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Council approves new Beaumont facility

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Livonia has moved closer to having a new health care option along the Interstate 275 corridor.

The city council Monday night approved a site plan for the new Beaumont facility at the current A123 Systems property at 39000 Seven Mile. That facility would consist of four-and-a-half

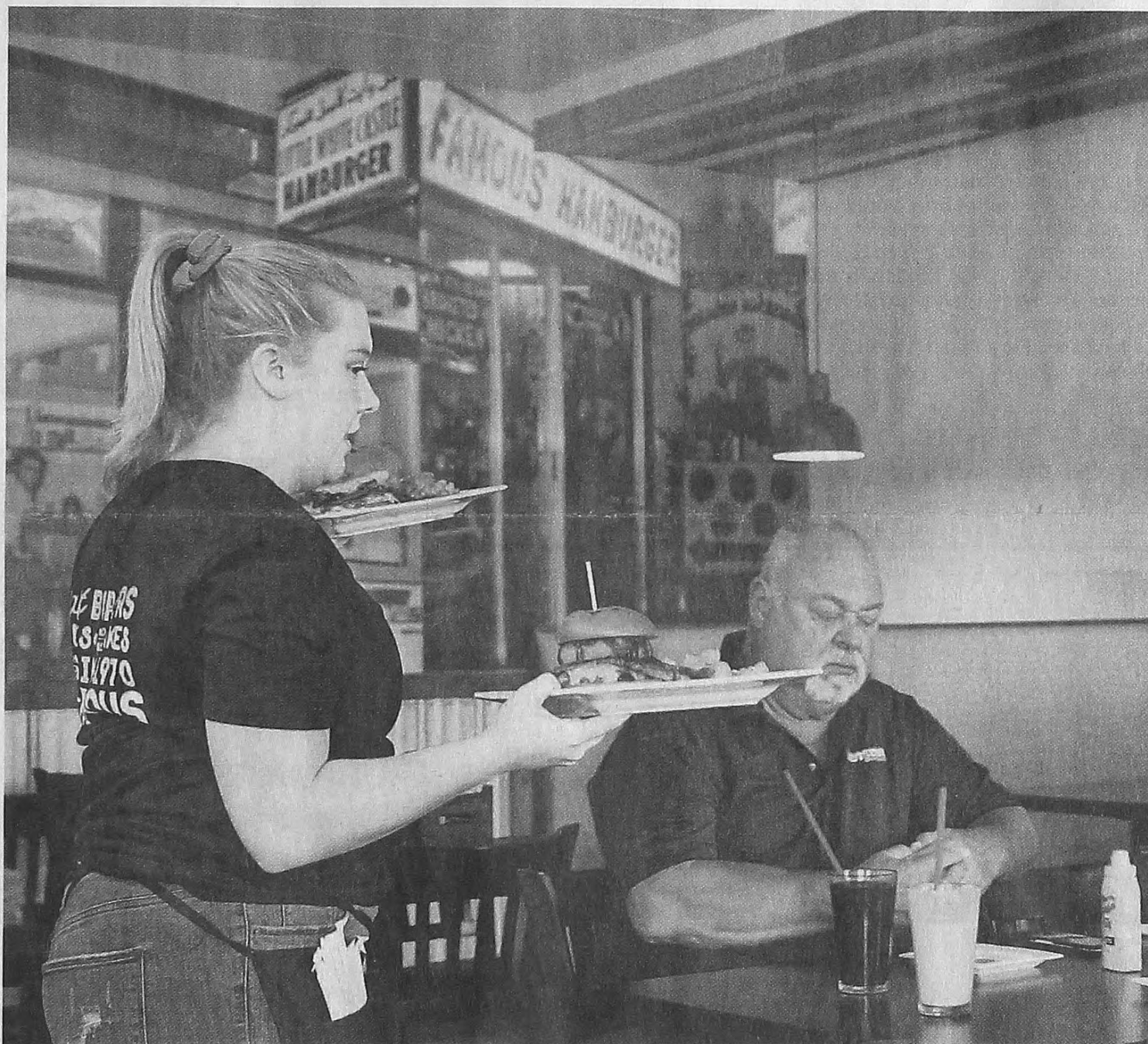
stories and contain offices for primary and specialty care physicians, as well as provide emergency care, imaging, outpatient surgery, cancer services, physical therapy and more.

Beaumont currently has facilities in Farmington Hills and a similar center as proposed for Livonia in Canton. The new center would be the Southfield-

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Beaumont Health will open a new medical facility next year near Seven Mile and I-275 in Livonia.
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Riley Spalding brings out a couple of Famous Hamburger orders to customers at the Canton restaurant July 22. The burger joint recently opened a second location in Canton at 44011 Ford Road. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Famous Hamburger opens second Canton restaurant

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Ford Road just got a little more Famous.

One of the newest restaurants in Canton has been around town for several years. Meet Famous Hamburger, now open at 44011 Ford Road at the former Canton Lighting location.

"It's been a couple weeks, and it's been exciting," said Moe Hider, the president and franchiser. "Canton is awesome."

The restaurant began internationally, opening a location in Beirut, Lebanon, in 1970 by Hider's grandfather. His family then immigrated to the United



A Famous Hamburger cheeseburger is covered on the grill to melt the cheese.

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New recycling service could come to Livonia

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Could Livonia residents have a way to easily dispose of old clothing, blankets and shoes in the coming future? A recent proposal to the city council would bring such a service to the city.

A contract proposal came before the city council during its July 22 study meeting that would bring Ohio-based Simple Recycling into Livonia at no charge.

The company would pick up bags of soft recyclable materials on residents' designated trash days. The company would collect the materials and determine their future depending on their quality, and would pay the city \$20 per ton collected.

Much like other trash pickup services, using such a service would be optional if approved.

"Residents will, of course, still have the option to not use this service," said Jacob Rushlow, superintendent of public service for the city. "They are more than welcome to donate to any charitable organization they currently do or would continue to like to do in the future."

Those charitable donations were an issue for Councilman Scott Bahr, who said he was intrigued by the idea and didn't see a downside, but originally had concerns that local organizations may miss out on donations they would normally receive.

"I would think it would have a downward impact on that," he said. "On one hand, it's another outlet for people for this, which I think is a good thing. Less waste is a good thing."

"But I'd be a little concerned if there is a huge drop in charitable donations."

Sonny Wilkins, vice president of Simple Recycling, said their research shows charitable donations aren't typically affected when they come into a community and offer their services.

"If you're a supporter of a local organization, whatever that organization may be, typically, those people are doing it because they want to benefit that organization," he said. "They'll typically continue that normal behavior."

Several surrounding communities already use this service, Wilkins said: Canton, Garden City, Milford Township, South Lyon and White Lake.

Possible issues surrounding recycling

Councilwoman Kathleen McIntyre said she thought it was a good idea, but

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Always read the fine print before signing



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

I recently read an article about a local woman who is in her 20s who was having financial difficulty, applied for a loan online only to later find out that the interest on the loan was 350 percent.

The article went on to explain that the woman had received an unsolicited mailing from the lending company claiming that if she applied for the loan online, she could have the money in her account the next day. She applied for the loan and the money was transferred to her account. Not surprisingly, she ran into difficulty in repaying the loan.

The article further went on to discuss whether the interest rate charged by the lending company was legal. The woman now has an attorney who is attempting to file a class-action lawsuit.

It seems that in today's world no one reads anything. People sign documents all the time without any knowledge of what is in them. It's sort of like people believe that there are no consequences to their signature, but there are; particularly when you're dealing with a financial institution you are borrowing from.

At the minimum, you need to know the terms of the loan, your payments, when the loan is due, and the interest rate. In fact, if you don't know these items, the only course of action is to walk away.

It's just not when you borrow money; whenever you sign your name, make sure you understand the document.

I remember a year or so ago, I was at my doctor's office and they gave me a form to sign which basically said that I received a copy of their privacy policy and that I understood it. When I told them that I had not received a copy of the privacy policy, their answer to me was that's okay, I can sign the document

anyway. My answer to them was no; I'm not signing.

I recognize that some of these legal documents are difficult to read. However, that doesn't relieve you of responsibility when you sign a legal document.

Recently, a friend of mine's daughter was buying a home and just received her legal documents. I asked her if she has had someone review the documents to make sure they're accurate. Her answer to me was no, she trusts her mortgage company. My answer to her was that it has nothing to do with trust, because if you didn't trust them you wouldn't do business with them. Rather, it has to do with good business.

Every bank and every financial institution make mistakes. It is just the nature of the business. However, what you don't want is for their mistake to cost you.

As adults we have responsibilities, and one of those is to take seriously documents that we sign. I appreciate that

many times you're given an agreement to sign and in reality, they don't want you to read it. So what? I have no problem taking my time to read a document and asking questions. You also should have no problem taking time to read an agreement, and if you don't understand it, you should have no problem telling whoever wants your signature that you need more time to review the document, and potentially have someone professionally review it.

Remember, whoever is asking you to sign the agreement more likely than no, had an attorney draft the agreement for them. I can assure you when the agreement was drafted, it was drafted for their benefit, not yours.

Good luck!

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Who has filed to run in Observer-area elections?

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With the 2019 filing deadline passed, the November ballots for local elections are nearly set. After the dropout deadline of July 24 these citizens will have their names on their city's ballot for Observer area city council, clerk, city commission or mayor.

Livonia had an earlier deadline with a primary election to narrow the candidate pool scheduled for Aug. 6.

In Plymouth, it looks like Suzi Deal, Kelly O'Donnell, Tony Sebastian and Marques Thomey will all return to their city commission seats for another term. The four are all running as incumbents for re-elections to their four commission seats.

In Farmington, Sara Bowman, Sarah Davies, Joe LaRussa, Geof Perrot and Steve Schneemann are competing for three city council seats. Bowman, LaRussa and Schneemann are running as incumbents.

The top two vote-getters in Farmington will serve four-year terms and the third-place finisher will receive a two-year term. Once set, the council elects a mayor and mayor pro-tem from among themselves.

In Farmington Hills, Vicki Barnett and Richard Lerner have filed to run for mayor. Barnett is a former Farmington Hills mayor and state representative, and Lerner currently serves on the city council. The winner will serve a two-year term.

For the three open city council seats,

Jackie Boleware, T. R. Carr, Danette Duron-Willner, Kenneth D. Massey, Mary Newlin and Theresa Rich are all running. Rich is an incumbent, and Massey is currently the city's mayor. The three elected parties will serve four-year terms.

In Westland, Richard LeBlanc is running unopposed for city clerk, a position he currently holds.

