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Relatives warned man about wife before murder

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Relatives spent a good decade warning Darvin Tennyson his life was in danger.

Tennyson and his wife were known to have serious conflicts over such things as bank accounts.

When Darvin Tennyson shared that he had a \$500,000 life insurance policy, "we told him he had just signed his death certificate," his nephew, Donald Tennyson, said June 13 in 36th District Court.

Detroit police and firefighters found a deceased Darvin Tennyson, 60, of Farmington Hills, in a burning vehicle in

Detroit on March 20, 2016.

This April, Wayne County prosecutors charged his wife, Beatrice Flint-Tennyson, 68, of Farmington Hills, and her son, Delbert Flint, 46, of St. Joseph, Missouri, of open murder.

Other charges are tampering with evidence and disinterment and mutilation of a body.

Donald Tennyson testified that he, his father and other relatives had been warning Darvin Tennyson for years that his life was in danger.

He didn't respond well to the advice, Donald said, changing his phone number because he got tired of the warnings.

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Tony Roko talks to the audience at the Penn Theatre on Tuesday about potentially using the Wilcox Mill area as an art foundation during a meeting about what's planned for the Wayne County-owned mill. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

More details shared on Wilcox Mill's future

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The scene outside the Penn Theatre was a little more active than usual Tuesday night.

People danced around Kellogg Park, holding signs both for and against the proposed sale of the Wilcox Mill in Plymouth from Wayne County to Plymouth artist Tony Roko.

Most of those people then moved into the Penn Theatre to attend a meeting to hear more details about what's planned at the Wilcox Mill, a building formerly owned and operated by Henry Ford that has been essentially vacant for the last

70 years under Wayne County ownership.

Under the proposed plan, Wayne County would sell the mill at the corner of Edward Hines Drive and Wilcox roads to a new entity launched by Roko. After renovations at the site, Roko's plan is to turn the former factory into an art center, studio and sculpture garden with works of art designed by children.

Without plans to rehabilitate the structure, Art Foundation Executive Director Greg Hoffman said, the building would next have a date with a wrecking ball.

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"It really just needs a lot of love really soon or else the next discussion is going to be about demolition. The interior of the building is in pretty rough shape as well."

Greg Hoffman
Executive director of Art Foundation on the state of Wilcox Mill

Celebrate summer with Livonia Spree

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It's not summer in Livonia until Spree gets started.

The festival, taking place June 25-30, has been known as Spree since 1973 and has a long tradition of bringing the joy of a summer carnival to the city.

Here's what to expect as a first-time visitor or longtime fan.

Kid-friendly activities

When kids aren't on the carnival rides, there's plenty to keep them entertained. Throughout its five-day span, Spree hosts a petting farm, magic acts, puppet shows and costumed characters for kids to meet.

Every day at the festival, kids can play games, get their face painted or meet a new furry friend face-to-face.

Food

Let's be honest, one of the best parts of any summer carnival is the food that comes with it. Spree is no different from the rest, and carnival-goers can pick up lemonade, funnel cakes and barbecue along with enough fried food to last a lifetime.

People can buy margaritas June 26-30. June 28 will feature lots of beer and wine along with some live music.

Fireworks

The last night of Spree always features a half-hour fireworks show. Folks can be seen all along the road in their lawn chairs and tailgates ready to soak in the classic American celebratory explosives.

This year's show has about \$50,000 worth of explosives put into it and will start around 10:15 p.m.

Contests

For kids and adults alike, there's plenty of ways to satisfy competitive spirits at Spree.

Aside from the pie eating contest June 26 around 6:30 p.m., there are pig and duck races nearly every day of the festival throughout the afternoon and evening.

Free live music

There's plenty of music to get your toes tapping. The acts feature genres from rock to country.

This year, the lineup includes Hidden Agenda on Tuesday, 50 Amp Fuse

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Speedway proposes larger station at 14 Mile and Haggerty

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A gas station at a prominent Novi intersection hopes to get bigger and better beginning next year.

Speedway has proposed demolishing its current station and convenience store at 31275 Haggerty and replacing it with more gas pumps, a larger shop and outdoor seating. The project would take place at the intersection where Novi, Farmington Hills, Commerce Township and West Bloomfield Township meet.

The project has been in development for Speedway for several years, said Rob Sweet, a planner with Cincinnati-based McBride Dale Clarion, who is working on the project. He presented the plan in front of the Novi Planning Commission during its meeting June 12.

"We're looking forward to this," he said during the meeting. "We would like to get construction started late first quarter, early second quarter next year."

The plan calls for the demolition of



The Speedway at 14 Mile and Haggerty in Novi plans to expand its number of pumps and add a bigger convenience store with outdoor seating. FILE

the current convenience store, which is about 2,400 square feet, as well as its six fueling pumps. The new station would have a convenience store of 4,600 square feet, with a 5,400-square-

foot canopy over eight fueling stations.

The plan would also shift the driveways at the intersection and align them with other driveways across 14 Mile and Haggerty.

Ten feet of land will be dedicated for a missing off-site segment of sidewalk, and a "Welcome to Novi" sign would be erected on the corner.

The planning commission unanimously voted for approval of the preliminary site plan and preliminary storm water management plan at its meeting.

Once built, the larger gas station would join other Speedway stations with the "Speedy Cafe" designation in the region, including at Beck and Pontiac Trail in Novi. Other stations with Speedy Cafes are in South Lyon, Canton, Westland, Livonia and Commerce Township.

Planning Commissioner John Avdoulos said he was pleased to see the project moving forward after the company had worked on it for several years.

"I appreciate the tenacity in getting this done," he said.

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Murder

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"He wanted to stand on his own two feet," Donald Tennyson said. "He was explaining to me that he was trying to make things work. The more he tried, it didn't work."

"He just kept trying to buy her things for affection and it wasn't working. He just said that he wasn't happy."

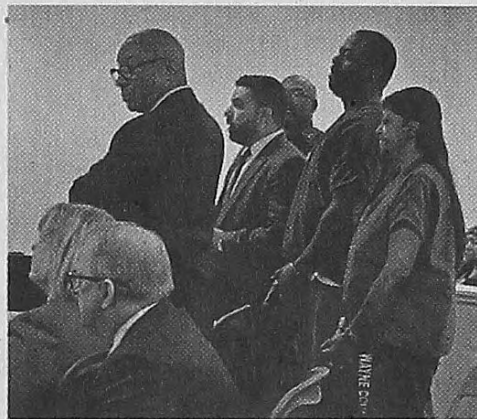
Gifts, he said, included cars.

Detroit police officers testified that the burned car — a Ford Fusion — was registered to a Farmington Hills address where it seemed Flint-Tennyson was living. The wife also had a Mercedes-Benz registered in her name.

Darvin Tennyson worked years at Chrysler's Trenton Engine Plant. Before his death, he told his co-workers that he and his wife had been arguing over her son.

Flint-Tennyson apparently had never asked if her son could move in, and the two men never got along.

Tennyson apparently went from be-



Darvin Tennyson was found dead in 2016. His stepson Delbert Flint, second from right, and Darvin's wife, Beatrice Flint-Tennyson, right, have been charged with murder in his death. FILE

ing a jovial friend and co-worker to someone who seemed mean and angry. He told a friend he was being disrespected under his own roof.

Co-worker Wali Wruble said he knew of the family issues.

During the last shift Tennyson reported to work, he and Wruble talked

about dining on ribs together.

Then Tennyson canceled, saying he had to deal with "his wife's bullshit."

Tennyson had been telling Wruble he planned to move out of his house to get away from his wife and stepson. He talked of the stepson threatening him.

"He was uncomfortable and felt unsafe going home," Wruble said. "He was afraid of his stepson and he didn't want to be around his wife."

Defense attorney Amir Makled went over Wruble's statement to police.

"You didn't say to law enforcement that Delbert had made threats to Darvin," he said. "You didn't say that."

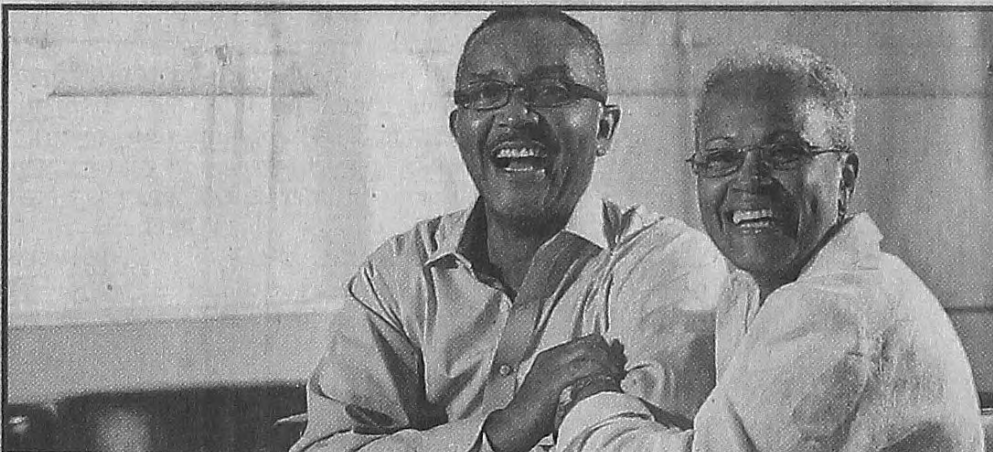
"No," Wruble responded.

Michael Bryant was one of Tennyson's former managers. They never talked about personal matters until around the start of 2015.

Tennyson asked Bryant to go to the police if something happened to him "because his wife did it."

Testimony continues later this month.

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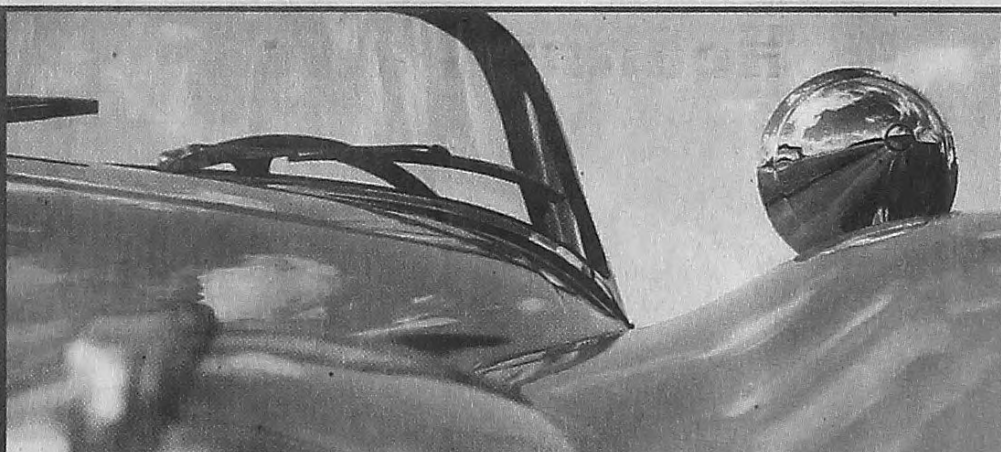
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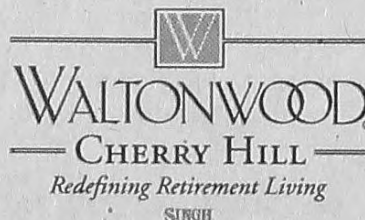
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Livonia yoga studio provides salt therapy

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No need to bring any seasonings when you attend a yoga class at Breathe Yoga Salt in Livonia. They've got plenty of salt to go around.

All that salt in the air, the owners say, is actually a good thing to breathe.

"Essentially, it's to help people breathe better and clear out the airways very naturally and gently," said Luciana Soave, of Wixom, co-owner of the studio. "Everything we do around here revolves around halotherapy."

The yoga studio opened its doors late last year at 33599 W. Seven Mile in Livonia and offers halotherapy, which involves breathing salty air, which some claim can help with certain respiratory conditions. The studio offers yoga with halotherapy, some rooms for individual sessions, and a room for youngsters to play in while receiving halotherapy.

