

Famous Hamburger adds 2nd Canton location

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Famous Hamburger's presence in Canton will be hitting the Broadway of business in the township: The heart of bustling Ford Road.

Owner/franchiser Moe Hider announced that the third in his chain of comfort-food franchises will be opening sometime in April at the former site of Canton Lighting, 44011 Ford Road.

Famous Hamburger venues are also located at 22207 Michigan Ave. in Dear-

born and 4171 Canton Center Road in Canton.

A fourth venue is expected to open in Auburn Hills later this year, Hider revealed.

Hider raved about the Ford Road location, which is currently undergoing internal renovation work in preparation for the spring grand opening.

"Talk about exposure," Hider said, when asked about the appeal of his new location. "It's hard to beat having a

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Famous Hamburger will soon be opening its second Canton location at the former site of Canton Lighting on Ford Road.

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Jamey Carey stands with his 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle at his Westland home. Carey will show the car, painted in the colors of Michigan's Donate Life campaign to commemorate his double lung transplant, at Autorama this weekend.

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Transplant recipient will bring message to Autorama

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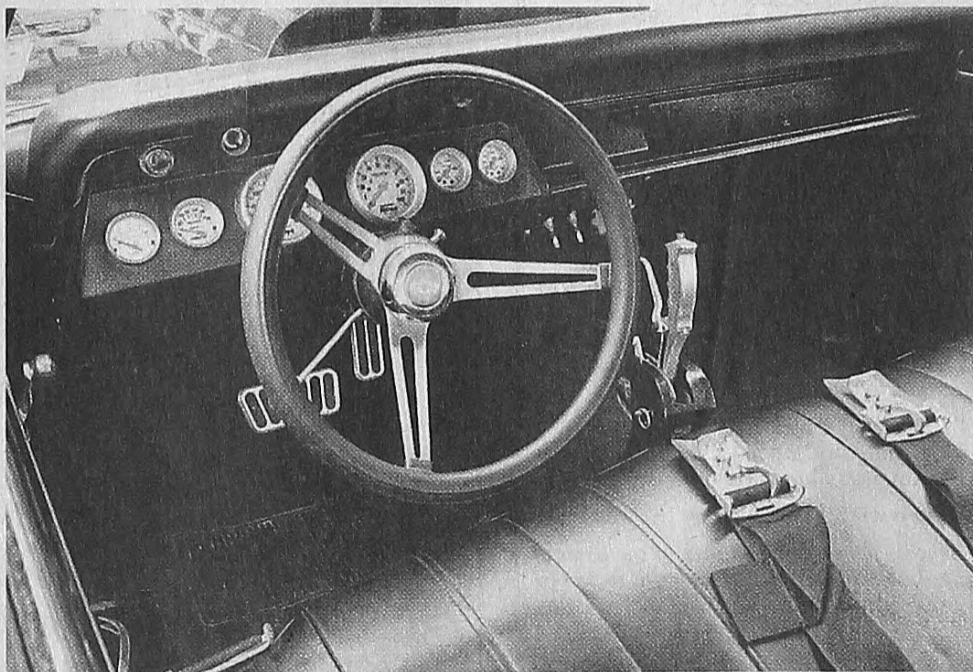
Jamey Carey will never forget the moment he got the call that he was getting new lungs.

The Westland resident was working on cutting down a tree near his home to prevent branches from falling onto his 1967 Chevrolet Chevelle back in 2016. He then had to run to Sam's Club to pick up more yard waste bags. While he was there, his phone rang.

"I received a phone call from one of the nurses at U-M. One of the first questions was 'Hey, how are you feeling?'" he said. "She said, 'We have a set of lungs for you.' And I just lost it."

Carey will bring his message of organ donation with that Chevelle this weekend to the annual Autorama.

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Carey has customized his Chevelle's dashboard and shifter system.

Schoolcraft to host top culinary exam

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If you ever find yourself bingeing episodes of "Iron Chef" on a Saturday, Chef Brian Henson assures you you'll want to stop in at Schoolcraft College this upcoming week.

That's because the American Culinary Federation is bringing its Certified Master Chef exam back to the Livonia college to test some of the country's best chefs seeking their Certified Master Chef title, one of the most prestigious titles a chef can hold.

"This is like the real deal. You can stop by and you can see the real deal," said Henson, chairman of the board for the Michigan Chefs de Cuisine Association and a Wixom resident. "You can see the real pressure, you can see the real judges. It's the real thing."

The exam, taking place March 1-10 in the kitchens of the VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty, brings four chefs into town seeking the top certification. All four will test in several areas of the culinary arts. If they perform well, they'll join the 72 other chefs nationwide who have passed the test.

While not a competition between the chefs, each chef will be tested in several categories throughout the week. Chefs that pass each day will continue on throughout the week to determine whether they meet the threshold.

Members of the public are invited to watch the proceedings from the VisTaTech Center. Testing takes place each day next week beginning in the morning and wrapping in the afternoon.

The ability to host members of the public played a big factor in the ACF returning to Livonia for its testing, Henson said.

"The facility is outstanding," he said. "They have a kitchen setup there that's perfect for this kind of environment."

The four chefs testing at Schoolcraft are:

■ Tim Bucci, a member of the 2012 ACF Culinary Team USA who works as a culinary educator in Illinois;


■ Michael Matarazzo, the 2010 American Culinary Federation Chef of the year and first runner up representing the United States in the Global Chefs Challenge. Matarazzo is a New

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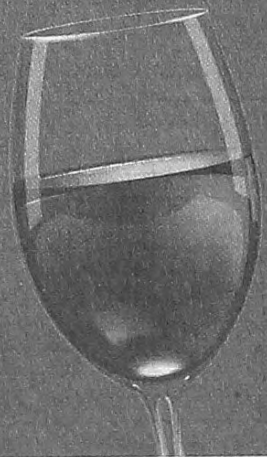
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Police find cocaine during search for stolen phone

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A search for a stolen cell phone by Canton police officers resulted in the uncovering of a stash of cocaine Feb. 19 inside a south Canton mobile home.

A 33-year-old woman there was arrested for possession of .2 grams of cocaine and a crack pipe when officers located a powdery substance sealed in a baggie between the mattress and bed springs of her bed.

Officers were initially searching the woman's residence after an acquaintance reported the suspect had stolen his cell phone a few hours earlier.

The stolen phone was also located in the home.

The woman was accused of stealing his cell phone to help subsidize her drug habit.

The stolen cell phone was tracked to the residence by an app used by the accuser, she told police.

The suspect, who gave officers permission to enter her home, denied stealing the phone until officers located it under the mattress.

She later directed officers to a concealed crack pipe hidden under clothes in a laundry basket and a "chore boy," a form of scouring pad apparently used by people who smoke crack to retain some of the cocaine vapors.

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Bell, Shepard launch line of baby products for Walmart

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Michigan natives and Hollywood power couple Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard were on the "Today" show Monday morning to talk about their new business, but ended up talking about much more.

Married since 2013, how do they make it work? The pair joked it helps to not see one another.

"Well we spend 11 months of the year apart," Shepard said. "I haven't seen her since July 4."

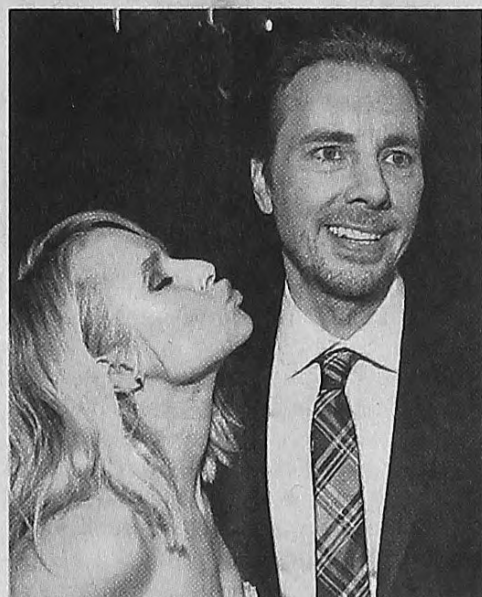
"July 3," Bell cut in. "The night of July 3."

They finish each others sentences. They talked about how they met. At a Red Wings, L.A. Kings hockey game.

Bell, originally from Huntington Woods, can be seen in "The Good Place" on NBC and on its third season. Shepard, from Milford, will soon be seen in ABC's "Bless This Mess" with actress Lake Bell.

"For me it's very important that we lead honestly and say it's a lot of hard work and here's an example of how it can be done," Bell said.

"It makes me nervous because I don't want to perpetuate the myth that you are going to bump into somebody at the Gap and that person is going to fill your missing piece and there is no work and now it's off to a happily ever after," Shepard said. "I just want everyone to know, like, this was a lot of work



Kristen Bell and Dax Shepard.

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what goes on our baby and what goes in our babies," Shepard said.

"Near our babies," Bell quipped.

"We had access to everything under the sun and we felt like it wasn't fair that our relatives in Michigan didn't have the same access and it wasn't affordable," Shepard said.

The couple approached Walmart to create the organic products so it would be affordable and available nationwide.

"A lot of people and I mean a lot of people in this country have to choose between what's good for their baby or what's good for their budget. And we just generally didn't think that was very fair," Bell said.

What's in the product line? Diapers, wipes, sunblock, "fully organic" bug spray, "lotions and potions," bubble bath, shampoo and body wash.

"The price point is about a third less than other premium products," Bell said.

Speaking of kids, how are their children?

"They are so annoying," Bell said. "They have become impossible to parent in a great way."

"In a rewarding way," Shepard interjected.

"Because they have figured out how to defend each other," Bell said.

The couple is fiercely protective of their children and keeping their privacy. They have never shown their faces on social media or revealed their names or ages.

to get to this point."

Business partners

Going beyond life partners, the duo recently decided to go into business together, launching a line of products for Walmart named Hello Bello.

"We've now been researching children for 5½ years at our house," Shepard joked.

"We have two test subjects," Bell added, referring to their two daughters.

"And my wife is meticulous about

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stand-alone building on Ford Road, close to great residential areas and other businesses.

"It's a win-win for us."

Hider did not waste any time securing a lease on the building that sits just east of Sheldon Road.

"Literally, as they were putting up the lease sign in front of Canton Lighting, we asked them to take it down; we want it," Hider said. "It's exciting to think we'll have a place on or close to Canton's two busiest roads, Ford and Michigan Avenue."

The renovation of the interior of the Ford Road Famous Hamburger is about halfway complete, Hider said.

"Once the weather warms up a little, then we'll complete the exterior renovation," he added.

If you're looking for delicious, fresh food that has drawn a faithful following throughout southeastern Michigan, Famous Hamburger is worth a try, Hider said.



Famous Hamburger's original Canton location is near the intersection of Michigan Avenue and Canton Center Road. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"Our burgers are hand-made and our meats and breads never touch the freezer," he said. "Another thing people like about our restaurants is that they are full-service. You sit down, we take your order ... there's no work for the customers."

"We try to go out of our way so that you can come in, enjoy a great meal, and relax."

Although Famous Hamburger does not serve alcoholic beverages, the drinks the restaurant does offer are "phenomenal," Hider noted.

"Our shakes are crazy good," he said. "They're what bring a lot of people back."

The Ford Road venue is 2,300 square feet, slightly smaller than the Canton Center site.

Hider said his newest restaurant will

be looking to hire up to 30 employees.

"I've already noticed a buzz growing at our two existing locations regarding the opening of the Ford Road restaurant," Hider said. "The Canton market has been very good to us."

