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Expanding manufacturer gets big tax break

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A Westland manufacturer will see a major tax abatement for more than a decade after being approved by the city council.

U.S. Farathane, 39200 Ford Road, was unanimously approved last month for a 12-year tax abatement. The abatement comes after the city granted approval for the company's planned ex-

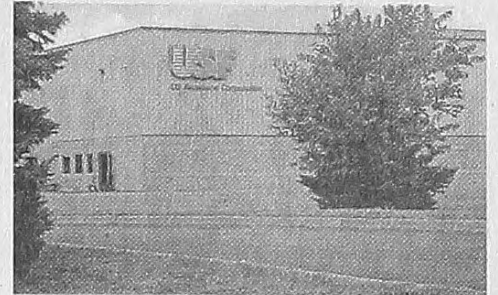
pansion on its site on the Westland/Canton border, which will double the size of the facility, retain 16 jobs and add 89 more for the 100,000-square-foot addition getting underway.

The tax abatement comes after the council approved the site plan for the expansion in August and will expand on the west and south side and include new manufacturing, warehousing and office space.

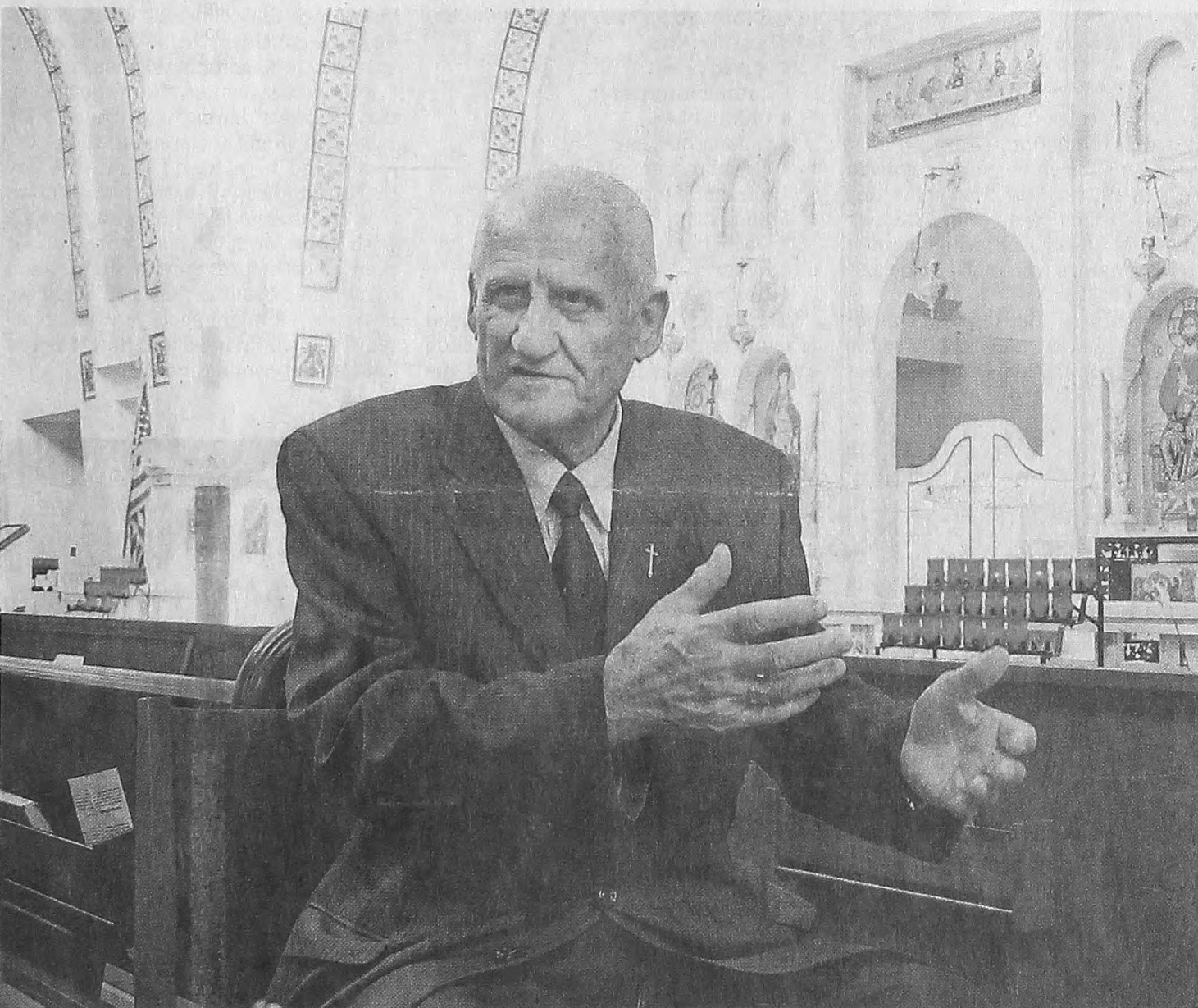
"U.S. Farathane is proud and excited to be expanding our business in West-

land and we are extremely grateful to the mayor and his team for the exceptionally positive and professional way this project has been handled by the City and its Council," commented Rodney Turton, vice president of purchasing for U.S. Farathane, in a news release. "Throughout this process we have continually been made to feel welcome and encouraged to make this next step in the expansion of our Westland Operation.

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U.S. Farathane was unanimously approved for a 12-year tax abatement. DAVID VESELENAK/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



John Angelopoulos has been the chanter for Westland's Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church for the last 50 years. He was born in Greece 81 years ago. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Church chanter looks back after 50 years

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"I can't stay home if the church is open. I can't, I've got to come here."

John Angelopoulos has been chanting for Saints Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church in Westland for 50 years. In that time, four priests have come and gone through the church.

"And I'm still here," he jokes.

Born in 1938 in Florina, Greece, Angelopoulos, who now lives in Livonia, learned how to chant from his father.

"My grandfather was priest, and my father was school teacher and chanter and a three-star in the Greek Army," he said. "So, chanting I learned from my

father."

In his religious tradition, the chanter is like the right hand man of the priest during services.

"Music is a big part of our worship, chanting is a big part of our worship. . . The services are like a dialogue between the priest and the chanter," said Father Teodor Petrutiu, who has been working with Angelopoulos for 12 years. "So, the priest reads prayers and the chanter responds."

After moving to the United States, the 81-year-old and his wife, Aspasia, started volunteering at the church. After nearly 62 years of marriage, the two are still together—he will proudly show you the original wedding ring on his

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John Angelopoulos

Restaurant inspections find violations at local eateries

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Milk in the refrigerator past its expiration date. Moldy food. Medication stored near food prep areas.

These are just a few of the issues found by health inspectors in Wayne and Oakland counties during restaurant inspections that took place throughout August.

In August, inspectors visited hundred of local restaurants, churches, schools, senior living facilities and other commercial kitchens to make sure food safety is a top priority.

Restaurants in the following communities listed "priority" violations, the most serious of violations. Lesser violations include "core" and "priority foundation," which are not listed in the reports. Priority violations are the ones that can lead to foodborne illness.

Hometown Life requested Oakland County's inspection reports for the month of August and found the following priority violations at eating establishments across western Oakland County:

- 45 priority violations in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area
- 38 priority violations in Farmington and Farmington Hills
- 43 priority violations in Novi
- Four priority violations in South Lyon and Lyon Township
- 14 priority violations in Milford and Highland townships

Hometown Life reviewed the inspection reports for the month of August in Wayne County and found the following priority violations at eating establishments:

- Nine with priority violations in Northville and Northville Township
- 10 with priority violations in Plymouth and Plymouth Township
- 29 with priority violations in Canton
- 24 with priority violations in Wayne and Westland
- 42 with priority violations in Livonia

The full list of establishment with the August priority violations can be found at hometownlife.com.

Check back every month to see reports from the previous month's inspections that take place.

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Canton to host scholarship fair on Oct. 9 for high school seniors

With the cost of college increasing significantly to the point where it's cost-prohibitive for many students, local organizations are partnering for the third straight year on a scholarship fair they hope makes a "positive difference in the lives of local youth."

The Ypsilanti chapter of Jack and Jill of America, Inc., Canton High School, and the Infinite Scholars organization will host a scholarship fair 4-8 p.m., Wednesday, Oct. 9, at Canton High School.

The fair provides an opportunity for students to meet with various colleges and universities about scholarship opportunities. Some colleges will also be accepting students on the spot.

Last year's fair drew close to 500 students and resulted in more than \$6 million in scholarships being awarded to high school students.

"The fair started as an idea in the teen group and expanded into a chapter-wide event," said Kim Crouch, a member of Jack and Jill and a former trustee on the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Board of Education. "It was an incredible success last year with students being awarded so much money."

The fair allows students to learn about scholarship opportunities and other funding options directly from college recruiters. For high school seniors, the fair also provides an opportunity to apply to colleges and receive on-the-spot college admissions and scholarship awards.

Students are encouraged to bring their ACT/SAT test scores, high school transcript, a letter of recommendation, and an essay on "Why They Want to Attend College" so they can apply to any of the colleges in attendance that are doing

onsite admissions. Last year's fair drew approximately 50 colleges and universities. Many colleges waived the college application fees and most awarded on-the-spot scholarships.

Jack and Jill of America boasts more than 230 chapters nationwide, representing more than 40,000 family members. Through service projects, Jack and Jill of America creates a medium of contact for children to stimulate their growth and development.

According to information on its website, the Infinite Scholars Program has served more than 100,000 students and has facilitated more than \$1 billion in scholarships and financial aid in the last decade.

The group sponsors scholarship fairs in 27 states, connecting students with scholarship and financial aid opportunities from participating colleges.

Labradoodle wins more hearts in Detroit, Lansing

Emma Keith

Detroit Free Press | USA TODAY NETWORK

We know Detroiters love their dogs, but which breed do they love the most?

Rover.com thinks it knows. The dog walking and pet sitting site released its annual report on the nation's most popular breeds Wednesday, zooming in on 40 top U.S. cities like Detroit.

Rover used data about more than half a million pet parents and a survey of more than 1,000 Rover users for its findings about the nation's dog preferences.

Here are Detroit's most popular breeds this year:

■ Labradoodle (the labradoodle is the current first pup of Michigan after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and her family adopted labradoodle puppy Kevin this spring)

- Goldendoodle
- Siberian husky
- American pit bull terrier
- Jack Russell terrier



A golden labradoodle dog. GETTY IMAGES

Rover also tracks dog names' popularity across the nation.

Last year's December survey showed that the most popular 2018 male dog names in Detroit were Max, Cooper, Charlie, Buddy and Jack, while popular female dog names were Bella, Lucy, Luna, Daisy and Lola.

Unsurprisingly, Detroit loves auto-themed dog names. "Maverick" was the 107th most popular dog name on last

year's Detroit list, and the most popular car-themed name. Here are the other most-used car names for Detroit dogs last year:

- 170. Titan
- 264. Chevy
- 345. Bolt
- 483. Edge

Rover's new report also lists the nation's 20 most popular breeds, available in full through its site. Here are the top 10 dogs this year:

- Mixed breed
- Labrador retriever
- Chihuahua
- Golden retriever
- German shepherd
- Yorkshire terrier
- Shih-tzu
- Dachshund
- Boxer
- Goldendoodle

The survey also looked beyond breed to figure out how Americans are feeling about their dogs. Here's what else the

2019 Rover survey has to say about U.S. dog ownership:

■ 37% of dog owners surveyed say they picked their breed without any prior research — it was just "love at first sight," according to Rover. About a third of dog owners said they got a dog the same day they decided to.

