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Parkland father talks gun violence

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Author, attorney and reserve police officer Jeff Kasky was working at his home office when texts started coming over his phone.

It was Valentine's Day 2018, and his son, Cameron, wanted to know if his dad knew what was happening at his school, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida.

Kasky would turn on his television and watch horrified as he saw an aerial

view of the school where a gunman with an AR-15 semi-automatic weapon killed 17, committing one of the most tragic school shootings in U.S. history.

"There's no good reason ever to turn on the TV and see an aerial view of the school that your kids go to," Kasky la-

mented to about 60 people gathered Monday at the Farmington Community Library in Farmington Hills.

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Northville man creates bourbon

Passion for distilling began in his garage

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As he uncorked a bottle of the first batch of his Luca Mariano bourbon one afternoon last week, Northville's Francesco S. Viola was unwrapping a family treasure that was more than five years in the making.

From the distinctive, eye-catching label adorning the uniquely-shaped bottle to the down-to-the-smallest-detail ingredients in the spirits inside, the newest addition to the world's bourbon market had Viola's vision and signature written all over it.

"I take pride in everything I do," Viola said, sitting in a sun-soaked chair inside the bar section of Plymouth's Cantoro Italian Market. "I could have had this batch of bourbon distilled in a shorter time than I did, and I could have distilled it in Michigan.

"But I want it to be the best, so I took it down to Danville, Kentucky, which is the only place in the world where first-class bourbon can be distilled."

Modest beginnings

Viola's passion for distilling spirits started in, of all places, the garage of his Northville home.

In 2010, using an old-school still inherited from his grandfather, the son of Italian-born parents tweaked and tested recipes — unaware that his hobby was against the law.

"One afternoon I got my smoker out and we had some neighbors over for a meal," Viola recalled. "Well, I had them take some shots off the still. One of my neighbors tells me, 'You know this is illegal, right?'"

"Being a first-generation Italian-American, I had no idea I was doing anything wrong. Honestly, I didn't believe him.



Francesco S. Viola with a bottle of his Luca Mariano Old Americana Bourbon at Plymouth's Cantoro Italian Market on April 10. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"It's kind of a risk because it may taste good right off the still, but you have to predict if will taste good four, five, six or seven years later."

Francesco S. Viola

"The next day, I called my lawyer and asked him to look it up. He said, 'I don't even have to look it up. What you're doing is illegal.' I said, 'What are you talking about? You can make beer and wine in your home, but not distilled spirits?'"

Hooked by his distilling hobby, Viola acted immediately to get on the right side of the law. He endured the tedious task of obtaining a distilling license and continued to experiment with bourbon recipes.

"My grandfather's still had two big pots, like ones used to cook tomato sauce, with a lid on it and a copper pipe coming out of it to let the steam out," he said. "It was dangerous because we had an open flame and we used flour and water to seal it so vapors from alcohol didn't escape, because if it did, it's highly flammable, and could blow up.

"We eventually bought a proper still that was totally safe.

"Back in 2010, believe it or not, there wasn't a lot of information out there on the internet on this. We didn't know how to handle it at first, but now the government actually offers a program on it. I finally got my license in 2013, and in 2014 we started using barrels to age our recipes for three months at first. We really started to get dialed in.

"We ended up doing a test launch in Nashville, Tennessee, and it did well. We sold 60 cases right away. It showed a lot of promise, but I wasn't happy with the product. It was still green and young, and I wanted to do something of quality that I could be proud of."

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Fire destroys barn at Manresa Jesuit retreat

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A barn fire broke out April 10 at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House, totally destroying one barn and severely damaging a smaller adjacent one, according to representatives from the Bloomfield Hills prayer house.

Manresa's daily activities are continuing while firefighters investigate why the flames sparked and engulfed the larger barn around 4 p.m. The amount of damage was not immediately known.

Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township and Troy firefighters were dispatched to the fire at Manresa, 1390 Quarton Road. Upon arrival, they found flames engulfing at least one of the structures. It was used to store grounds equipment, firefighters said.

Both barns predated the 1926 sale of the property for use by the Jesuits.

Firefighters said a good portion of one of the barns was saved.

No one was injured.

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Flames damaged a barn April 10 at Manresa Jesuit Retreat House in Bloomfield Hills. The cause is under investigation. COURTESY OF MANRESA JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE

Lyon Twp. pizza recipe named 12th best in world

"I learned that our pizza is the real deal. There were super legit pizza makers out there and Novella's from New Hudson beat almost all of them."

Brandon Davis
Owner of Novella's Pizza in Lyon Township



Brandon Davis adds some balsamic glaze to his specialty fig and pig pizza.

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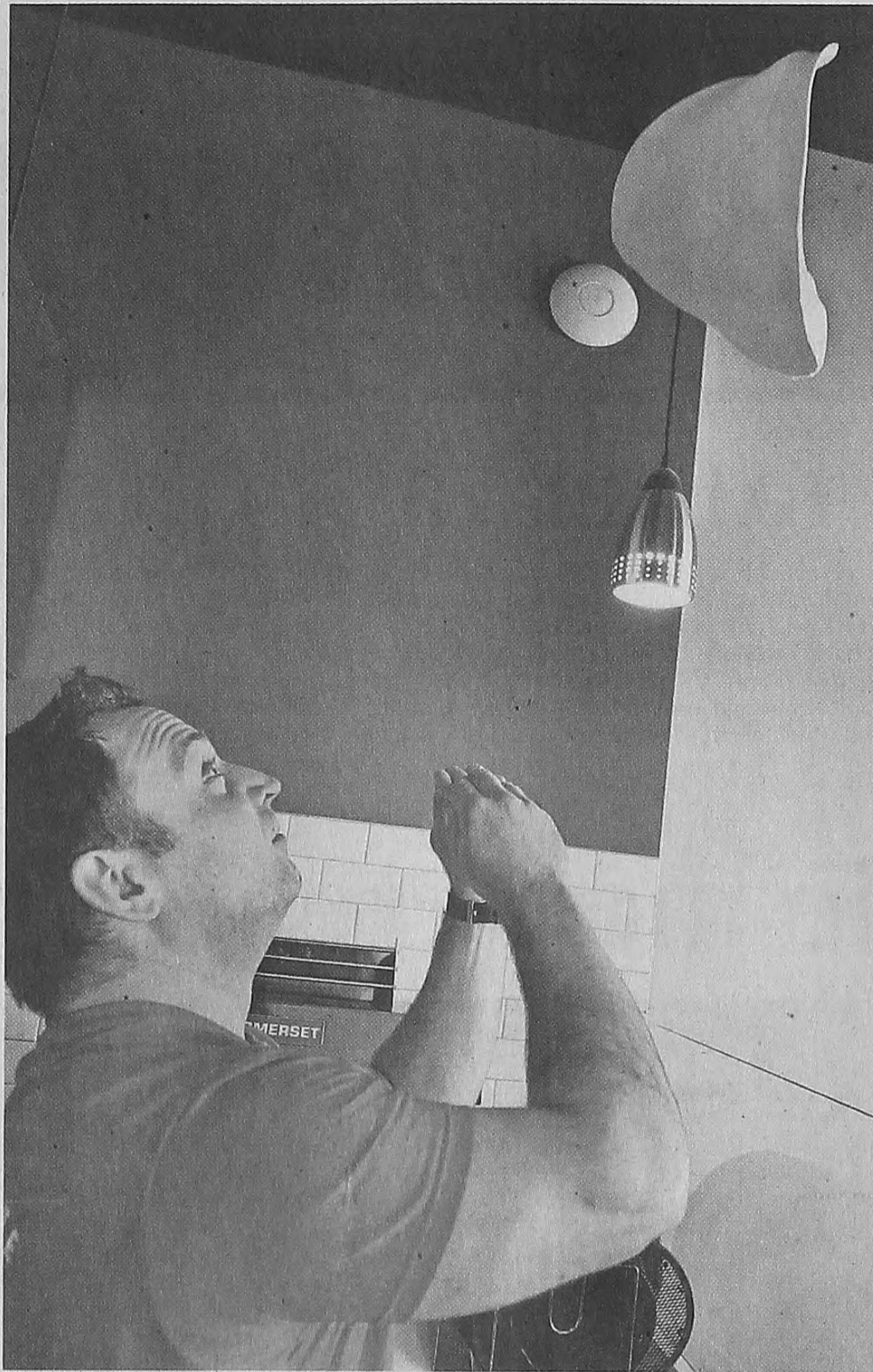
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Brandon Davis, owner of Novella's Pizza in New Hudson, tosses some dough as he makes his award-winning Fig and Pig pie. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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What does it take to make the 12th best pizza in the world?

Fig, pig, and great-grandma's rolling pin, for starters.

Brandon Davis, owner of Novella's Pizza in Lyon Township, has first-hand knowledge as the creator of the fig and pig pizza.

The pie was determined to be among the top dozen non-traditional pies in the world by judges at the International Pizza Challenge in Las Vegas last month.

"We have work to do," Davis said. "At Novella Pizza, this is one we sell every day. We took 12th in the world, now we have that base and it can only get better."

It's been a fairly quick journey to the top tier of pizzas for the Northville native. While he has managed restaurants since 2005, Novella's Pizza is Davis' first venture into ownership.

He created the menu of unusual creations just before the restaurant's opening in February 2018. At that time, he was still trying to perfect a dough.

Fast forward several months to last fall, when he was crowned champion during a Michigan Pizza Challenge with his fig and pig pizza. That honor earned him the right to compete against 61 others in the non-traditional category at the International Pizza Challenge on March 6 at the Las Vegas Convention Center.

The World Championship of Pizzas has been held there for more than two decades, Davis said, at the International Pizza Expo with more than 200 competitors in multiple categories.

He flew out to Vegas on March 4 with all the ingredients for his special dough as well as the toppings for his fig and pig pizza, made with mozzarella and provolone cheese, slow-roasted pork belly, caramelized onions, fresh figs, goat cheese, arugula and a balsamic reduction.

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Pizza

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While he would be supplied with some equipment in Vegas to make his pizza, another item he intended to bring, his marble rolling pin, was foiled by airport security, who deemed it too heavy.

He would improvise by having his wife Karissa, who was not joining him in Vegas until the following day, bring his great-grandmother's wooden rolling pin.

His checked bags made it safely with him to Vegas, where he was designated refrigerator space at the convention center, like other contestants. But when he opened his cooler to get the ingredients to make his pizza dough, he found the olive oil was frozen solid.

"I was freaking out," Davis recalled. "It was one of the scariest moments of my life."

He had already spent many sleepless nights wondering how he was going to make his dough in Las Vegas, which needed to be done the day before the competition. He learned later that other competitors, well-connected in Vegas, were using local restaurant kitchens.

Davis ran hot water over the olive oil container and managed to thaw it and then began making his dough in a most unconventional way: With an old mixer placed on top of a 1970s pallet in the back of the convention hall.