"We like to give back to the communities we're located in, as well. We're active in school fund-raisers, charitable organization ... any way we can help."

The Famous Hamburger chain originated in Beirut, Lebanon, by Hider's grandfather. Once the war-torn city became too dangerous, Hider's father, Phil, brought the idea to Dearborn, where he opened the anchor eatery in 1970.

"It's really all about living the American dream," Hider said.

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Rep. Stevens speaks at Milford town hall

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Wages, climate change, immigration, underfunded education and the next president were among many topics U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens touched on in a town hall meeting last week in Milford.

A few hundred people attended the Feb. 20 event at Milford High School in which the representative for the 11th District, which includes communities in western Wayne and Oakland counties, addressed written concerns submitted by constituents and presented to her by staff members.

As a member of the House Committee on Education & Labor and the Committee on Space, Science, & Technology, Stevens spoke with particular passion on the Rebuilding America's Schools Act, which would restore funding to education, and the Raise the Wage Act, which would raise the minimum wage in gradual steps to \$15 an hour by 2024.

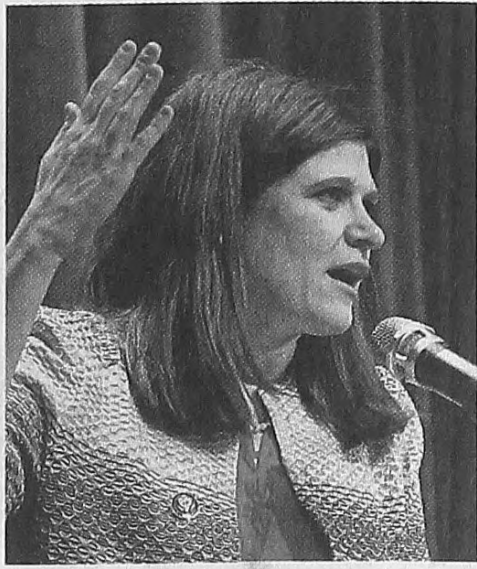
"The question we all ask in America is should you be working full-time but making minimum wage and living in poverty?" Stevens said "I have been working on a 21st-century labor movement. ... We need to find a way to regrow the middle class."

Stevens also discussed the underfunding of schools, as well as safety and the need to address gun violence just days after the 1-year anniversary of the Parkland, Florida, school shooting in which 17 people were killed and 17 more injured.

While she said she respects responsible gun owners and hunters, Stevens said assault rifles have had their day and it's time to do things differently, including jailing those who lie on background checks.

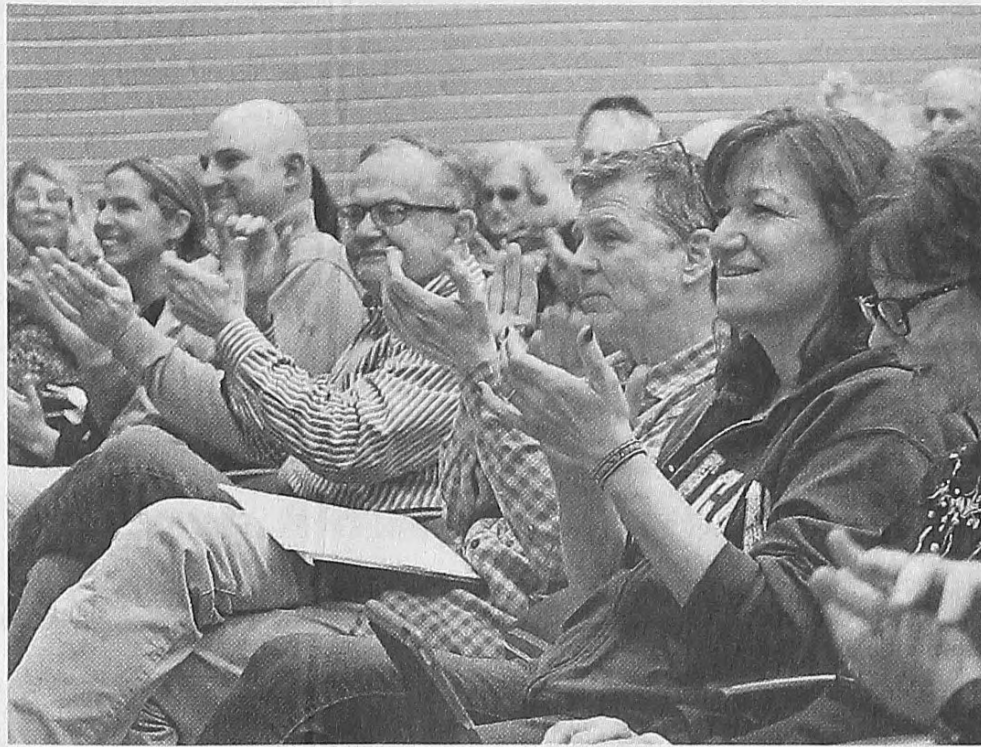
Healthcare a major crisis

Stevens called healthcare a major crisis in the U.S. and denounced 60 percent cuts to the National Institute of Health. Reductions should come in the cost of prescription drugs, she added, but she also advocated being economically responsible for advancing health-



Above, Michigan's 11th District U.S. Rep. Haley Stevens conducts a town hall meeting at Milford High School on Feb. 20. At right, the audience applauds one of Rep. Stevens' points.

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care plans as the U.S. is trillions of dollars in debt and nears a \$1 trillion deficit.

For the first time, climate science was discussed during the house science committee on which Stevens is a member, including how climate change can be discussed without a backlash from voters.

Stevens expressed frustration with lack of enforcement of Environmental Protection Agency rules and lack of expertise and open positions from those who are supposed to be protecting the environment, some of which she attributes to the people put into those roles by President Donald Trump.

The environment is not the only area of disagreement Stevens has with Trump. While she acknowledged "20 years of extreme dysfunction" in immigration policies needs to be fixed, she wants a better visa process, not a border wall.

"If you are paying taxes, playing by the rules, we want to give you a path to citizenship," she said. "This is what this country is all about. Instead, we have a fake emergency for a wall that won't

even solve the problem."

Hope for a new president in 2020

Stevens is hoping a Democrat will be elected president in 2020, replacing Trump. But asked who she would support as that candidate in an already crowded field, she dodged the question.

"We want to elect a new president," she said to applause. "I am listening for common sense, pragmatism, and who is talking about manufacturing, who is protecting the value of work, not talking down to the Midwest. For too long, people have taken us for granted."

"We can't elect anyone who doesn't believe in climate change," said Dennis Jones, a Waterford resident and Vietnam veteran who attended the town hall and praised Stevens for "being on the ball" regarding that issue. He also liked her focus on healthcare and support for the Affordable Care Act.

"I am 100% disabled and haven't had any problems with the VA, but I do care about other people," he said.

Brian Howell, 37, of White Lake, said

he liked the consistency of Stevens' message, and said she balanced issues well, not focusing on just one. Environment is a concern for Howell, and he also noted Stevens is on a task force regarding gun violence. While he is a gun owner and supports the Second Amendment, he said gun violence is a problem and he is curious to see what solutions are presented from the task force.

Jennifer Brenneman, 38, also of White Lake, said she felt an energy in the room as Stevens spoke.

"Everyone seemed geared toward the same goal — balance and compromise between the two parties instead of everyone at each other's throats," Brenneman, who identifies herself as an independent voter, said. "I would like to hear more specifics, less generalizations."

Maureen Cirocco, 51, of Livonia, said her big concerns are healthcare, education and gun control, all things Stevens is passionate about.

"She believes in a path to a high wage job," she said. "I also have healthcare concerns and that is huge."



By Friday, all southbound lanes on I-75 will be closed from Adams Road to 13 Mile, with traffic using the right shoulder as a travel lane. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

I-75 commute might get ugly in Oakland County

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If you drive Interstate 75 in southern Oakland County to get to work, prepare yourself.

Your daily commute is about to get worse as work begins this week on a two-year-long project to reconstruct I-75 from 13 Mile Road north to Coolidge Highway.

After Thursday's morning rush hour and weather permitting, crews will begin preparations for a traffic shift on the southbound lanes of I-75 from Adams Road south to 13 Mile, according to the Michigan Department of Transportation.

By Friday morning, all southbound lanes will be closed, with traffic using the right shoulder as a travel lane.

That's to prepare the southbound lanes for what's to come in mid-March. That's when the existing northbound lanes will be shut down for reconstruction and all traffic will be carried on the southbound side of the freeway, with two lanes in each direction, separated by a concrete barrier, MDOT said in a news release Monday.

The work is to continue over two summers, with southbound lanes

scheduled for reconstruction next year.

MDOT said the \$224 million project, which is the second part of a larger initiative to modernize I-75, involves reconstructing more than 8 miles of pavement, improving 18 structures, upgrading drainage, constructing noise walls, and continuing the construction of the high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes on I-75.

Temporary exits will be maintained for northbound traffic at 14 Mile Road, Rochester Road, Big Beaver Road and Corporate Drive, MDOT said.

A crossover at the Corporate Drive entrance ramp will allow traffic to access northbound I-75 while traffic is shifted onto the southbound lanes.

The entire I-75 modernization project involves rebuilding approximately 18 miles of pavement, replacing bridges, adding an HOV lane in each direction, and bringing the freeway up to current design standards from north of 8 Mile Road at the Wayne County border to South Boulevard in Auburn Hills.

The first section of the project from north of Coolidge to north of South Boulevard was completed last year. The third section, from 8 Mile north to 13 Mile, is scheduled to begin this fall and be completed in fall of 2023.

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Volunteers sought to develop legal pot rules

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The Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs is looking for volunteers to help with the development of rules and regulations that will govern the recreational marijuana market.

The state has until December to come up with the rules and then will begin to hand out licenses for the recreational market.

Commercial sales of marijuana are expected to begin sometime early next year and pot for recreational use will be available to people who are at least 21.

The four work groups the state plans to form are these:

■ People who already have licenses to operate medical marijuana businesses and want to expand into the recreational market.

Under the ballot proposal that voters approved in November, legalizing marijuana for adult recreational use, the medical marijuana businesses that have state licenses will have first dibs on the recreational licenses.

■ Municipalities that are considering allowing licensed recreational marijuana facilities in their community. Currently, 114 communities have passed ordinances allowing medical marijuana businesses and those communities are expected to also allow recreational marijuana businesses.



Manager Donnell Cravens looks for a product on the shelf for a customer at Utopia Gardens medical marijuana dispensary in Detroit.

DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

Communities have the right to prohibit marijuana businesses in their towns and at least 280 have already taken action to do that, according to an unofficial list from LARA.

■ Attorneys who represent marijuana clients who have an interest in getting into the recreational market.

■ Individuals or businesses interested in participating in the recreational market as either a licensed business or a user of marijuana.

Voters approved the ballot proposal 56-44 percent, legalizing the use, possession and licensed sales of recreational marijuana.

Under the proposal, people also will be able to grow up to 12 plants each.

To apply for one of the groups, Michiganders need to email LARA-MedicalMarijuana@michigan.gov with WORK GROUP in the subject line.

Applicants should in-

clude: which work group they're interested in; name, email address, phone number, occupation and employer; and an explanation of qualifications for the group.

Applications are due by 9 a.m. March 4 and group meetings in Lansing will begin in late March.

The state has already begun looking at developing the rules, said Andrew Brisbo, director of the Bureau of Marijuana Regulation, and is looking forward to talking with the "stakeholders" in the work groups to gather information on the future of the recreational market.

