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Pistol class

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Enforcement boosts trespassing arrest rate at vacant hospital

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Police in Northville Township have a simple message for anyone considering a little urban exploration at the Northville Psychiatric Hospital: Don't go there.

If you do, officers will likely be nearby and you could end up under arrest, meaning a citation for misdemeanor trespassing and a fine that could reach \$500, plus court costs and adminis-

trative fees.

More than 300 people have been arrested at the property so far this year, a number that, in fewer than seven months, already surpasses the 2016 arrest total, which was just under 300, police said.

"We've really put an emphasis on our patrols and our response to that area," Lt. Paul Tennes said Monday of the long-abandoned property on Seven Mile.

Township officials, Tennes

said, are concerned about the physical dangers trespassers face at the property — due to decaying structures and uncontained asbestos, which has been found at the site — and the police department has stepped up patrols and property checks there.

"We continue to want to get that message out there," Tennes said.

The department began the stepped-up enforcement a couple of months ago, a program

Tennes said led directly to the increased arrest numbers. Police, Tennes said, also monitor social media websites that discuss the hospital and encourage visits; some even offer tips on where to park and how to enter the property, he said.

The other side of that coin is that judges in 35th District Court will require trespassing defendants who have been found guilty to post on social media

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Michele Bierzynski rents this Birmingham carriage house room for \$65 per day on Airbnb.

Local Airbnb hosts make money sharing their homes

Sharon Dargay
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It was July 4 and Michele Bierzynski desperately needed a queen-sized bed frame.

"I had a guest coming the next day," she said. "Where can I come up with a queen-size bed frame? And I thought, my son has a queen-size bed frame."

The Birmingham woman took the mattress off her son's bed, carted the frame up a circular staircase to the studio apartment over the garage and reassembled it before her guest's check-in time.

Welcome to the world of Airbnb rentals, where homeowners like Bierzynski do what it takes to keep their property booked, their guests happy and their hospitality rating at a stellar level.

Through Airbnb, property owners can earn extra money by sharing their residence with travelers, vacationers

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Check with city hall before registering with Airbnb

Sharon Dargay
hometownlife.com

You've spruced up the spare bedroom, listed it for rent on the Airbnb website and booked your first paying customer.

Before you start celebrating your new home-sharing business, consider checking local ordinances.

"When hosts register on Airbnb, they must certify that they will comply with local rules before they list their space," said Benjamin Breit, who handles public affairs for Airbnb in the Midwest. "We also have a hosting responsibilities page that reminds people to check their local laws and regulations and includes additional information and resources."

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Townships unite to reopen firehouse

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Northville and Plymouth townships will cooperate to reopen a closed fire station, a move officials say will improve fire protection and emergency medical service in both communities.

The plan calls for each township to base two firefighters, an ambulance and a fire truck at Plymouth Township's Fire Station 2, on Wilcox Road, around the clock. The station was closed five years ago in a budget-cutting move, and during his successful campaign last year, Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise pledged to reopen it if elected.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees approved the agreement with a 6-0 vote on July 20; the Plymouth Township board had given it the nod the week before.

Northville Township Supervisor Bob Nix said having township firefighters in northeast Plymouth Township will offer better firefighting and emergency medical service in Northville Township's Haggerty Road corridor. Plymouth Township will get better coverage in its northeast corner with the station open, he said.

"If we have an opportunity to assist our neighboring community, it makes sense to do it," Nix said.

"It's a two-way street, and we get a benefit for it," he added.

Northville Township will not pay rent for use of the station, but the deal will allow Plymouth Township firefighters to attend, at no cost, regular lecture-based firefighter training sponsored by the Northville Township Fire Department.

"The more we train together, the better we'll work together when we're on these emergencies," Northville Township Fire Chief Brent Siegel said.

The agreement, which either

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Kocur Foundation to stage charity softball games

The Joe Kocur Foundation for Children is proud to announce its 2017 Celebrity Softball Series will be taking place Saturday, Aug. 26, at Duck Lake Pines Park in Highland. Gates open for parking and early seating at 11 a.m.. Bleacher space will fill up quick, so it is recommended attendees also bring lawn chairs.

The event will consist of three five-inning softball games, scheduled for 12:15 p.m., 2:15 p.m. and 4:15 p.m. Previous participants have included Detroit Red Wings alumni and others such as Joe Kocur, Dylan Larkin,

Chris Osgood, Darren McCarty, Dino Ciccarelli, Manny Legace, Todd Bertuzzi, Mickey Redmond, Brian Smolinski, Steve Avery, John Ogronick, Dave Lewis, Dave Rozema, Eric Hipple, Jason Woolley, Jiri Fischer, Kevin Miller, Pat Peake, Kris Draper, Scott Lusader, Al Iafate, Mike Knuble and Kirk Maltby.

Other past media and entertainment personalities have included Dave Coulier, WJBK-TV (Channel 2) broadcaster Amy Andrews, actress Erin Cummings, Jeff Daniels, Verve Pipe's Brian Vander Ark, WXYZ-FM (97.1) hosts

Jamie and Wojo, WRIF's Meltdown and many more.

Celebrity participants will be available to sign autographs between games.

Tickets are \$10 in advance and can be purchased at 2017JoeKocurSoftball.EventBrite.com and through Baker's of Milford and the Comeback Inn of Highland. Tickets purchased the day of the event at the gate are \$15. All tickets purchased will go into a drawing for raffle prizes that will be awarded throughout the event.

All proceeds will benefit the following local children's charities: Wings of Mercy East Michigan, FAR Therapeutic Arts and Recreation, The Huron Valley Special Olympics, Play Like Jackson Foundation, Team Kendal Kidz and the Lakeland High School — Shannon Gaber Silverthorn Public Service Scholarship.

Various food and beverage concessions will be available for purchase, while other activities include a silent auction and a kids area with



Former Red Wings player Joe Kocur will stage his annual softball charity event Aug. 26 in Highland.

amusement rides.

Corporate sponsorships are still available from \$500 to \$10,000. New patrons, donors and sponsors can inquire about pricing and additional information by contacting Pamela Ayres at 248-444-0300.

Formed over a campfire in 2009, the Joe Kocur Foundation for Children has been assisting needy families and charities by developing events that are both family-friendly and provide for an opportunity to interact with others in

the community that value the spirit of giving. The foundation is established in the state of Michigan as a 501(c)3 and does not maintain a payroll for any of the volunteers, board members, officers or directors.

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community can cancel with 30 days' notice, will not change the townships' mutual aid pact, which calls for each fire department to assist the other when called upon during an emergency.

Siegel said his department's use of the station will cut response times to Northville Township's southeast corner, or Section 13, which accounts for about 27 percent of

its run volume, mostly from medical calls.

Fire Station 2 is off Schoolcraft Road just west of Haggerty. The Northville Township department currently operates out of one station, on Six Mile west of Sheldon; Plymouth Township has two stations open: one on Haggerty north of Ann Arbor Road and another at Beck and North Territorial.

Some modifications to Station 2 will have to be made, and radio equipment added, before firefighters can be moved in; Phillips said the work should cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 and should be done some time in September.

Plymouth Township, which has 18 firefighters, not including the chief and a fire inspector, is in the process of hiring three more and is still taking applications as it draws up an eligibility list, Plymouth Township Fire Chief Dan Phillips said. Officials there have estimated that reopening Station 2 will cost the township \$172,000 for the remainder of the year.

In Northville Township, which has 27 firefighters in suppression (that is, assigned to respond to medical and fire calls), no additional personnel or equipment will be needed, Siegel said.

Phillips said having Station 2 open should improve service throughout Plymouth Township because the northeast section of the township will have a dedicated crew and won't need as much attention from firefighters at the other stations, leaving them to concentrate on their respective territories. Backup personnel are frequently sent to fire and medical emergencies in the township, however, regardless of territory, he said.

Nix said his long-term plan is to open a fire station in the northeast section of the Northville Township that would better serve the Haggerty corridor. There are no firm plans yet for such a station, he said.

"It'll take us a while to come up with the funding," Nix said. "That is a goal. We need to figure out a way to finance that."

Northville Township temporarily used Plymouth Township's Station 2 last summer to avoid potential response delays that could have been caused by a now-completed construction project on Six Mile.

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about their arrest and conviction.

Trespassers coming from various communities

Tennies said the increase in arrests is directly linked to stepped-up enforcement at the property, which began several months ago.

Recent Northville Township Police Department reports detail 17 arrests made at the hospital property over several nights earlier this month, including July 15, when five young men in their late teens from Macomb County communities were arrested around 11:30 p.m.

An officer making a property check encountered them as they left the main building, a report said. That incident followed arrests earlier that same day, shortly before 2 a.m., when four young men, three from Dearborn and one from Detroit, were found at the site, police said.

The trespassing arrests are not always routine: When two men from Farmington Hills were arrested shortly after 10 p.m. July 14, one was found to be carrying three knives, one of which was an illegal mechanical knife, and a reserve police officer accidentally triggered the blade, was cut and had to be treated for a hand wound, police said.

That suspect faces an additional charge of carrying an illegal weapon.

On July 10, another report said, when three men, two from Ferndale and another from Oak Park, were arrested on trespassing charges, one was found to have been cited for the same offense barely a month earlier, June 10. Because of that, Tennies said, a \$300 bond was set for the 20-year-old Ferndale man; he was released later after bond was posted and has a Wednesday, Aug. 2, hearing date in district court.

A police report said the suspect had been arrested several times on other offenses and was on probation in a home-



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invasion case.

Tennies said the hospital property draws attention from curiosity-seekers from around the region and the state and even some people from other states.

In one recent case, he said, two men from Washington state called 9-1-1 themselves when their vehicle became stuck and admitted to having been on the property. They told police they had been on a road trip from their home state to explore abandoned buildings and had driven from Chicago that day specifically to visit the hospital.

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‘It wasn’t supposed to happen here’

Publicist churned out news from the heart of police HQ

Bill Laitner
Detroit Free Press

After the fact, history’s big events can feel inevitable. Major wars, economic crashes — all seem destined to occur. So it was with Detroit’s big riot. As the smoldering ruins cooled in 1967, pundits as well as ordinary people said the Motor City had been a time bomb of racial tension and police brutality, ready to explode. And maybe it was. But not to John Colling. In 1967, Colling worked at the heart of the city’s police and fire departments as a newly hired publicist. Back then, he recalls, people both black and white said just the opposite: “It wasn’t supposed to happen here.” Colling grew up on Detroit’s west side, but in a rare area that was racially mixed. On his baseball team, at age 11, “we had six white guys and four black guys,” he said. That made Colling an idealist on race relations, and he still is today, he said. Less than a year before the riot, Colling was hired away from a radio station to be a police and fire department spokesman, just as the city started trying to hire more black officers, he said. It was his job to promote the best side of the police. That’s the side he saw. Colling insists he never heard of white officers brutalizing blacks. In addition, Colling said he felt strongly at the time that Detroit’s affable mayor, Jerome Cavanagh, wouldn’t let a racial disturbance happen. “I got to know Mayor Cavanagh quite well. ... (The riot) came as a surprise because Mayor Cavanagh thought he was doing all the right things. He was a liberal on race relations. (After the riot), I know he felt that somehow he failed. But he didn’t. He tried as hard as he could.” Cavanagh’s fast-rising political star had been said to be on a state, even national trajectory toward higher office. The riot turned that star into a dying comet. After media scenes of Detroit’s smoldering ruins played out, Cavanagh’s political prospects were left in shambles, Colling recalled. Another insider who saw the racially tolerant side of Cavanagh was Hubert Locke, a black preacher who in 1967 served as administrative aide to Detroit’s police commissioner, equivalent to today’s chief. Two years after the Motor City’s summer blew up, Locke published “The Detroit Riot of 1967.” This year, Wayne State University Press re-published Locke’s 163-page book about the riot. Locke wrote that Detroit’s conflagration “occurred in a city which was riding the pinnacle of national acclaim as a model community in race relations in the United States.” Still, as a black man who’d grown up in Detroit, Locke knew about police brutality in black neighborhoods. After the riot, Locke went on to a college teaching career, first at Wayne State University, later as graduate school dean at the University of Washington. Locke and Colling knew each other at the



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In 1967, John Colling worked as a publicist for Detroit’s police and fire departments. Now 83, he makes his home in Northville Township. He said he has high hopes for the continuing renaissance of Detroit.

time of the riot. In fact, they worked just down the hall from each other, Colling said. As the riot got into full swing on a Sunday afternoon, both were on the job and hearing fearful reports about 12th Street, as stunned command officers tromped into police headquarters at 1300 Beaubien. What some called the riot’s initial “carnival atmosphere” in the morning had turned deadly by afternoon. Fires burned out of control as firefighters backed off in the face of sniper fire, Colling recalled. Two firefighters and one police officer were killed in the five-day riot, according to Locke’s book and Free Press reports at the time. Colling left his radio job to hire on with the city for an instant 50-percent raise. Happily married to Marcella Colling — he still is — John Colling in the summer of 1967 was the father of a 3-year-old daughter. They lived in a house near Warren and Southfield on Detroit’s west side. The 33-year-old publicist spent his days writing upbeat news releases about Detroit’s police, firefighters and street maintenance department. He was proud of the brochures and posters he produced, like those that used black faces to recruit black officers, he said. His job required living in Detroit, but he didn’t feel forced to. “I was a Detroiter through and through. I loved the city — I still do,” he said last week, seated on the deck of his Northville Township home surrounded by an acre of trees. In an oral history Colling recorded for the Detroit Historical Museum, he recalled how abruptly his life changed as the riot unfolded: “My father-in-law owned a restaurant (in Garden City) and on Sunday morning he was putting in some new booths, so we went out to help him do that. I got home, it was 11 o’clock (and) the phone was ringing. It was my boss. He said, ‘Don’t you know what’s going on? ... Get down to police headquarters.’ “I hopped in my car, got downtown at 12 o’clock at police headquarters,” at 1300 Beaubien. His first task? Setting up a media center for reporters. So Colling requisitioned telephones



JOHN COLLING

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JOHN COLLING
Northville Township resident

and typewriters from city offices and outfitted a conference room. “And I said, ‘Let’s get two police officers of rank to make regular reports. We don’t want the mayor or the police chief running in there every 15 minutes.’ So I named two guys, (including) Bruce Kennedy, who at that time was a lieutenant (and who later became police chief of Grosse Pointe).” Colling worked all day that Sunday into the next evening. At one point, he called his wife. “I said, ‘I don’t know how far this is going to go.’ I never expected it to get out to where we lived, but you never know. And I said, ‘I’d like you to take our daughter and take our dog and take our bird and go out and visit your mother in Garden City for a while,’ which she did and that made me feel a lot better. “She asked later on in the day, that Monday, she says, ‘Are you safe down there?’ And I said, ‘Well, the governor (George Romney) is in the office to my left and the mayor’s in the office to my right and I’m at police headquarters; I can’t think of a safer place to be!’ (Later in the week, soldiers encircled police headquarters with

the way home without seeing another car and, of course, nobody expected anybody to be (driving) there, so if they’re going to take potshots, that’s not where they’d go.” As the riot ended, Colling said, he came up with an interesting observation. “The National Guard was assigned to the west side of Detroit and the (U.S. Army) paratroopers were assigned to the east side, and the east side calmed down quite a bit (faster). People were saying, ‘Wonder why?’ This is strictly my opinion. “When the National Guard was activated, where did those National Guardsmen come from? Rural Michigan, mostly. Where did most of those guys (army paratroopers) come from? Inner cities. African Americans. I think maybe because of their feelings for growing up in the city and their understanding (of the rioters’ predicament), they did a more effective job. The National Guard did a good job, too, don’t get me wrong, but the east side seemed to settle down a lot quicker once the (army) got there.” Half a century after the riot, it’s commonplace to hear historians, sociologists and everyday people claim that racial unrest was bound, even destined, to blow up in Detroit. They cite the

rising racial friction between blacks and white who competed for hourly jobs — with the whites almost always winning — while resentment grew on both sides. They also recall wildcat walkouts of thousands of white autoworkers from factories when blacks were given promotions to jobs that had long been whites-only. And they point to how Detroit’s population grew more rapidly than that of any other American city between the world wars, as torrents of poor whites and blacks made their way north from southern states to the Motor City, only to compete for chronically sparse, segregated housing. Yet, Colling recalls how he and others were surprised by Detroit’s riot. “It wasn’t supposed to happen here,” he said. But he’s a lifelong optimist and, at age 83, said he has high hopes for the continuing renaissance of Detroit. So does the historian Hubert Locke. As Locke put it at the end of a new epilogue to the new edition of his book: “In 1805, in the aftermath of a fire that leveled the city, Father Gabriel Richard penned what has become Detroit’s motto: ‘It arises from ashes; we hope for better things.’” To that, Locke adds: “That hope is on its way to a new realization.”

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Alicia Flores steers people toward citizenship, then encourages them to vote

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OXNARD, Calif. - Alicia Flores found purpose when it seemed she had lost everything.

Bankruptcy in 1997 cost her the convenience store she owned in Camarillo as well as her home in Oxnard.

The losses pushed her into a job with a nonprofit and a life of activism that revolves around finding unity through change.

She helped organize a 2006 immigration reform march that filled the streets of Los Angeles with 500,000 people chanting “si se puede,” Spanish for “yes we can.”

When Pope Francis came to Washington, D.C., in September 2015, she went too.

She helped lift 5-year-old Sophie Cruz over a barricade so the girl from Los Angeles could meet the pontiff. She asked him to help her parents and others who came to this country without legal documents.

As leader of La Hermandad Hank Lacayo Youth & Family Center in Oxnard, she navigates people to citizenship via classes in English and American government. When they become citizens, she tells them their most important right — their duty — is to vote.

That right, she said, is the key to changing an immigration system she believes spawns fear and separates families.

“I cannot die,” she said, “before I see change.”

Flores came to the country from the state of Sonora in Mexico with her parents and seven siblings. As a child, she picked strawberries and tomatoes in Oxnard-area farm fields.

Her family came to the country on tourist visas, staying when the visas ex-



Alicia Flores, leader of La Hermandad Hank Lacayo Youth & Family Center in Oxnard, Calif., is an advocate for immigration reform. She said she cannot die before the system changes.

pired. After Flores’ brother was born in Oxnard, they became citizens. It is not — has never been — something she takes for granted.

“I’m part of this great nation,” she said. “It has given me opportunity. This is my home.”

Alicia Flores

Location: Oxnard, Calif.

Age: 61

Profession: Advocate

Mission: Help immigrants become citizens

Q&A WITH ALICIA FLORES

What does it mean to you to be an American?

For me to be an American is to be able to help the community, to empower people to make the country greater than it is now. I help people to become U.S. citizens and to be able to vote. The candidates they choose are the ones who are going to change their lives.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

I used to work in agriculture, and I saw how the community worked so hard and yet they didn’t have enough money to support their families. They worked in rain, on days when it was hot, and on weekends. Yet they were living in poverty. I always wanted them to have better pay and a better life.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

It worries me to see that now that we have a new president, families (without legal documents) are going to suffer separation. I see the community being afraid. Every day they come here, letting me know how afraid they are, how afraid they are when they go to work because we’ve seen people being picked up. It’s a lot of fear that the community is living with now.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

Some of the people who come to see me have a child who is a U.S. citizen ... and is now 21. They say, “I’ve been waiting for them to become adults. Now I can apply to become a permanent resident to get my legal status.” When I ask them how they came into the United States and they came without documents ... that’s when I give them the bad news. They cannot adjust their status because they violated the law 20 years ago. I feel very bad to see the faces of these mothers and parents. This is the reason I cannot get tired working for immigration reform.

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and locals in need of temporary lodging. Their short-term accommodations range from backyard tents to single rooms and carriage houses to entire homes, including castles. Airbnb lists the properties, facilitates booking and payment, offers rental advice and host insurance and provides a forum for reviews of both guests and hosts through its online platform.

Hosts set their own rental rates, keep 97 percent of their profits and give Airbnb the remaining 3 percent. In Michigan, guests pay a 6-percent state tax in addition to the listed rental rate and a service fee.

Since Airbnb was founded in August 2008 in San Francisco, Calif., more than 160 million guests — 60 percent are millennials — have booked accommodations. Bookings doubled from approximately 40 million in 2015 to 80 million in 2016, according to Airbnb's website. Hosts operate in more than 65,000 cities and 191 countries.

Benjamin Breit, who manages public affairs for Airbnb's Midwest region, said in an email that about 110 residents in the combined cities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Farmington-Farmington Hills, Canton, Livonia, Plymouth, Milford, Northville, Novi and South Lyon share their homes on Airbnb. The most active cities are Birmingham, with 25 hosts, and Canton, with 20. About 60 percent are room rentals within a home.

"Ultimately, guests on our platform are looking for an authentic travel

experience. They want to blend in and experience southeast Michigan just as the locals do," Breit said. "So for current or would-be Michigan hosts, consider pointing guests toward the hole-in-the-wall coffee shop or the scenic river you might not find in the travel brochures."

Bierzynski, who joined the Airbnb community in March, enjoys meeting guests and encourages them to walk the community.

"I'm a big cheerleader for Birmingham," she said. "There are concerts on Wednesday night and farmers market on Sunday. On Friday, we have movies in the park and I let my guests know."

For anyone thinking about joining this fast-growing enterprise, here's some advice from local Airbnb hosts:

A business, not a hobby

"I decided when I was going to do Airbnb that I was going to do it right. I was going to learn from the pros," said Colleen Kilpatrick, a marketing consultant and a former corporate travel director. "I read a lot by the experts."

She signed up for a boot camp on short-term vacation rentals before offering her Milford ranch-style house, dubbed the "Red Maple Retreat," for rent last March. Kilpatrick said the course included sessions in marketing, social media, bed-making, bathroom preparation, cleaning and guest hospitality, among other topics.

"Some people think they'll open a room or house and that's all there is to it, but there are taxes, cash flow, damage deposits, insurance," Kilpatrick said. "You have to treat it like a business. It's not just renting a room and you make some extra bucks.



Colleen Kilpatrick arranges flowers for her house, which she rents through Airbnb.

You can do it that way, but not if you want good reviews. Reviews are everything in this industry."

She hired a reliable handyman and a meticulous house cleaner and uses only natural cleaning products in her home. Entry to the house is by a digital access code that can be reprogrammed for each new guest. She also can monitor her air conditioning and heat by phone. When she rents the entire house, she stays elsewhere.

Hotel-quality bedding and flowers in every room are among the details that guests notice. They pay \$145 a night for

a two-bedroom home with a sunroom and finished basement.

"I want this to be a peaceful, calm, clean atmosphere where they can escape from the world and have a glorious experience and that is what they consistently say," Kilpatrick said. "For me, it's a labor of love. It's work, but a labor I love."

Comfort, security ... and a new roof

When John and Barb Prusak needed a new roof and windows at their house in the Corktown area of Detroit, the former Farmington residents counted on the

room over their garage to help pay for it.

They joined Airbnb in August 2015 and easily paid off a home improvement loan with proceeds from their rental.

"It became a source of income in addition to our retirement fund and Social Security," Barb Prusak said. "We charge \$125, which is less than a hotel. We're booked all the time. We are in an ideal location for all the great stuff going on in downtown Detroit."

Their carriage house, one of five Airbnb rentals on the block, includes a kitchenette and separate bathroom. The couple spends about 2½ hours cleaning and restocking supplies between guests.

"It's an interesting way to supplement your income. Your work gets rewarded with kind words and you get paid for it," she said, referring to their online reviews.

Prusak said guests look for comfort and security in an Airbnb rental: "Make it a place where you'd like to stay." Hosting has restored her faith in people. She said guests have been honest and polite.

"We offer snacks, beer, yogurt and no one cleans out everything," Prusak said. "We've met the most wonderful people. It is so much fun."

Hire reliable help

Vanessa Merritt has had her share of challenges while renting her Livonia home.

A house cleaner failed to show one day, leaving the house messy for guests. Another time, the heat inadvertently had been turned off and, just last month, a group left the house reeking of marijuana.

"With me traveling and not being at the house, it was a pain in the behind," said Merritt,

who takes on short-term assignments as a "travel nurse" throughout the country. "I thought it was too much hassle and I didn't want to deal with a house I'm not in."

She called a real estate agent, thinking she might sell the house, but changed her mind after an Airbnb host in Idaho offered to show her how to manage property while traveling. The woman found a reliable house cleaner for Merritt and taught her about marketing and pricing the house, which rents for \$100 per night.

"She was my savior. She took the training wheels off and now it's me managing it," Merritt said during a phone interview from New Mexico. "At first it was a hobby and I didn't know what I was getting myself into."

Merritt said prospective Airbnb hosts should expect to spend time daily on their rental business.

"You really have to be open-minded to the people coming in," she said. "They won't always be like you."

More toilet paper

Bierzynski says an extrovert who "goes with the flow" has the best chance of success in the house-sharing business.

"If you're fussy about people touching your stuff, it's not going to work," she said. "You have to be flexible."

The Birmingham carriage house she manages features Wi-Fi, a mini refrigerator, microwave and Keurig coffee maker. It rents for \$65 per day.

Bierzynski advises new hosts to keep their Airbnb rentals stocked with essentials.

"Buy lots of toilet paper...and a good bed frame," she said.

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Michele Bierzynski climbs the spiral staircase to the Birmingham carriage house she rents through Airbnb. The home-sharing website advises hosts to check local ordinances before listing property for rent.

RULES

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In Milford, for example, all home rentals must be registered annually and inspected every two years. The village doesn't distinguish between long-term or short-term rentals.

"Technically, renting out rooms would be illegal in a single-family district because it would place more than one family in the same home, although I'm sure it happens illegally, as does renting out whole homes without registering them as rentals," said Randy Sapelak, building official.

Registration costs \$60 and includes two inspections.

Livonia residents pay \$105 to register their home as licensed rental

property, according to Shameka Bowles, clerk in the inspection department. "We had a girl who was going overseas and she said why not make money? Instead of it just sitting there, turn it into an Airbnb."

Laura Haw, community development director/planner for Plymouth Township, said the township has no regulation specific to Airbnb, although it does have a bed and breakfast inn ordinance.

"A lot of this flies under the radar and it's not until you get a neighbor complaining about parking and comings and goings is a city made aware of the issue," she said. "It's almost impossible for the township to monitor."

According to Joseph Urbanek, a Canton Township building inspector, residents who rent their homes must

register them.

"It doesn't matter if they are doing it for a week or a month. For any property that is rented, we have an ordinance requiring registration and inspection," Urbanek said, adding that the township doesn't search out Airbnb listings. "But if it's brought to our attention, we'll enforce the ordinance."

The township charges \$100 for a one-time registration fee, a \$200 inspection fee and \$40 administration fee. There's also a \$200 violation fee for failure to register rental property.

Urbanek said the inspection protects the renter and the owner, ensuring that "things are safe for everyone."

"It keeps property values up," he added.

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Dancers lead the procession of the hand-hauled chariot July 23 during the Rath Yatra festival in Novi. The festival, which is celebrated worldwide and originated in the Indian city of Puri, involves moving deities Jagannath, Balabhadra, Subhadra and Sudarshana on a chariot or ratha. Novi's Hindu festival went from 11 a.m. until about 5 p.m. at Fuerst Park and included the parade, dancing, meditation and yoga sessions, a free vegetarian feast and vendors with clothing and books for sale.

Indian culture celebrated at Festival of Chariots

Sunday's Festival of Chariots, a celebration of Indian culture and Krishna spirituality, drew thousands of people for its ninth appearance in Novi.

The free festival, also called Rath Yatra for the original, centuries-old chariot festival in eastern India that annually draws more than a million, included a parade, music, food yoga and more.


