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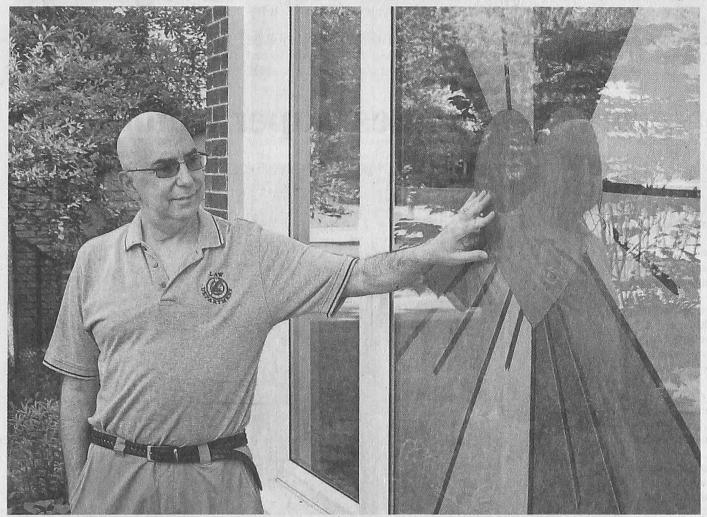
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Rezoning



Eric Goldstein and his wife painted this colorful and hopeful sun and rainbow combination the window of their Southfield residence as Eric begins treatment for a glioblastoma brain tumor. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### 'Let's do that carpe diem thing'

"You could walk outside and a piano could fall on your head. I've just got a little more definition."

### Attorney with tumor feels empowered

**Shelby Tankersley** 

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Eric S. Goldstein has no idea how long he has left to live.

But, as he says, neither do you.

"What shall I do with what I've got? And what I've got may be more than what you've got, no offense or threat intended," he said. "You could walk outside and a piano could fall on your head. I've just got a little more definition."



In April, doctors found a tumor in Goldstein's brain that turned out to be glioblastoma, a particularly aggressive cancer that manifests in the brain or spinal cord. It's almost certain the cancer will shorten his life, but he says death is something everyone must en-

counter at some point. "This is very motivating," he said. See TUMOR, Page 6A

"This is very empowering. I've got a very real signal here that says we are all mortal, so lets do that carpe diem thing.'

**Livonia City** Attorney's

Office

employee

Goldstein

shows the

scar where a

glioblastoma

brain tumor

was recently

removed

brain less

months ago.

from his

The 55-year-old Southfield resident started as an assistant attorney for the City of Livonia in August 2013 follow-

### for potential **Taco Bell** in Livonia denied Hometownlife.com

**David Veselenak** 

USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Those looking for some Doritos Locos Tacos in northern Livonia will have to continue heading to Eight Mile to get

The Livonia City Council denied a rezoning request during its regular meeting Monday for a parking lot in front of an office building on the southwest portion of Six Mile and Farmington. The rezoning, which would have been from OS-Office Services to C-2 Business, would have paved the way for a proposed Taco Bell fast food restaurant.

Several city council members expressed concern over the addition of such a restaurant in that part of the city, saying they believed it did not fit that part of town or conform to the city's new master plan.

"John Pastor (the petitioner) is trying to develop a piece of property that needs to be developed," said Councilman Jim Jolly. "I just do not agree with the proposed usage of that piece of property. I don't think it's the right usage in that particular part of the city."

In the end, the council voted 5-2 to deny the rezoning, with Vice President Scott Bahr and Councilman Rob Donovic dissenting.

The project had received plenty of attention from those living in the Burton Hollow neighborhood nearby, with several residents speaking out against the rezoning of the land in front of the office building off Farmington Road.

Ronald Colbert, a resident in Burton Hollow, suggested residents in the area would not support such a restaurant with their patronage, and without area residents doing so such a business would not work.

He cited a petition passed along to the city council from the Burton Hollow Civic Association, which tallied many signatures against the proposed development.

"That's telling you that we don't want it here," he said. "If we don't want it here, we're not going to go there. So how is it going to survive?"

### Project won't move forward

The city council decision follows an earlier decision by Livonia's planning

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This property on Farmington Road near Six Mile is proposed to be rezoned for a fast food restaurant. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### Canton residents urge opening of sports center

**Ed Wright** 

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With all due respect, several Canton Township residents made it clear to the board of trustees Tuesday that they feel it's time to reopen township venues, namely the Canton Sports Center and the Village Theater.

In the first in-person trustees meeting in nearly three months, a steady stream of residents addressed the trustees, who were socially-distanced in a semi-circle on the stage of the Village Theater, from a pair of microphones situated on the east and west ends of the theater.

Canton's Comparing guidelines to neighboring communities, residents like Dan Krafft said reopening local sports and theater venues can work safely with social-distancing guidelines in place.

As of Tuesday night, the Canton Sports Center, one of the largest softball/baseball venues in the Midwest, was scheduled to be off limits until Aug. 1, at the earliest, while the theater will remain closed "for the foreseeable fu-

"My request is, simply, for the board to come up with the plan that seems to be missing in the reopening of the Canton Sports Center," Krafft said. "The closure of the sports center is not only affecting the township, but also nearby businesses that could benefit from a reopening. I appreciate all of the responses to emails I sent to the trustees, but I still haven't heard anything about a plan to reopen.

"You could do it in a way that is

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### Cedar Point sets date for reopening but not everyone is invited

**Chanel Stitt** 

**Detroit Free Press** USA TODAY NETWORK

Cedar Point is reopening for the 2020 season, starting with premium pass holders in July.

The amusement park will be open to 2020 Cedar Point Season, Gold, and Platinum pass holders on July 9-10. Starting July 11, Cedar Point will be open to resort guests, along with pass holders.

Reservations are required through the park's app or website. Pass holders will have first access to reservations, followed by guests with pre-purchased tickets.

All visitors are required to take a health screening on the Cedar Point app 24 hours before arrival. Guests and associates will be required to wear



**Cedar Point** in Sandusky, Ohio, at night. CEDAR POINT

a mask and undergo touchless temperature screening and adhere to social dis-

Throughout the park, there will be

hand sanitizing stations, touchless transactions, and capacity management.

### Rodent engine problem becomes 'super common'

Jamie L. LaReau **Detroit Free Press** USA TODAY NETWORK

There was once a little mouse that caused a big

The critter crawled up in the wheel well of a parked car, made his way over the brakes and up into the engine. Most rodents would stop there, it's a nice nesting spot. But this fella had other plans.

He kept going until he was inside the dashboard and couldn't get out. There, he died (I didn't say it would be a happy story). The rancid and revolting odor compelled the car owner to bring it to Avis Ford in Southfield, where service technicians made the unsavory discovery.

"Usually, you find a wiring harness for the engine or the fuel injection system that is all chewed up," said Avis Ford's Service Manager Larry Sirgany. "We'll find a car that's been sitting for a couple weeks and it will have a big nasty nest in there too.'

Over the years, Sirgany has found plenty of flora and fauna in car engines. There are grass and twig nests and dead - sometimes alive - vermin and lots of chewed wires. The resulting damage is costly to fix.

But this spring, amid the stay home order during the coronavirus pandemic, the rodent ruination to engines has been exceptionally high in some places.

"I've seen a solid dozen to 15 cars with damage in the last six weeks," Sirgany said. "Typically, I would have two per month this time of year.'

### **Hundreds in repairs**

In fact, an April 30 report in the New York Times said a dealership out East had five people call in one week to complain of rats living in their car engine. One couple got an alert of engine trouble while driving and remembered seeing a rat scurry across their driveway as they left. So the couple returned home, opened the hood to find animal feces and urine all over the engine, as well as, sticks, leaves and small bones.

An employee at the couple's service center said such incidents have become "all of a sudden super common" within "the past two or three weeks," the

Last month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warned of unusual or aggressive rat behavior caused, in part, by many restaurants shutting down during the pandemic. Rodents depend a lot on the tossed-out food scraps from restaurants.

Now the varmints are searching elsewhere for food and your engine could be it. Some car brands, such as Toyota, use soy-coated wiring, which can be a delicious treat to a rodent.

Also, in cold weather, a car is a source of heat for mice, rats, squirrels, woodchucks and opossums. That's usually the time of year when Sirgany sees the most engine damage. The creatures crawl in the engine to keep warm and chew on the car's wiring while in there, wrecking havoc on the electrical system.

'Typically, they can get fairly time consuming to do

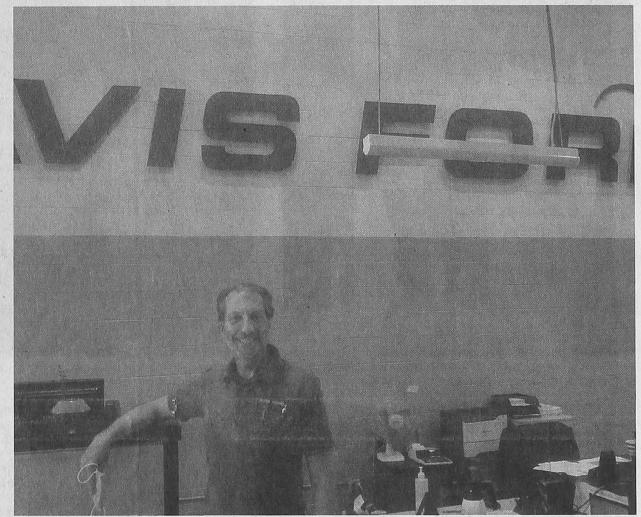
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Larry Sirgany, service manager at Avis Ford in Southfield, has seen an increase in engine damage caused by rodents during the stay-home period amid the coronavirus pandemic. TERRENCE MYERS

a repair — at least 2 to 4 hours putting it all back together," Sirgany said. "So it's a \$400 to \$600 repair."