For city council, Michael E. Delph, Timothy Gilbert, James Godbout, Debra Kehrer, Michael Londeau, Mike McDermott, Andrea Rutkowski are running. Of the four open seats, the top three vote-getters will receive four-year terms and the fourth-place candidate will serve a two-year term.

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Bill would clear some marijuana crimes

Plan would let low-level offenses be expunged

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LANSING – Misdemeanors involving low-level marijuana use and possession would be automatically cleared from Michiganders' records under a bill that will be introduced this week by Sen. Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor.

The bill would allow roughly 235,000 people to have their misdemeanor records for marijuana use and possession automatically expunged without having to go through the courts.

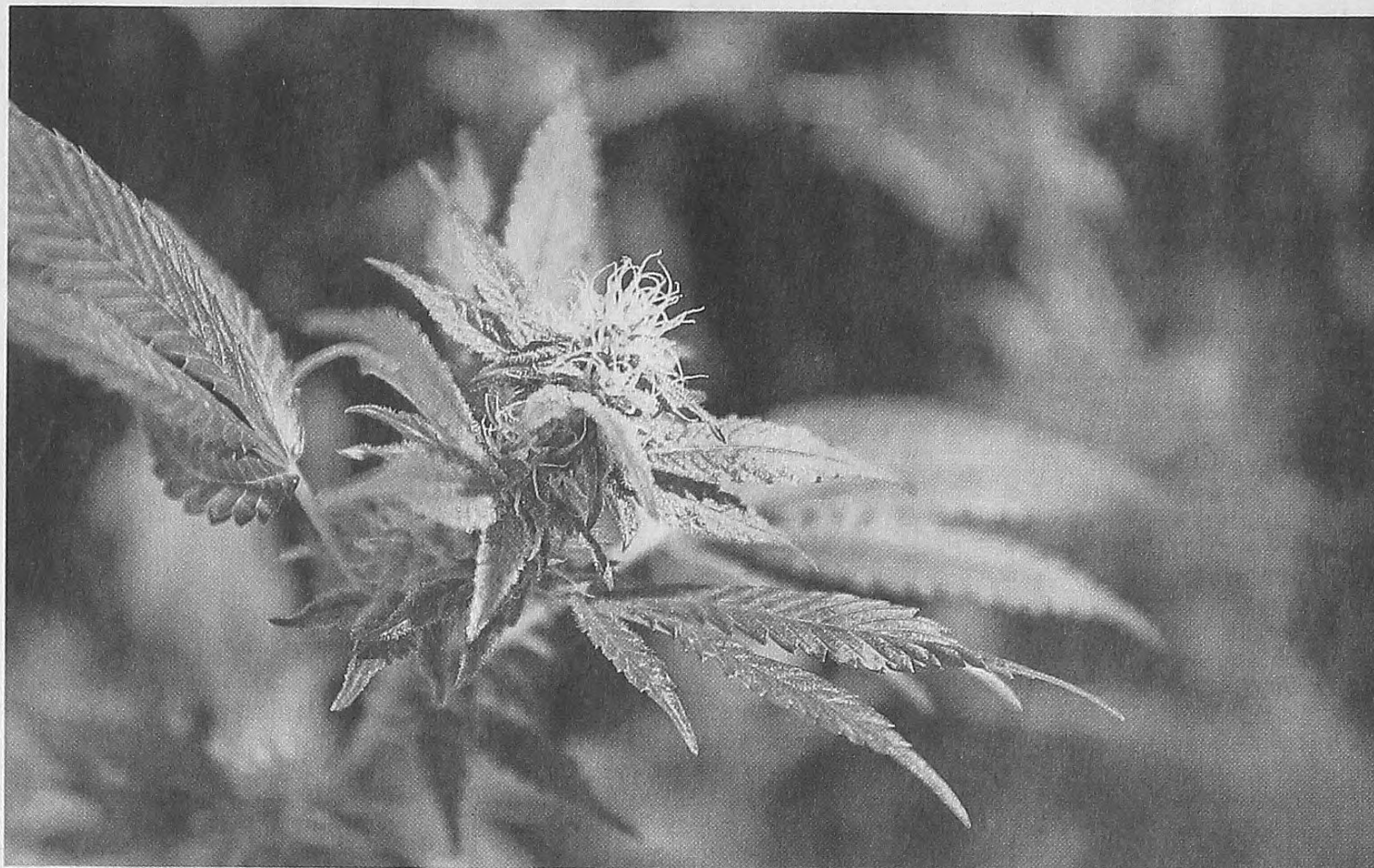
"We would go in through the Michigan State Police's database and make changes to records electronically and administratively without having to go through all the time and expense of going through the courts," Irwin said. "This is so important to a large number of people in Michigan ... who when they're applying for jobs or student loans, they're put in a position where their record can affect their future."

The Michigan bill is similar to action taken in California to clear low-level marijuana crimes after voters approved legalizing weed for recreational use. In Illinois, the legislature passed a bill earlier this year that, in part, will provide an automatic gubernatorial pardon of possession of 30 grams or less of marijuana.

Both Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and Attorney General Dana Nessel have said they favor clearing low-level marijuana crimes from people's records and the Michigan Cannabis Industry Association, which advocates for the industry, applauded the bill.

"Having a marijuana arrest on your record can impact your ability to get a job or even a student loan," said association spokesman Josh Hovey. "This legislation will give back economic opportunities to people who were engaging in what is now a legal activity."

William Vaillencourt, the Livingston County prosecutor and president-elect of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, said while he hasn't seen the specific language of the proposed bill, "we are willing to work with the Legislature to provide relief as long



Misdemeanors for low-level marijuana use and possession would be automatically cleared from the records of roughly 235,000 people under a bill that was expected to be introduced this week. KATHLEEN GALLIGAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

as it's done in a workable fashion."

Many prosecutors around Michigan are looking at pending cases and dismissing some misdemeanor marijuana crimes if those charges are no longer illegal under the new legalization law, Vaillencourt said.

"We look at the conduct involved and if it's not a violation of what voters approved in November, we've dismissed the charges," he said. "But we're taking it case by case."

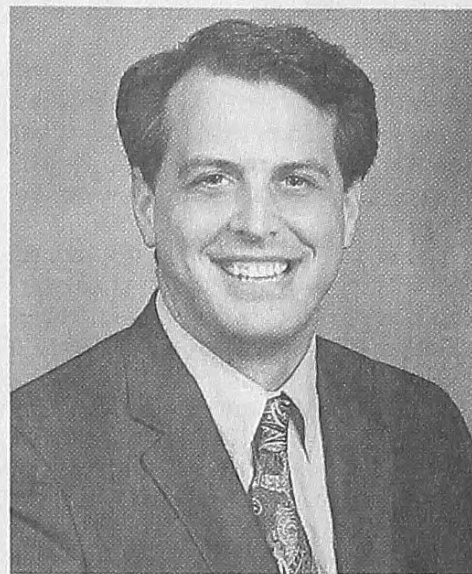
Michigan does have a way for people to apply for expungement of their records, but according to the cannabis association, only about 6% of people with marijuana charges on their record have participated because of the time and expense involved.

The bill also includes an avenue for people with more serious marijuana crimes to apply through the courts to have their record expunged.

"If you're one of the 25,000 people who have a more serious, related cannabis crime, there would be more opportunity to seek an expungement," Irwin said. "This bill would say, you can seek even if you have more than one conviction."

One example is a difference in the way counties charge marijuana crimes. In Washtenaw County, for example, a person caught with a pound of marijuana may only get charged with misdemeanor possession, while in other parts of the state, the person would be charged with the felony of possession with intent to deliver for the same amount of pot.

"We can't do that in an automatic way because the State Police database doesn't get into that level of detail," Irwin said. "But this will provide tools for expungement for those people, too."



State Rep. Jeff Irwin, D-Ann Arbor, is behind the bill that would expunge records related to marijuana crimes. COURTESY OF OFFICE OF STATE REP. JEFF IRWIN

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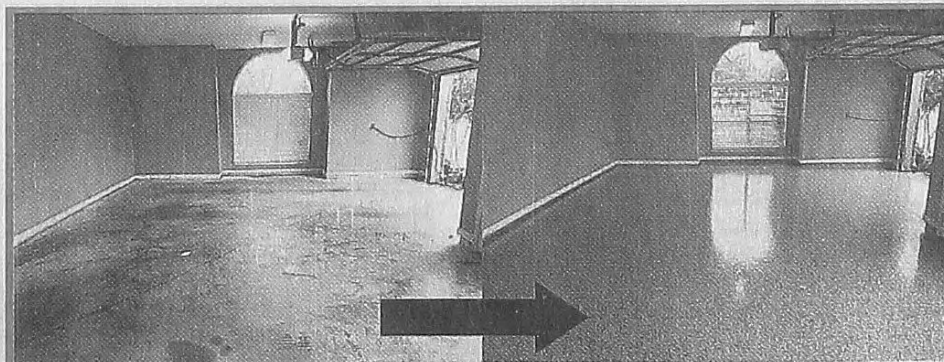


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Meet some of Michigan's oddly-named towns

Gene Scott

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Past and present, Michigan's history includes a wild and crazy assortment of towns (cities, villages, hamlets), many with funny or peculiar names. Let's take look around Michigan, starting alphabetically.

Adventure, a town in Ontonagon County in the Upper Peninsula, had a short-lived copper mining life in the 1850s. The venture lasted just nine years.

Alamo, a town of less than 100 north-east of Kalamazoo, dates to 1841. The town and township (population 3,500) were named for the battle of Alamo to separate Texas from Mexico.

Aloha. This little town south of Cheboygan began in 1903. It was so named by its sawmill owner James Patterson after his trip to Hawaii.

Bachelor in Mason County, named after its mill owner, lasted just a few years after its founding in 1889.

Bad Axe, south of Port Huron, started in 1861. Its early settlers found a much-used ax there. Population 3,000, it's been a city since 1905.

Bloomer was a town in Montcalm County (1851-1886). It was named by several rowdy ladies who came there to a dance. **Bonanza** was a bust. Started in 1839 in Ionia County, the town moved to Lake Odessa in 1880 and died.

Climax, east of Kalamazoo, was named by its first settlers who climaxed a long search for a town in 1835. Rural Free Postal Delivery in Michigan began here 1896, three years before it became a village.

There once were two towns named **Clinch**. The one in Iron County has been gone since 1900. The other, in Lenawee County, had the same fate in 1842.

Dice, just west of Saginaw, has been rolling along in Thomas Township (pop. 11,000) since 1894. Without a casino too. **Hard Luck**, near Gladwin, had a short life around 1906, quickly becoming a ghost town.