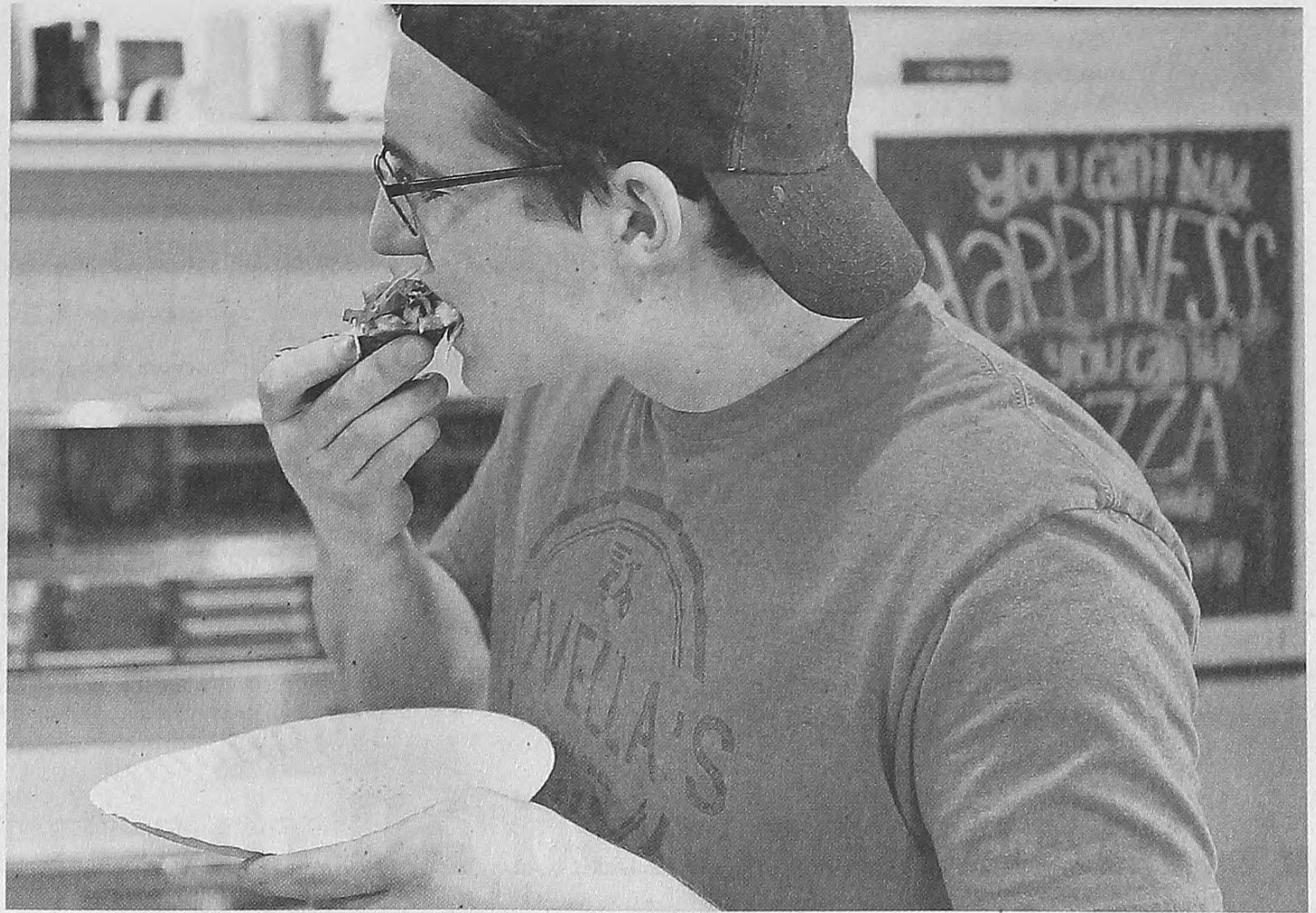
With the dough made, he placed it and the rest of his ingredients in one of the refrigerators designated for competitors, ready to go for the following day.

The next morning, competitors were each given a number, and put into groups of six. They each had their own cooking station with an oven, and had 30 minutes total to assemble and bake their pizzas and then clean their stations. Davis was in the third group to go at a packed expo, where onlookers milled about, talking while the bakers worked.

Davis was a little starstruck seeing the competitors he was up against, including chefs he had seen on the Food Network and on his favorite show, "Diners, Drive-Ins, and Dives."

He also got a selfie with one of his idols, Tim Silva, a former world pizza champion who operates Pizza My Heart out of San Francisco.

"I was nervous," Davis said of his



Joe Ellis tastes a piece of the fig and pig pizza. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

time to shine in the kitchen. "I didn't know how the dough would roll out with a 1920s rolling pin, but once I got the dough onto the pizza screen, it was no problem. I had to make two pizzas and then choose which one goes to the judges."

The five judges from around the world scored each pie based on various components, he said, including proper browning, gluten consistency, stretch of the pizza, crunch, and taste of all ingredients combined.

Davis felt good about how his pizza turned out, even with the challenges he had faced. He would wait several hours before learning the top four pizza makers who would advance to the next day, and even longer to learn where he ultimately placed.

When that moment came, his reaction and his wife's were very different.

Karissa was excited, and encouraged her husband to stand next to a score-

board that showed the points each competitor had received for their pizza. In Brandon's case, it was 26.27. His name is listed right next to the eventual champion, Federico De Silvestri, a baker from Pizzeria Tocacceria in Quattrocento, Marzara, Italy. De Silvestri would also win Pizza Maker of the Year.

In the initial photo Karissa took of Brandon next to this scoreboard, he said, he looked miserable. She told him that 12th in the world was amazing, and retook the photo, with him bearing what he describes as a "cheesy grin."

What's next for the pie maker?

Davis' disappointment has only fired him up to try again. He is currently working on a new creation which he will offer as part of Novella's menu, as well as potentially his next competition entry as he plans to return to Vegas. He doesn't want to reveal too much, but

said it would be Michigan themed and he has been experimenting with maple syrup and honey as pizza ingredients.

Whatever it is, it will be "something completely different" as Davis looks for what no one else is doing.

In the meantime, he has a better perspective now on his first experience in international pizza competition.

"I didn't get any money or a prize, but I got a free trip to Vegas, and I learned so much," Davis said. "I learned there are more styles of pizza than I had ever even heard of. People do dough a thousand different ways and people from all over the world are trying really cool, weird stuff. I learned that our pizza is the real deal. There were super legit pizza makers out there and Novella's from New Hudson beat almost all of them."

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This Plymouth home's features range from automatic lawn sprinkling for the 3-acre property to an invisible fence installed indoors to keep dogs off the carpets.
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A mansion and all the trimmings

Spacious Plymouth Township home features a health spa with pool, hot tub

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A 3,200-square-foot health club is part of this house in Plymouth Township, designed and built as part of the residence. It's just one item in a long list of special features here that reads more like a wish list than a spec sheet.

The owners, who include a lifelong Plymouth resident, looked for a large piece of land around 1990 and planned for 2½ years. They aimed for high-ceiling openness, privacy, a comfy setting to raise three kids, plus further tweaks.

"We got everything we wanted," the owner said. The features range from automatic sprinkling for the whole 3 acres to an invisible fence installed in-

doors. That keeps dogs off the carpets.

The health club is modeled on a national chain and includes a pool large enough for exercise swimming, a cedar sauna, a hot tub, a workout center and his and her locker rooms with showers. It's entered just off the kitchen as well as from the recreation area below.

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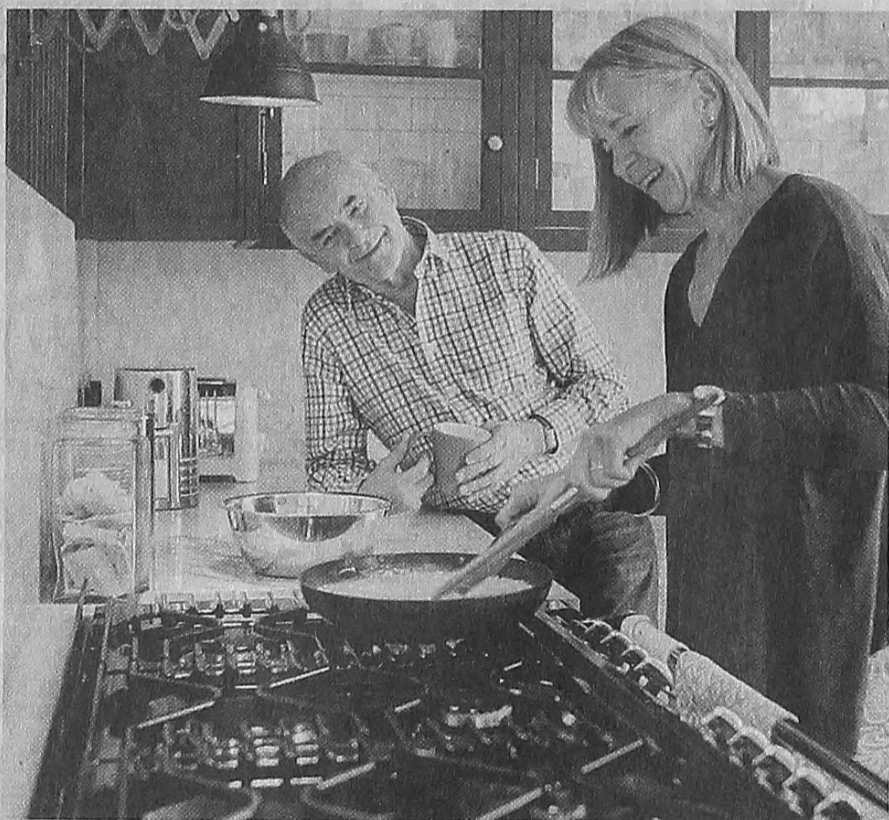
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Folks in the kitchen can keep an eye on the pool.

There's an automatic pool cover that closes as a safety feature for kids. It's a gunite pool, purified with an ozone system that keeps the need for chlorine low.

This area's heating and cooling is a geo-thermal system separate from the residence, which holds down humidity and helps reduce costs, the owner said. The rest of the house has three conventional furnace and AC units.

Other fine-tuning includes the 3-acre watering system, which has two parts. Most of it runs off of well water, which eliminates the city's water-sewer charges. But as folks who've tried this know, well water leaves rust stains on your house. So the close-in system runs off city water.

On that note, the owner believes Plymouth has no more space where you could get 3 acres with city water and sewer service. Now such spreads are only outside the city, using wells and septic tanks.

The interior here is wide open with tall ceilings. In the living room and dining room, for example, the slanted ceiling is about 22 feet high. Those two rooms are divided only by a two-story fireplace with Turkish marble. It opens on three sides to the living room, dining room and foyer.

In the level below it, another fireplace opens on two sides. It's the handsome divider between a large family room and TV area and a game room. Unusual for a lower level, these spaces have a ceiling that's rich wood coffers.

"We didn't want it to look like a lower level," the owner said.

There's also a large full second kitchen here with a bar.

The house is built with 2-by-6-inch framing, not the usual 2-by-4. The owners wanted the look of a southern plantation with imposing two-story pillars. But they also added a one-story wrap-around porch for sitting out.

There is an office-library room on the main floor and another in a loft upstairs for the kids to do their homework. All five bedrooms have a full bath and a walk-in closet.

A final note - location. The husband, whose work included traveling, notes



The kitchen area provides plenty of space. There's also a large full second kitchen on the lower level with a bar.

Home on Ridge Road

Where: 11101 Ridge Road, Plymouth Township

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Bedrooms: 5 full suites

Baths: 7 full, 1 half

Square feet: 10,418

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Contact: Walt Menard, who was also the contractor who built the house, Walter Menard Realtors, 734-223-7201.

that Detroit Metro Airport is just 20 minutes away. Plymouth's historic downtown, with all its restaurants and little shops, is even closer



Here is a look at the formal family room and dining room from the second-floor walkway at the 10,418-square-foot Southern-style plantation home in Plymouth. PHOTOS BY ERIC SEALS/DETROIT FREE PRESS




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What to do if you want to cancel an annuity



Money Matters

Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Q: I recently gave a talk at one of our local libraries, and at the end of my talk, a gentleman approached me and asked me if I could answer a couple of annuity-related questions. I thought I would share my answers here. He told me that a few days before the seminar he purchased an annuity. As he described, after he got home and thought about it, he realized he made a bad decision. The individual who sold him the policy told him that there was nothing that could be done.