The cost typically does not exceed a person's deductible, so it's usually an out-of-pocket expense, he

There is also a possible danger. If a mouse makes a grass nest, typically the size of a baseball or a golf ball, it could possibly start on fire, some experts warn.

### 'Staring right at me'

The good news is usually by the time spring rolls around, rodents stay away from cars because there's more activity with people outdoors.

'This year, with COVID, that's not the case," Sirgany said. "The cars have been so quiet, they're parked, they don't smell like people and they become pretty attractive to a rodent.'

Most customers will be alerted to an issue from a warning light signaling an engine problem. The rodent's damage will interrupt the car's wiring system, but it does not usually paralyze the car, Sirgany said.

The customer will bring the car to the dealer and that's when Sirgany's team opens the hood to diagnose the problem. He will usually find the clues, maybe twigs or leaves, sometimes followed by a surprise.

Every now and then, you find the critter still living in the car," Sirgany said. "The last one was four years ago. It was a woodchuck staring right at me and he

in biomedical research, their teeth are long and out of control because they haven't had anything hard to chew on."

In the wild, rodents consistently chew on rocks and trees to keep their teeth worn down and sharp, Dantzer said. If they did not do that, they could die from overgrown teeth locking their jaws.

'So underneath the hood of a car, it's a nice place to sleep and you've got all these wires around and you need to chew and grind your teeth down so you chew on those," Dantzer said. "Then, it ends up shorting out the car's wiring."

### Dogs, cats and scarecrows

Now that you know everything you ever (or never) wanted to know about the rodent lifestyle, there are many ways to pest-proof your car.

The most obvious is to drive it daily, because unlike our mouse or Sirgany's woodchuck, most rodents will jump out of the engine andnot return once the car is regularly in motion.

Also, leaving it outside makes it less appealing.

"If I'm a squirrel or a chipmunk and the car is out in the sun, it's a less attractive object because the garage is dark and protected," Dantzer said.

Here are some other suggestions from the experts: Spray commercially approved rodent repellent round the lower perimeter of the vehicle and wheel

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# \$3.6B deal to sell Great Lakes Crossing Outlets, Twelve Oaks Mall in jeopardy

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The coronavirus may take a new victim: the \$3.6-billion acquisition deal involving Bloomfield Hills-based mall owner and developer Taubman Centers.

Indianapolis-based Simon Property Group, the largest mall operator in the U.S., announced Wednesday morning that it is terminating its purchase agreement for Taubman Centers, including for Taubman's remaining two Michigan malls: Great Lakes Crossing Outlets in Auburn Hills and Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi.

The agreement dates to Feb. 9, weeks before the coronavirus pandemic brought the closure of malls, retail stores and shopping centers across the country. The deal, which would have ended Taubman family control of the company, had yet to close.

Simon said the pandemic has put tremendous financial strain on Taubman and that "extreme actions" may be necessary to "rescue" the company.

In response, Taubman said it will fight Simon's attempt to terminate the sale and insisted that Simon remains legally bound to finish the deal. Taubman said it has called a special June 25 meeting of its own shareholders to approve the deal.

"Taubman intends to hold Simon to its obligations under the (deal)and the agreed transaction, and to vigorously contest Simon's purported termination and legal claims," the company said in a news release.

Simon announced that it is terminating the deal for two chief reasons.

"First, the COVID-19 pandemic has had a uniquely material and disproportionate effect on Taubman compared with other participants in the retail real estate industry," the statement said.

"Second, in the wake of the pandemic, Taubman has breached its obligations, which are conditions to closing, relating to the operation of its business," the statement said. "In particular, Taubman has failed to take steps to mitigate



Empty parking lot at Great Lakes Crossing in Auburn Hills is seen on March 24, 2020. RYAN GARZA/DETROIT FREE PRESS

the impact of the pandemic as others in the industry have, including by not making essential cuts in operating expenses and capital expenditures."

Simon said the purchase agreement specifically gave it the right to terminate the deal if a pandemic disproportionately hurt Taubman's business. That scenario ended up occurring, according to Simon, because Taubman has many enclosed malls in major metropolitan areas, and some of them depend on domestic and international tourism.

Taubman's malls also are typically aimed at high-end shopping, which has been hard hit by the pandemic.

### **Details emerge in court filings**

Simon said it took legal action Wednesday in Oakland County Circuit Court that seeks a declaration that Taubman suffered a "material adverse event" and breached covenants in the deal.

Under the deal, the Taubman family was to sell one-third of their stake and continue to own 20% of Taubman Realty Group LP and Taubman Chairman and CEO Robert S. Taubman was to keep his management positions.

In the legal filing, Simon claims that many financial analysts anticipate that Taubman's indoor malls will be "the last types of retail real estate properties that most consumers will want to visit" even after the pandemic recedes.

Simon also says that wealthier shoppers will be more likely to shop online and not inside stores after the pandemic, which will hurt Taubman's many upscale malls and hurt their ability to charge premium rents.

Simon's legal filing also claims that Taubman is facing "severe financial problems" and is too short on cash to successfully repurpose mall space that could empty as more retailers struggle to survive after the pandemic, which has already led to bankruptcies by Neiman Marcus, JC Penney and J. Crew.

The filing claims Taubman failed to significantly cut expenses, do layoffs or cut executive salaries when the pandemic hit and therefore "has been financially devastated."

The publicly available version of Simon's filing redacts what appears to be

Taubman's latest financial results, which Simon says are "far worse than the experience of (Taubman's) competitors."

Taubman drew down \$350 million on its primary \$1.1 billion credit line at the end of March, nearly the entire amount available, the filing says.

"As a result of Taubman's failure to operate in the ordinary course, even more extreme actions will be necessary in the future in an attempt to rescue its business," the filing says. "Far from preserving jobs or helping its employees, Taubman's actions will ultimately jeopardize more jobs, harm its employees, and damage the company, even as Taubman's executives maintain their lucrative compensation."

### 26 malls in portfolio

Taubman Centers owns or manages 26 malls or large shopping centers in the U.S. and Asia. It previously owned The Mall at Partridge Creek in Clinton Township and Fairlane Town Center in Dearborn, although sold them in 2014, along with four other malls in other states to Starwood Capital Group.

The company was founded in the early 1950s by A. Alfred Taubman, who died in 2015 at age 91.

The Simon Property Group has a larger portfolio of malls and shopping centers, including Birch Run Premium Outlets and Briarwood Mall in Ann Arbor.

Under the deal, Simon had agreed to acquire Taubman's stock for \$52.50 a share, or a 51% premium to what Taubman shares closed the previous trading day and a 98% premium to what the shares closed on Jan. 31, the last trading day before market rumors about the deal, according to Simon's legal filing.

Taubman stock was down 18% to \$37.25 as of 1:45 p.m. Wednesday.

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# Couple wants to train COVID-19 detection dogs

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For years Lori and Jack Grigg have trained dogs to detect bed bugs, low blood sugar in diabetics and assist as medical support dogs.

Now the couple is hoping to train dogs to detect the COVID-19 virus.

The body's reaction when infected with the virus gives off a specific scent, Lori Grigg said, allowing a dog to detect whether a person is infected.

Ideally, she hopes the dogs will be able to sniff out those who are asymptomatic in crowds at airports, schools and hospitals.

The couple was prompted to train COVID-19 detection dogs after hearing about studies in Europe and at the University of Pennsylvania.

"I think it is the cutting edge of detection dogs. I think it is going to be really highly used," Lori Grigg, 59, said. "They are saying the dogs should be able to sniff out about 250 people an hour."

The couple is the only training facility attempting to train a COVID-19 detection dog in the state, she said.

### Coronavirus samples needed

Their biggest hurdle is obtaining samples of the virus.

The couple has reached out to hospitals, nursing homes and on social media, with no luck.

"Right now, that's what we are waiting on, we can't find anybody who's got it," Jack Grigg, 59, said.

The collection process is simple, they said, with the Griggs providing all sample supplies, including cotton gloves and nylon socks.

"We need the virus," she said. "I would drop off a sample baggie with gloves and socks in there. Have them put it on for 10/15 minutes."

Once she receives the samples Lori Grigg said they will be handled with "every precaution" and placed in a freezer

"Eventually the virus will die," she said, but the scent will remain.

Jack Grigg said dogs detect the smell

The couple was prompted to train COVID-19 detection dogs after hearing about studies in Europe and at the University of Pennsylvania.

of the body's reaction to the virus, not so much the scent of the virus itself.

"Dogs have the ability to separate odors... We want them to be able to separate through a person's perfume or cologne, he said. "For instance, if I am making a batch of chili and one of the dogs comes in, they don't smell chili. They smell the bean, tomatoes, the garlic, they smell the hamburger."

When detecting, dogs are able to smell a collection of odors and alert on the common aspect between them.

"If we have 10 different people then we would have 10 different samples to be able to train the dog off of hoping for that one consistent smell that the dog will learn that this the one that gets you the treat," Lori Grigg said.

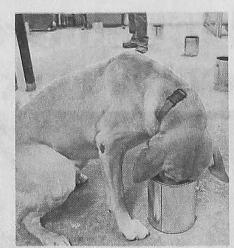
That's why the couple needs samples from multiple positive patients so the dog can be trained to alert to a person's reaction, regardless of secondary odors.

"You want the dog to be able to recognize it on a lot of different people. Medication that people are taking makes a difference, their regular body odors..." she said.

More than 25 years ago, the couple created a dog training company, Paradise Dog Training LLC, devoted to training dogs for people, companies and hospitals.

The training process for COVID-19 detection dogs is similar to training used for a diabetic alert dog, Jack Grigg said

Scent samples are collected from the person and used to trigger a reaction through food positive-reinforcement.



Rudy, a Labrador retriever, sits next to the one can holding a container of bed bugs, his signal that he has spotted the item he's trained to find. GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY

The couple trains using "scent cans," new paint cans they buy from the hardware store. Different items, such as food, toothpaste and makeup are placed in various cans, in addition to one can containing the scent sample.