Keno anyone? We once had two towns named Keno in Newaygo and Roscommon counties, both long gone. However, historic post offices remain at these sites — reminders of the days



The former train station in Moscow, Michigan, north of Hillsdale (population 1,400) now serves as the town's historical museum. COURTESY OF GENE SCOTT

when gambling in Michigan was illegal.

A town called **Dot** was in Charlevoix County until 1901. It was just a dot on the map.

There are or once were eight towns named **Eagle** in Michigan. The one in Clinton County is within Eagle Township (pop. 110) and has been there since 1873. **Eagle Bay** was in Huron County before 191. **Eagle Harbor** (pop. 70) has been in Keweenaw County since 1844.

An **Eagle Lake** once was in Oakland county in the 1850s and there are two little hamlets called **Eagle Mills** — in Kent and Marquette counties, both started in the 1870s.

Eagle Pointe in Macomb County became part of the city of St. Clair Shores in 1925. **Eagle River**, on Lake Superior in Keweenaw County, has been there since 1843. With less than 100 residents, it's the smallest county seat in the state.

Eureka was in Clinton County north of St. Johns until 1860. Its township, also called Eureka, is still going strong and has 3,500 residents. Locals still call it Swizzletown. And, there was another Eureka, by golly. It was in Montcalm County from 1843-1854. First settlers

called it Eureka, exclaiming "I have found it."

Excelsior was a town in Kalkaska County before 1902. The township of Excelsior is still there.

Faith in Crawford County only lasted a year until 1853. **Joy**, in Emmet County, lasted 15 years until 1899. There was a town of **Hope** in Midland County before 1900, but there's still a Hope Township. Another Hope, a copper mining town, was started in Keweenaw in 1884, but soon abandoned. No Charity.

Meanwhile, **Flushing** in Genesee County has been working well since 1835.

There once were three towns named **Freedom**. Two are gone, the Freedom in St. Joseph County lasting eight years until 1844. Another in Washtenaw, gone by 1869. The third Freedom, dating to 1875, has less than 100 residents. It's on US-25 south of Cheboygan. **Liberty** lasted eighty years in Jackson County until 193, but Liberty Township continues.

Michigan once had a **Friday** for a few years until 1903, in Missaukee County.

The only **Frost** in Michigan was in

Saginaw County, 1880-1907. However, there was a **Klondike** in Oceana County until 1912 and a **Pleasant** in Kent County until 1889. Six other towns have Pleasant names (Pleasant View, Pleasant Ridge, etc).

Berrien County once had **Snow** (a town gone by 1875). Antrim County once had a **Snowflake** in 1891 and Branch County had a **Snow Prairie** before 1870. **Snowtown** in Berrien County melted away in the 1850s.

Those are or were Michigan's weather name towns. Enough detour. Let's resume our town talk alphabetically.

Gay, in Keweenaw County, was started in 1898 by Keweenaw RR and copper mine owner Joseph Gay. Today it still has 60 residents, a school house and one business — a saloon.

Grace in Benzie County has been gone since 1884, but the Grace in Presque Isle County, founded 1893, is still there on US-25 at the Lake Huron shore.

The town of **Granite** near Marquette is long gone (1894), but **Granite Island** nearby still rocks and has a lighthouse too. There was a **Gravel Pit** in Menominee County in 1878, but it emptied before 1900.

There's a little hamlet (less than 50 residents) called **Hatmaker** south of Coldwater. It's been there since 1884. And, a place called **Hawks** is south of Rogers City. Named after Detroit and Mackinac RR president James Hawks, it's been there since 1895.

Michigan towns include **Hodunk** and **Podunk**. Hodunk (less than 50 pop.) has been in Branch County since 1833. Podunk, a ghost town in Ingham County, dates to 1851.

There once were three towns called **Home** — one in Keweenaw County in the 1860s, another in Montcalm County (which also has a township called Home) until 1872, and a third in Newaygo County until 1882.

There was a **Horseshoe** in Allegan County before 1904. The name remained with a nearby resort area. Midland County had a **Jam** for nearly ten years around 1900.

Our state has a **Jerusalem** (est. 1832) west of Ann Arbor and a **Nazareth** (est. 1897) north of Kalamazoo, but no

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Bethlehem. Alas, there's a **Christmas** – started in 1938 in the Upper Peninsula, five miles west of Munising on M-28. Until a few years ago, visitors could stop at the post office in Christmas to have their holiday cards mailed from there in December. Since then, a prevailing township vote changed all that when Christmas got a casino.

Little Lulu, west of Monroe, has been hanging on since 1853. **Lum** in Lapeer County nearly died after its train depot blew up in 1904, but it's still here.

Magician Beach in Cass County didn't totally disappear back in 1903. It became a resort area on Magician Lake.

Less than 50 still live in **Merriweather**, a mining town started in Ontonagon County in 1916. There was a **Mint** in St. Joseph County until 1913. **Moonshine** in Tuscola County dried up by 1900 and **Whiskey Creek** in Oceana County became a ghost town after 1856.

Yes, comrades, there's a **Moscow** in Michigan – a town in Moscow Township (1,400 pop.) – on US-12 north of Hillsdale. Been there since 1831. We also have had a **London** west of Monroe since 1832, but only 40 people still live there. And, there's been a **Paris** (240 pop.) north of Big Rapids since 1865. The town has a 20-foot Eiffel Tower replica.

Napoleon (est. 1900), a town and township of 1,200, is south of Jackson. **Waterloo** has been nearby since 1834. Bonaparte was the name of Detroit's Joy Road before 1850, by the way.

Nirvana (Buddhist for "Highest Heaven") is still there, a hamlet of less than 50 in Lake county since 1874. Which brings us up to Ontonagon and the town of **Nonesuch**, buried in the 1890s near Lake of the Clouds, a beautiful sight indeed.

Michigan once had two **Oranges** – towns in Branch and Ionia counties a century ago. **Pigeon** is a town of 1,200 in Windsor Township, Huron County.

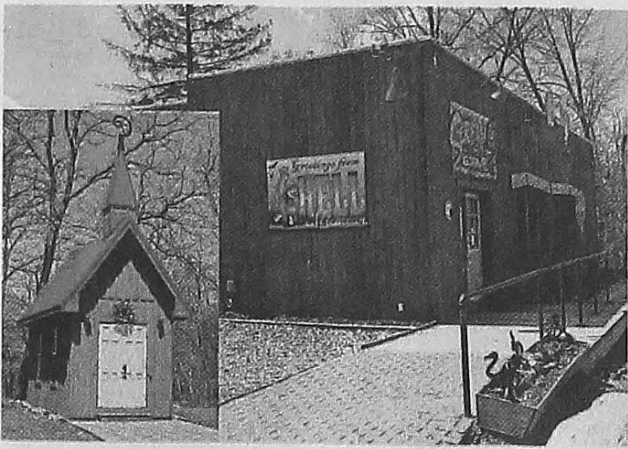
Quick in Otsego disappeared soon after it was started by Postmaster James Quick in 1899. No one came to save **Rescue** in Huron County in 1880. It's now an historic post office site.

Michigan has cities named **Remus** (Mecosta County), founded 1869, **Romulus** (Wayne County), 1827, and a **Romeo** (Macomb), 1821. There was a **Rome** in Lapeer County in 1839, but it became known as the Deserted City.

Shiloh (Ionia County), named for a Civil War battle, got started in 1876 and has less than 50 residents today. **Standard** (Genesee) and **Stump** (Muskegon) have been gone since 1900. Gone also is the town of **Summit** in Baraga County northwest of Marquette, named for being near the highest point in Michigan (Mount Arvon, 1,979 feet).

Sun stopped shining in Newaygo County in 1893, but there's been a **White Cloud** nearby since 1873. It's a city of 1,200.

Turtle slowly left Iosco County after 1904. The



The town bar and store in Hell, Michigan, and inset, the chapel. Few live in Hell (74), but more live here than in Paradise (45). PHOTOS COURTESY OF GENE SCOTT

same thing happened to the town of **Wait** in Lapeer that same year. Montmorency County lost its **Valentine** in February 1907.

The village of **Waltz** (est. 1857) is in southwestern Wayne County and has 1,500 residents today. Some still like to waltz and square dance there. The still popular Waltz Inn was opened by town founder Joseph Waltz in 1872. **Wise** was a town north of Mount Pleasant.

There's still two **Wolverines**, fictitious state nickname towns: one in the Lower Peninsula and one in the Upper Peninsula. Started in 1882, one is south of Cheboygan and has 240 residents. The Wolverine in the UP (also with 240 residents) is in Calumet, Houghton County.

Now, let's go to **Hell**, a wild and crazy place near Pinckney in Livingston County. It was started in 1841 and named for the frequent brawls by local Native Americans then living in the area. Today, it consists mostly of a few businesses catering to the folks who like to party. No one admits to living here. Heaven only knows why.

Take heart, Michiganders. There's a place called **Paradise**, on M-123 at Whitefish Bay, Lake Superior in Chippewa County. Founded in 1925, only 40 people live there – three miles from Tahquamenon, the most beautiful of Michigan's 196 waterfalls. A curious fact perhaps: Hell is in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and Paradise is in the Upper Peninsula.

Some of our state's towns are named after other states (15) and at least 30 honor U.S. presidents. There's also some major U.S. cities and others besides London, Moscow and Paris that are or were towns in Michigan.

Among the sources for more information about Michigan's places of the past and present are: R. Dodge, "Ghost Towns of Michigan;" L. Wakefield, "Ghost Towns of Michigan;" W. Romig, "Michigan Place Names;" G. Scott, "Michigan Shadow Towns;" and 197 county histories. These reference books can be found in major libraries, including those in Detroit, Ann Arbor and Lansing.

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based health care provider's first major expansion into Livonia.

"I'd also like to welcome Beaumont to Livonia proper," said Councilman Brian Meakin. "Welcome to Beaumont as well, and I wish everyone luck in this project."

While he said he would vote for the plan, Council Vice President Jim Jolly said he was slightly worried patients needing urgent treatment seeing the "emergency" signage that would need extra attention that could not be given at the new facility may end up needing to be transferred elsewhere if they were to drive straight to the new center.

He said he was worried it could lead to ambulance runs across town to hospitals or other health care centers.

"I think overall it's a great project and it's going to add great value, I just have some concerns," he said.

Constance O'Malley, president of outpatient services for Beaumont Health, said the center will be staffed with operating room suites and surgeons able to care for patients.

"There will be board-certified physicians in that center," she said. "The setup will be exactly what you see in the hospital."

If a situation arises where a patient needs to be transferred, Beaumont Farmington Hills is just minutes away at Eight Mile and Grand River, she said.