His first question to me was whether I thought he had a chance of canceling the annuity or not. His second question dealt with taxation on the annuity. He bought the annuity with money from his IRA, and he was told the benefit of that is that he would not be required to take minimum distributions from that account. He told me they told him that annuities are exempt from required minimum distributions. He wanted to know if that was true.

A: The first thing that I told the gentleman was that he did have a right to cancel his policy. In Michigan, you have 10 days after you receive a copy of your annuity to cancel it. Since he had not received his annuity contract yet, he was well within the time frame to can-

cel the policy.

I told him he should send a registered letter to the agent as well as to the annuity company canceling the policy. I told him that he should also send an email and place a phone call to the agent and the annuity company. Once again, all I'm trying to do is to make sure he covers his bases.

Unfortunately, the annuity industry does have its fair share of unscrupulous salespeople who use high-pressure sales tactics, or salespeople who misrepresent their policies. In fact, one of the reasons why there is a 10-day period where people can cancel their policy is because of some of the high-pressure sales tactics employed by the annuity industry. Whenever you deal with someone in the financial industry, it is important to not let anyone pressure you or talk you into buying anything.

As I've always said, you should never buy any financial product until you've had the opportunity to think about it and check it out independently. When someone attempts to have you sign something immediately, you can almost be guaranteed they're not looking out for your best interests; rather, they're only looking out for themselves.

With regard to the taxation of the annuity, once again your agent was not honest with you. Annuities are subject to required minimum distributions when someone turns 70½. Therefore, your typical annuity does not give you any protection from required mini-

mum distributions.

As a side note, in a non-qualified annuity (an annuity not used to fund a tax-advantaged retirement plan or IRA) the money grows tax deferred and when you withdraw the money your income is subject to ordinary income tax. In other words, it doesn't get the favorable capital gain treatment. Therefore, you get a break initially in the fact that you're able to defer your taxes; however, when you eventually pay the taxes, more likely than not, you're going to be in a much higher bracket because the money does not get favorable capital gain treatment.

On the whole, do I recommend annuities in this environment? The answer is no. Therefore, I told the gentleman that I believe he is making the right decision in canceling the annuity.

My reasons were quite simple, and that is he didn't understand what he was buying and he was pressured into buying it. Those two reasons alone are enough for me to say he should cancel the policy. You should also use that as a guide. If someone is trying to pressure you into buying something, I can almost assure you it's a great product for them, but it's not necessarily good for you.

Good luck!

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Chick-fil-A plans to bring restaurant to Novi

Susan Bromley

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Chick-fil-A is hoping to lay an egg, er, a stand-alone restaurant, in Novi.

"We're happy to share that we are pursuing expansion into Novi, Michigan," Chick-fil-A said in an emailed response to an inquiry. "We have applied for zoning approval and look forward to working with the city and meeting with our future neighbors to understand how we can best serve the area."

The popular fast food chain is proposing a new franchise location on Novi Road, north of I-96, near Twelve Oaks Mall where the former Denny's Restaurant sits vacant.

"They would demolish Denny's and build a 4,900-square-foot restaurant," Assistant City Manager Victor Cardenas said.

Chick-fil-A's plans call



Chick-fil-A has been expanding across the country, and plans to open in Novi near 12 Oaks Mall.

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for demolition of the vacant Denny's restaurant and replacement with a 4,990-square-foot Chick-

fil-A that would have seating for 114 inside and 16 additional outdoor patio seats. The restaurant

would also have a drive-thru, requiring the PD-2 rezoning.

"The biggest thing will

be the drive-thru," Cardenas said. "There are a lot of people in the city, administrators and elected

officials excited about it, but like any development, we need to make sure it works with traffic. Everything needs to be met to make sure this is a successful development."

Cardenas noted that this would be the only Chick-fil-A restaurant on this side of the state, similar to the Cheesecake Factory restaurant, which is located in Twelve Oaks Mall.

According to their website, Atlanta-based Chick-fil-A, founded in 1967, has more than 2,400 restaurants in 47 states and Washington, D.C. Last year they opened their first restaurant outside of the U.S., in Toronto.

In Michigan, the restaurant has only six stand-alone locations, none closer than the Lansing area. In Oakland County, Chick-fil-A has a restaurant inside of the Somerset Collection mall in Troy, and at Oakland University in Rochester.

Among the Chick-fil-A menu items are a variety of chicken sandwiches, as well as waffle potato fries, and milkshakes.

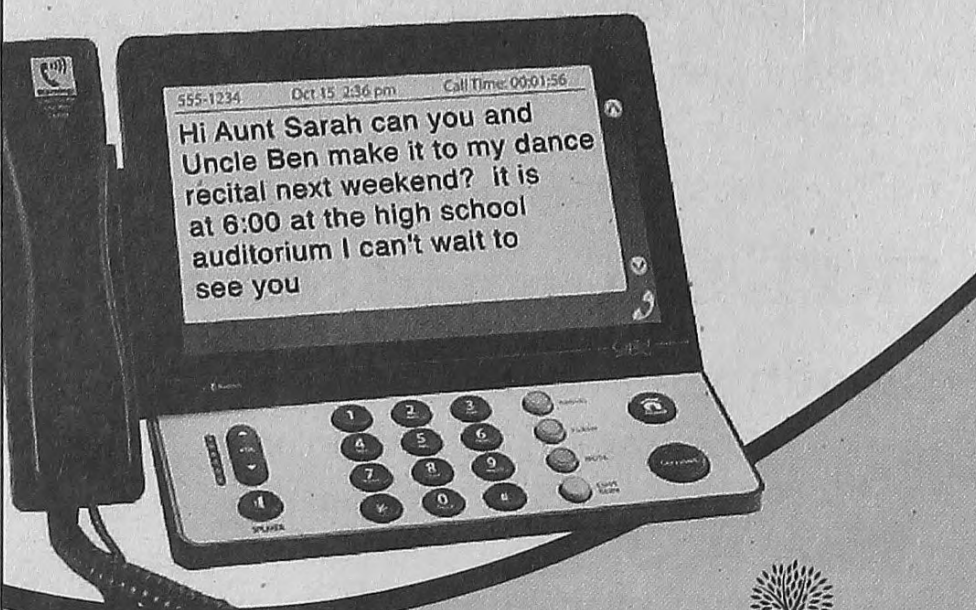
"We are excited to join the community and hope to have the opportunity to serve everyone our signature food with genuine hospitality," Chick-fil-A wrote in the email.

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of Jewish Women, Michigan — hosted the presentation on gun violence prevention.

Kasky and Linda Brundage, executive director of the Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence, led the discussion intended to promote awareness of red flag laws.

Already approved in other states, these laws call for extreme risk protection orders that would remove guns from people deemed at risk of endangering themselves and others.

State Rep. Robert Wittenberg, D-Huntington Woods, is backing a red flag bill in Michigan. He was among those in the audience.

Kasky, Brundage, and Wittenberg urged audience members to volunteer, donate money, write their legislators and do anything they can to get a red flag law enacted in Michigan.

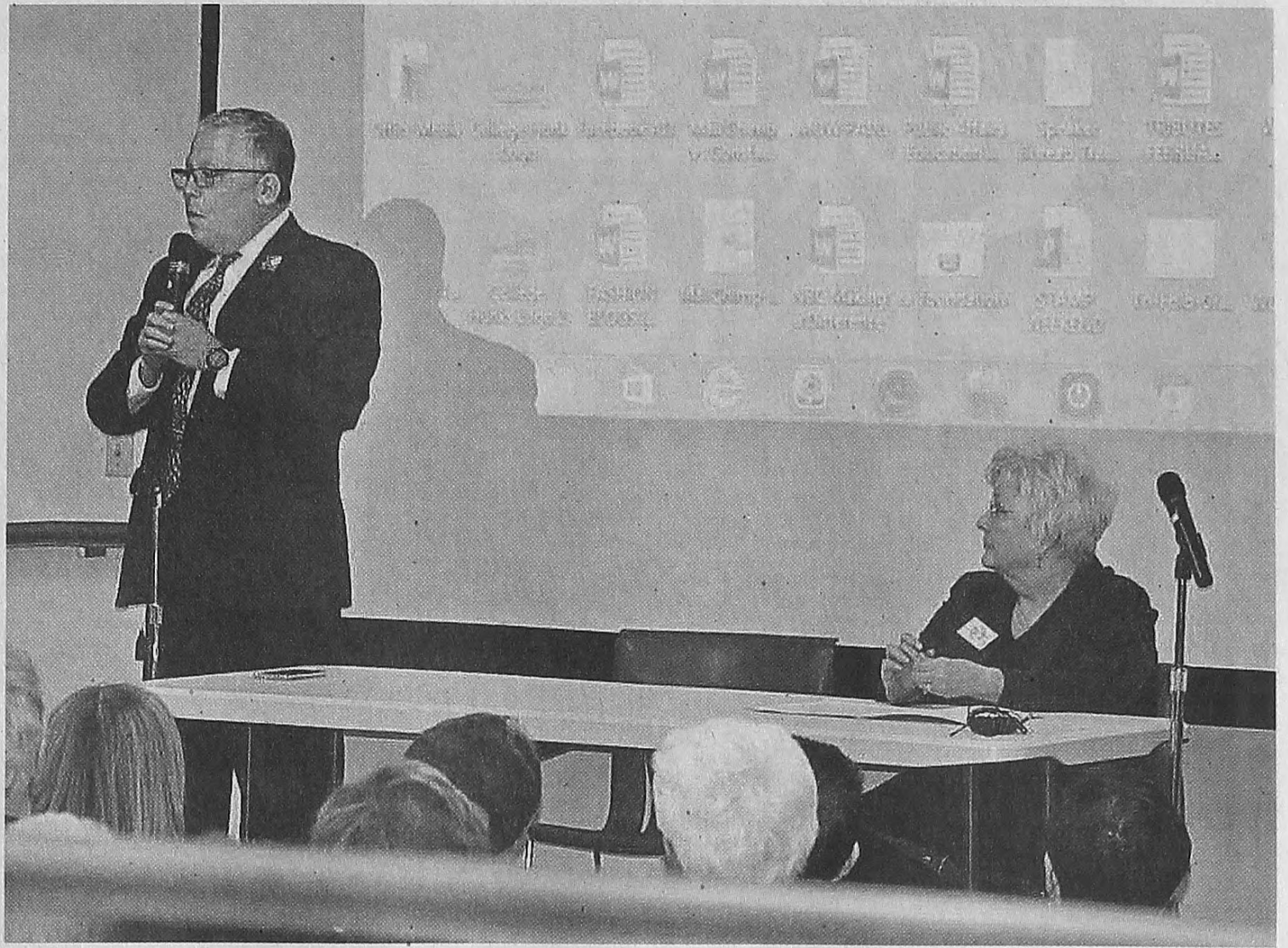
To Kasky, a gun owner who likes to spend time at the shooting range, it's unrealistic to try to end gun violence in the face of the Second Amendment's right to keep and bear arms.

"As long as there are guns, there's going to be gun violence. That's how human beings are built," he said. "Mitigating gun violence is very doable. Keeping guns out of the wrong hands is a way to mitigate gun violence. Why would the NRA (National Rifle Association) oppose laws that keep the guns out of the hands of the mentally ill or the convicted violent?"

Brundage called upon audience members to remember the toll of gun violence, which she called a public health issue, not a Second Amendment issue. Brundage said her research shows gun violence costs the American economy at least \$229 billion dollars every year, which is a steeper price tag than the one tied to obesity.

