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Drama club to debut Woody Allen hit

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Considering today's heightened sensitivity to gun violence, some people may be uncomfortable with the first of two 'B' words in the title of the Northville High School drama club's play that runs Thurs-

day through Saturday in the school's lavish theater.

They shouldn't be, assured "Bullets Over Broadway" director Tracy Spada, who described the play as a dark comedy set in 1920s New York City, not a current-day issue play.

"We're not dealing with gun violence; we're telling a story that happens to be

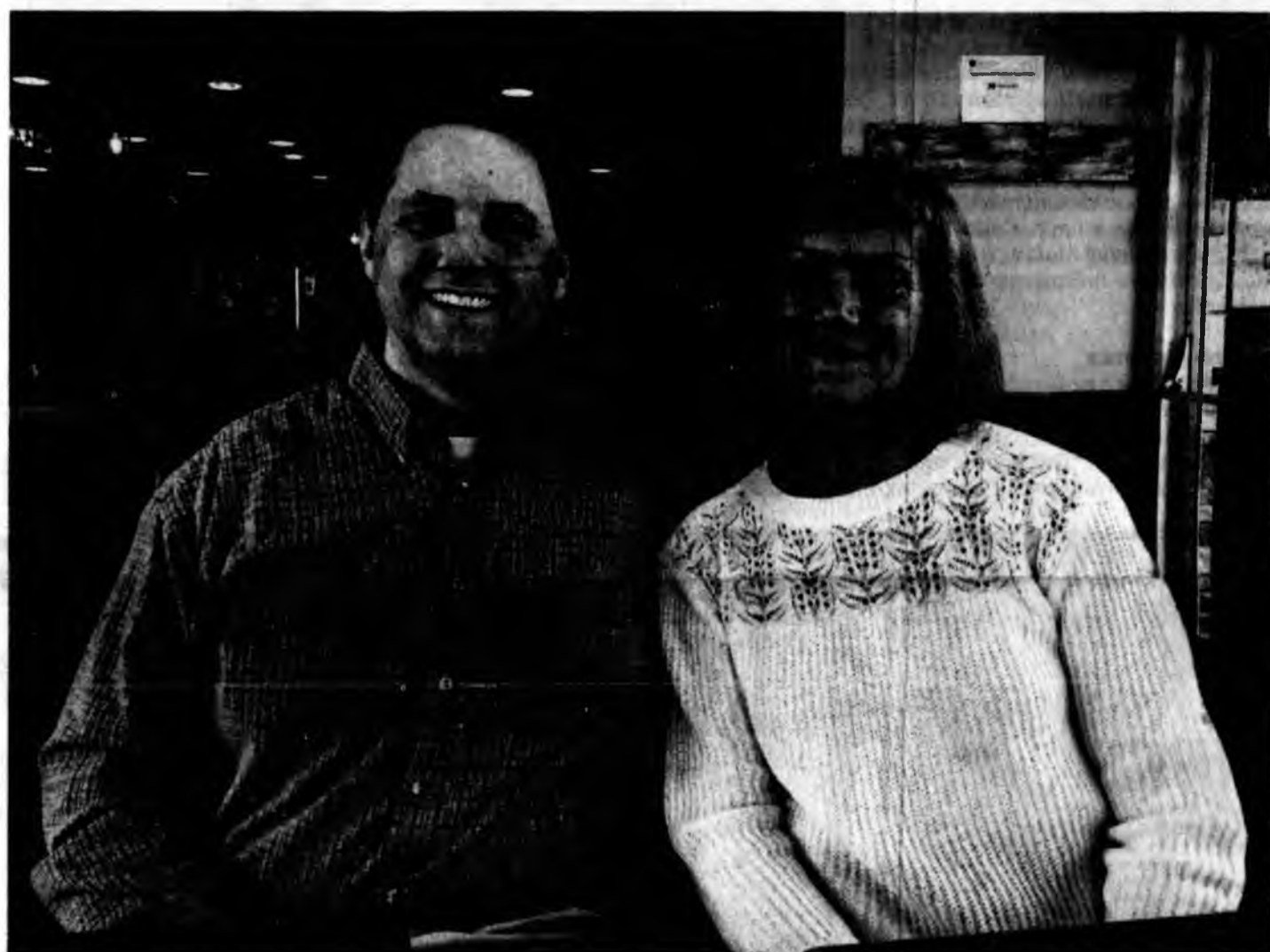
about gangsters in the 1920s and they used guns," Spada said. "It's art. Theater is art and art reflects life."

"I talked to several stage parents about this and whether they had any questions about the title. Once everyone sees the play, I doubt anyone will have any questions about it. It's based on a Woody Allen movie, so it's comedic."

The play debuts at 7 p.m. Thursday. Shows will follow at 7 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday.

All general admission tickets cost \$10 in advance when purchased at www.nhstheatre.com. Tickets are \$12 at the door.

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South Lyon Police Sgt. Chris Faught (left) and Pam Blair. LEANNE ROGERS

ANGELS IN TRAINING

Hope Not Handcuffs offers help for those battling addiction

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Hope Not Handcuffs, a program aimed at getting addicts seeking treatment into programs quickly, is coming to South Lyon soon. But first, volunteers are needed to train to become angels.

"We're trying to spread the word about Hope Not Handcuffs. There is no shortage of need. We'd like to train 150 angels — 25-30 people will actually (volunteer after training)," said Lyon Township resident Pam Blair, a director of the

Southwest Oakland/Livingston County Families Against Narcotics board and the angels coordinator.

Angels are people who undergo a brief training, then volunteer to respond to participating police departments when someone comes in seeking help with addiction. Locally, FAN is hosting a training session at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 19, at the New Hudson United Methodist Church, 56730 Grand River.

Planning to train as an angel herself, Blair already volunteers at the Brighton Recovery Center, where her son and only child, Justin, was treated twice. Af-

ter struggling with addiction since 2012, Justin, 23, died of an overdose in August 2017 — just a year after his father Thomas had died of cancer.

"I had retired the same month my son died. I was grieving my son and my husband," said Blair, who had worked in Grosse Pointe and was aware of FAN, which originated in Macomb County.

South Lyon Police Sgt. Chris Faught, also a local FAN board member, got involved with the program

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Novi man arraigned in killing of his wife

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A Novi man charged with murdering his wife has been arraigned in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Derrick Dixon, 31, is charged with killing Heather Dixon, 32, after the couple spent the early hours of Jan. 4 arguing in the mobile home where they lived with their three children.

A pretrial hearing for Dixon has been scheduled for June 4 before Oakland County Circuit Judge Hala Jarbou.

Facing a life sentence without parole if convicted, Dixon is being held at the Oakland County Jail in lieu of bond. Dixon was hospitalized after taking some type of pills in an apparent suicide attempt after his wife was killed and has been in custody since that time.

Prior to the case moving to circuit court, a competency examination was

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Novi resident Derrick Dixon, with defense attorney Marsha Kosmatka, at his preliminary examination in 52-1 District Court. LEANNE ROGERS

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Practice makes perfect

The play's cast and behind-the-scenes staff have been working at a feverish pace since auditions were held in February, Spada noted.

"It's been a very quick turnaround process — faster than usual for a high school play — because so much has been going on in the actors' lives the past few months, plus spring break was last week," she said.

But they'll be more than ready once the curtain is raised at Thursday's debut.

"If you are a theater professional or you're in the business, you've probably seen the movie of the same name that came out in the '90s," Spada said, "although it's hard to find a copy of it now." The plot is pure Allen zaniness.

It follows the story of a struggling writ-



Kady Rassmussen, Elyse Roush, Michelle Quesada and Alyssa Chechak in a scene from "Bullets Over Broadway." PHOTOS COURTESY NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

er who is trying to get his play on Broadway. The writer's agent finds a man who will produce the entire show, but there's a catch: He has to cast the guy's girlfriend in a lead role.