The facility, which could bring around 300 jobs to the city, was proposed earlier this year and unveiled as a Beaumont facility earlier this spring. The building construction could begin later this year, as A123 Systems is moving its headquarters to a new building in Novi.

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Recycling

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suggested going with a two-year contract over the proposed four-year contract, since she was unsure how the program would be received in the community and did not want to commit long-term to something if it wouldn't work out for the city.

She said it could lead to trash-pickers going through bags, as well as the "sloppiness" people have when it comes to throwing things into recycling containers. She said it's difficult currently to get residents to better understand what can be put in recycling bins now, and worries that same problem would continue with the soft material recycling program.

"We hear a lot of complaints ... because the recycling bins are not used properly," she said. "My concern is – and some of the other communities have had this experience – the bags aren't tied up and you end up with a mess of wet clothes on the curb on recycling day."

Wilkins said the company has not had an issue with



Simple Recycling started curbside pickup of unwanted clothing in Canton in 2016. SUBMITTED

litter or clutter in the communities in the last several years and did not believe it would be an issue. Items would be attempted to be reused first in the United

States, then internationally, and then recycled into a different material if they cannot be used anywhere.

Rushlow said the administration requested a four-year contract to allow Simple Recycling time to recoup its costs in setting up the program and coming into the community.

"That's why it was presented as a four-year initial term," he said.

The council will take the issue up at its next regular meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. Aug. 12.

Councilman Brandon Kritzman said he hopes using such a service would help residents recycle items properly instead of throwing them into bins incorrectly.

"I think this will actually alleviate some of the stress on that," Kritzman said. "I had the same thought about our own recycling program. As much as we try to educate people on what is acceptable materials to throw out and ... what is not acceptable to throw in the recycling bins, I see it all the time, things that shouldn't be in there."

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Hamburger

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States and decided to bring the Famous Hamburger concept with them. The restaurant serves a multitude of burgers, fries, salads, wraps and milkshakes, to name a few.

It now operates three restaurants, one at Canton Center and Michigan Avenue in Canton and another on Michigan Avenue in Dearborn.

Deciding to open a second location in a community they already serve was a no-brainer, Hider said, given the extensive traffic Ford Road sees.

"We're doing well, people started really liking us," he said. "We created a following in Canton."

"We've been driving up and down Ford Road for

years just trying to find a space. Ford Road, you can't beat it."

They found that space late last year and spent the last several months renovating and remodeling the interior.

They still have some wall decor planned to go up, but it's otherwise ready for diners at any time.

One such diner was Canton resident Christopher Covert, who decided to stop in Monday afternoon to try out a Sricacha Burger, which includes jalapenos, Sriracha sauce, beef bacon, Swiss cheese, lettuce and tomato.

He was looking forward to having another dining option in the neighborhood.

"So far, everything's been pretty cool," he said sitting at the counter. "They're the new kid in town, so we might as well be neighborly."

Famous Hamburger's expansion won't be limited to

just Canton, Hider said. Another location is expected to open in Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills later this year, and other locations in Detroit and Troy are being considered.

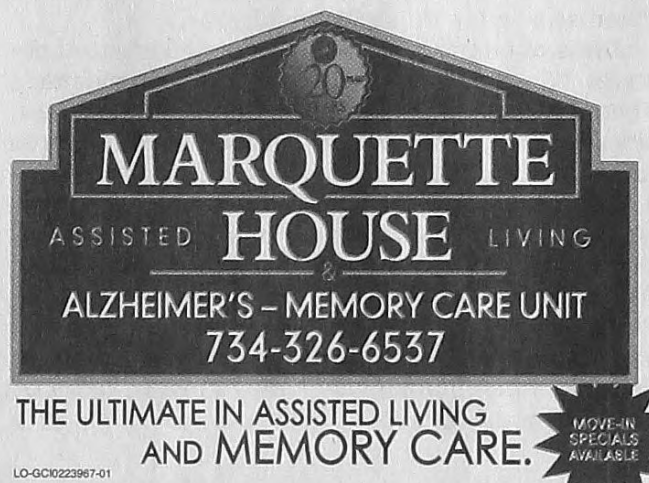
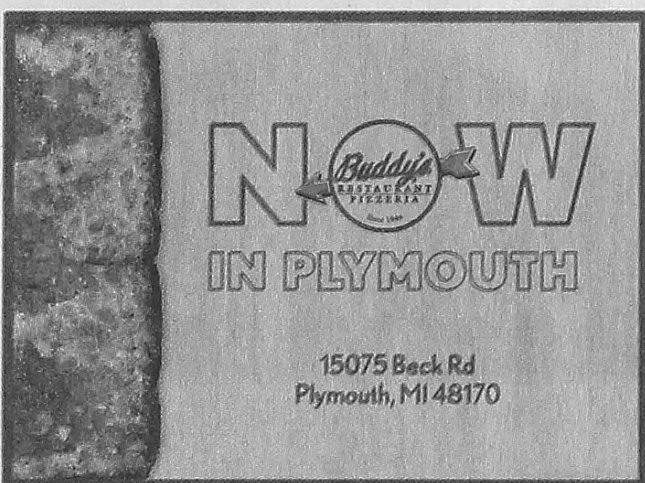
A grand opening celebration is planned in the future, though no date has been set, Hider said. The restaurant is still taking applications for employees, which can be accessed on its website at famoushamburger.com.

Hider said his father, Feisal Hider, is proud to see what has become of the family business in the U.S.

"He loves seeing this. It's truly a dream come true," he said. "For my dad, he really appreciates coming in here and seeing where his hard work took us."

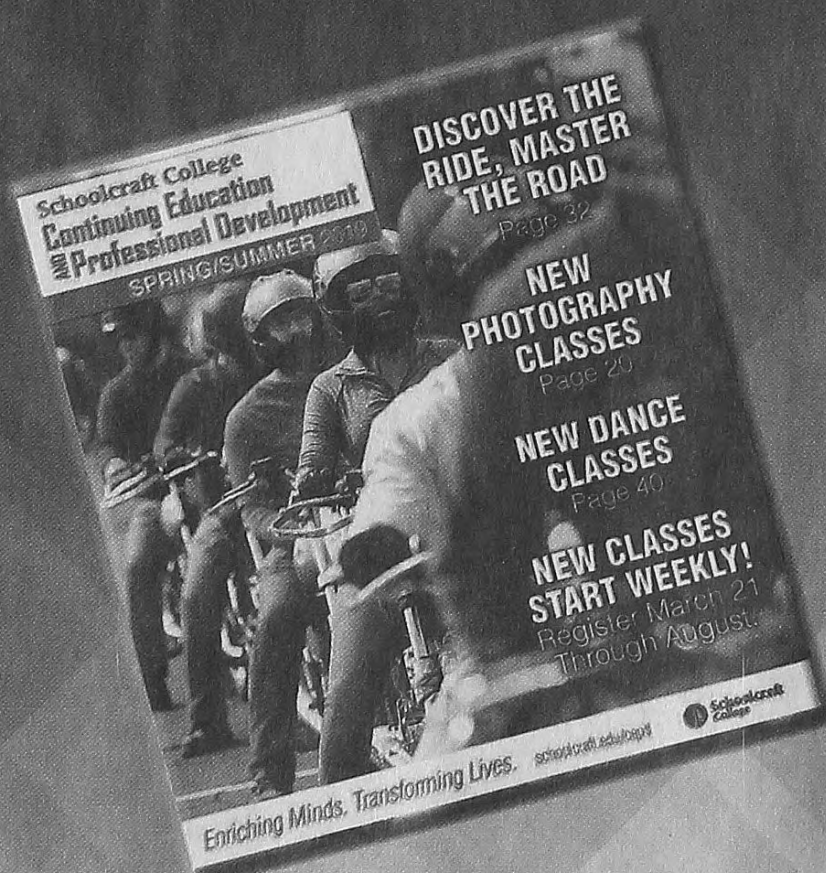
"It's really cool."

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Famous Hamburger's second location in Canton sits at 44011 Ford Road. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

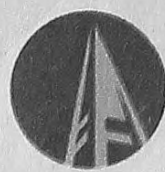
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Obituaries

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Irene Gertrude Veresh

NORTHVILLE - Irene Gertrude Veresh of Northville, passed away July 21, 2019, just one day shy of her 86th birthday. She was born in Northville, to William and Martha (nee Heintz) Matthews. Irene was the beloved wife of 65 years to the late Edward Veresh, who died in 2016. Irene is survived by her two loving children David (Janice) Veresh and Kathy Veresh, her dear grandchildren Brad Toombs, Tim Veresh, Bethany (Dave) Harris, and Benjamin Veresh, and 7 great-grandchildren. Irene was preceded in death by her husband, both of her parents, her loving daughter Karen Veresh (2018), and her two sisters Elizabeth Allen and Jean Unger. Visitation for Irene will be Thursday, July 25, 2019 from 5-8pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main, Plymouth, 48170. Her Funeral Service will be Friday, July 26, 2019, at 11am at Praise Baptist Church, 45000 N. Territorial, Plymouth, 48170. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Community Opportunity Center. To view full obituary and leave a condolence please visit schneider-howell.com.

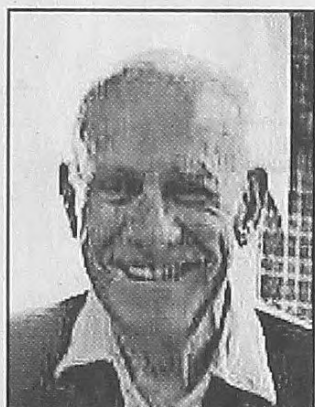


James Cox

FARMINGTON HILLS - JAMES COX, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, passed away on June 24, 2019 at the age of 87.

He was born on July 6, 1931 in Pontiac, Michigan to J. Cecil Cox and Shirley Ulmer. He graduated from Walled Lake High School in 1949. His studies at Michigan State Normal College were interrupted when he volunteered for the army during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged in 1954 and graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1958 with a teaching degree. He earned a Master's Degree in 1962 and taught mathematics and computers at North Farmington High School until he retired in 1986. He married his sweetheart, Dorothy Howard, on June 15, 1951. They had a daughter and two sons. He enjoyed fishing, camping and bowling. In retirement, he and Dorothy lived on Kerswill Lake in Gladwin, MI. They relocated to Farmington Hills in 2016.

He is survived by his children Nancy (Don) Kurtz, Lee (Debbie) Cox, David (Robin) Cox, ten grandchildren and fourteen great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his two brothers, William and Charles, and grandson, Lucas Kurtz.



Brian Joseph Slattery

LIVONIA - Brian Joseph Slattery of Livonia. Age 61.