"If we want to put an end to this senseless tragedy, we must stand up to ignorance and hate," she said. "We also must stand up to the gun industry and the NRA. That means also standing up to our gun-pushing legislators."

"Your voices matter. Your votes mat-



Florida author, attorney and reserve police officer Jeff Kasky, left, speaks about gun violence Monday at the Farmington Community Library. His two sons survived the Parkland, Florida, school shooting in 2018. Seated is Linda Brundage, executive director of the Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence. SUSAN VELA/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ter. Let's disarm hate together."

The Michigan Coalition to Prevent Gun Violence co-sponsored a survey that indicated most Michigan respondents would support extreme risk protection orders.

On Monday, audience members were able to ask questions. They were curious, wanting to know more about the orders that are synonymous with red flag laws.

"Every term, I've introduced this legislation," Wittenberg said. "If someone is a threat to themselves or somebody else, we need some kind of recourse ... to be able to temporarily seize their weap-

ons. Currently, the way things work, until you commit a crime, they cannot take your weapons away from you."

Representatives from Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America were in the audience. Some distinguished themselves by wearing red T-shirts bearing the group's name.

Sydney Stearns, a Bloomfield Hills High School senior, agreed that mitigating gun violence is important. She also agreed with Kasky that the Second Amendment keeps gun debates from being resolved.

"But there are so many steps that can be taken and aren't being (taken),"

she said.

Mike and Janice Rolnick, of Farmington Hills, attended because they worry about their grandchildren.

"I have the right to have safe grandchildren," Mike Rolnick said. "This means a lot to me personally as well as for all the other children in the community. It's gone too far. Our legislature has to start to take action."

"That's the one thing I would like to see in the state of Michigan — that we all get behind the red flag laws."

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Bourbon

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In 2014, Viola said his entire distillery program went "top shelf."

"Distiller friends we had met in Danville said, 'If you're going to go this route, you need to either build your own distillery (in Kentucky),' which would require spending money on land and equipment, or partnering up with an existing distiller, which is what we did. I'm still the supervisor and I'm coming up with the recipes. It's no different than me having my own employees."

Already an achiever

Viola was no stranger to entrepreneurial success at the time of his all-in dive into the bourbon-making industry.

While a sophomore at Michigan State University in the mid-1990s, he started a shirt-printing business for fraternities, sororities and other student organizations.

By the end of the semester, Viola had orders pouring in daily.

In 2003, with "just \$50 in my pocket," Viola took over a screen-printing business — Plymouth-based Versatrans — and said he has since built it into one of the most successful businesses of its kind in the world.

The attention to detail that fueled Versatrans' success was duplicated by Viola in his new venture.

"A couple of months after I received my license, I sought out some experts who helped me improve my recipes with science and technology," he said. "With inspiration provided from my grandfather and advanced distilling techniques offered by these guys, I was able to develop a unique product that resulted from a lot of hard work."

It's all in the details

Viola is an encyclopedia of distillery knowledge.

He explained how the barrels that store the bourbon throughout the fermenting years — he has batches scheduled for release over the next four years — need to be made of aged American oak and that the Kentucky climate is essential for the bourbon to ferment properly.

"It's comparable to making wine in the Napa Valley or Tuscany, Italy," he said. "The distilleries are built in hilly areas so that the wind can blow through

the rick houses.

"If the temperature drops below 50 degrees, it stops the aging process, which is why Michigan is too cold. It may snow a couple days a year in Kentucky, but by noon, the sun melts the snow. You can't recreate the climate anywhere else."

In the hottest months, the heated barrels sponge in the liquid they hold; when the milder weather arrives, the liquid is pushed back out, taking flavor from the barrel with it.

One of the tricky parts about the entire process, Viola explained, is tasting the bourbon before it is placed in the barrels for the minimum four-year stay.

"It's kind of a risk because it may taste good right off the still, but you have to predict if will taste good four, five, six or seven years later," he said. "You make the best calculations you can based on the information you have."

Viola revealed that getting the packaging right is just as important as what's inside the bottle.

"If someone goes into a store and isn't familiar with the bourbons, they'll probably look at the label and say, 'Hey, this looks good. Let's give it a chance, roll the dice,'" he said. "If they like the taste, they'll probably buy a second bottle, or a third."

"But you have to get them to buy the first one, which is why the packaging is so important."

Viola enlisted Northville-based Flowdesign to handle the label and bottle designs.

"The owner is Dan Metuche ... we call him the Leonardo of labels and the Picasso of glass — he's that good," Viola said.

The Luca Mariano bourbon was scheduled to start hitting store shelves this week.

Viola has orchestrated a lavish launch party planned for April 26 at Cantoro's that will include a band playing music written by Viola and his friend, Kenny Fuller.

"In June, we will be releasing Marci-sona Rye, another bourbon, and yet another bourbon a year later ... my signature bourbon," Viola said. "They're all different recipes. The price point is \$44.95 a bottle."

"For most other distillers in our category, bottles go for \$60 to \$80. We're keeping the price down so that people don't just try it once. We want them to stay with it."

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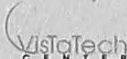
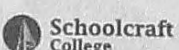
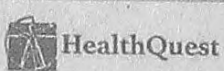
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Obituaries



Dorothy A. Bristow

LIVONIA - Dorothy Amy (Warner) Bristow, age 90, of Livonia, passed peacefully at home surrounded by her family on March 24, 2019. Beloved wife of Robert. Loving mother of Susan (Donald) Carmichael, Steven Bristow, Nancy (David) Ferrill and Jeff Bristow. Proud grandmother of Kenneth and Sara Carmichael. Dorothy loved to serve others and volunteered for many years as a Girl Scout leader and as an active board member of the Motor Cities Model A Club for some 40 years. She is preceded in death by her parents, Arnold and Isabell Warner and sister May Wagner.

Internment will be alongside her beloved parents at the Cadillac Memorial Gardens West.

*May you
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in this time
of sorrow.*



**Josephine "Jay"
(Ronan) Tucker**

DETROIT - Beloved wife of the late H. Kendall Tucker. Loving mother of Ken Tucker, stepmother of John (Gail) Tucker. Sister of Connie (Bob) Wilson. Grandmother of Cathie (Jerry) Whitson and great grandmother of Ben, Liam, Graeme and Remy.

Visitation at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Monday, April 22, 2019 from 3 - 8 PM with a Rosary Service at 7 PM. Instate at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Rd., Livonia, Tuesday from 10 AM until her Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Hospice of Michigan.

Please share a memory at <http://www.rg-grharris.com>.

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Irene M. Myers (Caubet)

MARIN, CA - March 6, 1942 - March 11, 2019

Irene M. Myers (Caubet) passed away after an extended illness at her home in Marin, CA, with her daughters by her side.

Irene was born in Dearborn, Michigan, to Jean B. and Claire (Bizet) Caubet. She attended Lowrey High School, and was a 1964 graduate of the University of Michigan (BS in Design), where she was also a member of the Sigma Kappa Sorority. She began her career as an elementary school art teacher, and continued her creative development through involvement with the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association, and later at her own art studio.

Irene was an artist, visionary, original thinker, and a theorist. She sought out patterns and truth in her quest to better understand the universe around her. She discovered yoga in early adulthood, and became a devoted and engaged lifelong practitioner.

Irene was always curious, an avid reader and lifelong learner. At age 50, she earned her pilot's license, simply because she "wanted to learn how to fly," and she enjoyed aerial photography and exploring Earth from this heightened perspective.

She was known by her family and friends for being very caring, generous and supportive, and she was an active and contributing member to her surrounding community.

An accomplished cook, she suffused her family with an appreciation of excellent, unpretentious cooking, as well as a high regard for dark chocolate.

Irene was a loving and devoted wife of 42 years, and was predeceased by her husband, William Darryl Myers, (2007) and her granddaughter, Caroline Janine Kubr (2008). She is survived by her daughters Denise Myers and Renee (Mark) Matossian; sister Claudette (Greg) Rebant; brother-in-law Terry (Donna) Myers; grandchildren Daniel, Julianne, Ariane, Avia and Kalina; nieces Rachele (Guillermo) Lopez with children Lauren and Brian, Raegan Myers, Erin (Alex) Cooley; and nephews John Rebant, and Brian (Allison) Myers with children Mackenzie and Dylan.

A Celebration of Life memorial service for Irene will be held at 11:00am on May 5, at Old Saint Hilary's Church in Tiburon, California. Transportation will be provided from the parking lot @ Beach Road and Tiburon Blvd.

A special memorial fund has been set up to benefit Irene's wonderful in-home care givers from the Gentle Care Agency. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made via Paypal to: GentleCareAngelFund@gmail.com.



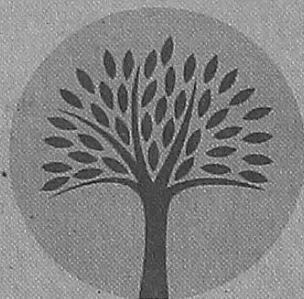
Betty Weideman

- - Betty April 8, 2019 Betty was born on April 27, 1927, in Batavia, Illinois, to Virginia and Emil Benson. Two sisters and two brothers have all predeceased Betty, as did her husband, Bob, who she married in 1948 ahead of graduating with a B.S. in piano from Depauw University's School of Music. Betty and Bob had three children: Paul (Mary Margaret), Santa Fe, New Mexico; Drake, Pontiac; and Karen, Battle Creek. Betty's gift to the world was her musical ability, and she gifted it beautifully. As a 5-year old, she was identified with perfect pitch. Music was a constant in her life. Paul, Drake and Karen all took music lessons. Betty delighted in playing the piano. She was the vocal music director at Plymouth Canton High School for 10 years, and in addition to leading various choral groups, she also played in the pit orchestra for Plymouth High School's annual musical under director Gloria Logan, which was a particular joy as Betty loved musical theater. Upon retiring to South Carolina, Betty played keyboard in the Dixie Keys band, accompanied the Key Koralliers chorus, and was one of a piano quartet, arranging some of their music on her Apple computer. Bob was her roady for these gigs! Upon relocating to Fox Run retirement community in 2006, Betty played piano on Thursday nights for the Ascot Happy Hour singalong, and she never needed any music. She also directed the Fox Run bell choir when it started. Betty is remembered with love by her three children, three grandchildren: Joshua, Kelly, and Jeff, and four great-grandchildren: Taylor, Camryn, Tess, and Abbey. Funeral service will be 2:30 pm Sunday, April 14, 2019 at Fox Run 41000 W 13 Mile Rd. Novi, MI. The Rev. Dr. Mary E. Biedron officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Library of Michigan Foundation P.O. Box 30159 Lansing, MI 48909 for Braille and Talking Book Program, or Detroit Symphony Orchestra 3711 Woodward Avenue Detroit, MI 48201 or The Music Fund North Congregational Church 36520 W 12 Mile Rd Farmington Hills, MI 48331



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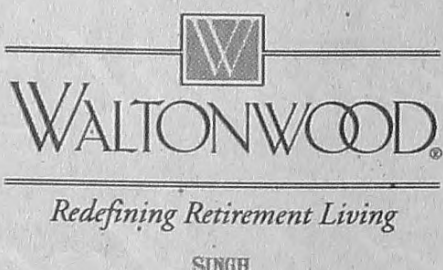
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Sports

BASEBALL

Pitching leads Stevenson past Churchill

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It's rivalry week for Livonia Stevenson and Livonia Churchill baseball. The two teams played game one of a two game series this week Monday night at Stevenson High School, with

the Spartans coming out on top, 6-2. The squads met again on Wednesday at Churchill, after print deadline. The win is a big one for Stevenson, which now is tied with Churchill atop the KLAA Black Division standings at 4-2. "That's significant," Stevenson coach Rick Berryman said. "They're a good

team, they're playing well, we just did a little better today — my pitcher threw well and we got some timely hits." A strong pitching performance and balanced attack paced the Spartans, while the Chargers offense failed to get much going. Here are three takeaways from the game:

Train rolls past Chargers

It was the Coltrane Rubner show. The Stevenson sophomore pitcher threw a complete game, allowing two runs on four hits while striking out three. He also didn't walk a batter, but

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BASEBALL



Birmingham Groves' Calen McKeever makes contact with a pitch against Detroit Country Day on Tuesday night. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Country Day outlasts Groves in pitchers duel

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Surprisingly nice weather allowed Detroit Country Day and Birmingham Groves to get a baseball game in Tuesday night.