One of the highlights of the day was an elaborately decorated chariot about four stories in height, pulled by festival-goers. The chariot contains representations of Krishna deities that don't ordinarily appear outside the temple and having hundreds of people working together to move it down Novi's streets symbolizes the unity that can be achieved when people pull in the same direction, said Madhu Mahadevan of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness, or ISKCON, Temple in Detroit, which sponsors the festival.



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As the chariot was pulled into the parking lot of Novi High, a helicopter hovered overhead and dropped bags of flower petals on the procession.



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The chariot being pulled along the route was so tall, around 35 feet, that its spire needed to be contracted to make it under the utility lines at 10 Mile and Taft roads.



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After the parade, kids got to try out a couple of inflatable rides or join their parents in the shade for a while.

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A guest rides atop the chariot being pulled by devotees at Novi's Rath Yatra festival.

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Anwesha Pathak, 12, performs a Hindu dance at Fuerst Park after Novi's Rath Yatra parade.

INDIAN CULTURE CELEBRATED AT FESTIVAL OF CHARIOTS

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Devoted Hindus and their guests pull the chariot along Taft Road in Novi.



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Maha Mantra Das leads a meditation class Sunday.



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Samjima Swift watches the procession along Taft Road.



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Priya Madadi helps to prepare the vegetarian fest at Novi's Rath Yatra festival.



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Myung Hee serenely regards a cow at Novi's Rath Yatra festival. Cows in India or in the Hindu religion are considered sacred and are not used for human consumption.



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Priya Madadi dances in front of the chariot July 23.

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Danielle Stislicki



Search teams work through an area of Hines Park.



An Oakland County Sheriff's deputy and cadaver dog search along a pedestrian path.

‘HEAVY HEARTS’ Search for missing Danielle Stislicki turns up nothing

Brad Kadrich
hometownlife.com

For eight months, Ann Stislicki has had one focus: Finding out what happened to her daughter, Danielle, and to bring her home.

On July 19, more than 100 police officers and volunteers were trying to help make that happen.

Law enforcement officials from the FBI, the Michigan State Police, Farmington Hills Police Department and other agencies combed a portion of Hines Park in Livonia searching for Danielle Stislicki, the 28-year-old Farmington Hills woman who disappeared Dec. 2.

The search, which involved more than 150 people and 14 canine teams, ultimately proved fruitless. Police were in Hines Park for about seven hours.

Despite the potentially awful possibility that her worst fears could be realized, Ann Stislicki said her family is “grateful for the many men and women of law enforcement and their expertise that are involved in today’s search for Danielle and for those that have helped since the beginning.”

“We are with heavy hearts today,” said Ann Stislicki, a Fowlerville resident. “We will continue to do what it takes to bring Danielle home and hope to remain strong along with our family and the public who have supported us since her disappearance.”

Stislicki also said she hopes people will “search areas in their surroundings and local neighborhoods” for the items for which police have said they’re searching: Danielle’s sky blue colored three-in-one Eddie Bauer coat, black zip-up shirt, blue jeans and burgundy boots.

The search came weeks after the arrest of Floyd Galloway of Berkley on charges of assault for the attempted rape of a woman in Hines Park in October. Galloway’s arrest came as the result of joint investigations of the Farmington Hills and Livonia police departments.

Farmington Hills Police have called Galloway a “person of interest” in Stislicki’s case. Galloway, 30, formerly worked as a security guard at the same MetLife office in Southfield where Danielle Stislicki worked and was last seen Dec. 2.

Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus said that no direct information has been obtained from Galloway. But he also said talks with FBI profilers also convinced him that criminals often return to the scene of previous crimes. The fact Galloway was arrested for a crime police believe he committed in Hines Park made the search seem a good idea.

“This is a routine search because we know (Galloway) was arrested for a crime in the park,” Nebus said. “It’s a natural place to search.”

While it’s not the first search conducted in the case — “We’ve executed more than 60 search warrants in this case,” Nebus said — the Hines Park search is the largest and a “more intense” search.

Nebus reiterated the department’s position that Stislicki was a victim of a crime and that they believe she is no longer alive. He said police have “no specific information” that leads them to believe the search would produce any evidence.

That doesn’t mean he isn’t optimistic the case will eventually be solved.

“I can’t say I’m optimistic we’ll find something,” Nebus said. “I can say I’m optimistic we will solve this case.”

Nebus said the public can help by being alert for potential evidence at any location, especially when outdoors. Evidence could be out in the open or concealed inside objects such as bags, containers, suitcases, trunks or bedding. In addition to the clothing items, Nebus said they’re looking for a tan-and-brown-striped comforter which could also be important to this case.

Anyone with any information about the disappearance of Stislicki is urged to contact the Farmington Hills Police Department Command Desk at 248-871-2610.



Hines Drive between Newburgh and Stark Roads were closed during a search for evidence. Guys on bikes, however, ignored the closure.



Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus near the command center for the search of a section of Hines Park.



Officers work at the edge of heavy brush.



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About a dozen young illustrators learn to draw comic figures from instructor Jennifer Linman.



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Books and sketches line the desk of instructor Jennifer Linman.



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Jennifer Linman works on sketching out the form of a cat during the July 20 session.

Budding artists hone craft at camp



Ish Patel, 11, works on a sketch on paper back-lit by a light board.

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Brothers Atsuhiko, 9, (left) and Keijo Inoue, 11, work together on an illustration during the camp.



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About a dozen young illustrators gathered at the Novi Public Library to work with instructor Jennifer Linman (right) during a Comic Art Camp.

NORTHVILLE LIBRARY LINES

Drop-In Summer Storytimes

When: 10:30-11 a.m. Friday, July 28
Details: Fun for all ages! Just drop in! We cannot accommodate special groups.

Harry Potter Extravaganza

When: Noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 1
Details: It's Harry Potter's birthday! Join us for a party straight out of Hogwarts! Enjoy crafts and the music of the band Tonks and the Aurors. Watch the "Prisoner of Azkaban." Just drop in!

History of Steam Railroading: Pere Marquette and the 1225

When: 7 p.m. Monday, July 31
Details: An evening for train lovers and history buffs. Members of the Steam Railroading Institute present a fascinating visual program on local railroading history and the historic No. 1225 locomotive. Event held at Northville Community Center. Register online or in person or call 248-349-3020.

Drop-In Creative Crafts for Kids

When: 11 a.m. to noon Tuesday, Aug. 1
Details: Kids of all ages can drop in to make a lollipop blossom from tissue paper and lollipops.

Books & Brews Book Group

When: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 1
Details: For ages 21 and over, meet at The Wagon Wheel to discuss Ken Ilgunas's "Walden on Wheels," a hilarious memoir about student loan debt and finding "creative" ways to live debt-free. Register.

The Music Lady Beverly Meyer

When: 2-2:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3
Details: Rousing sing-along- fun concert for the whole family. Kids of all ages welcome. We cannot accommodate special groups. 100 free tickets available at the information desk 10 minutes prior to the program.

The Catbird Seat in Concert

When: 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7
Details: Award-winning musician and singer Wanda Degen leads a folk/pop musical stroll through the decades using her auto harp and hammered and mountain dulcimers. Register.

BUILD A BETTER WORLD! Youth Summer Reading Program

When: Ends Aug. 12
Details: Northville kids up through those entering fifth grade, join the Summer Reading Program and enjoy books, attend free events and win prizes! Parents, read to young ones and help your students maintain their reading skills over the summer. Register in person to receive your Summer Reading packet.

TEEN BUILD A BETTER WORLD Summer Reading Program

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Novi official hired in Farmington Hills

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Farmington Hills has a new money man. And it's Novi's loss.

Officials announced the hiring of Steve Barr as new finance director/treasurer. Barr replaces Dave Gajda, who retired after serving in that position for seven years.

Barr started in his new position July 5.

His vast school finance experience was a plus in his hiring, according to Farmington Hills City Manager Dave Boyer.



Barr

“He’s got 30 years of experience, he’s a CPA, he’s been involved in the finance end of the school system,” Boyer said. “School finances and city finances are a lot alike. I was very impressed with his resume, very impressed with his community involvement. I think he’s going to do great things here.”

Before coming to Farmington Hills, Barr worked for six years as assistant superintendent for business and operations for the Novi Community School

District. He has also previously worked as executive director of business for the Macomb Intermediate School District, finance director for the Troy School District and held several positions, including controller, during 11 years with Utica Community Schools.

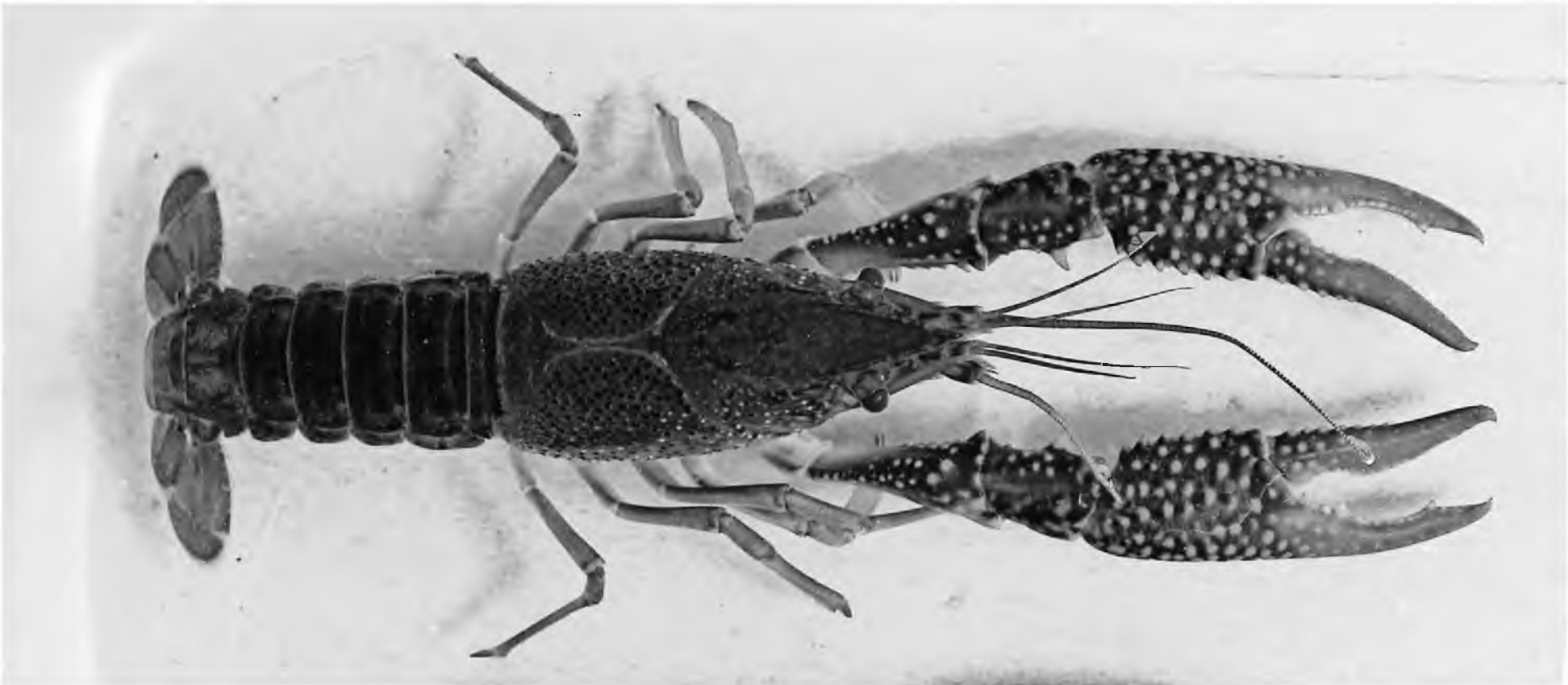
In addition to his work for several school districts, Barr was an auditor with both Plante Moran and Price Waterhouse. He has a bachelor’s degree in accounting from Michigan State University and holds his certified public accountant license.

Barr has been a frequent presenter

at local and state conferences and workshops and has been a member of multiple financial and audit committees at the state level.

Barr and his wife Patti, a pharmaceutical representative for Genentech, are residents of Novi. They have two children, Michael, 23, a Michigan State University graduate who works in the advertising field, and Logan, 15, a student at Novi High School.

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BROME MCCREARY | USGS

Red swamp crayfish were found in a Vicksburg lake and a Novi pond.

INVASIVE CRAYFISH REPORTED IN NOVI POND, WEST MICHIGAN LAKE

Hasan Dudar
Detroit Free Press

Some unwanted aquatic visitors are bringing a little Cajun flavor to lakes and ponds around Michigan this summer.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources confirmed the presence of the invasive red swamp crayfish, also known as Louisiana crayfish, in Sunset Lake in Vicksburg on the state's west side and a retention pond off Hagerty Road in Novi.

Two separate landowners reported the crayfish at Sunset Lake to the DNR on July 13 and the agency surveyed the site the next day and found several crayfish in the grass of a local park and in shallow areas of the lake's west side, according to a DNR news release.

The agency removed 111 specimens from a retention pond in Novi on July 17, after a child captured one in a dip net.

The two reports were the first live detections of red swamp crayfish in Michigan, according to the DNR.

Red swamp crayfish, which are 2-5 inches in length and look like miniature lobsters, are native to the Mississippi River and Gulf Coast, according to the news release.

The sources of the two infestations are not known, the agency said, and live crayfish may have been brought from

southern states for use as bait or for human consumption.

“Red swamp crayfish are a prohibited species in Michigan, which means it is unlawful to possess, introduce, import, sell or offer them for sale as a live organism, except in special circumstances, including providing specimens to the DNR for identification,” Nick Popoff, aquatic species and regulatory affairs manager for the DNR, said in a statement.

Popoff said there are eight kinds of native crayfish in Michigan and that the invasive red swamp crayfish can outcompete other crayfish because they tend to grow large and are aggressive. He said when crayfish meet they tend to kill each other — even those of the same species.

The red swamp species is considered invasive in Michigan because they disrupt the food chain for many aquatic species by feeding on plants, insects, snails, juvenile fish and other crayfish, according to the news release.

“Red swamp will cause decline in native populations of crayfish,” Popoff said in a phone interview.

The other invasive species in Michigan is the rusty crayfish, which arrived decades ago from the Ohio River drainage area and today is the most abundant crayfish species in Michigan, according to a 2015-2016 study that covered only part of the state, Popoff said.

Popoff said he's no crayfish connoisseur but, from what he knows, they all taste the same.

“I don't think they taste any better, there's just more of them out there,” Popoff said of the red swamp variety.

The red swamp crayfish also pose a threat to the environment, the DNR said. The agency reported that the species is “a serious concern because of their ability to damage earthen structures and the threats they pose to the environment.”

Their burrows can be more than three feet deep and cause damage through bank destabilization to infrastructure such as dams, levees, irrigation systems and personal property, according to the news release.

Popoff said properties across the street from and adjacent to Sunset Lake reported burrows in their yards.

Red swamp crayfish are unique, he said, because they will travel on land to feed and can drill down to the water table.

The native species do not cause that kind of environmental and property damage, Popoff said.

He said the creatures, which spread via tributaries and over land, are challenging to eradicate and that one of the department's primary goals is to contain them and determine how they're going to spread.

He said the department uses baited

crayfish traps, dip nets and electrofishing to capture and remove the crayfish. Electrofishing puts a current in the water which stuns the creatures without killing them and allows them to be caught.

Afterward, the crayfish are put in ethanol alcohol, which preserves them if they're needed for any further evaluations, Popoff said.

“There's not many success stories with invasive species eradication,” Popoff said.

Popoff said that there's no good way to age crayfish and that they can't estimate how long the red swamp crayfish have been in Michigan.

The DNR said it will continue its survey and removal efforts on Sunset Lake and its tributaries to determine the size and extent of the infestation. Connecting bodies of water, including Austin, Barton, and Howard lakes will be surveyed in the coming weeks.

Survey and removal efforts are also ongoing at the Novi location, DNR reported.

The DNR said that sightings should be photographed and reported with the date and location of the find to herbsts@michigan.gov.

Popoff said that people are asked to bag the crayfish, freeze them and call DNR.

NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Witnesses foil home break-in try

A would-be burglar was chased away

after trying to break into a home July 15 on Louisiana Avenue in Novi.

The incident took place about 6:30 p.m., according to a Novi Police Depart-

ment report. The front door had been damaged: its door jamb was cracked and the latch plate popped, the report said.

The complainant wasn't home at the time, but told police that her son was down the street with a friend when they saw a young man ram the front door with his shoulder. They ran toward him, the woman said, and the man ran off.

The witnesses did not get a good look at his face and could not provide a detailed description.

Wheels stolen

» The wheels and tires were stolen July 13 or July 14 from a Ford Fusion while it was parked outside the Courtyard by Marriott hotel on 11 Mile, near Town Center Drive.

A police report said the lug nuts from the wheels had been left near the wheel-less Fusion. The theft occurred between about 10 p.m. July 13 and 5:30 a.m. July 14, the report said.

Some lug nuts had been removed from a second Fusion in the same lot

but, with one locking lug nut left on each wheel, the wheels themselves had not been taken, police said.

» The wheels and tires were stolen July 16 or July 17 from a Ford Flex while the car was parked in the driveway of a house on Cumberland Drive.

The thefts occurred between about 8 p.m. July 16 and just after 6 a.m. July 17, a police report said. The Flex had been left sitting on landscaping timbers and a large rock.

Truck burglarized

A Sony Playstation 4 gaming console and three controllers for it, along with 13 video games, were reported stolen from inside a Ford F-150 pickup parked at the Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk.

The incident occurred between about 5:30 p.m. July 14 and around 3 a.m. July 15, a police report said. The complainant told police the locks on the truck's doors were broken.

— By Matt Jachman

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE #06-19-17ZB

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 06-19-17Zb for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance text amendments to Articles 15, 17, 19, and 26 would require front open space on a residential lot, prohibit parking on an unpaved surface in the front yard of a residential district or across a public sidewalk, and clarify that the driveway width requirement in Section 19.05 does not apply to single-family or two-family residential lots.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on June 19, 2017, and was adopted by the City Council on July 17, 2017. The ordinance shall become effective on August 4, 2017. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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New Hudson Cafe offers old-time feel

LeAnne Rogers
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Part of the philosophy behind the New Hudson Cafe is to highlight and preserve local culture.

That includes things that customers might not immediately notice, like the dishes used at the restaurant which opened on Grand River about three months ago. Jeff Bowers, one of the restaurant owners, bought plates and bowls at the closing sale for Brown's Root Beer last year.

"(Owner Ed Brown) had a lot of cool car stuff we couldn't afford, but I did buy the bowls and plates and some cool chairs," Bowers said. "No one realizes those are the dishes unless I point it out. Then they say, 'Oh yeah.'"

Located in a strip building on the south side of Grand River, east of Milford Road, the New Hudson Cafe had been vacant for about 10 years before it was transformed into a restaurant.

"It was an old machine shop. There was just the concrete slab — no dry-wall," Bowers said. "I wanted to do the restaurant in the style of arts and crafts from the turn of the (20th) century."

The wooden bar has a herring bone pattern, while the wooden floors were originally part of the Dearborn courthouse.

"The floors were in five different rooms, so over 50 years they had different finishes. I mixed them up — each piece has a unique finish," Bowers said. "I wanted it to look old and historic. I used old church pews for booths."

The style of the restaurant fits into the location, Bowers said, in an area that Lyon Township would like to see develop into a downtown area.

"The township has a nice plan for making a downtown and making it look historical," said Bowers, who served as the general contractor for developing the restaurant. "We tried hard to make it look historic."

With the large amount of residential development that is underway in the township, Bowers said it seemed a good opportunity for a quality restaurant.

General manager of the New Hudson Cafe, Bowers is partners in the restaurant with his father Harry Bowers and Daniel Calcaterra. Both Bowerses grew up in the South Lyon area.

"I've worked in a lot of restaurants and did catering. I worked for Amer's Deli — that's where I got good at sandwiches," Bowers said. "I also grilled veggies for salsa that we sold at farmers markets. We grew all our veggies. The product was successful, but with the labor, we didn't make any money."

Closed each Sunday, the New Hudson Cafe is open other days for breakfast, lunch and early dinners. That means an emphasis on coffee and breakfast sandwiches in the morning,



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Jeff Bowers, owner of the New Hudson Cafe, works on getting sandwiches to customers. The restaurant is at 56849 Grand River Ave. in New Hudson.



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Jeff Bowers holds up the New Hudson Cafe's hefty Yacht Club club sandwich.

salads and sandwiches later in the day. Since the restaurant opened, the Reuben sandwich has been the No. 1 seller. "We get the corned beef raw and



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Jeff Bowers purchased the old flooring from the Dearborn courthouse and had it installed.

cook it ourselves," Bowers said, adding the No. 2 item on the menu is the Maurice salad. "It's the same recipe as J.L. Hudson except we use romaine lettuce instead of chopped iceberg. We have a lot of sandwiches and great breakfast coffee from Traverse City."

There is homemade tomato basil soup on the menu daily. New Hudson Cafe offers craft beers, including

brews from nearby micro breweries Draught Horse in Lyon Township, Witch's Hat of South Lyon and River's Edge in Milford.

"We have Labatt's and other beers. New Hudson is such a mix of people. There are new people with money and working class people who were here before," Bowers said. "I worked some pretty crappy jobs. I wanted to make sure that people that I worked with could come in."

The soft drinks offered at New Hudson Cafe are also specialty — Northwood Soda from Traverse City.

"It's small batch and hand-crafted. They just started having fountain soft drinks. They have flavors like orange and cherry cream soda," Bowers said. "We can do root beer floats, too. We've got the best root beer and the best root beer floats."

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Napier, 10 Mile construction makes travel difficult; watch on webcam

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Not unexpectedly, the closure of the 10 Mile and Napier intersection for improvements, including a roundabout, is causing disruptions for drivers who would normally travel through the area on the Lyon Township-Novi boundary.

The designated detour route for 10 Mile traffic is Griswold to Eight Mile to Novi Road, back to 10 Mile Road and vice versa. The detour route for Napier traffic is Grand River Avenue to Novi Road to Eight Mile and back to Napier and vice versa.

However, many drivers are using their own detour taking unpaved Johns Road, which runs between 10 Mile and 12 Mile.

"Monday (the Road Commission of Oakland County) graded the road. It's not an adequate detour with the volume of traffic — thousands of cars," said Lyon Township resident John Kaye, who lives west of the closed intersection. "There is no access through the closed intersection. The sign says open to local traffic."

Prior to closing the intersection, Kaye said the road commission should have prepared the gravel Johns Road sufficiently to support the traffic flow.

"There are drop-offs. We have nice cars and don't want to destroy them," said Kaye, who was also concerned that the intersection closing would impact real estate sales in the area. "That intersection is the gateway between Lyon Township and Novi."

Delayed due to permits needed from the Department of Environmental Quality, the Napier and 10 Mile project had gotten a later than expected start. The road commission now projects work will be completed in October.

Another concern for Kaye is what will happen when school starts and classes resume at South Lyon East High School, located on 10 Mile near Johns Road. Kaye had contacted the road commission with his concern.

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DENNIS KOLAR
RCOC managing director

"Unfortunately, we cannot prevent traffic from using this public road. Again, we'll have our folks check out the condition," road commission spokesperson Cindy Dingell said.

Real-time camera

For those who want to keep track of the construction progress, the road commission has set up a real-time work zone camera.

Viewers can watch the progress of construction via camera images that are automatically taken every 15 minutes on the RCOC website, www.rcoc-web.org. Click on the 10 Mile/Napier roundabout work zone camera link at the bottom of the homepage. Site visitors can also view a time-lapse series of all the photos taken since the camera was installed.

Additionally, the RCOC will produce a compilation of the photos at the end of the project that will allow viewers to see the progress from beginning to end.

"The camera is an educational tool that enables the public to follow step-by-step progress of highly anticipated projects," RCOC Managing Director Dennis Kolar said. "It is an effective way to answer questions about how such projects progress and it is in real time."

The approximately \$6.3 million project is funded with a mix of federal and local dollars. The local funding is shared by RCOC, Lyon Township and the city of Novi. Dan's Excavating of

Shelby Township is the prime contractor.

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Work continues at the intersection of 10 Mile and Napier in Lyon Township.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **August 15, 2017 at 7:00PM** in the **Council Chambers** of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ17-0026 (Christopher Leineke) 2292 Austin Drive, South of Thirteen Mile Road and West of Old Novi Road, Parcel #50-22-10-227-018 The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 3.1.5 and 4.19 for a 8.9 feet side yard, 15 feet allowed, 2 foot side yard setback, 10 feet allowed proposed lot coverage of 30 percent, 25 percent allowed, and a 1000 square feet garage, 850 allowed. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ17-0028 (Kim T. Capello, Attorney) 47289 Sierra Dr. East of Beck Road and South of 11 Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-21-101-001 The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 5.11.2.A to install an interior side yard fence. This property is zoned Residential Acreage (R-A).

PZ17-0030 (Ron Morelli/Benito's Pizza) 24270 Novi Road, East of Novi Road and North of 10 Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-23-251-064 The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 5.2.12 to allow for 30 additional parking spaces for proposed expansion, 89 parking spaces current, 114 required. This property is zoned General Business (B-3).

PZ17-0031 (Ann Smith) 226 Henning Dr, West of Old Novi Road and South of South Lake Drive, Parcel # 50-22-03-376-004 The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 3.32 for a front yard setback of 11 feet for construction of a new unenclosed porch, 30 feet allowed by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential(R-4).

PZ17-0032 (Kevin S. Choksi) 20970 Turnberry Blvd, West of Haggerty Road and North of Eight Mile Rd, Parcel # 50-22-36-451-008 The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 3.1.3 of 3 feet to reduce the side yard setback to 22 feet, 25 feet minimum required by code. This property is zoned Residential Acreage (R-A).

PZ17-0033 (Fountain Park of Novi LLC) 42101 Fountain Park Dr, East of Novi Road and South of Grand River Avenue, Parcel # 50-22-23-251-020 The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance Section 28.5F3 and 28.5D to reconstruct one 10 by 7 foot square monument sign foot within 3 feet of the right-of-way and two 6 square foot ground signs, one sign is located in the right-of-way subject to Oakland County approval, one sign allowed by code. This property is zoned Low-Density Multiple-Family (RM-1).

PZ17-0034 (David Dismondy) 1181 West Lake Drive, East of Beck Road and South of W. Pontiac Trail, Parcel # 50-22-03-204-003 The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a 11 foot aggregate side yard setback, 25 feet required, 2 feet for side yard setback 10 feet required, 28 feet rear yard setback, 35 feet required and a proposed lot coverage of 37 percent, 25 percent maximum allowed. This property is zoned Single Family Residential(R-4)



Jump Island-Brighton features slides, trampolines, climbing walls, jungle gym and other obstacles.