The dogs are trained to put their heads in the cans, sniff and indicate if the scent sample is present by sitting next to the can.

Similarly the couple will take gloves and socks collected from a COVID-19 positive person for the scent sample.

Training a diabetic alert dog takes around nine months and bed bud detecting dogs about three months. They have four bed bug sniffing dogs and plan to cross-train them to detect the virus

Lori Grigg anticipates cross-training those dogs should take about three weeks, since the dogs already understand the basics of searching.

In the past the couple has partnered with Wayne State University medical students and hope to partner with them to study COVID-19 dogs when school resumes.

Those interested in supplying a sample should call 810-714-4861 or email jack@paradise-dogtraining com

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# Camping at state parks to rekindle June 22

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Camping at Michigan state parks and recreation areas officially has a start date after Gov. Gretchen Whitmer lifted the state's stay-home order last week

Camping will resume June 22 after the beginning of the season was delayed due to the COVID-19 outbreak, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The opening date also includes overnight lodging facilities and shelters, shelters in state parks and recreation areas and sanitation stations.

Despite the order being lifted this week, it'll take until June 22 for campgrounds to be ready for visitors for several reasons, including staffing levels, staff training and facility preparation.

Some state park campgrounds and state harbor sites will also have delayed openings after June 22. The locations are closed for an extended time due to construction on restroom and shower buildings, electrical system upgrades, campground improvements and emergency repairs that were delayed because of COVID-19.

Extended closure locations and earliest possible dates for new reservations include:

Burt Lake State Park modern campground: at least July 17

Interlochen State Park campground (South B loop): at least Aug. 7

Indian Lake State Park modern campground: at least July 17
 Keith J. Charters Traverse City

State Park modern campground: at least July 31

Lakeport State Park south camp-

ground (sites 301-356) and group-use campground: at least Aug. 7

Sleepy Hollow State Park north campground (sites 1-100): at least Oct.

Port Austin State Harbor: closed to new reservations for 2020 season

■ Wilson State Park modern campground: at least July 31

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# Critics target Livonia president after social media post

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Livonia's city council president is under fire for a controversial Facebook post.

In response to a protest held at Livonia City Hall in support of Black Lives Matter on Sunday, June 7, Kathleen Mc-Intyre said she expressed support for the city's police force on her personal Facebook account.

"It was supportive of our Livonia Police Department and indicated impatience with people who wanted to go walk in the street and disrupt traffic," she said. "That's what my post said."

The original post — she has since deactivated her Facebook account — acknowledged the protest was peaceful, but questions signs reading "Defund the Police" or "(expletive) the Police" and continued by stating she wondered if the "sign carriers gave any thought to the fact it was the LPD making sure the protestors who thought it would be cute to walk in the road (5 Mile) were protected from vehicles who may not have seen them"

The post quickly circulated online and prompted many residents to attend and speak at council's virtual meeting Monday. McIntyre offered a short statement, saying she stands by her post and supports the right of people to peacefully protest. McIntyre did not apologize for any offense her post may have caused.

Soon after, residents were given time to speak during public comment. Those speaking were not required to disclose their names or addresses before making comments.

"I was heartily disappointed in you, council president," said Hillary Smith, a resident and organizer of Sunday's protest

Others called for reform in the city's police department.

"For you to say that Livonia was keeping us safe during these protests is beyond ignorant... For you to say that they protect and serve is ignorant," a speaker who identified himself only as



A protester outside Livonia City Hall on June 2. SUSAN VELA | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Andrew said. "They didn't do anything, they sat in their cars. I think your silence speaks volumes."

McIntyre said her statement supporting police did not condone the killing of George Floyd, which prompted protests nationwide. She said she was disappointed Facebook friends shared her original post on the topic.

"Every decent person, as I am, is heartbroken and outraged over the death of George Floyd," she said. "Every decent person understands that we need to do better in ensuring liberty and justice for all people and all groups of people. I fully support people's First Amendment rights and rights to protest."

McIntyre, a longtime councilwoman, said she's received aggressive emails and has heard talk of a protest outside her home. Some speakers at Monday's meeting called her a racist and bigot.

"How do you think it feels when you get a text at 5 a.m. saying there's talk about a protest at your home, and you have a family and you have kids?" she said. "How does it feel when you've spent 15 years serving this community?"

Council's six other members did not comment during the exchanges between McIntyre and residents. Later in the meeting council Vice President Scott Bahr said he was surprised people questioned McIntyre's character.

Livonia Mayor Maureen Miller Brosnan said Tuesday she's willing to pursue change in the city's police force.

"I am proud of the Livonia Police Department and the work they do to keep our community safe, ever mindful of the great challenges and tremendous public trust we hold," she said in an email. "The task of deconstructing prejudice and inequality will be incredibly difficult work. There will be uncomfortable conversations, but nonetheless, we need to have the conversations to assure everyone is treated fairly regardless of race or any other identity."

While she supports police, McIntyre said she doesn't deny racism and prejudice exist.

"I understand why people feel this way," she said. "I don't deny that there's inequality and racism. I mean, I wouldn't deny that for a second. There's discrimination everywhere."

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# These two restaurants have closed in Westland

David Veselenak

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Two more restaurants in Westland's Shop and Dine district have closed their doors for good.

Pizza Hut, 7520 N. Wayne, and Panera Bread, 35300 Warren, both announced their restaurants in Westland have permanently closed. It's unclear exactly when the restaurants made the decision to close permanently, but signs were visible Monday on the windows at both eateries indicating they were closed.

Paper signs that read "permanently closed" were present at the Panera Bread in the parking lot of the Westland Shopping Center, while another sign at the Pizza Hut directed customers to another location on Michigan Avenue in Wayne.

"It's been a pleasure serving you," a sign on the door at Pizza Hut reads. "This location has closed."

Panera Bread appeared to be closed temporarily during the coronavirus pandemic, and Pizza Hut was offering carryout last month as Westland restaurants were only serving food via carryout and delivery.

Neither restaurant appears on either company's website as a location as of Tuesday morning.

Panera Bread nor Pizza Hut responded to requests for comment on the closings.

It's unclear what the reasoning behind the closures are, though it's expected that other restaurants could close in the future as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Several other local eateries across the region have closed their doors in recent weeks, even as restaurant dining rooms began to reopen this past week across the region.

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responsible. Let the adult leagues play first for a couple of weeks, then open it up for the kids' leagues. I hope there is a way you can come up with a plan to open it up quickly and safely.'

Krafft noted that Canton-area travel baseball teams have been traveling to Ohio and Indiana for tournaments during the past few weeks, spending lodging and dining dollars south of the bor-

"You can't stop kids from playing baseball," he said. "Teams from this area are going to Ohio and Indiana to play and they're returning home fine."

Marc Smith, president of the Greater Canton Youth Baseball & Softball Association, urged the trustees to reopen the sports center for the well-being of the area's youth, who have faced an unprecedented time of uncertainty since the deadly spread of the coronavirus.

'We need to get some normalcy back for kids," Smith asserted. "We have volunteers ready to go to help make this safe, we already have guidelines to follow. Teams are going to Toledo now to play in tournaments, which is taking revenue away from Canton.

"Kids need to get out and play. If you need my help with any reopening plans, I'd be happy to help.'

Barbara Bloom, managing director of Canton's Spotlight on Youth performing arts organization, told the trustees that if a decision to reopen the Village Theater doesn't come soon, an entire calendar year of confidence-building experiences will be lost for her group's mem-

"A lot of kids aren't going to be able to perform in a play, gain the confidence that comes with performing in front of a crowd," Bloom said. "We're not out to make Broadway stars. We're out to get kids up in front of a class, delivering a report and feeling confident doing so."

Bloom said her organization has a stringent protocol in place that would include taking children's temperatures, regular hand-washing and social-distancing in the audience.

We could do it just like we're doing this meeting," Bloom said. "Obviously, we wouldn't be able to seat 200 people, but we could do 100 with every other aisle blocked off.

Carla Lenhoff, Village Theater of Canton house manager, countered the let's-reopen-soon theme by stating she does not feel the time is right to reopen.

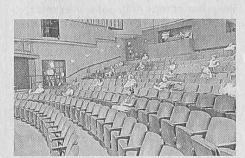
Trust me, I love this place and I want it to reopen more than anyone in this room, but I don't think it's safe to reopen right now," she said. "The dressing rooms, the concessions area just wouldn't be safe right now; it would be too difficult to social distance ... and you'd only be able to have two people in

a restroom at the same time. We're asking the trustees to continue to take the same view that you're taking. Unless people are in the same family, living in the same house, they could be spreading something they don't even know they have."

Ed Anderson, the director of CIX Lacrosse, said he has been forced to take his camps and clinics to Plymouth, away from the arrangement he has had the past 10 years with Canton Leisure Ser-



Canton Township resident Dan Krafft thinks it's time to reopen the Canton Softball Center with guidelines to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.



**Board of Trustees meeting attendees** were social-distanced Tuesday night. PHOTOS BY ED WRIGHT | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Ed Anderson, the director of C1X Lacrosse, said he has been forced to take his camps and clinics to Plymouth, away from the arrangement he has had the past 10 years with Canton Leisure Services.

"I would love to return as quickly as possible to the Canton rec program, but we can't do that now with these guidelines in place."

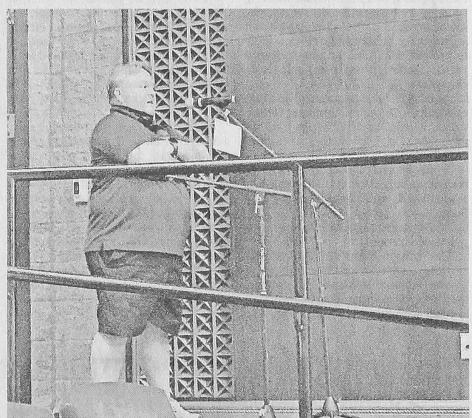
Canton Soccer Club President Jim Harkins offered his club's support in reopening sports safely in the community.