Country Day topped Groves in a tight contest, 3-1 at Groves High School behind the pitching performance from Anthony Migliaccio.

The win boosts Country Day's record to 4-5, while Groves falls to 4-4.

"I thought Anthony was really focused today," Country Day coach Steve Lepkowski said. "We've had exceptional pitching all season, but the difference today was that for the most part we had really good defense. That's been something that early in the season, has snake bite us a little bit."

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Detroit Country Day's Parker Pilat, left, nearly collides with Groves pitcher Roger Motley III at home plate as Motley covers.

SOFTBALL

Seaholm sweeps Marian with walk-off

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It was a tale of two ball games. The Birmingham Seaholm softball team picked up a doubleheader sweep of Bloomfield Hills Marian last week, but the two wins were completely different.

The Maples thrashed the Mustangs 19-4 in three innings in the first game, dominating the game in every aspect. The second contest was a different story, as Marian held a slim lead for much of the game, before Seaholm won the game 7-6 in the bottom of the seventh inning with a walk-off single.

Seaholm improved to 5-1 with the pair of victories.

Here are three takeaways from the doubleheader.

A family affair

For Seaholm juniors Brooke and Morgan Anton, this was more than just your average early season game. The twin sisters played softball for Marian each of their first two years of high school before transferring to Seaholm this school year. It was their first time playing against their former coach and teammates.

"It's definitely a challenge, facing them and knowing they used to be my team, but it's really fun," Brooke said. "We all laugh and have a good time. My teammates cheer for me, it's fun."

Brooke played left field and catcher, while Morgan played third base for the Maples. Brooke was on fire in the opening game, going 3-for-3 with a pair of RBIs. She reached base twice in game two, while Morgan also collected a hit.


Seaholm coach Bill Schuerman noted that Brooke has really been good at the plate all year and will continue to be a big bat in the Maples lineup.

The twins said there wasn't one specific reason for transferring, but a variety of things made them want to see what else was out there and are excited to be at Seaholm.

"It's different, we used to cheering them on and now we're playing against them," Morgan said. "It's difficult, but it's also fun to see them again."

They both said they have nothing against Marian, and have enjoyed being able to experience two great schools. With the Maples, they've


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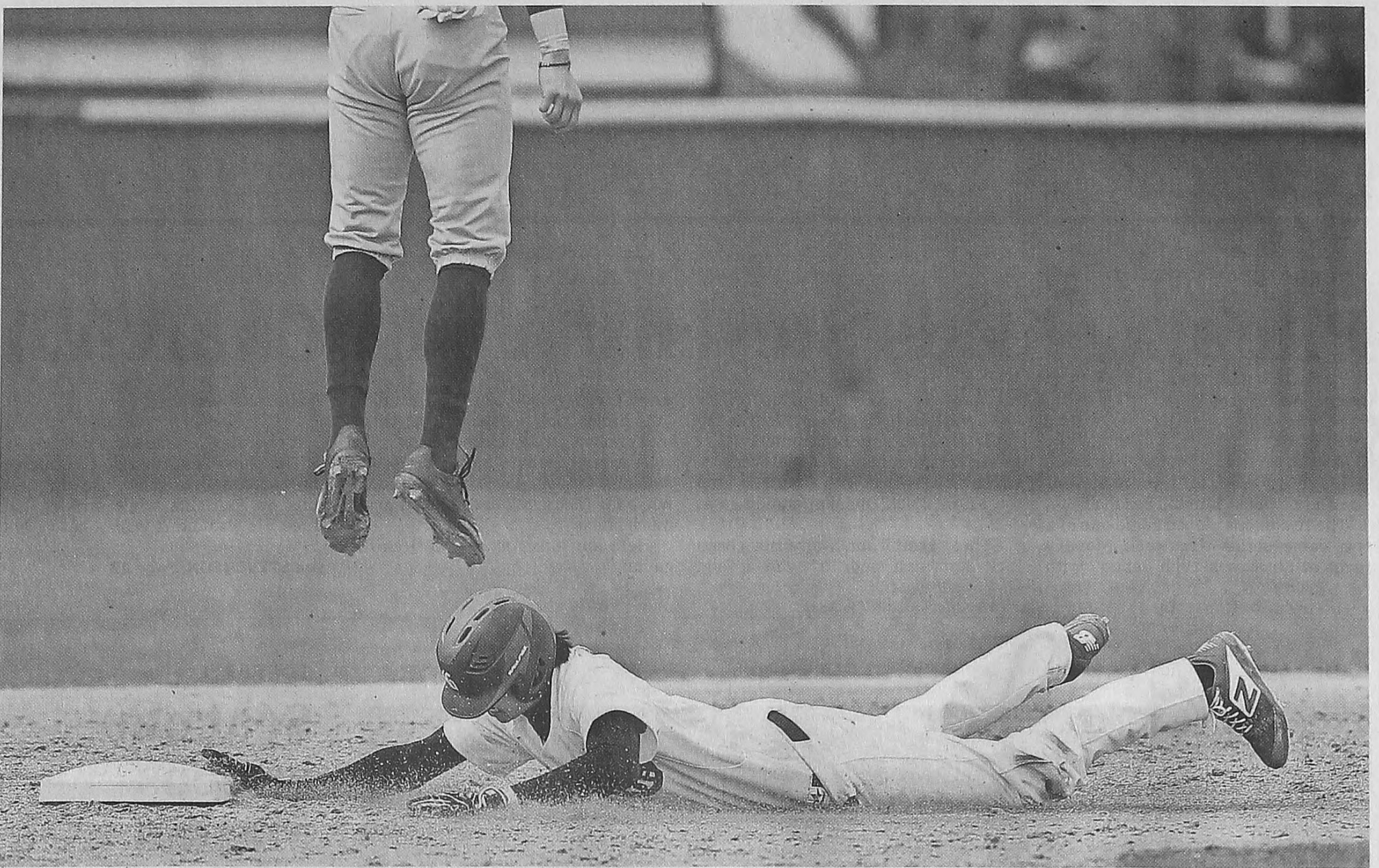


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Groves' Ethan Gilman slides under a leaping Detroit Country Day Parker Pilat as Pilat tries to snag the throw to second base during game action Tuesday night.

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Duel

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Migliaccio pitched six innings, allowing just the one run while striking out nine and walking one. No hitter outside of Nos. 2-4 in the Groves lineup recorded a hit.

"I thought he spotted his fastball and that's what we start with," Lepkowski said. "People can have velocity, that's one thing, but can you locate? I thought he made some excellent two strike pitches with his breaking ball. For the most part, he had low pitch count innings and really attacked the hitters and forced them to put the ball in play."

Magliaccio said he felt good with his curveball during his pregame bullpen and relied on it heavily throughout the game. When hitters were stuck focusing on the curve he'd fire a high fastball by them.

"I felt a lot more fluid and a lot more loose on the mound today compared to other outings," Magliaccio said. "My arm felt really good and overall, the team was hyping me up in the dugout, it felt really good."

Country Day scored its first two runs in the first two innings. Parker Pilat connected for an RBI single in the first, while the second run came after a single and multiple passed balls.

From the second inning on, Magliaccio retired 12 of the 13 batters he faced. Allowing his team's two runs to be enough. It wasn't until the seventh inning that the Yellow Jackets tacked on another run, this one coming after a hit batter, steal and error on Groves. Gabe Nazelli came on for the save.

"We knew we were going to face some

pretty good talent," Groves coach Shawn Morrison said. "Any time you face a team like Country Day you have to dial in and take advantage of any mistakes that a good pitcher makes. I think our plate approach was okay, but obviously only plating one run, wasn't perfect by any means."

"They took advantage of some passed balls and defensive miscues that we made. I ran us out of an inning one time, so they capitalized on our mistakes where we weren't able to do the same."

Roger Motley III pitched four innings for Groves, allowing two runs and striking out seven. He also walked five batters, which likely played a role in his removal. However, he pitched a fine game even with the walks, just couldn't out-duel Magliaccio.

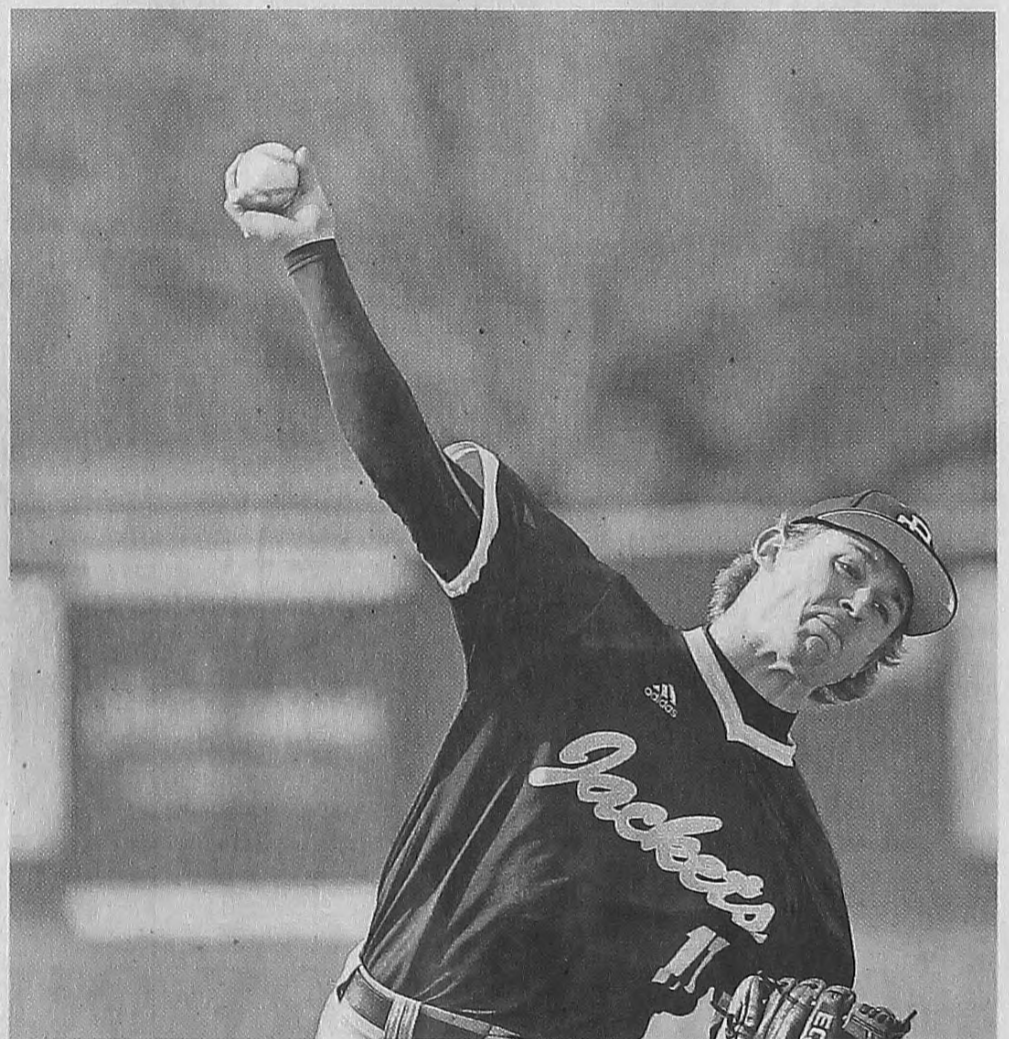
Eli Turner came on in relief for Groves, pitching three innings and striking out five.