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NEW PARK OFFERS SPLASHING GOOD TIME

Laura Colvin
Livingston Daily

Kids and adults leaped, bounced, slid, shrieked and splashed under the blazing sun recently at a new park. Jump Island-Brighton, located inside the Brighton State Recreation Area, opened earlier this summer and offers patrons a chance to cool off in a whole new way. Billed as the second inflatable water park experience in the Detroit area, the park's slides, trampolines, climbing walls, jungle gym and other obstacles float atop Bishop Lake. "People love it," said Suz Copper-smith, a retired elementary school teacher who owns the business in partnership with husband Ross Copper-smith. "It's great to be in a business that brings people joy." The Coppersmiths learned about the business last summer, when Suz took a summer job to help out a teaching colleague at Jump Island's Holly location. After that, she and Ross became the first to open a franchise of the business. One other location operates in Ionia. "I learned a lot about what people enjoy doing most from working at the other park," she said, noting the Jump Island-Brighton park also includes a platform gathering space for those who want to join the fun – but not necessarily leap, bounce or rocket into the air via the "blast bag." Swim steps are also in place to help people climb onto the equipment. Water depths around the various

inflatables vary from about 5 feet to about 20 feet; each inflatable piece has its own depth requirement set by the manufacturer. Life jackets are provided and required for all participants, making the park enjoyable even for those without strong swimming skills. Still, certified lifeguards are on duty at all times, as well as lifeguard assistants, who serve as "extra eyes." "Safety is our main concern," Ross Coppersmith said. "It's a safe place to have clean fun. We've had lots of positive feedback from people who say, 'We needed something like this around here.'" The park has no age limits and has hosted patrons ages 5-80, but kids must be 42 inches tall with an accompanying adult to enter the park or 48 inches tall without an adult. Grown-ups can watch from the sandy beach or the water just outside the Jump Island boundary in the lake without paying for their own admission. Other than park admission, there's no charge to sit on or swim at the beach. "Sometimes, the parents bring the kids and sit on the beach watching for a while," Ross Coppersmith said. "Then they'll come up and say, 'OK, I want to go out there, too.'" One recent day, Alexa Ford, 9, of South Lyon was taking a break with her mom before heading back out during their first trip to Jump Island-Brighton. "It's really fun," Alexa said. "I like how the lifeguards are really nice and help you." Her favorites, she said, were the



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Water enthusiasts play on the Jump Island-Brighton at Brighton State Recreation Area. This segment of the multiple element "island," known as Kaos, involves a group of people jumping around the edge of the circular feature at the same time, launching someone seated in the center airborne.

slides and the trampolines. Her mom, Stephanie Ford, said they would "absolutely" be back. "It's something different to do... and it's completely fun for adults," she said. "It's a great adrenaline booster and gets you moving." The business also employs numerous local high school and college students, a first job for many, including Jessica Corkins, 16, a junior at Brighton High School. "My favorite thing is when people

tell me how much fun it is," she said. "A lot of people say they're coming back with more people." Admission to Jump Island-Brighton is \$15 for the first 45 minute session, with discounts available for additional sessions the same day. Discounts are also available through online booking and Groupon. Veteran and active duty military personnel can jump for free anytime. For more information, go to gojumpisland.com.

West Bloomfield woman crowned Miss Oakland County for 2017

Emma Seidel, 19, of West Bloomfield was crowned the 2017 Miss Oakland County at the annual pageant held July 15 at the William M. Costick Activities Center in Farmington Hills. Seidel, a sophomore at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, Pa., won a \$1,000 education scholarship as well as several other prizes and scholarships awards. She will represent Oakland County at the 2018 Miss Michigan pageant in June 2018 in Muskegon. Seidel also captured the pageant's Talent Award and an additional \$175 scholarship for her lyrical dance performance to "Heaven is a Place on Earth," its Lifestyle and Fitness Award for which she received a \$75 scholarship and the Miss America Scholar Award (\$150 scholarship). She competed on a platform of "Youth Empowerment: Raising Strong G.I.R.L.S." Bethany Ehardt, 23, of Milford, a recent graduate of Oakland University, earned a \$700 scholarship as the first runner-up, while 18-year old Gabriella Gessner of West Bloomfield, who will attend the University of Michigan in



Seidel

the fall, was the second runner-up and received a \$500 scholarship. Also, Aubrey Ham-mis, 14, of Saginaw became the 2017 Miss Oakland County's Outstanding Teen. She competed with her personal platform, "STEAM: Putting the Arts in STEM." She will represent Oakland County at Michigan's Outstanding Teen competition in Muskegon next June. Miss Oakland County Scholarship Program is a preliminary pageant to Miss Michigan and Miss America. It provides scholarship opportunities to women that either work, live or attend school in Oakland County. Miss America Organization is the largest existing scholarship organization for young women ages 17-24, making available more than \$45 million in scholarships each year.

Calling all Rosies: Bomber plant wants its record back

Michigan isn't bowing to California when it comes to Rosie the Riveter. The world record for Largest Gathering of Rosie the Riveters has gone back and forth between the Yankee Air Museum at Willow Run Airport — the site of the historic bomber plant — and the Rosie the Riveter/World War II Home Front National Historic Park in Richmond, Calif. The first world record was set by the air museum March 29, 2014, when 779 women dressed as Rosies gathered at Willow Run. Later that year, the title was snatched away by Richmond, with 1,084 Rosies. Willow Run reclaimed the record Oct. 24, 2015, only to lose it to Richmond again Aug. 13, 2016, when a whopping 2,229 Rosies showed up for the gathering. Richmond is hoping to expand on that number Aug. 12. Not to be outdone, Willow Run hopes to rally the largest gathering of Rosies yet Oct. 14. The event is set for Eastern Michigan University's Convocation Center, 799 N.

Hewitt Rd., Ypsilanti. "Rosie the Riveter endures as an important figure in America because she empowers," Kevin Walsh, executive director of Yankee Air Museum, said in a written statement. "We meet women, all the time and from all walks of life, who trace their success back to Rosie the Riveter breaking down barriers. Reclaiming the Guinness World Record amplifies Rosie's inspiration as a community, with one voice!" He said U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell, D-Dearborn, and Ypsilanti Township Supervisor Brenda Stumbo will be reprising their roles as co-chairs of the Rosie the Riveter World Record event. "This competition between California and Michigan strengthens women and strengthens the nation," Dingell said. "Our first thought was to retake the record this past spring, but when we heard California was having another rally in August, we knew we had to break their record soon afterward." Go to yankeearmuseum.org for information or call 734-483-4030.

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In this 2014 photo, voters cast their votes on Election Day.

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Plan gives voters power over political districts

Paul Egan
Detroit Free Press

A group says it wants to amend Michigan's constitution to end political gerrymandering of election districts, taking the job of drawing the districts away from politicians and putting it in the hands of an independent commission.

The group Voters Not Politicians would have to collect close to 316,000 valid signatures to get the proposed constitutional amendment on the November 2018 ballot.

"I think Michigan voters overall have been frustrated at points with their government," and "don't trust their elected representatives with drawing election maps," Katie Fahey, the group's president and treasurer, told the Free Press last week.

The proposal would establish a 13-member independent citizens commission on which independent voters would have five members and the two major parties would each have four.

Elected officials, lobbyists, party officials and other political insiders would be ineligible to serve on the commission, which would hold public hearings before approving proposed district maps by majority vote, with at least two votes required from each of the three groups represented on the commission.

While county lines and other municipal boundaries now form the building blocks of election districts, the commission would look to other factors, such as "communities of interest," and seek to create districts that are politically competitive.

Fahey said her group has submitted proposed ballot language to the Board of State Canvassers, but has not yet received a date for a public hearing.

Drawing of Michigan's electoral districts is now controlled by lawmakers who control the state Legislature, with disputes resolved by the Michigan Supreme Court, whose members run on a non-partisan ballot but are nominated by state political parties.

Both legislative chambers, the governor's office and the Michigan Supreme Court have been controlled by Republicans in recent years, and groups mostly associated with the Michigan Democratic Party have been pushing for change.

Fahey, who lives in Caledonia near Grand Rapids and works for the Michigan Recycling Coalition, said her group is taking a nonpartisan approach and that changes in redistricting are backed by voters from both parties.

"Voters should choose their politicians, not the other way around," she said in a news release. "When politicians control the process, they can

create districts dominated by their supporters while marginalizing the opposition. They can choose their own voters."

Fahey said the proposal emerged from more than three dozen public meetings around Michigan.

She said her group has raised more than \$100,000 but plans to use volunteers, rather than paid signature collectors. She said more than 7,000 people have volunteered to participate.

Robert LaBrant, senior counsel at the Republican consulting firm the Sterling Corp. and a former Michigan Chamber of Commerce official with extensive involvement with redistricting efforts in Michigan, said the proposal gives considerable influence to a partisan secretary of state, partly by requiring that none of the commissioners have any political experience.

The secretary of state could influence both the selection of the commissioners and how the commission operates, he said.

LaBrant said he also sees problems moving away from counties and other municipal lines as the building blocks of election districts in favor of undefined "communities of interest," while also calling for election districts that will be politically competitive. There is an apparent conflict between districts with shared interests and districts that

are politically competitive, he said.

"If we think we've got contorted, bizarrely shaped districts now," that would be amplified under the criteria set out in the proposal, LaBrant told the Free Press.

In 2012, Michigan Democrats received 52 percent of the votes cast for state House, but won 46 percent of the seats. In 2014, Democrats received 51 percent of the votes for state House and won 43 percent of the seats. And in 2016, Democrats received just under 50 percent of the votes for state House and again won 43 percent of the seats.

In congressional races in 2016, Democrats received 47 percent of the votes, but won just 36 percent of the seats, records show.

Some analysts say overly partisan districts have contributed to hyper-partisanship in state legislatures and Congress and an inability for the two parties to work together.

"People are demanding change, and I think the level of interest in the town hall meetings reflects that," said Nancy Wang, clinical assistant professor of law at the University of Michigan and chair of the Voters Not Politicians policy team. "Voters are frustrated by what they see as a lack of responsiveness from the state Legislature and Congress and are looking to change that."

Oakland CC teachers donate time to Forgotten Harvest

Members of the Oakland Community College Faculty Association spent July 14 volunteering at the Forgotten Harvest warehouse in Oak Park. They worked repacking fresh food, moving boxes and performing other duties in support of this vital community service.

"Forgotten Harvest does so much for the people of Oakland County," said Cheryl Aretha, event organizer and member of the OCCFA Council. "OCC faculty have also been a vital resource in the county for over 50 years. We wanted to do more to give back and OCCFA felt this was a perfect fit for us."

OCCFA represents the full-time faculty of Oakland Community College at five campuses located throughout Oakland County. OCCFA is a member of the Michigan Education Association and the National Education Association, which represent the interests of educators and support strong public schools throughout the country.

"The faculty at OCC are dedicated to supporting our students and the Oakland County community," OCCFA President Robyn Tennison said. "The residents of our county believe in the power of education, but we all know how

difficult achieving the dream of a college education can be for many people. As teachers, we see students struggling to put food on the table while working toward a better life for themselves and their families. Working with Forgotten Harvest is just one way our members are giving back to the community that we know supports public education and values good teachers and strong educational programs."

OCC opened in 1965 and offers terminal degrees and certificates in a wide variety of areas. The college also participates in the Michigan Transfer Agreement, offering courses for equivalent transfer to universities across the state and nation. There are currently about 250 full-time faculty at the college, down from a peak of more than 300.

Forgotten Harvest was formed in 1990 with the goal of fighting hunger and waste throughout metro Detroit. It works with 250 agencies throughout Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties, covering more than 2,000 square miles a day. There are many ways to help and volunteers are needed daily. For more information, go to forgottenharvest.org.



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BUSINESS BRIEF



Partners in the hotel were among those gathered July 13 for the grand reopening of the Country Inns & Suites hotel on Haggerty in Novi.

Renovated hotel reopens in Novi

A renovated hotel property made its official debut last week as Novi's new Country Inns & Suites, on Haggerty north of Eight Mile.

The hotel of 100 rooms and suites which was closed for remodeling last September and reopened quietly in March, has undergone a \$2 million renovation, including upgrades to guest rooms, the lobby, the breakfast area, fitness center and pool.

"We are pleased to expand the brand in Michigan with this recently re-

freshed hotel," Jeffrey Freund, a senior vice president at the Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group, said in a press release.

The Novi location offers free Wi-Fi and Country Inns' included hot breakfast and guests can tailor their stay with a variety of specialized packages, such as the local experience package, which includes two tickets to the Detroit Zoo, or the romance package, which includes a bottle of wine or sparkling juice.

Country Inns & Suites By Carlson has more than 480 hotels in the U.S., Canada, India and Latin America.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE #06-19-17ZA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 06-19-17Za for the purpose of amending the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance. The Zoning Ordinance text amendments to Article 19 Site Plan clarify when Planning Commission review or minor site plan review is required, and also clarify the site plan review process.

The ordinance was introduced for first reading on June 19, 2017, and was adopted by the City Council on July 17, 2017. The ordinance shall become effective on August 4, 2017. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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Sanjay Dhall and his flying car.

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Making flying car dream a reality

Metro engineer aims to get a fanciful idea off the ground

John Gallagher
Detroit Free Press

Inventors follow their own star. Ask Sanjay Dhall why he devotes hundreds of hours away from his family and a successful business to build a flying car — yes, a *flying* car — and he takes you back to his youth in India. “The crowds in India drove me nuts,” he said last week at the Canton-Plymouth Mettetal Airport. “If you grow up in India you’re bumping into people all the time. So I always wanted to get away and fly over it all. Part of the reason for coming to the United States was the open spaces here. The ability to fly over this stuff has always driven me.”

His invention — not air-worthy yet, but trending that way fairly soon — is a sporty looking craft with airplane wings that telescope into the body so the vehicle can operate as a car on the roads.

Hand-crafted, mostly from carbon fiber, the vehicle is a type of aircraft known as a “canard,” the French word for duck. It refers to aircraft where the smaller “tail” wings are in the front, just as the Wright brothers original Flyer had them.

There’s a “pusher” propeller at the rear of the aircraft. It’s powered by a hybrid engine with most power generated by an electric motor. It’s a two-seat model, just like a sports car.

And, just in case, there’ll be a parachute in the vehicle to set it down gently in case of a power loss in flight.

Before you dismiss Dhall as a mere dreamer, note that he’s the founder and CEO of Emergent Systems, a Dearborn industrial design firm that creates innovative products for auto suppliers and other major firms. He came to the U.S. in 1985, earned a mechanical engineering degree at the University of Toledo, minored in computer science and studied business at the University of Michigan.

Beginning this week, Dhall will exhibit his flying car at EAA AirVenture, a major international air show in Oshkosh, Wis., catering to all manner of unusual aircraft. He recently launched his website, detroitflyingcars.com, and hopes to finish his prototype by next summer for a first test flight.



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This is a photo of the rear propeller of this prototype Flying Car designed by Sanjay Dhall at Mettetal Airport in Canton.



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Sanjay Dhall’s flying car has airplane wings that telescope into the body so it can operate on roads.

Eventually, he’ll need FAA approval to test-fly his vehicle. And before he turns it loose on the highways, he’ll have to add windshield wipers, a license plate, and all that. He dimly perceives commercial possibilities as the world increasingly mulls ideas like flying cars. But becoming a bil-

lionaire, or the Steve Jobs of disruptive aviation, doesn’t even flicker on his radar screen.

“I’ve always loved to design wacky things, strange things,” he said. “I just find that there is uniqueness buried in things that don’t meet the convention. If you make something



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Detail of the dash.

wacky, there could be a hidden secret that you could unlock.”

A pilot, Dhall has several home-built airplanes to his credit with hundreds of hours in the air. His hobby is all-consuming. I ask Dhall what his wife thinks about his flying-car project. “She says, ‘When will this end so I can be back home!’”

He admits to some fear about flying his invention next summer, wondering whether all his calculations will be correct and all the nuts and bolts tightened down. But that just spurs him to work harder on getting it right.

“That’s the nature of discovery,” he said. “There are failures along the way. Some can be not so pleasant. But that’s the only way to crack the nut, to go forward.”

A fellow enthusiast for self-built aircraft, Randy Hebron, stops by Hangar D5 at the Canton airport where Dhall builds his craft. “It’s great,” Hebron said of Dhall’s vehicle. “It shows promise where the other flying cars all had difficulties. This answers a lot of those questions.”

Dhall’s invention moves ahead even as Toyota engineers are working on a flying “car” and Dutch start-up PAL-V announced recently that it was taking \$10,000 deposits for its \$400,000-and-up two-seat Liberty flying car, while Slovakia-based Aero-Mobil began doing the same for its \$1-million-plus machine due out in three years.

Dhall hopes that his design prevails over the others. But whatever the future, he’ll keep at it.

“If there’s anything I tell my own kids, it’s just be the last man standing,” he says. “And sooner or later something will break our way.”

Words to live by.



Harp's Lingerie is celebrating 70 years in business.

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Jay Grossman
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Harp's Lingerie — where the staff goes out of their way to fit you like a glove.

The Birmingham boutique is celebrating 70 years in business by offering daily specials and prizes during August. Submit your favorite “Harp's Memory” through the store's Facebook page or in person and earn a chance to win a \$70 gift card. Ten winners will be drawn Aug. 31.

In 1947, founder Elizabeth “Betty” Harp opened her first store on Chene Street in Detroit. With the help of her husband Elouis, she opened stores in Hamtramck, Ferndale, Warren — and, finally, Birmingham. Her recipe for success was simple: Make a woman feel good about herself.

Today, it's still a family business with a staff that includes her two granddaughters, Lisa Hardy Hamill and Kimberly Hardy Hickson. Whether

it's a bra or girdle, they got you covered:

Q: Did you ever have to tell someone, “This isn't you?”

Hamill: Every day! We are not shy and if a dress does not look right or the bra is not a good fit, we will definitely pipe up. Mrs. Harp never held back and, believe me, she taught us well.

I'll never forget the time that a young mother came in to look for a nursing bra. Mrs. Harp looked at the woman with very small breasts and said, “That baby's going to starve to death, you don't need a nursing bra.”

Q: Can you name drop any celebrities who shopped at Harp's?

Hamill: Most of our celebrities are local. There is one story and I don't think she will mind if I share it, because she often cites it herself. Mrs. Harp was waiting on (former congressman) Joe Knollenberg's wife Sandie; she was topless in the fitting room on a crowded day, when Mrs. Harp pushed back the

drapery with abandon and said, “Meet Mrs. Knollenberg!”

Yes, embarrassing. But when you come to Harp's, be prepared to abandon any modesty. We often poke, pull, prod and shake you into your bra. And, by the way, we pride ourselves on giving everybody celebrity status when they walk through our door.

Q: What inspired Betty Harp to open her first store?

Hamill: Mrs. Harp was the consummate independent woman — she never took a dime when she left her first husband, Abe Hardy. She married Lou Harp while working at Russeks Department Store. She worked in the better dresses department and was consistently the top saleswoman. They said, “Betty, we're going to make you the manager!” She asked, “Will I get a raise?” When they said no, she piped up and said something like, “I can't eat a title” and declined.

Realizing she couldn't sell a dress

without the proper undergarments, she decided to open her own store and call it Harp's Lingerie.

Q: How has the lingerie industry changed over the past 70 years?

Hamill: It really hasn't changed all that much. Girdles are now called shapers or Spanx. We sell bustiers, not corsets — and bras are still bras. In the end, women just want to look and feel good about themselves. We age, put on weight, have surgeries and our bodies are always changing. It is our job at Harp's to hide some of those flaws and, with 70 years behind us, I know we are doing a good job.

Q: What are some tips for buying lingerie?

Hamill: Fit, comfort ... and if it makes you feel and look good in your clothing. And never buy size.

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LED light bulbs are gaining in cost efficiency

Kellie Ell
USA TODAY

Here's a bright idea: Switching to LED light bulbs can help the typical home save about a \$1,000 over a 10-year period. That's roughly \$8.33 a month.

A recent cost analysis based on a price survey by the Consumer Federation of America, a liberal-leaning association for consumer research, advocacy and education, focused its efforts on lighting residential spaces and found that the typical American family uses at least 20 indoor light bulbs throughout their home.

“LED light bulbs are good quality, last longer and are ultimately going to save money over time,” said Mel Hall-Crawford, director of energy programs and special projects at CFA, compared with traditional incandescent and halogen bulbs.

In case you're in the dark, LED (light-emitting diode) bulbs use a semiconductor to convert electricity into light. In 2000, the Department of Energy helped create a LED bulb to package the new technology. But it would be another 10 years before LED bulbs were widely available. Those early bulbs were riddled with problems like short lifespans, harsh lights, flickering and high price tags.

LED bulb prices have dropped in price by 85% percent in recent years, but are still considered expensive. With a minimum of 20 light bulbs in one's home at roughly \$5 a bulb, replacing incandescent and halogen light bulbs with LEDs would cost about \$100 — or



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A vintage-style incandescent light bulb is flanked by a compact fluorescent light bulb (left) and an LED light bulb.

more than double the price of traditional incandescent or halogen light bulbs. And Hall-Crawford said many homes these days actual have closer to 40 bulbs.

But the longer shelf life of LED lights makes up for the extra expense with savings on your energy bill, something more consumers are noticing. In 2009, fewer than 400,000 LED lights

were in use in U.S. homes. But by 2014, there were more than 78 million LED lights installed.

Still, a survey conducted by the CFA in June 2016 found that only 36 percent of consumers know about the benefits of high-efficiency LED lights and would be willing to switch over if they haven't already.

“We're trying to educate consum-

ers,” Hall-Crawford said. “Change takes time. We're getting people familiar with this new kind of light bulb and then they will be saving money.”

Here's a run-down of what you need to know before you buy:

» **Lasts longer:** High-efficiency LED bulbs last at least 10 years, if not longer, while incandescent and halogen bulbs last on average only one year. Longer-lasting means consumers don't have to spend money to replace bulbs and don't have to worry about changing the bulbs as often. “It's a convenience thing,” Hall-Crawford said. “If the light fixture is in a high-up place, you don't have the hassle of changing the bulb as often.”

» **Less heat:** LED lights emit less heat than traditional incandescent and halogen lights. “Incandescent and halogen bulbs are wasting energy by giving off more heat,” Hall-Crawford said. In fact, incandescent bulbs release about 90 percent of their energy as heat. Energy Saver, an online resource from the DOE that helps consumers save money, said LED lights use 75-80 percent less energy, saving consumers as much as \$75 a month.

» **Color options:** Most people are used to the warm yellow glow of incandescent and halogen bulbs. But LED lights are also available in cooler shades of white and daylight hues, as well as dimmable and non-dimmable varieties. And while one of the earliest problems with LED lights was the harsh direct light, consumers can now choose direct light or omnidirectional bulbs, illuminating a whole room.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

The Vekimas

Emmanuel and Margaret Vekima of Northville celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Saturday, July 22, 2017, in Plymouth.

The couple married in 1992 in Maryland. They have five children: Nina, Jeffery, Bianca, Patricia and Megan.

Dr. Margaret Vekima is the former Margaret Mekai and is a practicing physician. Emmanuel Vekima is an architect.



Emmanuel and Margaret Vekima

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING August 16, 2017 – 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 145, Sign Ordinance, Section 145-6.F.(1) & (7) (Ground Sign) to replace the ground sign for Highland Lakes at the corner of Silver Springs Drive and Eddington Place.

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

Andiamo location celebrates 20 years

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

Time flies when you're building a fine-dining restaurant at one of the prime intersections in the Detroit area.

"Twenty years went by so fast. I just can't believe it," said Joe Vicari, who opened the Andiamo Ristorante at Telegraph and Maple roads 20 years ago this month.

The location in Bloomfield Township had been the Machus Red Fox — of Jimmy-Hoffa-was-last-seen-here fame — for more than 30 years when Vicari's Andiamo Restaurant Group took it over and spent about a year remaking it into the third location for the cuisine dubbed "Detroit's Italian."

"The customers are very loyal and they expect a certain level of service and food and I believe we've delivered that over the last 20 years," Vicari said.

"We try to stand out a little bit," with offerings like a Caesar salad made table side, general manager Rocky Mestari said. The head chef at the location is William Hall.

Vicari, who had previously been a restaurant investor, opened the first Andiamo in Warren and the second in Grosse Pointe Woods. The Bloomfield Township site was the first west of Woodward; there are now nine Andiamos in the area, plus one at Metro Airport (a name-licensing arrangement) and one in Las Vegas.

"We're a big company and we employ a lot of people in southeastern Michigan," Vicari said. Nevertheless, he added, "We're only as good as our last meal and we always strive to give everybody the wow factor when they come in and dine with us."

Maple-Telegraph has been a successful location, Vicari said: Business is up about about 15 percent over the last two years and for a number of years it was the highest-volume restaurant in the group.

Vicari credits the late Aldo Ottaviani for much of the company's success. Ottaviani was the proprietor at Aldo's, a legendary Italian joint on Kelly near Seven Mile in Detroit, for decades and, when he retired, Vicari promptly hired him as the head chef of his new company.

The plan was for Ottaviani to stay for six months to get things off the ground, but he was with the company for more than 20 years, until his death in 2011 at age 89.

Ottaviani's rule, Vicari said, was to buy the best products possible and make the dishes fresh every day. "He was the best," Vicari said.

"I learned the kitchen from chef Aldo," he added. "I actually worked in the kitchen with him for at least six months."

Vicari says he used to be asked more often about Hoffa, the former Teamsters Union president who was least seen at the Red Fox on July 30, 1975, and is presumed dead. His standard answer was, "If we found him, we would make this a museum," Vicari said.

"I don't get that much any more," he added.



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Chef William Hall demonstrates how Andiamo serves an Alfredo dish in which pasta is heated with shaved truffles and then set in a large parmigiana cheese wheel.



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The dining room of Andiamo Ristorante in Bloomfield Township.



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Andiamo specializes in this dessert, coviglia, a semi-frozen blend of cream, sugar and various liqueurs atop a bed of raspberry sauce. Customers can try it for free this month at the Bloomfield Township location.

To mark its 20th anniversary, the Maple-Telegraph Andiamo Ristorante is offering customers free coviglia, a half-frozen Neapolitan dessert, for the entire month. The restaurant's address is 6676 Telegraph and the phone number is 248-865-9300.

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Dodson club gets bird's-eye look at NOAA station

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Fifth-graders who track weather factors in Dodson Elementary School's Weather Club got a close-up look at how the grown-ups do it.

A dozen Dodson students toured the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration weather station in White Lake on July 19 to learn about weather patterns and the equipment used to track weather systems. They also got to watch as a weather balloon was launched.

The tour brought into focus some of the things the students do at school, where they check precipitation and other weather data. The club meets once a week. Many of the kids get involved by first participating in the Michigan Severe Weather Awareness Committee's severe weather poster contest.

According to faculty adviser Bonnie Goodrich, a Dodson student has won the poster contest the last three years.

"(The tour) is kind of a general background, thing for them, but it's career awareness, too," Goodrich said. "It's a good experience for the kids to see working scientists. It kind of brings it all together for them."

The White Lake station is one of 122 NOAA offices around the country. Those offices serve 5.9 million people, including 408,000 registered boaters.

The White Lake station has a 24-person staff, including 10 meteorol-



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Saira Siddiqui examines a radiosonde, which measures weather data.

ogists and one hydrologist. And meteorologist Heather Orow explained a new piece of technology.

"We just got a new satellite," she told the kids. "It's got all kinds of things on it. We're totally geeking out about it."

Fifth-grader Austin Weiss said he found the whole tour interesting.

"I like learning about when the storms are coming," Austin said. "When we're looking at different states and see what their weather is like, that's interesting."

Fellow fifth-grader Ava Block said she found the technology used for following the weather interesting.

"I like how they work the computer and how they figure out how it all works," Ava said.



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Meteorologist Heather Orow explains the use of computer models to forecast weather.

Goodrich called the tour an important one — "It's a big deal, because they don't do that many of them," she said — and lauded not only the students, but the parents who came on the field trip.

One of those parents, Joanne Block (Ava's mom), called the tour "absolutely fantastic."

"There's a lot of stuff kids don't get in the classroom," Block said. "It's wonderful to see all of this in its practical appli-

cation."