Brian was born on June 23, 1958 and unexpectedly, but peacefully, passed away on July 13, 2019.

Brian was a loving and dedicated husband of 24 years to Janice, a devoted and nurturing father to Matthew, and an endearing son-in-law to Edwin and Lorraine Wojtowicz.

Pre-deceased by his parents Thomas and Agnes Slattery, Brian is survived by his sisters Sharon (Michael) Derrig and Shannon (David) Costello. Cherished brother-in-law to Ronald Wojtowicz (Diane Fogarty), Kenneth Wojtowicz, Karen Fisher, and Mark (Cindy Weeg) Wojtowicz. Caring and adventurous uncle to Christopher (Elisa) Derrig, Timothy (Jenna) Derrig, Shannon (Daniel) Cristler, Ashleigh Costello (Jonathan Ottolini), Allison Derrig, Brett Fisher and Brandon Fisher. Beloved great uncle to Owen and Agnes Derrig.

Brian was blessed with a great many friendships including childhood friends, co-workers, neighbors and parents of exceptional children. He always enjoyed discussing politics with his father-in-law, Ed, as well as his nieces and nephews. He certainly knew how to hold his own, and was very well versed in his beliefs.

Brian loved all sports, but especially anything that involved the outdoors. He loved to travel and ski out west. He enjoyed thoroughly researching his areas of interest in anticipation of touring new locations. He especially liked going to National Parks to hike. One of his recent accomplishments was completing a 50 mile backpacking trip in the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore. Brian also loved to golf, ice skate, take family bike rides, have weekly movie dates with Matthew, and participate in crap tournaments at the casino.

He was a loyal and committed employee at Humanetics Innovative Solutions, occupying the position of Facilities Manager.

A "Celebration of Brian's Life" will be held at Burton Manor in Livonia on Sunday, July 28 beginning at 11 a.m. Please RSVP to JanSL@sbcglobal.net.

Donations in Brian's name may be made to Rising Stars Academy or The Miracle League of Plymouth.

Please share a memory of Brain at www.rggrharris.com.

Goldie A. Edwards

HARRISVILLE - Goldie A. Edwards, 89 of Harrisville, passed away Wednesday, July 17, 2019 in Johns Creek, Georgia.

Born January 24, 1930 to Glenwood and Margaret (Ritchie) Stinchcombe in Harrisville, MI, she graduated from Harrisville High School in 1948, and later married Wayne Riebow. In 1972 Goldie married Walton Edwards. They moved to the Detroit area where Goldie was the top salesperson at Henry Ford Village Retirement Community in Dearborn. While raising her family in Harrisville, Goldie was very active in the Presbyterian Church where she founded a youth group, worked to increase church membership and served as an elder. After she retired and returned to Harrisville, Goldie owned and operated Maggie's Gifts. Goldie made friends wherever she went and loved to plan parties. She had great style and a flare for design in both fashion and interior decorating. She will be remembered as a sincere, generous person to all her family and everyone that knew her.

Goldie is survived by her son James (Barbara) Riebow of Dardenne Prairie, MO, two daughters, Glenda (Terry) Bleau of Livonia, MI, and Tamyra (Brian) Efimetz of Cumming GA, eight grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and two sisters, Margie Smith of Rapid City, SD, and Kathleen Kearly of Genesee, MI. She was preceded in death by her husband Walton Edwards on February 27, 2003, her brother Henry Stinchcombe, her sister, Virginia Downer, a great grandson, Samuel Cummings, and her dear friend Robert Wiedmaier.

On July 21st, a funeral service was held at Gillies Funeral Home in Harrisville with burial at Westlawn Cemetery, Harrisville.

Arlene Louise Wilkinson

- - Arlene Louise Wilkinson, 85, formerly of Litchfield, passed away Sunday, July 21, 2019 at the Heartland Health Care Facility in Livonia. She was born August 12, 1933 in Jackson, MI to Kenneth and Alice (Reynolds) Wilkinson.

Funeral services for Arlene L. Wilkinson will be held Saturday July 27, 2019 at 12:00 Noon at the Eagle Funeral Home-George White Chapel in Litchfield with Pastor Joe Haverlock officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Litchfield. Visitation will be held Saturday 11 AM until the time of service.

To view this obituary or send condolences, visit www.eaglefuneralhomes.com



Patricia Sari

LIVONIA - A longtime resident of Livonia and former Livonia School board member, Patricia Sari, 75, passed on the morning of July 13, 2019, after a long illness.

She is survived by her children Kevin, his wife Melanie, William, his wife Kelly, Robin, and her husband Brent, and her grandchildren Robert, Ann-Louise, Noah, Reese, Brian & Isaiah.

She had lived a wonderful and happy life. She spent her time advocating for what she believed in, serving on numerous committees and boards that supported her community and will be missed by all.

Memorial Services at Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, July 27 at 10:00 am.

Dorothy A. Cox

FARMINGTON HILLS - DOROTHY A. COX, of Farmington Hills, Michigan, passed away on July 19, 2019 at the age of 87.

She was born on March 29, 1932 to Ray Howard and C. Iona Howard and raised on the family farm in Farmington Hills where they raised dairy cows, chickens, hay and a fruit orchard. She attended a one-room school for first through sixth grade. Her biggest class was five students! She then attended school in downtown Farmington and graduated from Farmington High School. She attended University of Michigan and earned her BA in Education in 1953, MS in Environmental Education in 1972 and a PhD in Education/Natural Resources in 1980. She became a teacher who taught first grade in New York Public Schools on Staten Island. She then taught at Farmington's Bond School and Southfield's Angling Road School before moving to the Clarenceville Public School District.

Dorothy enjoyed being involved in education extension groups. As a consultant for the Michigan Conservation School she traveled to France and Germany, working with the US Department of Defense Dependent Schools. She also traveled to China, Hong Kong, Thailand and Nepal as part of science/environmental education groups.

She married James Cox in 1951 and they were married for 68 years. They raised three children, Nancy, Lee and David. In retirement, she and James lived on Kerswill Lake in Gladwin, MI where she enjoyed quilting, boating and volunteering for Meals on Wheels. They relocated to Farmington Hills in 2016.

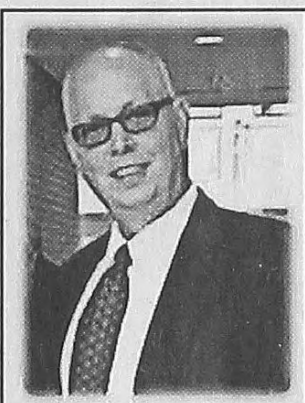
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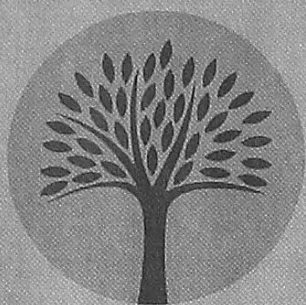


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William Raymond Ryburn

ARROYO HONDO, NM - Arroyo Hondo, New Mexico - Passed away July 4, 2019 at the age of 92. William (Bill) was born August 24, 1926 in Billings, Montana to Raymond and Shelda Ryburn and brother of the late Shelda (Leeper) Ryburn. Bill grew up in Cody, Wyoming then moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Bill graduated from the University of Michigan. Bill became an Ensign in the US Navy ROTC while attending University. There he met his wife of 65 years Frances Dalby Hannan who preceded him in death in 2016, Bill is survived by his son Charles William Ryburn of Michigan. After College Bill and Frances settled in Bloomfield Hills Michigan in 1957. Initially out of school Bill worked for the Firestone Rubber Company. From there Bill joined the Eaton Yale and Towne Corporation where he became the driving force of the fledgling Air Bag Safety Industry in the early 1970's. This was followed by a brief stint as an Automotive Supply Representative then finally he owned a Cessna Aircraft Dealership. Bill Retired at 56 and together he and Frances moved to the mountains of Taos, New Mexico area. Where he pursued skiing, raising llamas & donkeys, flying hi performance sailplanes and aerobatic flying. Bill was not only a sailplane pilot but a certified Instructor and held Instructor Licenses in single and twin engine airplanes. Bill was an accomplished musician who played the clarinet and saxophone brilliantly as well as the flute, oboe, piccolo and piano. He played for the Pontiac Symphony in Michigan during the 1960's and numerous chamber music groups as well as The Los Alamos Big Band during his time in New Mexico. An avid Sportsman, Bill was a lifetime member of the Oakland County Sportsman's Club where he raced Mini Cooper sports cars in 1960. Bill was a member of the National Ski Patrol that complemented his love of skiing in the 1960's and 70's. Be it sailing boats or raising honey bees or building an experimental Sail Plane (glider) Bill was tireless. Retirement did not slow him down. A student of Life Long Learning, Bill pursed his hobbies of physics and astronomy, building a dome and installing a 12" Telescope in his New Mexico home. This to satisfy his ongoing curiosity of cosmology and astronomy that he taught while attending college but could now fully devote his free time to. Never one to sit still, Bill engaged himself in electronics, flying, gentleman ranching, skiing, reading, physics, cosmology and most of all music. As a trained engineer who literally could fix and repair anything better than originally constructed nothing went broken for very long. He was a giant of a man who will be deeply missed. Donations may be made in his memory to the Best Friends Animal Society Sanctuary, 5001 Angel Canyon Rd., Kanab, Utah 84741 (435) 644-2001





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Sports

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Six locals selected for national classic

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Five local girls lacrosse players and one boy have been named as 2019 Maverik National High School Lacrosse All-Americans and were selected to attend the Maverik National Lacrosse Classic.

The tournament was held July 15-18 in Frederica, Delaware, at the DE Turf Sports Complex.

Madison Sopha (Salem 2020), Gabrielle Fuller (Salem 2021), Madeline Percy (Plymouth 2020), Kira Gendjar (Northville 2021) and Madison Hogue (South Lyon 2022) were all selected.

Harrison Albano, of Plymouth High School, also made the Classic on the boys side.

The Maverik National Lacrosse Classic is a first-of-its-kind experience, created to provide lacrosse athletes with a competitive process to benchmark their skills and athleticism, qualify for selection to represent their state in a national tournament and gain recognition by competing in front of NCAA lacrosse coaches from every division.

Hogue, and GG and Izzy Heath-Shepherd (sisters from Northville), were also invited to participate in the Berlin Lacrosse Cup 2019 – Girls U16 event with LEGACY global sports, which was

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The new Wayne Memorial High School Athletic Hall of Fame will be housed in the Alumni Area on the high school campus. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

Wayne Memorial High School dedicates Athletic Hall of Fame

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Wayne Memorial High School announced earlier this summer the dedication of the Wayne Memorial High

School Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame had been part of the Wayne-Westland Athletic Hall of Fame that was created to honor area athletes and their accomplishments and encourage community pride. The original HOF was housed at Jake's Again Lounge.