All three of Country Day's runs had to be manufactured. The team only had four hits and all of them came in the first three innings. That meant taking advantage of the walks and creating havoc on the base-paths.

"I feel like our bats are going to come," Lepkowski said. "These are playoff type games, so I'd take 2-1, 3-2 all day long. Sometimes you have to win in spite (of your offense), very rarely do you have everything going."

"Offensively, we talk about production. That's not always a hit. That may be a strikeout that took nine pitches, that may be a walk. ... We look at offense from a production standpoint and hits, obviously we want to hit, but if you're productive in the box we feel comfortable with that."

When you're trying to manufacture



Country Day's Anthony Migliaccio fires the ball toward home plate in warm-ups.

runs, however, it can involve mistakes on the bases. However, despite a few runners being thrown out on steals or passed balls, Lepkowski had no problem with the way his team attacked.

"We're pretty aggressive, so I'm never going to fault the kids if they play aggressive and get thrown out, so be it,"

Lepkowski said. "You have to give credit to Groves, a couple plays at the plate, they had to make a pretty good play and even at that, it was a bang-bang play. We will play aggressive, that's never going to stop us."

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Stevenson

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did hit two batters.

"He was consistent," Berryman said. "Other than the two in-discriminant hit by pitches, he didn't walk anyone. He got the ball over and he mixed his pitched well. He pitched composed. Even after the error that one inning, he could've fallen apart when the center fielder drops it, but he hung in there and kept us in the game."

Rubner said picking up a win over the team's rival was huge and that he felt right on the mound.

"I felt great, I felt really loose — probably the best I've felt all season," Rubner said. "I thought I was throwing pretty good. I hit my spots and had good velocity and good movement on my off-speed pitches."

"It's really important not to walk anybody. You don't want to give anyone free bases, so it's important to have control of your pitches and practice hitting your spots."

He made it through the first two innings without allowing a base runner. Churchill scored both of its runs in the third after a double, hit batter, sac-fly



Stevenson pitcher Coltrane Rubner threw a complete game against Churchill.

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and then an error on the center fielder. After that, he allowed only three singles and never had more than one runner on base at a time in the final four innings.

"I think (Rubner) mixed his pitches up well," Churchill coach Ron Targosz

said. "He had his fastball and curveball. I don't think we were real aggressive at the plate at times, I think we were guessing a little bit. Hitting wise, we need to have a better plan and take better approaches."

Balanced offense leads Spartans

The Stevenson offense was led for the most part by the No. 4-7 hitters in the lineup.

Cleanup batter Nate Waligora had two singles, Nick Olsen collected two singles and an RBI and Zak Ziemba tallied two singles and two RBIs.

"It's nice to see because they've been working very hard," Berryman said. "(Churchill pitcher Drew) Alsobrooks is a good pitcher. We have a style of swing that we worked on, and they executed it and it paid off."

Stevenson scored three runs in the second inning, two in the third and one more in the sixth.

Alsobrooks pitched for only the second time this season (his first appearance, he threw a no-hitter against Fordson). He pitched a complete game, striking out six, but walking four. He is returning from a back injury he suffered during football season.

"He's still got to cut down on the walks," Targosz said. "But I think he settled down and threw strikes. I thought he pitched pretty well, so I was happy with that. I wasn't sure how far he'd be able to go."

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Supporters want Hartland teacher, coach reinstated

About 100 turn out to back Morrison at board meeting

Sean Bradley Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Parents, students, former students and others spoke at Monday night's Hartland school board meeting about how Hartland High School teacher and baseball coach Brian Morrison has impacted them.

Morrison was placed on paid leave from his teaching position by the school district March 3, two days after an incident in which he allegedly "rough-housed" with a student during gym class, putting the student in a headlock and ripping the student's shirt in the process. The student's family reported the incident to school officials.

Morrison was also removed from his position as varsity baseball coach.

On April 5, hundreds of students walked out of class in support of Morrison. About 100 supporters attended the meeting.

Several members of the varsity baseball team showed up wearing shirts saying "#DoItForMo," which references Morrison's nickname. The team forfeited its game Monday against Northville High School to attend the meeting. Several members of the school's softball team were also in attendance.

"Our attorney informed us we're not allowed to comment on (the matter) at this time," Hartland Superintendent Chuck Hughes said.

Several people spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting.

Former Hartland student Kyle Summerfield said Morrison should have his teaching and coaching jobs back. He pointed out Morrison's character, hon-

esty, and many other attributes.

"Not everyone is perfect, but one thing Brian always has been is honest," Summerfield said.

Dan Richmond, a 2011 Hartland graduate who played baseball at the school, said Morrison was his gym teacher all four years in school and his coach in baseball and football.

"He taught me a lot of life lessons I might not have learned without him being here," Richmond said.

A letter from Max Cadman, a 2015 Hartland graduate and catcher on that year's team that won the Division 1 state championship, was read by current senior and pitcher AJ Craven.

"It was hard for me to hear about what this situation turned into, because of how greatly Brian impacted me as a person and as a player," Cadman wrote. "Brian Morrison is a guy that Hartland High School needs as a teacher and as a coach so he can impact others the way he did me."

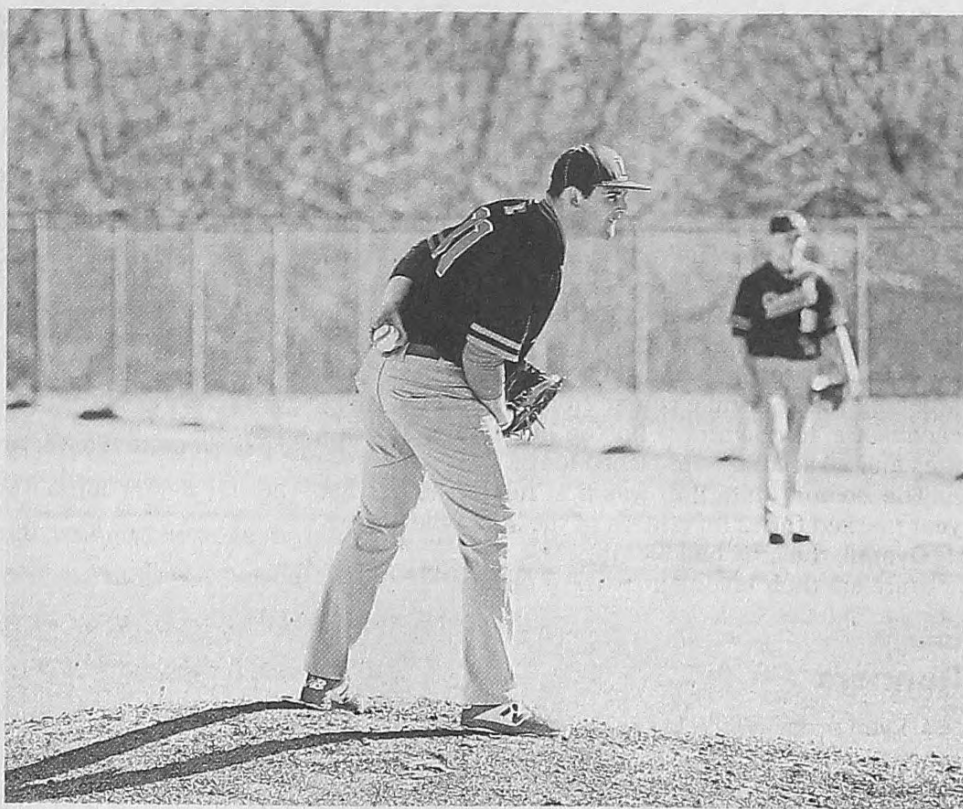
Sophomore Caleb Harrison spoke about how Morrison has helped him.

"Coach Mo has done so much for this school, so much for everybody," Harrison said.

Morrison declined to discuss the incident and his leave when reached for comment earlier this month.

Ronald Weston, an automotive technology teacher at Hartland High School, told the board he has been Morrison's colleague for 17 years.

"First of all, I'm going to tell you what Brian did was wrong," Weston said. "He knows it was wrong; no argument. Rule number one: do not touch the students."



Livonia Churchill pitcher Drew Alsobrooks gets the sign in a game against Stevenson on Monday. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Stevenson

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Ready for a rematch

The two teams will play again Wednesday in a game that will temporarily decide the KLAA Black Division leader. Both teams will start different pitchers.

Stevenson is hoping to keep things going exactly how they did Monday, with one minor change.

"We have to keep doing the same thing," Berryman said. "We hit the ball well. I'm a little concerned, we had some kids that couldn't get a bunt

down, but we'll work on that tomorrow — that's an obsession of mine."

Churchill on the other hand, is hoping for another outcome.

"The biggest thing we have to do is worry about ourselves and not the other team," Targosz said. "We just have to continue to improve. We have a lot of young players. They had a big inning there where they had a few bleeders, and like I told the kids, that's baseball. You're going to hit bullets that get caught and hit dribblers that get through. We had an inning where they had a few that hit the right spots. We just have to keep playing our game."

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Softball

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gotten to meet new people and experience a new atmosphere.

"We have such an enthusiasm when we're cheering each other on," Brooke said. "Everyone's supporting you and it's a fun game."

Everybody hits

Seaholm allowed two runs in the first inning of game one, but settled down after that, limiting Marian to just two more runs while piling on offensively.

Every single starter for the Maples reached base in the three inning game. They scored six runs in the first, 11 runs in the second — all with two outs — and tacked on five more in the third, ending the game via the mercy rule.

Seaholm junior Ellie Smith had two hits, a walk and three RBIs, junior Bryn Longe reached base four times and had two RBIs, freshman Mia Lanway picked up three RBIs and sophomore Kayla Esshaki collected two hits and two RBIs.

The entire lineup was patient, drawing nine walks from Marian freshman pitcher Alania Nofar.

"We had talked and did a goal setting session the other day and one of the goals we had was being dangerous one through nine," Schuerman said. "If we can be dangerous one through nine, any team stands a good chance of winning. It's good to see."

Senior Abby Righter pitched for the Maples, striking out five.

"She started slow, but the second and third inning, she was throwing the ball as hard as I've seen all year," Schuerman said. "Feeling pretty good about that, if she keeps throwing the ball that hard, we should be alright."

Unlikely hero

Marian came out fired up and ready to play in game two — determined to avoid another round of embarrassment.

After Seaholm quickly took a 2-0 lead, Marian scored runs in each of the second, third and fourth innings to take the lead back.

Marian junior Ava Keranen hit a triple, while freshman Anna Herberholz and Nofar each hit RBI singles. Freshman Emily Day pitched a complete game, striking out one and walking one.

However, that wouldn't be enough to get the win.

Held scoreless in the fifth and sixth innings, Seaholm entered the bottom of the seventh inning down by a run. After a lead-off single by junior Reilly Vida, the Maples were in business. Esshaki singled two batters later, putting runners at the corners with one out. Vida then scored on a passed ball.