■ 46% of dog owners do research before picking their pup, and there are a few things they consider when choosing: 54% consider size, 43% think about cost and 36% factor in disposition.

■ However owners chose their dogs, they're pretty happy with them. 87% said they would recommend their current breed to a friend, and 88% say they're happier with a dog than without.

■ There are a few things dog owners wish they would have known about their pets before they brought them home, like how loud their dog might be, how much it might shed, how much attention it would need and how it might have anxiety sometimes.

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Chanter

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finger—and volunteer with the church in their own ways.

“Everybody loves Yaya, grandma, and Papa for tipping,” Angelopoulos said. That’s the life... She’s a very handsome woman.”

He sings and, though she can’t always attend, Aspasia bakes bread for the church’s liturgies.

“She bakes the church bread that we use for the liturgy, always, and John brings it to me. So she’s still involved in her own way even when she can’t come.”

When he wasn’t singing, Angelopoulos enjoyed singing and playing Greek music in his youth. Music has always had a big place in his life. Aside from singing, he plays accordion, guitar and piano.

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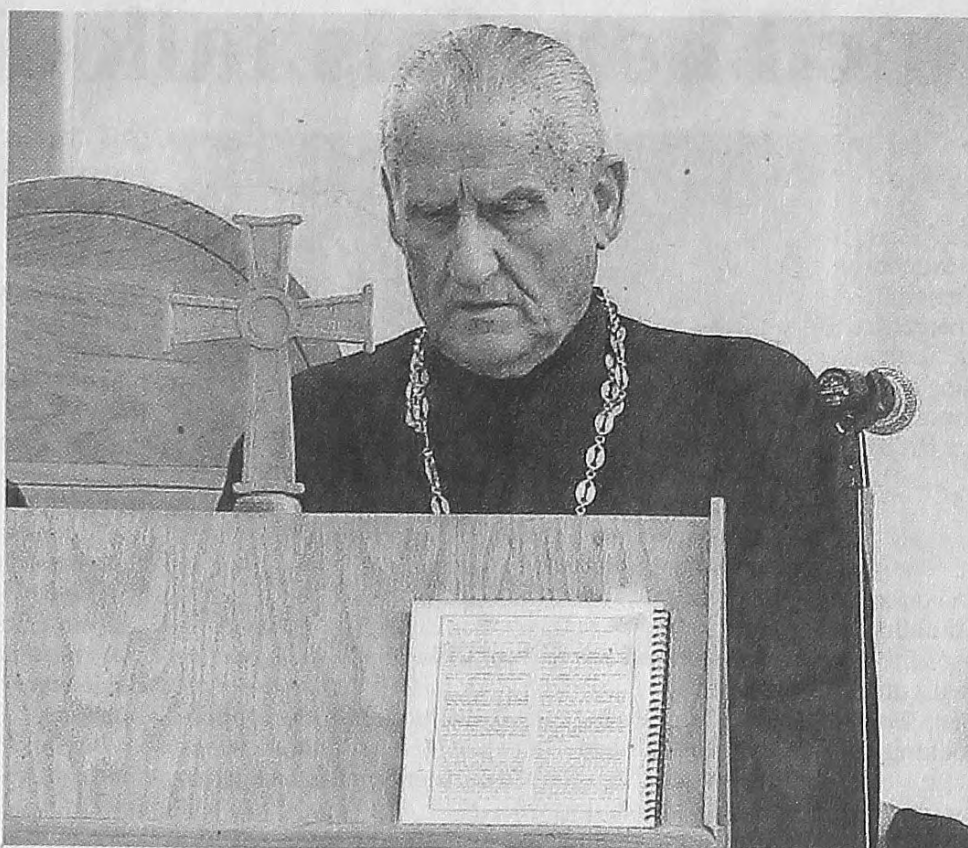
These days, church is the only place he uses his talents.

“He’s always here,” Petrutiu said. “Always, always. No matter what we have, expected or unexpected, he’s always here.”

Even after all this time and having trained other chanters, Angelopoulos plans to stay on the job.

“I’m a church man,” he said. “I read the Bible, I sing the Bible, I praise the Lord.”

Petrutiu said the church congrega-



John Angelopoulos doing what he does best: chanting during Mass. PHOTOS COURTESY OF SAINTS CONSTANTINE AND HELEN GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

tion feels blessed to have had Angelopoulos serve them for so many years. As the Protopsalti, or First Chanter, the singer averages between 100 and 125 services every year.

“John has been an extraordinary asset to this church for many years, for more than you might expect,” Petrutiu said. “It’s not just his voice, but his wonderful personality.”



Angelopoulos ministering through song in the 1970s.

Police: Jewelry shopper given trespass notice

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A Canton Township jewelry store warned a female shopper to stay away after she brought up Jesus and began yelling profanities.

According to a police report, the female visited Solid Rock Jewelers on North Sheldon Road the afternoon of Sept. 12.

Store employees called for police because she became out of control, walking behind counters while saying she wouldn’t pay for anything because Jesus paid for her.

She yelled profanities while police officers tried to calm her down. When an officer asked for some form of ID, she pulled up her dress, exposing her underwear.

“Only my husband gets that,” she told police.

The woman was issued a trespass notice.

She apparently was the subject of another police incident, where she was found walking naked around her neighborhood.

A police officer checked her home later that night and said she and her family seemed fine.

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Tax break

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We look forward to many more years of doing business in this vibrant and embracing community.”

The abatement is expected to save the company about \$372,000 over the life of the abatement.

Councilwoman Tasha Green brought up an issue she wanted to see of requiring the company to hire a majority of Westland residents in those new posi-

tions as a condition of the abatement. She said other projects for both the City of Detroit and Wayne County had those requirements and wanted to make sure residents benefited from the abatement.

“They require that at least 51 percent of those jobs go to their residents because the tax money belongs to the residents,” she said. “My primary concern and focus is to ensure Westland residents reap the reward from this incentive.”

Mayor William Wild said the types of abatements Green was speaking of —

ones like the high-profile one granted in the construction of Little Caesars Arena in Detroit — weren’t the same that were applied for by US Farathane.

“It will be a 50 percent tax abatement on their improvements. So there’s no public money coming out of general fund at this point to prefund this project or anything,” he said. “What we’re asking for tonight is no means the same kind of tax abatement we’ve seen there.”

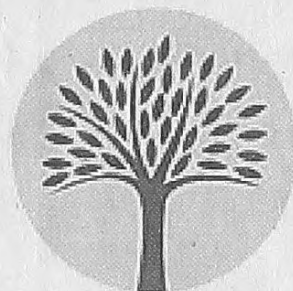
While the abatement would not have that kind of language, it doesn’t mean Westland residents will not see the

benefits, said Aubrey Berman, the city’s economic development director.

Having such a requirement for residency as a condition of the abatement could create difficulties, especially if the company has a difficult time finding qualified candidates within the city.

“If they hire 89 of those jobs and 50 percent is Westland residents, how long does that have to stay the case for?” she said. “It’s a difficult thing to define what that requirement is.”

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Livonia Council hopefuls talk city issues

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All eight candidates that will appear on the ballot on Nov. 5 for the Livonia City Council election participated in Thursday's Livonia Chamber of Commerce forum.

Candidates discussed issues from marijuana business to the potential redevelopment of Livonia City Hall. Here's what they had to say about some of the big topics:

On city hall redevelopment

Scott Bahr: "I will tell you, having been on council for four years, this is an incredibly inefficient building, and each year as we look at the operating cost of this building and look at some major repairs that will come our way, we kind of look at each other and go, 'How many more of these do we do before we start looking at replacing the place?'"

Greg Coppola: "I would be supportive of a redevelopment. This building is clearly outdated, it was poorly designed from the beginning... It's extremely expensive to operate. So I think it's worth taking the recommendation of the master plan and start looking at opportunities."

Jim Davis: "Regardless of where we keep our city buildings, this area is ripe for development. It's in the Livonia '21 master plan, people do have an idea that could have a gathering place. Not like a downtown Plymouth, but a gathering place that fits Livonia."

Rob Donovic: "I'd love to see all kinds of ideas come here. The amphitheater, the gathering spaces in general (are needed) so that these young families will want to come together and have a good time. I think that would be a great vision for this area."

Brian Duggan: "This building was built for a reason and it works fine. I don't really believe in tearing down history."

Brandon McCullough: "It needs a face lift, it definitely does. Is it a full redevelopment? I'm not too sure. I know that after looking at the master plan there's a pretty cool idea here to do the whole campus and kind of level this building. But something does need to be done."

Eileen McDonnell: "I've heard from the citizens that they're concerned about the cost and they don't want that put on their backs. ... I think things could be done to make this more efficient and more effective and make it more appealing."

Kathleen McIntyre: "Eventually, this building needs to be replaced. I worked on the master plan committee... This city hall cannot be made energy efficient, it cannot be made safe and it cannot be made modern."



Livonia Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Dan West moderated the 70-minute forum.

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On Greenmead Historical Village

Bahr: "There's potential revenue generation opportunity at Greenmead. Don't just look at it just as an expense, but are there private partners we can bring in to actually do something with it?"

Coppola: "I think going around and paving everything takes away from the historical part. It's not improvements, but I think just maintaining and making sure all of the property looks good and looks authentic."

Davis: "Greenmead is a treasure and it's an opportunity for Livonia to shine. But it's also in need of repair and funding and management and all of those things that go into creating value in your city."

Donovic: "We can work with some partners. There's tons of private organizations that would love to partner and start holding banquets there, start holding small weddings there. There's so many different things that we can charge that we can start generating revenue (with)."

Duggan: "You want Greenmead to look like it was supposed to look, history-wise. Nothing really needs to change too much... It is the history of Livonia and I think if we can bring more history buildings into it, great."

McCullough: "It needs a lot of help. But it is a diamond in the rough... We look for places to take our youngsters to Halloween walks, Christmas parades. I look at it, after talking to staff out there, that there is so much opportunity."

McDonnell: "What needs to be done is to redo some of the roads and to pave the roads. I think it would make it more friendly, more walkable for people to come through Greenmead. The parking lot that they just redid, I think they could expand some of the ADA, the handicap parking spots. Right now, there's only two."

McIntyre: "We need to continue to look at it for creative spaces. The concert Friday night... was a great

idea. Those things also generate awareness and they can generate additional revenue for Greenmead. I like what's done over there, bringing the school over there creates new opportunities."

On marijuana businesses

Bahr: "Livonia opted out of that pretty quickly. We had a 7-0 vote last December and tapped out of that. I think it was the right move. I think it was 55 percent of the city voted for that proposal, I'm strongly confident that 55 percent of the city don't want marijuana storefronts in their backyard."

Coppola: "We just need to manage it to make sure that when it comes in that it's done in a responsible way that doesn't impact the neighborhoods. Now the sale side is a different animal and there's some difficulties there now. It's still illegal on a federal basis and businesses cannot use national banks to transact their business."

Davis: "I think the prudent course of action was for (council) them to deny and wait for clarity in these laws. Of course, recreational marijuana is different and separate from the medical marijuana law. That's approved for patients, outlets and caregivers."

Donovic: "I do not support marijuana facilities in Livonia. The legislation that passed in 2018 gave cities the option to opt out and Livonia opted out. I support that decision. I don't want those facilities in my neighborhood. I wish we as a society were less dependent on drugs, on alcohol."