Orow said the tour helps give students interested in meteorology a chance to see how it's all done.

"It helps give them an idea of what a career in meteorology would be like," Orow said. "Any sort of science or technology or math field is going to be the career path of the future."

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Tales From the Front: Columnist has seen it all in court



Henry S. Gornbein
TALES FROM THE FRONT

There is a saying that the difference between a criminal client and a family law client is that the criminal client is a bad person on his or her best behavior and a divorce or family law client is a good person on his or her worst behavior.

I have been practicing family law for more than 45 years. Every morning as I go to court or my office, I wonder what new thing is going to happen. I have lectured over the years on issues involving divorce and why people get divorced.

Following are some examples of clients' nuttiness or bad behavior:

1. Several years ago, I represented a husband in a divorce in which child custody of the three children was one of the main issues. In the middle of the divorce, mom reconnected with an old high school sweetheart through Facebook. The next thing that happened was

she took off for the state of Washington to move in with her old flame. She left her three children behind. Toward the end of the case, when we were in court, her attorney kept saying that she was on an extended vacation. Needless to say, that did not fly. My client got custody and she stayed in Washington.

2. In another case, my client claimed that he had gambled and lost \$200,000 in Las Vegas. The judge gave him two options: Either produce the money or the \$200,000 that he "lost" would be awarded to him as part of his settlement and his wife would get another \$200,000 from the marital state.

3. I have had many cases in which the question arose as to who would pay for breast implants or other plastic surgery that occurred right before the divorce. One husband asked me why should he pay if he would not have any enjoyment from his radically altered wife?

4. In another case, the wife was caught on camera as she left the marital home at 1 a.m. when her husband was out of town. The problem was that there was a sophisticated video surveil-

lance system outside that recently had been installed to protect the parties from intruders. She went out in her negligee to meet with her former divorce attorney from her first marriage, who lived a couple of blocks away. Needless to say, that was the end of her marriage. They say that a picture or video is worth a thousand words!

5. In another case, the court ordered that the marital home be divided and the husband literally started dividing rooms with a saw.

6. Similarly, I had a case in which the husband burned down the marital home rather than share it with his wife. He did not pass go and went directly to jail.

7. In another case, a husband testified that he did not have a girlfriend during his divorce trial. Shortly thereafter, he was on a trip with his girlfriend when he bumped in to the judge, who was also traveling with her family, at the airport.

8. In another case, I represented a husband who was separated from his wife and having an affair with a nurse. Shortly thereafter, he had two sons a couple of weeks apart. One was with his

wife, who he was trying to reconcile with, and one with the nurse at the hospital where he was a surgeon.

Be careful what you wish for. In one case, a husband wanted a special 40th birthday gift. He received it — a manage a trois. Shortly thereafter, he and his wife started mingling with swingers in an organization. She ultimately ran off with the husband of a couple they were swinging with.

As you can see, the examples are endless. This is why family law is never dull, to say the least. Look for more every other week.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Water help is available

Our economy remains tough. My friends and neighbors are having difficulty and experiencing the pressure of a continuing tightening economy.

Water bills have suddenly started rising and so much so that they are beginning to be a problem.

While the fundamental problems causing this unexpected rise in household costs are being determined so they can be addressed — there is a choice for some of those Americans in Wayne County most hard hit by this error.

WRAP is the 'Water Residential Assistance Program.' I know — in the Great Lakes? It's necessary right now and is not charity. Take it if you need it.

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- » Water saving kits and consumer training classes

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Alfred Brock
Wayne

On lawns, just cut it out

With the summer upon us, we get to renew our acquaintance with both things we like and dislike about the season. For me, one of the most egregious of the latter category would be the ritualistic tradition of grass cutting that most people obsess over almost in a religious way.

Quite honestly, I'll tell you, I don't share this obsession over a perfectly green, buzz-cut lawn. You might say heh heh, that I'm not lawn for this world! Quite frankly, I really can't understand how the concept of lawns even got started.

I imagine that when America turned away from a countrified way of farm life and adopted an urban lifestyle, that

they regretted leaving behind their rural roots and planting grass sod on one's front and back yard was supposed to be poor compensation for an actual natural life. My advice is, if you want real nature, move away to untouched spots of the nation.

It seems silly to me to pretend that you're still living in the country by planting a few squares of grass on your property. I don't know why developers began planting grass around homes in the first place. They'd probably would've been better off with dirt or gravel instead. That wouldn't change the aesthetic view much and it would entail less upkeep. I've come across a few people who've come up with a creative way to remove the grass problem-- simply plant trees, bushes and flowers over the entire lawn and let them absorb the grass, creating a mini nature preserve.

When it comes to blunders as regards fawning over one's lawn goes, most people don't even know that buzz-cutting the grass with a crew-cut trim actually stresses it out more during periods of heat and drought. Most people can't afford to water their lawns (except for those who wastefully run sprinkler systems during rain-storms), so lawns turn yellow and brown. The fertilizer man is often selling you a 'watered down' product and non-fertilized lawns look just as good.

Unlike the quiet, humble yet effective reel mower, the gas powered mower sounds like a jumbo jet and the brain-dead weekend squires all seem to fire them up simultaneously like emulating lemmings. If this isn't bad enough, some people who don't know what a broom is then employ the equally noisy blower gun. Even worse are the tank-size tractor driving lawn companies which are allowed to start up their racket as early as 7 a.m. in Livonia. They also block side-walks way too much.

Leo Weber
Livonia

Question information you read

I'm very troubled by my fellow citizens' inability, or perhaps unwillingness, to pause and think when reading or hearing news. This is not an isolated issue; all political persuasions are suffering from this ailment.

This is what typically happens: a citizen logs onto their favorite news website; reads an article of interest; and regurgitates it to others without questioning what was said. Instead, citizens must take time to reflect on what they read and challenge the validity of it. Not just for factual accuracy,

but also for expediency. Should this position be advanced? Is it really in our long-term best interests?

Too often, this exercise is not undertaken, and we miss out on arguably the most beneficial aspect of our political discourse: intellectual enlightenment. Socrates was a master of learning through questioning. Both sides learned more. Every citizen ought to question everything they read. This is the only way we all learn.

Zachary Risk
Plymouth

Great garden walk

Northville Garden Walk was a tremendous success despite the ominous weather predictions for the day. We thank our visitors who donned umbrellas and colorful gardening boots to brave whatever Mother Nature had in store for the day. Actually, the day turned out quite lovely with two brief, albeit windy, downpours.

Thank you to our wonderful gardeners who shared their gardens and worked very diligently to have them picture perfect for the day. We appreciate your hard work and generosity. The gardens were interesting, diverse and beautiful.

We would like to express our sincere thanks to Gardenviews who handled ticket sales and fielded a multitude of phone calls concerning Garden Walk. They did a fabulous job. Many thanks to the Northville Record for several beautiful articles and photos; we had excellent coverage in our local paper. We appreciate Northville Today for a the article about May Dubuc and her garden. Thanks to the Northville Eagle for the excellent articles.

We express our gratitude to all the nurseries far and wide, Northville Library, businesses in Northville and surrounding towns and Northville Farm Market vendors who displayed our Garden Walk poster and postcards.

A huge thank you to the City of Northville for hanging our banners and to the Northville City and Township for their cooperation in our event.

Proceeds from Northville Garden Walk go toward supporting local and national organizations that promote environmental and horticultural causes and to provide scholarships for local high school seniors who plan to pursue a degree in science or horticulture.

Kathryn Novak
Northville Garden Walk coordinator

Many supported graduates

The South Lyon High School Senior All-Night Event (SANE) was a tremendous success! In addition to providing a

safe and fun event, we were able to award 18 scholarships with a total value of \$4,500. There were many businesses and individuals who made all of this possible with monetary donations, raffle prize donations, and fundraising opportunities.

Thank you to all of the following who so generously donated: Grande Trunk Home, North 72, Coral Sash, Venue South Lyon, Alex & Ani -Twelve Oaks, Hewitt's Music, Terumo Cardiovascular, Applebee's- New Hudson, Tropical Smoothie- Novi, Papa John's Pizza-Lyon Twp, Micky's Dairy Twist, Dairy Queen-South Lyon, Yo-Fresh, Anytime Fitness, Ruby's Impressions, Zenergy Yoga, South Lyon Tent Rental, Buffalo Wild Wings- Brighton, Jazzercise, Rustic Thorn, HeadFirst Printing, The Christmas House, Brenda Smith CPA, South Lyon Orthodontics, Lyon Mechanical, TNT Orthodontics, Bifano Eye Care, Pullum Window Corp, South Lyon Collision, Trotters Pointe HOA, Sellers Buick, Dr. Simon DDS, Carriage Trace HOA, South Lyon Football Boosters, Dr. Ruskin and Dr. Krishna, Lyon Cantina, Meijer-Wixom, Sam's Club- Novi, Costco-Brighton, Detroit Tigers, Riverbank Golf Course, Powerhouse Gym, Emagine Theater- Novi, MJR Theatre- Brighton, Saigon Spa, TropiTan- Brighton, Busch's- South Lyon, 2 Women & A Tray, ACME Partyworks, Brighton Tux Shop, Buca di Beppo, ButterCream Bake Shop, Dress Up Your Party, Elegance Manifested, Enzo's Catering, Gary's Catering, Gourmet Express Catering, Jimmy Johns, Joe's Gourmet Catering, Katherine's Catering, Kensington Grill, Kings Reign Entertainment, Noodles & Company, Pinz Bowling, Premier Photo Booth, Rose Catering, Salsarita's Fresh Cantina, ShutterBooth, South Lyon Flowers, South Lyon Village Bakery, Thomas' Catering, WonderJump, and Your Event Party Rental. Special thanks to Michelle Burczyk who printed the graduation lawn signs.

Thank you to the many parents, friends, and families who supported fundraisers, donated money and/or prizes, helped with SANE planning, and volunteered as chaperones.

We could not have provided this wonderful party without the help of so many!! SLHS Class of 2017 truly appreciated this great celebration of their graduation!

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RUNNING

Green, Carron lead way in annual Road Runner Classic

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Eric Green has become a fixture at area road races over the years and, Saturday night, he made Maybury State Park his own personal refuge.

The 49-year-old from Pontiac pulled away during the final two miles to earn the 8-kilometer title in the 14th annual Northville Road Runner Classic, an event which benefited the Friends of Maybury.

The third time was a charm for Green, who posted a first-place time of 31 minutes, 35 seconds while averaging 6:21

per mile on a course that featured both blacktop and trails.

"I've run this race the past three years," Green said. "Two years ago — the first time I ran it — I was third overall, top master. Last year, I was second overall and top master. This year, overall and master."

Green, cross country head coach at Lawrence Tech University and distance coach for the Pontiac Notre Dame Prep High School track team, was coming off his 15th Great Lakes Relay, a three-day, 277-mile team event the previous weekend on the North Country Trail in the Upper Peninsula, Green passed Novi's Daniel

Sowa on the trails at the three-mile mark and never looked back.

"The guy I was racing today ... he had me, but as soon as I hit the woods, I hit the woods hard and it felt like I was doing the relay," Green said. "That's when I pulled ahead of him and he couldn't catch me ... even if it was slow."

The 23-year-old Sowa, a member of the NRR club that hosted the race, wound up third overall in 33:05 (6:39 per mile).

But even more impressive

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BRAD EMONS

The Northville Road Runner Classic 8K male and female winners were Eric Green (Pontiac) and Angela Carron (Canton).

USTA junior finalists

Several young Michigan tennis players fared well in the recent U.S. Tennis Association's Midwest Section Closed Junior Championships.

In doubles play, Birmingham's Jack Winkler teamed with Detroit's Kweisi Kenyatte to capture the boys 18-doubles championship. In the girls 12-doubles finals, Novi resident Emma Roeck and Ohio native Ananya Annapantula teamed to reach the championship final.

In singles, Bill Duo from Portage captured the boys 18 singles title and Ann Arbor's Karina Miller was a girls 18 singles finalist.

The 18-under and 16-under championships were held in Indianapolis. Okemos hosted the 14-under and 12-under age divisions.

Junior golf tourney

Forest Lake Country Club in Bloomfield Hills once again will host a junior golf tournament.

The fifth annual AJGA Junior, presented by Tom Hozler Ford, will be held Aug. 7-10 at the Bloomfield Township course. The 54-hole national event will challenge close to 100 boys and girls ages 12-19.

Last summer, Isiah Henderson from Texas carded a course-record 8-under-par 63 in the second round en route to the boys championship. California native Angela Bagasbas is the defending girls champion.

The field will include players from 16 states and three foreign countries.

Devon Deogun (Orchard Lake), Sean Niles (Northville), Imaad Qureshi (Bloomfield Hills), Jake Rodan (Royal Oak), Ben Smith (Novi), Patrick Sullivan (Grosse Pointe) and 2013 boys champion Zach Rosendale (St. Johns) are among the boys slated to compete.

Mikaela Schultz (West Bloomfield) and Jamie Laude (Ann Arbor) are among the Michigan girls expected to compete.

Michigan Senior Olympics Games

Registration is now open for the 38th annual Michigan Senior Olympics Summer Games.

The games, open to individuals 50 and over, take place Aug. 11-20 throughout Oakland and Macomb counties and more than 1,000 athletes from across the state are expected to compete. The idea is to promote healthy and active lifestyles.

Competition will be held in archery, badminton, basketball, billiards, bocce ball, bowling, cycling, dancesport, disc golf, golf, pickleball, powerlifting, 5K and 10K runs, racewalk, racquetball, shuffleboard, swimming, table tennis, tennis, track & field, triathlon, volleyball and free throw/3-point competition.

The opening ceremony is scheduled to take place 6-8 p.m., Friday, Aug. 11, at Bloomer Park in Rochester Hills.

Michigan Senior Olympics is in need of volunteers.

To register or volunteer, call 248-608-0252. Registrants can also go to www.michiganseniorolympics.org.

PRO BASEBALL



MICHIGAN ATHLETICS

Michigan graduate and Farmington Hills resident Harrison Wenson is currently making his mark in rookie ball with the Los Angeles Angels.

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Harrison Wenson knows the exhilaration of being a Major League Baseball draftee. After all, prior to this year, he twice enjoyed the experience.

In 2013, just weeks after graduating from the Univer-

sity of Detroit-Jesuit High School, Wenson was selected in the 38th round (1,146th overall pick) of the MLB entry draft by the Detroit Tigers. Wenson next became draft-eligible last spring, after his junior year at the University of Michigan, and the Pittsburgh Pirates grabbed him in the 24th round.

Wenson declined both of

those opportunities.

However, the 22-year-old Farmington Hills resident was still a wanted commodity when this year's draft rolled around.

Oddly enough, Wenson was taken in the exact same spot as last year — 24th round, 715th overall — by the Los Angeles Angels. This time, he was thrilled to accept the \$3,000

signing bonus and turn pro.

"I turned down both of my other opportunities to finish my education. I have one more class (at U-M), but I was able to graduate and I got my degree," Wenson said. "So I guess the third time's the charm. I sort of knew it was coming this year,

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'BIG ANGEL, LITTLE ANGEL'

Baseball, friendship take flight for players

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Alan Kruck knows the drill. So does almost every man or woman who coaches Little League players.

The younger the players, chances are they won't be as focused on hitting — unless you're talking about hitting the Dairy Queen after the game.

Enter a shadowing endeavor involving his 12-under team in the Greater Canton Youth Baseball Softball Association, the Angels. Coach Kruck's players teamed with T-ball players for the inaugural Big Angel, Little Angel event.

It was such a success that

not only were the little guys (and two girls) not running around in circles, but the GCYBSA intends to have more teams get in on the shadowing fun.

"In T-ball, you'll have five kids running for the ball," said Kruck, a Canton resident whose son Addison is on the 12-U Angels. "My players would sit there and say, 'No, no, you have to go cover second base, don't run to the ball.' So they were explaining the aspects of the game instead of having five kids run to the ball all at once."

One of the tandems featured

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Enjoying a pregame catch are players for the GCYBSA Under-12 Angels (left) and youngsters on the Little Angels T-ball team.

WOOD BAT BASEBALL

Michigan Rams win another MCBL title

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The Michigan Rams are going to the “World Series” — the National Amateur Baseball Federation’s premier event, that is.

Veteran coach Rick Berryman’s squad clinched the Michigan Collegiate Baseball League title when A Green forfeited a July 20 makeup game with the Rams, who finished the regular schedule at 24-6 after losing a “meaningless” 10-0 decision to the Cubs.

Still, the Rams earned a ticket to Toledo, where the NABF World Series begins Thursday.

In the loss to the Cubs (7-23), the offense was not clicking with hits by Kevin O’Malley, Alex Nicholson and Patrick Downing accounting for the Rams’ output. Berryman said this



The Michigan Rams include (front row, from left) June Berryman, Jack Ferguson, Anthony DiPonio, Gordon Ferguson, Zack Schmidtke, Tristen Jorah and Troy Saruna; (middle row, from left) Patrick Downing, Frankie Luscka, Alex Nicholson, Trevor MacDonald, Jordyn Finney and Kevin O’Malley; and (back row, from left) Harv Weingarden, Rick Berryman, Brendan Wetmore, Joe Azarovity, Nate Hoffman and Diana Hoffman. Also on the team are Branden Posky, Addison Pawelek, Gary Turnbull and Dylan Dzendzel.

marks the 14th time in the past 15 seasons that the Rams — who compete in the state’s top

wood bat league — will be competing in a post-season national tournament.

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It was a day of baseball and friendship for players on the GCYBSA 12-U Angels and T-ball Angels.



Mathew Thibodeau (left) gives tips on proper stance in the infield to Little Angel Brady Milligan.

ANGEL

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“Big Angel” Mathew Thibodeau and “Little Angel” Brady Milligan, whose dad, Brian Milligan, coaches the T-ball squad.

“Tonight was fun,” Brady wrote in an email to the Observer. “Mathew taught me the ready position. He is my oldest friend. I want to go watch his game.”

The sharp focus exhibited by T-ball players, with the guidance of the 12-U Angels, was something deserving of numerous cap tips.

“Every player shadowed a player,” Kruck said. “It was more for when they went out into the field to play defense, (the older kids) would explain what that position did. Say an outfielder, they would tell them they had to back up some throws.

“The T-ball kids (normally) kind of just play in the dirt, they lose interest pretty quickly. So (the older kids’) job was to kind of take the pressure off parent volunteers who were always having to do that role, so the parents could actually enjoy the game for once.”

Pumped up

According to coach Brian Milligan, the event “was a great experience for both teams. The little

Angels had a great game of catch with the big Angels prior to the game. There was a noticeably higher level of enthusiasm during the game. We are grateful for the time the big Angels gave to our team.”

Kruck, who has coached prep athletics in the Redford Union and Northville districts, said he came up with the concept having recalled how well a similar pairing worked when he was coach of the RU girls basketball team.

“I thought that would be a good idea to start trying that out with GCYBSA,” Kruck explained. “We were the only team that did it. But the feedback was so positive that Wendy (Mullen, president of the association) is probably thinking of expanding it to more teams next year.”

Older players also got a big kick out of the Big Angel, Little Angel event.

“They had a ball; they thought it was great,” Kruck said. “They really did enjoy it, they were commenting and saying, ‘Was I really that little when I played?’

“In T-ball rules, the last kid automatically gets a home run. So when the last kid batted, my kids ran out there and had a mob scene at home plate for the last batter.”

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WENSON

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but having my name called by an organization that’s so well-respected is a dream come true.”

Early results encouraging

If early results are any indication, Wenson is certainly making a big impression.

The Angels assigned Wenson to the Utah-based Orem Owlz, their short-season rookie team that plays in the eight-team Pioneer League.

Through his first 13 games, the right-handed hitting catcher was batting a lofty .354, which ranked him among the top five league leaders. In addition, Wenson has smacked five home runs, which also ranks among the league’s best. He had 18 RBIs with a .729 slugging percentage.

Orem leads the Pioneer League South Division and Wenson is helping to lead the charge.

“It’s been great so far. I have a really great manager and I’ve been able to work with some really good guys,” Wenson said prior to a recent game in Montana against the Great Falls Voyagers. “I’ve been doing pretty well. I’m hitting the ball pretty far and it’s been pretty nice.

“There’s a lot of travel. Where I’m at right now is a 10-hour bus ride (from Orem),” he added. “But other than the travel, it’s been really good and I’m really enjoying

pro ball.”

Wenson grew up playing for the highly-talented South Farmington Blues squad, whose head coach was Pat Malzone. The Blues played in national tournaments, including the Elite 24 in Orlando, Fla., and Wenson said “it was some of the most fun baseball I have ever played and I loved that experience.”

Wenson went on to have an outstanding prep career at U-D Jesuit. He earned all-state honors both his junior and senior seasons and was a four-time all-district and all-region selection. Wenson posted a .500 batting average with six home runs and 30 RBIs as a senior.

Proud of the block ‘M’

The honor-roll student elected to continue his career with the Wolverines, with whom he played four years.

Wenson finished with a career .235 batting average and a .422 slugging percentage with 17 home runs and 99 RBIs. He started in each of his final two seasons for the Wolverines and began attracting the attention of scouts after an outstanding junior year when he produced a .289 average and 56 RBIs to earn all-Big Ten Conference third team honors. He belted nine home runs as a senior.

Wenson in his last two years was named to the player-to-watch list for the Johnny Bench Award, awarded to the nation’s best catcher,



FILE PHOTO

U-D Jesuit’s Harrison Wenson of Farmington Hills was the starting catcher for the East squad during the 2013 high school all-star team at Comerica Park.

finishing as a semifinalist as a junior.

“I went to the place of my dreams,” Wenson said about his time at Michigan. “I mean my dad (Paul) went there. He played with guys like Barry Larkin, Hal Morris, Casey Close, Jim Abbott. So it was great to represent the block ‘M’ and all the tradition that it has.

“The coaches were great and they helped me through the process. But the main thing I took from college, besides my education, was the relationships that I made and I’ll continue to hold on to because, in this life, you can only go as far as the people you know. I’m pretty fortunate that I surrounded myself with great people who have a great work ethic.

“Michigan was the place for me and I

wouldn’t have changed my decision, even though I turned down quite a bit of money last year (to turn pro),” he added. “I wouldn’t have changed my decision to go back for my senior year and have that experience with all my teammates and coaches.”

U-M had a program-record 11 players, including Wenson, selected in this year’s draft. That class includes Cranbrook Kingswood graduate Grant Reuss (Detroit Tigers) and Southfield-Lathrup graduate Johnny Slater (Seattle Mariners).

Wenson hopes they will all one day be colleagues at the major league level.

“I’m in a pretty good spot right now and doing pretty well,” Wenson said. “I don’t want to speculate too much on where they’ll put me. I’m just trying to take it day by day and do the best I can.

“I’ve only been in pro ball for about a month, but from what I’ve heard and what I’ve seen, the Angels are a great organization,” he said. “They have unbelievable management and the front office has been real good to me. I’m fortunate enough to be in it and I feel I can move my way up the ranks pretty quickly and that’s all I can really ask for. I just want the opportunity.”

CLASSIC

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was the runner-up finish by 39-year-old Angela Carron of Canton, assistant cross country coach at Salem High School, who overhauled Sowa for the second spot overall in 32:41 (6:35 per mile).

“It was crazy hot, you could hear the wind in the trees, but didn’t feel it anywhere,” said Carron, who was the top overall female. “It was brutal, but the tree cover and the shade helped. I just kept telling myself the wind was in my back.”

Carron, a Toledo native, played college softball at Siena Heights University before transitioning to running.

In late May, she captured the Bayshore Marathon in Traverse City with a time of 3:02:08. She also has the Boston, Glass City and Ann Arbor marathons to her credit in 2017.

Carron, who works for Gazelle Sports in Northville, has run close to 50 marathons, along

with 12 ultra marathons.

She plans to do the upcoming North Country Run, a trail marathon in late August, along with the Detroit Free Press Marathon in October. She has been averaging 80- to 90-mile weeks and also has a 100-miler on her running schedule before the end of the year.

“Always training,” Carron said. “I have four kids, so running keeps me sane.”

5K champions

Zachary Ellsworth, 27, of Brighton and Amy Masternak, 48, of Plymouth were the overall winners of the male and female 5K divisions, respectively.

Ellsworth covered the 3.1-mile course in 22:24.

“This was the first time running this race and I actually loved the course,” Ellsworth said. “It was mapped out perfectly and didn’t have any trouble on the turns. Really enjoyed that.”

Ellsworth averaged 7:14 per mile

“Got into running a little later in life,” Ellsworth said. “I work at a

gym and just kind of got into that way. I believe this is my fourth 5K and I’ve done a half-marathon and that’s just about it. I run outside a lot and don’t do a whole lot of races. I’m pretty surprised. I always set a lofty goal. It was a little bit slower than I wanted, but not too much.”

Masternak, a Detroit Public Schools fifth-grade teacher who graduated from Livonia Churchill High, repeated as 5K champion with a clocking of 22:46. She is 10-year breast cancer survivor who captured the Race for the Cure women’s 5K title in May.

“I think the course and conditions were absolutely perfect,” Masternak said. “It was nice and warm. You didn’t have to worry about your muscles being cold. Great scenery, no rain, a little cloud cover.”

Masternak, like Carron, challenged the male winner for the overall lead.

“There was some guy (Ellsworth) on my back for about 2½ miles and when we hit the woods, I told him, ‘You better go

or you will lose,’ so he went and I was second,” she said.

And although the humidity was high, with temperatures hovering around the upper 80s, Masternak was pleased with her time as she averaged 7:21 per mile

“It was good,” she said. “Last year, I ran 26 (minutes). Last year, it was 98 degrees.”

Next up for Masternak is the Badlands Trail Run Marathon on Aug. 12 in Medora, N.D.

“It will be state No. 36. I can’t wait,” Masternak said.

2017 NORTHVILLE ROAD RUNNER CLASSIC July 22 at Maybury State Park AGE GROUP WINNERS
MALE 8-KILOMETER
Overall: Eric Green (Pontiac), 31 minutes, 35 seconds; **masters:** Jeff Novak (Plymouth), 35:19; **14 and under:** Eric Beamish (Redford), 1:05:49; **15-19:** Frank Lafave (Livonia), 34:19; **20-24:** Daniel Sowa (Novi), 33:05; **25-29:** Fabian Lischke (Keego Harbor), 33:08; **30-34:** Daniel Garcia (Bloomfield Hills), 33:16; **35-39:** Thomas Samietros (Macomb), 38:45; **40-44:** Sebastian Wescholek (Northville), 36:03; **45-49:** Craig Peters (South Lyon), 37:35; **50-54:** Jerry Jurkiewicz (Novi), 45:36; **55-59:** Ed Green (Livonia), 38:12; **60-64:** John Tarkowski (Northville), 35:38; **65-69:** Jim Beale (Royal Oak), 51:58; **70 and up:** Tom Melville (Northville), 54:01
FEMALE 8K
Overall: Angela Carron (Canton), 32:41; **masters:** Dani Matusik (Chelsea), 37:54; **14 and under:** Jasmine Beltrame (Northville), 48:50; **15-19:** Courtney White



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The Northville Road Runner Classic 5K winners were Amy Masternak (Plymouth) and Zachary Ellsworth (Brighton).

(Canton), 39:45; **25-29:** Nicole Black (Westland), 41:37; **30-34:** Mike Sasse (Northville), 45:32; **35-39:** Natacha McCleim (Northville), 46:43; **40-44:** Sachiko Toyama (Walled Lake), 38:28; **45-49:** Shirley Kolekovich (Clarkston), 45:40; **50-54:** Jennifer Perkins (Clawson), 48:58; **55-59:** Leslie Young (Farmington Hills), 1:08:53; **70 and up:** Linda Scorof (Garden City), 57:43.