"It turns out the man who agrees to finance the play is a mobster, so the writer is not allowed to ask where the money is coming from or how he gets it," Spada said with a smile. "And the girlfriend is absolutely horrible. It's a story that tells how the mobsters ran New York back in the day, but it does so in a comedic way."

Ready to play Olive

Sophomore Michelle Quesada has embraced the role of Olive Neal, the mob-

ster's girlfriend who wasn't necessarily cut out to be an actress.

"I'm used to playing children and young kids, so it's been a fun role for me because I'm playing an adult and there's a crazy side to the character," said Quesada, whose character was played by Jennifer Tilly in Allen's movie. "She says whatever is on her mind and she says what she needs to say to get what she wants."

"I'm kind of a perfectionist, so it was hard at first having to do something wrong (because Olive is such a bad actress). But it's a fun role to play. My favorite play of all time is 'Chicago' and this is from the same era, so I'm really looking forward to it."

Senior Derek Glaser plays David



Michael Duquesnel and Michelle Quesada (front), with Nick Maiz, Jacob Matan and Austin Chmiele (back).

Shayne, the struggling playwright.

"I love this role, because my character is trying to get his play produced, but he gets caught up in all this zany drama," said Glaser, whose character was played by John Cusack in the movie.

"I get to act as kind of a foil to all the crazy, fun characters around me. My character is often asking himself, 'What in the world is going on?'"

Glaser was inspired to begin his stage career in eighth grade, when he saw the drama club's presentation of "Little House of Horrors."

"Once I saw that, I was hooked," he said. "I had always been kind of an introverted person, but I decided to get into acting to get out of my comfort zone. It's a passion of mine now."

Spada discouraged parents from bringing small children to the play, due to its sometimes-violent theme.

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Upcoming events

Fairy Garden Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Sold out.

Lecture series: "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald," 7 p.m. Wednesday,

April 25. New School Church at Mill Race Village. No fee. Donations accepted.

General info

Website:

www.millracenorthville.org

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done on Dixon, who was found competent to stand trial.

Testimony at the preliminary examination at 52-1 District Court was that the couple had been having marital problems and Heather Dixon was seeking a divorce. The autopsy report showed that Heather Dixon had been strangled using a neck tie.

Derrick Dixon had been living at the mobile home again for the previous three or four months after staying with his parents during a separation from his wife.

In a statement to police, Dixon said he had strangled his wife after the children had been picked up by his parents. Dixon's mother testified she had gone to the mobile home after not hearing from the couple all that day — she called 9-1-1 after seeing her son slumped over on the couch.

Other testimony revealed that Dixon had attempted suicide in July 2017 and also as a teenager.

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Police seek witnesses to impersonator

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Michigan State Police are looking for the public's help in an investigation on a man possibly impersonating a police officer.

Photographs of a suspect were released April 12 and anyone who may have been pulled over by the man or had other contact with him when he presented himself as a police officer are asked to contact MSP.

The suspect, a 42-year-old White Lake resident, isn't being named since he hasn't been charged with a crime. The man was arrested April 11 at his home on an outstanding civil warrant and is currently being held at the White Lake Police Department lockup.

About 7:30 a.m. April 11, MSP detectives from the Second District Special Investigation Section executed a search warrant at his Maplewood Drive home in White Lake. During a search of the suspect's home, detectives located Michigan State Police badges, ammunition and other illegal items.

"His neighbors thought he was a cop," MSP Lt. Michael Shaw said.



Anyone who has had contact with this man should call Michigan State Police at 734-287-5000. MICHIGAN STATE POLICE



Michigan State Police show badges and other official police items confiscated after a search warrant was executed April 11 at a White Lake home. MICHIGAN STATE POLICE

MSP had received a complaint about someone impersonating a police officer which triggered the investigation, Shaw said. He declined to say where that incident or any other incidents may have happened.

So detectives are reaching out to members of the public to determine if anyone has ever been stopped/involved in a traffic stop by the person in the pho-

tographs. It is also possible this person may have attempted to gain favors or tried to gain influence by presenting himself as a state trooper, Shaw said.

Anyone with any information on this person is asked to call the MSP Metro South Post at 734-287-5000.

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NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY EVENTS

The Northville District Library is at 212 W. Cady Street. Call 248-348-5001 or go to northvillelibrary.org for more information.

Drop-in Little Me Storytime

When: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday, April 20

Details: Little ones, to age 2, along with their parents or caregivers enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. This special activity geared to the very young is offered each month and no registration. Just drop in.

Coloring for Kids

When: 2-3 p.m. Saturday, April 21
Details: Kids of all ages drop by the library meeting room to choose from a variety of awesome coloring sheets to

decorate with markers and colored pencils. No ticket required or registration required, just drop in.

Money Smart Week Event

When: 4-5 p.m. Tuesday, April 24
Details: Celebrate Money Smart Week by decorating a ceramic piggy bank that makes saving fun and say "hello" to the good people at Northville's Community Financial Credit Union. No registration required, just drop in. Special thanks to Michigan Credit Union League and affiliates.

Foreign Film

When: 6:30 p.m. Monday, April 23
Details: "The Teacher" is a Slovak film about the arrival of a new teacher to a Bratislava suburban school in the year

of 1983, where life has turned upside down for students and parents. English subtitles, 103 minutes. Just drop in.

Broadway Trivia Bash

When: Noon to 1:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28

Details: It's the ultimate battle of the Broadway fans. Compete in teams to answer trivia questions and quote or even sing lyrics to your favorite musicals for glory and prizes, followed by a sing-along with songs from "Hamilton," "Wicked," "Rent," "The Heathers" and more. Register.

Drop-in Morning Storytime

When: 10:15-10:45 a.m. each Thursday through May 3
Details: Storytime fun for toddlers

and preschoolers. These half-hour programs do not require registration — just drop in. All ages welcome to attend.

One-on-one tech help

When: 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. each Tuesday; 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. each Thursday

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Five Points of Hope looking for online votes



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Your hometown nonprofit cancer charity, Five Points of Hope, has never needed you more than it does right now. Like any charity, we always need more money. Today, tomorrow and the day after that there will always be another Michigan cancer patient who needs our charity's help paying a bill, because cancer is as expensive as it is cruel.

Especially now, though, we need our community to rally around us, because some big things are happening at Five Points of Hope. Urgently, we need your online vote in a contest that ends Friday, April 20, sponsored by Community Financial Credit Union called Thumbs Up for Charity. Starting May 1, we need your charitable donations in the prestigious Art Van Charity Challenge.

We are "The Little Engine that Could" of Michigan cancer charities and we keep chugging away with optimism at our work to help financially strapped Michigan cancer patients pay their bills. But we are a little charity and we lose steam between fundraisers because there is only so much money that can be raised through bake sales, golf outings and euchre tournaments. The more that people hear about our little charity, the more requests we receive for funds. We have dreamed for a long time of partnering with corporate locomotives to help us climb the mountain and Community Financial Credit Union and Art Van Furniture have miraculously offered to throw some coal into our firebox.

In order for great things to happen, we need the community's help. There are just a few hours left in the Thumbs Up for Charity contest and winning it would put a generous sum of \$10,000 in our depleted bank account. This one doesn't cost you anything, just an online vote. All five contestants are worthy of your vote, but if we win the contest, it is \$10,000 for Michigan cancer patients.

The Art Van Furniture Charity Chal-

lenge is a fundraising competition through CrowdRise (a charity fundraising website) that gives Five Points of Hope a chance of winning a whopping \$50,000 from Michigan's most well-known furniture giant.

In 2018 thus far, Five Points of Hope has given Michigan cancer patients about \$16,000 in financial assistance, but during this time we have also had to deny about 60 requests for assistance because our funds have run dry. I am figuratively on my knees right now asking all of you reading this to please go to www.cfcu.org/ThumbsUp and vote for Five Points of Hope. You can vote once a day, every day, until the contest ends at 5 p.m. April 20. Starting May 1, please donate to Five Points of Hope in the Art Van Charity Challenge, because winning the \$50,000 prize would double the number of patients Five Points of Hope can help in 2018. From May 1-22 you can donate to Five Points of Hope at www.artvancharitychallenge.com and help us earn this big prize.