Nessel drops pot charges against 4

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Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel announced Monday that she's dropping marijuana-related charges against four people, fulfilling a campaign promise that she wants to expunge or drop charges against people charged with crimes that are no longer illegal now that voters have approved legalizing recreational pot.

The charges were brought under the administration of former Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette and were handled by the AG's office because they crossed county lines. There are only three marijuana-related cases currently being handled by the state AG's office.

In one of the cases, felony marijuana delivery charges were dropped against Mark and Terra Sochacki of Port Huron and a charge of conducting a criminal enterprise was dropped against Amanda Amsdill, in a case out of St. Clair County. The three were charged in 2011 for their

involvement with three medical marijuana dispensaries in Tuscola, Sanilac and Tuscola counties that were owned by Amsdill's parents, James and Debra Amsdill. The Sochackis were employees of the dispensaries.

"The dismissals against some of the defendants in these cases also reflect that they either were not major players in these marijuana cases or that the evidence is simply insufficient to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that they committed the charged crimes," Nessel said.

Even though the marijuana charges against Mark Sochacki were dropped, he's not totally off the hook. He is currently serving time at the Parnell Correctional Facility in Jackson after being convicted of unarmed robbery, larceny in a building and assault with intent to rob for incidents at a Dairy Queen and Pizzeria Hut in September 2017. James and Debra Amsdill were charged with running a criminal enterprise and those charges haven't been dismissed.

In the other case

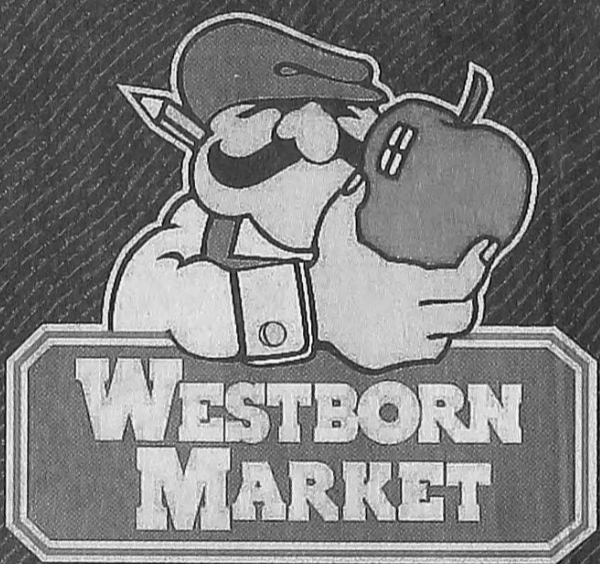
where charges were dismissed, Noelle Lathers was one of nine people arrested in September after a marijuana enterprise was busted in Hillsdale and Jackson counties. She was charged with two felony counts each of delivery and conspiracy to deliver marijuana.

The charges against the other eight defendants haven't been dismissed, but plea deals to reduced charges could be considered in some of the cases, said Nessel's spokeswoman, Kelly Rossman-McKinney.

In the last marijuana case still under the jurisdiction of Nessel's office, charges haven't been dismissed against Darryl Berry and Johnny Cooper, who were arrested after a marijuana operation was busted in Livingston and Genesee counties, in which 545 marijuana plants were confiscated in 2016. Nessel said the charges won't be dismissed, but there may be an offer for a plea deal with reduced charges.

The dismissals come as prosecutors across the state are trying to decide how to handle marijuana-related charges now that voters have approved legalizing marijuana for adult recreational use.

Prosecutors in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties have begun dismissing some low-level marijuana charges that are no longer crimes now that use, possession and sale of marijuana for recreational use is legal in Michigan, as well as growing up to 12 plants for personal use.



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Detroit Autorama returns this weekend

The 67th annual Meguiar's Detroit Autorama returns to Detroit this weekend. Here's what you need to know:

When is it?

Autorama 2019 runs Friday, noon to 10 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Where is it?

Autorama takes place at Cobo Center,

1 Washington Blvd., Detroit.

Anyone famous going to be there?

Legendary hot rod builder Carl Casper will attend with a showing of world famous cars, including the Batmobile from "Batman Returns", his Empress that won best of show at the first Cobo Hall Detroit Autorama in 1961, and the Young American Top Fuel Dragster.

Casper will be on hand throughout Autorama to meet and greet fans.

WWE Superstar Seth Rollins will meet and greet fans 6-8 p.m. Friday. NASCAR legend Tony Stewart will meet and greet fans noon to 2 p.m. Saturday. Dave Kindig from Kindig It Designs and Velocity TV's "Bitchin Rides" will meet and greet fans 4-8 p.m. Saturday. The Hanson Brothers from the movie "Slap Shot" will meet and greet fans 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Horny Mike and the Roadshow Rig from History Channel's "Counting Cars," featuring the "The Picknikin" table and Mini Mike Trike will

meet and greet fans all weekend.

An additional big draw is the Low Rider Magazine Invitational, a special exhibit of 17 of the most amazing low rider vehicles in the area.

How much does it cost?

Tickets for Autorama are \$21 for adults and \$8 for children ages 6-12.

Adults can get a \$2 per ticket discount at O'Reilly Auto Parts stores. Children's tickets are \$1 off at the retailer.

Check out these three noteworthy local events

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Who's left standing after last week's "bomb cyclone" ripped through town?

If you've made it this far, time to celebrate the beginning of a new month. Head out and enjoy one of these three events happening across the Hometown Life area this weekend.

Outdoorama in Novi

Think warmer weather at the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

The annual Outdoorama has returned to the convention center at 46100 Grand River through Sunday. Come enjoy everything hunting, fishing and the outdoors at the annual event, now utilizing the entire showplace after a recent expansion.

Come to the show Thursday night to see some of the largest bucks harvested during hunting season in Michigan last year, and try your luck at catching some fish in the virtual fishing simulator. Dealers selling boats, fishing gear, hunting gear and more will populate more than five acres across the show.

The show is open Thursday 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., Friday 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$12, and children 6-14 are \$5. Parking is \$5.

For more information, visit the



Outdoorama returns Feb. 28-March 3 to Novi's Suburban Collection Showplace.

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show's website at outdoorama.com.

Beaumont Farmington Hills open house

Here's a sentence that's not been typed too often: Head to the hospital this weekend for a good time with the family.

Beaumont Hospital in Farmington Hills, formerly Botsford Hospital, will showcase its brand-new, \$150 million

expansion this weekend and is inviting the public to come check it out. The hospital, at 28050 Grand River in Farmington Hills, is opening its doors from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday for area residents to check out the new emergency center, trauma bays, surgery suites and more.

Several demonstrations, including hands-only CPR and a Stop the Bleed presentation, will also take place. On the lighter side, families can interact

with Beau the Bear, the hospital system's mascot, tour fire trucks and other first responder vehicles and do crafts.

More information on the event can be found at beaumont.org/fh.

Groovy Fest fundraiser in Livonia

Head to Burton Manor on Saturday night to help raise money to bring a traveling Vietnam Wall to Livonia.

The fundraiser, dubbed "Groovy Fest," will take place from 7:30 p.m. to midnight Saturday at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft in Livonia. There, hors-d'oeuvres will be served with a cash bar and the Magic Bus Band will entertain throughout the night.

A silent auction and raffle will also take place during the evening. Tickets are \$35.

The event serves as a fundraiser to bring The Moving Wall to Livonia this summer. The traveling wall, a smaller recreation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial wall in Washington, D.C., will stop at Ford Field in Livonia from Aug. 8-12. No admission will be charged and the wall will be open 24 hours for those looking to visit.

For more information, contact Brian Duggan at 734-956-0202 or brian@bmdcharities.org.

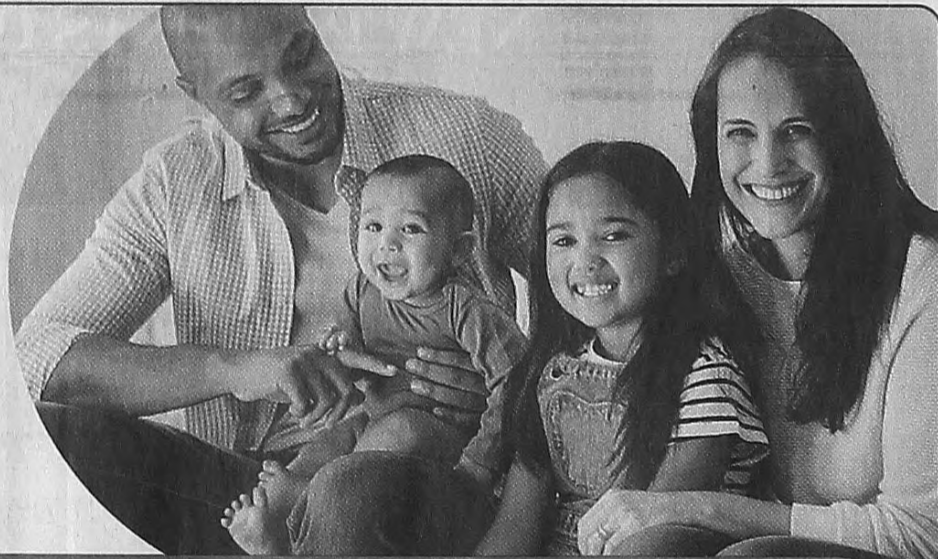
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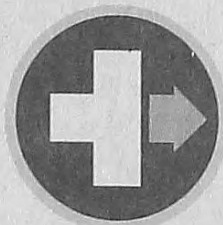
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Two men face charges in meningitis deaths

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

New England Compounding Center founder Barry Cadden and the center's former Supervisory Pharmacist Glenn Chin were each arraigned on 11 counts of second-degree murder Monday.

The two men are facing charges in connection to tainted steroid injections administered in 2012 that killed 15 Livingston County residents and left others with medical problems.

Livingston County Magistrate Jerry Sherwood ordered both men held in the Livingston County Jail. Both are serving time on federal convictions of racketeering and fraud.



Cadden



Chin

Then-Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette charged Cadden and Chin in December.

In 2012, 751 patients in 20 states contracted meningitis infections after being injected with steroids that came from New England Compounding Center, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Sixty-four died, many of them from Michigan, where 217 cases were linked to Michigan Pain Specialists in Genoa Township, which had dispensed the contaminated steroids.

In June of 2017, Cadden was sentenced to nine years in prison after being convicted on racketeering and fraud charges in U.S. District Court in Massachusetts. He was acquitted on charges of second-degree murder.

Chin was sentenced in January 2018 to eight years in prison in the same Massachusetts court. He was also acquitted of second-degree murder charges.

Both Cadden and Chin face up to life in prison if convicted on the second-degree murder charges in Livingston County.

They are set to be in Livingston County District Court Judge Shauna Murphy's courtroom March 5 for a probable cause conference.

Milford man jailed for planning to rape neighbor

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A 21-year-old Milford man remains in Oakland County Jail on a \$500,000 cash bond after he allegedly attacked his neighbor in a planned rape.

Zachary William Brown was arraigned Jan. 30 in 52-1 District Court on charges of first degree home invasion and assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct.

According to a Milford Police report, officers responded at 9:16 p.m. Jan. 28 to W. Lafayette Street in the village on a report of a woman who had just been attacked in her own home.