Duggan: "Do I want it on every street corner? Absolutely not. But we can control that by zoning and just putting it in certain places, in industrial places. It is legal and let's look at it as legal. Hopefully, (we can be) profiting off of it with taxes."

McCullough: "At the last forum I did the answer of it's not approved at the federal level so I'm not going to be for it. As the campaign journey went on, I've met a lot of people that suffer from chronic illness and they voiced their concern on being able to have a close proximity to obtain their medical marijuana... I would be open to looking at something."

McDonnell: "There's too many unknowns. Right now, the state doesn't have anything clear on that direction with what the city should be doing. As we know, at the federal level it's not legal. So there's too many unknowns in that area... We could give folks who need it, who depend on it, an opportunity."

McIntyre: "On issues like these I tend first to go to our public safety community. I know a lot of our police officers well and I asked them what they think because they see this first hand. They absolutely thought it was the right thing to do for Livonia to opt out. So it was no regrets."

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Canton voyeurism case sent downtown

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Sakamoto

A Canton man accused of capturing disturbing images of unclothed people at a local swim school will next appear in Third Circuit Court in down-

town Detroit. Futa Sakamoto, 44, waived his preliminary exam on Friday.

He faces three felony charges in a voyeurism case centered around an

Aqua-Tots swim school for young children on Joy Road.

The charges are capturing an image of an unclothed person, surveilling an unclothed person and using a voyeuristic device.

Police were dispatched to Aqua-Tots because a

woman saw a recording device aimed toward her changing stall. She challenged the suspect and took her suspicions to the staff.

Canton Township's public safety investigation revealed additional recordings from a Planet Fitness tanning room.

Don't make these 12 recycling mistakes

Bill Laitner Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

They're 12 things that Earth-friendly Americans want to recycle — and who can blame them?

But when bad stuff goes into a recycling cart or bin, it contaminates the good stuff. So buyers refuse shipments or they pay a lot less. Either way, that drives up recycling costs for, well, Earth-

friendly Americans, Lucas Dean says.

To make the point, Dean loaded his desk with a dirty dozen of recycling mistakes. He's supervisor of the SOCRRA recycling plant in Troy,

one of Michigan's largest, serving 13 cities in Oakland County. Check your town's website for your recycling rules. But, odds are, these 12 things should go to a drop-off center or into your trash can:

- Plastic bags
- Coat hangers
- Junk metal (auto parts, pots and pans, all metal but food and beverage cans)
- Paper towels and tissues
- Wire and electric cords
- Garden hoses and other hoses
- Batteries
- Large plastic junk (toys, garden tools)
- Styrofoam packaging, foam "peanuts"
- Old cassette and VHS tapes
- Pizza boxes (unless free of food and grease)
- Flimsy No. 1 food containers (if it says No. 1 but isn't a water bottle, it's trash).

Added note: Don't bag your recycling. That makes trouble for workers. Keep most stuff loose in your cart or bin.

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Crowdfunding enhances teaching experience

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Dozens of teachers in local school districts have turned to crowdfunding to give their students items ranging from food and books to furniture and technology.

Among those in South Lyon is a first year teacher, Mr. Buddenborg, trying to build a classroom library.

In Livonia, teachers are raising money for science projects, musical instruments and more.

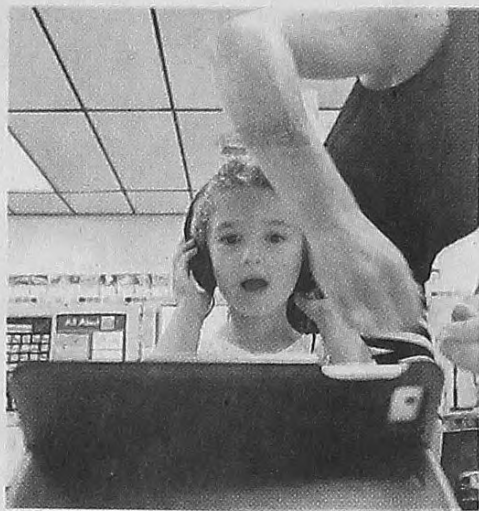
In the Huron Valley School District, Sarah LaFontaine is currently trying to provide math games for junior kindergartners, and she already has successfully funded 19 previous projects for her kindergartners through the internet.

"Teachers spend a lot of their own money, but education is always changing," LaFontaine, who teaches at Spring Mills Elementary, said. "To have the latest things, it takes a lot of money and this is one way to obtain those things cost effectively... If you want to try something in class and the district can't support everything, this is a way to bring that to life."

They raise the funds through DonorsChoose.org, started by a Bronx history teacher who thought about how much of their own money teachers were spending to supply their students with books, art supplies and other materials, and how the public may have wanted to help. The non-profit organization allows public school teachers to submit individual projects and Donors Choose then posts it, vetting the cost of materials, with an accounting available to anyone who visits the site.

In Livonia, multiple teachers are thrilled at the success they have had with Donors Choose, including Kristen Spencer, who teaches science at Churchill High School and has received funding for owl pellets and caterpillars for previous science projects and most recently for physics with "project egg drop."

"I use Donors Choose to go beyond the classroom instruction and put what we are learning in to 'real world' experience," Spencer said. "All students bene-



Spring Mills student Avery Stern is set up at a tablet computer by teacher Sarah LaFontaine on Sept. 10. LaFontaine used Donors Choose to stock her classroom with the computers and a charging stand.

JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

fit and gain further knowledge through these types of hands-on activities."

Enhancing classroom learning

Education is always changing, and in many districts, as enrollment declines and funding dollars are stagnant, teachers are struggling to keep up.

Funding requests for projects on the site generally ranges from more than \$2,000 for Chromebooks, to less than \$200 for snacks or books, but most fall somewhere in between. And despite the variety of costs and items requested which range, the teachers participating agree the charity is invaluable to them and their kids.

LaFontaine's project, which she titled "1,2,3 Come and Count with me!" has a goal of raising about \$264.

Livonia music teacher Leeann Kuchta, is asking for a class set of ukuleles for the Franklin Transition Program to "provide our special learners with a fun and accessible means of exploring harmony, melody and rhythm in music class."

The total project cost is just over \$800, and she is already halfway to goal.

Kuchta has found Donors Choose to

be user-friendly and community-oriented in three previous music projects she has funded through the site.

"It is exciting to see friends, family and even perfect strangers rally around a project," Kuchta noted. "The whole process shows how passionate people really are about school music programs. On the flip side, Donors Choose also provides a framework for my students to reach out and thank those that contributed to their project. It really is a win-win."

When a project reaches its goals through donations made on the site within a specified time period, usually about 4 months, DonorsChoose purchases the items and ships them directly to the verified schools.

To date, teachers at 83% of public schools in the United States have listed a project on the site, more than 4 million individuals and businesses have contributed, including corporations that often offer to match donations; and nearly \$900 million has been raised to support more than 36 million students.

Plenty of active campaigns

Last week there were 16 active Donors Choose projects in South Lyon schools, ranging from a set of 30 "Junie B. Jones and the Stupid Smelly Bus" books at a cost of about \$166 to flexible seating for a classroom at a cost of roughly \$1,100.

Those seating options include stools, fabric chairs that bend, and even balls to sit on in which children can bounce and move around.

Ben Kirby, assistant superintendent, said flexible seating is popular, but all of the Donors Choose projects in South Lyon offer above and beyond the normal classroom experience.

"Our educators are very ambitious and always looking for additional ways to support and inspire our students," he said. "It's a win-win situation, people have additional funds they are looking to allocate to our school system. There is no greater cause; our donors benefit and certainly our children benefit."

While it doesn't necessarily relieve financial strain on the district which has one of the lowest foundation allowances

in the state, or offer an alternative to seeking bond money for capital improvements to buildings, Kirby said, "It certainly creates a nicer school experience for our children and they are getting opportunities they wouldn't have had otherwise, all because of the generosity of others."

The number and type of projects and even which districts are seeking some additional assistance varies.

Birmingham has no teachers seeking to fund projects on Donors Choose. Bloomfield Hills has only one. Novi and Northville each has two teachers with campaigns currently on the site. Farmington has three.

Novi Superintendent Steve Matthews said the district has a policy about online fundraising activities that requires employees to get written consent from administrators first. Teachers are discouraged from using sites like Donors Choose with the district's philosophy that all needs should be taken care of through the district as it is their responsibility.

Matthews, who has donated to campaigns in other districts, adds that if a teacher has a great idea it should be applied in multiple classrooms equally, not in one second grade classroom in a specific building.

"Our students need to have a similar great experience across the district, as opposed to one school doing great creative things and not all," he said. "If you have a great idea, let's fund it, rather than go out to places like Donors Choose. In our district, we are fortunate. Other districts struggle with funding, but we have great parents that provide support. As a result, we are able to do a lot of things other districts can't do."

Livonia Superintendent Andrea Oquist is grateful for the support shown to students and staff in her district through contributions made to Donors Choose campaigns.

"At the same time, this sheds light on the essential nature of adequately funding our schools, and the pressures faced by school budgets across the state," she said.

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Remembering Janet DeHaan Bennett

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As the first lady of Livonia, Janet DeHaan Bennett had an impact on the community while her husband, Robert, was in office during the 1980s and '90s.

The longtime public servant died on Sept. 29. She was 89 years old.

Born in Detroit and partially raised in Royal Oak, Janet went on to Wayne State University where she met her eventual husband. She was a member of the Delta Gamma Chi sorority and was a Governor's Lady for a year while she worked toward her social work degree.

The Bennetts were married in 1953 and they moved to Livonia in 1958. They got involved right away.

Janet was involved in community organizations like Children's Theater Guild, Jackson School PTA, Girl Scouts, Livonia Town Hall and the AAUW.

But, she and Robert will always be remembered in Livonia for their contributions to the Livonia Civic Center Library, which bears their names.

Janet was the founder of the Friends of the Livonia Library and, along with Robert, was heavily involved in the building and development of the Livonia Civic Center Library that residents know today. In 2017, the library was named the Robert and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library to honor their efforts.

She just might continue to support the library, as it was her request that her personal collection of books be donated to the library upon her death.

Janet was also heavily involved with the Friends for the Development of Greenmead. According to her obituary, she was beyond proud to witness the completion of the Alexander Blue House in 2003.

On top of all that, she and her husband were both named Livonia's First Citizens in 2000.

Around Livonia, the Bennetts will continue to be known for their involvement in local government, too. While Robert ran for city council and eventually mayor, Janet was there with him the entire time as his campaign manager. The two were married for 62 years



Bob and Janet Bennett on the campaign trail in the early 1990s. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

until Robert's death in 2015.

She leaves behind a slew of daughters, a son, grandchildren and one great-grandchild

Funeral Services for Janet are through R.G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home at 15451 Farmington Road in Livonia.

In lieu of flowers, remembrance donations can be made to Friends for the Development of Greenmead.

Reach Shelby at STankersle@HometownLife.com or 248-305-0448. She's on Twitter at [@shelby_tankk](https://twitter.com/shelby_tankk).