Five Points of Hope raises money for Michigan cancer patients in financial crisis. Social workers request grants of up to \$500 on behalf of patients to help pay for things like insurance deductibles, prescriptions, medical equipment and utility bills. The charity pays vendors directly, so that funds are not misused. Five Points of Hope, based in Milford, began raising money for a cancer care fund in 2001 as a memorial to founder Erin Welsh's father Michael McCusker, who died of cancer in 1999, and in celebration of life for family friend Beth, who is a cancer survivor. The organization achieved nonprofit status in 2007 and continues to be operated entirely by volunteers, thus maximizing funds for patient benefit. In 2017, the charity awarded \$51,371 in financial assistance to 118 deserving Michigan cancer patients.

Teresa Silver of Milford is publicity volunteer for Five Points of Hope. For more information, go to <http://www.fivepointsofhope.com>.

White Lake man charged in Hartland robbery

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A White Lake Township man who robbed a Hartland Township store and injured employees who tried to stop him has been charged in the incident.

Sean Thompson, 39, was arraigned April 9 in 53rd District Court in Howell on charges of unarmed robbery and retail fraud.

According to a Livingston County Sheriff's Office report, deputies responded at about 5:17 p.m. April 7 to the Rural King store at 10400 Highland Road.

Store employees reported that a man, later identified as Thompson, was observed attempting to conceal an



Thompson

unknown item in his coat. The employees pursued Thompson into the parking lot and tried to restrain him for suspected retail fraud, but he escaped and fled in his vehicle.

It was not immediately clear how many employees were involved, but all sustained minor injuries and did not seek immediate medical attention.

Thompson was later located by sheriff's office deputies, who were assisted by the White Lake Township Police Department.

Thompson posted bail on a \$5,000 cash surety bond. The incident remains under investigation.

HazMat drop-off day set for May 5

Oakland Community College will host its annual Household Hazardous Materials Drop-off Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5. The event will take place at the OCC Orchard Ridge Campus, 27055 Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills. Due to construction, the event will be located in OCC's parking lot No. 3, with access via Orchard Lake Road. Residents of Farmington Hills, Farmington, Milford Township,

village of Milford, Novi, South Lyon, Southfield, Walled Lake and Wixom are all eligible to attend with a driver's license or other proof of residency.

For a complete list of acceptable items, go to www.rrrasoc.org or call 248-208-2270. Residents who can't attend May 5 may go to any other regional HazMat events listed on the RRRASOC website.

Jewelry design competition seeking entries

Grinstein Jewelry & Design in Birmingham is holding its second annual scholarship competition, co-sponsored this year by the Michigan Silver-Smith Guild. The competition is open to all local public and private high school juniors and seniors attending jewelry classes in Oakland County.

Three independent jewelry professionals will judge the competition and the three top will receive scholarships of \$500, \$250, and \$100. Eligible stu-

dents should enter one piece of jewelry made in the last year and complete the online application form. For information, go to www.grinsteinjewelry.com. The deadline to enter Tuesday, May 1.

Winners will be announced 5-7 p.m. Saturday, May 12, at Grinstein Jewelry & Design, 162 S. Old Woodward Ave., with all entries on display at an event open to the public. All winning entries will be displayed at Grinstein Jewelry & Design through Saturday, May 26.

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MDOT ramps up for I-696 construction project

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It's still several years before Interstate 696 in Oakland County sees any major construction work. In the meantime, the Michigan Department of Transportation plans to have some off-peak closures of the freeway this summer to make some repairs before that work can begin.

I-696 will see work as part of MDOT's Restore the Reuther project beginning this month, a \$110 million road construction project that will see major closures in Macomb County and night and weekend closures in Oakland County, including through Farmington Hills and Novi.

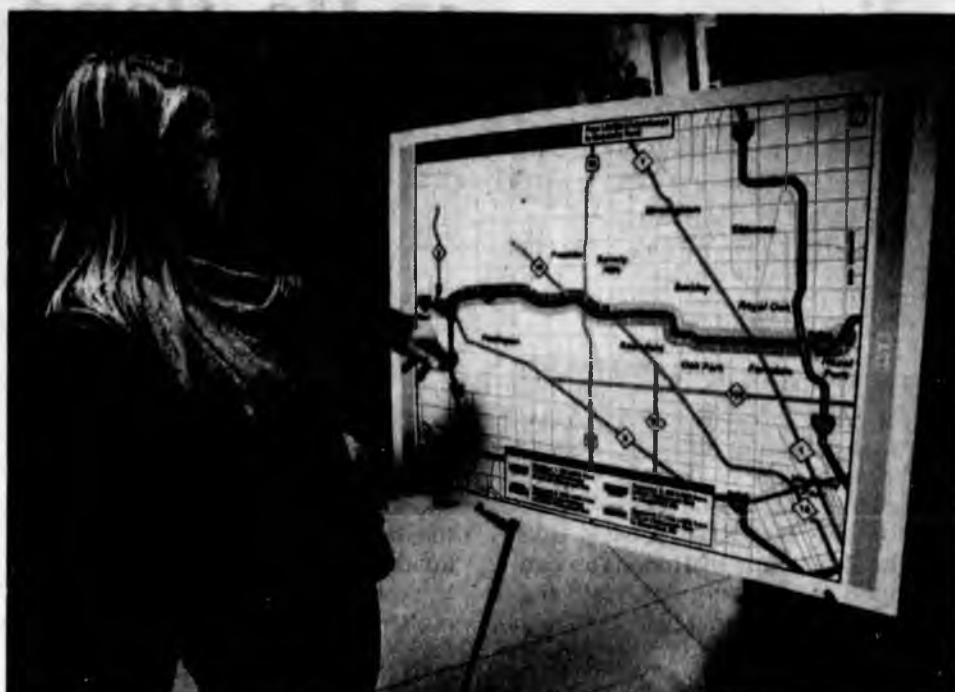
The work, scheduled to begin in later this month in Macomb County and in mid-May in Oakland County, will include concrete pavement and joint repairs, along with drainage system repairs and minor structure repairs. Some of these repairs will take place on the weekends, as well as weekday nights after rush hour.

"There will be a lot of nights where we have stretches of 696 down to one lane," said Courtney DeFauw, the MDOT assistant construction engineer on the project. "It would only be a three- or four-mile stretch on each bound."

For concrete repairs, DeFauw said those will require complete closures of segments of the freeway over a span of 10 weekends this summer throughout Oakland County. The entire freeway from Madison Heights to Novi will not close with these weekend shutdowns; instead, four separate sections will be worked on at different times. These include eastbound I-696, between I-96 and Telegraph and Telegraph to Dequindre. The same zones are in place for westbound I-696 as well.

A public meeting to discuss the project took place Wednesday evening at Southfield City Hall.

There's no word on when or exactly how many weekends the freeway will shut down yet, DeFauw said, though she said more will take place along the eastern half of the freeway through places like Southfield, Oak Park and Royal Oak, as that stretch of road is in worse shape.



At left, MDOT engineer Courtney DeFauw explains the map detailing the I-696 repair project. Above, MDOT explains it all at the Southfield council chambers. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Steve Vandette of Livonia and east-sider Tom Lico look at project information. Vandette works in Troy and Lico in Southfield. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"There's a lot more repairs between Telegraph and I-75," she said. "But we left it to (the contractor)."

No holiday or special event weekends will see closures, including Memorial Day weekend, the weekend after Independence Day and the weekend of the

Woodward Dream Cruise.

Detours for when the eastbound portion of I-696 is closed will take motorists down M-5 through Farmington Hills to Eight Mile on the Farmington Hills/Livonia border, then along Eight Mile to Telegraph before heading back to I-696.

When westbound lanes are closed, motorists will be detoured the reverse way: southbound on Telegraph to westbound Eight Mile to westbound M-5.