Upon arrival, police found the 33-year-old victim visibly shaken. She said she had just been attacked by her neighbor, Brown, who had knocked on the back door of her home and apologized for bothering her. She opened the main door, but left the storm door closed because he made her "uneasy."

The woman said Brown opened the storm door and grabbed her, wrapping his arms around her. She tried to get away, but he would not let her go. She punched and kicked him and at one point pulled a small silver hoop earring from Brown's left ear. She told police that during the attack, her dog ran to the door and hit Brown's leg, causing him to fall. He continued to hold on to her leg and wasn't letting her go, but she managed to get free and ran to the home of a neighbor, who called 9-1-1.

The victim said she was positive of her attacker's identity, having lived next door to him and his grandfather for years. Police interviewed the grandfather, who brought back the victim's dog, which had gotten out of the house after Brown left.



Brown

When police asked whether Brown had alcohol or substance abuse issues, the grandfather told them Brown had been partying for the last day and a half because he turned 21 the day before. They requested the grandfather go see if Brown was inside, and he exited a few moments later.

Police said Brown appeared under the influence. Asked what happened, he told police "I don't know, I was sleeping." He then said he couldn't get in trouble again, that he had previously gone to prison for kidnapping. At that time, he refused a breathalyzer test. Police observed a pierced hole in his left ear minus an earring. He had multiple scratches on his right wrist and red marks on the side of his face and neck.

Police found a dust mask and rubber latex gloves on the stairs next to the door of the victim's home. She did not know where they came from and they were placed into evidence.

During a search of Brown at the police station, a folding knife was found tucked in his front pants pocket. It was unclear if he had the knife at the time of the alleged attack.

The following day, police said Brown waived his Miranda rights and in an interview with detectives, referred to the victim as his "friend" and said he had shoveled her driveway during the previous day and returned a container in the evening in which he said she had given him food.

He admitted he went to her house with the intent to rape her, and grabbed her in an attempt to do so, something he had planned three times previously in the past few months, including making it to the back door

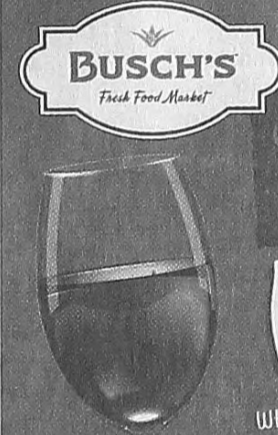
twice, but had "chickened out."

During the interview, he told police he had never had sex and wanted to know what it felt like. He told police he had planned to use the dust mask to "snuff" the victim so she could not breathe until she was "knocked out" and he could rape her. The rubber gloves he said were so he would "not leave any prints at the scene."

He expressed remorse for his actions and provided a written apology. He said he did not intend to kill his victim, only knock her out. When police asked what he would do if he had killed her, he said that if that would have happened, he would have killed himself.

He chose her as his victim because he is attracted to her and she lives alone. He consented to a DNA swab, which was placed into evidence.

His case is scheduled for a forensic review/competency exam on April 10.



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Beware of tax scammers this time of year



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

It's tax time which means that the tax scammers are out in force. These scammers use a variety of tactics and threats to either obtain your sensitive information, such as your Social Security number and credit card numbers, or they're just out to steal your money. Either way, the damage they can cause can be substantial.

When it comes to taxes, you should always be cautious as to who you turn your tax information over to. Remember that there is a lot of sensitive information on your tax forms. That is why it is

important that if someone other than yourself prepares your return, you use someone who is reputable and understands the importance of protecting your sensitive information. In fact, before you retain a preparer, ask what they do to protect your sensitive information. If they don't give you an adequate answer, it probably means you should look for a new preparer.

Every year more people have their sensitive information compromised because of tax preparers. It may not be the tax preparer stealing your information, it may be their staff, but the results are the same. Therefore, make sure you discuss how your information will be protected with any potential preparer.

One tax scam that has continued to grow over the last number of years is

where the scammers contact you by phone claiming they are from the IRS and that if you do not make an immediate payment you will be arrested. What makes this scam so effective is that when you look at the caller ID it says IRS. That being said, you should know that you are not going to get a call out of the blue from the IRS. That is not how the IRS operates.

Therefore, if you get a call and the caller ID says Internal Revenue Service or IRS, my advice: don't take the call. If the IRS has an issue with you, they will contact you through the U.S. mail. Your initial contact with the IRS is never going to be by phone. Therefore, don't fall for this scam and don't try to outfox the scammers; they are very good at what they do. Ignoring them is by far the best

course of action.

Another scam that has grown over the last few years is where the scammers actually file a tax return on your behalf. Typically, you only find out about this when you file your return seeking a refund, and it is rejected by the IRS. Unfortunately, there is very little that you can do to prevent this. One way you can reduce this risk is to file your return as soon as possible. Therefore, if you have all the information you need to file your return; the sooner you do it the better.

If you file your return and you find that it is rejected by the IRS, you need to immediately contact the IRS. They are very experienced with this issue, and as far as I'm concerned, they are the best ones to resolve it.

Exam

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York native who works at a country club in Virginia;

■ William Rogers, the executive chef at a city club in Washington, D.C., who has won multiple medals in ACF culinary competitions;

■ Seth Shipley, the executive chef at a prominent Nashville country club who has earned multiple ACF Competition medals.

The exam returns to Schoolcraft College after it first was hosted there in 2017.

There, Chef Shawn Loving, chairman of the college's culinary arts department, earned his Certified Master Chef credentials.

Loving, who has helped with some of the prep for the exam, said while he's happy he's not having to do the same kind of prep he did in 2017, he still feels and understands the pressure the four candidates will face.

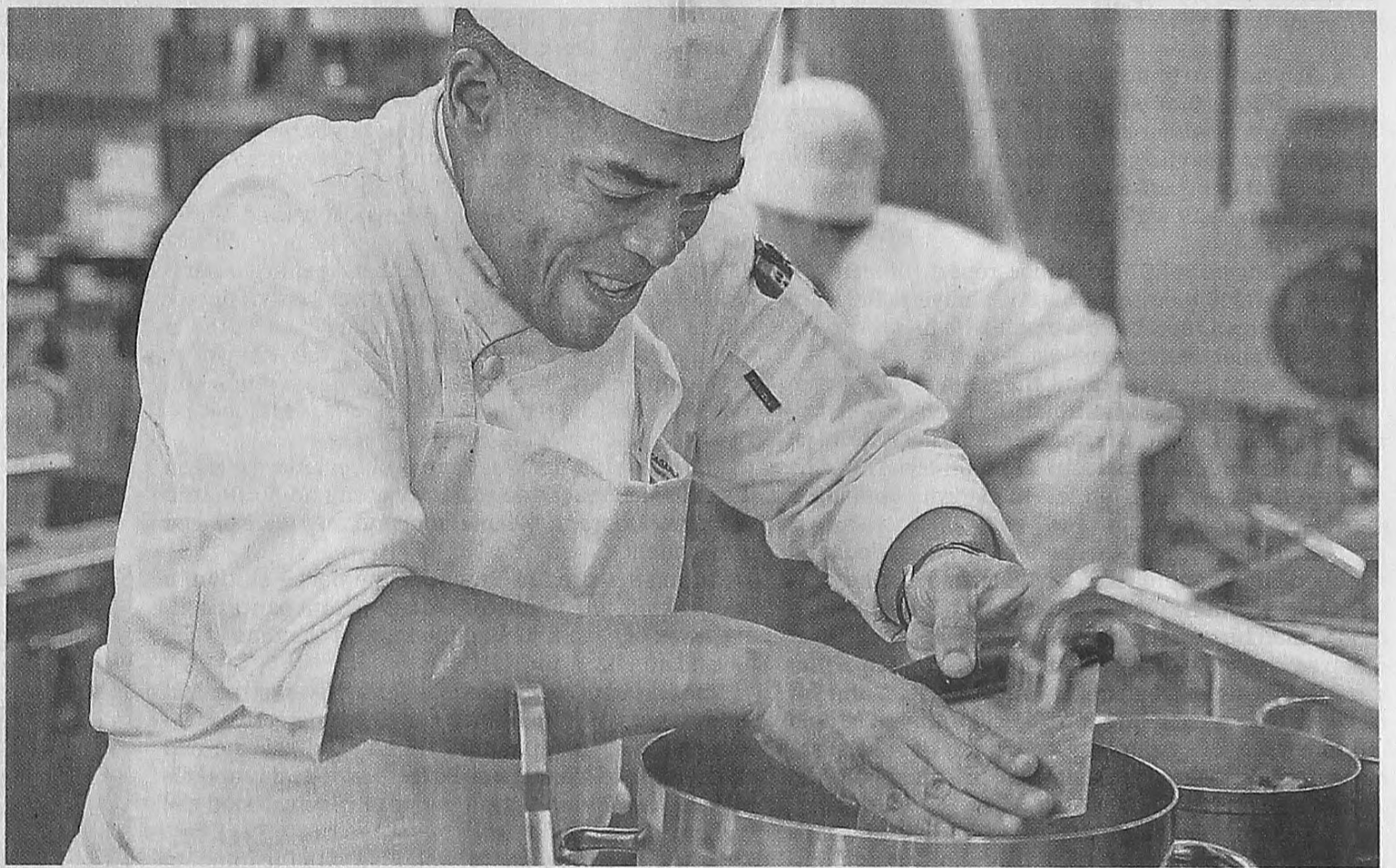
"I'm very excited for the candidates. And have that same sort of feeling," he said. "I think that's embedded in you forever when you do it.

"I know what they have coming down the pipe."

In addition to seeing the competition, members of the public have the chance to dine on some fine foods from some of the area's executive chefs Monday night at Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 Eight Mile in Northville.

There, an event entitled "Dining with the Masters" will take place and feature chefs such as Mark Dixon from Meadowbrook Country Club, Rich King from the Birmingham Country Club, Daniel Vallone from Oakland Hills Country Club and more.

Non-MCCA members are \$20 and



Chef Shawn Loving, chairman of Schoolcraft College's culinary arts department, became a Certified Master Chef in 2017.

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must buy tickets in advance. They are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at mccachef.org.

"We've blown this one up to include 300 people," Henson said. "We're going to have all the CMC evaluators there."

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think," he said. "I even had to have the woman help me check out. I told her what was going on and she asked if she could give me a hug.

"I'll never forget it."

Although he has always been a car person, this Autorama will be Carey's first time showing. He's gone to many in the past and taken the vehicle to area cruises, including the Woodward Dream Cruise, Cruisin' Downriver and more.

"This is a childhood dream," he said. "It's something I enjoy."

He decided to get a new paint job on the car last summer and took it to a friend's shop up north. Assuming there had been some delays, he and Angela went to Frankenmuth last fall to AutoFest. There, his friends and family had a surprise for him: his car with the new paint job on display at the show.

"As I was turning and looked, I saw a front fender of a car and I went, 'That's my paint colors,'" he said. "I turned back and looked and there was about 100 people standing around the car."

It attracted a local television crew who covered his surprise, a moment Carey said he'll never forget.

"It was unbelievable," he said.

These days, he doesn't go anywhere without his "Donate Life Recipient" pin on his hat. At Autorama, Carey will have information on how to sign up for organ donation.

Doing so can provide someone else the gift of seeing their children grow up, something Carey said he may not have had without that gift.

"I try to promote as much as I can. I want to give back," he said. "It's the greatest gift you give as you leave.