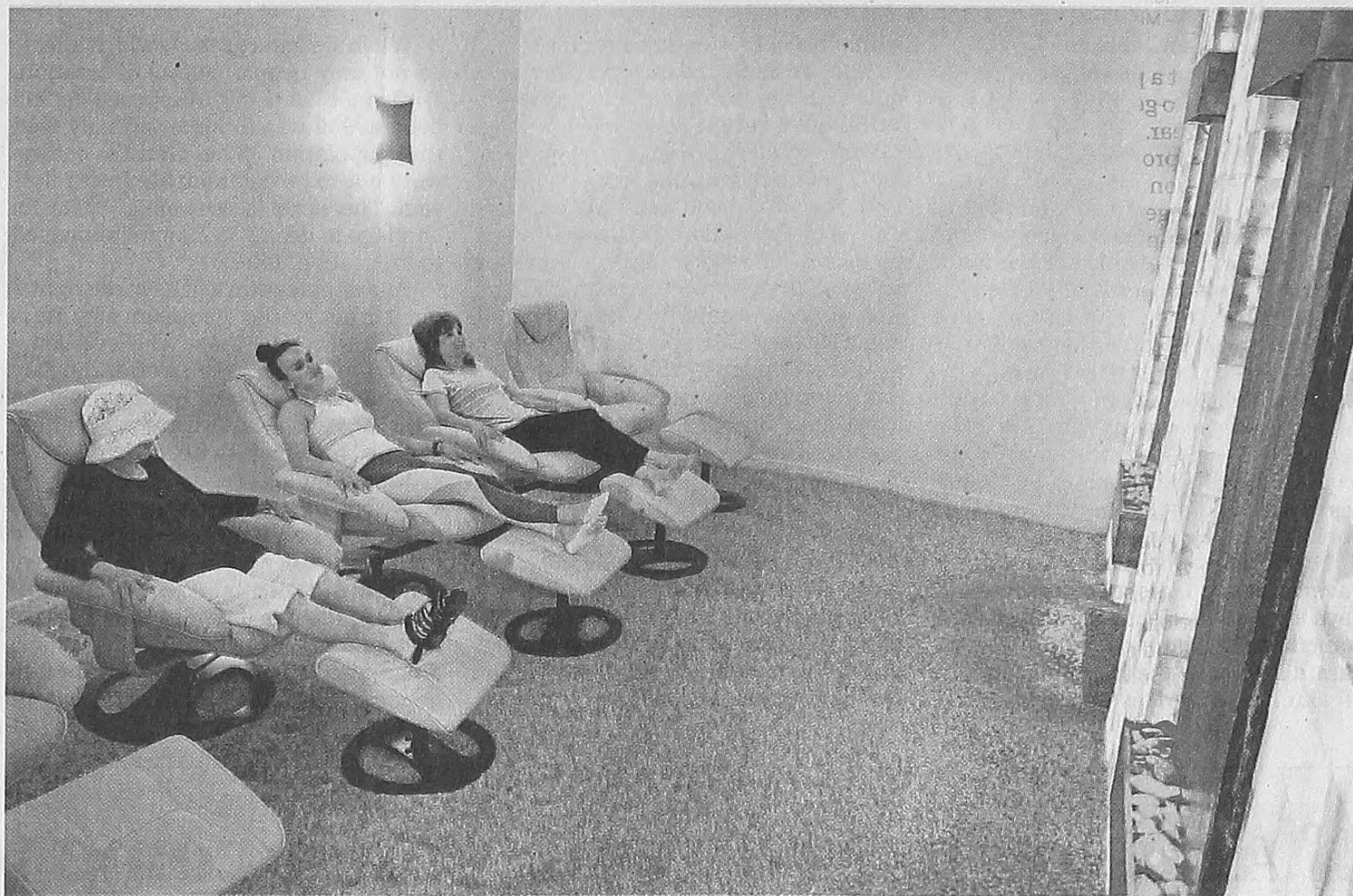
The studio opened as an idea between Soave and her mother-in-law, Dawn Soave, of Livonia. Dawn Soave said she visited a cousin in Florida and tried halotherapy after not being able to breathe that winter. After a handful of sessions, she felt better and attributes her wellness to halotherapy.

"I was doing nasal sprays. I wasn't sick, I just couldn't breathe," she said. "I went down there, she put me on the bed, put me in the booth, I spent the night and I actually slept."

There's plenty of discussion over the effectiveness of halotherapy and whether it actually treats breathing issues. The American Lung Association says the scientific community hasn't come to a conclusion over the practice, and recommends, as do the owners of Breathe Salt Yoga, that individuals consult with their doctor about starting such therapy.

If you can't smell the salt in the air, you'll definitely see it all around you. The studio is filled with pink Himalayan rock salt imported from Pakistan, from the tiling in the yoga studio to the salt beds in the individual rooms, to the array of lamps for sale in the lobby.

While those tiles and pebbles make for a great aesthetic, they don't contribute to the salt content in the air and are designed only to make the guests feel



Breathe Yoga Salt owner Dawn Soave, her niece Aubrey, center, and Carol Sullivan check out the salt lounge, a room with one wall and the floor made of Himalayan salt, on June 11 at the Livonia yoga studio. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

more relaxed, Dawn Soave said.

"The ambiance. It's all about the beauty of it," she said, pointing to the salt tile floor. "It's more inviting."

The two looked at various locations across the region before deciding on the Stamford Plaza just west of Farmington Road.

"Why not bring something new to the Livonia area?" Dawn Soave said. "Everyone that comes in, they're just like, 'Wow. It's a breath of fresh air.'"

Yoga classes take place every day at varying times, as well as other events throughout the month. A full list can be found at breatheyogasalt.com.

The studio attracts at least one person who travels down from Canada.

"She comes from Windsor just to do this and then she'll do her shopping and stuff like that," Dawn Soave said.



A close-up shows the structure of the Himalayan salt crystals that cover the entire floor of the children's play room at Livonia's Breathe Yoga Salt studio.

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Many ask why life is still so difficult



Dean Johnson
Guest columnist

Over the years I've had a number of friends and acquaintances who became Christians, only to later quit the faith. For some, it was the inability to keep a commitment, but a few left because they were disappointed that the Christian life wasn't better than it was.

Author Philip Yancey wrote a book called "Disappointment with God." The subtitle is "Questions no one asks out loud." You might be thinking, "I wouldn't say it out loud, but I should read that book!"

I think many Christians would say, "I have faith, and I know I'm supposed to have joy. But why is my life still so hard sometimes?!" You may be hurting, in pain, disappointed in the circumstances of your life. Why doesn't pursuing God

result in a consistently better life?

That's exactly the question Paul sets out to answer in Romans, chapter eight. In his first seven chapters he's been saying wonderful things: If you have faith in Christ, you are righteous before God. You are not and never will be under God's condemnation. You are no longer bound by sin. Old things have passed away, all things have become new.

It sounds wonderful. But, you wonder, if I believe this, why do I still have so much heartache? Why do I have so many strained relationships? Why do loved ones die? Why do God's dearly loved children suffer? If I'm not condemned, why does it sometimes still feel exactly like I'm condemned? Don't these contradict, or call into question, everything Paul has been claiming?

Yes, Paul says. And the reason why it happens, he says in Romans 8:22, is because all of creation is still "groaning" under the weight of sin. That is, the world is not what it was meant to be.

When sin entered the world, it affected not only people, but all of creation. Tornadoes were not supposed to kill people. Soil was to more willingly feed the population. The world's oceans were not to be contaminated with flotsam. The world is "groaning," (v22) "in bondage to decay" (v21) and "subjected to frustration" (v20).

One day creation will be made right – but it is not yet. So the reason why life is so hard – even for those who love God – is that we live in a fallen world. You may still get cancer. Relationships will be hard. As Paul says, "we are still waiting eagerly" for things to be made right.

What gets us through the pain? He says that our "hope" for the future is what gets us through now. "But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently." The Biblical concept of "hope" is different than how we use the word in English. We say "I hope it happens," like "I wish" or "I want it to happen." But the Biblical concept of

hope is "I expect, I anticipate, I have full confidence in ..."

Paul is saying that when I am in pain, the thing that carries me through is having confidence in what is to come.

One of my dearest Christian friends got cancer and died. What saw me through that grief was knowing that there is coming a time when cancer will no longer exist, and we will see God face to face. Paul says God always works for the good of those who love Him. "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Whatever happens to us – pain, suffering, tragedy – God will use it for our good. It will never be senseless, meaningless, random, arbitrary, or pointless. We can trust Him with these things.

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If Amazon uses drones, can it come to my condo?



Robert Meisner
Guest columnist

Q: I heard that Amazon recently said that it is going to start deliveries to residences with drones in the near future. What does this mean for people who live in condos?

A: While companies that are developing drone delivery systems still have to clear some significant regulatory hurdles, boards of directors will soon inevitably find themselves faced with drone delivery issues.

Certainly, safety would be a concern. Some drone delivery companies plan to use models with top speeds of 70 miles per hour or more. Add that to the risk posed by possibly falling out of the sky, and it doesn't take much imagination to recognize the potential for disaster.

Also, imagine enjoying a nice, quiet morning on your balcony, reading the newspaper (of course), when all of a sudden, along comes a fleet of buzzing drones, making deliveries to your neighbors. Kind of ruins the picture.

Oh, and did that camera on the drone just recognize your face and make a note in a database somewhere that you're at home right now, perhaps even noting what brand is featured on that carton of orange juice you're enjoying? Michigan's laws protect your "reasonable expectation of privacy" with respect to drones, but what exactly does that mean with respect to a condominium's general and limited common elements? We might expect litigation to arise over this question.

Given the issues, some of our condominium association clients have already amended their bylaws (or rules, if permissible under the existing governing documents) to prohibit drones from op-

erating anywhere in the common elements. Others have prohibited personal use but allow for the possibility of future commercial deliveries, clearly defining where drones will be allowed to land.

As with any new development in community association law, it is critical to consult your experienced community association attorney regarding drone use in your association.

Q: We have a dispute with our condo management company over our funds. We asked our attorney to go after them, but our attorney says he has a conflict of interest. The attorney doesn't represent the management company. How could there be a conflict of interest?

A: Without knowing the particular facts of the case, it is hard to determine whether in fact the law firm would be in a conflict of interest. That said, more likely, the law firm is in a business conflict in their own right because they do

not want to offend the management company that may be responsible for sending them countless community association clients.

I have often found this to be the case where the law firm will not disclose to its prospective client that it will refuse to sue the management company if there is an issue. The law firm often claims "conflict of interest," but really they just don't want to bite the hand that feeds them.

I would recommend that you retain new counsel and ensure that they will fully represent your interests as is their fiduciary responsibility.

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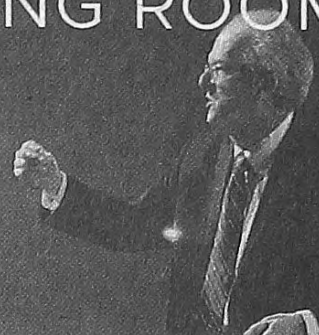
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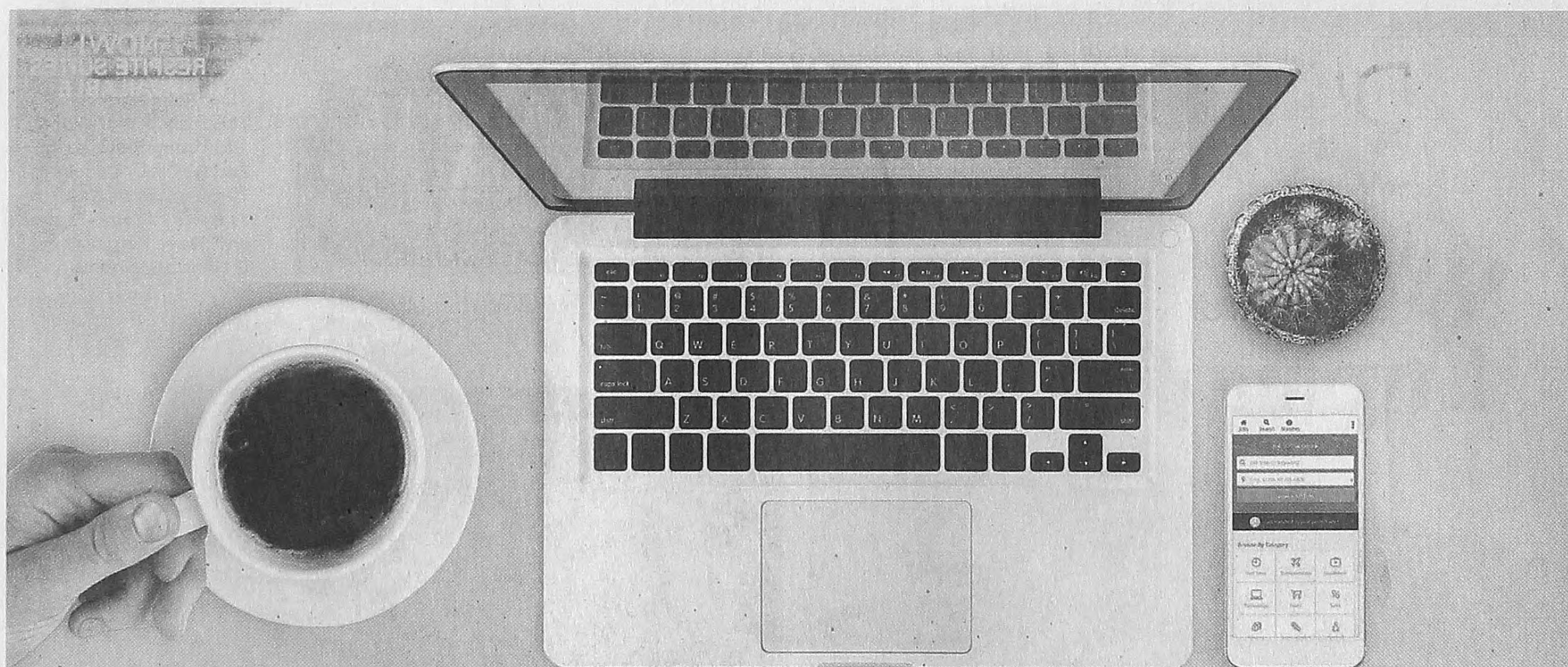
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Full of kid-friendly rides and those made for thrill seekers, Livonia Spree, which runs June 25-30, will offer plenty of ways to get an adrenaline fix. FILE PHOTOS



Smoke from the fireworks hangs in the air on the last night of Spree in 2018 as folks line up for one last treat. This year's show will be at 10:15 p.m. June 30.