MDOT spokeswoman Diane Cross said while work isn't scheduled quite yet, it's important for drivers to figure out their best travel route for when closures do begin.

"You do want to find your detour right now," she said.

She said MDOT will work to give drivers advanced warning of those closures before they happen, including through social media and contacting local media.

The work in Oakland County won't be nearly as painful for motorists as it will be in Macomb County. MDOT is closing westbound I-696, between I-94 and I-75, with eastbound remaining open throughout the project. Once the westbound lanes are complete, MDOT will continue to keep eastbound traffic flowing while shifting it onto the westbound lanes with limited exit ramp availability.

More information on the project can be found at movingmacomb.org. Another public meeting on the project will take place 4:30- 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at Warren City Hall, 1 City Square.

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Woodworth named Veteran of the Month for April

Donald (Woody) Woodworth, a World War II, Korean War, Cold War and Vietnam War veteran from Livonia, was honored as the April 2018 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Woodworth served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1945-66. He was born and raised in Detroit and graduated from Aero Mechanical Vocational High School in Detroit in 1945. His brother became a marine sergeant in 1943 and was part of the first wave to storm the beaches at Guadalcanal. Woodworth couldn't wait to follow in his brother's footsteps and, as soon as he graduated, he went downtown to the recruitment office and signed up.

The war was over in Europe, but still going strong in the Pacific. Woodworth enlisted and was shipped off to Paris Island for boot camp. During boot camp, the war ended and new troops were needed to replace the ones coming home, so his training was shortened by four weeks and they were only given two days on the rifle range. After basic, they were sent to Norfolk, Va., and put on the troop ship U.S.S. Wakefield, destined for China.

"It was a 31-day trip and I was seasick all the way down and through the Panama Canal until we reached San Diego," Woodworth said. "Then I was OK the rest of the way to Tsingtao."

Tsingtao was the headquarters of the Western Pacific Fleet of the U.S. Navy and an air base for the marine air wing. The military was there to provide protection and transportation to Japanese soldiers to repatriate them back to Japan. Woodworth also provided security to protect U.S. assets from marauding communist Chinese under the leadership of Mao Zedong.

"They shot at us as we were traveling on a train, but we never stopped," Woodworth said. "I think the guns they were using were from World War I. They were after armament and ammo to support their civil war with Chiang Kai-shek. We were lucky no one was killed."

Woodworth heard his brother was stationed 35 miles away at Tientsin. "I hadn't seen him in a long time, so I asked the C.O. if I could have a jeep to visit



Donald (Woody) Woodworth of Livonia served in the U.S. Marine Corp from 1945-66.

him," he said. "I went there, only to learn he had left the day before to go back to the States."

After eight months in China, Woodworth was sent to Hawaii, where he spent two years in the flight crew on a DC-3. In 1948, Woodworth was transferred to El Toro Marine Air Station in California, where he was assigned to the 1st Marine Air Wing, as it was forming a new fighter squadron with F4U-4 Corsair aircraft. Six months later, he was sent to Marine Corp Air Station Cherry Point, N.C., where he spent 3½ years on modernization of the base for VMA-255

jet planes.

In 1952, Woodworth was transferred to Opa-Locka Marine Air Station, Fla., where he was an aircraft engineering maintenance supervisor, responsible for six aircraft. While there, an oxygen tank blew up in one of the hangers. Everyone ran except Woodworth: "I don't know why I did it, but I ran down to the hanger and saw where the oxygen was escaping. I saw a valve about a foot from the flame shooting out and went in and shut it off. I didn't think a lot about it until I received a special commendation from the Marine HQ in Washington

DC." The commendation he received is the highest award the U.S. Marines give out for non-combat heroism.

In 1952, the whole squadron was sent by aircraft carrier to Atsugi, Japan. Its mission was to fly close air support for the troops fighting the North Koreans. Woodworth was the aircraft maintenance chief for the squadron and spent 14 months in Japan. "That was a terrible war," he said. "A lot of the troops were called up from the reserves and not ready for battle. Some of them even froze to death due to the cold winter."

He was then transferred back to El-Toro, where he spent the next eight years making several tours on aircraft carriers as the U.S. Navy started allowing marine planes to join it as standard procedure. In 1962, with the escalation of the Cold War, orders came in to fly 24 aircraft from El-Toro Base to Iwakuni Marine Air Station in Japan. The planes only had a range of 300 miles, so they had to island hop the whole way. Their assignment was top-secret at the time. Each plane was given a target in the USSR and would deliver an atom bomb, if needed. Submarines and aircraft were patrolling the coast 24/7.

In 1963, Woodworth was reassigned to the Grosse Ile Naval Air Station as a casualty assistance officer. "As the Vietnam War escalated and casualties were shipped home, our job was to inform next of kin of the loss of their sons," he said. "I was so taken aback by the loss of all these kids, I decided to retire. These boys were 18 or 19 and their life was over."

Woodworth was a member of the Inter-City Baptist Church in Allen Park and, after retiring in 1966, told the pastor he would like to do something to help young people. He was put on staff as youth director and that was the beginning of his new life after serving 21 years in the military. Three years later, he attended Baptist Bible College in Springfield, Mo., and the Detroit Bible College. He became administrator of non-academic affairs at BBC for six years. He was ordained in 1976, retired in 2000 and now lives in Livonia with his wife of 68 years. He and Easter (Livvy) have three daughters, 16 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

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Al Jonna is the owner of Picnic Basket Marketplace, which has undergone a five-fold expansion. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Picnic Basket celebrates 30 years with major expansion

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Al Jonna had a shrewd business hunch when he bought property surrounded by farmland 30 years ago on Plymouth Township's far west side.

He had no built-in customer base when he chose the rural spot on Ann Arbor Road, west of Ridge, for his Picnic Basket Marketplace. But he knew the area was ripe for residential development.

"I knew I was going to grow with the area," Jonna said.

That he did.

Three decades later, the business he owns with brother Vince Jonna has marked its 30th year with a new, five-fold expansion, but customers say the market hasn't outgrown its personal touch.

Richard Bruakie shopped on the site long before Picnic Basket opened, when an old gas station and party store stood there. Bruakie was greeted by Jonna as he walked into the market one sunny spring afternoon.

"They're like family here," Bruakie said.

Picnic Basket, at 17,000 square feet, is now five times as big as it was just a few months ago. It has a new Picnic Cafe with tantalizing sweet treats, separate walk-in coolers for beer and wine, a walk-in humidor for cigars and much larger sections than it once had for meats and seafood, produce, prepared food, groceries and liquor.

It's a startling change that has been welcomed by customers like Linda Hernandez.

"They've got certain things they carry that we really like. I love their meat," she said. "And the customer service is very good."

Picnic Basket has survived economic ups and downs and generations of customers.

"The kids who were 5 years old when they came in here are now bringing their 5-year-olds," Jonna said. "My customers are more like family, because we've been here so long."

On one wall near the main entrance, Picnic Basket has images mounted on the wall dating back to the 1960s, when the site housed an old gas station. The pictures show the progression of the market from the time it opened in 1988.

Over the years, Jonna has used his business to support the Plymouth Township community. Picnic Basket has been involved in fundraisers for Make-a-Wish Foundation, which grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions; the township's former Fourth of July fireworks show; and efforts to help the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district, among others.



The fresh produce displays are at the front of the store. Other patrons place lunch orders at the large prepared foods counter. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I feel like everybody who does business in the community should be involved in the community," Jonna said, adding that it's important to "depend on each other."

Depending on each other is a concept that, after 30 years, seems a way of life for Picnic Basket and its customers.

Picnic Basket is located at 49471 Ann Arbor Road in Plymouth Township. Find it online at www.picnicbasketmarket.com.

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Angels

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when the group formed.

"When they first looked at starting FAN in the area, they invited someone from the police department to attend," Faught said. "I went. I saw a lot of family members who were suffering due to addiction. We've seen a lot more opioid problems in South Lyon. There aren't too many options or people aren't as familiar with them. We would rather be more proactive to help them."