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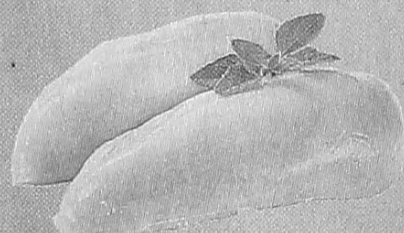
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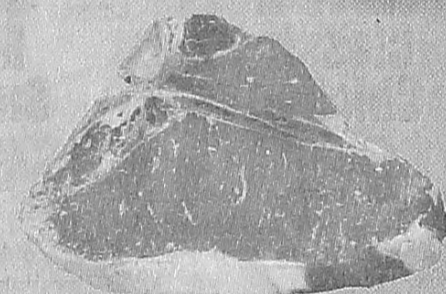
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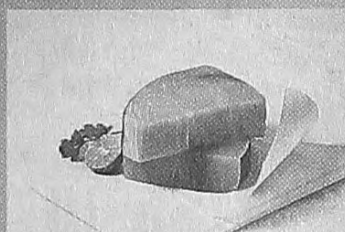
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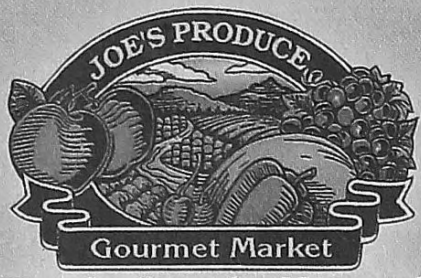
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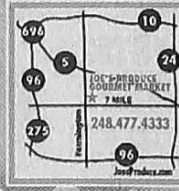


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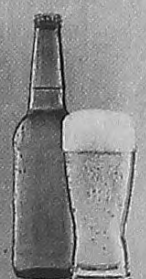
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PREP WRESTLING

Detroit CC dominates state final

Bill Khan Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

KALAMAZOO — How great was Brighton's wrestling team this season? Roy Hall, a man who is eminently qualified to speak on the subject, didn't hedge when praising the Bulldogs after his Davison team lost to Brighton in the state Division 1 semifinals, 30-24, Saturday at Wings Event Center.

"That's one of the best teams ever in the state of Michigan," said Hall, who has coached the Cardinals to six state titles and five runner-up finishes. "If they win or lose in the finals, they're that good."

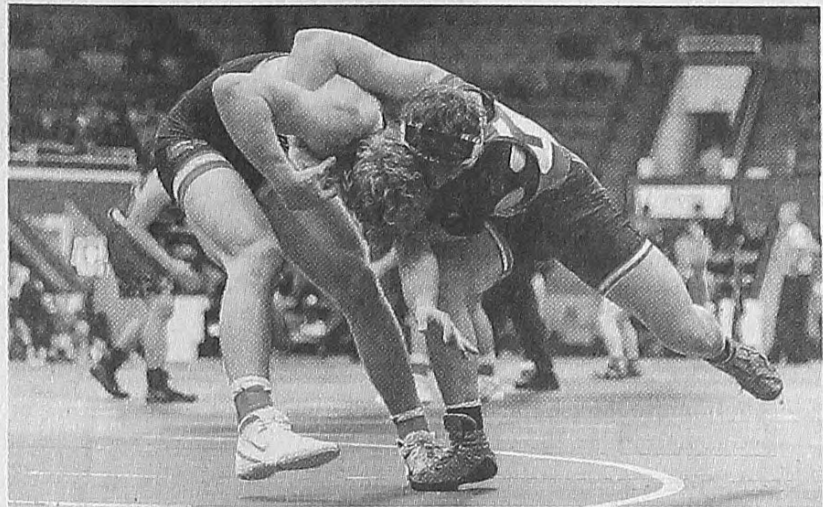
Hall wouldn't get much argument. After all, who is going to question his knowledge of the sport?

If that's the case, where does that rank the current Detroit Catholic Central wrestling team?

The Shamrocks won their seventh state championship in the last 10 years and, given the caliber of the opponent, perhaps this was the most impressive title.

Brighton came in with an unbeaten record, 13 state qualifiers and high hopes of avenging a lopsided state finals loss from last year, but Catholic

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Detroit Catholic Central's Easton Turner defeated Brighton's Greyson Stevens in the 189-pound weight class in the state team finals. SCOTT CONFER

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL



Canton's Sigmon Vinson tries to nail a fade-away shot near the hoop as he is guarded by Howell's Jake Sargeant. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Canton boys topple Howell to win KLAA

Andrew Vaillencourt Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The Canton boys basketball team won the KLAA Championship in dominating fashion Feb. 21, pounding Howell 78-58.

The Chiefs simply had too much star power for the Highlanders, who struggled to find an answer for Canton's high-powered offense. The victory gives Canton its first KLAA championship since 2016, when it beat Walled Lake Western for the crown.

With the win, Canton improved to 19-1 overall, while Howell dropped to 14-6.

"It's great, winning championships is what we're trying to do," Canton

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Milford boys snowboarding wins state championship

Girls team takes 2nd place at Alpine Valley

Andrew Vaillencourt Hometownlife.com
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The Milford boys snowboard cross team won the 2019 state championship earlier this month, while the girls team took home second place.

The event took place at Alpine Valley on Feb. 14.

Evan Hughes won the individual state championship on the girls side for the second straight year and finished the season undefeated.

In addition to the first- and second-place team finishes in the state championship, both teams claimed the 2019 "King of the Hill" championship for the second consecutive year.


The teams' coaches are Steven Jesionowski, Brian Saunders and Andie Dawson.

The members of the boys team are: Jacob Bowyer, Josh Burr, Hunter Castle, Joey Puz, Erik Kramar, Nick Briggs, Andrew Byndas, Aiden Wilson, Liam Kocur, Sam Colone, Nick Olsin, Ryan Wyskiel, Henry Ginsbach, Jett Edson, Jagger Edson, Nolan Carlsen, Will Colone, Carter Ryska, Isaac Richards and Eric Magid.

The members of the girls team are: Evan Hughes, Harper Overall, Eve McKeough, Danielle Ryan, Natalie Deland, Julia Garris, Chloe Wyborski, Isabel Ryska, Veronica D'Aloisio and Lauren Wood.




Milford snowboard cross coach Andie Dawson stands with back-to-back state individual champion Evan Hughes. COURTESY OF MILFORD ATHLETICS



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PREP WRESTLING

Local wrestlers to compete in state tournament

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With the state team wrestling tournament all wrapped up, local wrestlers can now turn their focus to the state individual tournament, which takes place Saturday and Sunday at Ford Field in Detroit.

A large number of area wrestlers have qualified for the event, led by Detroit Catholic Central, which won the state team championship this past weekend out in Kalamazoo.

To qualify for states, wrestlers had to finish in the top four of their regional.

Last year, the Shamrocks boasted five individual state champions, a pair of second-place finishers and placed in 13 out of its 14 state qualifiers.

Here's a list of every high school wrestler who qualified for the upcoming tournament from the Hometown Life coverage area:

Division 1, Region 2

■ South Lyon sophomore Maxwell Honiss, who finished fourth in the 125-pound weight class.

Division 1, Region 3

■ Catholic Central freshman Anthony Walker, who finished first in the 103-pound weight class.

■ Westland John Glenn freshman Josh Mars, who finished second in the 103-pound weight class.

■ Livonia Franklin junior Christian Gerber, who finished second in the 112-pound weight class.

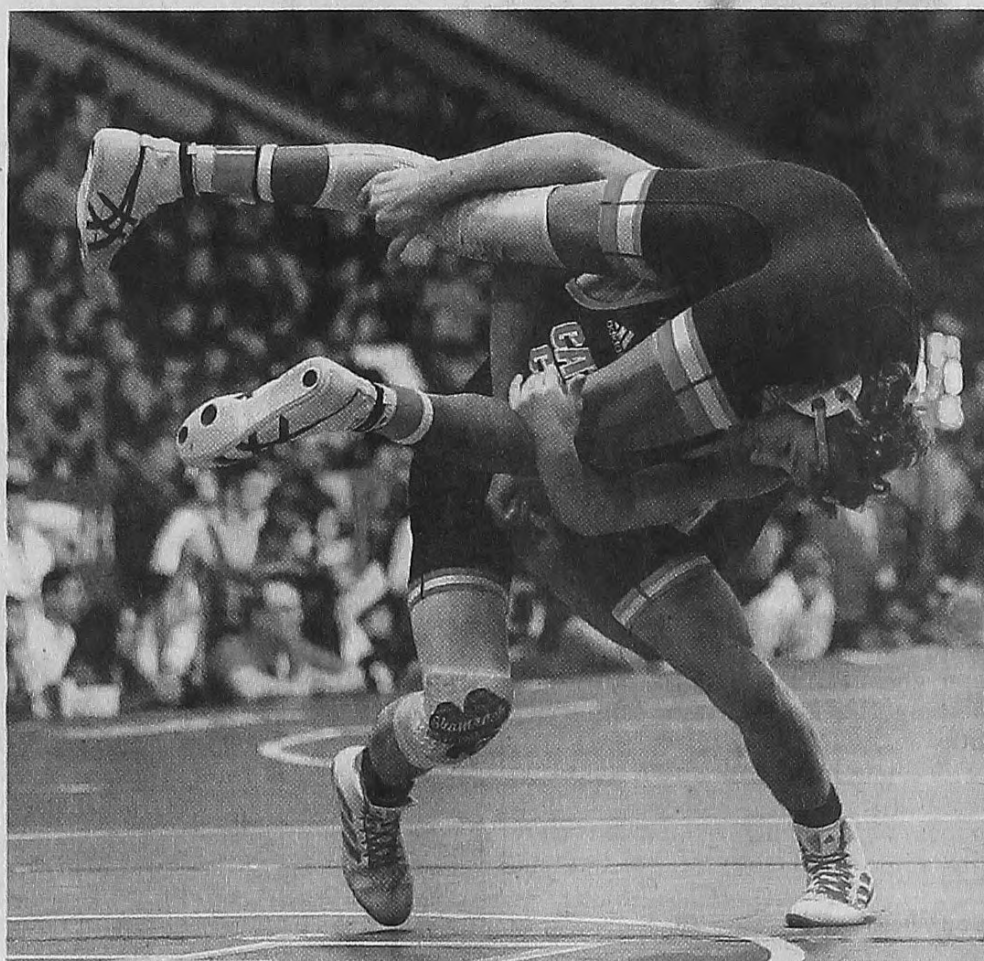
■ John Glenn sophomore Ty Cowen, who finished third in the 112-pound weight class.

■ Catholic Central junior Caleb White, who finished fourth in the 112-pound weight class.

■ Salem senior DaQuan Baker, who finished second in the 119-pound weight class.

■ Franklin sophomore Jager Kwiatkowski, who finished third in the 119-pound weight class.

■ John Glenn senior Caleb Meekins,



Detroit Catholic Central's Derek Gilcher defeats Brighton's Rhett Newton in the 145-pound weight class during the team state championship. SCOTT CONFER

who finished second in the 125-pound weight class.

■ Catholic Central sophomore Camden Trupp, who finished first in the 130-pound weight class.

■ Catholic Central junior Joshua Edmond, who finished first in the 135-pound weight class.

■ John Glenn senior Kyle Borthwell, who finished second in the 135-pound weight class.

■ Catholic Central junior Derek Gilcher, who finished first in the 140-pound weight class.

■ Catholic Central junior Marc Shaeffer, who finished third in the 140-pound weight class.

■ Catholic Central senior Kevon Davenport, who finished first in the 145-

pound weight class.

