

Pressure remains high for Brother Rice football in 2019

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Group razes old Farmington courthouse

Developer plans 14 new single-family homes at site

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A developer hopes to break ground within the next few months on Farmington's Liberty Hill subdivision, which will be the city's first new set of single-family homes since 2015.

The Adams Group of Rochester has been demolishing the city's former 47th District Courthouse and hopes to be done early next week.

Joseph Boji hopes to break ground on a Liberty Hill model home along Ten Mile Road, just east of Farmington Road, in the fall.

By next summer, home shoppers should be able to check out the model that would spur construction of the subdivision.

In total, Boji's \$6 million Liberty Hill project will have 14 homes of about 1,700 to 2,800 square feet. The developer said their cost will range from about \$300,000 to \$450,000.

Boji is waiting on some final permits. Once they're granted, development of See COURTHOUSE, Page 2A

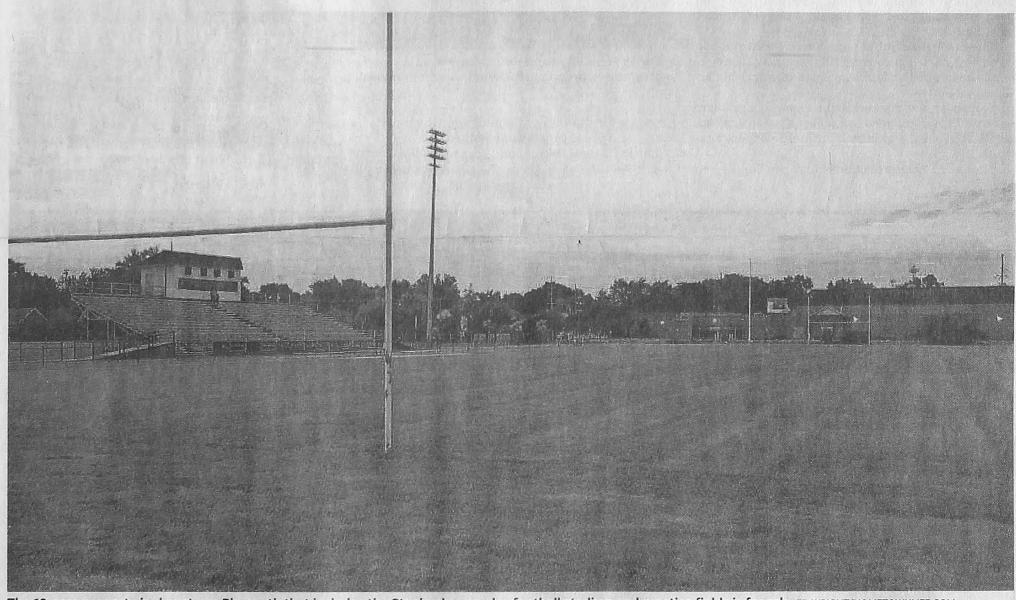
the 3.88-acre site can begin.

"This is only the beginning of the project," Boji said.

The 47th District Courthouse on Ten Mile Road, an approximately 15,000square-foot building, was abandoned in 2003 as court staff moved to a new loca-

Since then, developers have pitched

Steelers football faces eviction



The 10-acre property in downtown Plymouth that includes the Steelers' game-day football stadium and practice fields is for sale. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Downtown-Plymouth stadium, in use since 1977, up for sale amid PARC financial crisis

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Framed by a 100-year-old former school building, a neighborhood populated by houses almost as old, and a set of railroad tracks whose trains rumble by like clockwork just a long spiral from the 50-yard-line, the Plymouth-Canton Steelers' downtown-Plymouth stadium since 1977 is seasoned with details that scream Americana.

Wrigley Field, Tiger Stadium and Fenway Park all rolled into one," Steelers President Mike Balow said. "It would be a damned shame to lose it.'

Just a few yards from where Balow spoke on Aug. 15 stands an ominous sign - in a cruel twist of fate, painted in the Steelers' black-and-yellow colors — that will, short of a "Win one for the Gipper"level miracle, mark the end of the junior football and cheerleading program's 42-

"This place is kind of like Plymouth's year run at the Norman Rockwell-esque

Following a series of events that has no true villains and, as of last week, no incoming hero holding a multi-milliondollar check, the 10-acre property that includes the Steelers' game-day football stadium and weekday practice fields is for sale.

And you better believe developers are drooling at the thought of owning the rare slice of downtown Plymouth

property. The seller is the Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex (PARC), a non-profit organization facing a financial crisis following the failure of a 2018 millage proposal that was sorely needed to fund the former Central Middle School's essential capital improvement needs, like plumbing, air-conditioning and heating, to name three.

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Westland man dies in motorcycle crash while fleeing police

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A 40-year-old Westland man died Tuesday night from injuries sustained after his motorcycle ran through a red light and hit the side of a SMART bus in Garden City, according to Michigan State Police troopers and Garden City police.

Troopers said via Twitter a preliminary investigation indicates Inkster police saw the motorcyclist run a Middlebelt Road red light.

They activated their emergency lights to conduct a traffic stop but the motorcyclist fled

Officers remained in pursuit on Henry Ruff Road in Garden City when the motorcyclist disregarded another red light and ran into the side of a bus at about 9:45 p.m.

He was transported to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The crash remains under investiga-

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A site plan shows the proposed Liberty Hill subdivision in Farmington. COURTESY OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON

Courthouse

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several plans for the site. None have taken because of timing, the economy and other reasons.

City Council members approved in 2018 a \$250,000 sale of the courthouse property to Farmington Hillsbased Ten Mile Development, LLC, which has been acting for Boji Development, Inc.

Kevin Christiansen, the city's economic and community development director, confirmed there has been some multiple-family housing units constructed over the years.

But new single-family homes haven't been attempted since 2015, when construction on a new 33 singlefamily home subdivision began on the former Flanders school property.

"Housing right now is quite in demand," Christiansen said. "There is a need to increase the housing supply. New housing provides opportunity for new resi-

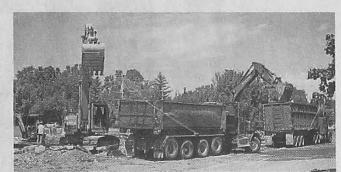
"Now what's being realized is new housing for new



A worker supervises as debris from the old courthouse is loaded onto a dump truck for removal.

residents for the City of Farmington, which really is very exciting and very encouraging for us."