Janet Bennett

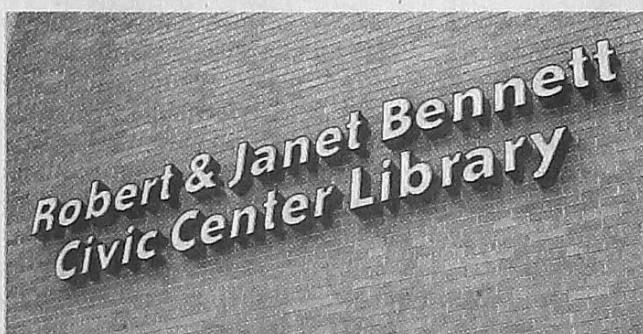
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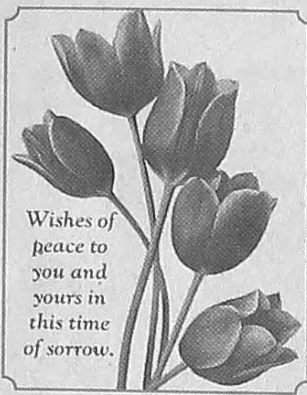
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George Charbonneau

ROYAL OAK - GEORGE FREDRICK CHARBONNEAU, 84, Royal Oak, MI passed Sept 23, 2019. Birmingham HS, class 1954. www.PixleyFuneral.com



Carol Dubuque

LIVONIA - Carol Dubuque passed away peacefully, and surrounded by family on September 25th, at the age of 87. Born and raised in Iron Mountain, Michigan, she taught in Japan and France, in addition to her many years as a Dearborn Public School teacher. Later achieving a Master's Degree in Education. A volunteer at the Livonia Library, Livonia Symphony and Schoolcraft College, she played an active role in her community. She was also an avid bridge player, golfer, member of the AAUW, and a Michigan sports fan. A faithful congregant of Unity Church, she stood unflinchingly for positivity and love, a trait that impacted her Sunday School students, and everyone who met her. Carol will be welcomed into heaven by her siblings, Joyce Green and Paul Dubuque. She is survived by her nephews Donald (Kitty) and David (Tracy) Green, and their children. In lieu of flowers please send donations to Covenant House Michigan or Unity Church. Her funeral will be held October 14 at 12:00, at Unity of Livonia.



Shirley Johnson

WESTLAND - Shirley Johnson of Westland, Michigan, born February 10, 1931, passed away on September 26, 2019.

She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond Johnson, parents Lawrence and Louise Stine, and brother Howard Stine.

She will be greatly missed by her daughters; Linda Thompson, Susan (Mike) Dankert, and Nancy Johnson.

She is also survived by four grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, by brother Kenneth (Jean) Stine, sister Sandra Lorenz and many beloved nieces and nephews.

No service is planned. Donations in Shirley's memory may be made to the charity of your choice.



Stanley Markoff Kovacheff

PLYMOUTH - Stanley Markoff Kovacheff, 93, passed peacefully on August 3, 2019 in Plymouth, Michigan.

He will be sadly missed by his four sons from his first marriage to his extraordinary wife Anne (Wiwcharuk) who sadly passed in 1975; Gregory (Margot), Jonathon (Allison), George (Lara) and Steven (Lori) as well as 7 grandchildren Nichelle, Alexis, James, Chloe, Maya, Melina and Nicolas all of whom gave him great joy.

With sadness, he will also be missed by his wife of 32 years, Christine, her son Dennis (LeAnn) and granddaughter Allysa. Stan was blessed to have found Christine and built a happy life in which they enjoyed traveling, stage shows and social events.

Stan created many memories and stories over his long life, related to associations both in the Detroit and Windsor area. He was actively involved in the Detroit Bulgarian/Macedonian community; spent 37 years in the automotive industry as a highly creative mechanical handling engineer where he was credited with numerous innovative designs; was a member of several local musical groups including the Windsor Light Opera, St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Choir, Ukrainian Capella Chorus, and the Plymouth Community Choir. He was a devoted Detroit Tiger's fan.

Born in Niagara Falls NY to Raina and Nicola Kovacheff and raised in Detroit with his twin brother Leonard (d. 2013), where he attended Cass Tech High School, University of Detroit (B.Eng.) and Wayne State University (M.Eng.) during which he won a number of awards.

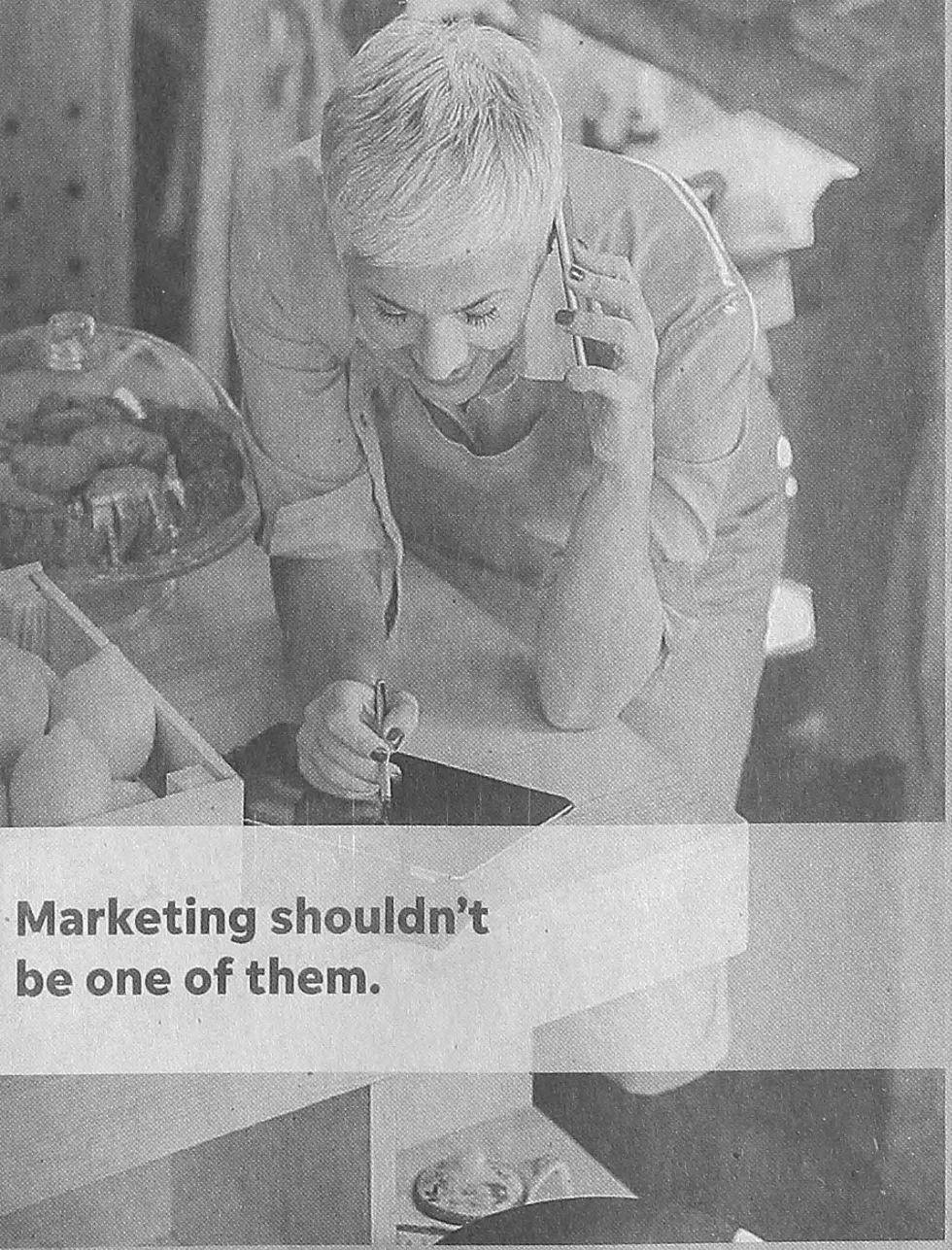
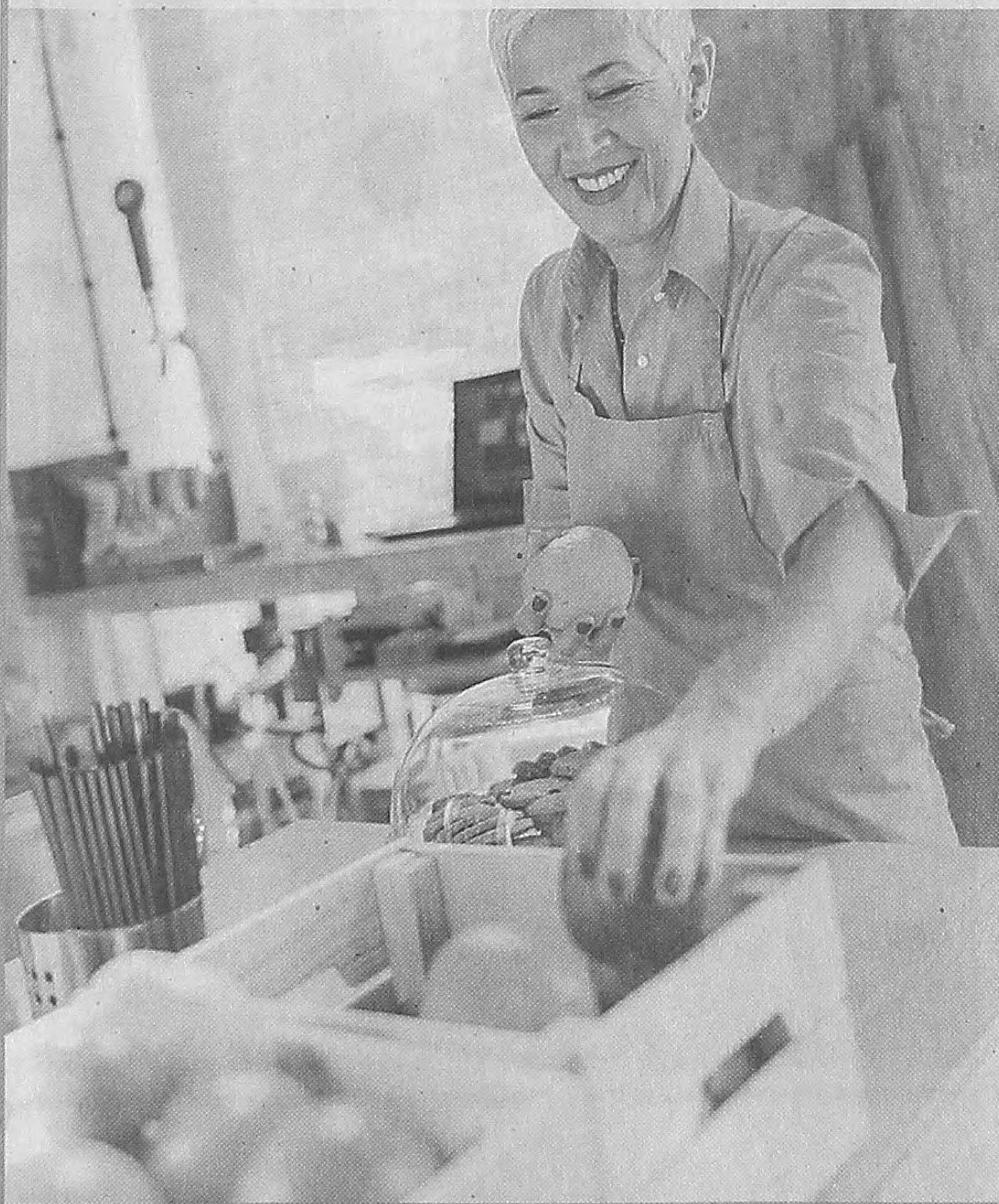
In his early years, Stanley and parents endured the Great Depression, WWII and from these difficult beginnings he built a successful career, friendships and family. He attributed much of his success to his Bulgarian heritage, his scholastic aptitude, and the good fortune of marrying Anne. Having lived in Windsor for 37 years and came to appreciate the benefits of Canadian life as well as those that came from being American. Of his many accomplishments, Stan was most proud of his sons and their respective families. Always one to learn, he took more than 170 general interest courses during his years of retirement.

