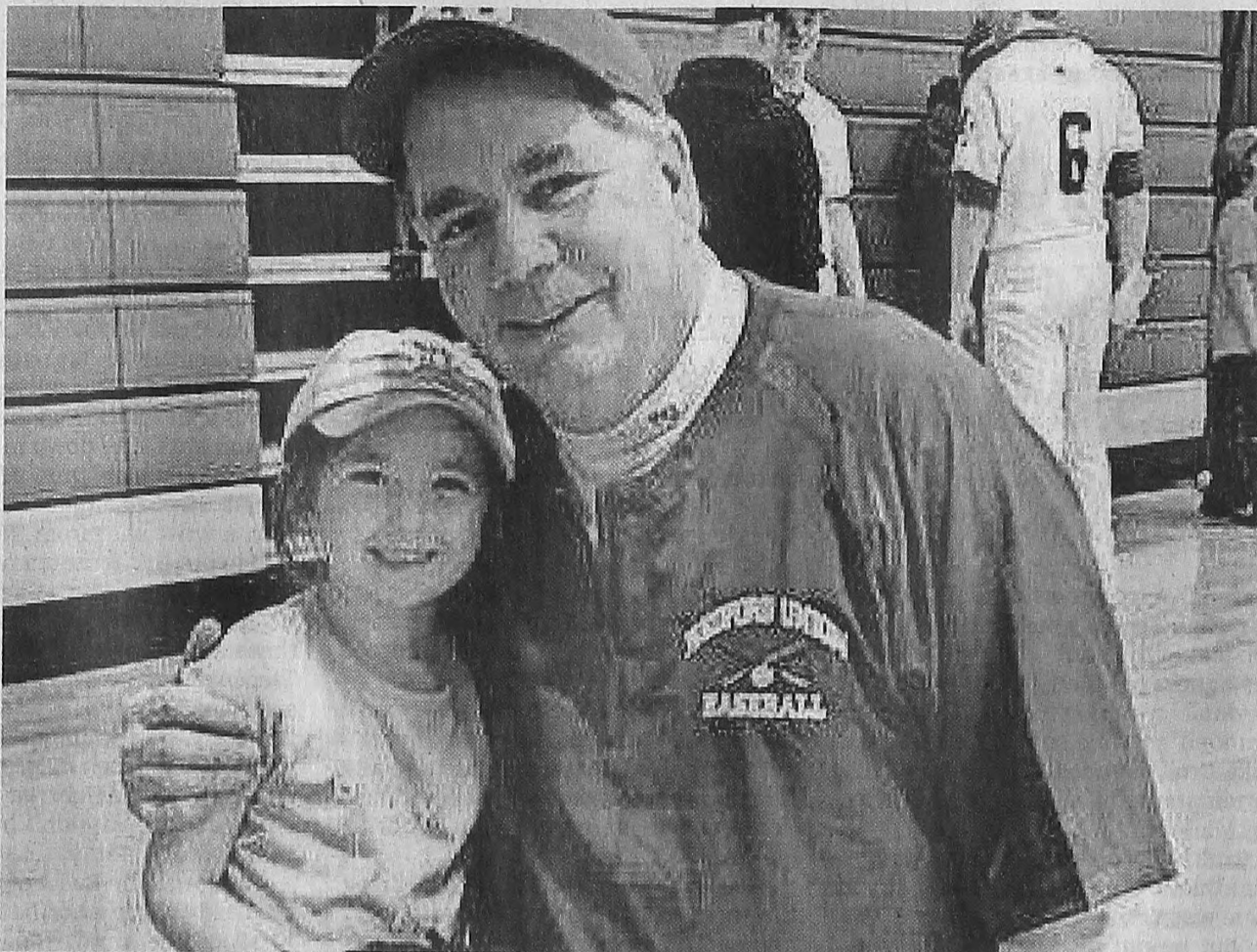
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Back in time
 - 4 Papas
 - 8 Ordinarily
 - 15 "All By Myself" singer [1]
 - 19 Neighbor of Thailand
 - 21 "Fire and Ice" singer Pat
 - 22 Carpal or tarsal lead-in
 - 23 Common wrapped sushi item
 - 24 Anna who won Best Actress for "The Rose Tattoo"
 - 25 Old Russian ruler
 - 26 "Bedazzled" co-star [2]
 - 28 "Little House on the Prairie" co-star [3]
 - 30 Stately tree
 - 31 Dying rebuke from Caesar
 - 32 Year, in Portuguese
 - 33 — Mae (loan offerer)
 - 35 Olympic figure-skating gold medalist of 2002 [4]
 - 40 Road goop
 - 41 2002-09 "American Idol" judge [5]
 - 44 "Inception" director Christopher
 - 45 Peace Nobel
 - 46 Rod on a car
 - 48 Makes another proposal
 - 50 Nine-sided shape
 - 52 Periods of note
 - 55 Driver's license fig., e.g.