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Dump trucks line up to cart debris away from the old courthouse in Farmington off 10 Mile on Aug. 14. Demolition is expected to be completed this week.

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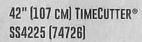
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Stadium

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PARC President Don Soenen revealed recently that the 100-year-old-plus building is in need of necessary maintenance in excess of \$5 million.

Soenen said he has already received a number of offers for the property.

"We're trying to be diligent when it comes to who we sell the property to," Soenen said. "We're doing everything we can to bring in something minimally impactful to the area.

"A lot of people want the property to stay as it is, but the problem is they want it saved with somebody else's money."

OK ... for now

PARC, with a mission to "enrich lives through quality arts, education and recreation programs for all ages," according to its website, is holding its own financially thanks to the rent paid by the non-profit's 23 full-time tenants and the wide variety of recreational activities it offers, Soenen said.

"We recently painted the hallways on the first floor; it looks nice," he said. "But we need several million dollars to fix and maintain the furnace, air-conditioning, plumbing, etc., which is why we are forced to sell the property."

Philanthropic foundations are hesitant to fork over the millions of dollars PARC needs for maintenance, Soenen said

"Plymouth is considered an affluent community and most of the large foundations like to see their money go to underfunded communities," he said. "Plymouth just doesn't fit the bill. As far as an individual providing a donation, well, \$6 million is obviously a significant sum of money."

Balow said the initial announcement that the property was for sale was like a kick in the gut.

"It was kind of like when the City of Detroit told the Tigers they had to leave Tiger Stadium," he said. "There is no firm Plan B in place for the Steelers right now, in case we're asked to leave. We're pretty confident we'll be able to finish out the season here because even if the property was sold next week, they'd still need several weeks to complete the paperwork ... and our season ends in November, at the latest.



Members of the Plymouth-Canton Steelers freshman team practice on the field that adjoins the PARC facility. ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"This place is kind of like Plymouth's Wrigley Field, Tiger Stadium and Fenway Park all rolled into one. It would be a damned shame to lose it."

Mike Balow

Plymouth-Canton Steelers president

"Ideally, we'd like to find something in the Plymouth-Canton area, but, unfortunately, there is not a lot of unused green space out there, especially in Plymouth. If worst comes to worst, we're going to talk to the Plymouth-Canton School District and see if we can use the space behind one of the schools for practicing."

Once the site is developed, Steelers alumni, who number in the thousands,

will be limited to driving by the site and reminiscing about those crisp autumn football Saturdays saturated with the appetizing aroma of grilled burgers and hot dogs being carried through the air along with the sound of crunching shoulders pads cheerleaders' cheers, compared to watching an actual game.

"This is the site of 100 years of football history as the old Plymouth High School's teams played here before the Steelers," said Balow. "It's such a shame. Plus, the practice field behind the stadium is the biggest parcel of green space left in Plymouth. The only other green space you can find are the small neighborhood parks."

Balow said he totally understands the dilemma PARC is facing.

"Don Soenen has worked his tail off to try to make this work without selling the property, but the land is so valuable for developers ... it's going to be tough to work out a favorable result for us," he admitted

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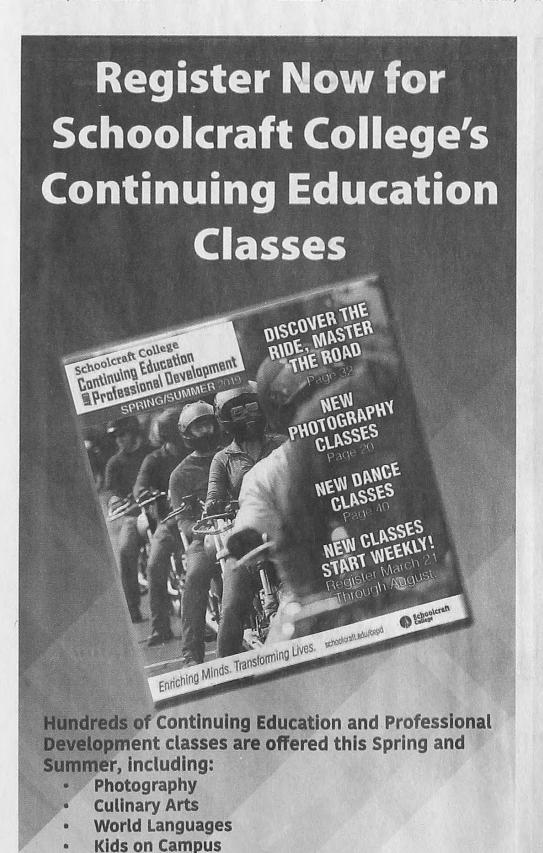
"If this land is sold to developers, which is looking like it will be the case, the added density of people living in Plymouth is going to affect the traffic, congestion downtown ..."

When asked to estimate a percentage as far as the Steelers playing football at their current site in 2020, Balow slowly shook his head.

"I mean, I could say 50/50, 60/40, but it's all speculation and hopeful thinking," he said. "This is a prime piece of property, so I don't think it will linger on the market for too long."

Even if the property does change owners before 2020 and the Steelers are forced to move from their idyllic surroundings, the organization will forge on, Balow assured.

"This isn't the end of the organization by no means," he said. "We will find another place to play. Will it be anywhere as nice as this? I highly doubt it. But we will keep playing, hopefully for another 42 years."



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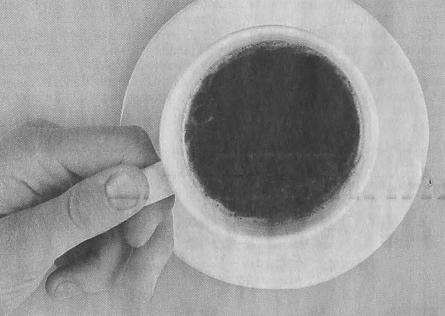
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National retailer Avenue closing all stores

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Add one more national retailer closing up shop, including several stores in the western suburbs of Detroit.

Avenue, a clothing retailer focusing on plus size women's clothing and accessories, announced last week it would close all its stores as a result of filing for bankruptcy.