■ Catholic Central junior Logan Sannon, who finished second in the 145-pound weight class.

■ John Glenn senior Brenten Polk, who finished third in the 145-pound weight class.

■ Catholic Central senior Cameron Amine, who finished first in the 152-pound weight class.

■ Catholic Central senior Joseph Urso, who finished second in the 152-pound weight class.

■ Catholic Central freshman Manuel Rojas, who finished first in the 160-pound weight class.

■ John Glenn senior Graden Bowen, who finished fourth in the 160-pound weight class.

■ Salem senior JaQuan Baker, who finished second in the 171-pound weight class.

■ Franklin junior Erick Reaves, who finished fourth in the 171-pound weight class.

■ Catholic Central senior Easton Turner, who finished first in the 189-pound weight class.

■ Plymouth senior Andrew Atallah, who finished third in the 189-pound weight class.

■ Catholic Central junior Brendin Yatooma, who finished first in the 215-pound weight class.

■ Catholic Central junior Steven Kolcheff, who finished first in the 285-pound weight class.

■ Franklin senior Jake Swirple, who finished second in the 285-pound weight class.

Division 1, Region 4

■ Birmingham Seaholm sophomore Jackson Vance, Seaholm, who finished first in the 140-pound weight class.

■ Birmingham Groves sophomore Damon Dunbar, who finished first in the 145-pound weight class.

■ Seaholm senior Chase Mentag, who finished third in the 171-pound weight class.

■ Bloomfield Hills sophomore Josh Wilson, who finished second in the 285-pound weight class.

Division 2, Region 5

■ Farmington senior Donovan King, who finished first in the 285-pound weight class.

Division 2, Region 8

■ Redford Union sophomore Cian Abion, who finished fourth in the 112-pound weight class.

■ Redford Union junior Shakaleb Nicholson, who finished fourth in the 130-pound weight class.

■ Redford Union junior Amir Rashied, who finished third in the 152-pound weight class.

Wrestling

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Central never looked back after winning eight of the first nine matches in a 34-19 victory over the Bulldogs.

"They might be the best team in the state of Michigan ever," Brighton coach Tony Greathouse said. "They're a really good team. There's a reason they're ranked top 10 in the country. We knew coming in we were going to have to do some things that were probably improbable, win some matches most people didn't think we could win."

"We competed hard. We were in a couple of those matches. We didn't get it done."

In breaking Davison's record of six state championships in a decade, the Shamrocks outscored their seven post-season opponents by a combined score of 480-34.

Brighton scored more points against Catholic Central than the Shamrocks' first six opponents mustered combined.

"We did win a lot of matches, scored a lot of points," Greathouse said. "We lost by 58 last year, we lost by 15 this year. I'm not a math teacher, but I think it's a 43-point improvement from a year ago. There's a lot to be proud of. We beat the Division 2 champs, we beat the Division 3 champs."

"We beat Davison twice this year. It was a pretty darn good season. It definitely was the most talented team I've ever coached. We just happened to be up against the best team I've ever coached against."

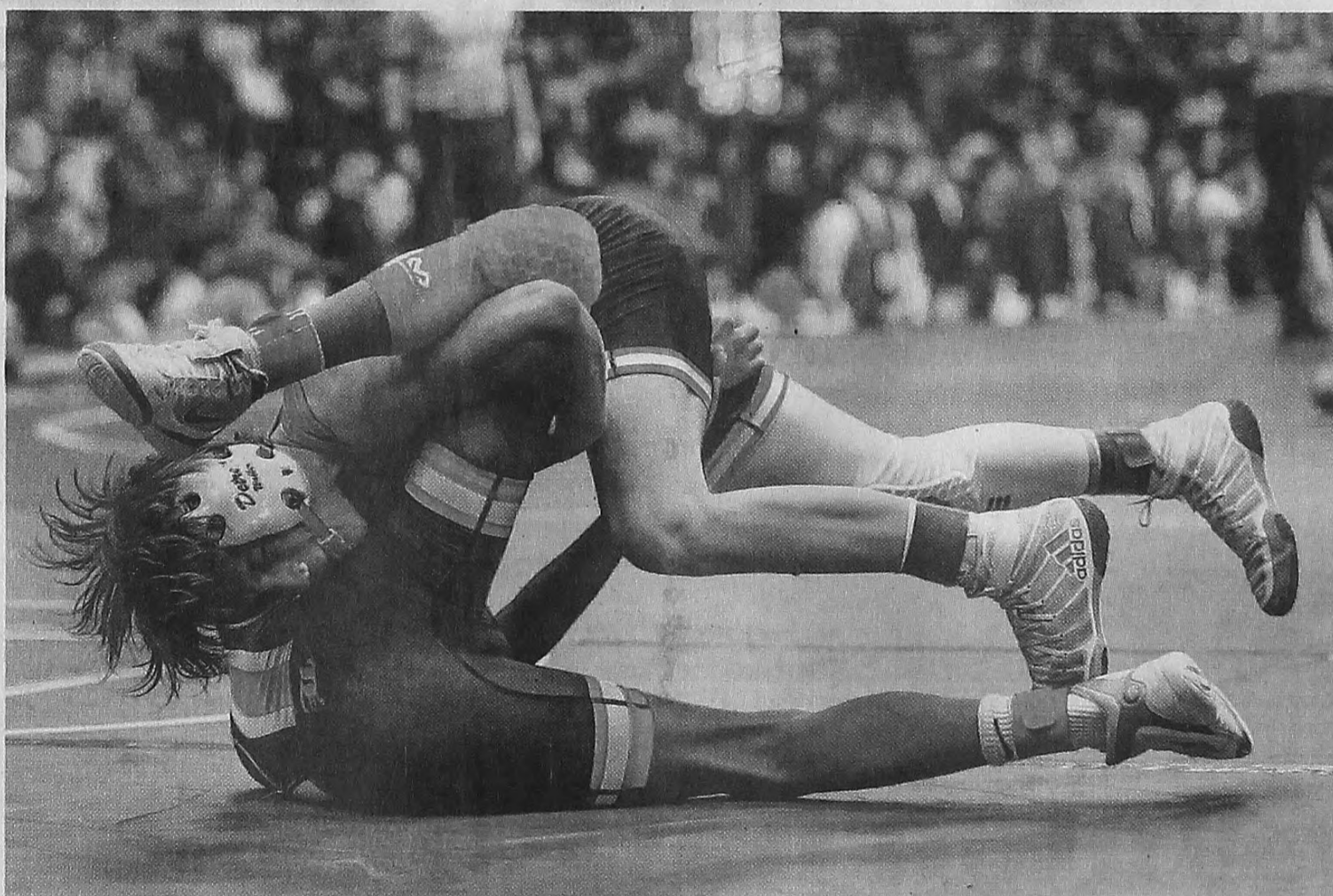
It was a dual that could serve as a preview of the individual state finals. The first eight matches featured state-ranked wrestlers from both teams.

Catholic Central won the first four matches, three by major decisions, as it was able to send three top-ranked wrestlers onto the mat.

Brighton finally ended a losing streak of 33 matches to the Shamrocks when its own No. 1-ranked wrestler, River Shettler, scored a 5-2 decision over Manny Rojas at 171.

But Catholic Central then went through two of Brighton's big guns, sending a signal that this would not be the Bulldogs' day.

Easton Turner edged Greyson Stevens, 3-1, in a battle of top-three



Detroit Catholic Central's Anthony Walker defeated Brighton's Quaylon Newton in the 103-pound weight class. PHOTOS BY SCOTT CONFER

189-pounders before No. 1-ranked Brendin Yatoom scored a 10-2 major decision over No. 5 Luke Stanton at 215.

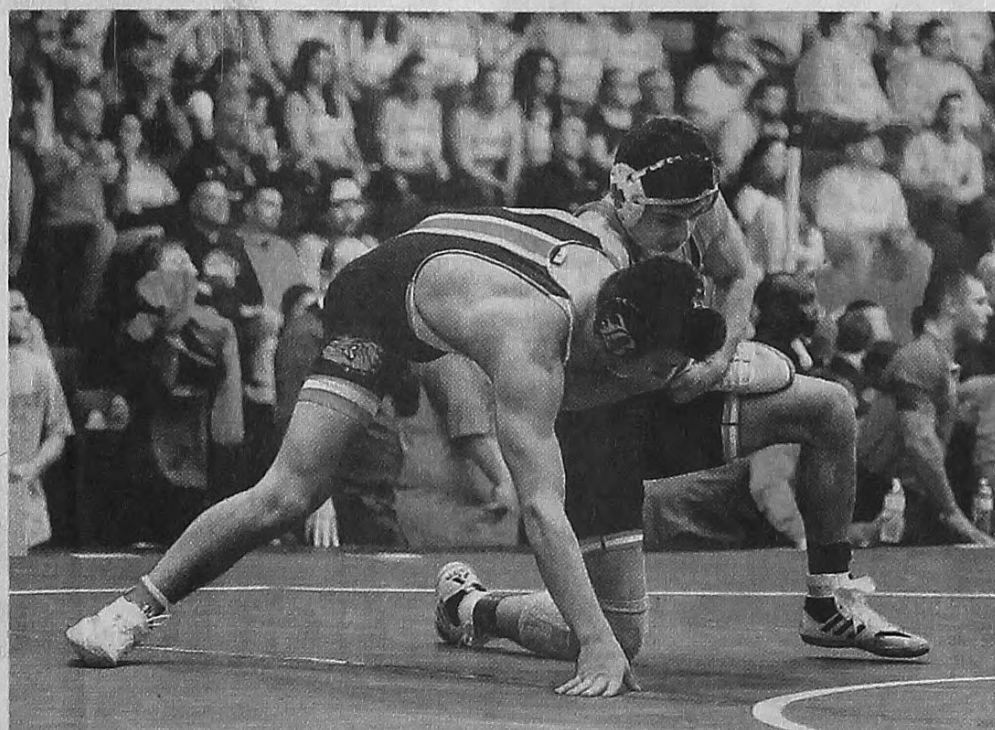
It was only the second loss for Stanton.

After losing four straight matches, the Bulldogs got on the scoreboard again when Mason Shrader scored a 10-0 major decision over Caleb White at 112.

Sam Freeman of Brighton got the only pin of the match at 119 in 3:44 over Matt Anderson.

That pin kept the Bulldogs mathematically alive, but Catholic Central clinched the match when Brighton's Ben Manly won a 6-3 decision over Kamron Davenport at 125. Down 29-13 going into the match, the Bulldogs needed two pins and a technical fall to pull out the victory.

Eddie Homrock made it four straight victories for the Bulldogs with a 7-2 decision at 130 before Catholic Central's Josh Edmond ended the match with a technical fall.



Detroit Catholic Central's Cam Amine defeated Brighton's Dane Donabedian in the 160-pound weight class during the state team finals.

Basketball

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coach Jimmy Reddy said. "We're competing every day in practice, trying to get better every day, trying to put numbers on the banner. Guys want to be remembered and you have to win championships for your team to be remembered."

It was a close first quarter, but things quickly got out of hand in the second quarter, leading to a 20-point Canton lead at the half.

It got worse for the Highlanders, falling behind by as many as 30 in the third quarter, before finally succumbing to defeat.

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Stars too much for Howell

Canton was led by its pair of college-bound stars, senior guard Vinson Sigmon, who scored 23 points, and senior guard B. Artis White, who added 13.

Both players were all over the court, making plays on offense and defense. White knocked down three triples, and Sigmon terrorized Howell in the lane.