Until his last days Stanley and Christine had a passion for living together with a love for social engagements and the theater. He loved telling entertaining stories, staying active and spending time with family. He will be gravely missed.

Stan is buried at Parkview Cemetery, 34205 Five Mile Rd, Livonia, MI 48154. If you would like to make a donation, please do so to the charity of your choice in Stan's name.



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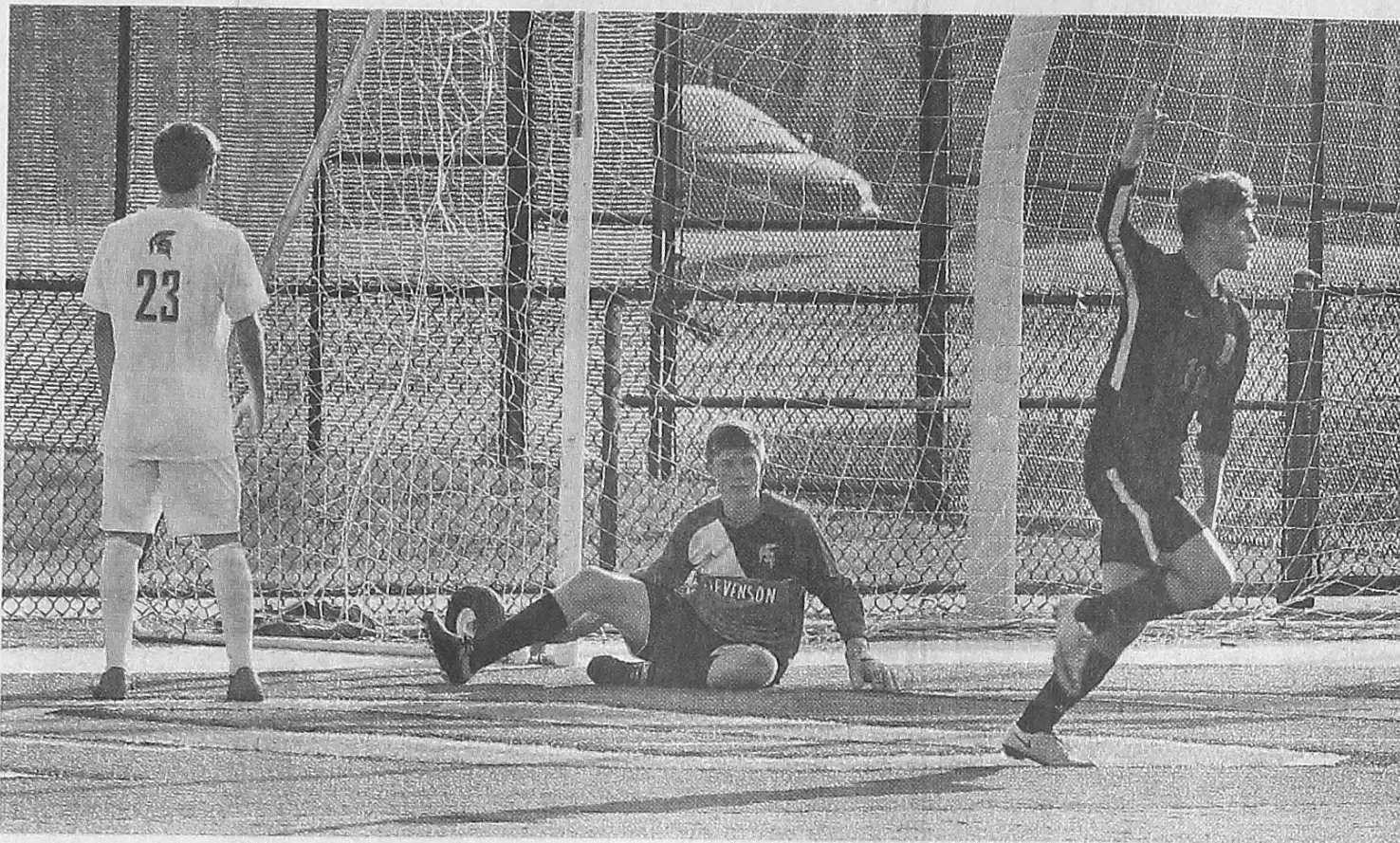
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Sports



Dearborn senior midfielder Hussein Sbeiti, right, celebrates after scoring a goal as Stevenson junior goalkeeper Brenden Ware looks on. PHOTOS BY LARRY FIFER/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

CC tops Brother Rice in defensive battle

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
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Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central came into the 75th edition of the Boys Bowl on opposite sides of the spectrum.

The Warriors have started the 2019 season with four-straight wins, outscoring opponents 103-24. The Shamrocks, on the other hand, know what it's like to lose, falling to both Whitmer and Toledo Catholic Central, two of the top teams from Toledo, Ohio.

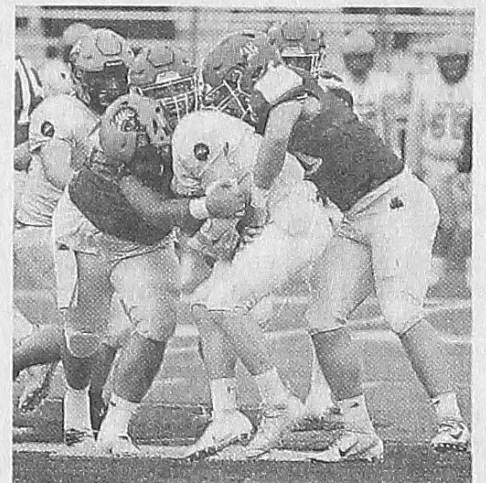
However, Catholic Central held the recent history when matching up against Brother Rice, winning the past four matchups against the Warriors. And history prevailed, as Catholic Central (3-2) handed Brother Rice (4-1) its first loss of the season in a 7-3 defensive showdown on Sunday.

As the win streak continues for the Shamrocks in the Boys Bowl, Catholic Central head coach Dan Anderson said his team's first division win of the season meant everything in terms of momentum moving forward.

"Winning one game in the central division to start our push there is great," Anderson said. "We have a lot of young guys out there, and the more they live and learn, the better they are going to be."

Here are three takeaways from Sunday's win for the Shamrocks.

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Catholic Central defensive end Jack Birks sacks Brother Rice quarterback Greg Piscopink. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Stevenson misses chances in first loss

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Livonia Stevenson knew what is was going to get against Dearborn.

The Spartans held a 2-1 lead in the final 10 minutes against the Pioneers in their most recent matchup on Sept. 23, before allowing a transition goal, for its third draw of the season.

But in the second meeting between the two teams, and after a few missed first-half offensive opportunities for the Spartans, Dearborn (13-1-2) prevailed in a big way, defeating Stevenson (12-1-3) 3-0 on Monday afternoon.

With their first loss of the season, the Spartans lose their hold of first place in the KLAA East.

"It was very hard for us," Stevenson head coach Ken Shingledecker said. "I don't know if it's a 3-0 game we just watched, but it just never felt like we were doing the things we have done all year that have made us successful."

Here are three takeaways from Monday's game between Dearborn and Stevenson.

Missed opportunities

The first half felt very similar to Stevenson's first game against Dearborn:



Dearborn junior defender Hassan Safiedine kicks the ball away to thwart a Stevenson offensive possession. Dearborn won 3-0.

both teams battling for possession in a physical midfield, equalling each other out in terms of offensive possession and opportunities to score.

But Stevenson had two scoring opportunities that could have changed the outcome in the game in the long run.

One was hit off the crossbar, parallel

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"We were just different today, and it's a hard team to do that against."

Ken Shingledecker
Livonia Stevenson coach

Redford Union to host inaugural Hall of Fame ceremony

Andrew Vaillencourt
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On Oct. 19, Redford Union athletics will host its inaugural Hall of Fame Induction with a dinner and ceremony held in the historical Redford Union High School gymnasium.

The event honors Redford Union's former student/athletes, coaches and athletic department volunteers who excelled both on and off the field at Redford Union High School. Formally established in 2018, the seven-member hall of

fame committee follows bylaws to fairly place inductees into the RU Athletics Hall of Fame through stakeholder feedback and transparency.

That evening, the first completed phase of the RU Athletics Hall of Honor renovation will also be officially unveiled. An ongoing process, the Hall of Honor has already taken on a completely new look of Panther pride and is a great starting point for what is to come.

Redford Union Athletics plans to make this an annual event — with a new group being inducted each year. The Redford Union Athletics Hall of Fame

recognizes that there are many former student/athletes, coaches and volunteers who are deserving and that they can only put so many inductees in each year. They state that this does not mean that some are more deserving than others — it will take time and patience to catch up. Nomination forms will be posted on the high school website, as well as the RU Athletics Hall of Fame Facebook page starting in January of each year for all to fill out.

"Most familiar with Redford Union know that our athletic department is rich with tradition and talent and that

we have had countless student-athletes leave Redford Union accomplished in many ways," Redford Union assistant principal Michael Taylor said. "The idea of creating the athletics hall of fame has been around for decades, but we haven't been able to get over the hump for a few reasons here and there. We are now fortunate to be able to make it a reality with the financial support of private donors, as well as participants in our annual golf outing. We believe that this is not only an important tool to honor our past, but

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Seaholm's Strecker wins Athlete of the Week

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Birmingham Seaholm senior running back Chaz Strecker is Hometown Life's Athlete of the Week (for the week of voting that began on Sept. 23) after receiving 9,028 votes.

In the Maples' 42-7 win against Rochester, Strecker recorded 240 yards on the ground on 22 carries, scoring four touchdowns and averaging 10.9 yards per carry.

While Seaholm earned its first loss of the season — falling 17-6 to Rochester Adams — Strecker will be a major contributor for a Maples offense that has scored 40 points or more in three of its five games this season.