The closures appear to affect two area stores: the store at 29340 Plymouth in Livonia and the store at 43530 West Oaks Dr., in the West Oaks II shopping center in Novi.

The stores will begin offer discounts on merchandise and clothing, with discounts of between 30% and 50% on items throughout the store.

"Avenue shoppers will be amazed not only by the incredible savings, but also by the great selections and styles available at the closing sale," the company said in a news release. "Given the popularity of the brand and the seasonal trends, merchandise is sure to sell out quickly. We are encouraging consumers to shop early and take advantage of these offers."

There was no word on how soon stores would close their doors.

The company began in 1983 as Sizes Unlimited, providing clothing in sizes 14-32. It currently operates 222 stores in 33 states.

The closure of Avenue across the region is just the latest national retailer to close its doors in the area. Dressbarn announced in May it would close its stores, including those in Farmington, Novi, Canton and Livonia. And just last month, Charming Charlie announced it would close all its stores as well, including those in Novi and Westland.

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Avenue, a national women's clothing retailer, announced last week it will close all its stores, including this one in the West Oaks mall. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Should I purchase annuity or pay off loans?



Money Matters Rick Bloom Guest columnist

Dear Rick:

My husband and I have been retired since the beginning of the year. His pension, along with both of our Social Security, more than covers all of our expenses. In fact, since the beginning of the year, we still have been saving money. We do have a nice size portfolio that's invested in mostly mutual funds between our IRAs and trust account.

We believe we have more than enough money to last us the rest of our lives. My husband just received an inheritance of a little over \$100,000. We have no debt; however, last year we agreed to pay off our granddaughter's student loans. She owes a little over \$90,000 and the interest rate is about 6½ percent. My thought is that we should use the inheritance and pay off

the student loan.

We have also been approached about taking that money and buying a fixed annuity. What that person told us is that we could take a distribution from the annuity every year and use that to pay the student loan.

The salesperson told us in the long run we would be further ahead, and we would save on taxes. You should also know we are conservative investors and we no longer can itemize our deductions.

My question – what do you think we should do?

Thank you, Kim

Dear Kim:

I believe your best course of action would be to pay off the student loan. If you pay off the student loan you are getting a 6½ percent return on your money. This is an after-tax return considering your tax situation.

I do not see any benefit for you to purchase the annuity. First, the fixed annuity is not going to return 6½ percent after taxes. In fact, your return will probably be closer to 3-4 percent, if not less, and you have to pay tax on that money.

Second, because you would be taking out money on a year-by-year basis, there is no tax benefit whatsoever to the annuity. In fact, the only benefit I see for you to purchase the annuity is for the salesperson, who would receive a substantial commission.

When someone receives an inheritance or a bonus, paying down debt is a great use of that money. In fact, in many situations, I tell people paying down debt is much better than investing that money. The key is to look at the debt and see what it's costing you after taxes. Particularly, for someone who is a conservative investor, if your after-tax cost of the debt is anything north of 4 percent, you probably should use the inheritance or bonus to pay off the debt. On the other hand, if someone is more of a moderate or aggressive investor, investing the money, particularly if you can invest for the long run, may be a good option.

With an annuity, if you don't touch the money, it does grow tax deferred. However, eventually when the money is withdrawn, it is taxed to you at your ordinary income tax bracket, not the more favorable capital gain rate. Therefore, when you look at annuities, what the salespeople claim is a tax break may actually cost you more money in taxes in the future.

If you are thinking about an annuity, make sure you shop around. If your goal is like mine to have more money in your pocket, if you are thinking about an annuity, you will find by shopping around you'll get better rates of return which means more money stays in your pocket, exactly where it belongs.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomasset-management.com. If you would like Rick to respond to your questions, please email him at Rick@bloomasset-management.com.





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David R. Mantey

WESTLAND - David R. Mantey, formerly of Inkster, MI, died peacefully in his home at the Villages of Westland while in the compassionate care of the employees of The Rose Cottage and Arbor Hospice on August 10, 2019. He was 88 years old.

David was born in Caro, Michigan on May 2, 1931. His parents were Reinhold and Evelyn (Sutliff) Mantey who moved to Alma from Caro in the mid-1930's to open a new dry-cleaning business, Alma Cleaners. David was the youngest of three children, and was preceded in death by his only sister, Elizabeth (McCloy-Mantey) Sanders of Dearborn, MI and his only brother, Ronald, of Grand Rapids, MI. David never married.

Surviving nieces and nephews are Joseph (Kendra) Mantey of Farmington Hills, MI; Kathy (Tom) Mantey-Fry of Apoka, Florida; Brian Sanders of Pinckney, MI; Bruce Sanders (Karen) of Odenton, MD. Two nephews, David Sanders and Steve Sanders, preceded him in death. He has 8 great-nieces and nephews and 6 great-great-nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, August 21st at the Rose Cottage at The Villages of Westland, Westland, MI 48186. Instead of flowers, memorials in David's name and honor can be made to Presbyterian Villages Foundation of Michigan, 26200 Lasher Rd., Southfield, MI 48033. David donated his body to the University of Michigan's Anatomical Program for medical research.



Vada J. Starr

RHODE ISLAND FORMERLY OF PLYM-OUTH, MI - Passed away on August 14, 2019 at age 97. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Donald D. Starr. Dear mother of Donald M. (Cheryl), Phillip R. (Pamela), Jennifer J. (Jonathan) Riley, and the late Marion Dee Starr-Sullivan. Proud grandmother of Beth, Jonathan, Zachary, Timothy, Katelyn and Megan. Preceded in death by her 4 siblings. She taught for many years in the Plymouth-Canton school system. Please visit vermeulenfh.com for visitation and funeral info or to share a memory.