The way the Hope Not Handcuffs program works is, when someone comes into a participating police department seeking addiction treatment, an officer will contact the program coordinator, who in turn contacts the angel. The angel will come to the police station to provide support and compassion to the person, while another coordinator is on the phone working to find treatment placement for the person.

Rochester Hills resident Wendi Lowe took the two-hour angel training in January 2017 and has been called out to the Ferndale Police Department — the only Oakland County agency which was participating in Hugs Not Handcuffs at the time.

"I do hair — I'm nothing special in this field. I'm given a book of phone numbers and I help make calls. It's really not difficult," Lowe said. "I thought it would be really hard. Most people are on Medicaid or they have no insurance. I'm calling access lines, they do most of the work."

It can be difficult to get people placed — one emphasis of Hope Not Handcuffs is to get people in quickly while they are willing to get help.

"It's rough. It takes a day or two or four days. Sometimes the beds are all full," said Lowe, who has been called to assist eight people at several police departments and helped another six people online.

There is no worry about getting calls at awkward hours or days; volunteers schedule times when they are available. For Lowe, that means several hours each Monday, when she doesn't work.

"You pick your days and hours, 100 percent. You pick your hours and sign up when you are available," Lowe said.

Before training as an angel, Lowe had spent four or five years involved with FAN meetings and helping with fundraisers. She came to FAN through her daughter, now 28 and seven-and-a-half years clean of her drug addiction.

"My daughter joined FAN first; her friend was in it," Lowe said. "She was 19 years old then and talked at high schools. It really helped her self-esteem and was positive versus a life of shame. That was an amazing thing."

In the case of her daughter, Lowe said she was lucky in that her daughter asked for help and got clean the first time, unlike many people. That may have been in part due to having grown up knowing about her uncle, Lowe's brother, having struggled with addiction.

"My brother just passed away weeks ago (from an overdose). He was 44 and had four kids. He had been clean for 15 years. He got divorced and slipped back," Lowe said. "We (angels) check up with people afterward if they need a recovery coach. We have got to keep trying 'til we get it done."

Blair is Hugs Not Handcuffs coordinator for multiple communities, including Farmington Hills, Novi and Walled Lake. This particular training session is aimed at people who live within a 20- to 30-minute drive of South Lyon.

Anyone interested in becoming an angel can reach Blair at pblaircv89@comcast.net.

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AREA EVENTS

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Runestad to host coffee hours

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-White Lake, will host (rescheduled) coffee hours Friday, April 20, at the following times and locations:

- 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 Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or via email at JimRunestad@house.mi.gov.

American Legion benefit dinner

The Northville American Legion hall, 100 W. Dunlap, will host a fish and chips fundraiser dinner beginning at 5:30 p.m. Friday, April 20. The dinner is open to the public and includes deep-fried cod, french fries, coleslaw, and roll.

Highland library book sale

The Friends of the Highland Township Public Library, 444 Beach Farm Circle, will be holding its annual spring book sale Thursday through Saturday, April 19-21. The lower level will have four rooms filled with thousands of gently used books. One of the rooms is dedicated to children and teens, another contains special priced items such as a great selection of vintage and collectible books.

Advance sale for Friends members will be 5-7 p.m. Thursday. Memberships will be available at the door. Public sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday and Saturday. There will also be a \$5 bag sale from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call 248-887-2218, ext 5.

Boxer Club walk-a-thon

The Michigan Boxer Club will hold its ninth annual walk-a-thon at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at Central Park in downtown Milford. Registration is \$10 and all proceeds from the event, hosted by the Michigan Boxer Club, Bouvier des Flandres club of Southeastern Michigan and the Great American Dogs, are going to the Leader Dogs for the Blind.

The event will include demonstrations on obedience with Bill Webb, nose work with the Great American Dogs and a demonstration with guests from the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol K-9 unit. For more information, email jeff@sassylaneboxers.com.

AAUW art event

To benefit the community outreach programs of the American Association of University Women Northville-Novis affiliate, artist Joy Huyck will teach a course on how to create paper art 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at Novi Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile Road. Participants will select a background scene, then add paper embellishments to fashion a uniquely personal, multi-dimensional work of art with the theme "a peek at spring."

All ages are welcome. Pasting is the only skill required. To reserve a seat, send a check for \$30 per person to AAUW Northville-Novis, c/o Susan Schanne, P.O. Box 511, Northville MI 48167. You can also pay by credit card at www.aauwnn.org.

Euchre for Hope event

The Euchre for Hope tournament, benefiting Milford-based nonprofit Five Points of Hope cancer care fund, is scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, April 21, at the American Legion Hall Post 216, 510 W. Commerce Street, Milford.

The tournament features cash prizes, a pizza and salad dinner, a live dessert auction and raffles. Pre-register for \$25 at the charity's website, www.fivepointsofhope.com, or pay \$35 at the door, based upon availability. Dinner only is \$10. Table sponsorships are available for \$150 and include four euchre/dinner tickets and a table named for a business or family.

Seedling giveaway

The Northville Beautification Commission is sponsoring a seedling giveaway 9-11 a.m. Saturday, April 21, at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. Seedlings will be available at no charge to city, township and Northville Public Schools district residents. Individuals must show proof of residency. Requests by phone, mail or from large groups cannot be accommodated.

Road rally scavenger hunt

The American Legion Auxiliary of Ernest E. Oldenburg Post 216, 510 W. Commerce Road, in Milford is sponsoring a road rally scavenger hunt at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 21. Cost is \$10 per person and includes prizes and dinner. RSVP to 248-684-9919.

Art society spring show

The South Lyon Fine Arts Society's Spring into Art Show runs through Saturday, April 21, at the Salem-South Lyon District Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail, during library hours. A free reception is scheduled for 2-4 p.m. Saturday, April 21.

The show will include art for viewing and for sale, as well as a raffle. Refreshments will be offered during the reception.

Community Sharing garage sale

Community Sharing's 2018 spring garage sale will be held at its new location at Duck Lake Center, 5061 N. Duck Lake Road, in Highland. The sale is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. through Saturday, April 21.

This sale includes furniture, household goods, linens, books, CDs, toys, sports equipment and more. Community Sharing is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization that provides food, clothing, emergency services, referrals and advocacy for individuals and families in need within the Huron Valley School District. Ninety cents of every dollar will be used to fill its food pantry.

For more information, go to www.community-sharing.org.

'Velveteen Rabbit' at Marquis

The Marquis Theatre, 135 E. Main Street, in Northville will be presenting the play "Velveteen Rabbit" each weekend through May 6. Tickets for all performances are \$9.

The play is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 21-22 and 28-29 and May 5-6.

No children under age 3. Group rates and reserved seating are available for groups of 20 or more, as well as birthday parties and Scout days. For more information, call 248-349-8110, email marquistheatre@sbcglobal.net or go to www.northvillemarquistheatre.com.

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AAUW mah jongg fundraiser

The American Association of University Women Northville-Novis is hosting an American mah jongg tournament, from noon to 5 p.m. Friday, April 27, Casel's Family Restaurant, 43003 Seven Mile Road, in Northville, with lunch, prizes, treats and a jewelry sale. Proceeds will support scholarships and programs for local women and girls.

Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$30. To register and pay by credit card, go to www.aauwnn.org. The deadline to register is Monday, April 23. For more information, email jhecker01@gmail.com.

For more information about AAUW Northville-Novis, go to www.aauwnn.org

VFAA artist lecture

The Village Fine Arts Association will host a free artist lecture featuring professional illustrator Barbara Goodsitt at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, at the Suzanne Haskew Art Center, 125 S. Main Street, Suite 700, in Milford. Goodsitt is a published illustrator for the University of Michigan Press and teaches at Wash-tenaw Community College and Ann Arbor community education.

VFAA informational meetings are free and open to everyone the fourth Wednesday of each month, January through October. For more information, email contactus@milfordvfaa.org or call the SHAC at 248-797-3060.