The trustees reiterated they will follow guidelines set by the state, the CDC and other trusted organizations, including the Michigan High School Athletic Association, when it comes to reopening the facilities.

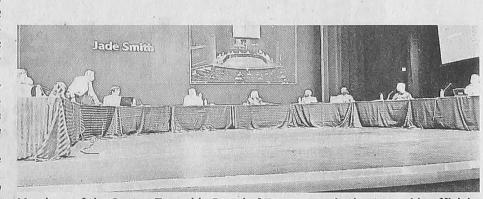
The trustees closed the discussion by agreeing to arrange a public study session aimed at chiseling out protocols that will could lead to reopening the sports center and theater.

Details regarding the session will be released soon, they said.

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Canton Soccer Club President Jimmy Harkins addressed the Canton Township **Board of Trustees Tuesday night.** 



Members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees and other township officials were seated on the stage of the Village Theater.

### Rezoning

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commission, which recommended a denial back in April.

Pastor, a longtime developer and a former city councilman, said the office building is older and doesn't believe the space will ever be renovated or redone as an office building. He also said some sort of commercial development will most likely come in the future.

"I remind most of you that this is a piece of property that is actually on Farmington Road. Traffic does not go through this property into Burton Hollow," he said. "There are residents in Burton Hollow that are for this.

'Nobody is going to redevelop those office buildings."

Councilman Brandon McCullough said he had several concerns with the project, especially when it came to how close the proposed restaurant would be to residential homes.

"Proximity to the neighbors, that was

a big point," he said. "It looked like the drive-thru window would be 30 from someone's kitchen window."

Donovic said while he wasn't necessarily in favor of putting such a restaurant in that space, he was in favor of moving the process forward with the first reading of the rezoning so the city council get a better sense of the plans for the property. He said the rest of that area has seen plenty of updates and he wanted to at least see what a proposed development there could look like.

"I'd like to see what a potential site

plan would look like," Donovic said. "In its current form, this property has sat vacant (with) month-to-month leases for years now. This building is never going to amount to much more.

While I may or may not support a potential Taco Bell in the future if this rezoning was to move forward, I don't know that because I haven't seen a site plan yet."

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### Tumor

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ing a long career in the private sector. Goldstein still works in a limited capacity as recommended by his doctor. Though surgery in Grand Rapids appears to have removed the tumor sitting in his occipital lobe, he has serious visual impairments and is in week five of a six-week chemo stint, which comes with a lot of fatigue.

Right now, he's helping his colleagues keep the his projects on track.

"This is not the first time one of us has had something go on in their personal life which shifted their focus for a

little while, if you will," he said. "We've always worked hard to assist each other in the city to make sure the city's business is handled. That's exactly what's been going on here."

Goldstein said he always feels lucky to work for a city like Livonia, especially as he deals with something a life-altering as brain cancer. Someday, he hopes

to return to work full-time. He also plans to see his daughters start their adult lives, enjoy time with his wife, drive a car again and continue being involved at the Rosedale Community Theater, where he is regularly part of productions.

Goldstein says he's a "rip the Band-Aid off quick" kind of guy, and death is a reality he isn't entirely afraid to face. Though the tumor is all or mostly gone, he suspects it'll come back.

When he asked his doctor how long he had left, he was told "there is no answer to that question." Goldstein said the doctor said: "I'm comfortable in telling you that it's highly likely that it will regrow, it'll commence again. But the reality is when that happens we'll address it with the skills and tools that are available at the time."

And he says that's all anyone can do at the end of the day. Ultimately, he looks at it like a chronic condition he will

deal with every single day. We want easy answers so that we can build on them and rely on them... What I know and what I can accept is that this is life-shortening but we don't

know how to measure that," he said. "I am open to the reality that this could be significantly, profoundly life-shortening by saying that I only have a couple of years. But I might have more than that."

There are moments of fear and sadness and worry for the people he'll leave behind, of course. But Goldstein said he isn't going to waste what's left by dwelling on those things.

He says death, the great equalizer, is inevitable. But: "I'm not done."

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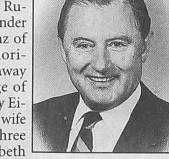
## **Obituaries**

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### Rudolph Alexander (Alex) Krenz

SARASOTA, FL - July 28, 1931-May 21, 2020 On May 21, 2020, Rudolph Alexander (Alex) Krenz of Sarasota Flori-

da passed away peacefully at the age of 88. He is survived by Eileen Marie Krenz, his wife of 65 years, and his three children: June Elizabeth



Harper (of Oakton, VA), Randolph Alexander Krenz (of Boston, MA), William Charles Krenz (of Houston, TX), as well as seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

After receiving his Business Administration degree at General Motors Institute, Alex served as a Naval officer aboard the USS Forrestal and subsequently served his entire career with General Motors, including senior executive materials management and quality roles at Cadillac and Pontiac.

He also maintained a commitment to community service, serving as PTA president, a Junior Achievement volunteer, a corporate fundraiser for United Way, and an active supporter of the Salvation Army. He was recognized for his commitment to service by being selected to receive the prestigious William Booth Award, the highest award to be conferred by the Salvation Army "for outstanding contributions to the betterment of humanity through personal participation in civic and philanthropic affairs".

Having spent his professional career living in Birmingham Michigan with his family, in retirement Alex and Eileen enjoyed spending winter months in Florida and ultimately moved full-time to Sarasota Florida where they enjoyed a long and happy retirement together, with frequent visits from their extended family.

Alex will be remembered as a consummate family man who had a kind and generous nature, a contagious sense of humor, a boisterous laugh, and who enjoyed boating, fishing, classical music, fine foods, and spending time with family.

Given the current COVID situation, a memorial service will be held at a later date at Church of the Holy Comforter in Vienna Virginia, with interment at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Salvation Army.

Condolences may be shared at www.wiegandbrothers.com.



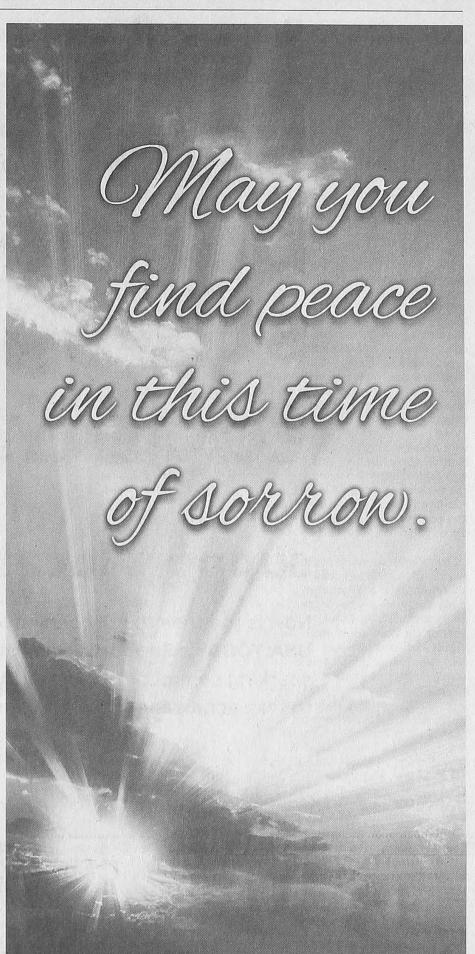
**Marion Wyatt** 

Age 101, May 28, 2020.

Longtime resident of Birmingham. Past president of the Village Club and U of M Alumni Club of Birmingham. Beloved wife of the late Robert Wyatt. Loving mother of Patricia and Richard. Proud grandmother of Jeremy, Akeela, Marina, and Annik. Great-grandmother of Savion, Thibault, Zaiden, Gabriel, Baptiste, Soleil, and Valentin. Memorials appreciated to Detroit Symphony Orchestra and Detroit Institute of Arts.

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### **Joyce Vestrand**

Joyce Vestrand age 87, formerly of Livonia, Michigan passed away early Monday, May 25, 2020 at 🝱 the Waltonwood Nursing Home in Rochester Hills, Michigan. Joyce was born in Detroit on Sunday, December 11, 1932 to William and Mildred (Mc-Creadie) Nicholas. She was the first-born Nicholas grandchild and always the favorite of her immigrant Cornish grandparents, who had been driven in the late 1920's from Iron Range mining in Ely, Minnesota by cold and tragedy to the promise of new opportunities provided by a bustling Detroit economy.

Their new opportunity came after a struggle for depression era employment, which included shining shoes, and involved a sympathetic Burroughs Adding Machine Company hiring official— a British expatriate who, like her grandfather, had also served in the British army during World War I (Her grandfather had served in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry and the Devonshire Regiment). The opportunity turned into lifelong employment for her grandfather and father, and found her father his wife through a work friendship with Al McCreadie—who was from the small coal mining town of Madera, Pennsylvania. This was beginning of an extended family of Nicholas/McCreadie relatives, that formed the nurturing environment in and around Berkley Michigan that Joyce grew up in.

Joyce graduated from Berkley High School in 1951 and, with a strong to the individual student. independent spirit, she soon wanted to be out of her parents' house. Her parents had approved of a boyfriend they thought would be the right hus- to be a dedicated teacher of, and advocate for, children, especially girls that band for her, but she had a much more exciting and handsome guy in mind. were struggling with learning to read. An avid reader herself and a lover In her words, "My parents wanted me to marry Richie Cunningham, but I of mystery stories, during this final phase of her career, she very much was interested in the Fonz". She did marry the exciting guy from Royal Oak, identified with the demeanor and approach of Agatha Christie's spinster Thomas W. Vestrand, and it led to a happy marriage that lasted a lifetime.

him to his deployment at the Pensacola Naval Air Station in Florida. There, her in the grocery store or at a shopping mall and stopped her to thank her while her husband was out on long airborne radar surveillance patrols, she for helping them learn to read. We, her family, also thank her for all that she learned her first real-world lessons in self-reliance. Pregnant with her first did to help make us who we are. child, Joyce went into labor while Tom was in the air on a patrol so she took herself over to the hospital on the base. But the staff was focused on trying to save the lives of two young Naval Aviators that had crashed that night, so Joyce had to deliver her first child pretty much unassisted. This, and hun-Florence, inoculated her against the snowbird attractions of Florida, and living anywhere but in the Detroit area.