MALE 5K
Overall: Zachary Ellsworth (Brighton), 22:24; **masters:** Lee Hunt (Canton), 25:06; **14 and under:** Sean Sparks (Canton), 32:19; **20-24:** Joshua Kmieck (Clinton Township), 25:53; **25-29:** Steele Fors-Klein (Brighton), 31:24; **30-34:** Bhavesh Peracker (Northville), 25:52; 35-39: Samuel Willingham (Wayne), 33:37; **40-44:** Jason Fried (Livonia), 33:48; **45-49:** Cesar De La Garza (White Lake), 29:19; **50-54:** Brian Barr (Belleville), 40:48; **55-59:** Matthew Nelson (Battie Creek), 27:37; **60-64:** Paul Ranke (Waterford), 42:30; **65-69:** Law-

rence Fallet (Taylor), 47:43; **70 and up:** Charles MacIver (Northville), 34:45.

FEMALE 8K
Overall: Amy Masternak (Plymouth), 22:46; **masters:** Charlotte Burke (Canton), 26:13; **14 and under:** Madelyn Jenkins (Novi), 30:29; **15-19:** Nicole Reece (Livonia), 53:41; **20-24:** Mariana Peres (Plymouth), 36:21; **25-29:** Kaylen Shi (Northville), 33:42; **30-34:** Jenna Gillette (Whitmore Lake), 35:08; **35-39:** Kimberly Delaney (Livonia), 27:13; **40-44:** Elizabeth Foote (Southfield), 32:32; **45-49:** Darlene Camda (Walled Lake), 31:55; **50-54:** Deborah Slaughter (Highland Park), 29:49; **55-59:** Colleen Virag (Dearborn Heights), 32:58; **60-64:** Sally Nelson (Battie Creek), 33:38; **65-69:** Kathleen Davis (Canton), 39:06.

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PDL SOCCER

Bucks stunned in first-round defeat, 2-0

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It was a solemn ending Friday night to what appeared to be another promising season for the defending North American Premier Development League champion Michigan Bucks.

The Des Moines Menace proved to be more than a menace as they upset the 14-time Great Lakes Division champions in the opening round of the PDL Central Conference playoffs inside air-conditioned Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac, 2-0.

Ramone Howell split two Bucks defenders and rifled a shot from just outside the left box for the game-winning goal in the 69th minute, off an assist from Mueng Sunday.

Isaiah Madrid then out-muscled a Bucks defender on a 50/50 ball just inside the 18-yard box for the Menace's second goal in the 82nd minute, scoring unassisted to put the game away.

"There's not too much to say. It's obviously disappointing with all the effort we put in all summer," said Bucks team MVP Brad Dunwell, a Grand Rapids native. "It's a tight-knit group of guys and I really enjoyed playing with them. I wish them all the best, whether they're going back to their university or looking to find a spot with a team at the next level right away."

The Menace (8-5-2), who finished second in the PDL Heartland Division, played fellow division rival the Thunder Bay (Ontario) Chill (10-3-2) for the Central Conference crown. Thunder Bay advanced in the first conference semifinal Friday with a 2-0 win over Kitchener-Waterloo (Ontario) United, getting a pair of goals, one in each half, from midfielder Abraham Villon.

The Bucks, meanwhile, ended their season at 10-2-3.

"We played against a very good, well-organized Des Moines team," Bucks assistant coach Paul Thomas said. "I thought it was very, very evenly matched game. And it was always going to come down to one little mistake, one moment of genius to break the deadlock. And then once they went a goal up, you have to push, we have to make some subs and try to get back in the game and you leave yourself a little wide bit open. The second goal was just kind of one of those things that happens when you're taking risks to try and get back in the game. But overall, I thought was very well even. It could have gone either way, but Des Moines did well and good luck to them moving forward."

Thomas, the former Madonna University women's coach, was guiding the Bucks in place of head coach Demir



JAY DUNWELL

The Bucks' Jared Timmer (right) tries to gain control against a Des Moines player.

Muftari.

"Just something with the family came up, so (Muftari) couldn't make it today, so I stepped in to coach the team," Thomas said. "I've been (head coach) some of the road games, some of the home games. It's a tough schedule when you coach and we had to share a lot of the workload this year."

Thomas made five substitutions during the second half to try to find a goal, but the Menace defense stood tall.

"It's a pretty mature group defensively, pretty solid group," Des Moines coach John Pacarella said. "They have a pretty good idea on how to defend leads. The problem with us this season is we haven't had a lead to defend. We've always been coming from behind. We give up one early in the first half and then the second half is better. I think the key for us defensively today was what we did early on, keeping the game 0-0. Then I think as it went on,

(the Bucks) got a little nervy and made it easier for us. But solid as a rock at the end there."

Shots on goal were even at 9-9, with the Bucks having one golden chance in each half.

Menace goalkeeper Kyle Ihn denied Jacob Bevan in the 26th minute and then made a one-handed leaping save just under the crossbar off a header by Bucks defender Danilo Markovic following a corner kick late in the second half.

"If you look at the whole game, there wasn't many chances for both sides," Thomas said. "Their back four was very good, strong, powerful, quick and their two holding center-mids screened them really well, so it was difficult to break them down and get chances. They did a good job."

Not only were the Bucks missing their head coach, but captain Tom Owens was also out of the lineup to pursue a playing opportunity in his native England. The Bucks had to go with several makeshift lineups this year.

"The players that we brought in to replace the injured players, or the players that moved on, were definitely good enough," Thomas said. "Again, it just goes down to one of those nights. It was a good game and it could have gone either way. Unfortunately, it had gone for them."

Beating the Bucks, who were seeking their fourth PDL crown in franchise history, proved to be a major hurdle cleared by the Menace.

"It was actually a very good game, two teams tried to play soccer, which was good to see," Pascarella said. "It's never easy to come into an environment like this, especially into an environment which is a little different for us. I thought our guys played well. I thought they played hard. The Bucks are a very, very good team. They're difficult to beat. It just went our way today. It could have gone either way. I think anybody watching the game could see that."

For many of the Bucks players, it's back to school for the fall collegiate season.

"It's always tough to lose first round, but I look forward going to Wake (Forest) and getting into the preseason," said Dunwell, who was a starter last season for the NCAA Division I runner-up Demon Deacons. "Kind of a sad time to get it over, but no fault in the effort. I thought we put everything into it that we could, but just couldn't get the result today."

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Sunshine's again brings ray of hope

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In the middle of summer, it is safe to say that the sun keeps coming out.

Thanks to 13-year-old Connor Sherman and the Plymouth High School football program, so does Sunshine's Skills and Drills Football Clinic.

Connor's brainchild — which he first envisioned during a school assignment — continues to bear fruit, gain momentum in the community and provide hope for children with special needs between ages 5-17.

The fourth annual clinic is scheduled for 6-8 p.m. Friday, July 28, on the varsity football field at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

"We have 50 participants signed up this year, which is right in the ballpark of previous numbers," Plymouth assistant football coach Brian Rochon wrote

in an email to the Observer. "We are thankful for the families that trust us year in and year out to provide a safe, welcoming and fun environment for their children to enjoy a care free night of football."

The vision of Connor "Sunshine" Sherman, who came up with the concept when just 10 years old, is the obvious catalyst behind the clinic's ongoing success.

But Rochon, who helps coordinate the clinic from the football standpoint, tipped his cap to many others who have helped behind the scenes beginning with the debut Sunshine's in 2014.

"The partnership between the Sherman family, the Plymouth Wildcats football program, all of our amazing sponsors and the wonderful families who enjoy the clinic every year has become an anticipated annual event," Rochon said.

Although the youngsters who participate in Sunshine's Skills and Drills Football Camp leave the facility with smiles, trophies and new-found football knowledge, Rochon emphasized that high school football players also have important takeaways.

"The Sunshine clinic offers Plymouth football players an opportunity to see the larger picture of society and realize that no matter their struggles, there are always those less fortunate," Rochon said. "The clinic has been tangible reinforcement of our program's message of selflessness, commitment and service and we have seen real life benefits in our kids."

For more information, go to sunshinesfootballclinic.org.

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

Plymouth assistant football coach Brian Rochon (left) and Connor Sherman are teaming again to host Sunshine's clinic.

YOUTH WRESTLING



VIOLETTA CEPAK

The South Lyon Matcats finished with a 4-4 record and 26th place in the Grand River Rumble.

Matcats hold their own in Grand River Rumble

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The South Lyon Matcats acquitted themselves quite well, posting a 4-4 record during the National United Wrestling Association for Youth Grand River Rumble held July 16 at the Lansing Center.

The Matcats, coached by Rob Walkowiak and Justin Kimling, scored wins over teams from Idaho (twice), Illinois and Michigan to place 26th out of 40 teams in a dual format tournament that included divisions for third-grade-and-under, sixth-grade-and-under, middle school and high school.

"The fact that we were the only hometown club team in a league with so many state national contingents was truly rewarding as a test to our kids

and their hard work," Matcats coach Steve Richardson said.

Jace Garcia took team MVP honors for the Matcats in his first national outing. He helped the Matcats score the points they needed to defeat a close opponent to advance to the copper round.

"One victory would not have happened if it hadn't been for the hard work of Jace," Richardson said. "Jace is new to our national lineup, having earned a spot via his performance from last season as a two-time state qualifier. The only problem was we had Jace in at the pound slot and he weighed much more. Jace took the challenge of losing the weight in the 11th hour, a very difficult journey."

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50 YEARS

‘We’ve got trouble’

Routine raid ignites 5 days of rioting

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The red emergency phone rang in Detroit Police Commissioner Ray Girardin’s Lafayette Park bedroom at 5:20 a.m. on that Sunday 50 years ago today.

He awoke to a shock. It was Police Superintendent Eugene Reuter.

“I think we’ve got trouble on 12th Street,” Reuter said. He told Girardin

that a police raid on an after-hours drinking spot had turned violent. He was calling officers back to duty.

Girardin telephoned his boss, Mayor Jerome Cavanagh, considered the most progressive mayor in big-city America, an Irish-Catholic New Deal Democrat who had made improving race relations a key part of his agenda.

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The streets of Detroit during the 1967 riot.

TOP: National Guardsman Gary Ciko.

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50 YEARS

RIOT: City erupts into violence after raid on an after-hours spot

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Their nightmare scenario was unfolding on 12th Street: People were breaking windows, and the crowd was growing. Things seemed to be surging out of control, deteriorating by the minute. Cavanagh and his top aides gathered with Girardin and police officials at 1300 Beaubien, Detroit Police headquarters.

Their first task was to get more officers on the streets, on a day that is normally low-crime and the lightest deployment of the week. Girardin was also worried that the 12th Street ruckus might be a diversion for a planned attack on the east side — the big Detroit Edison power plant and city water works on the river, the Belle Isle police dispatch center and many Chrysler facilities.

“Our strategy was to use the forces we had to contain the situation in a small area until outside assistance arrived,” Girardin said afterward, referring to the Michigan State Police and the National Guard.

Among the looters was then-18-year-old LeeRoy Johnson, who recently recalled the atmosphere: “We saw people running in and out of stores. They were wild on 12th Street.

“People were coming out of businesses, the pawn shops, everything, with all kind of items, they had just go in there and take it, the police standing there don’t even try to stop ‘em,” Johnson said in an interview with the Detroit Historical Museum Oral History Project. “So we started looting. We continued to loot up and down 12th all the way to Davison.”

The blind pig

The disturbance began with a police raid on a blind pig — an illegal bar — at 9125 12th St., at the corner of Clairmount, on Detroit’s near west side. It was an entirely routine procedure carried out by a vice-squad cleanup crew, whose duty was to bust illegal drinking, gambling or prostitution operations. Police had conducted several other raids that week with no incidents, and they’d busted 9125 12th St. before without a problem.

At the club, a plainclothes officer bought a beer, and uniformed cops broke in through a locked door. To their surprise, they saw 85 customers and staff, about six times more than they expected. Loading them into paddy wagons and transporting them to the 10th (Livernois) Precinct took more than an hour. But even at 4:30 on a Sunday morning, people gathered on busy, rowdy 12th Street, which in the blocks south of Clairmount was a well-known sin strip where gambling, prostitution and illegal clubs flourished.

Bystanders joked at first with the bar patrons in custody, but the banter turned angry, and the crowd got rowdy. Crowd members targeted the mostly white cops, who were despised in the black community after decades of abuse.

One agitator on 12th Street, later identified as Michael Lewis, an autoworker, stood out with his green outfit and puffy sleeves, not an unusual ensemble in Detroit in 1967. Cops called him Greensleeves.

“Why do they come down there and do this in our neighborhood?” Lewis shouted to the crowd.

Another rabble-rouser, by his own account, was Bill Scott III, the son of William Scott II, principal owner of the blind pig. The elder Scott and his daughter, Wilma Scott, a waitress, were arrested the night of the raid. In 1970, Bill Scott — then a University of Michigan student — self-published a memoir of his activities in July 1967. He hated the Detroit police and stood outside the blind pig that night, watching and taunting.

“Are we going to let these peckerwood (expletive) — come down here any time they want and mess us around?” he shouted.

“Hell, no!” people yelled back.

Scott claims he threw the first bottle. It shattered on the sidewalk. A line of police



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People leave the Wayne County jail in downtown Detroit and board a bus during the riot in Detroit in 1967.

Editor’s note: This is the second installment in a three-part series exploring the 1967 riot. Here we look at the five days of violence that tore apart the city beginning 50 years ago today, on July 23, 1967. Last Sunday, we explored the tensions leading to the riot. Next Sunday, we’ll examine the aftermath of the riot and its long-term effects on Detroit. You can read our complete coverage online at freep.com/detroit67.

moved toward the crowd, then backed away. As the cars drove off, bottles, bricks and sticks flew through the air, smashing the windows of departing police cars.

“For the first time in our lives, we felt free,” Scott wrote. “Most important, we were right in what we did to the law.”

The rebellion was under way.

Windows started breaking on 12th Street. Scott said he threw a litter basket through the window of Hardy’s Drug Store, a black-owned establishment.

“Why would Negroes want to tear up their own business places?” the owner later asked a Michigan Chronicle reporter, a question that would be repeated often in the coming days and is even heard today.

As dawn approached on a hot and sticky night, burglar alarms began clanging, adding to the bedlam of sirens, shouting and shattering glass. People were running in every direction.

A festival atmosphere

Girardin ordered cops to seal off Belle Isle, where the 1943 race riot had begun. That two-day riot, which included hand-to-hand combat between blacks and whites, left 34 people dead.

But Girardin and Cavanagh took a controversial approach in those early hours in 1967.

Even as more police personnel reported for duty — 1,122 officers were on the job by midmorning — police did little to stop the pandemonium on 12th Street. They were following what they believed were directions from superiors, and ultimately, Cavanagh, to use restraint. Badly outnumbered, officers conducted a sweep of the street, but the maneuver did nothing to control the crowd. Then they tried to isolate the area by erecting a pe-

rimeter. That also failed to work, and by 1 p.m., the crowd had swelled to about 10,000. Many were looting as police stood by.

Felton Rogers Jr., a 26-year-old rookie cop, was among those sent to 12th Street on a bus. He said officers were issued riot gear and loaded shotguns, but told not to shoot the looters.

“As we approached, we could hear the burglar alarms going off constantly,” Rogers recalled. “We pulled up and it was a scene that you just couldn’t imagine. Windows were shattered and glass was out in the street. Merchandise from people looting was everywhere. There were tons of people just milling around.”

A festival-like feeling took hold along 12th Street. People carried stolen goods through the broken doors and shattered display windows of the street’s many stores.

In the first several hours after daylight, police did not shoot anyone, made few arrests and did not use tear gas. Meanwhile, the crowds grew, rowdiness continued and looting spread, the stolen goods ranging in size from from shoes to sofas. Lots of liquor was taken.

Barbara Perryman, a college student in 1967, drove with her boyfriend to 12th Street from her Detroit home to see what was happening.

“Just standing around watching people,” she told an interviewer. “They’re breaking windows out and all — and I couldn’t get over this — and then milling around.

“So I turned around and looked in the grocery store. I said, ‘God, look at all those cookies on that shelf. Sure would like to take some cookies back to school.’ Next thing I know, some guy I did not know came up to me. ‘Here are your cookies!’ “

Conrad Mallett Jr., the fu-

ture chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court whose father, Conrad Mallett Sr., was a top Cavanagh aide, was a 13-year-old Free Press paperboy on 12th Street that Sunday morning, pulling a wagon and walking Hamlet, his Airedale terrier.

“I saw a guy come out of a clothing store with 10 hats on his head, literally in a stack,” Mallett said.

Many establishment black leaders fanned out through the neighborhood, pleading for calm. U.S. Rep. John Conyers, the Detroit Democrat who was then 38 and in his second term in Congress, climbed onto a car on 12th Street before noon Sunday with a bullhorn, asking the crowd to “stay cool.” Crowd members shouted him down, and someone threw a rock, which hit a cop. Conyers and his driver, civil right activist Arthur Johnson, were forced to flee.

“You try to talk to those people and they’ll knock you into the middle of next year,” Conyers said later.

The first fire broke out in a 12th Street shoe store at 8:24 a.m., and fire crews battled it with no harassment.

By early afternoon, blazes raged out of control up and down 12th Street, spreading to Grand River Avenue, and it felt like someone was squeezing a bellows on the city — temperatures were in the high 80s, and 15-m.p.h. winds whipped the flames and spread the embers. The city smelled like smoke for miles, even in areas where no fires raged. Charred paper scattered in the wind and fell on distant neighborhoods.

“I could hear the people screaming. Sirens filled the air,” John Lee Hooker, the late legendary blues singer who lived in Detroit, sang in “The Motor City Is Burning,” his post-riot song.

At some fire scenes, residents helped firefighters stretch hoses. At other places, members of the crowd pelted fire personnel with rocks and bottles and stole hoses off the trucks. At one point, the fire department radio dispatcher relayed a command from the chief to all crews operating without police protection: “Orders are to withdraw. Do not try to put out the fires. I repeat...”

“A spirit of carefree nihilism was taking hold,” said the post-riot report from the government’s bipartisan Kerner Commission, which conducted an extensive investigation into Detroit’s tumult. “It appeared to one observer that the young people were dancing amid the flames.”

Looting spread to nearby Linwood and Dexter avenues, crowded with stores like 12th Street.

Media blackout, rumors

By early afternoon, with mayhem under way for about eight hours, Detroiters still

had no official word that an extremely serious civil emergency was unfolding. Cavanagh and other leaders made no announcements, and they asked radio and television executives to sit on the story, arguing a media blackout would help them gain an upper hand.

Until late afternoon, when CKLW-TV in Windsor broke the embargo, rumors raced among Detroit’s 1.5 million residents as thick columns of black smoke rose over the west side. Many of the 34,623 fans at Tiger Stadium for the Tigers-Yankees doubleheader could see the smoke in the distance above left field.

Broadcaster Ray Lane told historian Tim Kiska that Tigers General Manager Jim Campbell phoned with one instruction: “You are not, I repeat not, under any circumstances, to refer to the smoke over the left-field fence.” Late in the second game, an announcement inside the stadium told fans to avoid certain streets, but did not provide an explanation.

By late afternoon, news of the riot was all over TV and radio. Most notably, WJLB-AM, one of Detroit’s black-oriented radio stations, on which Martha Jean (the Queen) Steinberg, ministers and officials spent hours pleading for calm.

In the vacuum of official information, people in well-off neighborhoods — from Detroit’s Boston-Edison district to the Grosse Pointes, which share a long border with the city — passed along stories that rampaging African Americans were heading to burn down their homes. Blacks in the riot area heard that a young man had been bayoneted and left on the street to bleed to death, which was never confirmed.

The disturbance generated fear all over: Normal life across Detroit came to a halt. Residents in besieged areas turned off their lights and got onto the floors of their homes, to stay below windows and out of reach of errant bullets. Black and white homeowners across the city and nearby suburbs moved their cars up their driveways and got their guns. Police in Dearborn and Grosse Pointe Park stood guard at their city’s borders with Detroit.

Donald Lobsinger, a well-known anti-communist zealot who led a pugnacious group called Breakthrough, gathered gun-wielding acolytes at his home near Chandler Park, fearing Detroit’s many leftists would use the chaos as a cover to attack him. None of his adversaries appeared.

At the Fox Theatre on Sunday afternoon, Martha and the Vandellas was the headline act of a “Swinging Time Review” hosted by CKLW-TV’s Robin Seymour. Theater officials interrupted the Vandellas’ set and halted the show once they learned how dangerous Detroit’s streets had become.



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Martha Reeves explained the situation to fans, and they left the theater calmly.

Political tests

The growing unrest tested Cavanagh, an ambitious Democrat, and Republican Gov. George Romney like nothing had before.

Romney — who was planning to run for the Republican Party nomination for president in 1968 — and the mayor dithered in calling in the National Guard and Michigan State Police, partly because they feared being damaged politically if the public perceived they had lost control of Detroit.

But as the day wore on, it became increasingly apparent that Detroit was out of control, and the disturbance was growing by the hour. At 2:05 p.m., Girardin finally requested help from Michigan State Police. At 4:10 p.m., Romney called in the National Guard after he had received Cavanagh’s official request.

The disorder was rapidly spreading far beyond the near west side. By 4:30 p.m., firefighters had abandoned a 100-block area along 12th Street, waiting for state police or national guard protection. On Linwood Avenue on Sunday afternoon, the 68-year-old owner of a shoe repair store, Krikor Messerlian, who was barely 5 feet tall, grabbed a saber and attempted to defend a neighboring dry cleaners from a group of looting youths. After he cut one of the looters, another member of the gang beat Messerlian with a 30-inch piece of wood. Messerlian died four days later.

Late Sunday afternoon, Cavanagh and other officials met at the 10th Precinct with black community leaders and neighborhood activists. Asked why it took so long to call in the guard and state cops, Cavanagh said: “Because they’re all white. We’re leery about that.”

The mayor added: “We don’t want another Newark here,” referring to the recently concluded disturbance in the New Jersey city in which 26 people died.

At the meeting, some Detroit residents and black officials complained about the restraint shown by police in the early hours, arguing a stronger reaction could have ended it. Cavanagh defended the city, saying there simply were not enough officers available to make a difference.

Cavanagh declared a 9 p.m.-5:30 a.m. curfew, and ordered the closing of bars and gas stations. The tunnel and bridge to Canada were shut down.

Trying to get a handle on the size of the problem, Romney flew over Detroit between 8:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. and gazed down into the hazy, wet heat in horror.

“It looked like the city had been bombed on the west side,” he said. “Entire blocks in flames.”

At 9:07 p.m., the first sniper fire was reported. Then people started dying.

‘Police against blacks’

The first reported death came just seconds after midnight Monday, heralding a day of escalating violence and confusion. Hamid Audish Yacoub, See NEXT PAGE

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cruising around the neighborhood of Fourth and Temple in a 1965 burgundy Mustang, spotted Walter Grzanka, 45, coming through the broken window of Yacoub's looted market. Yacoub fired a shot through the open car window and hit Grzanka, who died 25 minutes later. In his pockets, Grzanka had seven cigars, four packs of pipe tobacco and nine packets of shoelaces.

Sheren George, a 23-year-old mother of two and pregnant with her third child, was riding in the center of the front seat of a car with her husband and two brothers when a bullet ripped into her chest. The shot, from an unknown gunman, came from outside the car, at Woodward and Melbourne, about 11:30 p.m. Sunday. She was rushed to a hospital, where she died a couple of hours later. George was white; she and family members had just dropped off two black friends at Woodward and Grand Boulevard and were returning home.

"Since there was this trouble, we thought Woodward would be safest," said her brother, Paul Dimitrie.

At 3:30 a.m. Monday, John Ashby, a 24-year-old Detroit firefighter, was severely burned by a high-voltage wire. He died Aug. 3.

Before dawn on Monday, 800 state police officers and 1,200 Guardsmen had arrived in the city. Several thousand more members of the National Guard were on their way. The looting had now spread to 7 Mile and Livernois on the north and to Kercheval and Van Dyke on the east.

Nine people died of gunshot during daylight Monday, and many were wounded as bullets flew wildly in many neighborhoods.

At 4:30 p.m., at Baldwin and Harper, a red and white Oldsmobile 98 roared into an alley. Out jumped a 24-year-old white man, Richard Paul Shugar, armed with a shotgun. While Shugar owned no store, he accused a black man, Nathaniel Edmonds, 23, of looting and fired a shot, killing Edmonds. Shugar was later charged with murder.

Detroit police, exhausted after working dangerous, 12-hour shifts and frustrated after being ordered to hold back Sunday, went on the offensive Monday. Officers shot 19 looting suspects, killing seven black men, and making more than 2,000 arrests that day alone.

In Detroit, as in some 150 other cities that experienced violence in 1967, "what had begun, to some degree, as a riots against police, became, in some degree, 'a riot of police against blacks,'" wrote University of Michigan history professor Sidney Fine.

With the National Guard and police having little effect on the trouble, Republican Gov. Romney reached out to Vice President Hubert Humphrey in Washington at about 2:15 a.m. Monday to discuss using federal troops. Aides to Romney and Democratic President Lyndon Johnson — hamstrung by the political ambitions of their bosses — worked on the details of a deployment for several hours. Late Monday, Johnson ordered 4,700 crack paratroopers into Detroit as Guardsmen and police battled snipers across the city.

It is so extraordinary to send in the U.S. Army for a local law-enforcement matter that the president went on national TV at midnight Monday to explain.

"The fact of the matter is law and order have broken down in Detroit, Michigan," Johnson said.

"The city is an asylum," wrote Jimmy Breslin, the famous New York Daily News columnist, who had traveled to Detroit to cover the story.

Near the epicenter, on Taylor near 12th, Katie Thomas lived in fear.

"It was like the whole world was on fire," she said. "Twelfth Street was burning. Guns were going off and electricity was popping. I couldn't sleep. I just laid there and cried."



Police carry off a kicking, screaming man who was involved in the disturbance.

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GET INVOLVED

- "12th and Clairmount" broadcast premiere, 7 to-night, WXYZ-TV (Channel 7)
- "Art of Rebellion: Black Art of the Civil Rights Movement" opening, 10 a.m. today, Detroit Institute of Arts.
- C-SPAN3's "American History TV" will broadcast live at noon today from the Free Press' newsroom to discuss the unrest of 1967. The show will feature the Free Press' Stephen Henderson, historian and author Heather Ann Thompson, former Detroit Police Chief Isaiah (Ike) McKinnon and former Detroit Free Press and Detroit News journalist Tim Kiska. The program will re-air at 6 and 10 p.m. today.
- "Detroit" world premiere, doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Fox Theatre
- "12th and Clairmount" free outdoor screening, 8 p.m. Thursday, Campus Martius
- Detroit Home Movie marathon screening, 1-10 p.m. Saturday, Detroit Film Theatre at the DIA
- "12th and Clairmount" screenings, 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. Sunday (July 30), Traverse City Film Festival

Federal troops arrive

Federal troops began taking back the streets of the lower east side in large numbers about 2:30 a.m. Tuesday, some 10 hours after they arrived at Selfridge Air Base and 46 hours since the unrest had begun. Upon their arrival, their commanders, Lt. General John Throckmorton and Col. A.R. Bolling, observed "a city saturated with fear," according to the Kerner Commission report.

"The National Guardsmen were afraid, the residents were afraid, and the police were afraid. Numerous persons, the majority of them Negroes, were being injured by

gunshots of undetermined origin. The general and his staff felt that the major task of the troops was to reduce fear and restore an air of normalcy," the report said.