Spree

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on Wednesday, Killer Flamingos on Thursday, Major Woody and Young Pioneers on Friday, Corey Dakota & The Rippers on Saturday as well as Atomic Radio and Steve King & The Dittlies on Sunday.

Car show

Held on the last day of the festival, the car show is hosted at Ford Field near Farmington Road and Lyndon Road.

There is always plenty to see, as the show gives away awards for 12 classes as well as a best of show prize.

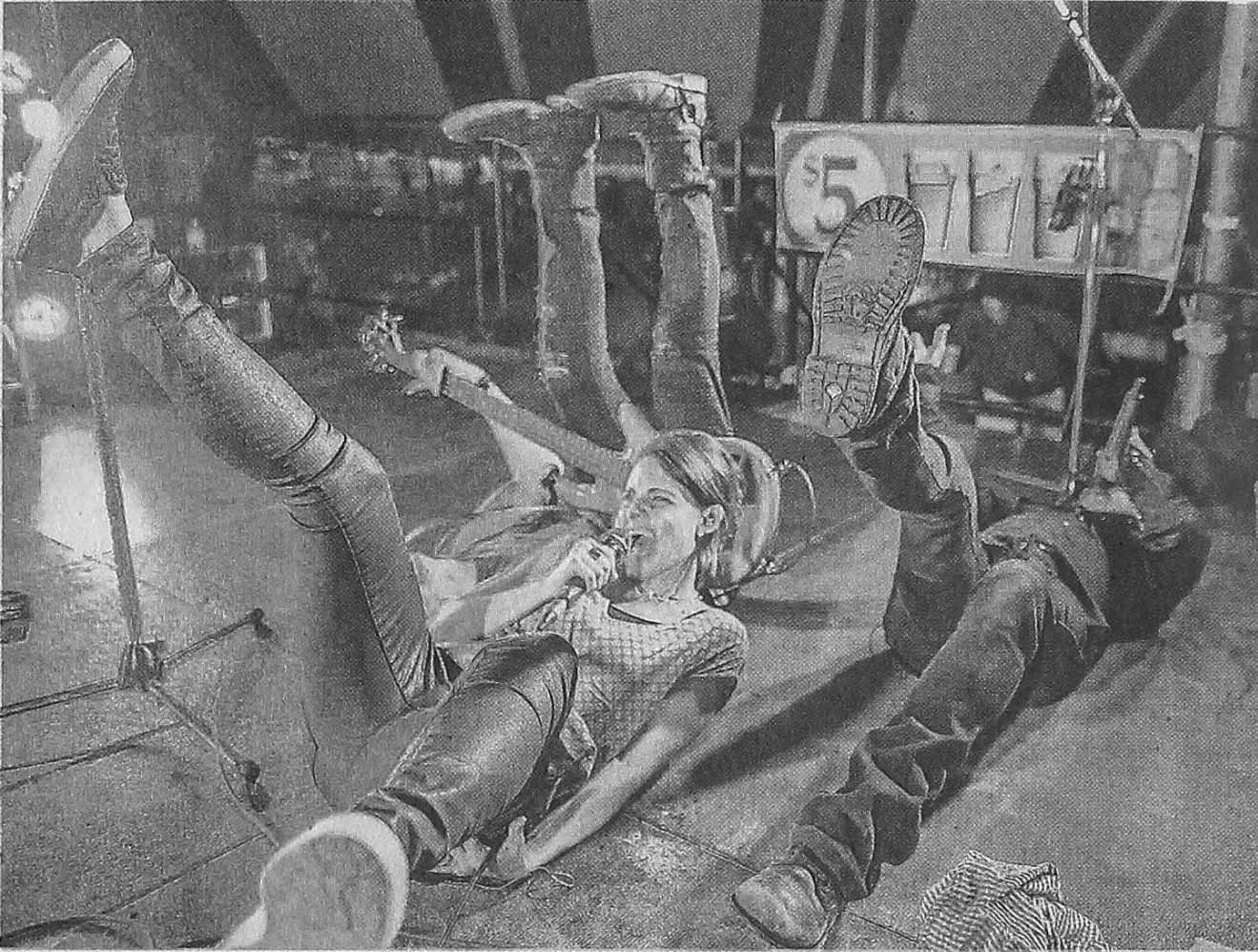
This year, the car show will take place Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The Carnival

Spree wouldn't be what it is without the carnival. Full of kid-friendly rides and those made for thrill seekers, there's plenty of ways to get an adrenaline fix. To top it off, there's games to play to win a prize for a child or impress a date.

For more information, visit Spree's website at livoniaspree.com.

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Parallel Fifth plays the last night of Spree 2018. This year, the lineup includes Hidden Agenda on Tuesday, 50 Amp Fuse on Wednesday, Killer Flamingos on Thursday, Major Woody and Young Pioneers on Friday, Corey Dakota & The Rippers on Saturday as well as Atomic Radio and Steve King & The Dittlies on Sunday.

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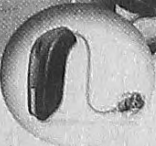
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"It really just needs a lot of love really soon or else the next discussion is going to be about demolition," Hoffman said. "The interior of the building is in pretty rough shape as well."

'They've been neglected for 70 years'

The sale, which has not been finalized and requires approval from the Wayne County Commission, would leave just one more mill up for sale as a part of Wayne County's Mill Run project.

The Newburgh Mill, located at Hines Drive and Newburgh in Livonia, continues to be discussed by the county for possible sale and redevelopment.

A third mill, Phoenix Mill in Plymouth Township, was sold to developer Richard Cox earlier this year.

Wendy Harless, chairwoman of the Plymouth Preservation Network, said her organization discussed the sale of the land and endorsed the project moving forward, saying the historic value of the mill called for someone to step in and rehabilitate it.

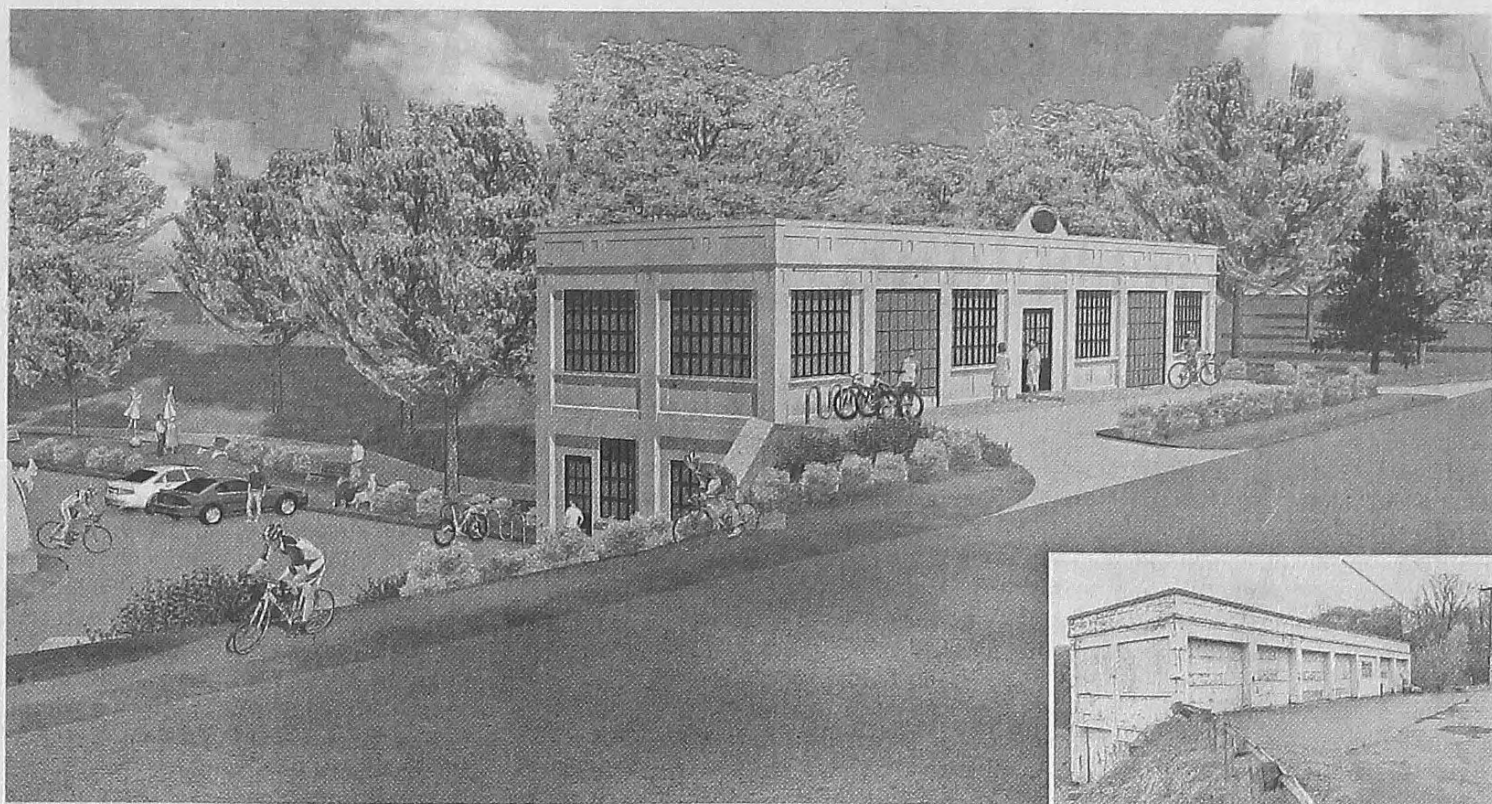
"The members of our group very extensively debated all the pros and cons of selling off this property that's owned by Wayne County. And the consensus that our group has come to is that these mills are crumbling," she said. "They've been neglected for 70 years."

"We don't believe Wayne County has the money to restore them in a way that they really need to be restored."

The sales have been a discussion point for many Wayne County residents opposed to selling off the mills. Save Hines Park, a citizens group, had several protesters outside the Penn Theatre Tuesday night.

That organization has advocated for the leasing of the mills instead of outright selling them, as well as looking for grant funding for rehabbing them, similar to what was done for the Nankin Mill building in Westland.

"To me, I have no problems with Tony's exciting vision," said Nancy Darga, a member of Save Hines Park and a former chief of design for Wayne County Parks, during the meeting. "What I have a problem with is: What happens after



A rendering of what the Wilcox Mill would look like after being purchased and renovated by Plymouth artist Tony Roko. Inset, the building as it currently appears after standing vacant for 70 years. RENDERING COURTESY OF WAYNE COUNTY



A large crowd filled the Penn Theatre to standing room only Tuesday for a meeting about the future of the Wilcox Mill area. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Tony?"

The agreements all have specific clauses attached to them, said Wayne County assistant executive Khalil Ra-

hal, that will stay with the property. Those requirements, including attempting to get the mill designated as a national historic site, are in place in the

purchase agreement.

He said the county has attempted numerous times in previous decades to try and figure something out with the mills via grants, but to no avail.

"It is not for a lack of effort. For the last 70 years of the county owning these assets, to try and find different sources of funds to help rehab these buildings," he said. "The county looked and searched and applied and lost grants."

In addition to the sale needing approval by the county commission, the city of Plymouth has steps Roko would need to take to get local approval before work could begin.

A parallel between the mill and the meeting place was made by Ellen Elliott, the executive director of the Friends of the Penn, the group responsible for the theater's rehabilitation.

"There's historic buildings that are threatened every single day. They're neglected, they're rejected and they're left to die," she said. "We can't let that happen here, and the Penn represents that."