 - 56 Crater part
 - 59 Toronto loc.
 - 60 Conk
 - 61 Like many survey questions
 - 63 Party server
 - 64 Folk rocker DiFranco
 - 65 Restrained
 - 68 Chuckle gleefully
 - 70 Plops (down)
 - 71 Laura of "ER"
 - 72 Got too big for
 - 74 Church parts
 - 75 Head, in Metz
 - 76 In some way
 - 78 Bruce Springsteen hit of 1985
 - 81 "Just — suspected"
 - 82 151, to Cato
 - 83 "Skyfall" star Daniel
 - 85 Suffix with dull
 - 86 Top-secret gov't. org.
 - 87 Tax form fig.
 - 88 Tumults
 - 90 "Auld Lang —"
 - 91 Large game bass
 - 93 Sports centers
 - 95 Tests for coll. seniors
 - 97 Boot out
 - 98 "The Way — Flesh"
 - 101 [7]
 - 104 — loss
 - 105 [6]
 - 106 Roping tools
 - 108 Without end, to poets
 - 109 Shreds
 - 111 I, in Berlin
 - 112 [8]
 - 115 [9]
 - 121 Dell
 - 123 Yellowish pink color
 - 125 Wee babies
 - 126 Early garden
 - 127 Came into
 - 128 Steer a ship
 - 129 [10]
 - 130 Ones sowing
 - 131 Yale students
 - 132 P followers
 - 38 "Bingo!"
 - 39 [4]
 - 42 Oahu
 - 43 [5]
 - 47 Ones putting up buildings
 - 49 Apropos of
 - 51 Suffix with human
 - 53 Pale silvery color
 - 54 Sounding like an angry bull
 - 56 Pastry with dried grapes
 - 57 Cross each other
 - 58 Annual international beauty pageant
 - 62 Rich rock
 - 66 Once called
 - 67 " — thousand times ..."
 - 69 Lead-in to light or night
 - 70 Tanning lotion abbr.
 - 73 Golden State sch.
 - 74 "Christina's World" painter [6]
 - 76 Ye — shoppe
 - 77 Grammy winner for "Criminal" [7]
 - 79 Ability to interest lots of people
 - 80 Food scrap
 - 82 "Smooth" guitarist [8]
 - 84 1990 Cyrano de Bergerac portrayal [9]
 - 89 Maple fluid
 - 92 Climbing vine
 - 93 Jolson and Pacino
 - 94 Stabbed
 - 96 Stephen, French-style
 - 98 "Gladiator" was his last film [10]
 - 99 False front
 - 100 Singer Simpson
 - 102 Maiden in "The Raven"
 - 103 Pencil top
 - 107 Fills up
 - 110 2009 horror film sequel
 - 113 Maui goose
 - 114 Poet Allen
 - 116 Sac fly stats
 - 117 Boxer, e.g.