After Tom's enlisted term finished, Joyce and he returned to the Detroit Area. Tom had been accepted by Michigan State and planned to pursue an engineering degree, but they could not raise the funds needed to support his Cornish grandparents. In lieu of sending flowers, please consider contributing



but together they made higher education a family goal.

In the early 1960s, Joyce was a full-time homemaker with three young children, but her dream of higher education was not forgotten. She decided to go back to school part time in order to pursue an undergraduate degree. She started slowly at first, taking classes at Schoolcraft College, followed by commuting to Eastern Michigan University, and after about seven years of jointly being a wife, homemaker and student, she received a bachelor's degree with honors in Elementary Education. During those years, the sophistication of the family meals suffered—the family ate lots of Swanson "TV dinners" and easy to make casseroles—but she did master one entree— Spaghetti and Meatballs. The whole family agreed, including the family dog, Pete, a scruffy miniature poodle whose white face would often be stained spaghetti-sauce red as he devoured the leftovers.

After graduation, Joyce started a career as an elementary school teacher in the North Dearborn Heights School District. One of her greatest passions in life was helping children learn to read. To upgrade her skills, she returned to Eastern Michigan University to earn a Master's Degree in Education with a joint focus on Reading and Special Education. She then became a Special Education teacher in North Dearborn Heights and later in the Crestwood School District. In the midst of the shifting wars between the two main philosophies for teaching children to read, Whole Language and Phonics, she steadfastly championed a practical method that tailored the approach

After Tom's early death at 58 years old, she never remarried but continued detective, Miss Marple. Her teaching efforts did make a difference. Several Shortly after they were married, Tom enlisted in the Navy and she followed times, many years after she retired, former students, now adults, recognized

She was the loving mother of W. Thomas (Laura Casswell) Vestrand, David (Cathy) Vestrand, and Julie (Michael) Ducey; the cherished grandmother of Colin (Aimee) Vestrand, Neil (Blair) Vestrand, Annika Vestrand, Maxwell Vestrand, Claire Vestrand, Emily Ducey, and M. Thomas Ducey; the dear kering down by herself with an infant two weeks later during Hurricane great-grandmother of Theodore Thomas Vestrand; and the caring sister of William R. Nicholas. She was preceded in death by her parents William and even with trial winter stints in Sun City, Arizona, she could not see herself Mildred Nicholas, her husband Thomas W. Vestrand, and her sister Patsy Boullosa.

As she wished, Joyce was laid to rest at Roseland Park Cemetery in Royal Oak next to her husband Tom and near her father, mother and her immigrant matriculation. Tom started a 36-year long career at Burroughs Corporation to Joyce's Favorite charity—Reading is Fundamental (https://www.rif.org).

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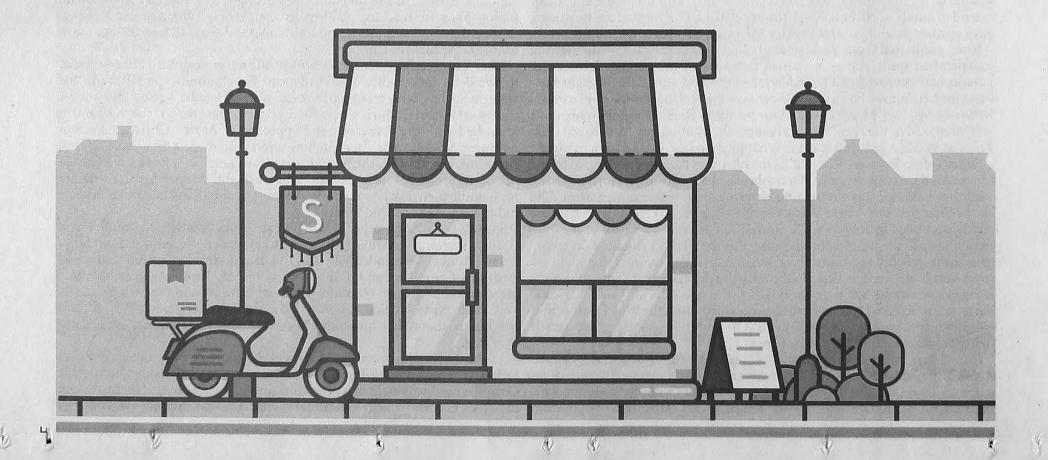
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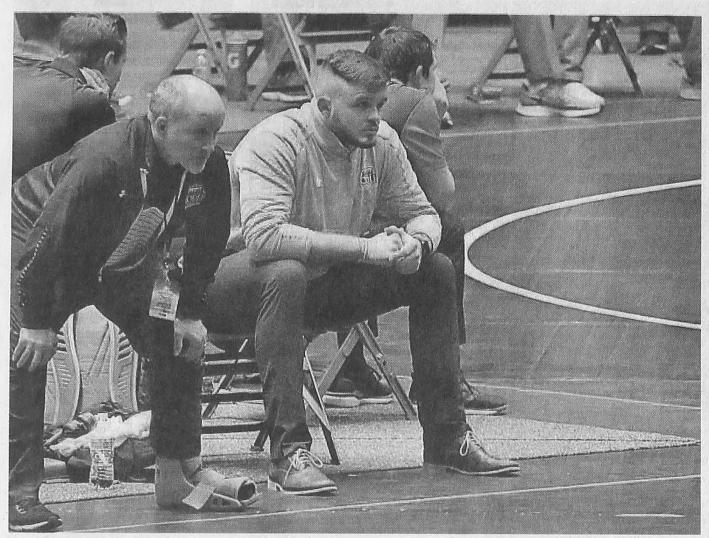
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# SPORTS



Kevin Beazley, center, served as an assistant coach at Old Dominion University prior to taking a job at Detroit Catholic Central. Old Dominion shut down its wrestling program in April. PHOTOS COURTESY OF KEVIN BEAZLEY

# HOMECOMING

### Kevin Beazley returns to help coach CC wrestling

Colin Gay

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Kevin Beazley knows the tradition of

Detroit Catholic Central wrestling. His father, David, was a head wrestling coach at Montrose, and growing up, Kevin remembers watching the

Shamrocks in the state tournament. After spending the first two high school years at Farmington Hills Harrison, Kevin Beazley transferred to Catholic Central, finishing his last two seasons as a state finalist, and winning the

2012 state title at 189-pound weight

class his senior year. Following in the footsteps of his father, Beazley took to the coaching route, taking his first job as an assistant coach at Old Dominion University under head coach Steve Martin. But after the Monarchs wrestling program shut down April 2, Beazley was forced to continue

his coaching career elsewhere.

He ended up returning to the school where he earned his state title.

Catholic Central wrestling announced May 29 that Beazley would join the staff as an assistant coach.

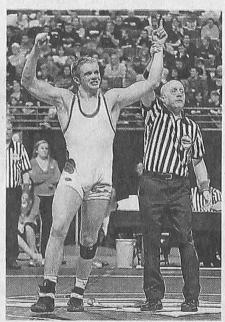
"I just want to be a part of something and keep giving back to kids," Beazley said. "I love the sport so much that, you know, coming back and being a part of CC, it's an honor."

### Change in plans

Beazley learned a lot from being a coach's son. And when he got to the college level, he put what he learned from his father, Catholic Central head coach Mitch Hancock, and assistant coach Anthony Biondo into practice.

At the college level with the Monarchs and one graduate season at

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Beazley won a state title with the Shamrocks his senior year in 2012.

# Baechler now Salem High's permanent AD

**Ed Wright** 

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Former Canton High School football coach and Michigan High School Football Hall of Fame member Tim Baechler was named Salem High School's fulltime assistant principal of activities and athletics during the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' board of education meeting.

Baechler was named to the same position on an interim basis in October when then Salem athletic director Brian Samulski accepted an athletics director job at Northville High School.

"Thank you everybody for giving me this opportunity," Baechler said during

Tuesday night's virtual meeting. "I'm so excited. I've been a program builder my entire career, taking over programs that not a lot of people wanted to take, and I

turned them around. That's what we're going to do here.

"I'm excited for the opportunity to work with the coaches and athletes at Salem. We're going to build something that ev- Baechler erybody is proud of and

we're going to give kids great experiences along the way."

Baechler, a native of White Pigeon in southwest Michigan, earned a bachelor of arts degree from Adrian College, where he played football. He also earned a master's degree in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan Univer-

Throughout his 33-year career in education, Baechler has taught English and physical education at Canton High School, where he was the head football coach for 20 years before stepping down following the 2017 season.

Baechler, who was an assistant athletic director for the Hudson Area Schools in the early-1990s, was named an MHSAA regional coach of the year 12 times at Canton.

Baechler's wife, Julie, was a standout soccer player at Salem.

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# Madonna brings in recruits for first team

**Colin Gay** 

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Madonna University has yet to play

its first game. The program will take the field for the first time with only freshmen and redshirt freshmen players, facing

teams with much older and more expe-

rienced players in the same conference. But Brian Foos knew the message that would make high school players interested in his program.

The Madonna head coach helped build a college football program from scratch before at Ohio Dominican University and Lindsey Wilson College. He knew the message of being a part of a foundation of something new was not a normal promise for a high school

"When you look back on the things you got to do in your life, you don't have many opportunities to be the first to do something. That doesn't come along very often," Foos said. "That's a pretty powerful thing to be able to say to them is, 'You are a part of the first team in school history. No one can ever take that away from you.'