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Novi man finds mother lode of morels in yard

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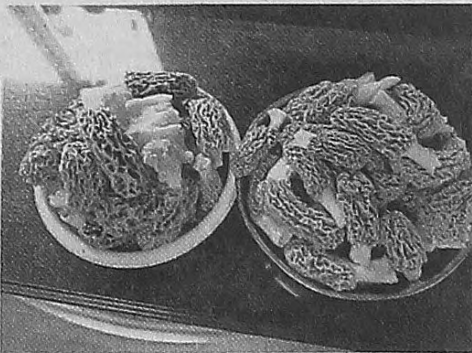
Ahmed Elhage has been living in Novi for a quarter century, but it wasn't until last month that he discovered treasure buried right under his nose.

Elhage was walking in his backyard off Anthony Drive near 11 Mile and Taft when he spied something out of the ordinary.

He walked to the edge of his lawn and recognized a morel mushroom, something he had hunted for years up north. Stunned, he picked it up and stepped into the wooded preserve next to his yard. About 20-30 feet away from a pond, his eyes filled with the sight of dozens of morels.

"It was unbelievable," he said. "I couldn't believe how many, and they were huge. It was crazy."

Elhage was so excited he began trimming them by hand, soon filling a large bowl. He sent his granddaughter for a



Ahmed Elhage found a motherlode of morel mushrooms last month in Novi. SUBMITTED

second bowl, which he also filled.

Morel mushrooms can sell for \$75 for 8 ounces, he said. A check on Amazon shows one seller offering a pound of the fungi for about \$160. Walmart has an online price of about \$300 for 8 ounces.

They can fetch those kinds of prices, said Will Jaquinde, sustainable agricul-

ture instructor for MSU Extension, because no one has yet found a way to commercially cultivate morel mushrooms.

"Their unique biology has so far foiled attempts to do that," Jaquinde said. "Some are associated with certain tree species or certain soil conditions that aren't replicable in a commercial system."

There are multiple species of morels, and in some places in Central and South America, as well as Mexico, cultivation has been successful. But the morel varieties in Michigan remain a challenge.

Morel mushroom season in Michigan is typically April and May, but can extend to mid-June. The fungi typically appear in warm, moist conditions. This season has been rainier than normal, which Jaquinde said can help, but this season has also been colder.

Morel hunters tend to find their prey near dead elm or ash trees or old apple trees, Jaquinde said. They often closely

guard the locations, returning year after year.

While northern Michigan is a popular place to forage for morels, Jaquinde said there are quite a few in southeast Michigan and maps of locations can even be found at thegreatmorel.com or by joining the Michigan Mushroom Hunters Facebook group.

He cautioned anyone who is lucky to find morels, particularly those who may be new to the discovery, to check with an expert to make sure they have correctly identified the fungi. He stressed also that some people have allergies, so it is best to eat a small amount at first, and never eat the mushroom raw.

Elhage said he used some of his morel mushrooms in scrambled eggs, and shared the rest with family.

Next year, he hopes to find more close to home.

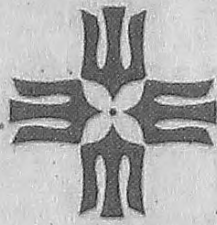
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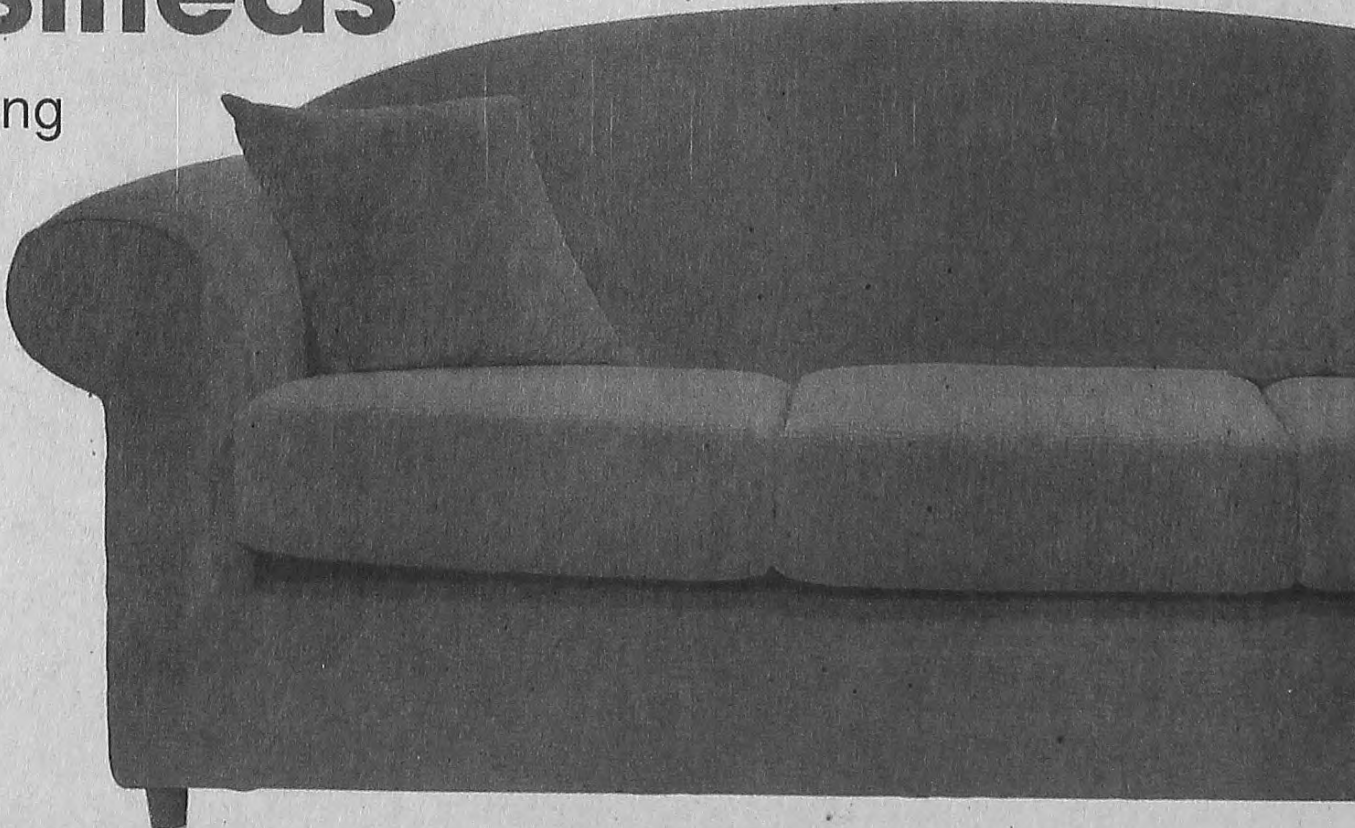
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Obituaries

Winifred Christmas

VERO BEACH, FL - Winifred Christmas passed away peacefully at home on June 12th in Vero Beach, FL where she lived with her daughter and son in law. She was born Dec 7th 1927. She is preceded in death by her baby son, Harry Christmas, her beloved husband, William Christmas, a brother, Wilfred Varley and a sister, Helen Hawkins. Winifred had two children, a son, James Christmas (wife Cheryl) of Milford, Michigan and a daughter, Peggy Christmas-Connelly (husband Tom) of Vero Beach, Florida. Winifred had 5 grandchildren, Captain Patrick Connelly, Collette Christmas-Daramola, Brandon Christmas, Kathleen Connelly-Gallo and Brianne Christmas-Olson. Winifred had 13 great grandchildren. Winifred and Bill raised their family in Farmington, Michigan and attended Clarenceville United Methodist Church. Both had a strong faith in Christ. She was raised very british, she enjoyed cooking and baking for family and friends. She was a beautiful person inside and out, she will be greatly missed by all. Viewing will be held at Thayer-Rock Funeral home in Farmington, Michigan on June 18th from 2:00-8:00 PM. Church Services will be held at Clarenceville United Methodist Church in Livonia, Michigan on June 19th viewing at 10:00, Service at 11:00AM



James Robert "Jim" Jones

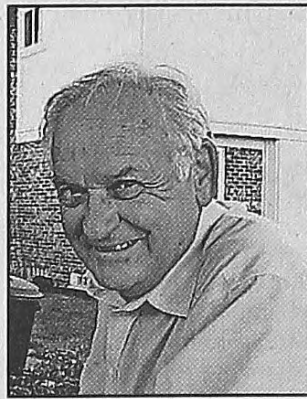
WAYNE - James Robert Jones army veteran, born 1946 Wayne, MI s/o Robert Charles/Bernice Zimmerman Jones died May 31.

Owner of the 1st Century 21 in MI. Then commercial office Lynx C.I.R., Inc until his death.

Jim didn't find riches through real estate sales, but he was rich in friends and was treasured by the family he loved. Was fun, playful, caring, generous, attentive, unconditionally loving, had endless good advice and left a lifetime of great memories. He enjoyed playing cards with his friends, watching Michigan football, NASCAR and traveling.

James was 1st married to Jean Mobley 1-child Stephen Robert (Briana) Jones. 2-grandchildren, Lauren & Brayden. 2nd to Carol Baker 2-children by marriage Shelia (Bryan Drewry) grandchildren Cassidy, Christopher & Joseph; & James Baker (Tomi) Ella, Avery & Colton. 2-siblings Judy aka Sarah Faulds & Cheryl Jones (Mark Summers) & 3-children. +Cousins who loved him.

Memorial June 22 11a-2p, Coliseum Racket Club, 34250 Ford Road, Westland, MI, corner of N Wildwood. All friends & family are invited to attend.



Karon Joyce Filiatraut

LIVONIA - age 77, June 14, 2019. Beloved wife of the late John E. Loving mother of Renee (John Williams), John (Janice), Christopher (Rebecca) and the late Denise. Cherished grandmother of Max, Paige, John, Madeline, Alexandra, Mark, Dylan, and Chloe. Sister of Robert (Joan) Pierson, David (Faye) Pierson, Kathy (Ron) Tupa, Paul (Darlene) Pierson, Merrie Kelly, Deborah Pierson, Barbara (Tim) Dunn and Machille Goss. Visitation Thursday 4-8pm with a 6pm Rosary Service at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home. In state Friday 10:30 AM until the 11:00 AM Funeral Service at St. Sabina Catholic Church, 25605 Ann Arbor Trail (between Inkster & Telegraph). Memorials suggested to Marywood Nursing Care Center. www.santeiufuneralhome.com



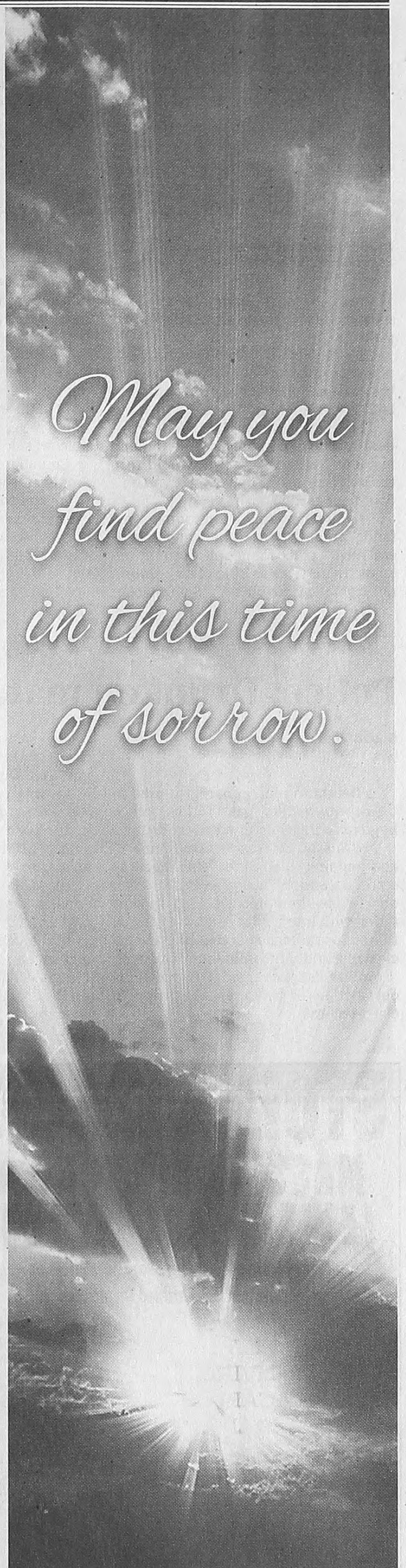
Jennifer Marie Fleming

- - Jennifer Marie Fleming, age 34, born July 15, 1984 went to her heavenly home on June 14, 2019. Daughter of Larry (Judy) Fleming, and Sue Fleming. Mother of Kimberly, Alexis, Nevaeh, and Damian. Sister of Mike Fleming, Gabe Fleming, and Brandon Testorelli. She will also be missed by many friends and family that loved her. Viewing Thursday, June 20 from 10am-2pm with a service to follow at Belleville Church of God, 45170 Hull Rd, Belleville, MI 48111.