White didn't play in the fourth quarter, as he entered the contest slightly limited with an injury.

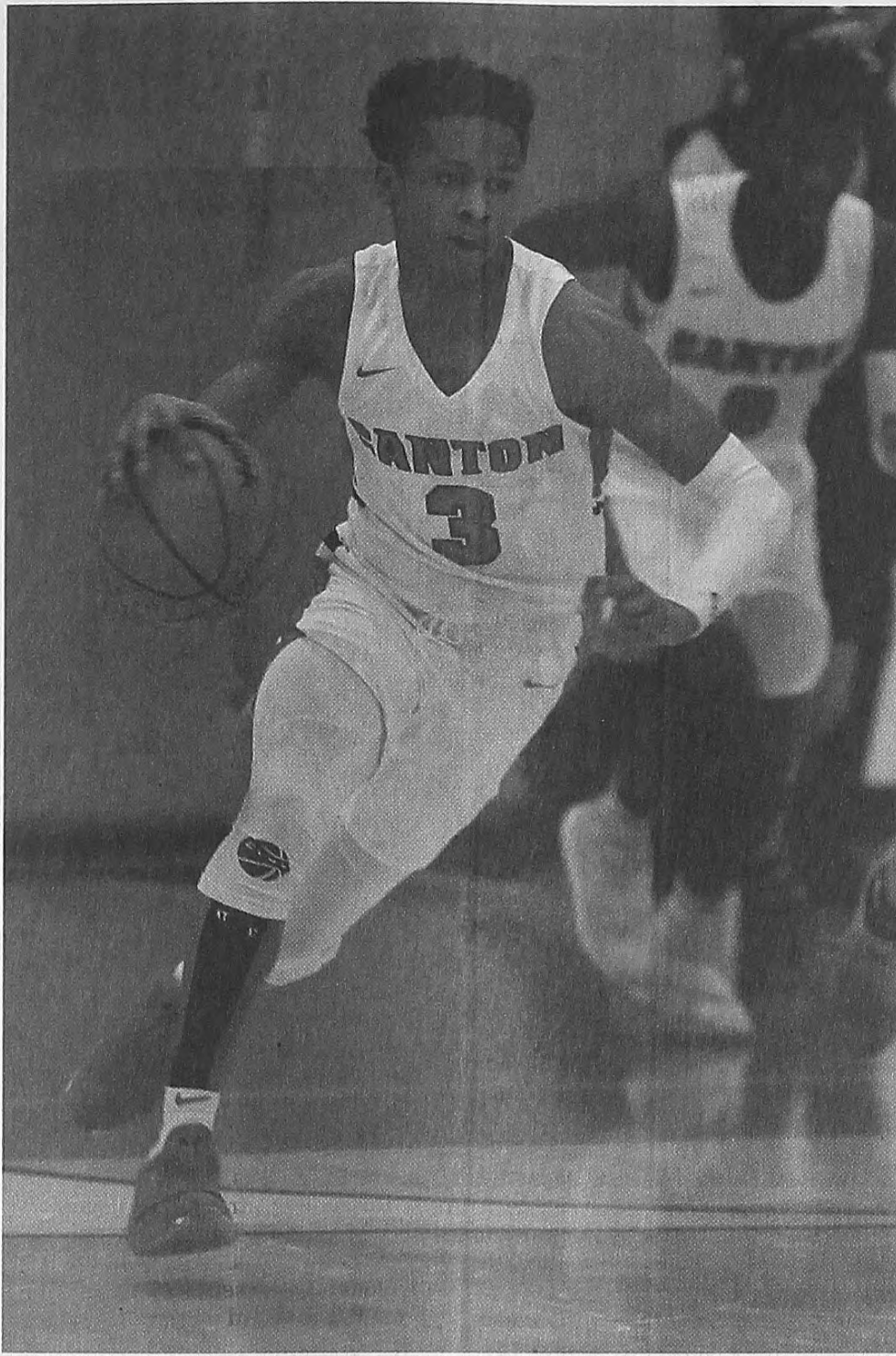
"Those guys are the best," Reddy said. "Two great people and two great guards. They're tough to cover, they're great defenders. Vinson was really, really good tonight with B. trying to get healthy again."

"He didn't play as many minutes tonight, but when he did, he was very effective."

White is signed to play basketball at Western Michigan, while Sigmon is considering offers from two Division 2 schools: Lake Superior State and University of Wisconsin-Parkside.

"I saw two Division 1 basketball players that were having a really good night," Howell coach Nick Simon said. "I thought Sigmon did a great job stepping up with White dinged up. He really carried them. ..."

"They're both great kids, I always wish them the best. They do everything the right way, they played great and we



Canton guard B. Artis White during game action against Howell in January. White had 13 points against Howell in the KLAAs championship game Feb. 21.

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struggled to stop them."

It wasn't just Sigmon and White that contributed, both senior forwards Liam Radomski and Kendall Perkins reached double figures, Radomski scored 13 points and Perkins notched 14.

Physical showdown

It was a heavyweight fight from the start.

That type of game favored Canton, as Howell continued to be frustrated throughout the night. The Highlanders

had 19 fouls called on them, compared to the Chiefs' 13.

"I think our toughness was pretty good," Reddy said. "As a group, we're a pretty tough team both mentally and physically. It's tough to get to us. We handled it well. In the first half we were firing on all cylinders. The reason we got that lead was because we were defending and rebounding very well."

Despite the large deficit, Howell did its best to make things interesting in the fourth quarter. Senior forward Luke Russo, who hit the game-winning shot against Wayne Memorial earlier in the week, scored 14 points — including a highlight reel three-pointer that came from NBA distance.

"The physicality was awesome, that's a playoff style game, it's what you're going to get. A couple teams, busting butt trying to win a championship. They shot the ball really well early and played a great game, all the credit goes out to them. They shoot the ball that well, they're going to be tough for anybody to beat. I'm proud of our kids for fighting until the end."

State Championship a real possibility

Canton entered last week ranked No. 3 in the state in Division 1 by the Associated Press and No. 7 in the state in division one by Max Preps. Its destruction of Howell only furthers the notion that this team is a real state championship contender.

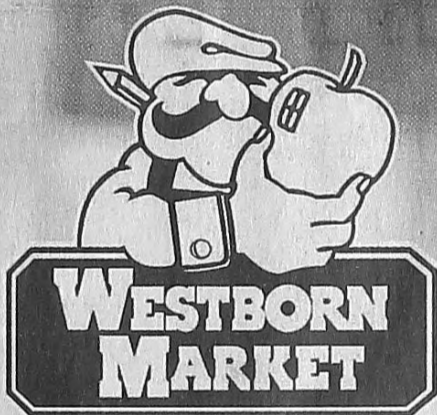
It will begin that journey next week, when the districts start.

District post-season action started Monday. Canton was scheduled to play Salem on Monday, and the winner was to play John Glenn on Wednesday.

"Our goal all year has been to get to the Breslin Center, obviously that's still on the table," Simon said. "This is a cool, teachable moment that you usually don't get, where you can play for a championship, understand what losing feels like and come back and compete for a championship. Usually, you have to wait eight months for that to happen and the sting of it wears off."

"I assure the sting of this will not have worn off by the time Monday comes around."

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'No problem' – except when respect goes out window



On Travel
Christopher Elliott
USA TODAY

When it comes to respect, sometimes little things make a big difference for travelers. For Don Brauning, it's travel industry employees who replace the words "you're welcome" with "no problem".

Brauning, a manager for an emergency services company in Haymarket, Virginia, has heard it from airline agents, hotel clerks and car rental employees.

"No problem" – as if his patronage and his presence might be a hardship.

"It's my customer service bugaboo," he says.

It also raises a question or two about modern-day travel: Has respect between the travel industry and the people it serves deteriorated to such a point that we, the customers, are a *problem*? And if so, what can we do about it?

Where's the respect?

Respect is a hot topic in travel again. First Uber and then Frontier Airlines started soliciting tips from passengers. A tip is a gesture of respect – an acknowledgment that the customer is happy with the service.

But for travel experts, soliciting a tip is a mile marker in the race to the bottom. Airlines and other travel companies have cut services to such an extent that customers no longer feel respected. They say it's insulting for companies to ask for a gratuity when they've reduced service to the point where it's almost unrecognizable from a few years ago.

"Will I be courteous?" asked etiquette expert Lisa Grots. "You bet. Will I say please and thank you? Always. Will I be tipping? No."

Do travel companies respect us?

Travelers accuse travel companies of starting this tailspin, and say they no longer respect their customers.



Passengers sometimes take their frustrations out on flight attendants, even though they aren't directly responsible for poor airline service. GETTY IMAGES

"Airlines have continued to create new reasons to charge fees and they have begun charging for what was once free," says Kryss Shane, a frequent traveler and social worker. "It feels like a racket and the flyer is getting taken advantage of."

Shane sees the effects whenever she travels. It's the tense moments when passengers take their frustrations out on flight attendants. Crew members have to deal with the backlash, even though they aren't directly responsible for reductions in service.

It isn't just the cuts, but also the constant upselling that bothers travelers

and underscores the lack of respect.

It's all the extra charges on the plane – a fee for a carry-on bag, a fee for a seat assignment, a fee for early boarding. But it's also the prices at hotels: the \$7 bottle of water and the mandatory \$25-a-night "resort" fee.

"When a consumer feels nickel and dimed, when the travel experience takes a back seat to profit, then respect suffers," says Ted Scofield, an attorney and author based in New York who travels frequently. "When you are measured and promoted and possibly compensated based on your ability to drive profits, customers become cash machines."

Scofield says it shouldn't be about maximizing return on investment, but about maximizing the customer's travel experience.

Maybe we're the ones who have lost respect

Talk to folks on the other side of the counter, and it's clear there's another perspective.

"The lack of respect that I have seen is firmly with the customer," says Patricia Hajifotiou, who owns Olive Odysseys, which offers tours of European destinations. "People are harried, out of time and so much more often feel entitled. And that adds up to a real lack of respect towards the person on the other side of the desk."

Hajifotiou says a little patience and politeness would easily restore the lost respect. "Say 'hello' or wish them a good morning and then ask in a calm voice, clearly what it is you need. You will find so many better outcomes for yourself," she says.

It's clear that asking for a tip won't bring back the respect between flight attendants, hotel workers and car rental companies and their customers. Nor, probably, will platitudes from experts.

"Respect breeds respect," explains Beverly Randolph, founder of the Protocol School of Indianapolis.

"Companies must foster a culture of respecting one another from the top down. In respectful workplaces, employees are more engaged and productive; they'll also be less stressed and genuinely happier – translating into happier travelers"

Shamila Nduriri, a frequent traveler who founded Dalasini, an African jewelry company, agrees. For her, it comes down to observing the Golden Rule. "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," she says.

"Unfortunately, until people view others as equals, and act accordingly, this will be extremely difficult to achieve. Nevertheless, it starts with you and a hope that your good attitude will be contagious and others pay it forward."

Then again, maybe we'll know that we respect each other when people like Brauning stop hearing "no problem" when they're at the ticket counter – and get a "you're welcome" instead.