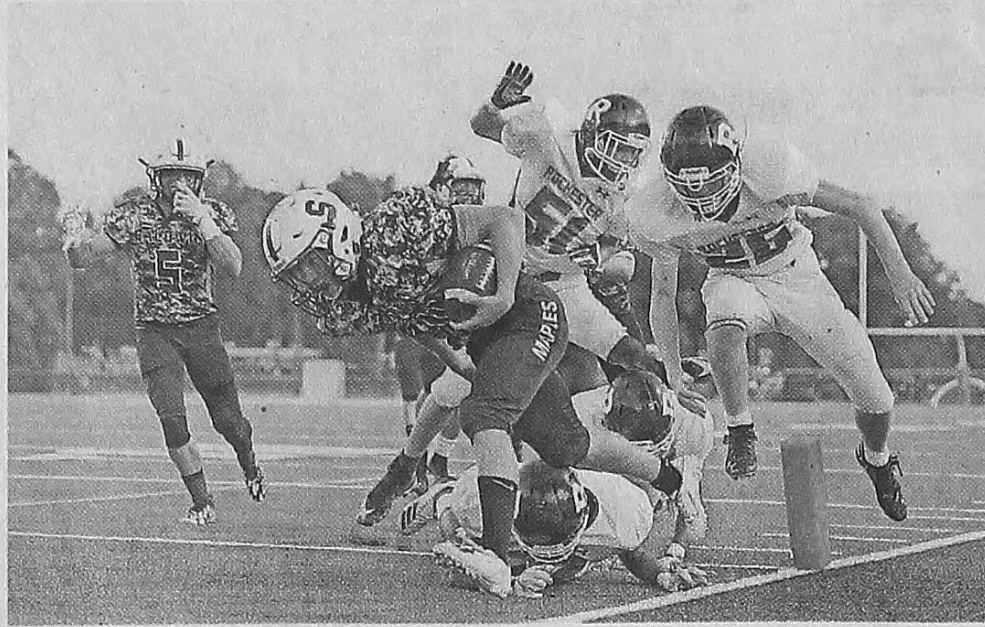
Strecker earned 35.3 percent of the 25,573 votes that were cast. Brother Rice wide receiver/safety Rocco Milia finished in second place with 6,589 votes (25.77 percent), while Farmington volleyball player Meghan Burba was in third place with 5,441 votes (21.28 percent).

Franklin quarterback Jake Kelbert and South Lyon East running back Donovan Wright finished in fourth and fifth place respectively.

We caught up with Strecker to get to know him a bit better.

Seaholm is off to great start to the 2019 season. What do you think this team's potential is, and why should people start paying attention to the Maples?

"I believe the team's potential is only going to be limited by our confidence. We have a good team as of now, but we have the foundation to become an



Seaholm senior running back Chaz Strecker rushed for 240 yards and four touchdowns against Rochester. CHAZ STRECKER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

amazing team if we put in the right mindset. Stoney Creek was our first real test to our strength as a team, and I think it proved our ability to stand firm when games become difficult."

What are your personal and team goals for the season?

"I don't have many personal goals for the season, but some of my team goals would be to make it farther than last year. We had a smooth road into the playoffs, but facing our cross town rivals, Groves, two weeks in a row and losing both times was rough."

Who is your favorite athlete to watch or who you model your play after and why?

"My favorite athlete to watch and try to replicate is Christian McCaffrey. From his time at Stanford, my dad would have me watch his highlights to try and build the same type of open-field awareness that he has, breaking tackles and finding the right holes to hit."

What is your favorite TV show or movie and why?

"My favorite movie would probably be 2014's *Interstellar*. I love a lot of Christopher Nolan's movies, but this one stands out to me just from how mind bending it becomes, and the fact that space has always peaked my interest."

What are your favorite hobbies

outside of football and why?

"Some of my hobbies outside of football would be playing competitive video games and working out. Competitive video games, better known as E-Sports, was just a small pastime of mine with friends until my sophomore year, in which I was able to compete in a high school tournament, earning \$56,000 in scholarship money towards Lawrence Tech University. From that point, it grew into something I put a lot of time and effort into, with hopes of another successful season this year. As for working out, after my injury freshman year, working out helped keep my mind off football. I grew to embrace the idea of self improvement, trying to find ways to better myself physically and mentally where ever I could. Now, three years later, even after another injury my sophomore year, I don't believe I've taken a week off from being in a gym."

What are your plans after high school? Will you be playing college football?

"I'd like to study Kinesiology or Exercise Science to eventually move onto a job as a athletic or personal trainer. Looking further into the future, I'd like to combine my interests to bring a healthy lifestyle to the E-Sports industry. As for playing college football, it would be an honor to compete for another 4 years with the game I grew up to love."

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Brighton's Pietila shares first in league tourney

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BRIGHTON — It's difficult to stand out in a league that annually produces some of the top golfers in the state, but Brighton junior Maggie Pietila has repeatedly shown she belongs in that elite group.

Pietila has been the medalist in two of the past four Kensington Lakes Activities Association tournaments, tying for first in the league's season-ending tourney Tuesday with a 76 at Kensington Metropark Golf Course.

She was the medalist in the 2017 preseason tournament with a 73, then tied for sixth with a 79 in the final tournament. She tied for fifth in this year's preseason tournament with a 77.

Pietila tied for fourth in the league this season when combining both tournaments. She shared the top spot Tuesday with Northville's Megha Vallabhaneni.

As an all-state selection her sophomore year, Pietila is one of the reasons the KLAA is so strong in girls golf once again this season. She played in a group with players from No. 1-ranked Northville, No. 2-ranked Plymouth and previously ranked Hartland.

"You know the girls you're playing with are pretty good golfers, so it's nice," she said. "You're not going to have an eight-hour round."

Pietila said her short game was working for her Tuesday.

"I made a lot of good putts," she said. "My approach shots fluctuated a lot, so it wasn't that good, but I recovered pretty well with up-and-downs. I wish I could've finished stronger. I bogeyed the last hole, but that's OK."

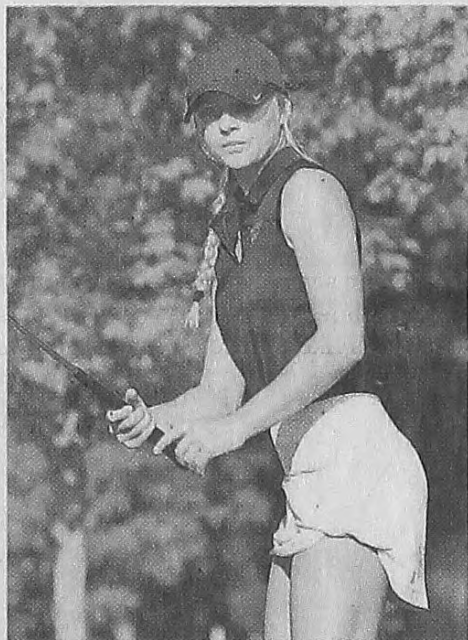
Pietila led third-ranked Brighton to a second-place finish behind a Northville team that was able to overcome a 92 from No. 1 golfer Samantha Coleman.

The Mustangs, the defending state champions, counted a 76, 77 and two 80s for a score of 313. Brighton shot 341 to finished 15 shots ahead of Plymouth, which had to count a 103.

"Northville is so deep," Brighton coach Paul Parsell said. "They've got a great team, great coach. A lot of those girls work hard on their game. It doesn't really matter which order he puts them in, they're all pretty solid."

Alyssa Yaggie shot 85, Lilly Stolz 88 and Amelia Gatti 92 to complete Brighton's scoring.

"It seems like we're peaking at the right time," Parsell said. "We've been runner-up and top three most of the year. We won a tournament out in Frankenmuth, so I'm really satisfied with how the girls are playing. We don't have a very deep team, but we have some quality players up top. They're starting to come into their



Brighton's Maggie Pietila tied for first place in the KLAA golf tournament, shooting 76 at Kensington Metropark Golf Course on Tuesday.

DAN ZEPPA/COURTESY PHOTO

own, for sure."

Hartland, which dropped out of the top 10 rankings last week, finished fourth with a 357. There is no shame in finishing fourth in the KLAA, a league which has had 30 teams place in the top 17 in the state tournament over the past six years.

Audrey Brown shot 88, Violet Sinishtaj and Morgan Seog 89s, and Savannah Grabowski 91 for the Eagles.

"We deserve to be right around those top teams, but today we struggled out there on the course," Hartland coach Mike Joseph said. "It just didn't happen for us. Now we've got to regroup and get ready for regionals on Monday."

Brighton, Hartland and Howell will compete in the Division 1 regional Monday at Oak Pointe Country Club in Brighton.

Howell placed 11th with a 440, led by Sarah Konsdorf's 101.

KLAA girls golf tournament

Team scoring
1. Northville 313; 2. Brighton 341; 3. Plymouth 356; 4. Hartland 357; 5. Livonia Franklin 367; 6. Salem 375; 7. Livonia Stevenson 380; 8. Livonia Churchill 400; 9. Novi 427; 10. Canton 440; 11. Howell 440; 12. Belleville 474; 13. Westland John Glenn 481; 14. Dearborn Fordson 532.

Final season standings
1. Northville 32 points; 2. Brighton and Plymouth 29; 4. Hartland 26; 5. Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Salem 22; 8. Livonia Churchill 18; 9. Canton and Novi 15; 11. Howell 12; 12. Belleville and Westland John Glenn 9; 14. Dearborn Fordson 4.

Top individuals
Maggie Pietila, Brighton, 76
Megha Vallabhaneni, Northville, 76
Katelyn Tokarz, Northville, 77
Bridget Boczar, Plymouth, 78
Sophia Wygonik, Franklin, 78
Halena Harris, Churchill, 78
Avneet Gill, Northville, 80
Sedona Shipka, Northville, 80
Haesol Park, Northville, 81
Grace Boczar, Plymouth, 81
Alyssa Yaggie, Brighton, 85
Megan Kozlowski, Salem, 85

A deer's hidden danger

Kristen Jordan Shamus
Detroit Free Press | USA TODAY NETWORK

Michigan hunters, beware.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued an advisory, warning that it is possible to catch a form of tuberculosis when field-dressing infected deer.

It's called *M. bovis* tuberculosis, and it's a form of the disease found mostly in cattle, elk and deer.

In Michigan, the deer in a four-county region of the northern Lower Peninsula: Alcona, Montmorency, Oscoda and Alpena are most likely to carry the infection. A small percentage of white-tailed deer from other parts of the state also have been found to carry the disease.

If a person has a cut or an open wound, blood and bacteria from an infected deer could enter the bloodstream, causing a human infection. It also may be transmitted when a human inhales aerosolized bacteria during the field-dressing process.

The case that was highlighted in the new CDC study was written by Dr. James Sunstrum, who works in the infectious diseases division of Beaumont Hospital in Dearborn, and Dr. Dan O'Brien, a wildlife veterinarian at the wildlife disease laboratory of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

It involved a 77-year-old hunter from the northern Lower Peninsula who had the disease in May 2017. He'd been hunting for two decades within the four-county zone where more deer are known to have the disease.

Whole-genome sequencing of the bacteria in his body showed that it matched a strain that had been identified in deer in Michigan, which, the CDC report said, suggests "that the patient was exposed to a circulating strain of *M. bovis* at some point through his hunting activities and had reactivation of infection as pulmonary disease in 2017."

The bacteria can cause active illness or a latent infection that remains dormant in the body until later in life, when stress or some other factor weakens the immune system and activates an infection. That means someone could have tuberculosis, but not show symptoms for years, said Sunstrum.

"For most people, it will remain silent or latent, and can only be detected with a skin test or a blood test," he said. "But, if a person is becoming actively sick with TB, they usually have fevers for more than two weeks or three weeks, or coughing for two weeks or three weeks, and swollen lymph nodes."

Symptoms can also include night sweats, weight loss, abdominal pain and diarrhea. If untreated, a person can die of the disease, according to the CDC.

"TB is a very slow, gradual disease," Sunstrum said. "And, so, if something causes chronic signs of infection, that's when we might investigate. It is treat-



A white-tailed deer roams the woods at Kensington Metro Park in Milford.

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able and curable with antibiotics."

Two other cases of hunters acquiring this form of tuberculosis were recorded in 2002 and 2004 in Michigan. In each case, the patients had signs and symptoms of active disease and required medical treatment.