 - 118 Baghdad site
 - 119 With 1-Down, play intermission
 - 120 Functions
 - 122 Stop
 - 124 Mag VIPs

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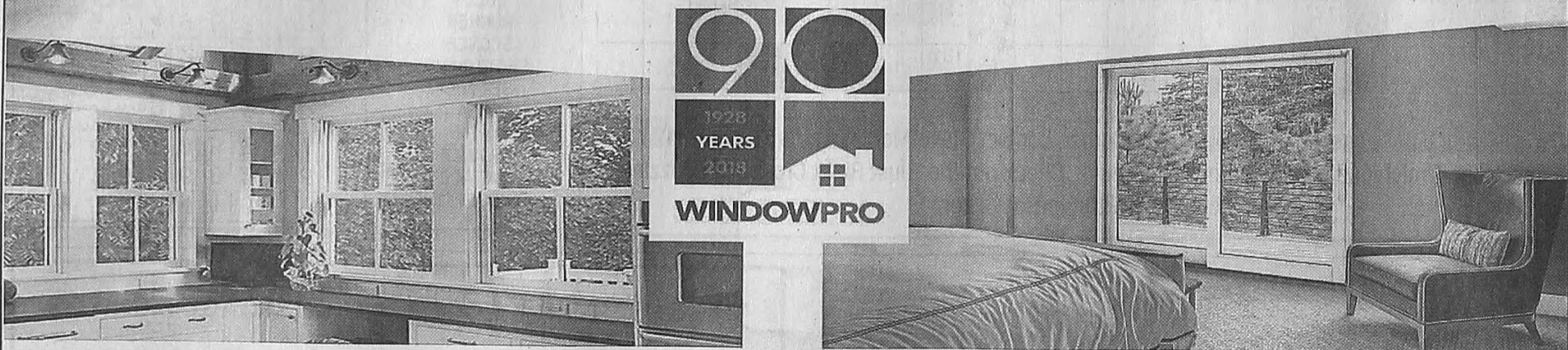
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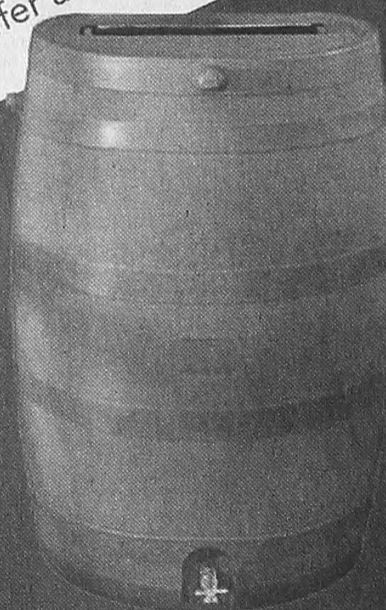
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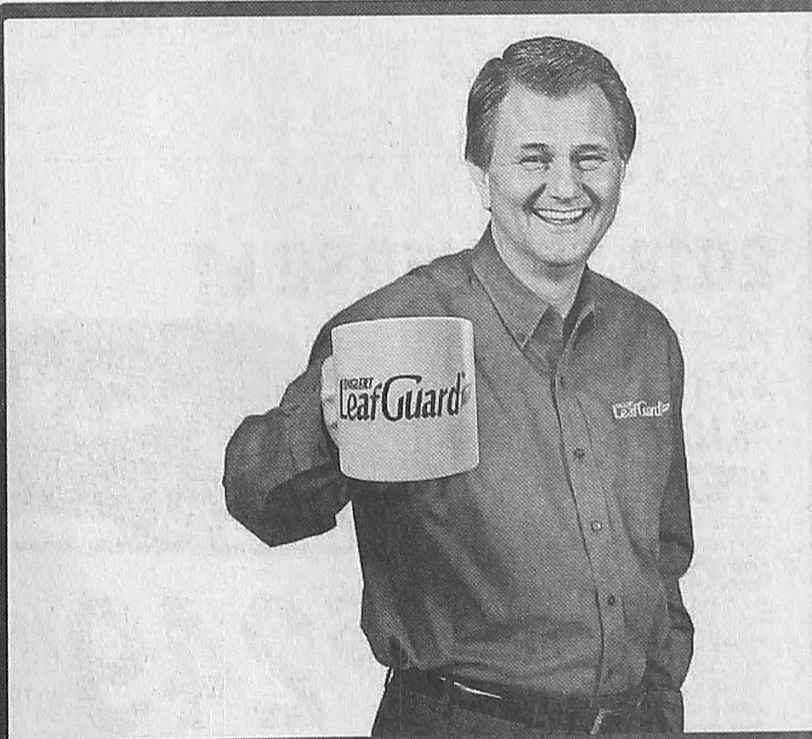
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