That brought up Seaholm's No. 9 hit-



Marian's Julia Lucia makes contact with a Seaholm pitch April 11 in Birmingham. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ter, junior Casey Knoer, who had gone 0-for-4 in her previous at-bats between the two games — despite a couple hard-hit balls. She drilled a single past the Marian infield, scoring the game-winning run for her team.

"It just shows the tenacity of the kids," Seaholm assistant coach Mike Cormier said. "Their attitudes remained high and they got the win."

Seaholm senior Reagan Hurd went 3-for-4 with a triple, and two doubles in game two.

The win is a big boost to the Maples, who had started out the year on fire and are hoping to keep that going.

"We have very similar goals every year and that's that we'd like the last one or two league dates to mean something for our team, which means we're competing in the league," Schuerman said.

Marian has several new freshmen (Herberholz, Day and Nofar) that coach Jennifer Pruce hopes will continue to make her team better as the year goes on.

"My goal for the season is that every game we get stronger," Pruce said. "Learn to not make simple errors and work together as a team. We were fortunate this year to have three strong freshmen that have made a big difference, because it's forcing our other girls to step up."

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Seaholm pitcher Abby Righter throws the first pitch of the game to Marian.

Area runners compete in Boston Marathon

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Quite a few residents of the Hometown Life coverage area participated in the Boston Marathon on Monday.

Three runners finished in under three hours, while two finished in the top 500.

Ryan Johns of White Lake had the area's best time, finishing the 26.2-mile course from Hopkinton, Massachusetts, to downtown Boston in 2 hours, 33 minutes and 38 seconds. He placed 164th.

The Boston Marathon was first held in 1897. This year marked the 123rd edition of the 26.2 mile event.

Overall, the area had 55 runners.

Here are their results in order of placement:

Runners

- 164. Ryan Johns, White Lake, 2:33:38
- 378. Ryan Corby, Novi, 2:39:59
- 404. Erik Wippler, Canton, 2:40:31
- 2335. Jeremy Pryor, Birmingham, 2:58:46
- 2901. Samuel Parnette, White Lake, 3:01:57
- 3265. Kiersten Waieo, Plymouth, 3:04:04
- 4029. Taylor Corbett-Buchholz, Canton, 3:08:23
- 4519. Melissa Broyles, Milford, 3:10:54
- 4615. Ana Corby, Novi, 3:11:23
- 5026. Brad Wright, White Lake, 3:13:24

- 5241. Eric Seifert, Bloomfield Hills, 3:14:18
- 6035. Meghan Collar, Milford, 3:17:55
- 6174. Craig Rogers, Plymouth, 3:18:25
- 6327. Lindsay Clark, Plymouth, 3:19:04
- 6345. Jeff Novak, Plymouth, 3:19:09
- 6347. Zachary Bolton, Birmingham, 3:19:09
- 6648. Stacey Books, South Lyon, 3:20:23
- 6674. Jennifer Smith, Novi, 3:20:29
- 8631. Jennifer Jordan-Murray, Milford, 3:27:57
- 8785. Alex Zampieri, Birmingham, 3:28:28
- 9186. Jenn Burkett, Plymouth, 3:29:49
- 9255. Tendai Thomas, Farmington Hills, 3:30:05
- 9830. Samantha Brish, Milford, 3:32:17
- 10063. Rebecca Gorski, Farmington Hills, 3:33:10
- 10084. Rob Marshall, Plymouth, 3:33:15
- 10718. Kevin Conte, Canton, 3:35:43
- 11584. Bernard Biermann, Plymouth, 3:38:53
- 11676. Yan Lai Jiang, Novi, 3:39:15
- 11833. Joshua Styron, Canton, 3:39:52
- 12042. Katie Millar, Northville, 3:40:46
- 12052. Jeff Foor, Plymouth, 3:40:48
- 12250. Timothy Krips, Milford, 3:41:33
- 12444. Philip Pairitz, Canton, 3:42:23

- 12845. Lauren Hess, Plymouth, 3:43:53
- 12868. Adrienne Kersey, Northville, 3:43:57
- 12902. Doug Laurence, Canton, 3:44:04
- 13928. Cooper Urbany, Birmingham, 3:47:50
- 14263. Bob Davidge, Canton, 3:49:04
- 14633. Ana Medina, Northville, 3:50:35
- 14731. Krys Brish, Milford, 3:50:59
- 15810. Julie Cauvin, New Hudson, 3:55:24
- 16516. Doug Thuernau, Milford, 3:58:31
- 16600. Michael Mcsween, Plymouth, 3:58:56
- 17323. Victor Barkoski, Northville, 4:02:52
- 17831. Camryn Strong, Birmingham, 4:05:45
- 18079. Susan Drescher, Bloomfield Hills, 4:07:22
- 20271. Daniel Myatt, Farmington Hills, 4:21:11
- 21371. Mark Morad, Livonia, 4:29:21
- 21634. Myrna Carll, Novi, 4:31:47
- 22989. Dave Guimond, South Lyon, 4:45:04
- 23090. Kevin Karr, Canton, 4:46:11
- 23896. Nas Dastmalchi, Novi, 4:56:20
- 23947. Mary Aselyne, South Lyon, 4:57:08
- 25807. James Obrien, Bloomfield Hills, 5:36:27
- 26370. David Edwards, Bloomfield Hills, 5:55:36

PREP ATHLETICS

Stevenson runner signs with U-M Dearborn

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Livonia Stevenson's Austin Vensko will run cross country at the University of Michigan - Dearborn next year.

Vensko ran cross country all four years at Stevenson and worked hard to become a stronger and faster runner.

He said he is grateful to coach Chris Inch for all of his support and encouragement and that he is looking forward to competing at the collegiate level for the University of Michigan Dearborn Cross Country team in the fall of 2019.

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Stevenson's Austin Vensko will run cross country for the University of Michigan - Dearborn. COURTESY OF LORI HYMAN

New license plates let fans show their pride

Micah Walker Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Sports fanatics of the Red Wings, Lions, Tigers and Pistons can now show off their love for their favorite teams in a new way.

Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson unveiled Tuesday four Michigan license plates featuring the logos of the Detroit teams during a news conference at Little Caesars Arena.

To help introduce the new plates, a number of Detroit sports alumni made an appearance, including former Piston Earl Cureton, former Tiger Al Kaline, former Lion Herman Moore and

former Red Wing Chris Osgood.

"In Michigan, we love our sports teams, and motorists now will be able to proudly display the logo of the Lions, Pistons, Red Wings or Tigers on their license plate at home and on the road," said Benson. "Buying a plate also will support the teams' charitable efforts promoting the well-being of our children."

According to the SOS website, license plates can be ordered online at expressSOS.com, by mail or at any Secretary of State branch office.

The plate will be mailed within 14 business days from the date the plate was ordered.

Residents who order by mail must complete

and print a plate order form.

As with other special cause license plates, \$25 of the \$35 purchase fee and the entire \$10 renewal fee each year will go toward one of the four team foundations: Detroit Lions Charities, Detroit Pistons Foundation, Detroit Red Wings Foundation, and Detroit Tigers Foundation.

The nonprofit groups are dedicated to community service and helping young people through educational and recreational opportunities, the agency said in a news release.

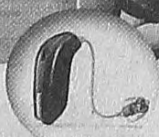
The specialized plates can be used only on passenger cars, pickups, vans and motor homes. Motorcycles and trailers are not eligible.

Plates will be delivered with a random combination of letters and numbers, but fans who want a personalized plate can see whether the custom configuration they want is available on the SOS website. Any sports team plate is limited to five digits.

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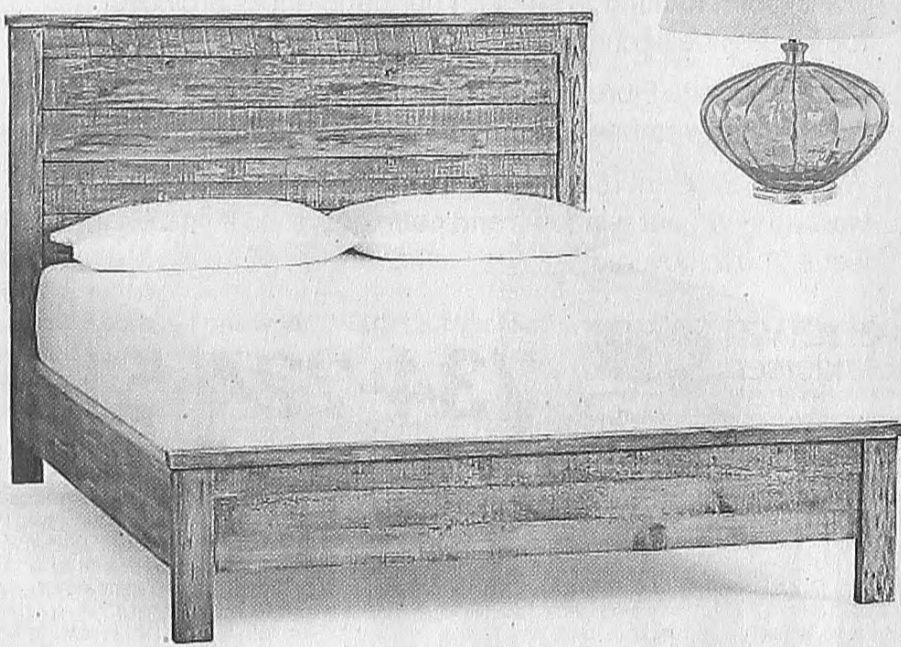
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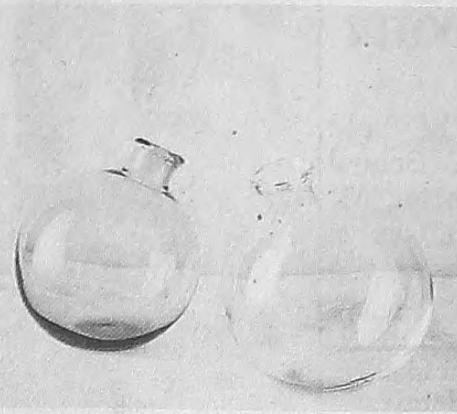


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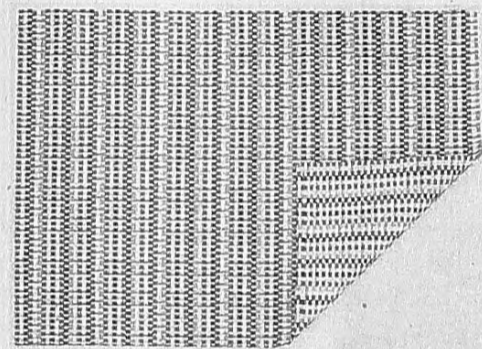
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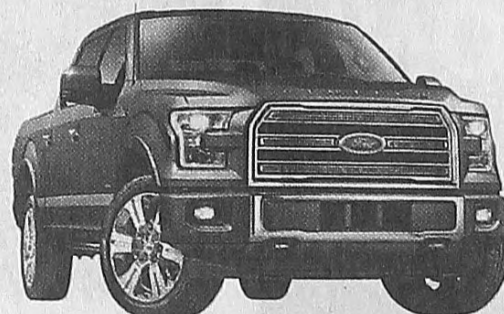


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Public Budget Hearings will be held for the following Public School Academies:

Achieve: 3250 Denton Rd., Canton-734-397-0960-May 9, 4:30pm
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Copies of the Budgets for the listed Public School Academies will be available at the school office.

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The application can be obtained via a link on our website <http://www.phchousing.net> or go directly to <https://plymouths82019.hdswaitinglist.com>. DO NOT come to the Plymouth Housing Commission offices, we will NOT be distributing any applications. If you need access to a computer and the internet, you can go to your local library. For any updated information refer to our website. For any updated information you may call (734)455-3670, extension 246.