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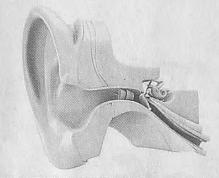




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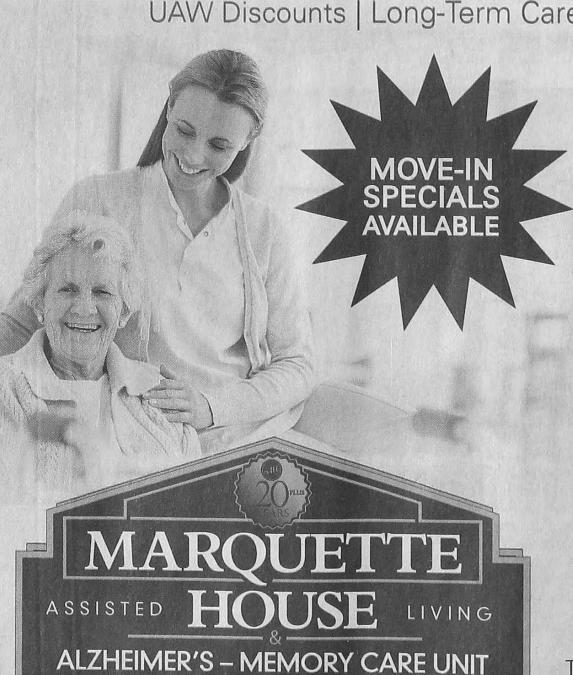
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Sports

TaeKwonDo team wins 12 national medals

Andrew Vailliencourt

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The Covert Elite Competition team, which is based out of Olympia Tae-KwonDo and Wellness Center in Canton, had a historic summer.

fighters ages 10-60, won 12 total medals at the two national competitions this year - a feat that hadn't been accomplished by the team ever before.

Nearly every member of the team took home at least one medal.

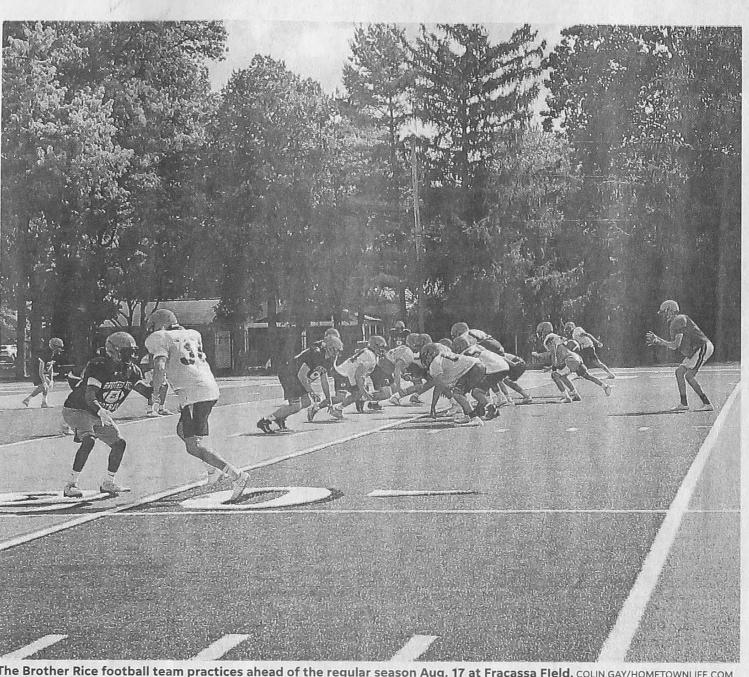
Team members include: Aidan Raf-

The team, which is made up of 11 area ferty, Jenna and Lubna Farhat, David and Caneena Clark, Toby Sharp, Jayvon Miller, Bridget Williams, Hadi Zreik, Michael DeMesa and Linda Martin. They are coached by Senior Master Alexander Covert and Grandmaster Christopher Covert.

Both Farhats, Dave Clark and Zreik See TAEKWONDO, Page 2B

were asked to tryout for the AAU Olympic team after their performances. They each finished in the top four for their age group as black belts.

Lubna Farhat was selected for the AAU Olympic B Team and will get to



The Brother Rice football team practices ahead of the regular season Aug. 17 at Fracassa Fleld. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Pressure remains high for Brother Rice

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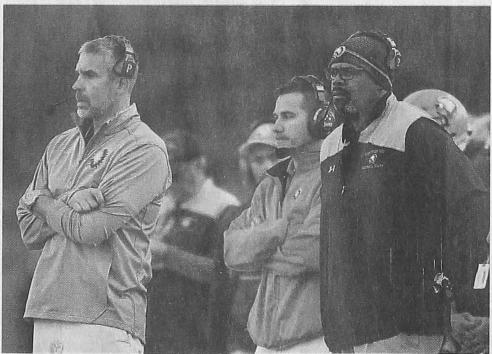
As Brother Rice football players and coaches walk onto Fracassa Field, there is one sign that they cannot avoid. The sign is one sentence in white lettering, sitting over the familiar Warrior logo prominently displayed in the middle of the football field.

"Everyone's role may be different but their status is the same... Important!"

Coming in to his third season as the head coach of the Warriors, Adam Korzeniewski has embraced the culture of Brother Rice, one that he says revolves around accountability and brotherhood. But that does not mean the Warriors are soft on the football field.

For a team that has finished 7-4 and has lost in the second round of the playoffs in each of Korzeniewski's first two seasons as head coach, the pressure to succeed, to thrive and to go deep into November is the expectation.

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Birmingham Brother Rice head coach Adam Korzeniewski, left, watches his team as they play against Detroit Catholic Central last season. Brother Rice opens this season at home against Utica Eisenhower on Aug. 29.

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What to watch for in OAA football

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Football season is upon us.

With practices underway, area teams are preparing for their first games on Aug. 29. The same can be said of the Oakland Athletics Association, where Seaholm, Farmington, North Farmington, Bloomfield Hills and Groves are preparing for their respective season openers.

Here is a detailed look at each of these five teams ahead of the 2019 sea-

Birmingham Seaholm

Head coach: Jim DeWald, eighth

Last year's overall record: 7-3 (1st in OAA Blue)

Season opener: Thursday, Aug. 29 vs. Ferndale

Players to watch: FB/OLB Will McBride, WR/FS Alexander Lonze, OT/DE Sathya Siddapureddy, FB/CB Jackson Vance, OG/DT Nick Thorn

DeWald's 2019 season outlook: "Seaholm will look to go to the playoffs in back-to-back years. We have had a good offseason and good summer to get us ready for this fall."

Farmington

Head coach: Kory Cioroch, third

Last year's overall record: 8-4

(2nd in OAA Blue) Season opener: Thursday, Aug. 29

at Edison Academy

Players to watch: QB/FS Maxwell Martin (Sr.), RB/S Alan Roberson (Sr.) OT/DT Myles Hunt (Sr.), ILB Engelbert Vela (Sr.), TE/OLB Jireh Alexander (Sr.)