SAHS meeting

The Salem Area Historical Society will host a membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 25, in the South Salem Stone School, at the northeast corner of Curtis and North Territorial roads.

A short business agenda will be followed by a presentation on local area Native American history pre-1600 by Carol Clements, retired Nankin Mills naturalist. Admission is \$2 for non-SAHS members.

Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out, a spring shopping event will take place 5-9 p.m. Thursday, April 26, in downtown Milford. The bi-annual event offers opportunities to shop, dine and socialize while enjoying Milford's downtown shopping district. The event will include giveaways and discounts to complimentary snacks and beverages.

Attendees will receive a Ladies Night Out passport, valid at more than 30 participating retailers. Participants are encouraged to visit at least 10 stores, where they can collect a stamp at each location. Once 10 stamps are collected, attendees can deliver the postcard to any participating location and become eligible to win one of 40 gift certificates.

For more information, go to www.meetmeinmilford.com.

Candidate 'speed dating'

Do you want to meet candidates, but don't like to sit through speeches? An is an opportunity to sit in small groups with Democratic candidates for governor, the U.S. House 11th District and western Wayne County districts for the state House and Senate and county commission is scheduled for Thursday, April 26, at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road.

The Democratic Clubs of Western

Wayne are sponsoring this free event. Registration is at 6:30 p.m. and the talks will begin at 7 p.m. Reserve your spot by preregistering at northvilledems.eventbrite.com.

Your thyroid and your health

Providence Park Hospital will host a free lecture on thyroid health 6-7 p.m. Thursday, April 26, presented by Suchitra Zambare, M.D., endocrinologist. Learn more about how you can recognize the symptoms of thyroid disorder and how it can be treated.

It will take place at the Novi Campus, 47601 Grand River Ave., in conference rooms A and B in the outpatient building. For more information, call 888-751-5465.

Folk singer to perform at HVCA

Jim Malcolm, known as "the ultimate Scots troubadour," will perform a concert at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at the Huron Valley Council for Arts building, 205 W. Livingston Road, in Highland. He sings traditional Scottish music as well as his own songs.

The concert will also feature visual works from local artists. Tickets are \$15 and may be purchased by visiting the HVCA, by calling 248-889-8660, at Main Street Art, 432 N. Main Street, in Milford or www.huronvalleyarts.org.

Michigan War Dog Memorial

The Michigan War Dog Memorial will host a K9 veterans day event at noon Saturday, April 28, at the memorial, 25805 Milford Road, in South Lyon. There will be two Vietnam scout dog handlers and a law enforcement handler. For more information, contact Phil Weitlauf at mwdmk9@gmail.com or 248-685-8307.

New Art House exhibit

The Northville Art House will present Art of the Family: Donald, Robert, Susan and William Perrish, featuring paintings and sculptures from a family of award-winning artists. The exhibit runs through Saturday, April 28, during Art House hours: noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday.

The Northville Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org

Financial fraud and scams seminar

The Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, will host a financial fraud and scams seminar 10:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 28. It will be presented by certified financial planner Sandy Adams from the Center for Financial planning. Register for this free event at wixomlibrary.org or call 248-624-2512.

Golf for Hope benefit

The second annual Golf for Hope benefit, hosted by the nonprofit charity Five Points of Hope, is set for Saturday, May 19, at Brentwood Golf Course, 2450 Havenwood Drive, in White Lake. Cost is \$110 per golfer or \$440 per foursome.

The tournament features cash prizes, raffles, auction items, a "chuck-a-putt" game, individual golf skills contests (including longest drive and closest to the pin) and both breakfast and lunch. New to this year's tournament is a bloody

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Mary bar, sponsored by Milford restaurant Palate. This is a scramble format tournament with complimentary golf carts. Golfer check-in is at 7 a.m., with a continental breakfast and an 8 a.m. shotgun start. A lunch buffet with an awards ceremony will follow.

Participants may register as teams or as individuals. Anyone who pre-registers on or before May 1 gets their name entered into a raffle for a JBL CLIP2 portable Bluetooth speaker. To register and pre-pay for the tournament, go to www.fivepointsofhope.com.

College funding workshop

A free workshop on funding a college education will be held 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 2, at the Novi Public Library, 45255 W 10 Mile Road. The speaker will be Robert Hoyer, certified college planning specialist with Michigan College Funding, LLC. He will be discussing such topics as how to send your kids to the school of their dreams without going broke; how to increase your eligibility for aid; how to find scholarships; and grants you've never even heard of.

Admission is free, but seating is limited by the size of the room, so call 248-662-1300 to reserve a seat.

Fatty liver disease talk

Are you diabetic or overweight? Research suggests that nearly one in four Americans have fatty liver disease, which is closely linked to diabetes or obesity. Learn more about fatty liver disease, its diagnosis, its consequences and what you can do to treat and prevent it 6-7 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at Providence Park Hospital, 47601 Grand River Avenue, in Novi, Conference Room A & B, Outpatient Building.

Presenter is Dr. Janak Parikh, MD. For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

Bloom for Mom

Melissa Pearce & Associates, PLC, 1100 Corporate Office Drive, Suite 320, in Milford is hosting Bloom for Mom, an event for elementary-aged children and

their parents to have the kids create a fun present for moms this Mother's Day. It will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 5.

This event is a free event open to the public. Because there are limited spots, this event requires RSVPs to be emailed to info@melissapearcelaw.com by Friday, April 27, for parents to hold a spot for their children.

Zonta Club benefit

The Zonta Club of Milford is hosting its sixth annual gala event at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, at The Clothing Cove, 414 N. Main Street. Raffle tickets are being sold for \$20. As a 501(c)(3) organization, your purchase is tax-deductible.

For more information, email ZontaClubofMilford@gmail.com.

Wixom library book sale

The Wixom Public Library, 49015 Pontiac Trail, will hold a spring used book sale sponsored by The Friends of the Wixom Library. Advance sale for Friends members only will be Wednesday, May 9 (memberships available at the door.) Public sale is set for 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, May 11, and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 12 (fill a bag for \$5).

Novi Choralaires concert

The Novi Choralaires will present their annual spring concert "Women Composers in the Spotlight" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12, in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and children ages 12 and under, available at the door.

The Choralaires are seeking new members for all voice parts for the next season, September through December. Open rehearsals will be held at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 4 and 11, at the Novi Middle School choir classroom, 49000 W. 11 Mile Road.

For more information about the Choralaires and their concerts, go to novichoralaires.org or www.facebook.com/novichoralaires.

Crawford to meet with residents

State Rep. Kathy Crawford, R-Novi, invites residents to attend her monthly office hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday,

May 17, at the Salem-South Lyon District Library, 9800 Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon. No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Crawford at 517-373-0827 or email KathyCrawford@house.mi.gov.

Operation Injured Soldiers golf outing

Operation Injured Soldiers will be hosting its ninth annual golf outing Friday, May 18, at the Links of Novi, 50395 W. 10 Mile Road. Operation Injured Soldiers is a nonprofit organization based in South Lyon that provides recreational opportunities to wounded military veterans of all eras.

Golfers and sponsors can register online at www.injuredsoldiers.org/golfouting. For more information, call 248-437-3130.

World Vision 6K run

The 2018 World Vision Global 6K for Water charity run is scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 19, at Kensington Metropark, 4570 Huron River Parkway, in Milford. Participants will join the fight for global access to clean water — six kilometers is the average distance people in the developing world walk for water.

The cost is \$50, which includes a T-shirt, race medal and race bib with a photo of the child who will receive clean water as a result of the event. For more information, call 888-511-6548, email LRunyan@WorldVision.org or go to <https://www.teamworldvision.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=donorDrive.event&eventID=921>.

Salem Historical Society yard sale

The Salem Area Historical Society will hold a yard sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, May 19, on the grounds of Jarvis-Stone School Historic District, 7991 North Territorial Road. This will be a community-wide yard sale featuring flea market and resale items. You can buy a space to sell your items or you can donate items to SAHS, with all proceeds from the sale going to SAHS general fund.