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Genevieve Marjorie Strand

PLYMOUTH - Genevieve Marjorie Strand, age 99, a long-time resident of Plymouth, MI and most recently, Grand Haven, passed away in the loving care of her family on Thursday, May 16, 2019. She was born in Detroit, MI on May 24, 1920. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Murray. They shared 71 years of happy and close marriage. Genevieve graduated from Chadsey High School in Detroit, and was an avid bird-watcher who loved spending time with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She was a very social person who made many lasting friendships, which was one of her most memorable qualities. Genevieve enjoyed world-wide travels and spending time at the family cabin on the Au Sable River. Genevieve will be lovingly remembered and missed by her daughter, Cindy (Doug) Shankwiler of Georgia; sons, Bill (Mary) Strand of Hesperia, MI and Dave (Lauren) Strand of Pentwater, MI; seven grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and sister, Lorraine (Richard) Demsky of Livonia, MI. She was preceded in death by her two sisters, Leona (Elmer) Brewer and Eunice (Bernie) Nerzwicki. Private Services will be held at a later date. Memorial Contributions may be made to Michigan Audubon. Please visit www.klaassenfuneralhome.com to sign Genevieve's online guestbook.



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Livonia woman loses track of gun she took to church

Susan Vela [Hometownlife.com](#)
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A church-going woman can't seem to find her Taurus TCP .380-caliber gun. The Livonia resident, 32, visited her police department June 11 to say she couldn't find the weapon she took to church the Sunday before.

She had tucked the weapon between the front seat and center console of her Ford F-350 truck before going to church June 9. The firearm was still there after the service. Then she visited Panetta's Landscape Supplies on Middlebelt Road in Westland and, back in Livonia, the Prime Grill Restaurant on Merriman.

She said didn't realize the gun was missing until she returned home. In other car matters, a 7-Eleven employee left the store in the 9000 block of Newburgh Road on June 9 to leave for the day. She started up her 2003 Chevrolet Malibu and checked the underside because it sounded louder than usual.

Her muffler was hanging toward the ground. The catalytic converter had been sawed off. Also, a Merriman Road resident told police that he woke up June 10 to find at least \$1,500 in tools stolen from his vehicle, an unlocked gray 2008 Ford F-150 parked in his driveway. svela@hometownlife.com

New Livonia brewpub moves closer to reality

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Livonia's next microbrewery has moved one step closer to pouring its first pint. The city council reviewed the site plan for the proposed, yet-unnamed brewery planned for the empty property at 27719 Seven Mile. The plan, launched by Livonia resident Andrew Schumacher and Midland resident Nathan Pastuzyn, would turn the building into a brewery with an outdoor beer garden. "It will be an onsite tap room with a family-friendly atmosphere and in general have a place for people to come and enjoy themselves as kind of a not-work, not-home atmosphere," Schumacher

said. "It's a place to talk, it's a place to catch up with family and community." The brewery would not serve food but would encourage customers to bring in dishes from elsewhere. Schumacher hopes to create a partnership with nearby Taormina's Pizza. It's also possible food trucks could serve food in the parking lot. "That north parking lot could potentially have food trucks there," Schumacher said. Councilman Brandon Kritzman, an architect, said he wanted to see if there was a way to improve some of the building materials. He said he typically does not like to see cinder block as a main material, as is proposed for the brewery, but said it could work in this instance. "There's only a few times in my time

on council where I've said where I think that's OK, and I think this actually may be one of those," he said. He said there's some inconsistencies with the plan, including issues surrounding the dumpster enclosure being of a different material. The site plan will be taken up by the council July 8, giving the owners some time to address issues brought up regarding the building. Councilman Brian Meakin said he supported the project and hopes it spurs other development in that area. "This is a wonderful development for this location," Meakin said. "It's been a vacant building for a long time and Seven Mile has had some struggles for the last 20 years. So we appreciate your investment on Seven Mile."

Oakland County: West Nile virus found in Pontiac

Ann Zaniewski [Detroit Free Press](#)
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Health officials in Oakland County are urging residents to take precautions against West Nile virus after it was recently found in a sample of mosquitoes in Pontiac. Residents should use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellent, wear protective clothing such as long-sleeved shirts and pants, and maintain window and door screens to keep mosquitoes out of buildings, officials said. It's also a good idea to avoid outdoor activity at dawn and dusk, when mosquitoes are the most active. People can help reduce mosquito breeding sites by removing standing water from areas around their homes. The discovery in Pontiac is the first positive sample in Oakland County so far this season. There have been no human cases. Most people who are infected with West Nile virus have either no symptoms or experience a mild illness such as a fever, headache and body aches. However, some people can develop a severe illness that affects the central nervous system, such as encephalitis or meningitis. People 50 and older are more likely to develop serious and potentially life-threatening symptoms. West Nile virus is the leading mosquito-borne disease in the continental U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Police: Drunken man threw rock at gas station

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A Dearborn man apparently tried to break into a Shell gas station with a large rock and then drove away drunk. Ali Amine, 31, was arrested June 10 and remains jailed at the William Dickerson Detention Facility in Hamtramck on a felony attempted breaking and entering with intent charge and an alleged third felony offense of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Amine also is charged with malicious destruction of property, according to court records.

He was scheduled for a probable cause conference on Thursday in Livonia's 16th District Court. Livonia police said in a report they were dispatched to the Shell gas station in the 33000 block of Six Mile Road shortly after 2 a.m. June 10 because of an alarm. An officer arrived to find a black sedan leaving the parking lot southbound on Farmington Road. One officer pursued the vehicle while another found a rock on the ground at the Shell entrance. The glass had several scratches. The black sedan, driven by Amine, later stopped along Farmington Road.

After he told police he was waiting to meet a girlfriend in the parking lot, Amine was placed in a patrol vehicle and told he was being detained pending investigation. Police said he smelled of alcohol and appeared drunk. After some field sobriety tests, he was arrested for operating while intoxicated. His blood-alcohol level later tested at .13, worse than the legal 0.08 standard. Video footage indicated he was the man who threw a rock at the gas station. His driver's license was expired and police found record of five prior alcohol-related convictions.

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Novi's new K-9 police dog named after fallen warrior

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Her partner's name can overwhelm Novi K-9 Officer Stacey Simon.

Becker, the other half of the city's latest K-9 unit, is named after U.S. Air Force Maj. Andrew Christopher Becker, a Novi native who died two years ago during a flight training mission.

The import of his stats can be staggering: deploying with the U.S. Air Force nine times, flying 459 combat missions, logging 2,260 combat hours in areas including Afghanistan and Iraq, and receiving 22 air force service medals.

Simon and her German Shepherd friend, partner and charge are on task during training at Oakland Community College. It's during free time at home that Becker's name resonates.

"I have this dog that's representative of a veteran," she said. "It makes me emotional sometimes. ... It's truly an honor. It's a blessing."

Simon, 27, became a Novi police officer in 2015. A longtime dog lover and animal person, she was one of several candidates who interviewed for the city's second of two K-9 positions. Shortly after the last round of interviews, Police Chief David Molloy called to ask if she'd like to be Novi's next K-9 officer.

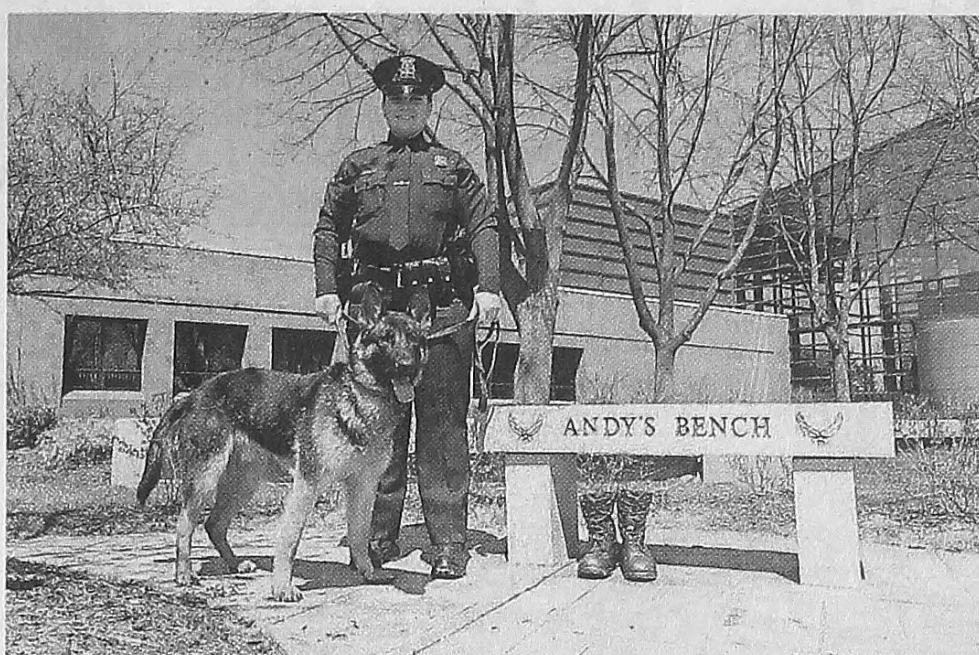
"I smiled so big, I laughed," Simon said.

She and Novi's other K-9 officer, Mike Daisley, traveled in April to Shallow Creek Kennels in Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, to select a new police dog.

Both were immediately drawn to a German Shepherd puppy. The pup had the drive and eagerness K-9 police officers look for.

The pup jumped up to pat Simon on her chest.

"He's social," Simon said. "I know that's im-



Novi K-9 Officer Stacey Simon poses with her new friend, partner and charge, Becker, named after the late U.S. Air Force Maj. Andrew Christopher Becker, a Novi native. COURTESY OF NOVI POLICE DEPARTMENT

portant. ... I know that we're going to be doing lots of demos, lots of appearances."

Simon began reviewing about 300 name suggestions. "Major" stuck out.

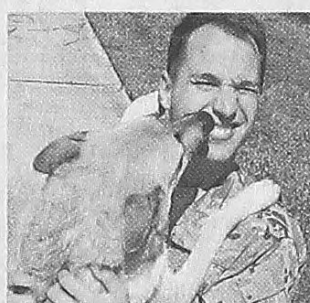
Major was the name of Simon's childhood pet, a protective mutt, and the rank of the community's fallen warrior. Simon was torn between what the name meant to her and the sentiment shared by longtime Novi resident Gary Becker, who lost his son on March 14, 2017.

"Andy and (his wife) Shelly were active supporters of a couple of rescue dog organizations, helping get rescued dogs to new owners," he petitioned. "It would be a wonderful and lasting tribute to a Novi hero."

Simon chose the name Becker after talking to one of her sergeants.

"It's still representative of Maj. Andrew Becker," Simon said. "But it's a little bit more unique. It's a little bit easier for me to say for commands. I can shorten it down to Beck. It just comes out of the mouth a little bit easier than Major does."

"I don't think I'll ever meet another dog named



Becker died during a flight training mission. COURTESY OF BECKER FAMILY

Becker. I like that, too."

Becker's treat for a job well done is permission to play with a ball attached to a strap. He's being trained as a passive narcotics dog, which means he'll sit and stare at illegal drug stashes when he finds them.

He's still a puppy with a soft side. He likes to flop over and get his belly rubbed.

Gary Becker is looking forward to seeing Simon and Becker take to the streets.

"It's such an incredible tribute," the proud father said. "Becker will be a living tribute. It will be very heartwarming when we get to see him in action ... to know there's a Becker that's out there, that's still protecting and serving."