Cioroch's 2019 season outlook: "We are ahead, at least since I have been the head coach, we are ahead of where we have been on day two of two-a-days right now. I think a lot of the is experience. Both our kids that are seniors now from here and our kids that are coming from Harrison have a lot of varsity experience. They worked together great in the summer, and we are sort of meshing right now. Some of our coaches were just talking and not making a ton of mistakes and really getting better every day."

North Farmington

Head coach: Jon Herstein, first year Last year's overall record: 3-6 (5th

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Farmington Glen wins NSSL Championship

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After slowly climbing the rankings at the National Suburban Swim League Championships for the past seven years, the Farmington Glen Swim Club unseated Forest Hills, who had won the League A championship each season since 2002

Farmington Glen won 18 of the 45 individual events, including 16 events in which the club had two or more swimmers finish in the top six. Farmington Glen also won three of its six total relays.

Along with the championship, Farmington Glen won its dual meet against Forest Hills for the second straight sea-

For the past seven years, Farmington Glen has improved its standing within the NSSL. Finishing in seventh place in 2013, the club finished in second place from 2016-18, losing to Forest Hills by only 60 points last year.

The Farmington Glen Swim Club outscored Forest Hills by 139.5 points this year, scoring 951 points to secure the 2019 NSSL A Championship

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The Farmington Glen Swim Club poses for a photo with their trophy after defeating Forest Hills at the **2019 NSSL** Championships. **Farmington Glen** won 18 of the 45 individual events, including 16 events in which the club had two or more swimmers finish in the top six. **COURTESY OF THE FARMINGTON GLEN** SWIM CLUB

TaeKwonDo

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train with various national teams in Mexico this spring.

"We have kids that have aspirations to possibly not just represent the state of Michigan or themselves or our gym, but the United States at the Olympic Games," Alexander Covert said. "We have a young group that hopefully when the Olympics come to Los Angeles, we can send a couple athletes or an athlete to the games."

One of those potential Olympic hopefuls is high school freshman Aidan Rafferty, who was the only one to win two gold medals, earning one at the national competition in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the other at the AAU national competition in Fort Lauderdale, Flori-

Dedicated to the sport, the coach said Rafferty has a bright future.

"You ask him to do something and he only knows 'yes sir', he's just wired that way," Covert said. "He fits all the tenets of TaeKwonDo, which our sport was built off of: integrity, courtesy, perseverance, indomitable spirit and self-con-

Rafferty earned his two golds in the red/brown belt 15- to 17-year-old age group, despite being 14. He's in with that age group because he'll turn 15 later this

"Aidan is one of the nicest kids, hardworking, strong as an ox and never questions anything," Covert said. "He's super coachable."

Covert, 28, is an elite fighter himself, but spent this season on the sideline to focus on coaching.

Last year, he was the only person on the team to win a medal, which left him more dissatisfied than he could've

"When I did win and bring home a medal for our gym and no one else did, I was devastated," Covert said. "I would've turned in my medal to have ev-



The Covert Elite Competition team gets a photo before the AAU Nationals in Florida. PHOTOS COURTESY OF ALEXANDER COVERT

eryone else medal instead of myself, so that's when I knew that it was time. I cared more about my athletes winning than I did myself."

The sacrifice paid off with the haul of medals and has Covert excited about the future of the program. The AAU national competition will be in Las Vegas next summer.

"I'm happy to be sitting in a front row seat while they're fighting and getting the chance to coach them," Covert said. "Nothing beats fighting, but being able to coach them and seeing them accomplish their dreams and all their hard work pay off is definitely a very close second.

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Coach Alexander Covert, left, poses with Adian Rafferty after he won a gold medal at the AAU Nationals.



Lubna Farhat, left, stands with Covert, her coach, after making the AAU National B Team.

OAA

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in OAA Blue)

Season opener: Thursday, Aug. 29 at Kettering

Players to watch: LB/TE Sylvon Brown (Sr.), OL Blake Morris, LB/FB Jon Brunette (Sr.), HB Myles Gresham

Herstein's 2019 season outlook: "We have seen kids eager to learn. They have really been trying hard. They have been attentive. We have a long way to go teaching them about the sport of football. It's probably our understanding of the game is an area that our kids need development in. They want to though, they want to learn it, they ask a lot of good questions. We have to learn quicker, there's no doubt about that."

Bloomfield Hills

Head coach: Dan Loria, seventh sea-

Last year's overall record: 2-7 (7th in OAA Red)

Season opener: Thursday, Aug. 29 at

Players to watch: WR/DB Alec Ward, DE Owen Winter, DE Devin Holmes

Head coach: Brendan Flaherty, 18th

be reached for comment.

Birmingham Groves

2019 season outlook: Loria could not season

Birminghame Groves Coach Brendan Flaherty and the team will take the field in their season opener Aug. 30 at Grosse Pointe South. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

> Last year's overall record: 10-3 (3rd in OAA White)

Season opener: Friday, Aug. 30 at **Grosse Pointe South**

Players to watch: QB Markis Alexan-

der, WR Clayton Fox, WR ELi Turner, CB Jack Curran, S Kaleb Coleman

2019 season outlook: Flaherty could not be reached for comment.

Here are all of the teams in the OAA, separated by their respective divisions.

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Handicapping GLIAC football for 2019

Greg Levinsky and J.L. Kirven **Detroit Free Press**

USA TODAY NETWORK

Previewing the teams in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference entering the 2019 season:

Ferris State

Coach: Tony Annese (eighth season) Last year: 15-1 (8-0 GLIAC), lost, 49-47, in the national championship game.

The offense: Jayru Campbell led the Bulldogs to the nation's No. 1 ranking in two preseason polls. The Detroit Cass Tech product threw for 2,931 yards and ran for 1,460 and accounted for 49 touchdowns. Junior Marvin Campbell rushed for 874 yards and 10 touchdowns

"We can be as good as we're going to make ourselves," Marvin Campbell said. "As long as we stay focused, we can be a threat. It'll make you hungry getting so far but not accomplishing that final

The defense: Senior defensive end Austin Edwards made 97 tackles and accounted for 8.5 sacks last season. Senior linebacker Delon Stephenson picked off seven passes last year and classmate Avonte Bell (84 tackles, 4.5 sacks, 10.5 tackles for loss) rounds out a three-headed monster.