Vendors welcome. Reservations will be accepted until May 10. Cost for a 15-by-15-foot space is \$15 for non-members and \$10 for SAHS members. This is for space only; tables and space coverings are not provided. There is no electricity.

For more information, go to www.SAHSHistory.org or email SAHS.YardSale@gmail.com.

SAHS meeting

The Salem Area Historical Society will host a membership meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 23, in the South Salem Stone School, at the northeast corner of Curtis and North Territorial roads.

A short business agenda will be followed by a presentation on local area Native American history pre-1600 by Carol Clements, retired Nankin Mills naturalist. Admission is \$2 for non-SAHS members.

Tollgate Farm spring classes

MSU Tollgate Farm and Education Center, 28115 Meadowbrook Road, in Novi will host spring classes for gardeners of all levels. Regional experts will be in the Conference Center to help solve problems in the garden. The schedule includes:

■ Thursday, May 31 — Farm manager Roy Prentice offers a glimpse into the history of Tollgate Farm

■ Thursday, June 14 — Mary Gerstenberger leads a class on water

Advance registration is required and space is limited. The cost of each class is just \$20 and supports further adult education programming at Tollgate Farm. For more information and to register, go to <http://www.canr.msu.edu/tollgate/events/evenings-in-the-garden>.

VFAA exhibit at library

The Village Fine Arts Association, in partnership with the Milford Public Library, 330 Family Drive, has a rotating exhibit of its member artwork in the library community room. The current exhibit features the artwork of Cindy Rashid. Her artwork will be displayed until the end of May, after which another artist will have a turn.

Artists interested in participating should contact Linda Onderko of the VFAA at 248-842-6789. The free exhibit is open during regular library hours: 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

To learn more about the VFAA and the Suzanne Haskew Arts Center, go to www.milfordvfaa.org.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Time to address insurance costs

Another painful reminder that we must reform Michigan's car insurance system will soon be reflected on our bills.

The mandatory annual fee we pay to cover catastrophic medical claims through our car insurance will rise to \$192 per vehicle on July 1 – a 13-percent increase underscoring everything that's wrong with Michigan's out-of-whack system.

Michigan is the only state in the nation mandating that motorists buy unlimited health care coverage through their car insurance. It's the primary reason our average car insurance premium – nearly \$2,400 per year – is highest in the nation, more than \$1,000 above the national average and twice as high as in some neighboring states.

Nothing stops medical providers from charging three or four times more for an MRI if the patient happens to be an auto accident victim. Trial lawyers also love our current system because they can clog our courtrooms with injury cases and line their pockets with hefty percentages of settlement payments.

Special interests cash in on a system rigged against Michigan drivers.

Enough is enough. Changing this system is a top priority of mine as your representative in the Michigan House. Offering choice in medical coverage options is a starting point for any legitimate reform plan.

As we have seen, the special interests profiting from the ridiculously high premiums you are forced to pay don't want change. But I am committed to fighting them and bringing some sanity to car insurance rates in Michigan.

Rep. Jeff Noble
state House, 20th District

Liberals and glass houses

I'm pleased that the Observer is retaining a letters page at least on a reoccurring basis. Unfortunately, many of the letters are written by flaming liberals who're solid anti-Trumpers. These same folk have been sending in the same plastic complaints now for two years, imposing their boring, lame opinions on the readers (half of whom are Trumpsters).

Hey lib letter writers, I don't know

whose opinions you think you're changing with your unending rants – it's certainly not the Right. You're either 'preaching to the choir' (your fellow brain-deads) or you're just venting your childish tantrums.

It's unbelievable how the Rhinos, Dems and lib media have been obstructing and attacking Trump since 2016. The American people chose Donald Trump for their President and the fact that the hate filled, bitter, sore loser liberals have been incessantly undermining him is almost treason. The liberals want us to return to our path to history's dust-bin but the Right won't submissively accept that. Talk about a reason for more not less guns; bring on the second Civil War!

Liberals are vile creatures, real pieces of work. They champion the advancement of homosexuals but the only groups they don't tolerate are Christians, conservatives and Trumpsters. They paint Trumpsters as evil, and paint the Right and racists with the same paint-brush, while backing thugs like ANTIFA.

Liberals believe that the Right shouldn't be granted freedom of speech. They don't want disagreement. To a democrat, bipartisanship means they get their way 100% of the time! Liberals don't give a whit about truth or justice – everything for them is politically motivated. They don't care about gun violence but are only using gullible dupes to scoff up votes. The Russian investigation is pure hokum made from utter whole-cloth, designed to cripple Trump's presidency. Liberals especially don't care about morality and the current so-called Trump sex scandals are only being spotlighted in hopes of picking off female Christian votes.

Liberals who live in glass houses shouldn't hurl guff. Liberals are the biggest hypocrites on planet Earth. John Kennedy and Bill Clinton turned the White House into a bordello, with nary a peep uttered or a 'for shame' from the lib media. Ted Kennedy drove Mary Jo (a fling) off a bridge and got away with it. Kennedy relatives have been accused of rape and murder. White women threw themselves at the 'wholly hero' Dr. King.

Leo Weber
Livonia

Obama, gun-free zones caused Parkland

Now that more than a month passed since that horrific high school shooting in Parkland, Fla, it might be helpful to note a couple of important factors that the main stream media ignored in their immediate rush to use this tragic event to undermine the Second Amendment and trash the NRA.

One underreported factor was President Barack Obama's school "leniency" policy. According to Peter Kirsanow, a black member of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, "Broward County adopted a lenient disciplinary policy similar to those adopted by many other districts under pressure from the Obama administration to reduce racial 'disparities' in suspensions and expulsions. The drive to 'get our numbers right' has produced disastrous results, with startling increases in both the number and severity of disciplinary offenses, including assaults and beatings of teachers and students."

Sure enough – despite committing a string of crimes that previously would have been reported, the Parkland shooter was able to pass a background check and purchase the weapon that he used to slaughter 17 people. By the way, this same "leniency" policy has allowed thousands of other troubled, often violent students to commit crimes without legal consequences.

The second factor is the magnet of "gun-free" zones. Killers in other mass shooting attacks – including the Charleston church (and several other church-related shootings), the Colorado movie theater, and in Santa Barbara, Calif. – explained that they picked defenseless targets where they knew no one would have a gun.

It is time to apply some common sense.

Randy Kniebes
Brighton

Gun regulation needed

Citizens must not forget about the deaths which occurred at a high school in Parkland, Fla. We cannot tolerate people who criticize and berate the brave youth who continue to have marches and who fight the hypocrisy of elected officials at all levels of govern-

ment.

The word militia in the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution refers to armed forces to protect our country. The word does not mean everyone is entitled to carry guns. There is a reasonable movement brewing to re-assess the second amendment.

We must support the knowledgeable and passionate young adults and demand our representatives make needed changes to gun legislation. Let us recall the slogan REV – Register, Educate, Vote. It is the duty of responsible, reasonable, compassionate voters to rebel against alternative facts and powerful lobbyists.

Hannah Provence Donigan
Commerce

Community supported HVEF

On behalf of the Huron Valley Educational Foundation I wanted to thank the various restaurants that supported our Dining for Dollars on Feb. 27. Special thanks to Sparkies, Comeback Inn, Baker's of Milford, Coratti's on Main & Billy's Tip'n Inn. HVEF's mission is to raise money for innovative projects that Huron Valley educators apply for.

More than 400 grants, approximately \$350,000 have been funded since 1996. This year we provided over 24 grants totalling nearly \$20,000. Many creative and innovative ideas in literacy, math, science, robotics, technology visual and performing arts all got their start through HVEF grants. Our local teachers that have received these grants would not have been able to bring these unique experiences to our kids without HVEF's financial support. We really appreciate the amazing support our dining establishments gave us on Feb. 27.