Original members of the Wayne-Westland Athletic HOF were comprised of community members, athletes and coaches from St. Mary's, John Glenn High School and Wayne Memorial High School.

The new Hall of Fame will be housed in the Alumni Arena on the Wayne Memorial High School campus and will be comprised of individuals who have been identified as having a direct connection to Wayne Memorial High School.

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GOLF

Plymouth native Zacharias named PGA WORKS Fellow

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The Southern Ohio PGA Section, in conjunction with PGA REACH, the 501(c)(3) charitable foundation of the PGA of America, has named 2019 University of Michigan graduate Abbey Zacharias, of Plymouth, as its second PGA WORKS Fellow.

Zacharias' appointment makes her one of 11 individuals nationwide currently serving in a PGA WORKS Fellowship. Focused on engaging a diverse demographic of participants – with consideration to gender, age, race, national origin, sexual orientation, disability and veteran status – the PGA WORKS Fellowship is designed to establish a strong bench of talent prepared to ascend into key employment positions in the business of golf.

Working out of the Southern Ohio PGA Section's headquarters, Zacharias' primary responsibilities will be to help execute program elements that support the mission and purpose of the Southern Ohio PGA Section Foundation.

This includes the PGA HOPE veterans golf program, as well as junior golf initiatives such as the PGA Jr. League Section Championship and regional

Drive, Chip and Putt events, among other foundation activities.

At U-M, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in sport management, Zacharias was a member of the Michigan Sport Business Association, the Michigan Women in Sport and Entertainment Organization and the Women's Club Water Polo Team.

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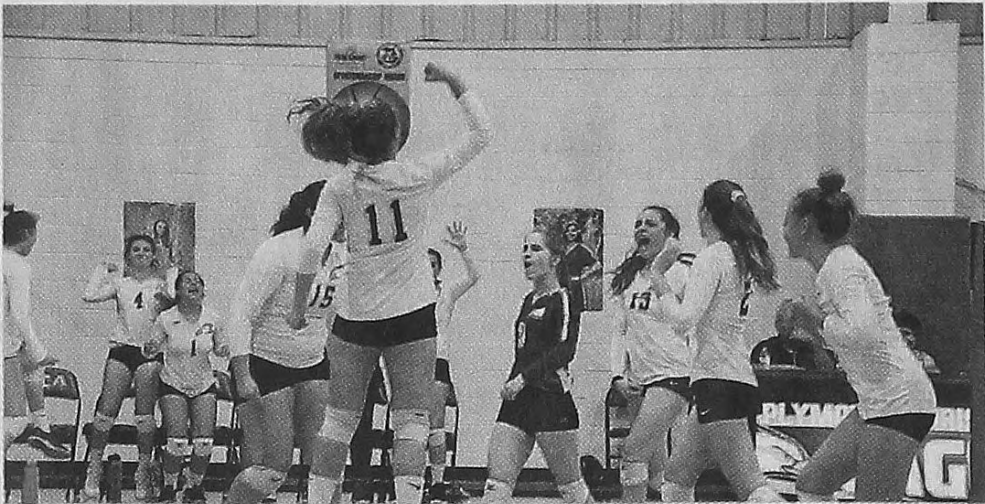
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Plymouth Christian hiring athletic coaches

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The Plymouth Christian Volleyball program is looking for a junior varsity head coach and varsity assistant. The program won Class D State Championships in 2016 and 2017. “There is a lot of excitement and energy with the program,” athletic director

Matt Windle said. A freshman team will be added to the program this fall as well. Anyone interested in applying for either or both of the available positions should contact Windle at Matt.Windle@plymouthchristian.org. Contact Andrew Vaillencourt at availlenc@hometownlife.com or 810-923-0659. Follow him on Twitter @AndrewVcourt.



Plymouth Christian is looking to hire volleyball coaches. COURTESY OF MATT WINDLE



The Livonia Run Crew Summer Running Program will continue to meet through mid-August. COURTESY OF RICK BRAUER

Livonia Run Crew looking for area high school athletes

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The Livonia Run Crew Summer Running Program is seeking female high school athletes who are interested in developing their fitness for all fall or winter sports. The program is a way for high school athletes to train and stay in shape during the summer months leading up for the season, while also learning about the Livonia Stevenson cross country program, whose coach, Rick Brauer, leads the Run Crew. Run Crew began June 18 and ends Aug. 10 and is open for new athletes any time. The program currently meets four

mornings per week at various locations in the Livonia area with workouts beginning at 7:30 a.m. and completed by 9:30 a.m. The primary emphasis of the program is aerobic development, overall strength and conditioning to ensure the athlete is at their optimal fitness level, and reducing the risk of overuse injury prior to beginning their chosen sport season. Run Crew is also the informal training group for the Livonia Stevenson women's cross country team. “I’m trying a different approach to recruiting Stevenson cross country runners and opted to not call this summer training but Run Crew and invite athletes from other sports, hoping they see what cross country training/running is

really like and that they can become successful at it,” Brauer said. “I know they are out there, just need to give them the correct information and experience, not the misinformation they get from non-cross country or track athletes. “Over the years, I’ve found there are a lot of kids in the ‘wrong sport’ or no sport at all. Ones who were not getting playing time in their selected sport, watching them run and seeing very clearly the success they can have.” For more information about the summer Run Crew or Livonia Stevenson High School women's cross country, please contact rickjbrauer@mi.rr.com or 734-642-6664. Contact Andrew Vaillencourt at availlenc@hometownlife.com.

Lacrosse

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conducted July 1-7. Madison and 11 other players from the U.S. compiled a team that played and toured Prague, Czech Republic and Berlin, Germany. The girls battled the Czech U18 national team, Netherlands and Team Germany taking home a trophy and a gold medal. More information about the event is available at www.nlcnation.com. The sponsor of the event, LEGACY Global Sports, is the fastest growing elite youth sports event and management company in the world, with a full suite of tours, tournaments, events and services across all major sports and offices around the globe.



Plymouth resident and U-M graduate Abbey Zacharias will work for the PGA's Southern Ohio headquarters. COURTESY OF RITIKA JAIN

Zacharias

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She also served as an events and graphic design intern for the Wolverines football team, working closely with coaches and administration on marketing initiatives. Additionally, Zacharias was the head intern for the LPGA's Volvik Championship in Ann Arbor from 2017-2018, assisting in tournament operations while leading a five-person team that helped support the event and its related programming. “Working at the Volvik Championship introduced me to the business of golf and gave me a great opportunity to explore a career in the industry,” Zacharias said. “Now, I have the chance to work with the Southern Ohio PGA Foundation as the PGA WORKS Fellow, giving an incredible opportunity to start my journey in golf.” The PGA WORKS Fellowship is a 12-month paid position funded by PGA REACH, which currently hosts Fellows in 11 PGA Sections: Carolinas, Connecticut, Gateway, Metropolitan, Michigan, Middle Atlantic, New Jersey, Northern Ohio, Southern Ohio, Western New York and South Florida. “We chose Abbey because we believe she has a tremendous passion to work in the golf industry after this fellowship is completed,” Southern Ohio PGA Section Executive Director Amanda Fisher said. “Abbey’s education and experiences at the University of Michigan, combined with her golf internship at the Volvik Championship, have prepared her for the PGA WORKS Fellowship, and we see her as a great asset for our growth-of-the-game programs.” For more information on PGA REACH, visit PGAREACH.org. “All career paths start with awareness and opportunity, and providing individuals from all backgrounds employment opportunities in the golf industry is a priority for PGA REACH,” PGA REACH Senior Director Ryan Cannon said. “PGA WORKS is an important initiative that supports the Inclusion pillar of PGA REACH, and we’re thrilled to create new possibilities through the PGA WORKS Fellowship to pursue the dream of a career in golf.”

Hall of Fame

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The list below are members of the Wayne-Westland Athletic Hall of Fame the committee felt met criteria for inclusion in the Wayne Memorial High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The ceremony to celebrate the dedication was held June 7. These are the members of the Wayne Memorial High School Hall of Fame: Wendy A. Bostwick (Reynolds) Dick Brewis Bill Brooks Doris Busuito

- Dale Butler
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The Plymouth Canton Spirit softball team has won 80 games over the last two seasons. SUBMITTED

Plymouth-Canton youth softball wins league title

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The Plymouth Canton Spirit 11U softball team finished their season with a USSSA WWCL League championship, Rosa Oliver Tournament Championship, Claw & Paws Tournament Championship and were runner up in the MBAT Series and Fenton Summer Slam.

The team has won 80 games in the last two seasons and is holding tryouts soon for next season.

Tryouts begin on July 31.


For more tryout information for the 2019-2020 season, go to www.plymouthcantonspirit.com for ages 10U-16U.

Team members include:

■ Front row: Chelsie VanHooser, Becky Reddeman, Samantha Moore, Shannon McAuliffe, and Kaitlyn Labroff, and

■ Back row: Emma McAvoy, Taylor Bond, Ryley Frank, Mikayla Roberts, Elyse Demers, and Natalie McCall.

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Mercy Varsity pom team holding youth clinic fundraiser

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The Mercy varsity pom team is holding a kids' pom clinic to raise funds for the upcoming season.

Children from kindergarten to eighth grade are welcome to participate. The pom team is self-funded, so events like this keep the program going strong.

Here are more details:

When: Aug. 17

Time: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; registration begins at 9:30; short pom performance at 2 p.m.

Where: Mercy High School gym, 29300 W Eleven Mile Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Pre-registration costs \$40; \$45 at the door. Pre-registered participants receive a T-shirt and poms. Please bring a water bottle and wear comfortable clothes and athletic shoes.

All participants will learn a pom routine and skills. Parents and fans are encouraged to come watch the performance at 2 p.m.

Lunch will be provided.

The registration form can be downloaded at www.mhsmi.org/blogs/pompon.
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Don't overthink effect of 'Medicare for All'



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Health care was a hot topic at June's Democratic debates. Several candidates jawboned about "Medicare for All" – government-funded coverage eliminating private insurance.

Many investors are nervous, fearing fallout for health care stocks. But it's too early to fear (or cheer) this – or any policy proposals that flash-forward this year. Slow down.