"We return a lot of people with a lot of new additions," Bell said. "Playing with people like Marvin, Jayru... I mean, them are the best people that we'll face all year. It's like playing against the All-Star team."

Grand Valley State

Coach: Matt Mitchell (10th season) Last year: 10-2 (7-1), lost in first round, Division II playoffs.

The offense: Thousand-yard rusher Chawntez Moss is back, and sophomore Jack Provencher rushed for 635 yards and nine touchdowns last year. But starting quarterback Bart Williams graduated, and junior Cole Kotopka has just one season of backup experience. Senior wideout Austin Paritee had 962 receiving yards and nine touchdowns last season.

"There won't be a learning curve (as a starter)," Kotopka said, "just doing what I'm supposed to do. We've got a lot of talent. We're just really excited to get started."

The defense: Junior linebacker Tyler Bradfield's 88 tackles led the team last season. Senior defensive lineman Mike Pettis had a team-high 10.5 tackles for loss and 5.5 sacks last year.

"Our defense is really tough, a lot of guys that have played a lot of snaps," Pettis said. "We're going to be really good. We only lost two guys. We're an older group, an experienced group."

Saginaw Valley State

Coach: Ryan Brady (first season) Last year: 8-3 (5-3).

The offense: Junior quarterback Ryan Conklin was third in the league in yards last year. Nate McCray ran for 11 touchdowns last year and should see his 520-yard total increase this season after the the graduation of the next two top running backs.

"It's a whole new offense and a whole new learning curve," Conklin said. "But we've got guys that have learned offenses in the past and will grasp it

The defense: Brady was the co-defensive coordinator at Ferris State the last five years. The Cardinals lost Michael Alexander, who led the league with 117 tackles. Heath Williams is back after a league-leading 13 sacks as a junior. The unit returns nine starters.

"We got a bunch of seasoned veterans," Williams said. "We've got a ton of experience. I'm confident in what we can do. We've got a feel from spring

Northern Michigan

Coach: Kyle Nystrom (third season) Last year: 3-8 (1-7).

The offense: Two-time conference hopes to get off to the fast start it got off running back of the year Jake Mayon's graduation leaves a gaping hole in the offense. But the top four receivers and three quarterbacks all return. They have a new offensive coordinator in Dan Fo-

"He's given us a good understanding of what he expects of us," offensive lineman Gabe Baumann said of Fodrocy. "He really hammers home the knowledge of the game."

The defense: NMU is one of two teams in the GLIAC to allow 30-plus points per game last year. Senior Troy Mayon had 79 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss and two interception last season.

"I think we're going to do well," Mayon said. "We've got some guys growing up and growing into their roles.'

Ashland

Coach: Lee Owens (16th year). Last year: 6-4 (6-2).

The offense: Sophomore Austin Brenner is back under center after taking most of the snaps last season. Junior Logan Bolin is a candidate to break out after averaging al3.6 yards per catch, leading all Ashland wide receivers.

The defense: After allowing just 16.1 points per game last year, Ashland returns four of its top five leading tacklers. Senior Clay Shreve is the best of the bunch with 76 tackles and six sacks last

Davenport

Coach: Sparky McEwen (third year) Last year: 6-5 (3-5).

The offense: The Panthers can't get much worse than last season, finishing last in the conference in total offense. . Quarterback Deondre Ford, a former player at Kansas, returns to take the reigns of the offense after battling injuries last season.

The defense: Linebacker Kye Black, leads the defense with 82 tackles last season, but the Panthers struggled, allowing 29.9 points per game. Davenport

to last season again, but lost its last five.

Northwood

Coach: Leonard Haynes (fifth year). Last year: 3-5 (3-7).

The offense: Northwood ranked eighth in yards per game last season, but returns key pieces that could raise its ranking. Quarterback Joe Garbarino comes back for his senior year.

The defense: Dimitri Abro will be on of the major pieces on defense. The cornerback is one of the GLIAC's best, leading Northwood with 69 tackles and 2.5 sacks last year.

Michigan Tech

Coach: Steve Olson (third year). Last year: 4-6 (2-6).

The offense: The Huskies are projected to finish in the bottom of the division, but there's still reasons to be hopeful. Jacob Wenzlick, the Huskies' best receiver, returns for his senior season. Last year, he was in the top five in the conference in receiving yards (444) and receptions (41).

The defense: Defensive back Travis Tidwell leads the Huskies after a 56tackle 2018. Tidwell, a former GLIAC freshman of the year, looks to showcase his ability as a lockdown corner.

"The last few years have been disappointing," Wenzlick said.

Wayne State

Coach: Paul Winters (16th season). Last year: 2-9 (1-7).

The offense: Leading rusher James Hill returns as a redshirt senior after running for 851 yards and 10 touchdowns last season. Jake AmRhein returns under center after starting all but one game last season.

The defense: Wayne State lost one of its best players from last season in linebacker Anthony Pittman, which doesn't bode well for a defense that allowed 30.1 points per game.

Gazelle Sports lists top 5 running routes

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

As summer comes to an end and fall on its way, Gazelle Sports released its "Fave 5" run routes in the metro Detroit area, two of which are in the Hometown

Kensington Metropark in Milford and Hines Drive, which spans from Northville to Dearborn, both made the list, joining Campus Martius/Belle Isle and The Dequindre in Detroit along with The West Bloomfield Trail in West Bloom-

As summer dies down, Gazelle Sports also released advice for runners who plan to use these trails in the heat.

The company recommends that people should schedule their runs earlier in the day, running in areas with shade and cooler temperatures. If not, runners should modify their workout based on the weather conditions and the time of

Gazelle Sports also recommends runners to hydrate extensively each day they work out, not only directly before or after the workout, but for the entire

Gazelle Sports has six locations in Michigan including one in Northville and one in Birmingham.