Shirley Davis, who was 19 in 1967, felt that horror when she saw tanks roll into her street as her southwest Detroit neighborhood became a battlefield.

"Tanks! I had never seen a tank before in my life. I thought they came to shoot us, or to blow our houses up," she told a Detroit Historical Museum interviewer. "I mean actual tanks. Big giant guns. And you're sitting there and your heart is beating and you don't know if you're gonna live or die."

About 40% of the paratroopers were Vietnam veterans and nearly 25% were African Americans. The troops' diversity, skill, no-nonsense demeanor, knack for public relations and strict discipline separated them from the trigger-happy weekend warriors in the old, ill-fitting National Guard uniforms. The Army quickly subdued Kercheval, Van Dyke, Vernor, Charlevoix, East Grand Boulevard, Mack and other east-side streets. But not every neighborhood east of Woodward was calm.

During the night hours early Tuesday and Wednesday, snipers seemed ubiquitous on both the east and west sides. At Lawton and Carter, a vicious battle between snipers and law enforcement unfolded around the darkened home of Lloyd Stone, a 49-year-old autoworker, who crawled across his living room floor as gunfire banged up and down his street.

"Get in the house! Get back!" shouted a police officer over a loudspeaker, warning residents to seek cover.

"They're crazy," Stone told a reporter. "That's the only word for it. I haven't seen anything like this since the Army."

While hidden assassins were one of the lethal dangers during the week, analysis dur-

ing and after the riot concluded many of the gunshots that police and the National Guard took for sniper fire were rounds fired by their colleagues blocks away. Detroit police and Guard troops often fired first and asked questions later; the Kerner Commission report cited buildings placed under siege by authorities "on the sketchiest reports of sniping."

Julius Dorsey was a 55-year-old security guard at a fruit market near his home by the Belle Isle Bridge. Two men and a woman approached him after midnight on Monday and ordered him to let them loot the market. Dorsey refused, and a standoff ensued.

Dorsey fired his gun three times into the air, scattering the looters, and they broke into a nearby store. Neighbors, thinking the looters were armed, called police. When police and Guardsmen arrived, they chased the looters northward, firing their guns. The looters escaped, but the bullets hit Dorsey, and he died.

On Tuesday night came a horrific example of misguided shooting during the assault on a building at 12th and Euclid. National Guard troops were on alert because they believed their 2½ ton tank had come under sniper fire. One Guardsman saw the flash of what he thought was a weapon in a second-floor apartment window, so he responded with the tank's .50-caliber machine gun. Bullets slammed into the chest of 4-year-old Tonia Blanding, killing her and nearly severing the arm of her aunt. The flash the guardsman saw in the darkened apartment likely was Tonia's uncle striking a match to light a cigarette.

"They shot all through the building," a young, unidentified black man told WXYZ-TV the next day. "They even ran through the building and shot up through the floors. After they took us out and put us on the street, they talked about how they should kill all of us."

On Wednesday, in an attempt to flush out suspected snipers, Detroit police and National Guard members fired more than 80 rounds into the Harlan House Motel, on the John Lodge Service Drive near West Grand Boulevard. One guest, Helen Hall, a 50-year-old businesswoman from Connecticut, stood at a fourth-floor window, telling her companions to come look at the tanks. A slug hit her in the heart and killed her instantly.

The Algiers Motel

Also Wednesday, sniper fire was reported around the Algiers Motel, a ramshackle establishment at Woodward and Virginia Park with a reputation for drugs and prostitution. Detroit cops, state police, National Guard soldiers and a security guard stormed the motel.

No weapon was ever found,



TIDERINGTON FAMILY PHOTO

Dale Tiderington guards a bar in Detroit during the July 1967 riot. Tiderington was with the department for 30 years and retired as a sergeant. He was a longtime Livonia resident who died last year. He is father of Tom Tiderington, the police chief in Plymouth Township.

nor evidence that any snipers had been hiding in the motel — though one of the guests might have fired a starter's pistol during horseplay. By the time law enforcement personnel departed, three young black men — Carl Cooper, 17; Fred Temple, 18, and Aubrey Polard, 19 — were dead. Several of their friends, plus two white women from Ohio, had been assaulted during a chaotic and brutal lobby interrogation.

The killings became the most infamous episode of the week, a symbol of the uprising's ruthlessness, especially after it was determined that two of the victims had been shotgunned at close range.

John Hersey, an internationally famous author in that era, described the killings in his 1968 book, "The Algiers Motel Incident." Kathryn Bigelow, the Oscar Award-winning director, uses the Algiers as the focus of her film, "Detroit," scheduled to have its world premiere at the Fox Theatre on Tuesday and open nationally Aug. 4. Danielle McGuire, a critically acclaimed author and former Wayne State University history professor, is writing a book on what happened at the Algiers.

The police "really freaked out," in the motel, McGuire said: "By the end of the chaos...all evidence pointed to an execution, rather than some kind of shootout between snipers and the police."

A regional trauma

The violence subsided gradually. Sniping continued to bedevil police and National Guard troops on the west side, especially in the 12th Street area, but the 505 riot-related incidents from 6 p.m. to midnight Wednesday were about half the number of Monday night, 984. The east side, patrolled by paratroopers, was relatively quiet.

"I think we have the city under control," Throckmorton, the paratrooper commander, said Wednesday.

One outbreak of gunshots from snipers that took place about 4 p.m. Wednesday around 12th and Clairmount momentarily trapped an unlikely sightseer — Orville Hubbard, the longtime mayor of Dearborn, who was known for his strident segregationist views. Hubbard, in a two-car convoy, was making a tour of the riot areas, accompanied by a Dearborn police inspector with a Thompson submachine gun and a reporter from the Dearborn Press, among others.

As the shooting continued, the Hubbard party sped away. Looking at a young black man walking down a street, minding his own business, Hubbard was quoted as saying, "Look at that guy over there. I think he'd shoot you for two cents. You can tell they just hate whites."

Earlier, at a news conference, Hubbard had pledged that Dearborn police would "shoot on sight" any rioters who happened to cross the city's long border with Detroit.

"When you have mad dogs running loose, you've got to bring them under control with brute force," he said.

In Detroit, police shot a white looter Wednesday who was stealing from an auto parts store north of Hamtramck. On the west side, Al-

bert Robinson, a 38-year-old factory worker, died when police and guardsmen said snipers were shooting from Robinson's apartment building. Authorities claimed Robinson was a sniper, but witnesses disagreed. No weapons were found in the building. Rumors spread that a Guardsman had bayoneted Robinson as he lay wounded on the ground, but an autopsy showed no such wounds.

By Thursday, much of the city was calm for the first time in five days. Many Detroiters and suburbanites were exhausted, sad, scared, confused and angry. And they also were curious about what had happened. Such large crowds and cars jammed 12th Street and other battered neighborhoods Thursday that Romney felt forced to reinstate the 9 p.m.-5:30 a.m. curfew to control traffic and allow cleanup crews access.

The sights of soldiers, tanks, streets glittering with glass and smoking piles of rubble where busy businesses once stood were so much more harsh in person than on TV, and the images left many people feeling disoriented and ill.

The stats startled the world: 43 dead (33 African Americans and 10 whites); 1,189 injured; 7,231 arrests, of which 14% were white; 2,509 stores looted or burned; and 3,034 calls for fire department service. Of all structure fires, perhaps as many as 27% took place in black-owned businesses, according to historian Sidney Fine.

"The catastrophe which has struck Detroit is a disaster by any reasonable definition of that term," Romney said.

On Thursday, Cavanagh assembled at city hall 500 Detroiters, from Henry Ford II, UAW President Walter Reuther, department store chief J.L. Hudson Jr. to numerous community and neighborhood leaders. The mayor would appoint Hudson, then 35, to lead a city rebuilding committee, which would become New Detroit Inc.

"We had to have something like this to wake us up to the fact that we have a revolution going on," said Anthony Lo-cricchio, an antipoverty activist. "We knew this would be bad, but we didn't know it would be this bad."

Reuther, one of the era's most liberal and influential labor leaders, had counseled presidents Johnson and John F. Kennedy and directed UAW funds to help finance the civil rights movement in the South. He delivered a passionate speech at the city hall meeting, summoning the hope that many Detroiters were searching for.

"What are we trying to do with this thing we call the American Dream?" Reuther asked the crowd. "We are trying to build a society in which we can harmonize the diversity — the many splendors diversity — of the human family, of all kinds of people, and to weld them into a sense of unity and solidarity."

"This has never been done before. There are no blueprints that we can lift out of the history books, because no other people have ever had the challenge, or the opportunity. There is little we can do about yesterday. But there is much that we can about tomorrow."



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The National Guard arriving on Lynwood in Detroit.

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Craig's goal is to change Detroit police from the inside

Chief reflects on factors that drove rebellion and the impact on cops and the community

The most troubling aspect of the 1967 uprising that began after a hot Saturday night of revelry was that so many people, many of them white, were surprised by — or had ignored — the terrible way police treated many black folks.

James Craig wasn't — and he was in the fifth grade.

He, his parents and his twin siblings were at home, not far from 12th and Clairmount, where a police squad raided a blind pig at 3:35 a.m. on July 23, creating the epicenter of the five-day rebellion that became a riot.

"I remember the stories my dad told me as a young man growing up in Detroit," said the Detroit native who now oversees 2,430 sworn members of the Detroit Police Department. "One story he told me ... was when he was stopped by the Big 4 (a revolving rogue unit of cops notorious for terrorizing black residents).

"He was in a pool hall, and he had been honorably discharged from the Army, and they pushed him around. Is that how you treat a veteran? It's almost akin to the story of how the riots started at the blind pig, a party being given for two returning veterans who had served in Vietnam.

"So, I remember that I didn't have a real love growing up for the police," he said.

But 10 years later, that 10-year-old became a Detroit police officer and learned how racist some fellow officers were on his first day on the job.

"I remember... getting in the car, prepared for our night shift," he recalled. "Twenty-five years on the job, he just looked at me and let me know that night that he was driving, and I was a passenger. He looked at me and said, 'You do one thing: Just be black. Don't talk to me. You're not going to touch this radio, and you're not going to drive this car.'"

That was the DPD, whose ranks included officers whose treatment of black residents was so horrific and well-known that black people knew to avoid certain blocks and the Big 4.

Yes, Detroit was a blueprint for how to discriminate against black folks in housing, in schools, in jobs — with an assist from local, state and federal governments. But thousands of complaints of police abuse, kept meticulously by activists and victims since the 1920s and ignored for decades — were what thousands of people



ROCHELLE RILEY

rebelled against for five days and nights with an anger that ruined their neighborhoods and others, but made sure people would never forget.

The most ironic denouement to the '67 uprising was that police mistreatment got worse.

Four years later, the city created S.T.R.E.S.S., a clandestine, roaming, safety unit whose team included two officers with 22 killings, 14 nonfatal shootings and dozens of injury complaints in their files, according to records kept by From the Ground Up, a citizens group that monitored police brutality. Newly elected Mayor Coleman Alexander Young disbanded the unit in 1974.

But it is Chief James Craig who now has to fight the legacy and build strong relationships between a community that remembers and a department where 10 officers have been shot — fatally and non-fatally — and an additional five shot at since September.

When he was 10, he watched his city burn. When he was 20, he vowed to someday become chief. Now, at 60, he says he plans to make sure it never happens again.

In a recent interview at police headquarters, he talked about the past — and the future. Here are excerpts.

QUESTION: What it was like to live in Detroit in 1967?

ANSWER: My dad certainly had an affinity for law enforcement. He was in the U.S. Army and became a military police officer, and upon his honorable discharge, he ended up going to work for the city, not as a police officer because, back then, it was very difficult for African Americans to get a job in the Detroit Police Department. Very few. ...

But what he did do as we — myself and my siblings — got older was he joined the Detroit Police Department as a reserve police officer. And it became most significant during 1967, during the civil unrest or rebellion or riot, whatever you choose to call it. (On July 23, 1967) ... my dad went to work to the 10th Precinct. ... His role during civil unrest was to provide security for the police station because, as you can imagine, all of the police officers were in the field dealing with the issues.



Detroit Police Chief James Craig was 10 years old when the 1967 riot broke out in Detroit.



CRAIG FAMILY PHOTO

Detroit Police Chief James Craig, center, was 19 years old when he graduated from the academy.

(On his first day, after his white partner told him to just ride in the car and be black, Craig said he thought of quitting.)

I ... was just really shocked by what he said, and maybe I shouldn't have been. But imagine a 20-year-old, with limited life experience. ... I don't think I was mentally prepared to do deal with that. I remember talking to my dad sometime right after that shift and said, "I don't know if I can do this. If this is what being a Detroit police officer is going to be like, this is not for me." ... My intent was to become an automotive engineer, but certainly, that was not my calling. ...

He said, "You don't have a choice but to stay. ..." He said, "If you want to be part of the change, you have to be part of the organization you're trying to change. ..." I thought, as a police chief, what kind of change could I really have? That was when I formulated the goal that I would become the police chief — some day.

Q: How bad were the problems between officers and community?

A: There was a clear pat-

tern and practice of excessive force. There was no relationship with the community. The department was viewed as being brutal. ... Coleman Young was elected in 1974, the year I graduated from high school, and then in 1977... Detroit had its first African-American police chief. But do we really believe the ship was totally righted? ...

You can't change a culture in any organization, make wholesale change, overnight. So many of the people I had an opportunity to work with, the good and the bad, many of those individuals probably were working in the 10th Precinct when the civil unrest started. So, these people didn't change the way they thought, and some didn't change the way they policed.

Q: How do you get people to understand all of the things that affect the policing of the city — unemployment, illiteracy, lack of job training, lack of jobs?

A: Use the bully pulpit to put the message out. Become transparent. You know, when I first arrived here now four years ago, I was criticized for being referred to as "Hollywood." It's not a matter of being Hollywood. You must control the message. You must tell the story. And one thing that we've done very well is, we do tell our story.

If we don't tell the story, someone else will tell the story for you. ... We have something today called social media. Tremendous influence. If it happens in L.A., it touches Detroit. If it happens in Cincinnati, Ohio — and these happen to be places I lived — it touches the city of Detroit. ... Think about an incident that happened probably a week ago now where Detroit police were called ...

and during that call, (there was) ... aggressive confrontation ... a barrage of insults, profanity. At some point, the officers on the scene made a decision to make an arrest. ... During that contact, a woman approached with a Taser and an officer was standing by, and she Tased him ... and a mother who was interviewed was saying that, 'Yes, a Detroit police officer was Tased because he was choking and beating my son. It was blatantly false, but yet the reporter doing the story didn't give the department an opportunity to refute it.

So, days later ... we released the video from the body-worn camera, and what it depicted was the officer was just standing there. ... The son was already in custody.

The reason why I'm bringing that story up is because those are the narratives that get out and incite and create anger, especially if you don't know the whole story.

Q: I've had several people say that we're a spark away from '67 happening again. Are they totally wrong?

A: They're wrong. I'm not dismissive of a small group of people (who say) that it wouldn't take very much. ... The incident (with the Tased officer) ... could have incited some type of unrest because sometimes, it's just that small thing. You look back at '67, and it was the throwing of a bottle, and the rest was history — five days of rioting, looting and 40-plus people lost their lives.

I'm not going to be naïve and say that we can't have some kind of brush-up, but do I think that the city is a hair away from civil unrest? Absolutely not. ... Today, the one thing that's vastly different is we have a police department that is engaged with this com-

munity. ... Put any city up next to Detroit right now. When you think about what happened in 1967, unemployment, hopelessness, education, segregation in housing, those things were as critical as to the inept and brutal police department of that day. The police department was just the focal point because, like in any city, the most visible form of government is the police. So if you're going to rebel, you're going to rebel against the police.

Q: But you do feel ... bad cops should be punished, right?

A: Absolutely. Please don't take from what I say that I believe we do no wrong. That's why we have an internal affairs (division). That's why we instituted an integrity unit, because we want officers to know that we're watching. The vast majority of our officers do it right every single day. ... The majority of the officers understand, and they want the wrongdoers addressed because they know the stain it leaves on their badges.

Q: Everybody is looking at Detroit, internationally, nationally. Kathryn Bigelow, the only woman to have won an Oscar for directing, chose the Algiers killings as the focus of her film "Detroit," which premieres here Tuesday. Have you seen the film? Should everybody see the film? And should we be commemorating in such a big way what happened 50 years ago?

A: I did see the film and ... I will say it was emotional. ... I attended the film with several other police officers. I've asked the producers if we could host a series of pre-screenings before the release date. It's my hope that we get (as) many Detroit officers to see the film as possible. ...

What I saw in that film reminded me of when I was 10, and then later as a 20-year-old police officer. ...

You just can't change a culture overnight. The vestiges of what was going on then certainly still exist. I think it's important that we embrace our past, understand our past. It's a part of Detroit's history, and while this film is focused squarely on the Detroit Police Department, it's not about the other socioeconomic issues of the day. We have to understand where we've come from. That's why it's important for police officers and others, so people will take away an appreciation of our evolution, and this (film) in no way defines who we are today.

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43 fatal victims of the Detroit riot of 1967

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Fifty years ago in the early morning hours of Sunday, July 23, a riot broke out in Detroit and over the next five days, 43 people were killed — 33 black, 10 white.

Here are the people who lost their lives in the midst of one of America's deadliest civil disturbances in the 1960s:

■ **Walter Grzanka**, 45, was shot dead after midnight on July 24 by store owner Hamid Audish Yacoub after he walked through the broken windows of a looted store at 2844 4th St.

■ **Sheren George**, 23, mother of two, shot dead at 1:15 a.m. July 24 while in the passenger's seat of a car driven by her husband near Woodward Avenue and Melbourne.

■ **Clifton Pryor**, 23, was shot dead at 2:45 a.m. on July 24 at 667 W. Alexander, by a National Guardsman, who said he refused to halt and was a sniper, claims strongly denied by his family.

■ **Fred Williams**, 49, died at 9541 Goodwin, after an arsonist hurled a Molotov cocktail into a store causing a fire. Williams was electrocuted after he stumbled or fell on a live electric power line. Police said Williams was a looter, but the Free Press said that report was false,

calling Williams "one of the clearly innocent victims of the riot."

■ **Herman Ector**, 30, Army veteran, shot dead by an unlicensed private watchman, who was later charged in Ector's death. Ector was arguing with the watchman about the way he was treating suspected looters.

■ **Daniel Jennings**, construction worker, father of 14, was shot dead by Stanley Mesczenski at his drugstore at 6000 John R. Prosecutors said Mesczenski was justified in shooting Jennings, saying he and other men were trying to break into the store.

■ **Robert Beal**, 49, was shot dead by police while he was looting at an auto parts store on Oakland. Police said the officer ordered Beal to come out, but he then suddenly moved toward the officer. Authorities and a Free Press report said the police shooting was justified.

■ **Joseph Chandler** was shot dead at 1:45 p.m. July 24 by police after looting at Food Time Market at 8360 Second Ave. near his home. "When officers yelled at him to stop, he ran," the Free Press wrote in 1967.

■ **Herman Canty**, 46, shot dead by police while he was looting from Bi-Lo Supermarket at 2450 W. Grand Blvd. Witnesses said he was loading stolen

goods from the store into a van.

■ **Alfred Peachlum** was shot dead by police at 4 p.m. July 24, while looting at an A&P supermarket at 3430 Joy. Prosecutors said the shooting was justified.

■ **Alphonso Smith**, 35, a waiter, was shot dead by police while he was looting at 4:15 p.m. July 24 at a grocery store at 9750 Dexter.

■ **Edward Kemp** was killed at 5:20 p.m. July 24 while looting a market at 1800 Mack. Police and National Guardsman said he refused commands to halt.

■ **Nathaniel Edmonds**, 23, accused of looting a store, was shot in the chest by a 24-year-old man.

■ **Richard Sims**, 35, a Chrysler employee, was shot by police on corner of Buena Vista and Linwood as he was running away. Police said he was trying to break into a bar

■ **Carl Smith**, who worked for the Detroit Fire Department, was shot in the head as he and other firefighters were pinned down by sniper fire on the corner of Mack and St. Jean.

■ **Manuel Cosbey** was looting at a store when he was shot by police on July 25 at 4441 E. Nevada.

■ **Julius Dorsey**, 55, was a private guard trying to protect a store from

being looted; he was shot by police.

Prosecutor said Dorsey was accidentally killed by police.

■ **Henry Denson**, was in a car on Mack when he was struck by a bullet from a National Guardsman. Authorities say the car he was in attempted to hit police and Guardsmen at a checkpoint near East Grand Boulevard. The driver denied the police account, saying he stopped the car.

■ **Ronald Evans** and **William Jones** were shot and killed by Detroit Police while stealing beer from a store at Bob's Market at 4100 Pennsylvania.

■ **Jerome Olshove**, 32, patrolman, was the only Detroit Police officer killed during the riot. He was struck by another officer's gun during a scuffle; he had responded to looting at an A&P store at 121 Holbrook.

■ **Frank Tanner**, 19, was shot by police as he was fleeing a pharmacy on corner of East Grand Blvd. and Helen. He had been looting.

■ **Arthur Johnson** and **Perry Williams** were shot dead by police as they were looting a pawn shop at 1401 Holbrook.

■ **Jack Sydnor** was a sniper, firing into the street, when police shot and killed him. The Free Press said he was the only sniper killed during the riot. Before he was killed, Sydnor had seriously wounded a Detroit police officer and pinned down other police with gunfire.

■ **Willie McDaniels**, 23, was looting at Domestic Outfitting Store at Gratiot and Canton on Detroit's east side. Police said he was shot in an exchange of fire between police and snipers.

■ **Helen Hall**, 50, of Connecticut was in Detroit for a business trip. The Free Press concluded in a September 1967 report that she was killed by a bullet from police or National Guardsmen, not a sniper as in some earlier accounts. She opened the drapes of a fourth-floor window at Harlan House Motel and was killed.

■ **Tonia Blanding**, 4, shot on the corner of 12th and Euclid. National Guardsmen had fired at her home after sniper fire from an apartment building.

■ **William Dalton**, 19, killed by police with a shotgun blast. Police said he was an arsonist.

■ **Auburey Pollard**, 19, **Carl Cooper**, 17, and **Fred Temple**, 18, were shot to death at the Algiers Motel. Witnesses have said they were killed by police, and that others were beaten and terrorized by police and a security guard. Police were cleared of all charges.

■ **Willie Hunter** and **Prince Williams** died of carbon monoxide asphyxiation from arson in a drugstore on 12th St.

■ **Julius Lust**, 26, was killed by police as he was stealing from an auto parts junkyard on 17130 Jos. Campau. Two Detroit Police officers shot at him.

■ **Krikor George Messerlian**, 68, an Armenian immigrant, was beaten to death by a mob inside his shoe repair store at 7711 Linwood.

■ **John LeRoy**, 30, was shot by National Guardsmen at Lycaste and Mack after he and others ran a road block.

■ **Ernest Roquemore**, 19, was shot in the back by an Army paratrooper. He was part of a crowd fleeing a Saturday night police raid on the east side.

■ **John Ashby**, a Detroit firefighter, suffered burns while battling a blaze set by an arsonist. His metal helmet touched a high-voltage line at 3:30 a.m.

■ **George Talbert** was shot and mortally wounded on July 26 by a National Guardsman as he walked down a westside street.

■ **Albert Robinson**, 38, factory worker, killed by National Guardsmen responding to reports of sniper fire from his apartment building at Davison and LaSalle.

■ **Larry Post**, a National Guard sergeant, shot accidentally by a fellow Guardsman

■ **Roy Banks**, 46, shot by a National Guardsman at 4:30 a.m. July 25. He died Aug. 14, the last riot victim to die. Police say he was one of two men looting a bar and was shot while fleeing.

Source: Detroit Free Press stories, reports

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Timeline of events

SUNDAY, JULY 23

3:35 a.m.: Detroit Police Officer Joseph Brown, working undercover, slips into the blind pig at 12th and Clairmount and buys a beer.

4:05 a.m.: Cops begin loading 85 blind-pig patrons into patrol wagons. A small crowd is gathering.

4:40 a.m.: The crowd on 12th Street is growing and becoming hostile.

5:10 a.m.: People are throwing bottles and breaking store windows as police pull out with the last prisoners.

5:20 a.m.: Police commanders notify Commissioner Ray Girardin. He calls Mayor Jerome Cavanagh.

5:30 a.m.: Police send reinforcements into the 10th (Livernois) Precinct, which surrounds 12th and Clairmount.

7:45 a.m.: Police Commissioner Girardin orders cops to seal off Belle Isle.

7:50 a.m.: 12th Street crowd estimated at 3,000; people are looting and throwing rocks and bottles.

8 a.m.: Legal adviser Robert Danhof calls Gov. George Romney at his Bloomfield Hills home.

8:24 a.m.: A fire has broken out in a 12th Street shoe store. Firefighters battle the blaze with no problems.

8:30 a.m.: Officials cancel all police leaves and order 12-hour shifts as the 12th Street disturbance spreads.

9 a.m.: The crowd on 12th Street has swelled to at least 8,000; police are trying to seal off the neighborhood.

9:33 a.m.: Community leaders are walking 12th Street, pleading for calm, but find little cooperation.

9:45 a.m.: U.S. Rep. John Conyers, on a car, pleads through a bullhorn, "Be cool." The crowd is heckling him.

10:30 a.m.: The 12th Street crowd grows more hostile and throws rocks and bottles. Police make six arrests.

11 a.m.: Michigan State Police put on "7X mobilization alert" — meaning "standby."

Noon: Detroit officials are turning down repeated offers of help from



APF/GETTY IMAGES

Police arrest black suspects on a Detroit street on July 25, 1967, during the riot, which erupted early Sunday morning, July 23.

state authorities, saying the situation is stabilizing.

12:15 p.m.: All important utility installations in Detroit get armed guards.

1 p.m.: Fires are reported at 12th/Taylor; 12th/Blaine; 12th/Pingree; 12th/West Philadelphia. Firefighters are pelted with bottles and rocks.

2 p.m.: In a meeting, officials acknowledge the situation is worsening.

2:05 p.m.: Mayor Cavanagh asks for Michigan State Police after turning down repeated offers of help from state officials.

2:30 p.m.: National Guard dispatches four personnel carriers from Camp Grayling to Detroit.

3 p.m.: Looting is spreading to Dexter, Linwood and Grand River avenues.

3:30 p.m.: Many fans at the Yankees-Tigers doubleheader at Tiger Stadium can see huge columns of black smoke beyond left field.

4:20 p.m.: Cavanagh has asked for the Michigan National Guard to be brought into Detroit.

4:30 p.m.: Krikor Messerlian nicks a looter with his saber. Another youth beats him with a 30-inch piece of wood.

5 p.m.: About 200 National Guard members have been dispatched to Central High School.

5:20 p.m.: Looting is taking place now on Joy Road and Oakland Avenue.

6 p.m.: Looting at 14th and West Grand Boulevard.

6:15 p.m.: Looting on Washington Boulevard downtown.

6:20 p.m.: Michigan State Police report looting in Highland Park.

6:57 p.m.: National Guard troops begin to appear on the streets of

Detroit.

7 p.m.: In the past hour there have been 626 riot-related incidents.

7:30 p.m.: Romney leaves his Bloomfield Hills home for 1300 Beaubien, the police headquarters.

7:45 p.m.: Cavanagh describes situation in Detroit as "critical" but "not out of control."

7:45 p.m.: Cavanagh orders a curfew from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m..

7:49 p.m.: Looting has started at Hamilton and Webb.