O'Brien and Sunstrum said hunters should take the following precautions:

■ Wear protective gloves when you field-dress deer.

■ Don't shoot or eat the meat of any animal that appears to be sick.

■ When you're field dressing a deer, look for signs of disease and have the head of the deer tested at any DNR field station. The hunting and trapping guide the DNR gives to every person who is issued a hunting license includes pictures of what disease looks like.

■ Cook deer meat to at least 165 degrees to kill tuberculosis bacteria and other pathogens.

The CDC didn't go so far as to recommend wearing a mask, however, during the field-dressing process.

"We don't recommend that at this point in time," O'Brien said. "The physicians in the group have speculated that that might be the route by which these hunters got infected, but we don't have any actual data to show that. In fact, when we've done some sampling of air inside deer carcasses in the past that had tuberculosis, we weren't able to actually detect any aerosols of the bacteria."

"That remains an open question and we don't really know. But, given the fact that we have had people harvesting deer in that part of the state for a very long time, and we have a relatively small number of people who've actually become infected and sick, that would suggest that this isn't a particularly easy disease to transmit to people."

The CDC advised targeted screening for tuberculosis among hunters, and any deer that tests positive for TB should not be eaten. Although deer-to-human *M. bovis* tuberculosis infections are rare, there's still a risk.

Within the four-county higher-risk zone, the disease affects just 1.4% of deer. Of the 35,892 deer heads submitted statewide for disease testing to the Michigan DNR in 2018, only 26 were positive for *M. bovis* tuberculosis, O'Brien said.

Breslin will host MHSAA girls finals if it's not NCAA site

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The high school girls basketball semifinals and finals are headed back to East Lansing and Breslin Center for the next three seasons — with some caveats.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has reached an agreement with officials from Michigan State, Western Michigan University and Hope College that would permit the girls tournament to be held at MSU unless the Spartans' women's team is one of the top 16 in the country and hosting the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament.

If Michigan State becomes an NCAA host site, the backup plan moves the girls semifinals and finals to Hope College in Holland. In the two seasons after that, the backup plan would shift the girls to Western Michigan. With MSU unavailable the past two years, the girls games were held at Calvin College's Van Noord Arena in Grand Rapids.

"There wasn't anything about moving them that we wanted," MSU women's basketball coach Suzy Merchant said. "It was just unfortunate the way the women's tournament works, which is unique compared to the men."

This is Mark Uyl's second year as the executive director of the MHSAA, and moving the girls semifinals and finals back to MSU has been on his to-do list.

"We can't thank the folks enough at Michigan State for looking at this through kind of (a) creative lens,"



Detroit Edison players celebrate their Division 2 championship win against Freeland in March.

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Uyl said. "Certainly, we pull for the Spartans and want Suzy and her program to do well, to be able to host.

"The years they're not at home, for our girls to be able to get back on the same floor (as the boys) is just a really good thing."

The move back to Breslin will be extremely popular with the entire girls basketball community.

"I think it's great," said St. Ignace coach Dorene Ingalls, whose teams have won five state titles. "Calvin is a wonderful venue. Obviously there are some issues with parking and stuff, but as far as the venue, it's top-notch. If it were in the middle of the state, that would be the most perfect situation."

Breslin hosted the girls from 2010 to 2017, but the semifinals and finals were without a home after the NCAA allowed teams in the top 16 to host the opening two rounds.

Stevenson

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to the ground, but never crossing the goal line for the score.

After Dearborn had scored its first goal of the game — a strike from midfield from senior striker Ali Baydoun that went by junior goalkeeper Brenden Ware — Stevenson nearly answered, getting out into open space, but was called back by an off-sides call.

Senior midfielder Nick Lema nearly had another chance to tie the game with 9:52 left in the game, but was crossed up by the Dearborn goalkeeper.

"If we would have scored those goals, we would have been up 1,2-0. We would have had lots of momentum heading into the second half," senior forward John Evangelista said. "It was just unlucky."

Even though Stevenson had its opportunities to score, Shingledecker thought his team was playing from behind on both sides of the ball.

"We were just not sharp from the beginning," Shingledecker said. "I thought our touch looked off, they were super dangerous in their counter attacks, and we never got right the whole game."

Dearborn takes advantage

With the Spartans not at their best, the Pioneers took advantage.

Up 1-0 heading into the final 10 minutes, Dearborn junior midfielder/striker Hadi Jawadi knew the goalkeeper was coming up the line, was kicked the ball from midfield, took the ball after too bounces and used a header to get it by Ware for the second score.

Not even a minute later, senior midfielder Hussein Sbeiti put the nail in the coffin, kicking one that passed Ware from the left side for the third goal of the game.

In terms of possession, Jawadi said the Dearborn gameplan matched what Stevenson's gameplan was in their first matchup.

"We knew they were going to come in playing with a bunch of long balls, so we told our back line to, basically, stay back the whole game, try to get a ball off as quickly as possible," Jawadi said.

With that, Shingledecker was forced to bring junior defender Alec Alaouieh up in the second half after junior defender Drake Van Dike left the game with a hamstring issue, leaving the Spartans short-handed defensively.

And the Pioneers would not let up.

"I looked out there at one point and we just had guys out there that we haven't had," Shingledecker said. "We were just different today, and it's a hard team to do that against."

Moving forward

Shingledecker feels like his team got its worst game out of the way.

He said the Spartans are hitting a bit of adversity, after playing extremely close games against the two teams in Dearborn. But the adversity came at an inopportune time.

Stevenson has lost its possession of first place in the KLAA East, putting the Spartans on the outside looking in because of the tiebreaker between them and Dearborn.

"It's a tough one because it puts them in a very, very good spot to win this league now," Shingledecker said.

But now the Spartans know what it is like to lose, and it is a feeling senior defender Ryan Maisonville does not like.

"We just need to remember how pissed we are for the playoffs," Maisonville said. "We just need to remember this."

Shingledecker's focus remains on the final two games of the season: Westland John Glenn and Livonia Churchill.

He said his team needs to get healthy and be ready, especially for the Rockets on Tuesday.

"We need two wins now," Shingledecker said. "There's really no time to pout. We got to get back to work."

Stevenson will take on Westland John Glenn at home Tuesday at 7 p.m.

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Hall of Fame

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Boys Bowl

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Byle battles in first start

Anderson said he used the long week prior to the matchup against Brother Rice to develop a quarterback competition between junior Jack Beno and sophomore Declan Byle.

He said both quarterbacks did a nice job during the week, but he felt more comfortable with Byle behind center heading into Sunday's game, playing against a defense that had allowed 24 points in four games.

Byle said that he and Beno have a good relationship on and off the field and that the "coaches had to do what's best for the team."

In the middle of a steady and consistent rainfall, success was hard to come by at points for the sophomore. However, one pass proved to be the deciding play for Byle.

In the first drive of the second quarter, Byle led his team to the Brother Rice 45-yard line on 19-yard pass to junior wide receiver Aidan Dimitriou. After a sack brought the sophomore back to midfield, Byle found junior Sam Dersa in stride on a wheel route to his left, taking the ball 50 yards for the first and only touchdown of the day for either team.

It was a pass Dersa was not expecting to come his way, the receiver said, but it was an example of a quarterback finding a receiver he was comfortable with in practice in his first start on varsity.

"To me, he found his rhythm today, out there," Anderson said. "It wasn't easy — weather conditions and everything else — but I thought he did a nice job, especially on the touchdown throw."

Byle said he was nervous in the days and hours leading up to kickoff, but, when he took the field for the first time, it was just football.

Defense shines in tough conditions

As the rain fell, conditions were not conducive for offensive prowess.

With only one touchdown on offense for Catholic Central, senior running back/linebacker Brendin Yatooma said the defense was forced to step up in a way it had not before.

To Yatooma, the defense was the decider.

"Without the way the defense had played, there would have been no win, we wouldn't have won that game at all," Yatooma said.

The Catholic Central defense forced Brother Rice quarterback Greg Piscopink to throw three interceptions, including one by defensive back Easton St. Clair with 90 seconds left to thwart any attempt at a game-winning drive for the Warriors.

Brother Rice head coach Adam Korzeniewski said Piscopink and his wide receivers really could not find rhythm with each other, with multiple dropped passes and missed opportunities.

However, with running the ball proving to be a non-factor this season, he said the team pigeonholed into the pass game, something that Catholic Central was prepared for.

"That was the emphasis," Dersa, who also serves as a defensive back for the Shamrocks, said. "This team is a big passing team. We haven't had to deal with that all year, so we worked our pass game all week, and did well today, came out and came together as a team."

With an offense that struggled against an advertised Warriors defense, Yatooma said the Catholic Central defense held together and did its job the whole way, forcing Brother Rice to its lowest scoring output of the season.

Boys bowl creates momentum

Korzeniewski wanted this one badly.

This was a game Brother Rice has not won in the past four seasons, and with a win, it would have secured momentum for the Warriors moving forward.

Instead, the Warriors suffered its fifth loss in a row to the Shamrocks, and the momentum goes to Catholic Central, a team that has had its fair share of adversity. In the Shamrocks biggest win since the season-opening upset win against Detroit King at the Xenith Kickoff Classic, Yatooma said this brings a level of momentum that could be too much for the team to handle. He said the focus needs to continue to focus game-to-game.

"We need to make sure we pound it into the guys and pound it into everyone else that we are here to play each game one-by-one," Yatooma said. "We are not here to already be looking at a state title when we have not done anything yet."

To Brother Rice, every goal it has is still attainable. And with a matchup against Orchard Lake St. Mary's coming up, Korzeniewski this emotional low will have to be a quick turnaround.

"We get to sulk for 24 hours, lick our wounds, give credit to CC and then get right back at it," Korzeniewski said.

Catholic Central will next travel to Warren to face De La Salle on Oct. 4. Korzeniewski and Brother Rice will next take on Orchard Lake St. Mary's on the road on Oct. 5.