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Dave Joseph, left, of Novi, and Pam Webert, of Livonia, run at Kensington Metropark. **Gazelle Sports** recently listed the park among its top five favorite running routes in metro Detroit. **HOMETOWN** LIFE.COM FILE

Brother Rice

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"Pressure is a great thing: pressure means you have a chance," Korzeniewski said. "I have been at places where you do not feel any pressure because you don't expect anything. Those aren't fun situations to be in. So, here, you want that. Otherwise, you might as well not even come."

Jimmy Phillips, the senior captain at linebacker took it one step further. He wants to bring it back to 2013: the undefeated season, the state champion. That's the point he wants to get to in his final season with the Warriors.

Players look assertive, focused

Through the first week of practices, Korzeniewski said the team is heading in the right direction, calling his players both assertive and focused.

On the football field, some things have remained the same for the Warriors. In his fourth season on the varsity team, his second year as a starter, senior quarterback Greg Piscopink will be leading the Brother Rice offense.

However, he will lead a team that has had a lot of turnover in the past year. Brother Rice lost the majority of its starters from this past season, including four defensive linemen and four of its five offensive linemen.

"It's definitely something we are not used to, especially since I have been here," junior captain Luke Newman,



Brother Rice QB Greg Piscopink, center, runs during a game against Churchill. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

who will play on both the offensive and defensive line, said. "You usually have two or three guys on each side of the ball that stay around. But we are starting on clean slates."

Even with a new group to work with, Korzeniewski seems to have some tricks up his sleeve, especially offensively. And it started on the practice field.

The end of Saturday's practice was frenetic, yet controlled, constantly ro-

tating in and out players with a running play clock, mixing in what seemed to be a heavy emphasis of run-pass option plays in the offense with Piscopink at

What I can tell you is that in football, if the quarterback is involved in the run game, it becomes really hard because now you are playing 11-on-11 football,"

Korzeniewski said. Newman said this tempo is what separates Brother Rice from its opponents.

"We don't want to waste time," Newman said. "We have that sense of urgency, just more energy to practice. It gets guys fired up."

Newman said that the Warriors are also getting comfortable with a card system the coaching staff is implementing in the fall, changing colors for different cadences such as hurrying up the offense or slowing the tempo down.

According to Newman, this allows Brother Rice to put an emphasis on putting more points on the board in a shorter amount of time, while also confusing opposing defenses.

Defensively, Korzeniewski said the secondary will be a major key to the success of Brother Rice this upcoming season, pointing out the play of cornerback Jonathan Tillman in the first few days of practice.

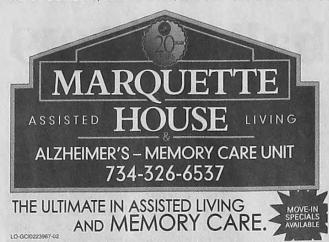
The head coach said the leadership in the middle of the defense from linebacker co-captains Phillips and Ohannes Sarkesian will be vital to the overall success of the team.

No matter the look of the team on the football field, the core values of the team itself remains the same: respect, integrity, character and excellence.

'We aren't the rowdy type," Phillips said. "We won't get in their face. We aren't bad sportsmanship players at all."

Instead, Brother Rice will try and outplay its opponents, using speed and

Brother Rice opens its season with a home game against Utica Eisenhower on Aug. 29. Kickoff is scheduled for





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How to negotiate a higher salary for yourself this year

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The work world is full of tricky and challenging situations, and it's often up to us to rise and meet each obstacle and challenge head-on - which helps us

learn valuable lessons and evolve and

grow as professionals as we journey across our career paths.

For many of us, the topic of salary negotiation is an especially anxiety-producing one. Despite its importance as a key measure of professional achievement, fulfillment, and success, many of us shy away from engaging in discussions with employers about our compensation unless we're absolutely required to - and this can have a detrimental effect with lasting consequences. As many employers will happily refrain from offering us a pay bump if not prompted to do so, those of us who avoid negotiating for higher salaries will likely earn less over our careers than our colleagues who are more comfortable and confident with asking for raises. This cycle can have a real and lasting negative impact on your motivation, performance, and overall job and career satisfaction over the long haul.

Hopefully, by now, you realize the importance and benefit of gathering the courage and gumption to enter into salary negotiations with your employer as long as you go about it the right way. Not all negotiations are created equal, and going about it inefficiently can not only cost you a well-deserved raise, but it could also have the opposite effect and leave you in an adversarial position at

Let's take a closer look at some proven tips for negotiating a higher salary that you can use to your advantage right away.



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Choose the right moment

Although you may be eager to get the negotiations started so you can see a bump in your paycheck as soon as possible, it may be wise to take a beat and assess the situation. When getting started to enter into a salary negotiation, it pays to choose your time carefully — after you successfully complete a big project or following a big revenuegenerating win for the company are

much better choices than right after the company receives bad news or is struggling financially.

Also, gauge the mood of your boss before diving into the salary talk. If you sense they're having a bad day, do you think that's the ideal time to ask for more money?

We don't think so either, so it's best to hold off until they're in a better, and hopefully generous, mood.

Be professional

The topic of salary negotiating is a highly personal one that can get emotionally charged, especially if it comes following a long period of feeling undervalued and unfairly compensated. It's in your best interest to check your emotions at the door and enter into negotiations in a calm, measured, and professional manner. Even if things don't initially go as planned and you don't get the response you were hoping for, stay cool and collected. Make your case for why you deserve the increase in a confident manner. Letting your emotions take over could lead to a tense and awkward conversation, a heated argument, or worse.

Compromise is crucial

When entering into a salary negotiation, you may have a specific number in mind. We're here to tell you that it might be more helpful to keep this number as a loose goal rather than setting it in rigid stone. Salary negotiation is similar to any other business negotiation in terms of allowing room for compromise - although each side has a real interest in having the outcome work to their best possible advantage, a good negotiating process includes both sides being flexible enough to meet somewhere in the middle. If you're you eager to engage your employer in a raise discussion, use the strategies and advice presented here to help achieve the outcome you're looking for. Congratulations on taking the first step toward asking for what you're worth!