8:30 p.m.: Looting at 7 Mile and Woodward and Michigan and Junction, both mainly white areas.

8:40 p.m.: Looting at Livernois and Fenkell.

9:07 p.m.: First sniper fire reported at Seward and Poe.

9:15 p.m.: A 16-year-old African-American boy is wounded; he's the first gunshot victim.

9:35 p.m.: Police are being sent to 12th and Lawrence because of "shooting at firemen."

10:10 p.m.: The disturbance is spreading to the east side. Looting is reported at Mt. Elliott and Forest.

10:15 p.m.: Police shoot and wound a looter for the first time.

10:25 p.m.: Cavanagh orders the closing of all city gas stations.

10:35 p.m.: Looting and crowds at Pennsylvania and Kercheval, scene of a two-night disturbance in 1966.

10:48 p.m.: Sniper fire reported at 12th and Taylor.

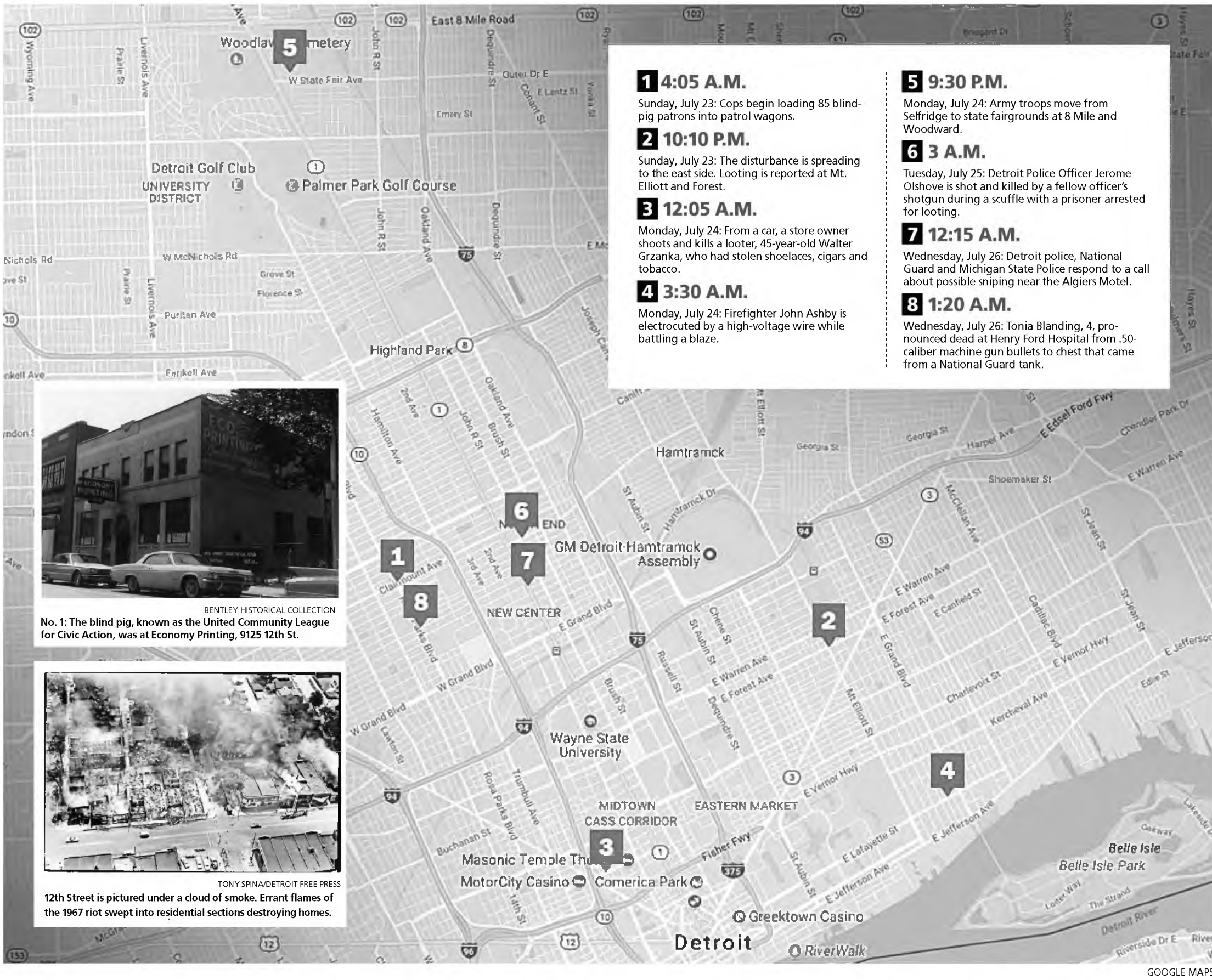
10:50 p.m.: Romney orders mobilization of all National Guard troops at Camp Grayling to Detroit.

11:08 p.m.: Looting near the Brewster Homes on east side.



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Detroit Mayor Jerome Cavanagh speaks to a young man on Detroit's east side in September 1967 after the Detroit riot in July 1967. The young man tells the mayor the rubble had been a five and ten cent store.



BENTLEY HISTORICAL COLLECTION

No. 1: The blind pig, known as the United Community League for Civic Action, was at Economy Printing, 9125 12th St.



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12th Street is pictured under a cloud of smoke. Errant flames of the 1967 riot swept into residential sections destroying homes.

11:45 p.m.: Looting reported at Monterey and Petoskey.

11:58 p.m.: Liquor sales are now banned in Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park.

11:59 p.m.: With 259 alarms today, the overstretched fire department asks for help from suburban fire departments.

MONDAY, JULY 24

Midnight: Romney declares state of emergency in Detroit, Hamtramck, Highland Park, Ecorse and River Rouge.

12:05 a.m.: From a car, a

store owner shoots and kills a looter, 45-year-old Walter Grzanka, who had stolen shoelaces, cigars and tobacco.

1:15 a.m.: Pregnant and the mother of two, Sheren George, 23, dies after being shot by unknown assailant as she drives up Woodward.

2:15 a.m.: Romney has told Vice President Hubert Humphrey that federal troops are needed to control the situation in Detroit.

2:45 a.m.: Clifton Pryor, 23, is shot and killed at 667 W. Alexandrine by a National Guardsman, who suspected Pryor was a sniper.

2:46 a.m.: Friends and neighbors say Pryor was simply helping to guard his apartment building.

3 a.m.: U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark advises Romney he must declare an insurrection before federal troops can be sent.

3:01 a.m.: At a news conference, Romney says, "fleeing felons are subject to being shot at."

3:30 a.m.: Firefighter John Ashby is electrocuted by a high-voltage wire while battling a blaze.

4:30 a.m.: Looting and sniping rampant in the 5th Precinct around St. Jean and Jefferson.

7 a.m.: Detroit police

report 400 persons have been injured since midnight.

8 a.m.: Fred Williams, 49, is electrocuted by a live wire behind his blazing home on Goodwin. The blaze started in a fire-bombed store.

9:45 a.m.: Army veteran Herman Ector, 30, is shot and killed by an unlicensed security guard. Ector objected to the guard's treatment of looters.

11:25 a.m.: Recorder's Court will stay open 24 hours a day until further notice to process criminal cases.

1:25 p.m.: Robert Beal, a suspected looter, is shot

by a Detroit police officer inside Rite-Way Auto Parts, 9335 Oakland.

1:45 p.m.: Daniel Jennings, father of 14, is shot and killed by the owner of Stanley's Patent Drugs after Jennings and two others broke in.

1:46 p.m.: Police chase and shoot Joseph Chandler, a suspected looter, from a market at 3360 Second. He dies at Henry Ford Hospital.

2:30 p.m.: Suspected looter Herman Cauty, 46, is shot and killed by police at the Bi-Lo Supermarket, 2450 W. Grand Blvd.

3 p.m.: U.S. Army paratroopers arrive at Selfridge Air Base in Mt.

Clemens.

4 p.m.: Alfred Peachum, a suspected looter, is shot inside a supermarket at 3430 Joy. Police bullets wound two middle-age women nearby.

4:15 p.m.: Cyrus Vance, President Lyndon Baines Johnson's representative, and U.S. Army Gen. John Throckmorton, the paratrooper commander, are briefed at police headquarters.

4:16 p.m.: Suspected looter Alphonso Smith, 35, is shot and killed by police under suspicious circumstances inside market on Dexter.

4:17 p.m.: Twenty-three fires are burning west of

Woodward; six fires east of Woodward.

4:30 p.m.: Richard Paul Shugar accuses Nathaniel Edmonds, 23, of being a looter, and shoots and kills him at Baldwin and Harper.

5 p.m.: Vance tours riot zones.

5:20 p.m.: Suspected looter Edward Kemp is shot by police and guardsmen at a market on Mack. He had five pack of cigars.

7:15 p.m.: Federal, state and local officials huddle with community leaders about sending in the Army.

8:15 p.m.: Vance announces federal troops will not be committed at

this time.

8:30 p.m.: Police kill Richard Sims after he tries to break into a bar. Sims' wife witnessed the shooting without realizing it was her husband.

8:32 p.m.: In Washington, D.C., LBJ meets with FBI chief J. Edgar Hoover, who says, "They have lost all control in Detroit."

8:55 p.m.: Romney and Cavanagh plead with an LBJ aide for federal troops to be sent to Detroit.

9:15 p.m.: Sniper report of fire along 12th Street.

9:28 p.m.: Sniper fire hits 7th (Mack) Precinct at Mack and Gratiot.

9:30 p.m.: Cops and

national police open between Detroit and the Pentagon.

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The Manor House, circled, where three young African-American men were found slain. It is a three-story home turned into an annex for the Algiers Motel, 8301 Woodward Ave.

National Guard shoot fleeing looter Frank Tanner at East Grand Boulevard and Helen, but lose him. Tanner collapses in pain.

9:30 p.m.: Army troops move from Selfridge to state fairgrounds at 8 Mile and Woodward.

9:45 p.m.: Romney once again is asking U.S. Attorney General Clark for federal troops.

10:22 p.m.: Heavy sniper fire pins down police and National Guard at Lycaste and Charlevoix and Fairview and Goethe on the east side.

11 p.m.: Vance advises the president that the situation in Detroit is deteriorating and requests permission to use federal troops.

11:30 p.m.: Firefighter Carl Smith is killed at St. Jean and Mack, possibly by friendly fire, as police and guardsmen battle snipers.

TUESDAY, JULY 25

Midnight: President Johnson appears on national TV to announce federal paratroopers are moving into Detroit neighborhoods.

12:01 a.m.: Police shoot and kill suspected looter Manual Crosby as he flees officers from looted market on East Nevada.

12:02 a.m.: Johnson tells the nation that "Law and order have broken down in Detroit, Michigan."

12:20 a.m.: Heavy sniper fire at 5th (Jefferson) Precinct at St. Jean and Jefferson.

12:50 a.m.: Snipers shooting at firefighters at Mack and St. Jean command post.

1:15 a.m.: Security guard Julius Dorsey dies when caught between police, guardsmen and fleeing looters. Looters escape.

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ment's Roger Poike before cops killed him.

10:05 p.m.: Police ordered out of West Grand Blvd/Dexter/Clairmount/Woodrow Wilson for National Guard sweep.

10:25 p.m.: Sniper firing automatic weapon at Commonwealth and Merrick.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

12:15 a.m.: Detroit police, National Guard and Michigan State Police respond to a call about possible sniping near the Algiers Motel.

1 a.m.: Connecticut businesswoman Helen Hall dies after being shot in the heart while standing in her motel room's window in New Center.

1:20 a.m.: Tonia Blanding, 4, pronounced dead at Henry Ford Hospital from .50-caliber machine gun bullets to chest that came from a National Guard tank.

2:15 a.m.: Police homicide unit notified about three dead bodies at Algiers Motel.

5 p.m.: George Talbert, 20, is shot and killed by a National Guardsman while Talbert was walking on LaSalle Gardens South, unarmed.

11 p.m.: Albert Robinson, 38, is shot and killed outside his apartment at Davison and LaSalle; witnesses say a guardsman bayoneted him.

THURSDAY, JULY 27

11:30 a.m.: Willie McDaniels, 23, dies after being shot as a looter the day before. Witnesses dispute police version of events.

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Pingree Street in Detroit burns during rioting in 1967. Fires also were reported at 12th and Taylor; 12th and Blaine and 12th and West Philadelphia. Firefighters were pelted with bottles and rocks.



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An African-American man is confronted and frisked by police in Detroit during the riot in 1967.

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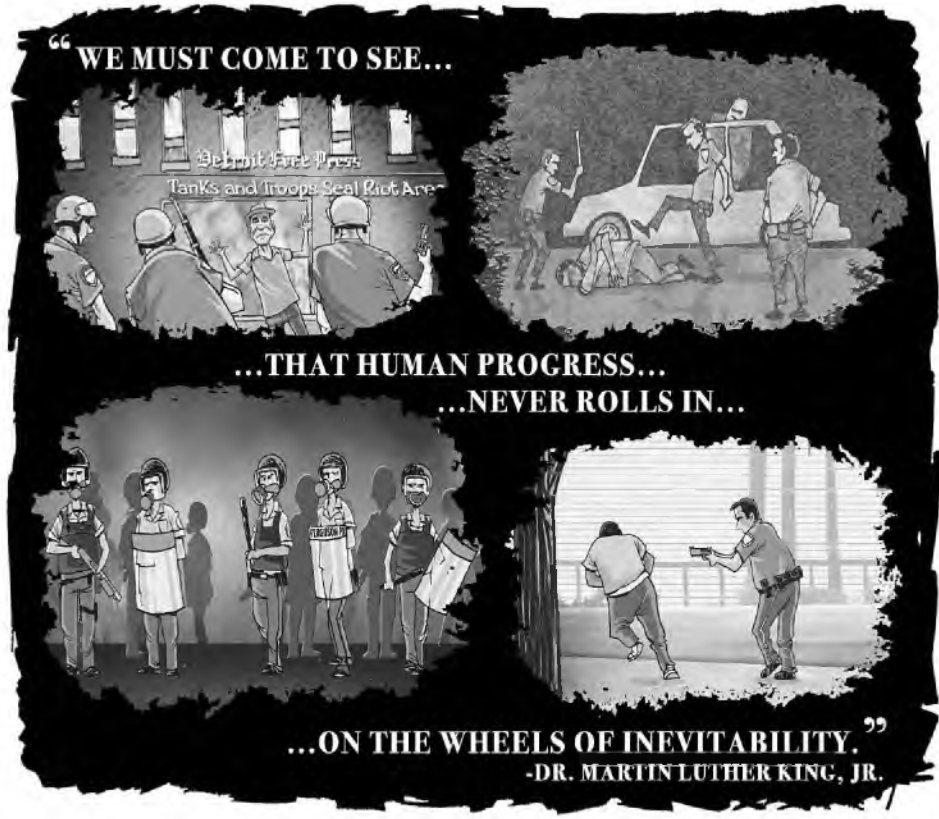
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The fire engulfed the school built by Father Gabriel Richard, as well as his church, St. Anne's, ancestor of the parish that still ministers to southwestern Detroiters. After he looked over the destruction, he penned the motto that still appears on the city's seal: *Speramus meliora; resurget cineribus*: "We hope for better things; it will arise from the ashes." That motto is now the centerpiece of the city's flag, which depicts a mournful woman looking back toward burning ruins, arm in arm with a hopeful woman gesturing toward a gleaming utopia.

Since the Great Fire of 1805, Detroit has circled between success and cinders — from the Arsenal of Democracy to the crack epidemic, from the Paris of the Midwest to the pre-Halloween blazes of Devil's Night, from the halcyon days of the Big Three to the city's historic bankruptcy. But no matter what the challenge, Detroiters have never stopped hoping for better things.

In the months following the 1967 riot, metro Detroit leaders formed New Detroit Inc., the nation's first urban coalition of corporate CEOs and leaders from the community, nonprofit, education and faith sectors. The idea was that, if these sectors had been listening to each other in the first place, they would have been able to anticipate and perhaps deflate the racial tensions that exploded.

It is telling that half a cen-

tury later, New Detroit is still operating, and the urban ills that it was designed to address are still as present as they were 50 years ago. The anger within Detroit's disenfranchised, marginalized, impoverished black communities has not diminished. In fact, hardly a hot summer has passed since the riot without warnings from community activists that the city was on the verge of another uprising. That has not happened — yet. Instead, the explosive zeitgeist of the 1960s has cooled to a steady simmer, earning the city its hard-baked, violent, gritty reputation.

Certainly, the social issues that gave rise to the conflagration in 1967 are relevant today. The city remains mired in poverty, unemployment, poor race relations, mass incarceration, and a failing education system. Why, then, have the fears of new riots never been realized?

One difference between Detroit of 1967 and Detroit today is the makeup of its police force. In 1967, Detroit's citizenry was more than a third African American, with a police force that was 95% white. Following the riot, the Detroit Police Department created STRESS (Stop the Robberies, Enjoy Safe Streets), which had a reputation for harassment and aggressive tactics.

STRESS was disbanded by the newly elected Mayor Coleman Young. Young also appointed William Hart as the city's first black police chief. The sense of black political empowerment that Young embodied had a profound effect on police-community relations and even on the general feeling that — while things were not getting appreciably better — at least his administration had the interests of African Americans at heart.

Today, the city is 83% African American, and its police force is 61% black. Riot training is baked into police training, and there is never a city-wide celebration that does not include police preparations.

That is not to imply, however, that police killings ended with the integration of the force and the rise of black political power. But it appears that Detroit has maintained a fragile peace while other urban centers have seen a repeat of the '60s after a string of videos have shown white police using lethal force against unarmed blacks.

If Father Gabriel Richard were to stroll along Cass Avenue in Detroit's Midtown today, he would be amazed at the accuracy of his prophecy

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Despite the Great Recession of 2008 and the near collapse of the auto industry, the negative narrative about Detroit is now in full remission. The city has become an international media darling, with stories abounding about its entrepreneurial spirit, its burgeoning creative class, its history of urban farming, its expanse of empty land, and its bargain-basement real estate. For many Detroiters, this new narrative is as suspect as it is welcome. Detroit was never the Wild West of crime and abandonment. But neither is it the mecca of unbridled opportunity as it is depicted today.

Somewhere in between, real Detroiters are living the real Detroit experience. They are surprised by the bicycle paths that now line their streets and perplexed at a major investment in a rail line that will support only a small fraction of the city's residents, the vast majority of whom depend on inadequate public transportation every day. They welcome new shops and retail in a city that, until recently, had been redlined out of basic conveniences. But they wonder at brands like the outdoor clothing retailer Moosejaw and the hand-made watch designer Shinola locating in a city that has only a couple of major retail chains. The question is not whether Detroit is rising from the ashes. The question is ... for whom is it rising?

Fifty years after the riot, Detroit is living up to its motto. It is seeing better things. It is rising from the ashes. And if city leaders, residents and businesses are willing to build a city that works for everyone, they are sure to avoid the fire next time.

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Cop who led blind pig raid: It should have been routine

By Robert Allen
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Editor's note: The Free Press is publishing daily profiles of people from different walks of life talking about their experiences 50 years ago during the 1967 riot. The profiles were drawn from the Detroit Historical Society's Oral History Project. You can listen to and read a transcript of Anthony Fierimonte's oral history at <http://detroit1967.detroithistorical.org/items/show/59>.

In the middle of a hot summer night in 1967, a group of Detroit police officers stood ready as a door was busted open on the Economy Printing building on 12th Street at Clairmount on the city's near west side.

As the door gave way, the police officers, led by 27-year-old Anthony Fierimonte, rushed upstairs to the second floor for what they thought would be a routine bust of an illegal, after-hours bar, otherwise known as a blind pig.

They had no idea they were igniting the fuse of a powder keg of stored-up frustration and anger in Detroit's black community that would explode into five days of violence, leaving 43 people dead, thousands of others injured and much of the city looking like a smoldering war zone.

The now-77-year-old Fierimonte recalled recently that the routine bust went wrong from the start.

The crowd of about 85 was four times bigger than expected. People started throwing billiard balls at the officers. The officers backed out.

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and then they started grabbing them, 'You're not taking them,' not knowing they were officers," said Fierimonte.

It took about an hour to arrest everybody and load them into paddy wagons to transport them to the 10th (Livernois) Precinct.

Crowds amassed on the street, even though it was only 4:30 a.m.

"People were out on the street, because they had cut up these apartments — they made two apartments out of one — the places had no air conditioning," he said. "They were impoverished, and they were trying to get out and cool off. Where they lived, it was stifling."

He said police were understaffed in those early morning hours on July 23, 1967, with only a couple hundred officers spread across a city with a population of more than 1.5 million. Soon the crowd started



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The blind pig, also known as the United Community League for Civic Action, was on the second floor of Economy Printing at 9125 12th St.

taunting the mostly white officers and throwing bottles and other objects.

The riot — which many people say was an uprising against systemic racism suffered by the city's large African-American population and a brutal police force — was under way.

"They gave the order, don't shoot, be cool, just let it go," Fierimonte said in an interview with the Detroit Historical Society. "Word got out, and suddenly there's, you know, 50,000 people on 12th Street just helping themselves to everything."

"Then on Seward and 12th was a liquor store, they looted the upstairs, some guys went down to get the cases of booze downstairs and the guys upstairs put the place on fire and everybody in the basement

died."

Fierimonte, who lived in Detroit at the time, said police felt "great relief" when military tanks arrived. He saw one tank blow the steeple off a church, intending to stop an active sniper inside.

"He opened the hatch and said, 'Cover your ears,'" Fierimonte said of a man in the tank. He's not sure anyone followed up to check on the sniper.

Another time, a man he was chasing through an alley turned and threw a spear at him. The weapon had been looted from "an African antiques place," and he still has it, Fierimonte told the historical society.

"Course, it was funny at the time, but I felt sorry for the

business owner, they had destroyed the place, and it was a black-owned business," he said.

Fierimonte, who now lives in Florida, started with Detroit Police Department as a cadet in 1958, becoming an officer in 1962, and continuing until 1981, rising to a command position that was third-highest at the department. He eventually became an adjunct professor at Wayne State University, teaching Police Service in the Community and some race-relations classes, he said in the historical society interview.

Reflecting on the historic raid, he said it started as fairly routine: An informant had said there was a "hot party" happening there. Undercover officers went in to make an illegal purchase in the so-called blind pig, and the crew followed.

"Everybody forgets that the Baptist ministers in Detroit had tremendous power, and the last thing they wanted was all these after-hours joints in the city," Fierimonte said, adding that it "was the black community that insisted we" shut down blind pigs.

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"I had no problems," he said. "It was just a wonderful thing."

He donated his collection of scrapbooks, badges, photographs and more to the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History.

"I thought I'd like the black community to see what it was like to be a policeman," he said.

Fierimonte said he had gone to high school at Pershing High School, which had a student population that was about half black and half white, and he didn't understand why inte-

gration in the police department was a problem — but other white people fought it.

Federal classes on civil rights helped "break the ice," he said.

The city's African-American population was about 630,000 in 1967, and Fierimonte says the vast majority of them did not participate in the rioting. He estimated about 10% of the rioters were white.

Among other memories Fierimonte has from the summer of 1967: seeing his boss, who'd just been hit in the face with a rock, bleeding from the forehead; after rioters smashed out the rear window of a Buick police cruiser, police mounted a Tommy gun in the back to shoot snipers; seeing "every single house on both sides of the street for an eighth of a mile burned to the ground."

"They went into a carpet store and stole a ream of carpeting and put it on the roof of a Volkswagen, and all four tires played out," he said. "And it was just funny and tragic at the same time."

Fierimonte said he doesn't see how he could have done anything different at the raid, as it was conducted just like many previous others. He also said it's important that the history of what happened is preserved, so people learn from it.

"Cause the end result (is) nobody wins, nobody wins," he said of riots, adding that "communities are destroyed, businesses are gone, and nobody wins."

He said being a policeman was a great career. "I wish that riot never happened, of course."

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Detroit has a history of mob violence

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The deadly 1967 civil disturbance in Detroit was one of the turning points in city history, but it was only one of a number of disorders that have broken out in the 316 years since the French settled Detroit in 1701. Here are some of the other significant riots:

1833: Black Detroiters armed themselves and rose up to fight the Wayne County Sheriff over the jailing of two escaped slaves, Thornton and Ruth Blackburn. The Blackburns, a married couple, escaped to Canada. The sheriff, John Wilson, died of his injuries in the melee. As a result of the uprising, white Detroiters demanded a 9 p.m. curfew for African Americans and other restrictions.

1849: Dozens of middle-class Detroiters ripped up railroad tracks down Gratiot Avenue, saying the trains were a hazard. They ripped the tracks up on another occasion, and officials rerouted them in 1852.

1850s: So-called whorehouse riots broke out frequently in Detroit after 1834 as stone-throwing white mobs attacked brothels, especially those in German neighborhoods that catered to black men. Historian John Schneider counted 12 major incidents in which at least 17 brothels were destroyed or badly damaged. Often the crowd would torch the buildings once they were done wrecking the interiors.

1863: Soldiers fired on a crowd of white people attempting to lynch William Faulkner, a black man accused of sexually assaulting two

young girls. One man died, and the angry crowd descended on the black section of Detroit in today's Greektown area, burning about 30 buildings. The crowd threatened firefighters who worked to save the homes of African Americans. Years later, the girls admitted they had lied. Historians blame the Free Press, then a pro-slavery newspaper, for having incited the white crowds.

1891: A strike by trolley employees led to three days of rioting by workers and citizens, who stoned trolleys, unhitched horses, ripped up rails and fought police with paving stones and their fists. Another trolley riot took place in 1918.

1894: Upset by changing pay rules in the midst of a depression, a crew of 500 mostly Polish workers attacked the sheriff and his deputies. Three people were killed and more than a dozen were injured.

1942: More than 1,000 white people gathered at Ryan and Nevada on Feb. 28 to protest a black family moving into the newly built Sojourner Truth housing project. Police battled protesters for several hours. There were no deaths, but dozens of injuries.

1943: In the midst of World War II, Detroit was overcrowded, running 24 hours a day, seven days a week and seemed ready to explode for months. It finally happened June 20, when interracial brawls broke out on Belle Isle, the bridge and along East Jefferson. Blacks later smashed windows in white-owned stores on Hastings Street, and white men dragged black men off of streetcars and beat them. Federal troops were needed to restore order. In two



FREE PRESS FILE PHOTO
During the race riot of 1943, George Miller slaps Sam Mitchell while police lead him along Woodward Avenue.



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A woman digs through rubble after the 1967 Detroit riot.

days, 34 people died — 25 blacks, nine whites. Police killed 17 of the 25 black victims but none of the white victims.

1975: The white owner of Bob Bolton's Lounge on Livernois shot and killed an 18-year-old black youth he said was

about to steal a car. Crowds of protesters gathered for two nights. Police held looting and other violence to a minimum, aided by the new mayor, Coleman Young, who walked the streets, asking for calm.

1984: The victory celebration after the Tigers defeated the San Diego Padres to win the World Series left one man dead, scores injured, three women reportedly raped, 34 people arrested, stores looted, one police car torched and four others severely damaged. Lt. Fred Williams, a police spokesman, blamed the violence on "young suburbanites coming into Detroit and wrecking havoc." One suburbanite, Bubba Helms, 17, of Lincoln Park became the symbol of the riot when a photo of him posing in front of an overturned police car circulated around the world.

Sources: The Detroit Almanac, Detroit Free Press.

Detroit '67: By the numbers

Dates: July 23-July 27, 1967

Deaths: 43 (33 African Americans, mostly at the hand of law enforcement, and 10 whites). One police officer, one National Guardsman and two firefighters died.