Setting aside all political views, if Medicare for All passed, health insurance and hospital stocks likely would suffer. Possibly drug and medical device makers would, too, although they are more insulated. Even if legislation doesn't pass, a heated debate could hurt sentiment, sparking volatility in these stocks. But you shouldn't think that way. Here is why:

Nothing changes fast

Health care loomed large in President Barack Obama's 2008 campaign, but The Affordable Care Act didn't pass until 2010 and took effect in 2013. Markets

barely blinked either time. Health care reform campaign talk and tweets scared investors in 2016, also, but little changed. Any post-2020 changes will be similarly slow.

Stocks don't really react to this kind of thing, even though we commonly think they do. First, markets pre-price widely known information. That means stocks typically reflect all opinions about policy changes long before they take effect – like in 2010. But then, if the new law actually was watered down from initial proposals, it would be a positive surprise, potentially boosting health care stocks. Second, markets move most on probabilities, not possibilities. We're at least a year away from being able to assess the probability of Medicare for All happening.

Uncertain outcomes

For single-payer health care to become reality, the

Democrats need comfortable margins in both chambers of Congress – plus a president supporting it. Will that happen? I haven't a clue – no one does, really. Who knows who the Democrats will nominate. It's way too early.

Then, too, candidates often moderate their views during the general election and while in office. Early big ideas aim to win over the party base in primaries. California Sen. Kamala Harris moderated on Medicare for All the very day after her debate. If you believe any Democratic victor would govern as they talked at the debates, there is some great Arizona oceanfront property you may like.

Congress' post-2020 makeup is similarly unknowable.

You shouldn't start weighing any election's outcome and market impact until the summer before the vote. We need presumptive nominees and relatively defined, state-specific, head-to-head details. We need a clearer sense of how the economy will look. And will Democrats choose an appealing campaign strategy for Midwesterners who swung 2016 to President Donald Trump?


This logic extends to all big policy promises flying around, including tech company breakups, student loan debt cancellation, new taxes or whatever. The chatter can spiral anywhere now, making today's big issues distant memories in 2021.

So don't overthink them. While rising election uncertainty may slow U.S. stocks' gains, the bull market grinds upward despite campaign promises.

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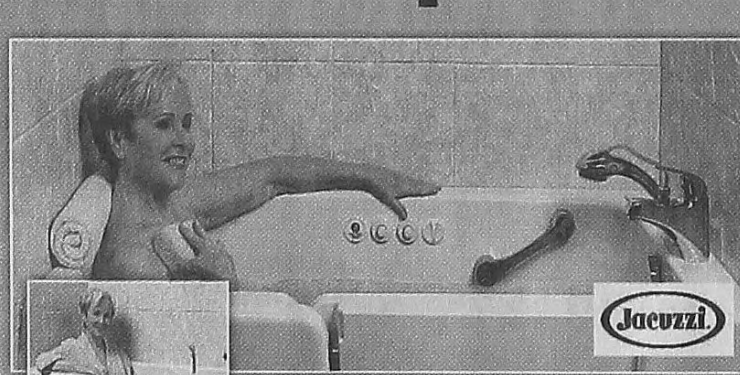
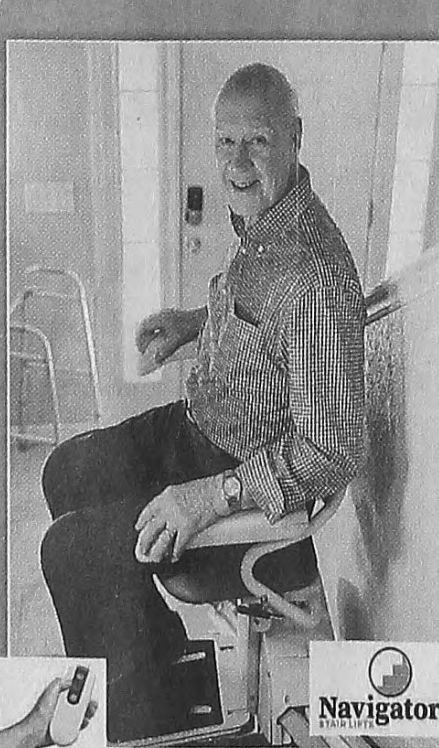
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The major pros and cons of 3 common leadership styles

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At various points during our professional lives, most of us find ourselves on opposing sides of the leadership coin — we play the roles of both leader and subordinate, which gives us a first-hand, multi-faceted look at what leadership styles work in which situations and where they come up short. Another truth is that most of us have had direct experience with both good and bad bosses, which helps us develop a keen sense of which type of leader we're dealing with in any given situation, for better or worse.

Building a solid understanding of effective leadership through experience empowers us to be better leaders and to better appreciate the leadership of others, especially in challenging situations. The truth is, no one leadership style is perfect in every conceivable situation. Some work well at certain moments and fail in others. Great leaders know when to modulate effectively to ensure that they're providing steady, reliable, and appropriate leadership whenever it's called for.

Whether you're primarily a leader or subordinate at work — or both — having a core understanding of various leadership styles, along with the pros and cons of each, can really help you as you travel through your career path and take on various roles and levels of responsibility. Keep reading for a closer look at some classic leadership styles, along with their pros and cons.

The Dictator

Have you ever heard the expression "it's my way or the highway"? It wouldn't be surprising if it was first ut-

tered by someone who embraced the dictatorial style of leadership. This type of boss requires ultimate and absolute adherence to their rules, methods, and style of handling work tasks and projects, often down to the smallest details. Furthermore, they often tolerate no questions regarding their decisions, and force strict allegiance from subordinates — or else.

Pros: Although it might not seem so, there are some "benefits" to adopting this extreme style of leadership. Effective dictatorial bosses are often able to get a great deal accomplished at work and usually get to have things go precisely their way, for what it's worth.

Cons: As you may have guessed, there are a great deal of potential negative consequences. Dictators rarely have the hearts and loyalties of their subordinates, so if things go wrong for them on the job they may not have many allies to cover for them. It can really be lonely at the top for someone who's always behaving like a petulant tyrant at work. Also, subordinates under a dictatorial leader are often operating and motivated by fear—which is usually not a place to do your best and most focused work. And dictatorial bosses shouldn't be surprised when their underlings flee the job in droves in search for greener pastures.

The Best Friend

Many of us have had a boss whose primary agenda at work seems to be becoming everyone's best buddy. They're overly friendly, eager to please, and just want everyone to get along — especially with them. Workdays with a "best friend boss" are often spent engaged in amiable, lighthearted conversation, exploring personal topics to get to know each

other better, planning after-work social outings, and all manner of general frivolity, all to build friendships with their coworkers.

Pros: Obviously, a best friend boss can be pleasant to work with. Who doesn't like getting along well with their coworkers and having a boss who's willing and eager to get on our good sides and stay there? Also, it's sometimes the case that a good personal relationship is an excellent foundation for a strong and effective working relationship — after all, isn't collaboration much trickier with folks who are combative?

Cons: The best friend boss often opens themselves up to several potential leadership pitfalls. They often fail to engender the respect and confidence that a leader should receive from subordinates, and often their decisions are questioned, ignored, and side-stepped. They also tend to go out of their way to appease others to avoid conflict, which may negatively impact their ability to navigate challenging situations, settle routine workplace differences, and make tough but necessary decisions. Best friend bosses are often easy to manipulate, which tends to decrease motivation and professionalism among others in their orbit.

The Ghost

Perhaps this situation sounds familiar: You start a new job and, practically from the very first moment you arrive, your new boss shows you your desk, wishes you good luck and then for all intents and purposes disappears from your life. Ghost bosses never seem to be around when you need them, regardless of your preferred mode of communication — whether by email, phone, or a drop-in to their office; they are either

absent or unavailable to help you through any situations that pop-up at work, leaving you on your own to fend for yourself.

Pros: The truth is, many folks like having a largely hands-off boss, especially when they've reached the point in their careers where they have the experience and expertise to be truly accountable for their work responsibilities and can make decisions on their own. Self-starters and those who enjoy a little extra autonomy at work typically enjoy having ghost bosses.

Cons: The unfortunate truth about having a boss who lets their employees sink or swim on their own is that many just sink, often due more to a failure of guidance and leadership than anything the employees did wrong. Some folks simply need the trusted and steady hand of a boss who's willing to put in the time and effort to really be involved in work matters on a regular basis, and not having this can make for an uncomfortable and stressful work experience. Also, having a ghost boss early on in one's career, when mentorship and guidance are critical, can be traumatic and have negative long-term effects on an employee's confidence, self-worth, and opportunities for growth.

The truth is, no matter how effective and ironclad a leadership style may seem, it inevitably has its own unique set of pros and cons that vary depending on the situation. Use the information provided here to help you make sense of what leadership styles work best for you — whether as a boss or an employee.