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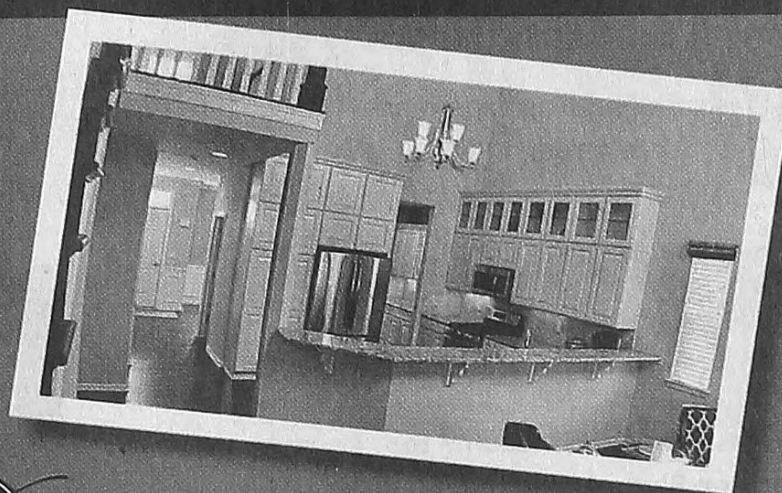
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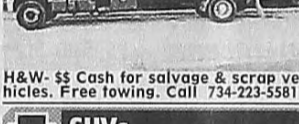
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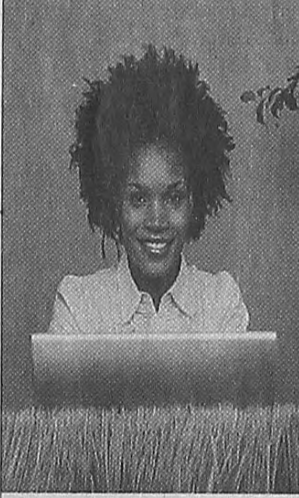
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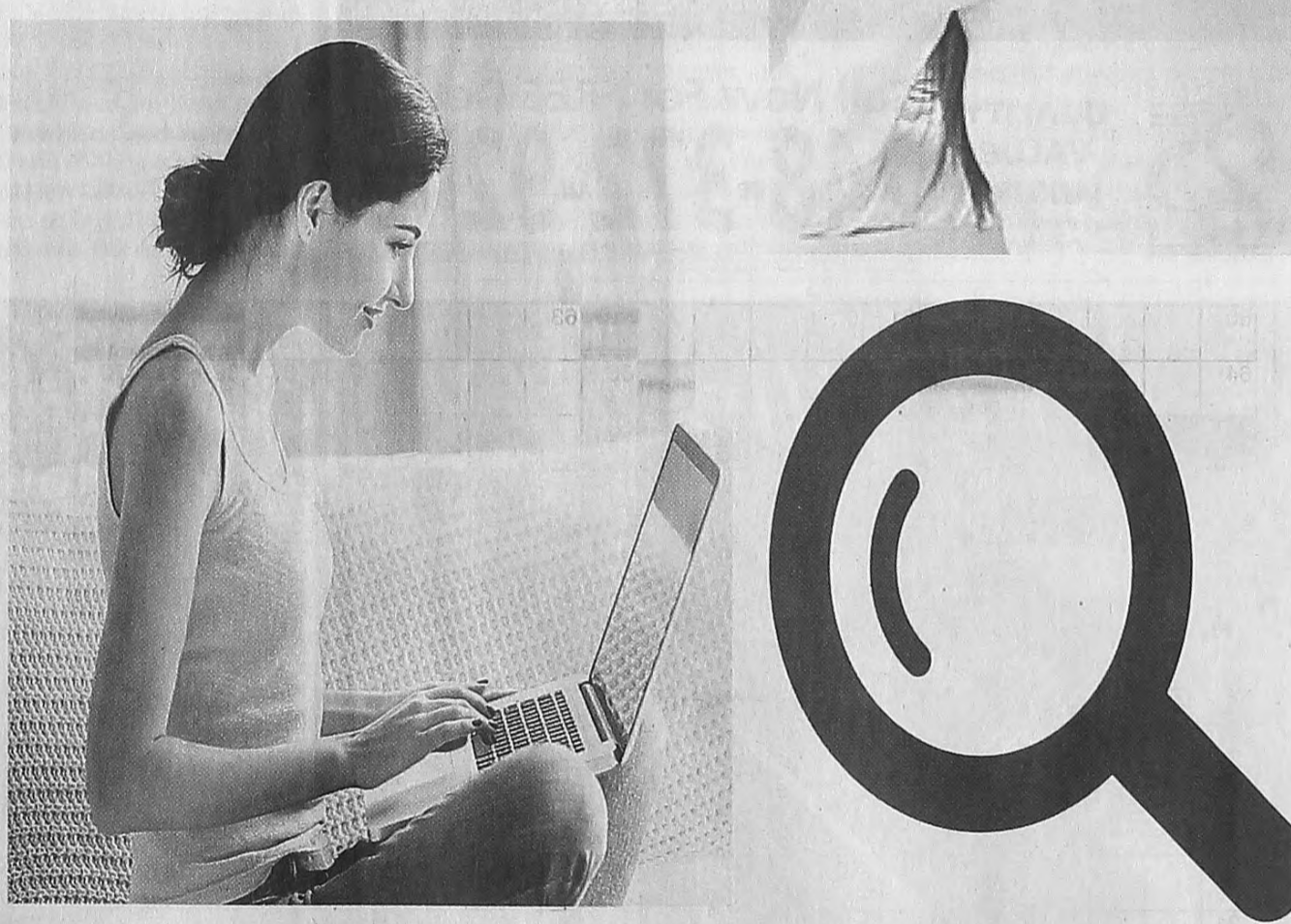
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ACROSS

- 1 Stallion, e.g.
- 6 Saudi, e.g.
- 10 Floats gently
- 15 Livens (up)
- 19 Optic layers
- 20 Female adult
- 21 Accustom
- 22 Roman 951
- 23 Sweet capscicum variety
- 25 Bacon piece
- 26 Give kudos
- 27 Queen, in Spanish
- 28 Mickey & Sylvia hit of 1957
- 31 Don —
- 32 Suddenly become alert
- 35 Tetley pouch
- 36 Extremely scarce
- 41 President pro —
- 43 Brainy bunch
- 44 Bit of Vail gear
- 45 The "sum" of "Cogito, ergo sum"
- 46 Bona —
- 47 Christmas poem opener
- 49 Sinister powers
- 54 Wooded with tunes

- 58 Comic blows
- 59 Fragrant
- 60 Best Actress nominee for "Breaking the Waves"
- 63 Turn aside
- 64 Category
- 65 Hit, as a gnat
- 66 Place
- 67 Lure for fish
- 71 Deodorant target
- 74 Song from "Oklahoma!"
- 77 How fast a plane is flying
- 80 Govt. agent
- 81 Comic Gilda
- 82 Deep pessimism
- 84 Installed, as brick
- 86 Actor Ladd
- 87 Soft throw
- 88 Chum
- 89 Lhasa — (small dogs)
- 94 Visibly angry
- 95 Highly venomous cephalopod
- 101 Filled the fuel tank, with "up"
- 103 User of four-letter words
- 104 — Smile Be Your Umbrella"

- 105 "Guys and Dolls" guy
- 109 Rockers
- 111 Fitzgerald of jazz
- 112 Cliffside nest
- 113 What you do when you look at the ends of nine long answers in this puzzle
- 117 Regal Norse name
- 118 Adorn fussily
- 119 Morales in movies
- 120 Haggard of country
- 121 Where AT&T is "T"
- 122 Squiggly letters
- 123 Breeding 1-Across
- 124 Came — (Baja dish)

- 7 Drake's music
- 8 University in Nassau County
- 9 Mechanical way to learn
- 10 Prudent
- 11 Part of ABM
- 12 Animal coats
- 13 French for "sad"
- 14 Days of the week, e.g.
- 15 Campus workstation locale
- 16 Tending to radiate something
- 17 Provided juice for?
- 18 Pro or con
- 24 Give relief to
- 29 Composer Carl Maria — Weber
- 30 Cheer shout
- 31 Printer clog
- 33 Org. in "The Martian"
- 34 With 53-Down, requests
- 37 Broken-down
- 38 Knights, e.g.
- 39 Tic-toe link
- 40 Retired professors
- 42 Defrost
- 46 Was achy or regretful

- 48 "Holy cow!"
- 49 Hoof or paw
- 50 Totally dominate
- 51 Good craps roll
- 52 Keats work
- 53 See 34-Down
- 54 Place
- 55 Novelist Tan
- 56 Small bite
- 57 Comedic actor Jackie
- 58 H.S. junior's exam
- 61 It has fluttery leaves
- 62 Twirl, as one's thumbs
- 63 Naturalist Fossey
- 66 Con game
- 68 "Anthem" writer Rand
- 69 Suffix with hero
- 70 The Raptors, on NBA schedules
- 72 Engine stat
- 73 "— culpa"
- 74 "I think," in texts
- 75 Half of hexa-
- 76 Anwar of Egypt
- 77 Culture base
- 78 In a criminal way
- 79 Book full of street maps

- 80 Desert in Mongolia
- 83 Palme —
- 84 Sonny boys
- 85 Balm plant
- 88 Most cheeky
- 90 Maintains order over
- 91 Prisms' color bands
- 92 Was a better peddler than
- 93 Org. issuing nine-digit IDs
- 95 Youth org. with troops
- 96 Delaware Valley tribe
- 97 Cows' milk deliverers
- 98 Pvt.'s superior
- 99 False appearances
- 100 Street — (urban acceptance)
- 102 Cut off stubble
- 105 An inert gas
- 106 Certain dwarf planet
- 107 Clock info
- 108 Gym lifter's units
- 110 Tomato variety
- 114 Water, in Nantes
- 115 Give relief to
- 116 Irish actor Stephen

DOWN

- 1 Central area
- 2 Make hackneyed
- 3 Brush up on
- 4 City near Monterey
- 5 Fox Sports alternative
- 6 High, rugged peak

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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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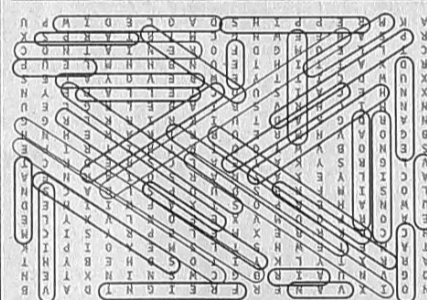
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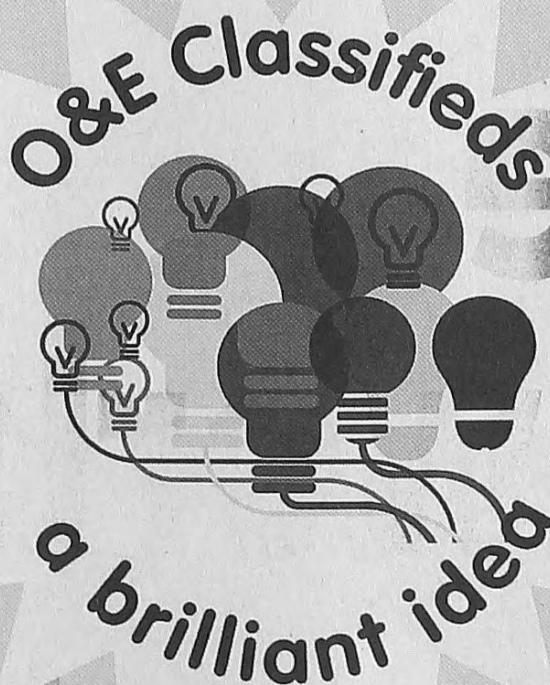
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- WIDE LOAD

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