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76 Comical Idle 77 Water pit 79 Racer Jarrett 80 Having

recognized the value of one's own conscious

84 Artist's 86 Amber wines

39 Sharp items 90 "Angie" actor 127 Suffix with Stephen

91 Ollie's buddy 128 Quagmire 92 Executive arm headed DOWN by António

Guterres, for short [1973] environment 99 Acer or Asus products

102 Touch base on a fly 104 Easy throws 105 Gp. backing

arms 106 "Just Shoot Me!" actress [2005]

113 Tree expert 66 Egg layers in 114 Christmas party quaff 68 Refittings of 115 Chicago air hub

117 Machine on a skating rink 118 Event won

by the horses at the ends of eight answers in

this puzzle **123** Up for debate 124 Lipton drink,

informally being [1978] 125 Actress Driver mixing board 126 Booming jet

of old. briefly 40 Lupino of old 85 Incus' organ Hollywood

41 Naldi of old Hollywood

42 "How -Want It" (#1 hit for 2Pac)

44 "The Detour" channel 45 French river

46 Honey drinks 95 Kindle 49 Realms 50 Guitarist Ted 96 ER trainees 51 Table wine

52 Big online investing site 98 Bronzy 53 Deep divide 54 "La Mer,"

translated 55 President after Jimmy 11 Snarky laugh 56 Part of SPF

58 Sibling of a nephew 60 "That's icky!"

63 "- just a number"

69 Like the verb "lie": Abbr. 70 Game with

matchsticks 71 Baby wolf

72 Stings **75** "I Am —" (Jenner's reality show)

81 Clerical title 82 Dreams

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89 Grads' event 92 Sheepskin

boot brand 93 "Rapa -(1994 film) 94 Wrench, to a

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99 Some statue sites 100 Gem

measures **101** Yield (to) 103 Home pest 107 Rips off

108 Sprang forth 59 Two, in Chile 109 Congested cavity, often 110 Terra — (tile

material) 67 Bank boxes 111 The Beatles' "Sexy —' 112 "Fame" star Cara

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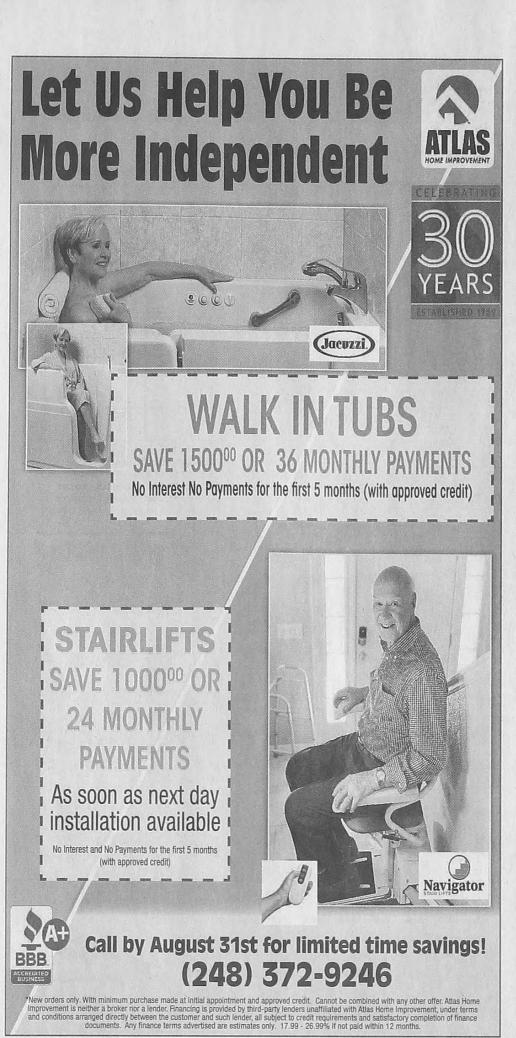
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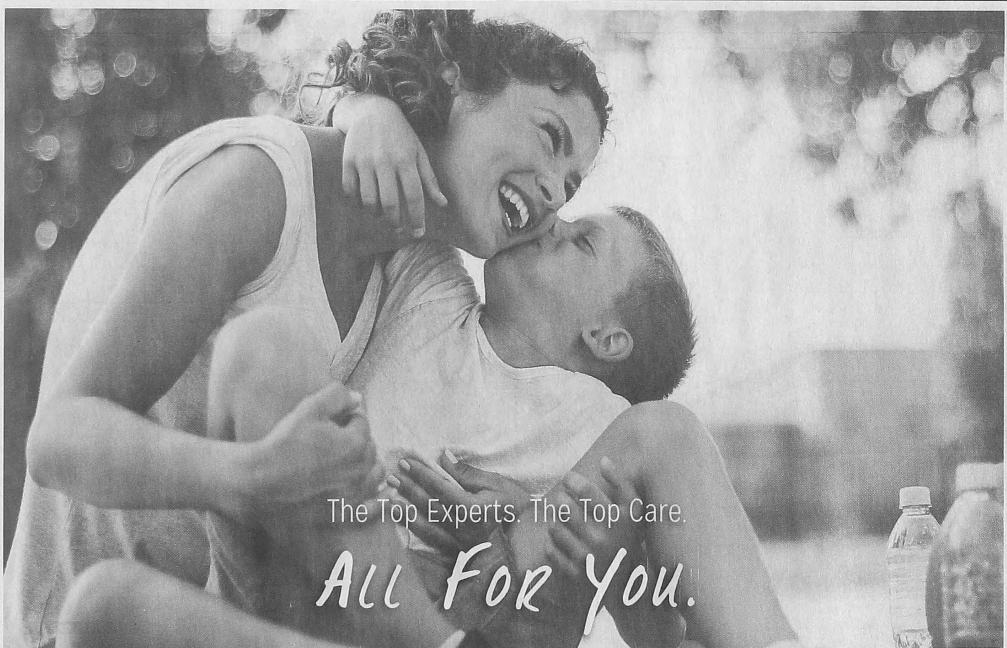
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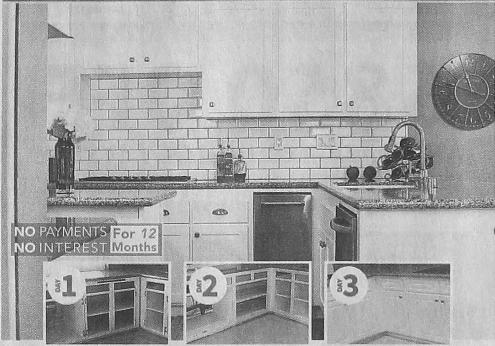




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