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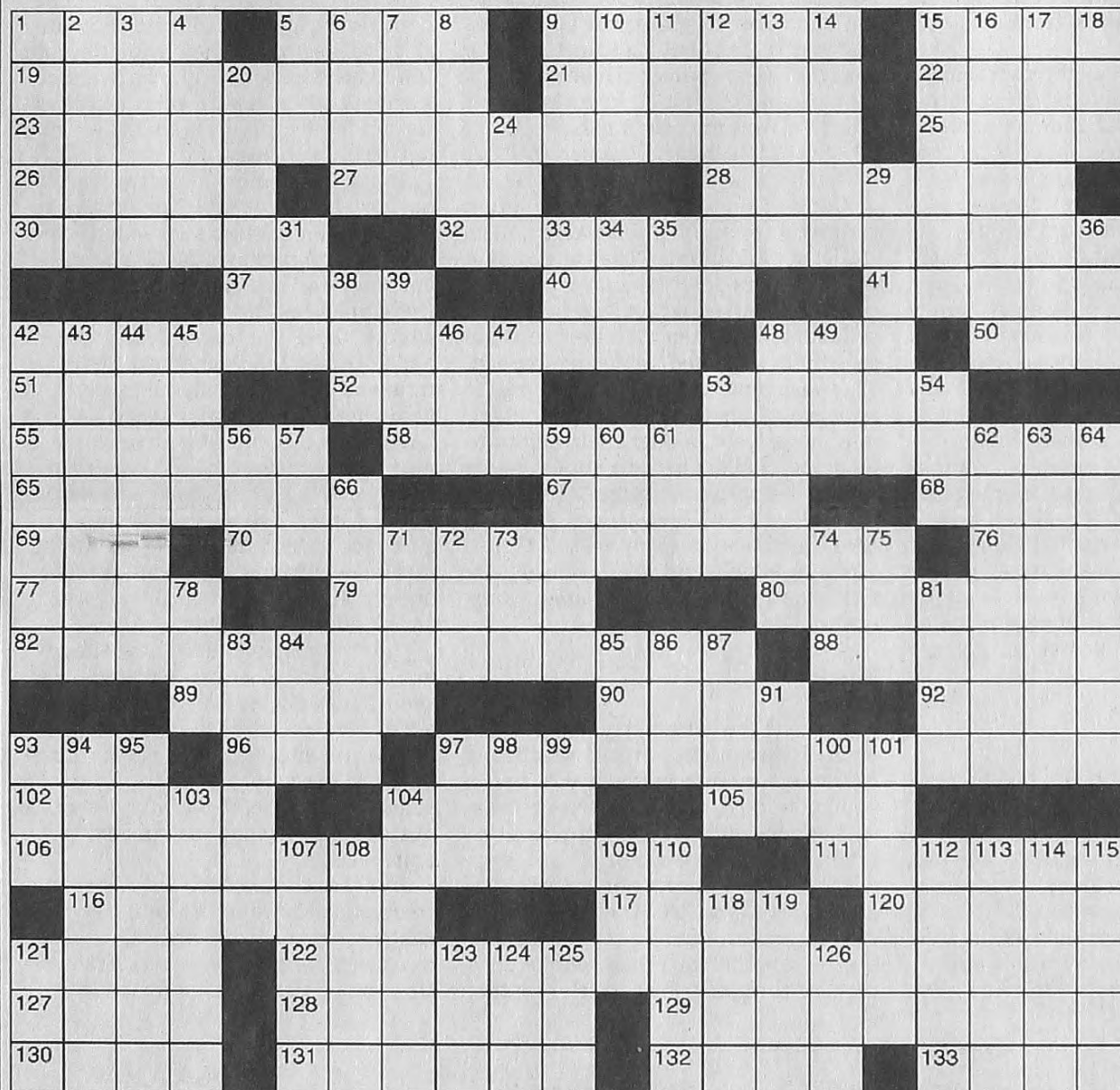
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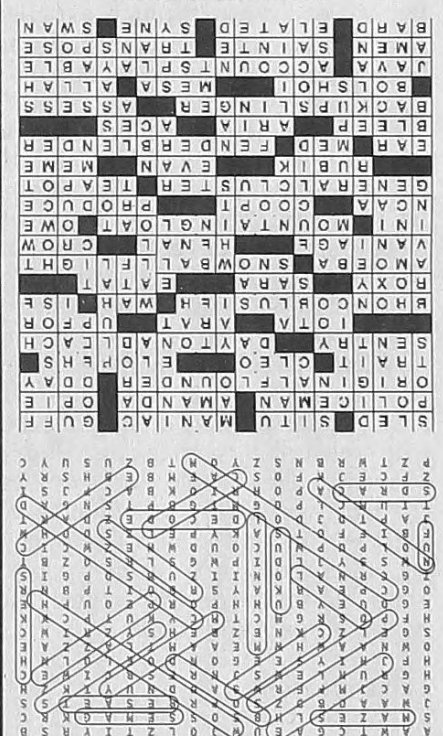
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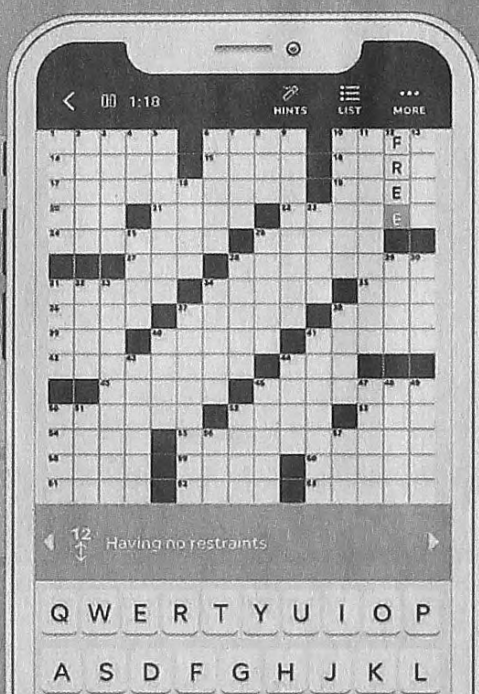
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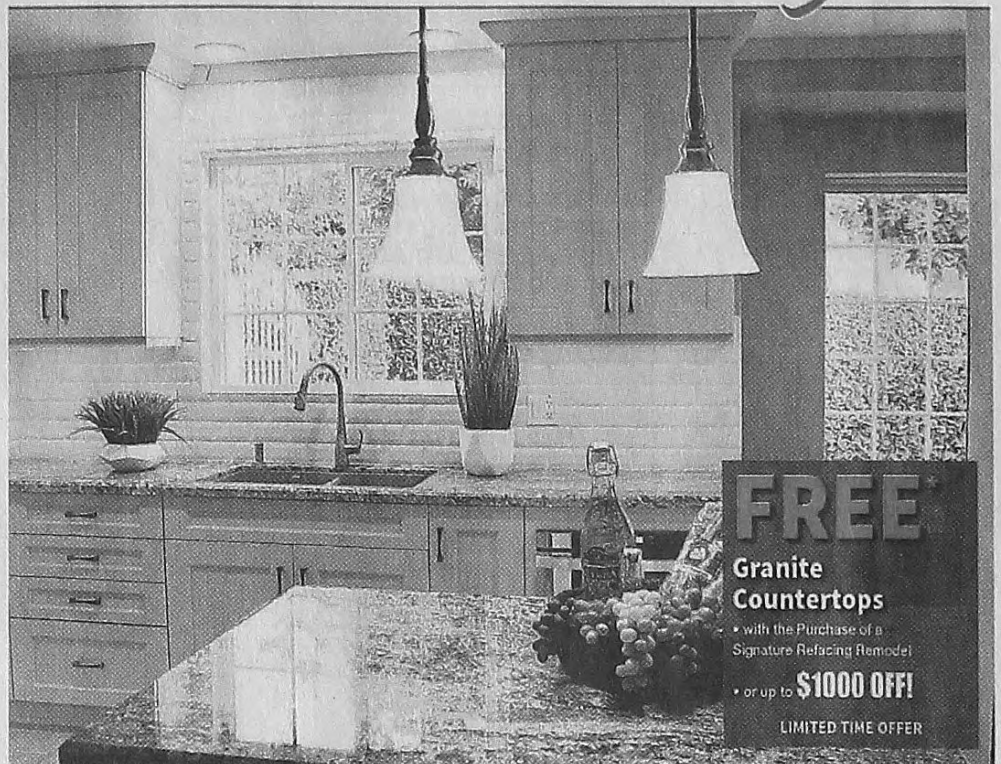
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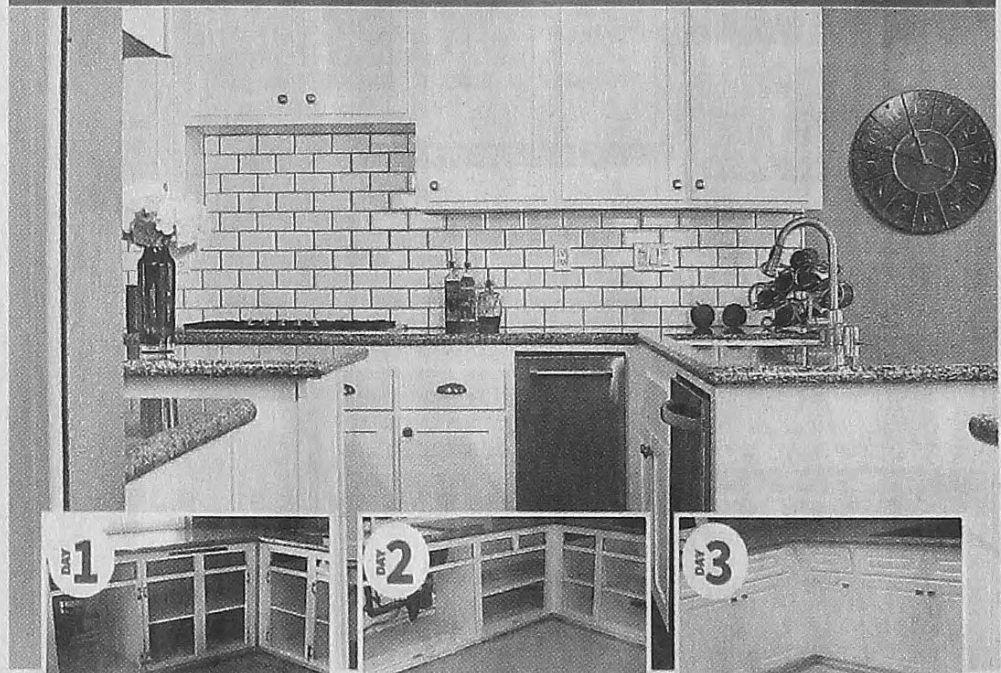
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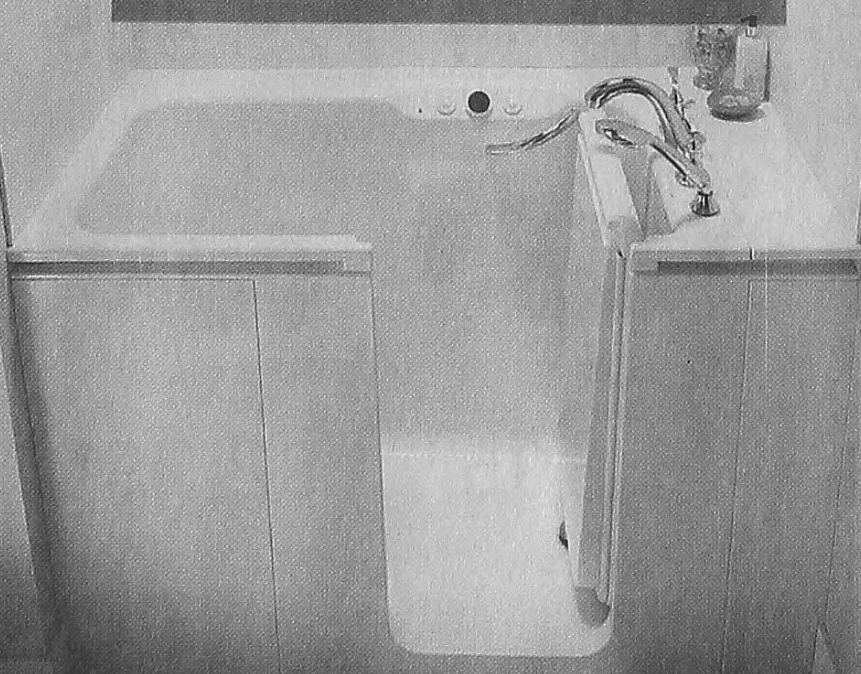
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