And while the start may have been pushed back to at least Sept. 12 due to the coronavirus, that message reached players from metro Detroit to around the coun- Foos try, filling a roster of un-



known and untapped potential ahead of the first season.

### Starting in the home state

Despite not knowing the Detroit area at all prior to taking the job at Madonna, Foos knew that in this type of city - like Columbus, Ohio, when he was with the Panthers as a graduate assistant - you are going to find good football.

But finding a good football player was not the main issue. It was finding the right player for the program, one who is active and representing the Crusaders positively both on and off the

We want the total person, not just the guy that can go out on Saturdays and make everyone feel warm and fuzzy about what they did," Foos said.

So Foos and the rest of his coaching staff started to visit schools in the area to find that total package.

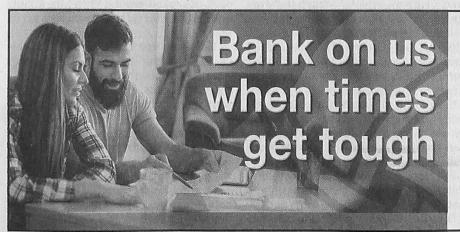
Churchill football head coach Bill DeFillipo remembers the Madonna head coach stopping by practices during the program's first redshirt season, starting to build relationships with local players and coaches.

Caleb Baker, a senior offensive lineman at South Lyon, remembers Madonna's first presentation to his team.

"It's a first year, so you can leave your legacy. You can start there. You can build something," Baker said the message was from Madonna defensive line coach Jonathan Black. "I was like, 'Wow, that's very interesting.' You can be the first – that was one of their mottos: 'Be the first.'

Baker said his head coach at South Lyon, Jeff Henson, reminded the team that this was how the Lions won their games: as a team, not exactly based on the talent on the sideline.

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# Spartans' facilities grew flashy over 25 years



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In sorting through a number of old media guides, books, programs and other Michigan State ephemera that have cluttered my basement for years, I stumbled over something I forgot I had.

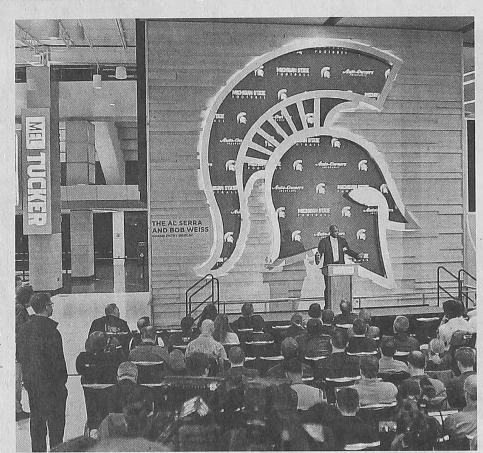
At the time it opened in 1998, the Clara Bell Smith Student Athlete Academic Support Center was cutting edge in the college sports arms race. My folder from 1996 with artist's renderings and sales pitches for donors predated basketball great Steve Smith's \$2.5 million gift to the \$7.5 million project that secured naming rights for his mother.

That time capsule shows how a major project went from inception to more than two decades old and charts some of the biggest change to MSU's campus that I arrived to as a student – when tennis courts stood where the Spartan Stadium south parking lot is now, when there was no brick-and-glass encasement of the Duffy Daugherty Football Building, when Breslin Center did not have a practice gym.

From George Perles to Mel Tucker, Ron Mason to Danton Cole, Jud Heathcote to Tom Izzo – well, some things have remained fairly static – here is a look at some of the biggest changes to the East Lansing campus in the 25 years since I began covering the Spartans as a

### **Spartan Stadium upgrades**

The first significant change to the home of MSU football came when the field was lowered in 1994, following my freshman year. Since, what once was a characterless concrete bowl developed into something cozier with luxurious indoor donor seating and the press box as part of the west side complex, modern



MSU football coach Mel Tucker speaks at the Gilbert Pavilion/Izzo Hall of History, part of the additions to the Breslin Center. MATTHEW DAE SMITH/LANSING STATE JOURNAL

videoboards, massive locker room and training facility upgrades to the north side and more bathrooms at the south end. Much of the major alterations coincided with the best stretch of football since the 1960s during the 2010s.

### **Breslin Center additions**

MSU's basketball home, a multipurpose arena which was only a few years old when I arrived, also has developed into a cozy home with modern amenities. Izzo raised the program to blue blood status in that time, with the fans and students aiding that success and turning it into one of the toughest places to play in college basketball. The Berkowitz Center practice facility, the Gilbert Pavilion/Izzo Hall of History and Draymond Green's contribution of a new weight room continue to help Izzo draw top-tier national talent.

### Old College Field complex

The original home of MSU sports along the banks of the Red Cedar River got a multimillion-dollar makeover that began in 2005. Up sprouted McLane Stadium for baseball, Secchia Stadium for softball, a hitting facility shared by



The Skandalaris Football Center.
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the teams, DeMartin Stadium for men's and women's soccer and lights at all three fields that breathed new life into what once was an eyesore for a major college program.

### **Skandalaris Center**

When Dantonio was hired, MSU knew it had to upgrade its football facility. A decade after the Smith Center opened, the Skandalaris Center in 2008 became the front window into the program, an impressive \$15.5 million glass-and-steel entryway housing championship and bowl trophies and celebrating the Spartans' past, as well as coaches offices and team meeting rooms.

### **Destination jobs**

The 1990s was a time of tremendous upheaval, starting with Perles' power coup to become athletic director while still football coach and then losing both jobs by 1994. The coaching turmoil from the 1970s reemerged, first with Nick Saban bolting for LSU at the end of the 1999 season and then failed tenures by Bobby Williams and John L. Smith. Dantonio, despite some late-career problems, showed MSU could be a place where a coach could win championships. Izzo overcame a few rocky years to turn the Spartans into an elite program. And an underappreciated person was Mason, who abdicated his throne as college hockey royalty to finally bring some stability to the revolving door of athletic directors that paved the way for many of the changes since.

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### **Beazley**

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Michigan, Beazley was an All-American at 197 and a three-time NCAA state qualifier.

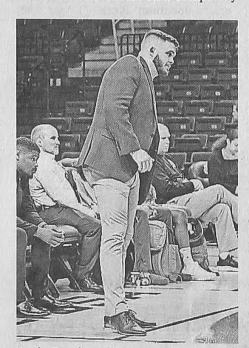
With the success and the guidance he received along the way, Beazley knew he wanted to do that for future generations.

Beazley said coaching is all about trust, something he had with members of the Old Dominion roster and staff when he returned as an assistant coach this past season, three years removed from his final season with the program.

"It's all about developing a little bit of trust and having those guys buy in and believe in the system," Beazley said. "I think it was easier for me to get those guys to buy into Old Dominion's system because it did work for me. I did become an All-American in that system, and so it was easier for me to preach it because I practiced it as well."

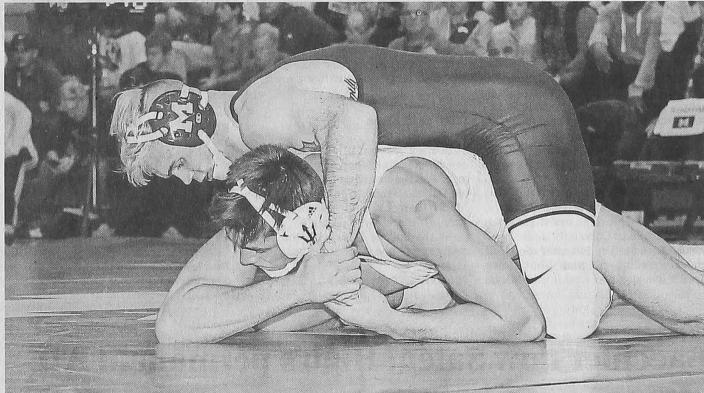
At the beginning of April, Beazley had been helping plan for the future of the Monarchs wrestling program, holding Zoom calls with potential recruits in the 2020 class.

However, on April 2, after returning from a run with his fiancée, Beazley found that his future had completely



Kevin Beazley will be an assistant coach for the staff that helped him win a state title at Catholic Central.

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Kevin Beazley, top, wrestled for Michigan and Old Dominion during his college career. SCOTT CONFER

changed.

After a call with Martin and the Old Dominion athletic director, Beazley found out that the Monarchs' wrestling program was shutting down to cut down the athletic budget in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Beazley joined Catholic Central seniors Marc Shaeffer and Steven Kolcheff, who had committed to Old Dominion, in not having a wrestling home for the upcoming season.

"It took a little while to set in just because we didn't understand why," Beazley said. "We weren't given a chance to fight, and as athletes, and as wrestlers especially, usually that's all we know is how to fight. To have that taken away from us without even a chance, it stunk pretty bad."

### Coming home

Hancock's first priority was not to convince Beazley to come coach for him. It was to make sure his former player was all right.

"I can't remember if it was text messaging or talking, but obviously, I reached out to him to make sure he was OK, to see where he was at mentally and make sure that he understood he has a path in life and not to give up on that," Hancock said.

While he looked for open collegiate coaching positions, Beazley's path led him back to Michigan with his fiancée, a Brighton High School graduate, who wanted to return home to be closer to friends and family.

After finding a full-time job in the area, Beazley made his return official, something Hancock was hoping for from the start of his former player's job

"Just energy, passion, a love for the sport," Hancock said of what Beazley brings to Catholic Central's wrestling room. "He's an athlete's coach, he's relatable, he's diverse culturally. He's experienced wrestling at every level, and I think he has a laugh ... that's contagious. Just hearing his laughter in the room, I think, will bring some positive energy to our guys."