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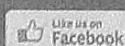
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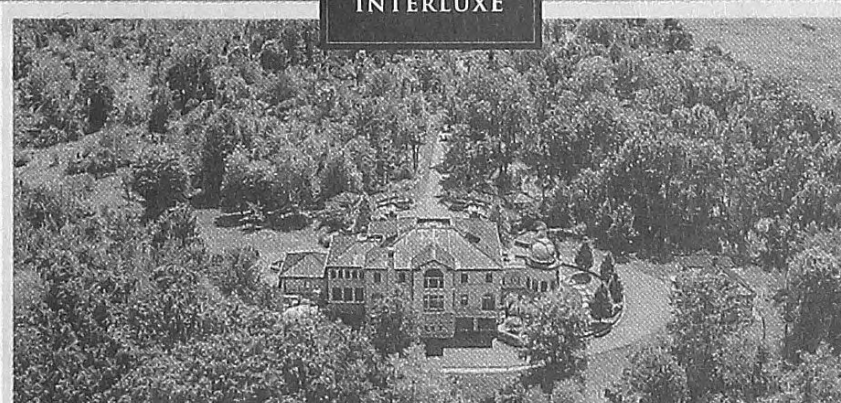
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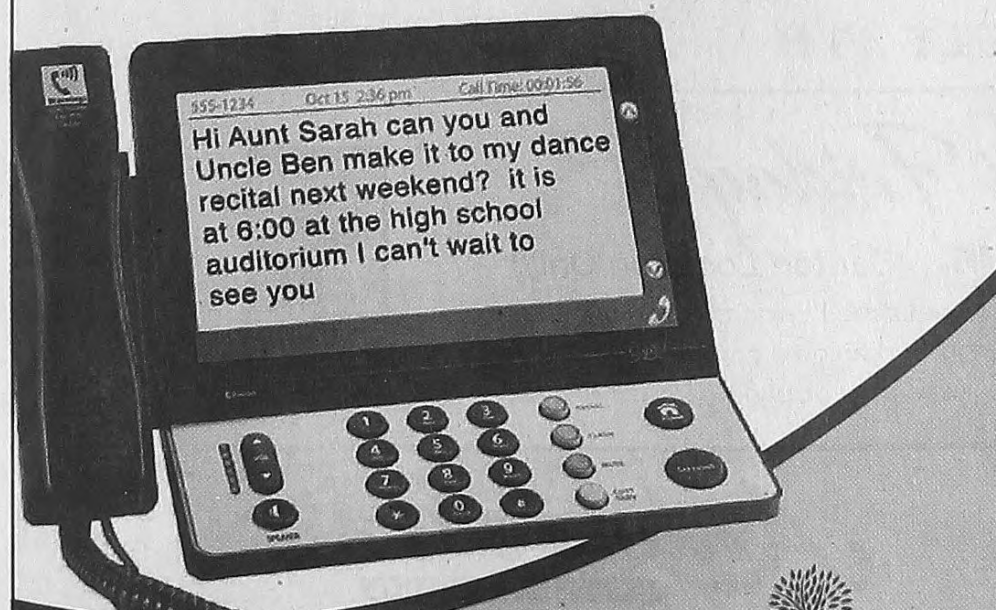
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Marian teammates gather on the field to celebrate winning the Division 2 soccer state championship June 14. MATT VAILLIENCOURT/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Marian wins 2OT thriller for title

Wright Wilson
Special to the Detroit Free Press

When Maria Askounis put in the game-winning goal in the second over-time for Birmingham Marian, it was a classic case of being in the right place at the right time.

“My coach just told me to stay out front at the post, someone has to be

there,” she said. “I stayed on the front post, that’s where the ball went. My teammate, Emily Rassel, got it to me at the front post, and it was easy, I just tapped it in.”

That might have been the only easy thing all afternoon for Marian (18-1), who had to come from behind to win their third consecutive Division 2 soccer state championship, 2-1, over Grand

Rapids Forest Hills Northern, whom they have beaten every year of the streak.

With 4:18 to play in the second over-time and the game seemingly headed toward a shootout, Sara Stroud took the corner kick.

Rassel had the first try at putting it in the net and fanned on it, and the ball bounced around free in the goal box be-

fore Askounis could get her laces on it.

“I was just so excited, I just ran over to my teammates,” Askounis said. “There’s time ticking down on the clock, we had done it. We wanted it, we wanted to make history. I’m a sophomore and this is my second, but our seniors wanted that three-peat.”

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BASEBALL

Brother Rice eliminated in state semifinals by Portage Northern

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For a while, it seemed like neither team would score any runs against the other team’s starting pitcher.

Both Portage Northern and Birmingham Brother Rice had spectacular performances on the mound by Cam French and Tyler Sarkisian, respectively, but the scoreless tie couldn’t last forever.

An RBI triple in the sixth inning by Portage Northern’s Nolan McCarthy gave his team the lead, and it was enough to secure the win. The Huskies beat the Warriors, 2-0, on June 13 at

McLane Stadium on the campus of Michigan State University.

The loss ends Brother Rice’s season with a record of 25-13. It’s the second straight year that the Warriors finished their season in the state semifinals.

Sarkisian pitched a complete game, striking out four and walking two. He only allowed five hits, but that final hit was the game-winning triple.

“It was a good outing,” Brother Rice coach Bob Riker said. “It was against a club that came in real hot. ... He did a really good job.”

Portage Northern’s second run also came in the sixth inning.

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Brother Rice senior Tito Flores dives back to first base in the semifinal against Portage Northern on June 13. MATT VAILLIENCOURT/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Marian senior Jansen Eichenlaub, center, dribbles down the field.



Marian sophomore Maria Askounis scores the game-winning goal.

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“To do it for them is amazing.”

“In overtime nobody wants to face a corner (kick), nobody wants to face a free kick, it’s just hard,” said Marian Coach Barry Brodsky, who has led the Mustangs to six state titles since 2003.

Meanwhile, Northern lost in the final contest for the fourth year in a row. The Huskies (19-3-1) took the early lead on their first shot of the game, five and a half minutes in, when Grace Sayers took a lead pass straight out front and put the ball inside the left post.

Marian had several first-half scoring opportunities but didn’t capitalize, so Brodsky had to keep the team calm when addressing them at halftime.

“He just told us to stay positive and just finish the game and play the Marian way, just play like we do and we’ll be good,” Russel said.

The Mustangs got the equalizer five minutes into the second half, when Ras-sel took a crossing pass from Katie Sulli-van at dead center and shot the ball into the upper left corner.

“I just remember trying to beat my girl and just try and put it in the net,” she said. “It was really big because we were down and it’s the second half. That goal just really set us up to finish the game and get our momentum back.”



Marian sophomore Maria Askounis, left, fights for control of the ball in the Division 2 state final against Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern on June 14. Marian won, 2-1. PHOTOS BY MATT VAILLIENCOURT/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Brother Rice

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Brother Rice intentionally walked the Huskies’ cleanup hitter, Greg Lapentina, after McCarthy’s triple. He then went for a steal, and on the throw down, there was confusion between the second baseman and shortstop about who should be catching the ball and it went into the outfield, allowing McCarthy to score. With the way French was rolling, that was all Portage Northern needed.

“You’d love to put a well-pitched game with a well-defended game with good offensive game, but we just couldn’t put the ball in play,” Riker said. “When you get down to the final four, you’re going to face a guy like French.”

French, a senior, pitched a complete game shutout, striking out six. He didn’t walk anyone and gave up just three hits. He called it one of the best outings of his career, especially given the magnitude of the game.

“I came in just like I have all season, throwing strikes, filling up the zone and mixing up some of my pitches and let-ting my team work,” French said. “It feels good. I knew at some point we were going to bust it open. ... Nolan has come up big all year.”

He kept hitters off-balance all after-noon long in the light rain and never faced more than four Brother Rice bat-ters in any inning.

“He threw a lot of first pitch strikes and when you can do that, you’re going to be very effective,” Riker said. “He worked the outer half with the breaking pitch and we couldn’t square him up. He pitched a great game.”

Brother Rice only got two runners to second base the entire game, in both the first and last innings. In the first inning, senior Tito Flores led off with a single and was bunted to second. He was promptly picked off, which spoiled the scoring opportunity. In the seventh in-ning, senior Sterling Hallman singled to start the inning and stole second, but was stranded there after three flyouts ended the game.

“It’s hard to win when you only get two base-runners to second base,” Riker said. “You’re just not going to do that. ... Our guys played hard. It was a well-played game on both ends and was an enjoyable game to watch, it would’ve been better if we were on the other end.”



Brother Rice senior Tyler Sarkisian throws a pitch in the state semifinal against Portage Northern on June 13. PHOTOS BY MATT VAILLIENCOURT/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Portage Northern coach Chris An-drews said picking off Flores was a huge play in the game and gave his team mo-mentum.

The Huskies had been working on that pick-off play over the last few weeks in practice.

The loss marks the end of great high school careers for numerous Warriors, most notably Flores, who is headed to play baseball at Michigan next season.

“You talk about a guy that’s made big jumps the last two years in his game, he’s done a great job,” Riker said. “Ev-erybody that wanted him to come play, they said he is definitely a program changer. He’s a culture changer. If you don’t hustle, you’ll feel terrible watching him play because that’s all he does. ... He’s there early and stays late, he’s a program culture changer without ques-tion and Michigan got a good one.”

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Portage Northern junior Nolan McCarthy celebrates after hitting a triple.

Pink, blue and everything in between ...

A guide to helping children who are exploring their gender identities

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Andrea, a North Jersey resident, didn't think much of it when her child, whose birth certificate said "female," wanted to put on a boy's suit for an upcoming wedding, and to wear baggy, boyish clothes thereafter.

But high school was a struggle, and at 16, the teen had an announcement to make.

"He told my husband and me, 'I understand you're wondering, and here's the deal: I want to present as male. This is who I am,'" says Andrea. "He'd grown his hair out freshman year to cut short and donate to (nonprofit) Locks of Love, and he told us that when he looked at himself in the mirror, he looked like a boy, and that's when it clicked with him."

The transition may be social, through a name change, outward appearance and the pronoun they'd prefer to have used when referring to them; some eventually will transform with the help of hormones and surgery.

This can be disorienting to parents, especially when gender reveal parties, where expectant parents announce the sex of their unborn babies with blue or pink themes, are bigger than ever. But thanks to media coverage of high-profile individuals like Caitlyn Jenner and shows such as "Transparent," our awareness about people changing their gender identity is much broader than even a decade ago.

New Jersey is a leader in fostering this understanding: It recently became the second state, after California, to require that public schools include lessons in LGBTQ history starting in 2020. Studies have indicated that similar programs drastically reduce bullying incidents at school.

While many parents decry a lack of resources for transgender children and their families, Andrea and her husband were relieved at the support they received from their child's high school guidance counselor. "He asked him 'What name do you want to be known by?' and said 'If you're going to use the boy's bathroom, use the one on the third floor because it's cleaner,'" says Andrea.

Here's what's important to know to help raise a healthy, happy, nonconforming child:

The couple "went into high gear to learn how to support him," she says. "We found that about half of transgender people who don't have family support attempt suicide. When they have family support, the rate is much closer to the general population (about 4 percent). My husband said 'We don't need to know anything else.'"

Experts agree that many children express their gender in different ways.

Of those, a minority will eventually determine that the understanding they have of their own gender doesn't match the sex they were assigned at birth, and choose to present a gender identity to the world that's different from their original birth certificates.

Parents should listen, not lead

Wendy is the mother of a child who transitioned a decade ago, prompting her to launch a support group for parents of transgender kids at the Bergen County PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). "Younger kids may say 'I'm a girl, not a boy,'" she says. They may go online to find people like them on the internet, or recognize themselves in a friend who transitioned, as her child did while in college. Here's what's key, she says: "You always want to support who your children tells you they are."

Dr. Deborah Wagner, a psychologist in Ridgewood, agrees. "Parents should be supportive and open-minded, and encourage kids to talk," she says. "Can they have inclinations of the opposite sex? Parents need to allow their children to explore that safely. They should never say 'You're a this or that.'"

While picking them up from school, consider asking about bullying or teasing incidents. A good conversation starter might be, "Was there anything that made you feel good today? Anything that upset you?" Kids need to know the difference between having a disagreement and being targeted.

Support is important — for both of you

Wagner says that nonconforming kids benefit from seeing therapists

trained in developmental psychology to get at the root of their feelings.

"There are a lot of psychological issues that kids or even adults might have that led them towards a transgender identification," she says. "The therapist needs to explore what's going on inside the child."

At the same time, parents need professional help to understand their own feelings, as well.

Support groups are also key, for kids and the family members who love them. "You won't feel alone because you'll see others experiencing the same thing," says Jackie Baras, a registered nurse who was instrumental in launching PROUD Family Health, the first primary care center specifically for the LGBTQ community, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Somerville.

"In a support group, you can ask questions and get answers from others like you," says Baras, who transitioned from male to female while working at RWJUH. "A parent may ask 'Why am I crying? Why am I grieving?' This came up in one support group, and someone said, 'I think grieving is healing. I'm losing a daughter, but I'm gaining a son.'"

Gender identity is often a work in progress

Sexual identity doesn't "solidify" until after puberty, experts say. And the unhappiness that a majority of kids feel about their sex and gender identity not

matching fades as they enter the teen years, notes the World Professional Association for Transgender Health Standards of Care.

It may be due to our culture's norms that twice as many boys as girls experience unease over their gender before puberty, perhaps because it's seen as more acceptable to be a girl who's a tomboy than a boy who embraces interests typically associated with girls.

But if children are miserable with how their genders present themselves through the teen years, they're likely to keep feeling that way as adults. "We call these the 'persisters,'" says Baras. In that case, they have options. While continuing with therapy, they can consult a pediatric endocrinologist about taking drugs to suppress their naturally-occurring puberty. "At 16 to 18, a doctor will say, 'You know, you're dysphoric (seriously uncomfortable), so let's start hormone therapy,'" says Baras.