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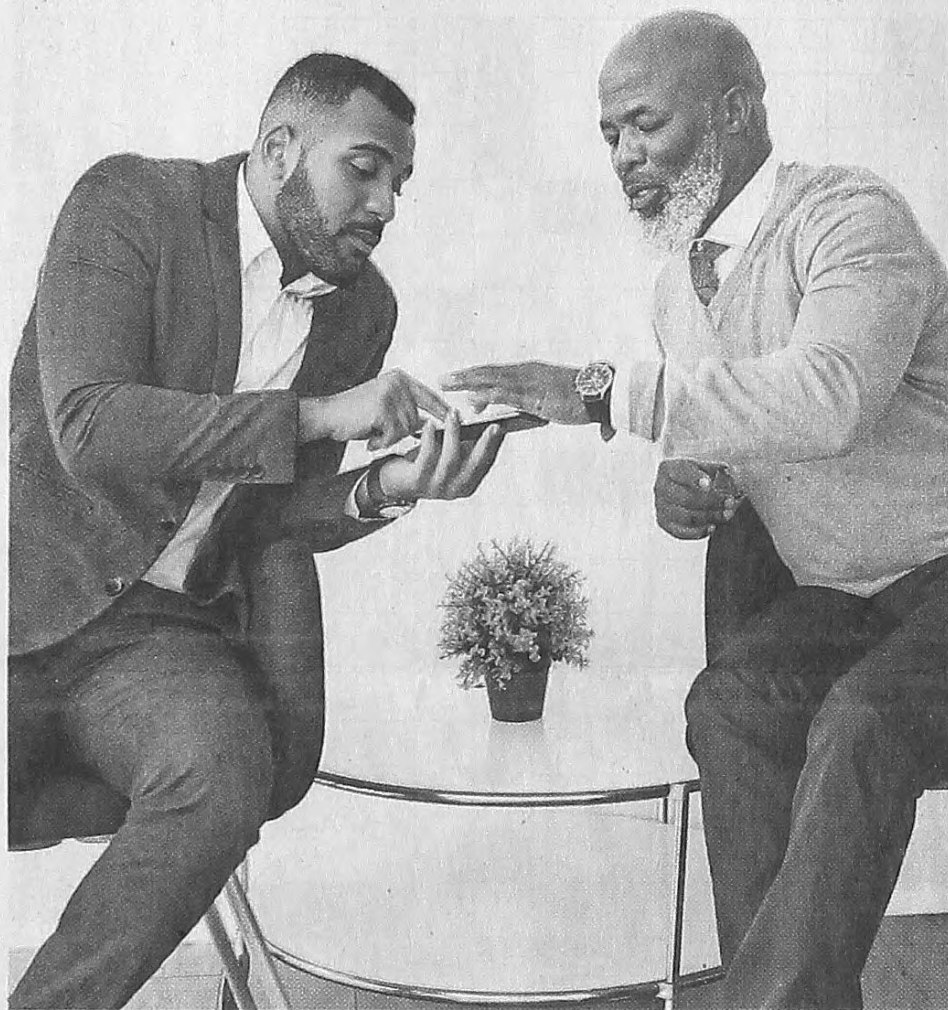
When it comes to interviewing, the unfortunate truth is that the rules of fairness and objectivity don't always evenly apply to all people in all situations. Although we may like to think that HR professionals and hiring personnel stick solely to experience and qualifications when making their decisions, the truth is, they're just people — and are subject to the same biases as everyone else.

Among these biases is making judgments about people based on their age. Ageism is still an issue in all aspects of society, and the professional world is not immune. This bias can go both ways during an interview, depending on who's making a judgment based on a candidate's age — being older be a sign of valuable experience and wisdom, or an indication that you're lacking energy or are out of date and not up on the latest and greatest trends. Conversely, being younger can be seen as a sign that you're full of energy and plugged into what's going on in the world, or that you're inexperienced and ill-equipped to handle serious responsibility.

As you can see, sometimes biases based on age can work in your favor and sometimes they can work against you. But there is an aspect of ageism that you do have under your control: how you respond to it if it rears its head during an interview. If you're concerned that your age may be a potential issue on interviews, consider the following strategies for dealing with it.

Beat it to the punch

Whether we like it or not, there are plenty of things that occur during an in-



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terview that is not overt or even discussed out loud. This includes judgments based on age. So, if age is a potential source of concern for you, then get out in front of it on interviews. If you're an older candidate, make sure to give off the impression that you're energetic and current. If you're a younger candi-

date, make sure that every aspect of your interview game radiates maturity, responsibility, and wisdom. Here's the bottom line — everything from the outfit you wear to the things you say and how you carry yourself will be on full display, so every aspect of your interview game should highlight the fact that the stodgy

old biases about age don't apply to you.

Shine a light on it

Sometimes in life, the best way to get through a roadblock is by going straight through it. If you're worried about ageism during interviews, then be bold and address it overtly during your conversations. Discuss your age and convince interviewers that it's not an issue. If you have tangible on-the-job examples to attest to this, even better. In fact, make turning your age — whatever it is — into an asset and you'll be doing yourself a huge favor. Be sure to handle this professionally and appropriately, and you just might impress whoever is sitting on the other side of the table with your confidence and candor.

Work around it

Sometimes in life, and in some interviews, subtlety is the best strategy. If this is the case, then working around your age just might be the approach to take. How? By overwhelming the interviewer with so many compelling reasons why you're the right candidate for the job that even if your age is a potential issue it won't matter — because you're simply too good to pass up. Focus on your strengths and make sure that interviewers see and fully believe every last one of them.

Are you worried that ageism might be an issue on your interviews and want to deal with it? Consider using the strategies presented here to keep it from adversely impacting your chances for professional success.

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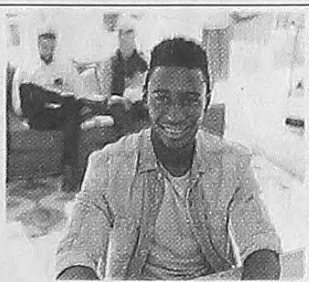
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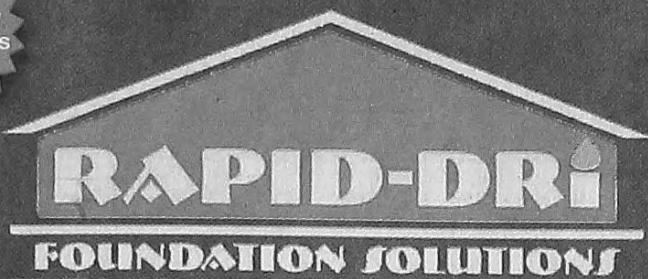
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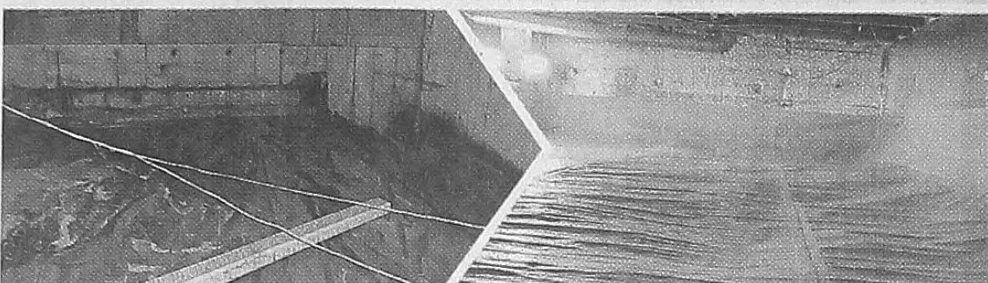
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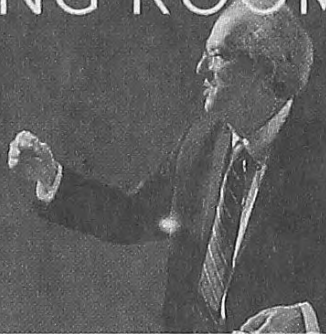
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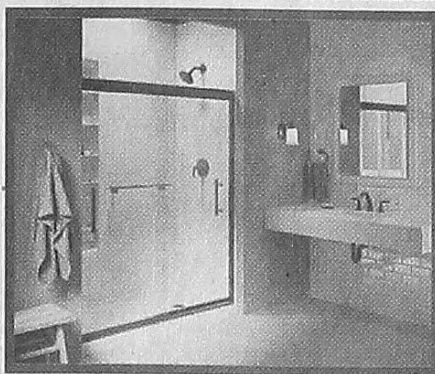
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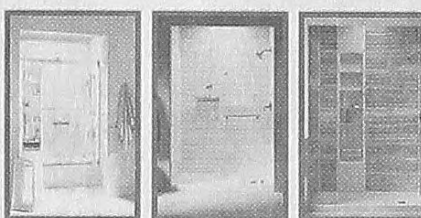
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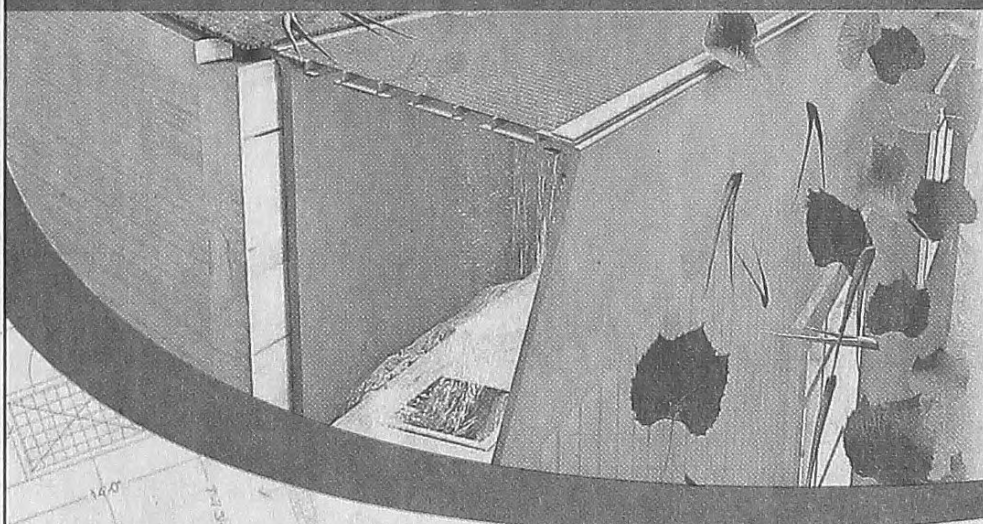
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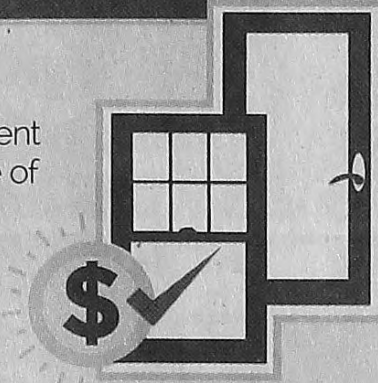




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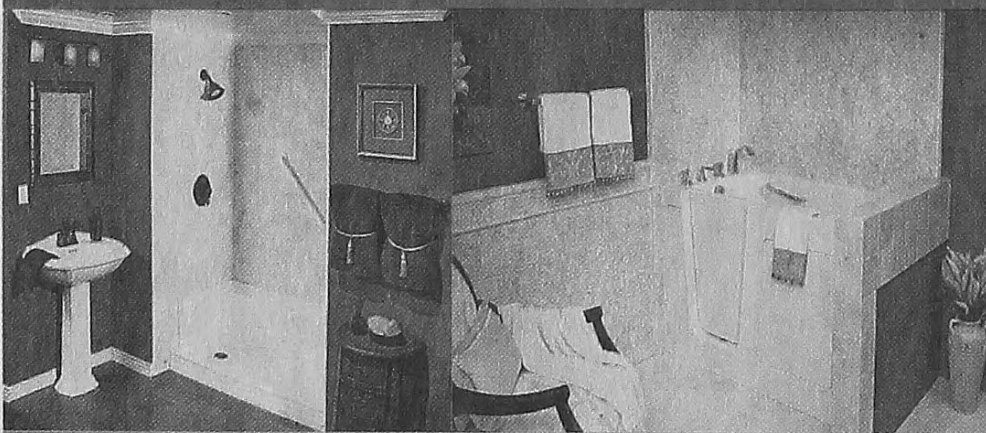


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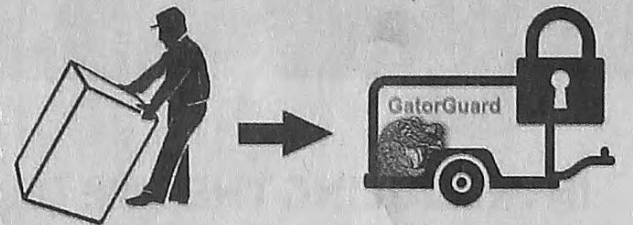
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