Beazley's goal is to continue to develop the culture he experienced as a wrestler with the Shamrocks: the culture than Hancock has helped build and establish

But Hancock's goal for Beazley seems to exceed the role of just an assistant

acn. "I've been here over 15 years, and I'm getting older and older. Kevin's definitely someone who has the ability to take over a program like this," Hancock said. "I'm not sure if that's on his radar as of yet, but at the same time, he's experienced success at every level and I think he would make a great candidate in the

Hancock said he still has goals to complete with the Shamrocks, but that coaching at an elite level is very difficult and time-consuming. The head coach's focus is to leave the program better than he inherited it, with the foundation set by former head coach Mike Rodriguez.

Beazley said this is something Hancock has joked around with him about, but that there is no long-term plan set in place.

However, coming into the program as an assistant coach, trying to help wrestlers replicate what he did with the Shamrocks, he sees potential for continuing what Hancock has helped build

"If you just buy into what he does, the system that he creates, you are going to find success," Beazley said. "I just want to help keep developing that."

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# MHSAA seeks referees for 2020-21

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The Michigan High School Athletic Association is accepting registrations online or by mail for game officials for the 2020-21 school year.

The MHSAA annually receives registration by more than 9,000 officials, and had 9,256 during the 2019-20 school year. Basketball had the highest total of officials, with 3,960. Football had more than 2,000 registered officials during this past school year.

For all new and returning officials, those who register online again will receive a \$5 discount off their processing fees. A \$16 fee is charged for each sport in which an official wishes to register,

and the online processing fee is \$40. Officials submitting registration forms by mail or on a walk-up basis will incur a \$45 processing fee. Officials registered in 2019-20 will be assessed a late fee of \$30 for registration after Aug. 14. The processing fee includes liability insurance coverage up to \$1 million for officials while working contests involving MHSAA schools.

Online registration can be accessed by clicking "Officials" on the home page of the MHSAA website at www.mhsaacom. Forms also are available online that can be printed and submitted by traditional mail to the MHSAA office at 1661 Ramblewood Drive in East Lansing. More information about officials registration may be obtained by contacting the MHSAA by phone at 517-332-5046

or by email at register@mhsaa.com.

### **Additional requirements**

There is an officials' registration test for first-time officials and officials who were not registered during the past school year. The test is derived from the MHSAA Officials Guidebook, which also is available on the Officials page of the MHSAA website.

Additional exams must be taken by those registering for football or basketball for the first time or those who were not registered for those sports during the previous school year. Manuals for both sports are available on the Officials page. New officials and those who didn't officiate during 2019-20 also must complete the online MHSAA Principles of

Officiating course, also available on the MHSAA website.

There also are opportunities to officiate for students at least 14 years old and in grades 9-12 through the MHSAA Legacy Program. Juniors and seniors may officiate sub-varsity contests, while freshmen and sophomores may officiate contests at the middle school/junior high levels. Mentor officials will work events with Legacy participants to provide guidance and support. Find information on the Legacy Program by clicking "Register Now" on the Officials page of the MHSAA website.

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MADONNA FOOTBALL

# NAIA delays start of first season

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While Madonna football waits to kick off its first season as a program, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced Wednesday the Crusaders would have to wait a bit long-

The NAIA football season has been pushed back to start Sept. 12 due to the coronavirus pandemic. Other fall sports are permitted to begin Sept. 5.

Teams may begin practicing on Aug. 15. Conditioning may take place before that date as long as they are not considered "practices" by the NAIA.

Scrimmages, exhibitions or competitions involving individuals not identifies with Madonna may not take place prior to that date competitions are permitted

The conference states that a season may not start until half of the participating schools in each sport receive clearance from local authorities for a return to competition.

According to a Zachary Shore, the sports information director for Madonna University, the Crusaders plan to keep a full nine-game schedule for the football season, but that the opponents and locations may change based on what the Mid States Football Association decides in the near future.

The university cannot confirm a time frame for its official football schedule release.

Madonna football was scheduled to start its program Aug. 29 at home against Lawrence Tech.

In all fall sports, the NAIA has determined a maximum number of contests allowed.

While football can play nine games this next season, cross country is limited to seven meets, men's and women's soccer can play 14 games, while volleyball will have 22 games.

The NAIA intends to host all fall national championship events as scheduled

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Madonna University will be playing its football games at Livonia Churchill's stadium. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### **Recruits**

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With this, Madonna football felt familiar to Baker. It felt like home.

He, along with 2020 South Lyon tight end Darien Maynarich, committed to Madonna soon after, committing to something new.

### Branching out

Like Foos, Jayden Henderson did not know anything about Madonna University.

The offensive lineman from Cypress Lakes High School in Katy, Texas, a suburb of Houston, had posted his highlight reel on the Next College Student Athlete website, and got a call from the staff during his seventh period class.

Foos said this is one of the many ways he and his staff found talent outside state lines for his program.

"I have to give credit to the staff on that," Foos said. "They find guys on Twitter, reach out (to them) on email, whatever it is, and they follow up with them, do FaceTime calls, do whatever we need to do to make them comfortable."

When talking to the coaching staff, distance was not the main priority for Henderson. Actually, it was something in favor of the Crusaders.

"I kind of always wanted to (move across the country) just to experience somewhere outside of Texas," Hender-

Henderson was more focused on how he would fit into the offense, and what kind of look Madonna would be given.

When he found out Madonna would run a spread offense similar to what he ran at Cypress Lakes, he was all in, committing to Madonna prior to National Signing Day on Feb. 5.

Henderson was one of four out-ofstate signees that day, including Khi Ulrich from Toledo, Ohio, Gunner Golden from Fremont, Ohio, and Jacob Zafarano from Las Vegas.

As he moves across the country to play college football, Henderson is ready for whatever lay ahead of him, coming in with a level of confidence after playing four years of Texas high school

"I'm kind of going in blind right now,"



Anthony Reaves played quarterback at Farmington, Thurston and Detroit Loyola before moving to wide receiver at Madonna. COURTESY OF ANTHONY REAVES

Henderson said. "I don't really have any expectations. I was told that there would

be a bunch of competition. Being a firstyear program, everyone has a chance to fight for a starting spot."

### **Learning period**

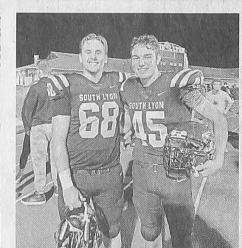
Members of 2020 class are not the only ones fighting for a starting spot at Madonna prior to its program-opening game. Members of 2019 class that were a part of the redshirt season have been waiting their turn to earn their spot.

Anthony Reaves, a quarterback-turned-wide receiver, who graduated from Farmington in 2019, has a similar story to many in the upcoming class.

"The way that (Madonna) approached me, it was a real good way to approach someone that you don't know," Reaves said. "It was very friendly, a lot of promising things. They were offering more than a lot of other schools."

Reaves said the Madonna coaching staff promised him equal opportunity to earn a starting spot, along with scholarship money. The aspect of a redshirt season also appealed to the former quarterback, saying he did not want to jump right into college football without any experience.

However, that redshirt season proved to be different than expected for Reaves. The Crusaders did not put pads on during the fall, barely touching a football and focusing on conditioning.



Caleb Baker, left, will play offensive line at Madonna with former South Lyon tight end Darien Maynarich, right. COURTESY OF CALEB BAKER

It was also different for a freshman to not have some sort of leadership to follow on the team itself.

"We didn't have that older figure to show, 'This is how you do things,'" Reaves said. "We had to really learn and figure out on our own. It was more of a learning process."

Reaves and the other members of the 2019 class have not had much football experience with Madonna after the cancellation of spring ball due to COVID-19. Reaves said he has not had a chance to look at the playbook or get an in-depth look at what offense the Crusaders will run in 2020.

"I expect a lot of learning," Reaves said. "I'm still learning a lot. I still have a lot to learn about myself and about me with football."

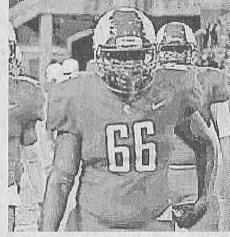
### **Expectations remain unknown**

Whether it's a coach, a player or a member of the 2020 recruiting class, all agree that Madonna football has potential

The unknown is whether or not that potential will show up in that first sea-

Madonna athletic director Scott Kennell said the university has seen startup programs find success quickly after they had started. However, with football, his

focus is more on the long-term build "You get through your first recruiting class after four years, and that's when it



Jayden Henderson will move from Katy, Texas, to Livonia to play on the offensive line for Madonna. COURTESY OF JAYDEN HENDERSON

starts to transpire a lot more because those players, those student-athletes that come in those first four years are setting the foundation for success," Kennell said. "They are laying everything to make everything possible for those student-athletes."

As a high school coach, DeFillipo knows what it is like to build up a program, and in those first few games, maybe even the first season, he expects to see Madonna struggle a bit.

"If you are playing schools that have kids that are up to their fifth year of college football and you have a bunch of first and second-year guys, usually you expect to maybe take a few lumps or two until you get older and get a full roster," DeFillipo said.

Reaves knows it will be a transition, already focused on the first game, saying that, 'It's not a high school game anymore."

But Baker feels that when he steps onto the field for the first time, a field he had played on at the high school level, Madonna will be ready to shock the Livonia

area.

"It's funny because I kind of do," Baker said when asked if he expects success from the start. "Even though I have not personally met some of the guys – I've seen a couple of pictures – it looks like we have a mean bunch of dudes."

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# Ferentz may not survive firestorm



At the beginning of last week, as social unrest around the country started to spill over into the Twitter accounts of current and former college football players, Iowa would have seemed an unlikely place to search for resentment seeping out of its foundation.

From the outside, the image of Iowa's program has been as steady and low-key as that of its coach, Kirk Ferentz, who does not self-promote, does not allow his players to self-promote and whose ethos has revolved entirely around the consistent grind of 8-5 seasons, give or take a couple wins. Boring was the brand Ferentz has packaged and sold time and again as his contract grew longer and his power over the Iowa athletic department

And yet, in recent days, the entire country has learned what's been simmering under the surface of that culture and it's not pretty.