Injuries: 1,189

Damage: The official figure of between \$287 million and \$323 million (in today's dollars) is only a partial total: Losses by individuals who were uninsured or had partial insurance were not counted. It also did not include business-interruption costs and financial losses to individuals and city government, lost wages and lost retail sales outside the riot areas.

Arrests: 7,231

Stores looted or burned: 2,509, including 611 food markets, 537 cleaners and 285 liquor stores. The vast majority of damaged buildings were never rebuilt.

Homes: About 388 families were displaced. Detroit was the only city in 1967 whose disorder caused serious damage in residential areas.

Fires: The Detroit Fire Department responded to 3,034 calls during the disorder. Nearly 700 buildings were destroyed.

Law enforcement: Quelling the riot were about 17,000 members of Detroit Police, Michigan National Guard, Michigan State Police and U.S. Army paratroopers from the 82nd and 101st airborne units.

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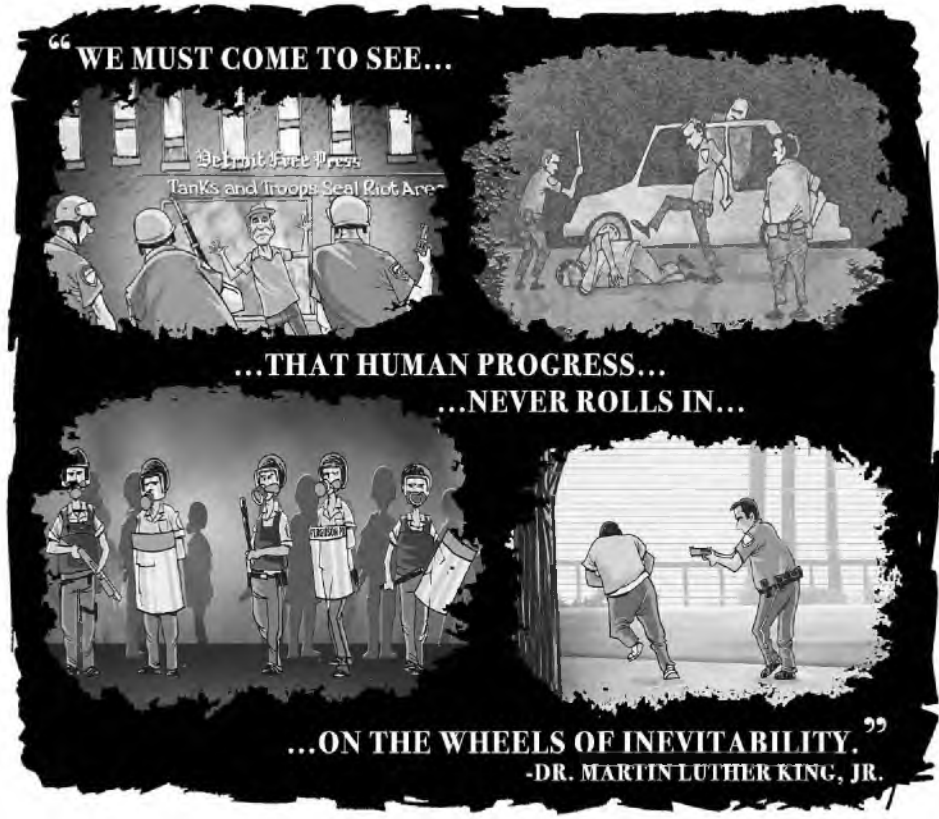
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The fire engulfed the school built by Father Gabriel Richard, as well as his church, St. Anne's, ancestor of the parish that still ministers to southwestern Detroiters. After he looked over the destruction, he penned the motto that still appears on the city's seal: *Speramus meliora; resurget cineribus*: "We hope for better things; it will arise from the ashes." That motto is now the centerpiece of the city's flag, which depicts a mournful woman looking back toward burning ruins, arm in arm with a hopeful woman gesturing toward a gleaming utopia.

Since the Great Fire of 1805, Detroit has circled between success and cinders — from the Arsenal of Democracy to the crack epidemic, from the Paris of the Midwest to the pre-Halloween blazes of Devil's Night, from the halcyon days of the Big Three to the city's historic bankruptcy. But no matter what the challenge, Detroiters have never stopped hoping for better things.

In the months following the 1967 riot, metro Detroit leaders formed New Detroit Inc., the nation's first urban coalition of corporate CEOs and leaders from the community, nonprofit, education and faith sectors. The idea was that, if these sectors had been listening to each other in the first place, they would have been able to anticipate and perhaps deflate the racial tensions that exploded.

It is telling that half a cen-

tury later, New Detroit is still operating, and the urban ills that it was designed to address are still as present as they were 50 years ago. The anger within Detroit's disenfranchised, marginalized, impoverished black communities has not diminished. In fact, hardly a hot summer has passed since the riot without warnings from community activists that the city was on the verge of another uprising. That has not happened — yet. Instead, the explosive zeitgeist of the 1960s has cooled to a steady simmer, earning the city its hard-baked, violent, gritty reputation.

Certainly, the social issues that gave rise to the conflagration in 1967 are relevant today. The city remains mired in poverty, unemployment, poor race relations, mass incarceration, and a failing education system. Why, then, have the fears of new riots never been realized?

One difference between Detroit of 1967 and Detroit today is the makeup of its police force. In 1967, Detroit's citizenry was more than a third African American, with a police force that was 95% white. Following the riot, the Detroit Police Department created STRESS (Stop the Robberies, Enjoy Safe Streets), which had a reputation for harassment and aggressive tactics.

STRESS was disbanded by the newly elected Mayor Coleman Young. Young also appointed William Hart as the city's first black police chief. The sense of black political empowerment that Young embodied had a profound effect on police-community relations and even on the general feeling that — while things were not getting appreciably better — at least his administration had the interests of African Americans at heart.

Today, the city is 83% African American, and its police force is 61% black. Riot training is baked into police training, and there is never a city-wide celebration that does not include police preparations.

That is not to imply, however, that police killings ended with the integration of the force and the rise of black political power. But it appears that Detroit has maintained a fragile peace while other urban centers have seen a repeat of the '60s after a string of videos have shown white police using lethal force against unarmed blacks.

If Father Gabriel Richard were to stroll along Cass Avenue in Detroit's Midtown today, he would be amazed at the accuracy of his prophecy

DETROIT DETROIT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

See the Detroit Historical Society's "Detroit 67: Perspectives" exhibition at the Detroit Historical Museum. The exhibition explores the forces that factored into the unrest of 1967, the events that took place July 23-Aug. 1, and the changes made since, as well as the injustices that still resonate today. Admission is free. The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward in Detroit. Learn more at <http://detroithistorical.org> or call 313-833-7935.

more than 200 years later. Indeed, the revitalization of the area is proof that when Detroiters hope for better things, they can rise from the ashes — even if the ascendancy takes decades.

Despite the Great Recession of 2008 and the near collapse of the auto industry, the negative narrative about Detroit is now in full remission. The city has become an international media darling, with stories abounding about its entrepreneurial spirit, its burgeoning creative class, its history of urban farming, its expanse of empty land, and its bargain-basement real estate. For many Detroiters, this new narrative is as suspect as it is welcome. Detroit was never the Wild West of crime and abandonment. But neither is it the mecca of unbridled opportunity as it is depicted today.

Somewhere in between, real Detroiters are living the real Detroit experience. They are surprised by the bicycle paths that now line their streets and perplexed at a major investment in a rail line that will support only a small fraction of the city's residents, the vast majority of whom depend on inadequate public transportation every day. They welcome new shops and retail in a city that, until recently, had been redlined out of basic conveniences. But they wonder at brands like the outdoor clothing retailer Moosejaw and the hand-made watch designer Shinola locating in a city that has only a couple of major retail chains. The question is not whether Detroit is rising from the ashes. The question is ... for whom is it rising?

Fifty years after the riot, Detroit is living up to its motto. It is seeing better things. It is rising from the ashes. And if city leaders, residents and businesses are willing to build a city that works for everyone, they are sure to avoid the fire next time.



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STUDY LEAD AUTHOR
KURT LU

TRAVELSOULS, GETTY IMAGES/ISTOCKPHOTO
A new study has found high doses of vitamin D could help treat sunburn if you missed a spot with the sunscreen. But the results are not ready for beach time yet.

Vitamin D in large doses holds promise as a remedy for SUNBURN

SEAN ROSSMAN
USA TODAY

Researchers find massive amounts of Vitamin D could be the answer to the summertime nemesis of every pale person: blistering, crimson sunburn. People who took huge doses of the vitamin an hour after a sunburn saw long-term benefits — significant reductions in redness, swelling and inflammation. That’s according to researchers at the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. The school’s study was the first trial to exhibit the anti-inflammatory perks of vitamin D. It’s welcome news to those who’ve earned the “strawberry” nickname a time or two. But perhaps more important, the discovery raises new questions for researchers, chiefly: Could rapidly healing skin mean better protection from ultraviolet radiation and, perhaps, skin cancer?

“We are currently investigating that topic and hopefully may learn new ways to prevent skin cancer other than just sunscreens,” said study lead author Kurt Lu, a Case Western assistant professor of dermatology. Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer in the U.S., according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. During the study, published in the May edition of the *Journal of Investigative Dermatology*, Lu and his team gave 20 people a sunburn using a lamp, then gave them a placebo pill or varying doses of vitamin D. The vitamin D pills packed enormous amounts ranging from 12,500% to 50,000% of the recommended daily allowance for adults. The people who took the highest doses saw the best results: Less skin irritation within 48 hours and less skin redness. The researchers suggested the reason for the quick healing is the fact vita-

min D increases an anti-inflammatory enzyme in the skin. The enzyme triggers other anti-inflammatory proteins and enhances tissue repair. “We hypothesize that vitamin D helps promote protective barriers in the skin by rapidly reducing inflammation,” Lu said. “What we did not expect was that at a certain dose, vitamin D not only was capable of suppressing inflammation, it was also activating skin repair genes.” The benefits of vitamin D have been questioned over the years. A decade ago, studies linked vitamin D deficiency to osteoporosis and heart attacks. However, three years ago, a review of 40 studies found healthy people are unlikely to benefit from it. Lu stressed he isn’t suggesting people start taking vitamin D supplements to fight a sunburn. More studies with more people need to be done. “But, the results are promising and worthy of further study,” he said.

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Summer concerts

The Northville Summer Friday Night Concert Series – presented by Tom Holzer Ford – brings the music of some of the finest local musicians to downtown Northville's outdoor stage in Town Square (located on Main Street across from the Marquis Theatre) 7-9 p.m. each Friday through Aug. 25.

The schedule features everything from jazz to blues to rock 'n' roll. For more information, including a full schedule of performances, contact the Northville Chamber at 248-349-7640 or go to www.northville.org.

Carrabba's to host blood drives

Please join in July 31 or Sept. 5 at Carrabba's Restaurant, 43455 W. Oaks, in Novi as Carrabba's partners with the American Red Cross to host blood drives to help save lives. The American Red Cross has a critical blood shortage this summer and has issued an emergency call for blood donors to give now and help save patient lives. Right now, donations are being distributed to hospitals faster than donations are coming in, and more donations are needed now to replenish the supply.

The Red Cross will be bringing out its mobile bus for the blood drive and the restaurant will be offering a \$10 gift card to all presenting donors and everyone will be entered into a raffle for dinner and movies for two.

The blood drive hours are from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. both dates and donors can sign up at redcrossblood.org (sponsor code is Carrabbas) or call 800-RED-CROSS.

Medical equipment drive

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce St., Milford, is partnering with World Medical Relief as a drop-off site for your unused medical equipment. Donate your clean, gently used walkers wheelchairs, commodes, shower chairs, crutches, canes, splints, medical boots, adult briefs and pads, sealed C-Pap equipment and sealed medication (no narcotics). We are also collecting for hygiene kits: towels, wash clothes, sample sizes of shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, soap and toothbrushes. We cannot accept glasses, hearing aids or electric wheelchairs.

Drop-off times are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and each Sunday morning through Aug 15. We suggest you call first to ensure someone is available to take your donation during the week. For more information, go to stgeorgesmilford.org or call 248-684-0495.

RCL meet and greet

The Republican Club of Livonia will host a gubernatorial candidate meet and greet event from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Livonia Victory Center, 33462 W. Seven Mile Road. For more information, call 334-679-7757.

Runestad to host coffee hours

State Rep. Jim Runestad of White Lake will host coffee hours Friday, Aug. 18, in White Lake, Highland and Milford. The coffee hours are at the following locations and times:

- » 8-9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, White Lake
- » 10-11 a.m. at Colasanti's Market, 468 S. Milford Road, Highland

» Noon to 1 p.m. at Bakers of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or JimRunestad@house.mi.gov.

Health care lecture

Providence Park Hospital is offering a free health care lecture, Do You Know What You're Really Eating? Emily Schwartz will offer this lecture 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi Campus, Conference Room A & B, outpatient building .

It is no secret that a healthy diet helps reduce the risk of developing heart disease, type 2 diabetes and obesity. But how do you go about it? Picking up any item in a supermarket, chances are you're overwhelmed by all the ingredient listing and buzz words on the label. What part of it is just marketing, and what are the really important facts to watch out for? Learn about the new FDA changes to label terms and how to make the best food choices for you and your family.

For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

Milford summer concerts

The Milford Township Concert Committee presents the Summer Concert Series for 2017 at the Lafontaine Family Amphitheater in Central Park on Main Street in downtown Milford. Free concerts run 7-9 p.m. each Thursday.

» July 27: Magic Bus mixes a psychedelic rock tribute with the Woodstock era.

» Aug. 3: Mr. Moody will rock the Amp with their classic rock, country rock, Motown, and everything in between.

Learn more at www.milfordtownship.com or email concerts@milfordtownship.com.

SL Rec Authority

South Lyon Area Recreation Authority board meetings are held at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month. Call the South Lyon Area Recreation office at 248-437-8105 for directions and confirmation of meeting location. To register for upcoming classes, call or go to www.slrec.net.

» Week of July 31: Mad Science "Fantastic Discoveries Camp"; Kids Painting & Art Camp; Chess Wizards Camp; Camp Love to Dance; Island Lake Kids Kamp Week 7 "Inventors Workshop"; Building Better Ball Players Camp; Sports Shorts Camp; Kiddie Sports Camp; Beginning Lacrosse Camp; Little Miss South Lyon Pageant; Tiny Tots Equestrian Lessons

Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts

The Living and Learning Center in downtown Northville is a center that specializes in helping teens and adults that are on the autism spectrum learn job and social skills. This center provides a program 6-9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night that allows their clients to partake in games, art, and creating friendships with their fellow peers and mentors.

Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.) while also having a fun night out of the house.

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to www.livingandlearningllc@gmail.com.

Novi Library concert

Join the Novi Library for a special performance by The Soloists, Patrick Kochyan and Eric Vanbuhler from noon to 2 p.m. Friday, July 28.

The Soloists' story began when Kochyan and Vanbuhler met in elementary school in Novi and immediately began writing songs together. The band was formed in 2007, when they decided they should put a more official name on their work. Now they spend their time writing music and performing on opposite coasts and collaborating whenever possible.

Their debut album, "New Homes," was recorded at Rarefied Recording in San Diego.

Wooden window repair workshop

Do you own an older house with original windows? Learn how to repair this valuable asset while maintaining the historic character of your home. Find out how to save money, improve window operation and increase energy efficiency with historic window specialist James Turner of Turner Restoration at a workshop from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Heritage Park Nature Center, 24915 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills.

If you love DIY projects, this workshop is for you! Attendees will learn how to remove old sashes; safely remove old paint or finishes; make needed repairs; add energy-efficient upgrades; eplace glass the proper way; and more.

Admission is free for the first 12 attendees who register by Aug. 15. The admission fee is \$25 for all others. Space is limited to 16 attendees.

Register online at <https://farmingtonhills.windowworkshop.eventbrite.com/>. Contact Ellen Thackery, Michigan Historic Preservation Network, at info@mhpn.org or call 313-575-5215. Please bring a bag lunch.

Northville High School reunion

The Northville High School Class of 1997 20-year reunion will be held 6-10 p.m. Saturday, July 29, at the Northville Brewery and Winery. Get more info or purchase tickets in advance at <https://nh97party.eventsmart.com>.

Milford High School reunion

The Milford High School Class of 1967 will hold a 50-year union 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 12, at Lazy J Ranch, 625 Hickory Ridge Road, Milford. Casual dress is preferred and cost is \$55 per person or \$110 per couple. Contact Marlene Perry Gomez at 248-396-3728 or timmar01@aol.com.

Art House exhibition

The Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, will host a juried watercolor exhibition titled The Graded Wash, featuring featuring 29 artists who painted 44 works. It will take place Aug. 2-26 during normal Art House hours: noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free.

An opening reception is scheduled for 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4, which will include an awards presentation and a juror's talk a 7 p.m.

For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvilleart.house.org.

Pain management seminar

Learn how to live pain-free without drugs at a free seminar hosted at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at the Milford Public Library. Learn how laser therapy magnesium oil, food and lifestyle can help you lead a pain-free life. Speakers will be Sherise Assad, founder of Bye-Bye Pain Laser Therapy, and Leah Gillis, certified holistic health coach. RSVP to 844-4BYE-BYE.

VBS at Orchard Grove

Orchard Grove Community Church will hold a be sponsoring a Kids Camp (Vacation Bible School) from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. July 31 through Aug. 3, for children entering kindergarten through sixth grade.

Kids Camp is Minion-themed this year. It is all about fun, friends and faith.! Each day kids will venture into the Minion Factory and experience fun through the daily themes: Waterpark Day, Adventure Day, Wild West Day and Gaming & Mad Science Day. Register online by July 16 at www.ogkidscamp.org. Orchard Grove Community Church is located at 850 Ladd Road, Building C, Walled Lake.

Milford Knights of Columbus golf outing

The Knights of Columbus, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen Council No. 7444 in Milford is having a golf outing for the children at St. Jude Children's Hospital. The outing will take place Aug. 20 at Mystic Creek (in Camp Dearborn), Milford.

Registration is at 8:30 a.m., shotgun start is at

9:30 a.m.

Price is \$400 for a foursome or \$100 per golfer. This get you doughnuts, coffeecake, bagels, coffee or juice, hot dogs, chips and a soda at the turn, dinner to follow, golf 18 holes with cart, best ball scramble, longest drive, closest to the pin, skins, putting contest, prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

Hole sponsorship is \$100. Donations welcome.

If you make a donation, make them to: St. Jude. c/o John Rogers, 3101 Sands Ct., Milford, MI 48380. If you need a form, call Rogers at 248-714-5353.

Salem-South Lyon book sale

The Salem-South Lyon Library will hold a book sale Aug. 22-26. This once a year sale features thousands of books and media for all ages. Prices start at 25 cents. Books are sorted by category.

S-SL Library is at 9800 Pontiac Trail. Hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Tee off for autism

The Autism Society of Oakland County will host its premiere fundraiser, the 23rd annual Golf for Autism event, Sunday, Sept. 10, at Pine Knob Golf Course in Clarkston.

The event will begin with an 8 a.m. registration that includes breakfast and a bloody Mary/mimosa bar. Shotgun start is at 10 a.m., followed by a buffet lunch, raffle drawings and an award presentation. There is a wide array of sponsorship opportunities available to highlight your business, honor a loved one with

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Beilfuss

Gabriel John of Milford, It is with profound grief that the family of Gabriel John Beilfuss, (35) of Milford, announce his passing on July 21, 2017. Gabe was, and will forever be, loved by all those who were touched by his kindness and generosity throughout his life. His talent for making everyone he encountered feel special, cared for, and joyous will continue on in the memories of countless friends and family members. As a beloved father, son, brother, friend, and confidant, these memories will ripple throughout our hearts and minds for all the years to come. Keeping with Gabe's unwavering and unquestionable generosity, his final wish was that his organs and tissues be donated through The Gift of Life. He will live on through this gift and will have an impact on hundreds of local lives. His contagious spirit will be left to lift ours through the whispers and thoughts of his short time with us all. He is survived by his mother, Conne Terova (Brenda Banwell); father, John (Morgan) Beilfuss; brother, Nicholas Beilfuss (Bruna Farias); sister Alice; son, Andrew and his mother, Ashley Lynch; daughter, Ellis and her mother, Amanda Howard; nephew, Koli Beilfuss, and his mother, Svetlana Beilfuss; also many dear uncles, aunts, cousins, extended family and great friends. Funeral service was held at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home on July 26, 2017 Memorials may be made in Gabriel's name to: St. Mary Magdalene Orthodox Church, 2439 S. Long Lake Road, Fenton, MI 48430 For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

DeBottis

Therese A. "Terri" of Chelsea, Michigan, age 74, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, July 21, 2017. She was born on March 17, 1943, to Louis and Rachael (Therrien) Bernier, and was the youngest of five children. Terri was the "Jackie"-of-all-Trades – she raised and showed dogs and horses; owned and operated the New Hudson Feed Mill; built computers and motherboards; and loved NASCAR, especially Dale Earnhardt "3" and Junior "88". After retiring, Terri became very active in the Chelsea Senior Citizens Activity Center, helping with fundraisers, Bingo, and teaching in the stained glass class as well as the Immanuel Bible Church. She is survived by her children: Patrick (Deanne) DeBottis and Wendy (Christopher) Amell; three grandchildren: Dahne DeBottis, Christina Amell, and Kourtney-Chloe DeBottis; sister, Marie Pinter; sister-in-law, Judy (Bill) Clough; several nephews and nieces; and her numerous friends. A celebration luncheon will be held at the Chelsea Senior Citizens Activity Center at a later date. Expressions of sympathy may be made to the Chelsea Senior Citizens Activity Center at 512 Washington Street, Chelsea, MI 48118. Arrangements by Caskey-Mitchell Funeral Home, Stockbridge.

Biebel

Kenneth Robert of Commerce Township , of Commerce Township passed away on July 22, 2017 after a valiant battle with Lukemia. He was 59 years old. He is survived by his beloved wife, Lori Biebel of 27 years; children, Geoff, and Emily Biebel; mother, Lenore Biebel; siblings, Paul Biebel, Steve (Sandy) Biebel, Suzanne (Ronnie) Carpenter, Joan Biebel; also many extended family and dear friends. Ken is preceded in death by his father, Edwin Beibel, and sister Laura. A Memorial Service at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home will be held, on Friday, August 04, 2017 at 5 PM with gathering beginning at 3 PM. In Lieu of flowers, the family requests plants in Ken's memory. For further information phone 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchFuneralDirectors.com

autism or support the organization and all that it does. It is also looking for donations to be included in the raffle drawing.

Since the 1980s, the Autism Society of Oakland County, has been advocating and supporting meaningful participation in all aspects of life, for individuals with autism spectrum disorders and their families. By working with community partners, ASOC creates, cultivates and supports programs and events that impact the daily and future life of people with autism of all ages. This year alone, ASOC has been responsible for programs and services benefiting more than 2,000 with autism.

To register, sponsor or donate, go to www.autismsocietyoaklandcounty.org or call Rosemary Rang, golf co-chair, at 586-419-0371.

Veterans benefit show

Come enjoy "Dean Martin," a.k.a. John Morrello, straight from a 1960s Vegas show, during two benefit shows 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 30. The shows, sponsored by The Marine Corps League Northwest Detachment 162, . go to support the mission of the Detachment. They will be at the VFW Post 4012, 438 N. Main St. Northville.

Tickets are \$20 per show, with a cash bar. RSVP to Mark Sutton at 248-390-5481, go to www.sempferfi162.org or email mcldet162@gmail.com. The MCL will accept Visa, MC, cash or checks. All reservations must be prepaid.

Ishioka

George Sept. 18, 1918-July 14, 2017 Expressions of sympathy can be made at obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

Miras

Raymond August 31, 1930-July 10, 2017 Expressions of sympathy may be made at obriensullivanfuneralhome.com

Moran

Clotildus "Cleo" Ph.d of South Lyon, age 91, passed away July 17, 2017. She was born September 3, 1925, in Detroit, to the late Michael and Mildred (Van Dusen) Moran. Cleo is survived by her sister, Sister Theresa Ann Moran, S.C.; her nephew, Paul Francis Senna; her nieces: Maureen Leo and Briana Walsh; her grandnieces: Theresa (Vinny) Tiberia and Susan (Michael) Scharff and by one great-grandniece and five great-grandnephews. Cleo was preceded in death by her sister Joan Senna. A funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, July 24 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in South Lyon. She was laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Vincent de Paul Society or Active Faith Community Services. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Church 348-2621, School 348-3610
Religious Education 348-2559
Rev. Denis Theroux, Pastor

CROSS OF CHRIST LUTHERAN
(Missouri Synod)
Pastor Terry Nelson
437-8810 • 486-4335
Griswold Rd. at 10 Mile
Worship: 10 a.m.; Sunday School: 10 a.m.;
Adult Bible Study: 9 a.m.

IMMANUEL LUTHERAN
Wisconsin Synod • Reynold Sweet Pkwy.
at Liberty St.
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
All Classes 9:00
Pastor Scott Miller, (248) 437-1651

First United Methodist Church NORTHVILLE
(248) 349-1144
777 West 8 Mile Road
(8 Mile and Taft Road)
Northville, Michigan
Worship Times: September - May 9:15 & 11:00 a.m.
Memorial Day - Labor Day 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Marsha M. Woolley, Lead Pastor
www.fumcnorthville.org

Our Saviour Apostolic Lutheran Church
54899 8 Mile Rd. at Currie Rd. Northville, MI 48167
248-374-2268
Sunday Worship:
Sunday School at 9:45
10:30 am Fellowship/Coffee
11:00 am Worship Service
Wednesday Bible Study at 7 pm
Pastor Andy Whitten
ourlutheran.org

CROSSROADS COMMUNITY CHURCH
28900 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon
248-486-0400
www.ecrossroads.net
Summer Service Times
9:00am & 10:30am
Childcare Available at 10:30am Service only

The Church of Christ
21860 Pontiac Trail • South Lyon, MI 48178
248-437-3585 • www.southlyoncoc.org
9:30 a.m. Sunday School,
10:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Wednesday Midweek Ministries 7 p.m.
Matthew Oliver, Minister

Whitmore Lake

FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
10774 Nine Mile Road
Rev. M. Lee Taylor • 449-2582
Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Worship, 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Evening, 7:00 p.m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF SOUTH LYON
60820 Marjorie Ann St., South Lyon 48178
Phone: 248-437-2983
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Evening Service 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m.
Assoc. Pastor: Randy Weeks
Website: www.fbcsofthlyon.com
Email: fbcsofthlyon@sbccglobal.net

St. Joseph Parish
Regular Mass Schedule:
Saturday 5:00 P.M.
Sunday 8:00 A.M., 10:00 A.M., 12:00 Noon
Confessions: Saturday 3:30 P.M.
Phone: 248-446-8700
Web Address: www.saintjosephsofthlyon.org
830 South Lafayette

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
205 E. Lake (10 Mile) (248) 437-2875
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Playroom available
Kids/Youth Connection Sundays 6:30 p.m.
Mid-Week Study Wednesday 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Michael Horlocker, Pastor
www.fpcsofthlyon.org

SOLID ROCK BIBLE CHURCH
Loving God and Loving People
22183 Pontiac Trail • 248-486-4400
(In Brookdale Shopping Center,
behind Powerhouse Gym)
SUNDAY WORSHIP: 10:30 A.M.
Reed Heckmann, Pastor/Teacher
www.solidrocksofthlyon.com

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