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Maureen Brodie, City Clerk

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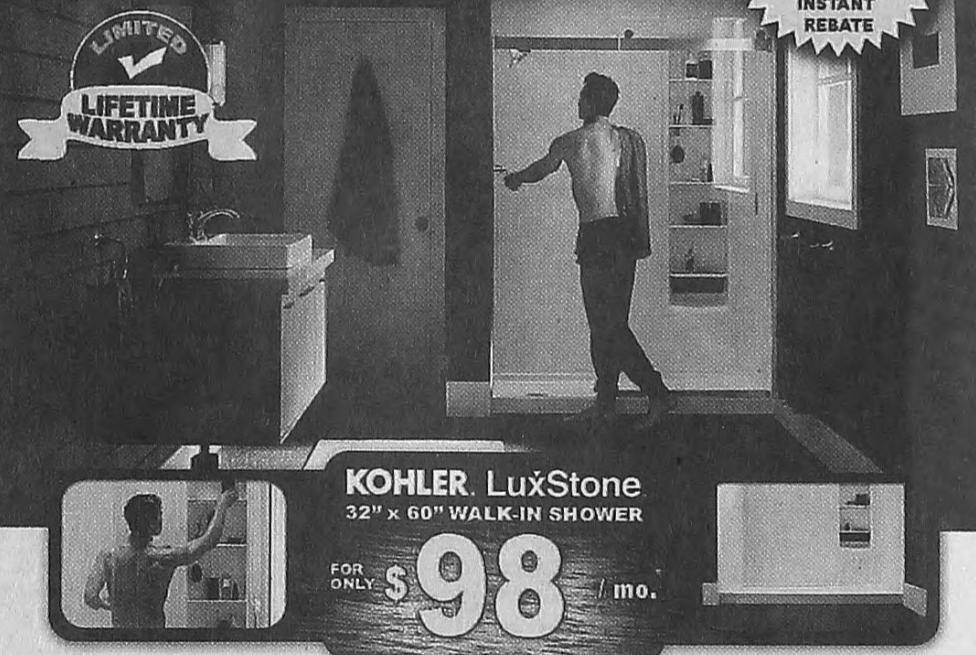
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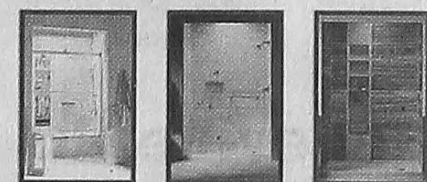


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How to overcome and find success after failure

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Failing at something triggers a ton of different emotions: the shame spiral, mountains of self-doubt, and fear-induced projections far into the future. The nagging perfectionist within can often take a small failure and blow it up exponentially.

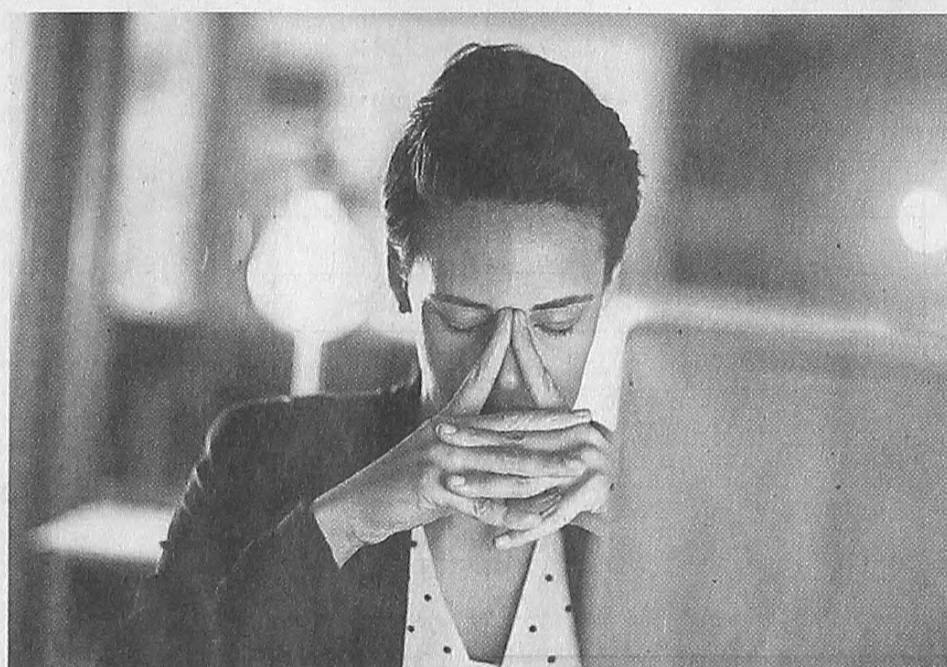
But while most of these perceptions are exaggerated in the moment, a setback can, in fact, have lasting effects on your future behavior. Whether these effects are positive or negative is up to you. Yes, the fear of failure can hold you back from future endeavors, like making a career move or taking risks in your job. But most successful people can take failure and turn it into opportunity. Mistakes are one of the primary ways that people learn. Dare I say, mistakes are good — and failure can be a powerful motivator that spurs on future success and keeps you moving forward, rather than holding you back.

Dissecting failure

You don't want to internalize failure, let it define you, or wallow in any single setback too long. Still, oftentimes when you face failure you have to be able to take a step back and really dissect the factors that contributed to the event. We tend to assign fault to ourselves pretty easily, but this is really a time where you want to let logic take over.

Make a list of what factors were beyond your control. At work, there can be industry factors that lead to a bad string of luck, new competition, or a market downturn. But if a setback resulted from things that were in your control, what would you do differently?

Once you assess the factors that led



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to the failure, you're ready to plan for next time. How can you better anticipate factors outside your control? (Sometimes you can't.) What new approach would you take if you could redo everything? By planning to take practical measures over an extended period of time, you can set yourself up for future success in similar situations.

Defining failure

Sometimes, especially when factors are out of your control, you can't prepare for a similar situation in the future. The only way to make it better is to build your resilience in overcoming a setback. How you respond to it and define it are equally important. A "failure" is often felt differently depending on your perspective. Walk through how you might

perceive what happened if you heard the story from a friend or colleague. How would you reassure someone else that this setback wasn't the end of the world?

Another way to approach the problem is to alter your perception of your mistakes. Were you expecting too much of yourself? Let's say, for example, the setback was not landing a new job that you really wanted. Because there are many factors that lead to a hiring manager choosing Candidate X over Candidate Y, your success or failure in landing a job may not be determined by any of your actions.

You should redefine this situation in a positive light. If you made it to the interview stage of the process, you were a strong candidate.

That should count as a success. The

ability to redefine the situation is an integral part of the process of building your resilience.

Defining goals

Another important response to any setback is to look to the future. If you're not where you want to be right now, picture your dream job or what success looks like in your current job. Then, consider one small practical goal that can get you moving in that direction.

The setback can be motivation to set your sights on your next goal — and your next goal should not be, "I want to avoid x." You want to take a positive track and work toward something (rather than running away from something).

This is an important distinction, as the goal you have in mind should not be defined by past failures (or a continual reminder thereof).

Defining fears

Lastly, the main thing to avoid after facing failure is to let the fear of future failure govern your behavior. Make a list of your fears. Sometimes fears can also be closely aligned with your goals. Sometimes, overcoming fear and running towards what scares you most can be your next goal, and can help you get on a path toward success.

The point of failure and the fear that surrounds it is to fuel the fire that moves you forward. Allow failure to motivate you to take actions that will ensure your future success.

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56 "The Simpsons" shopkeeper
57 Clock setting in NYC
59 "... man - mouse?"
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63 Priest follower?
64 Homeland
69 " - Brockovich"
71 Cynic's look
72 Sheep group
73 - vu
75 Metal debris
79 Pianist Hines
81 Alternative medical practices
84 Rubble maker
87 TVs "Better Call -"
89 " - hoo!" ("Hello!")
90 Equal: Prefix
91 Subpar mark
92 High cards
94 FBI agent
96 Bulky brass

- 98 Michigan county or its seat
101 Important biblical meal
104 Clownish type
106 Really bug
107 Give and take
109 - chi
110 Sales talk
111 Of Tehran
114 Fish story
116 Pulitzer winner
118 Dictionary, e.g.
122 Film theaters
127 Ethiopia, formerly
128 Playing card apt to this puzzle's theme
(hint: see the ends of the longest answers)
130 "That's - bad idea"
131 One fibbing
132 Barbecue chain, briefly
133 Ruhr Valley's chief city
134 Tie feature
135 Many August babies
136 Determined to carry out
137 Sown things

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- 1 Lettuce variety
2 Dancer
3 Santa - (some winds)
4 Ill
5 Test the tea, say
6 Shutting
7 CD-
8 City NNW of Provo
9 Also include
10 Economist John Maynard -
11 Scared by
12 "Get busy!"
13 Well-timed
14 Rigid
15 Mixtures for chemical analysis
16 Well-timed
17 Boat's spine
18 Feudal peon
24 Dollar or euro divs.
26 Blossom bit
29 Breakfast chain, briefly
31 Unstiffened shoe part
34 - razor ("keep it simple" principle)
35 Tackle
36 Part of rpm

- 37 Suffix with boff
39 Rally cry
41 limited
43 Winged god
44 Makes a dress, e.g.
46 At no time, to poets
47 12 p.m.
49 Quaker products
50 With
54-Across, service charges
53 "D.C. Cab" actor
58 Slobby sort
60 Difficult and tiring
62 Far-reaching
65 " - haw!"
66 Epochs
67 Java holder
68 " - out!" (ump's call)
70 Gun rights org.
74 Relative of handball
76 Nickname for Yale
77 "Remington -"
78 Singer Crow
80 Sauce brand
82 Kiddie
83 Halo-worthy
84 Fish story
85 Univ. sports org.

- 86 Serve as evidence of
88 Racing units
93 Eyes
95 They begin on January 1
97 Iota
99 Failures to attend
100 Domino dot
102 Big names
103 Broccoli - (salad green)
105 "Honest Abe"
108 Fork parts
112 Sam of "Backtrack"
113 Many a navel
115 Bête - (pet peeve)
117 Certain PC pic file
118 Echelon
119 Very dark, to poets
120 "Gotta run!"
121 Make a sweater, e.g.
123 Additionally
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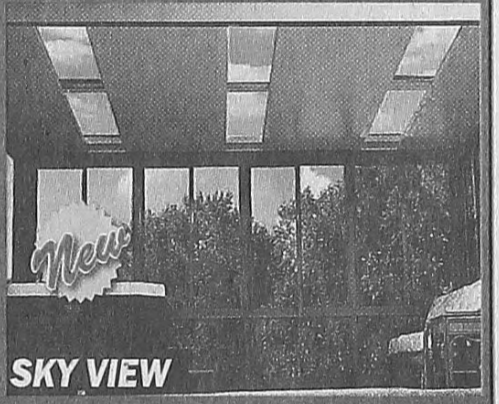
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Not all buyers will qualify for Ford Credit financing. 17) \$1,000 Open Bonus Cash (PGM #13490). 18) Competitive Conquest is available to customers who currently own or lease a 1995 or newer non-Ford/Lincoln/Mercury vehicle. Customer must have owned or leased the eligible vehicle for a minimum of 30 days prior to the sale date of the new vehicle. Trade-in or lease termination not required. Vehicle must have arrived at dealership at least 61 days prior to sale date. Residency restrictions apply. For all offers, take new retail delivery from an authorized Ford dealer's stock by 7/1/19. See dealer for qualifications and complete details. Vehicles shown may not represent advertised lease price.