For Ferentz, it may not be survivable. A critical mass of players – nearly 50 and counting – have come forward to describe a program that left them feeling bullied, belittled and stripped of their identity by an unreasonable demand to conform. Many of the accusations have come from black players, but not all. Taken at face value, the allegations paint the picture of a program with a race problem but also a deficiency in treating players with basic dignity.

Ferentz has said subsequently he was unaware of those issues before they surfaced on social media. He's also said he wants to play a lead role in fixing them.

But on both counts, Ferentz has one major credibility problem that will be impossible to escape: The coaches being held most responsible by the former players are his son, Brian Ferentz, and a strength coach in Chris Doyle, who has been his closest professional associate for the length of his tenure.

Kirk Ferentz has mostly been spared of direct accusations of mistreatment until Monday night when former star re-



lowa coach Kirk Ferentz reacts during a game last season against Northwestern in Evanston, III. MATT MARTON/USA TODAY SPORTS

ceiver Derrell Johnson-Koulianos wrote a withering account of his time at Iowa. In addition to accusations of racially-biased mistreatment by Doyle, he accused Kirk Ferentz of frequently chastising him for "my attire and mannerisms while out at Iowa City" and of smearing him with NFL teams before the draft. He also alleged that Ferentz "orchestrated" a police raid that led to him being kicked off the team with "no due process, no counseling, no treatment programs, and no second chances."

Many Ferentz supporters will point out that there were legitimate reasons for Johnson-Koulianos, who is now a Div. II coach, to land in the doghouse on occasion during his playing career. His Iowa career ended when he was charged with five drug offenses, though only one of them – a guilty plea for marijuana possession – stuck.

On its own, many fans with blind loyalty to the program would try to marginalize the account of Johnson-Koulianos. Instead, it is supported by specific story after specific story of jokes and remarks that crossed way over the line, of players who saw the demand to conform as a double-standard that unfairly impacted black players.

Former linebacker Terrance Pryor recalled an incident where Doyle told him football might not be for him and that he should take up rowing before saying, "Oh wait, black people don't like boats in water do they?" Diauntae Morrow, a former defensive back, said he was suspended by Kirk Ferentz because he pushed back on Doyle for a comment that insinuated he would be "sent back to the ghetto."

Those incidents, and plenty more that came to light over the last several days, are too specific and too voluminous to ignore. These are memories that stuck with players long after their departures from Iowa, moments of pain that they are still reckoning with today.

Doyle, who denied the allegations of racism in a Twitter post on Sunday, has been placed on administrative leave while Iowa investigates these claims. But whenever this is over, can the school really isolate his actions from the head

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coach who oversaw him and empowered him?

It strains credulity to suggest that Doyle ran this tyrannical empire out of the weight room for more than two decades while Kirk Ferentz had no idea that players saw the treatment they endured as demeaning and racist. It's hard to see how Brian Ferentz could be a problem without the tacit endorsement of his father

The most charitable explanation is that Kirk Ferentz, like many coaches whose power is entrenched because of how much they've won, was too deeply immersed in his own bubble of comfort to really understand his own players or to see that the tactics used by his coaches had traversed beyond "old school" into something more sinister.

The less charitable explanation is that Ferentz knew how his players viewed the program all along and didn't see the problem. Those close to Ferentz say he has long modeled his approach after Bill Belichick, who hired him as the Cleveland Browns' offensive line coach in 1993. Given Belichick's control over every aspect of his organization, which seems more likely?

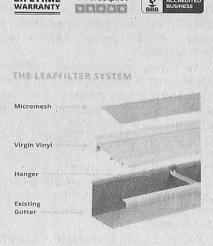
Either way, Iowa comes off looking like a program stuck in the past with no clue how to fix its future. It wasn't even until this crisis, for goodness' sakes, that the football team allowed current players to express themselves on social media. Can a 64-year old head coach who was either part of the problem or embarrassingly oblivious to it really be the one to engineer the necessary changes?

College coaching is a much different profession in 2020 than it was when Ferentz got to Iowa in 1999. The options players have to voice their concerns and build their brands are almost endless. The standards of how players should be treated and the experience they should have in college have been raised. Disciplinarians and tough coaches can still succeed, but you have to show the players that you care.

Until his world blew up last weekend, Ferentz looked like an aloof old man who just didn't care what was happening right under his nose. He's yet to offer a compelling case that he's equipped to start now.

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- 59 Cozy room 60 Florida school near Daytona
- Beach 66 Dimple locale
- 67 Like Capp's Abner **69** 1977 pact
- signed by Carter and **Torriios** 76 Son of
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- the map 89 Diminutive suffix for "part"

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- 91 Mrs. Victor Laszlo, in
- 92 Collectible
- Happy Meal miniatures 96 Nine-digit ID
- issuer 99 Vienna's land: Abbr.
- 100 Made a boat move 101 Most twisted,
- as humor 102 Annual May race
- 106 Stimulate 107 Artist Renoir 108 Gold, in Italy 109 With 50-
- Down, rum cocktail 68 Parable, e.g. 110 Hits with high voltage 114 Small cavern
  - 115 Exceeds limits (or what each of this puzzle's theme items does?
  - snake or belt nation: Abbr. 120 Like the jack of hearts
    - 121 In a creepy way 122 Wood dyes 123 Sheets and pillowcases

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- DOWN 38 Spotted, 1 Some
  - 42 Hush snakes 2 Further 3 Healing plant 44 Brothers Phil 4 Bottom line and Don of
  - 5 Bristol brew pop/rock 45 Wash cycle 6 Furtive "Looky here" 50 See 109-7 Suffix with
  - bull or hill 52 Hogs' place 54 Actor Shawn 8 Frat letter 9 Fills up the tank, maybe
- 10 Not budging films 11 In poverty 12 Fido's threat idiot box
- 13 Endive type 14 Hybrid Carrere utensil 15 À la pay or Motor
- 16 Hun name 17 Flattened by hammering 18 Thoreau **66** Gem writings
- 20 Like "kvetch" or "schmear" 24 Once called 29 Fluffy's cry
- 31 Not closed, in verse 32 Many miffed fans, vocally
- 33 Catering hall vessel 34 "Oh, God! (1980 film

sequel)

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- 35 Made a pick
- 37 Venom, e.g. musky cat
- 85 Atomic 43 Swiss capital
  - insert 88 Flowers
- Across 51 Outer: Prefix
  - Web" author of "X-Men"
- 57 Stand for an
- 61 Hollywood's 62 Ending for
- 63 Not any 64 Last: Abbr. 65 Have brunch 104 St. Paul-to-
- weight 69 Jim Bakker's old ministry,
- familiarly 70 Finder's cry 71 — de plume 72 Fresh as 73 Naked

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74 Early blues singer Ma -75 Spanish national hero 76 Singer

- someone problem!"
- 78 Explosion 83 Unwelcome advice givers
- piles 87 Certain wind
- named for their scent
- 90 "Charlotte's
- 93 H-bomb, e.g. 94 Wall St.
- manipulator 95 Add up to 96 Singer Ricky
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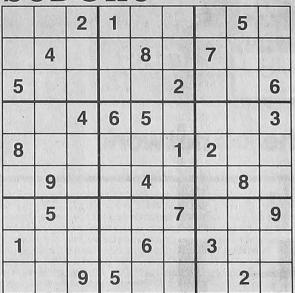
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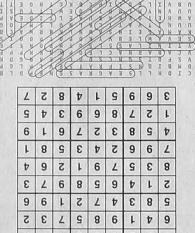
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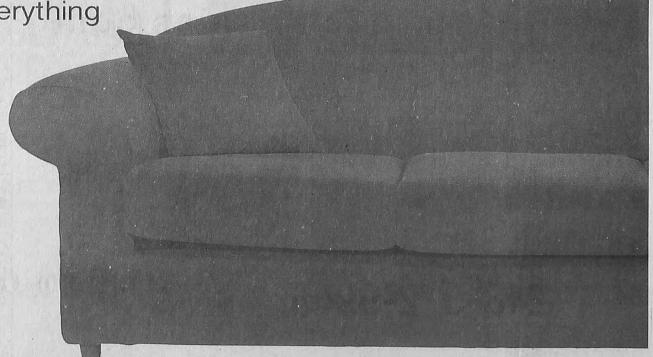
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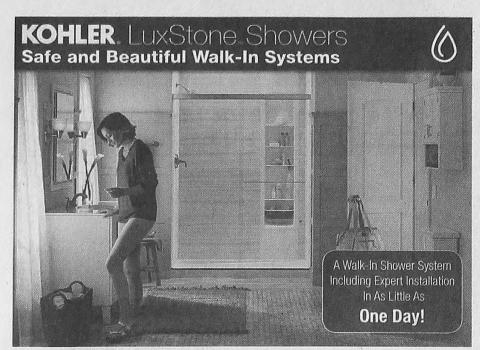
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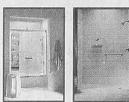


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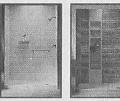
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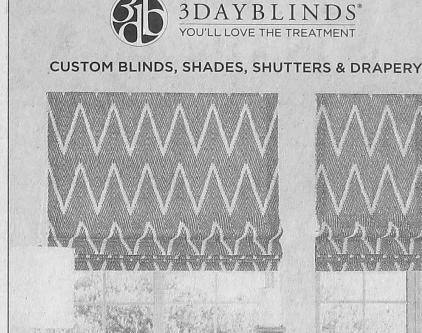






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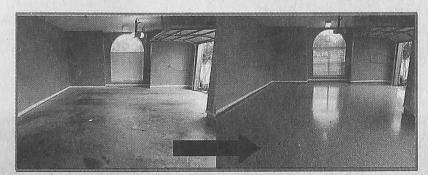
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