There's another way to complete the gender transition: legally. Once New Jersey residents decide to make their new identities official, they can change their birth certificates to reflect it. The Babs Siperstein Law, enacted in February, makes it easier for New Jersey residents to change the gender marker on their birth certificates. Formerly, a "proof of surgery" was required, as well as certification from a professional. It also allows for a third option, in addition to male and female: "X" for nonbinary or undesignated.

For more information

More info/resources may be found at: Garden State Equality, gardenstateequality.org; Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Gender and Sexuality Development Clinic, chop.edu; Ackerman Institute Family and Gender Project in New York, ackerman.org; PFLAG (LGBTQ advocacy group for parents), pflag.org; Proud Family Health in Somerville, rwjbh.org/rwj-university-hospital-somerset/treatment-care/proud-family-health/; Institute for Personal Growth in New Brunswick and Jersey City, ipgcounseling.com; LGBTQ+ Community Health Center in Asbury Park, <http://prmvnacj.org/vnacj-lgbtq-health-center/>; Goryeb Children's Hospital in Morristown, atlanticealth.org/locations/hospitals/goryeb-childrens-hospital.html; GLSEN, glsen.org; HiTOPS, hitops.org; Hudson Pride, hudsonpride.org; Pride Center of New Jersey, pridecenter.org; Newark LGBTQ Community Center, <https://newarklgbtqcenter.org/>; and the National Center for Transgender Equality, <https://transequality.org/>.

MHSBCA DREAM TEAM
AND ALL-STATE TEAMS

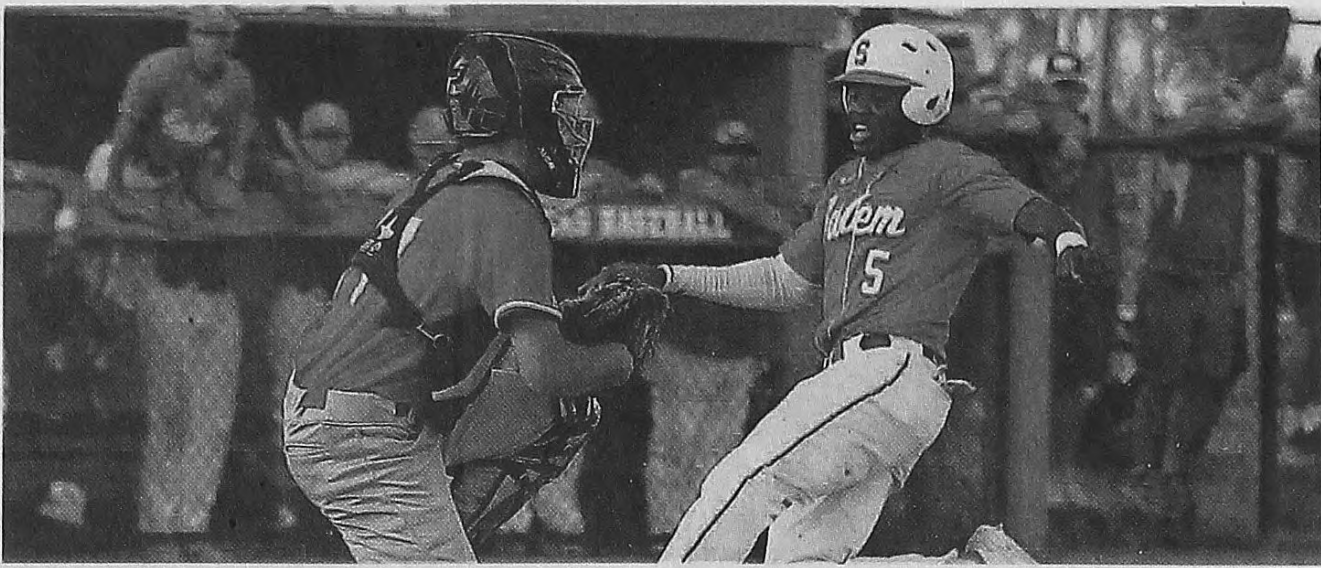
The Michigan High School Baseball Coaches Association (MHSBCA) has released its Dream Team and All-State teams, and several local players made the list. Players are listed by position, name, school and grade.

2019 Dream Team

- P Colin Czajkowski, Woodhaven, 12
- P Cam French, Portage Northern, 12
- P Logan Wood, Orchard Lake St Mary, 11
- P Chris Mokma, Holland Christian, 12
- P Adam Berghorst, Zeeland East, 12
- INF Nolan McCarthy, Portage Northern, 11
- INF Trent Farquhar, Lakeland, 12
- INF Alex Mooney Orchard, Lake St Mary's, 10
- INF Carlton Harper, Salem, 12
- INF Billy Kopicki, Liggett, 12
- INF Adam Tellier, Forest Hills Central, 12
- INF Aaron West, Grand Ledge, 12
- 1B Avery Carnicom, Woodhaven, 12
- 1B Josh Slayton, Lake Orion, 12
- OF Zach Hopman, Brighton, 12
- OF Joe Kelley, Rockford, 12
- OF Tyler Helgeson, Portage Northern, 12
- OF Braedon Stoakes, Grand Ledge, 12
- OF Austin Owens, Sterling Hts. Stevenson, 12
- C Kyle Nott Jenison, 12
- C Aaron Dolney, Country Day, 12
- C Bobby Cavin, Livonia Stevenson, 12
- U Luke Russo, Howell, 12

Division 1 First Team All-State

- P Colin Czajkowski, Woodhaven, 12
- P Cam French, Portage Northern, 12
- P Kaden Stively, Romeo, 12
- P Adam Randall, Bay City Western, 12
- P Logan Evans, Saline, 12
- INF Trent Farquhar, Lakeland, 12
- INF Drew Cavanaugh, Stoney Creek, 11
- INF Nolan McCarthy, Portage Northern, 11
- INF Carleton Harper, Salem, 12
- INF Adam Tellier, Forest Hills Central, 12
- INF Aaron West, Grand Ledge, 12



Salem's Carlton Harper, right, made the MHSBCA Dream Team. MICHAEL VASILNEK/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

- INF Cullen Hurley, Jackson, 12
- 1B Avery Carnicom, Woodhaven, 12
- 1B Josh Slayton, Lake Orion, 12
- OF Joe Kelley, Rockford, 12
- OF Zach Hopman, Brighton, 12
- OF Braedon Stoakes, Grand Ledge, 12
- OF Tyler Heigeson, Portage Northern, 12
- OF Austin Owens, Sterling Hts. Stevenson, 12
- C Kyle Nott, Jenison, 12
- C Bobby Cavin, Livonia Stevenson, 12
- C Logan Hylek, Grand Ledge, 11
- U Luke Russo, Howell, 12

Division 1 Second Team All-State

- P Nick King, Birmingham Groves, 12
- P Chad Stevens, Westland John Glenn, 12
- P Tyler Harris, Catholic Central, 11
- P Andrew Taylor, Caledonia, 12
- P Al Thorington, Pinckney, 11
- INF Nolan Mandel, Warren Mott, 12
- INF Kyle Ray, Woodhaven, 12
- INF Weston Brundage, Grosse Pointe South, 11
- INF Shane Juday, Midland Dow, 11
- INF Nate Blain, Canton, 12

- INF Zach Brunet, Walled Lake Northern, 12
- INF Brad South, Bedford, 12
- 1B Chance Kirkwood, Utica Ford, 12
- 1B Ryan Marra, Catholic Central, 12
- OF Colin Conwell, Utica Ford, 12
- OF Cal Fournier, Livonia Franklin, 12
- OF Avain Rivera, Midland Dow, 11
- OF Nate Logan, South Lyon, 12
- OF Nasir Frederick, Wayne Memorial, 12
- C Nick Dardas, Bay City Western, 12
- C Gannon Andrews, Portage Northern, 11
- C Jake Dube, Warren Mott, 12
- U Dominic Hann, Romeo, 11

Division 2 First Team All-State

(Hometown Life area players only)

- OF Saborn Campbell, Detroit Country Day, 10
- C Aaron Dolney, Detroit Country Day, 12

Division 2 Second Team All-State

(Hometown Life area players only)

- INF Parker Pilat, Detroit Country Day, 11
- C Alex Finney, Cranbrook, 12

— Andrew Vaillencourt

Franklin hosting summer basketball camp

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Livonia Franklin High School will host a summer basketball camp June 24-28 at the school gym. The camp costs \$150 per child and is for athletes ages 8-14. It will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day. The fee includes a T-shirt. There will be concessions available on site.

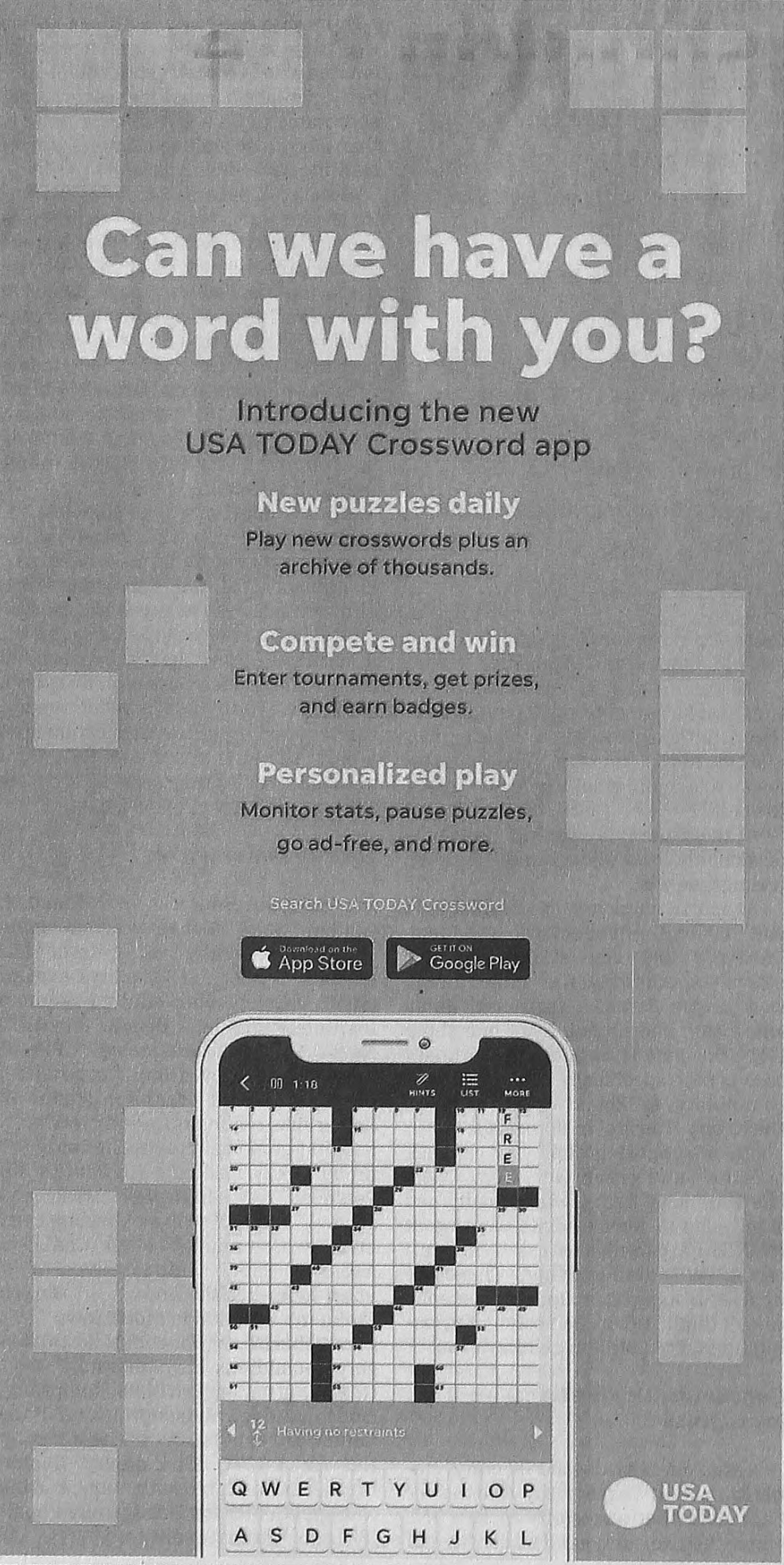
Both the Franklin varsity coaching staff and varsity players will help lead the camp, which will include instruction on passing, shooting, dribbling, rebounding, 1-on-1 abilities, defense, and player evaluations at the end of the week. Morning sessions will be for drills and fundamental stations, while the afternoon will feature guest speakers, games and contests. For more information, contact Livonia Franklin coach TJ Hurley at livoniafranklinhoops@gmail.com.



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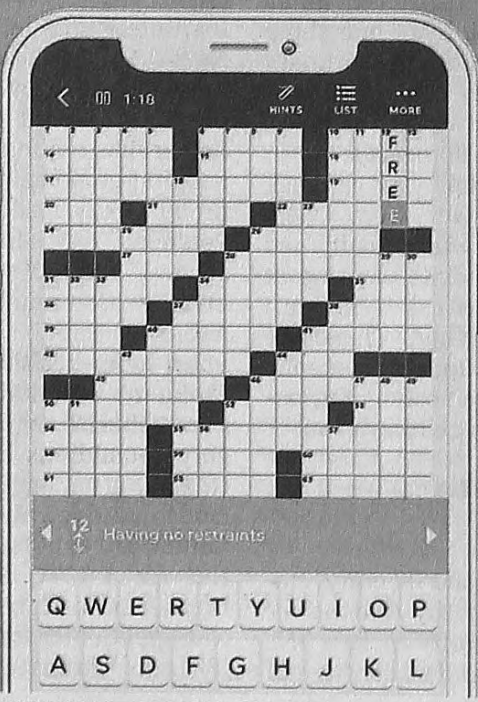
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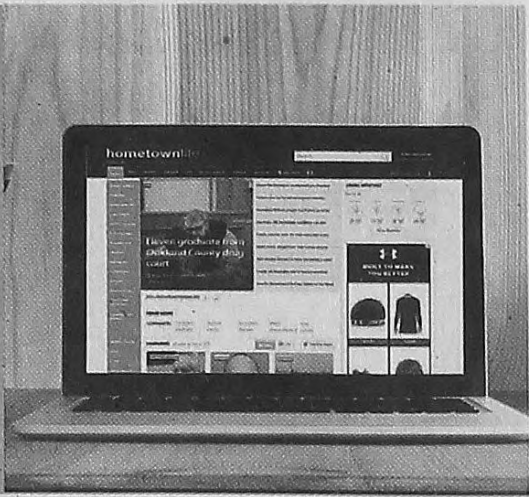
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Managing a demanding manager: A workplace survival guide

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When you're applying and interviewing for a new job, everyone's on their best behavior. You're (professionally) dressed to kill and making eye contact like a boss while you talk about your many qualifications. The hiring manager is basically an ambassador, working on selling the organization to you. And even though you might have a sense of the day-to-day of the position and the general company culture, you can't really prepare for the realities of a difficult boss.

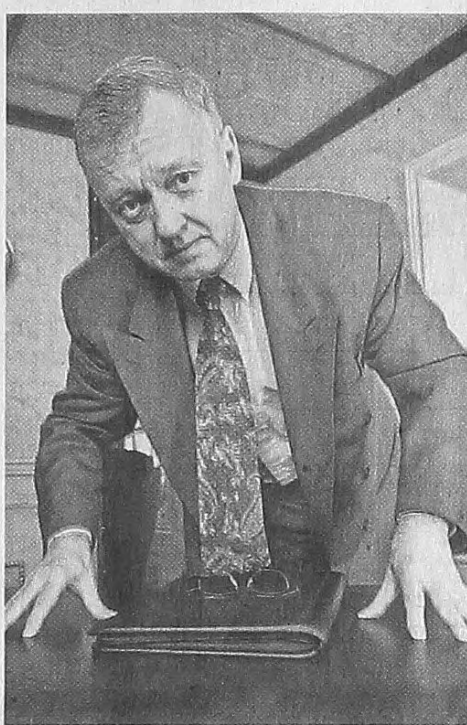
Like any interpersonal relationship, there may be a honeymoon period before your boss's Type A side emerges. (Or ... it may happen on day two.) Whatever the case may be, dealing with a demanding boss can add stress and subtract from your job satisfaction. Let's review some strategies for dealing with a difficult manager.

Set realistic expectations

This has to be the baseline communication between you and your manager. Things can easily spiral out of control if you're not meeting expectations, while also not working with your manager to create a manageable workload. Instead of letting a demanding boss pile work on your desk, make it an ongoing conversation. "I can handle this, but this other thing may need to wait until next week — is that okay?" Keeping an open dialogue about expectations can help keep the necessary communication channels open.

Be open about your needs

If you feel overwhelmed because your boss is demanding high-level per-



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formance on an unreasonable number of tasks or projects, make sure you're clear about what you need to succeed. For example: "I'm going to need the intern's help to handle this part of the project, if we want to stay on schedule." Or "I'll need information from this other team, but it's unlikely they'll be able to provide that before next month." If you don't have the right tools, you won't be able to deliver what your boss wants or expects, and that will reflect badly on you. So speak up!

Don't be combative

If you feel cornered and overwhelmed by a boss with a strong personality, it can be tempting to let that misery and frustration out in your con-

versations. It's important that your boss knows you're willing to work with them to achieve what needs to be done. Don't be a doormat, but do be polite. If your relationship turns into conflict after conflict, productivity is going to go down — and your career might suffer for it.

Anticipate your boss's next move

If you're dealing with a micromanager, working on your psychic skills may help save your professional sanity. If your boss is constantly asking for reassurance that something is done, send proactive emails letting her know that X is done — before she has to ask. After a while, you should be able to anticipate the kinds of questions your boss will ask and what responses they want. Once you know that pattern, it's easier for you to give your boss what she wants. If she has the reassurance that things are happening just as she wants them to, it can get you some much needed peace.

Set clear boundaries

If you're always reading (and responding) to emails late at night, your boss may start to take that for granted and expect you to be on call all the time. Some managers are better about respecting personal boundaries and work-life balance than others. Maybe your boss is a workaholic who answers work emails while brushing his teeth in the morning, but if you want a healthier line between Work You and Not-at-Work You, it's important to say so — and be firm about it. His work style may not be yours, and that's okay. Don't answer non-emergency emails during off hours, and if necessary, let your boss know that you'll be off the grid during certain times.

Check-ins with your boss can help manage these boundaries: "Just a reminder that I'm going to be out tomorrow, but I'll handle this first thing Monday," or "I'm planning to have this part of the project wrapped up before I leave tonight, but this other piece may trail until tomorrow." Much of the time, your boss just wants to know that things are being handled, so if you're clear about how you're handling things and when you plan to do them, that can help.

Cut them some slack

This can be the hardest strategy of all — after all, they're the problem, right? Yes and no. A demanding boss can make your job much more challenging than it needs to be. But we all have our own styles of doing things, and your boss may not even realize she's being overbearing. Think about whether she's genuinely being unreasonable, or if it's a (perhaps unintentional) tone that makes you think she's being unreasonable. It's important to think of your boss as a person with their own needs, goals, and priorities. Is she under pressure from her own boss? Trying to see the situation from a broader perspective (and not just one of the put-upon employee) can help you manage the situation better.

Having a demanding boss can stress you out and make you think about jumping ship. But before you do something drastic, see if there are small ways you can change how you interact with your boss, making things easier for both of you.

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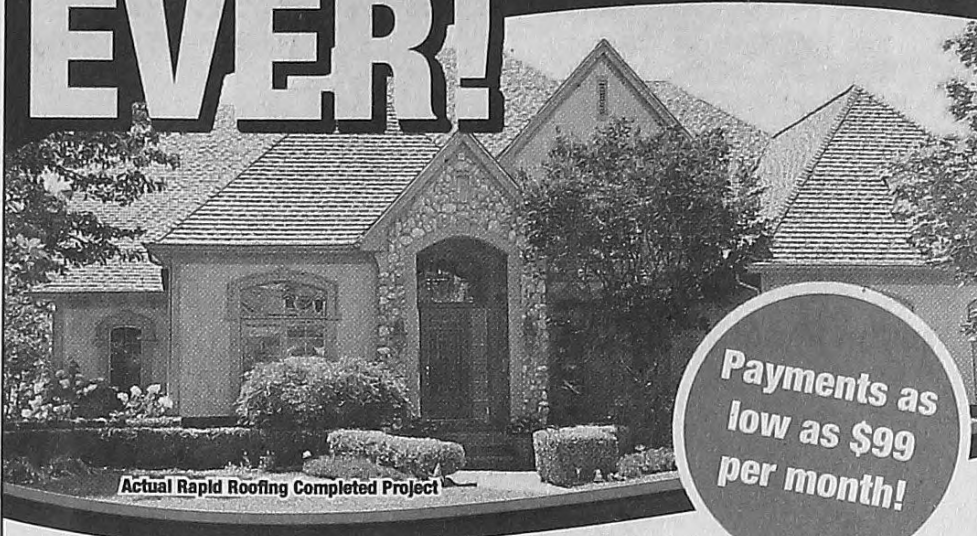


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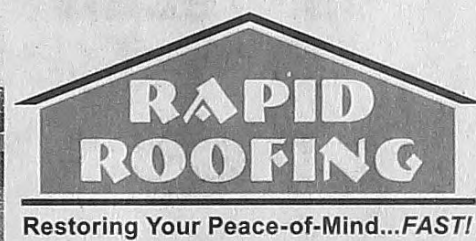
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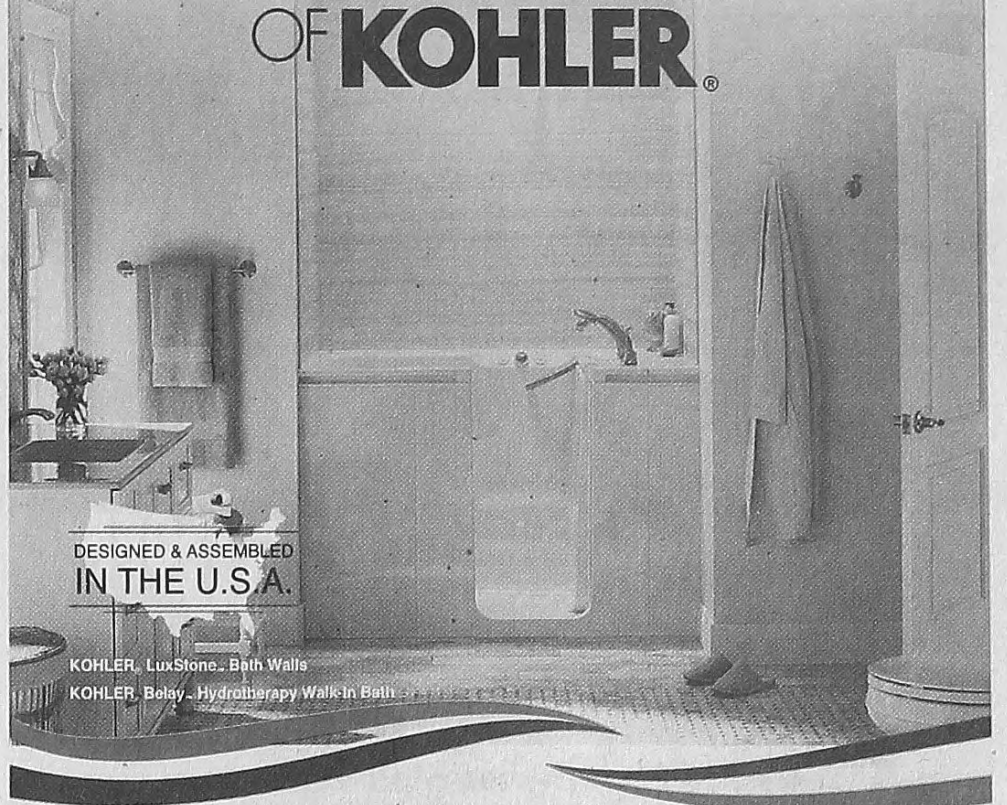
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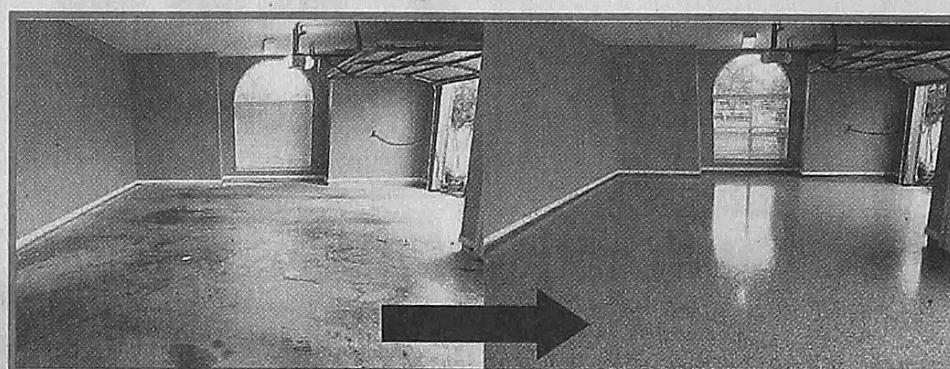


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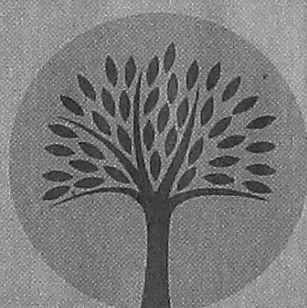
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