We are also grateful to all of you who came out that day to support HVEF. Without the collaboration we wouldn't be able to continue supporting such incredible ideas that our teachers and community organizations bring to our students.

Sharon Keenan
HVEF trustee



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Former animal rescue director, employee arraigned

Jennifer Eberbach Timar
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A woman who ran a Howell Township pet rescue raided by Livingston County Animal Control officers denies wrongdoing and wants some of her animals returned, as she and a former employee face criminal charges.

Sharen Ann Kizer, 70, of Howell, the former director of Last Chance Rescue, and former employee Valerie Jay Cummings, 65, of Howell were both arraigned on felony animal cruelty charges April 11.

Kizer "adamantly" denies the charge against her in connection with a December raid by animal control officers at Last Chance Rescue and two residential properties, her attorney Stephen LaCommare said at her arraignment.

Kizer was charged last month and arraigned March 11 on one count of abandoning/cruelty to 10 or more animals. The charge has a maximum four-year sentence.

Cummings was arraigned on one count of felony abandoning/cruelty to less than 10 animals. The charge has a maximum two-year sentence.

Cummings said she has hired an attorney. She declined further comment.

Officers seized close to 120 dogs and cats, as well as a few birds from the rescue on M-59 in Howell Township, an adjoining apartment and Cummings's Genoa Township home. The raid followed an investigation by officers of complaints about unsanitary conditions and animals not receiving necessary veterinary care.

The animal cruelty charge Kizer faces "is mind-bog-



Kizer



Cummings

gling," LaCommare said at the arraignment. He also objected to the fact that Kizer was the only member of the non-profit rescue's board of directors to be charged with a crime.

"This is Last Chance Rescue. This is not Sharen Kizer," he said.

Kizer has asked animal control officials for some of the animals to be returned to her.

There are "four or five dogs, one cat and her mother's dog" still in animal control's custody that should be returned, LaCommare said following the arraignment. A judge would have to order the animals be returned to Kizer and her mother, who is in her 90s.

Kizer's ex-husband and Howell attorney Tom Kizer, who spoke during her arraignment, said she has been

"an asset" to the community.

"If Sharen has a fault, it's that she cares too much," Tom Kizer said.

During the arraignment, he requested the terms of her bond not restrict her from possessing animals if her mother, who she is living with, is present. Magistrate Jerry Sherwood honored the request. While a condition of her bond is that she is not allowed to possess any animals until her case is resolved, she would be allowed to possess animals licensed to her should the court agree to order animal control return them to her.

Kizer remains free on a \$10,000 personal bond. She is scheduled to return to court April 25 for a probable cause hearing, and a preliminary exam is set for May 5.

Cummings remains free on a \$5,000 personal bond on the condition she not possess any animals. She is scheduled to return to court April 24 for a probable cause hearing, and a preliminary exam is set for May 1.

Livingston County Animal Control Director Almee Orn said last year that she believed the pet rescue "started out with good intentions, but got overwhelmed."

The shelter has experienced financial difficulties in the past. In 2015, Last Chance Rescue started an online fundraising effort to pay the organization's bills.

Last year, the shelter was in danger of closing due to a failing septic system and permit violations. The Livingston County Health Department gave the organization until Feb. 1, 2017, either to hook up to the municipal sewer system in Howell Township or replace the failing septic system and add a separate drainage field for animal waste.

Holocaust center to host 'Curious George' exhibit

The Holocaust Memorial Center Zekelman Family Campus, 28123 Orchard Lake Road, in Farmington Hills has announced its newest exhibit, "The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey," which runs through July 5. The Reys were German-born Jews who created the famous children's book series titled "Curious George," about a rescued monkey. The books have been translated into many languages, including Afrikaans, Chinese, Danish, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese and Swedish.

Author Louise Borden, an award-winning children's book author, heard about the Reys' escape from the Nazi invasion. Borden's research and book about Margret and H.A. Rey's amazing story inspired the exhibit, "The True Wartime Escape of Margret and H.A. Rey" based upon Borden's book "The Journey that Saved Curious George." The exhibit features photographs of the Reys, illustrations by Allan Drummond and several keepsakes, including H.A.'s copious notes in his pocket diary detailing their five-month wartime escape from Paris to New York. The exhibit is recommended for ages 12

and older.

To kick off the exhibit, the Holocaust Memorial Center will host an exclusive membership event at 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Sunday, April 22, featuring Borden, with each followed by a kosher dessert reception. Space is limited and RSVPs are required by April 17 to 248-536-9605 or rsvp@holocaustcenter.org.

The exhibit is open Sunday through Friday and is free with museum admission. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday and 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday. The center is wheelchair accessible with free parking. For more information, go to www.holocaustcenter.org or call 248-553-2400.

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Owner of 70 dead cows gets jail time

Susan Bromley
Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A Livingston County man who was charged last year after 70 cows under his care were found dead was ordered April 9 to serve about two weeks in jail and pay nearly \$20,000 in restitution.

Keith Edwin Huck Jr., 61, of Cohoctah Township was sentenced by Livingston County District Judge L. Suzanne Geddis to 15 days in jail. In addition to \$19,829 in restitution, he will not be allowed to own any animals during his two-year probationary term.

In a court hearing Oct. 25, Livingston County Animal Control Officer J.D. DeLaTorre said, "70 deceased cows, five emaciated cows that were still alive and three emaciated pigs" were discovered in barns on two properties owned by Huck. The

dead cows, he said, were in "various states of decay." Officials also found an unkempt dog.

Huck pleaded guilty in December to one count each of abandoning an animal/failure to provide care, failure to bury a dead animal, and stray dog and unlicensed dog, all misdemeanor charges.

"No matter what, the condition of the animals was in such a state, I feel something should have been done and I think you feel something should have been done in hindsight, as well," Geddis told Huck.

Huck responded, "Your honor, yes, I did the best I could."

Livingston County Prosecutor Bill Vaillencourt said that a 9-1-1 call was first placed Aug. 31 for an animal complaint.

An investigation of two properties owned by Huck, one in the 4000 block of West Hayner and the other about a half-mile away in Cohoctah Township, was then be-

gun by Livingston County Animal Control.

Vaillencourt said a plea deal in the case was struck in order to get the surviving animals into proper care as quickly as possible.

"One of our critical concerns was to adopt these animals out promptly. We are grateful we could do that, otherwise it could have been a year to forfeit the animals," he said. "That would not have been good. They would have been in custody of animal control, and that would have been a tremendous burden... We got the objective we were looking for, which was to hold the defendant accountable."

Huck's attorney Rebecca Roberts told Geddis that Huck had been a farmer for 40 years, with no previous history of abandoning animals. She added that the cows that had been in his care had "shipping fever." He had given them antibiotics, and they weren't eating,

she said. He bought the pigs in his care at a discount because "they weren't doing well," Roberts said.

"It's illogical to say he left these animals on their own to die," Roberts told Geddis. "This is how he makes his living. These are not pets, they are commercial animals. They don't need to be friends with each other. They don't need to have happy lives. They are cows. They get fattened up to sell meat."

When asked by Geddis if he had anything he would like to say, Huck told the judge, "It's just a big loss. It's how I make a living."

Huck and Roberts both declined comment after the hearing. Huck is scheduled to report to jail on Friday.

Dorothy Davies, director of Sanctuary and Safe Haven for Animals Farm in Manchester, called the sentence "a travesty."

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Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
Charter Township of Northville

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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 May 8, 2018 at 7:00PM in the Council Chambers of the Novi Civic Center, 45175 Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI to consider:

PZ18-0010 (Mike Corrigan) 45200 Grand River Avenue, West of Novi Road and North of Grand River Avenue, Parcel #50-22-15-301-010. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Code of Ordinance Section 5.2.12.E for 75 parking spaces to allow for the proposed 197 parking spaces, 271 minimum parking spaces is required by code. This property is zoned Light Industrial (I-1).

PZ18-0011 (A&H Custom Deck Construction LLC) 43484 Scenic Lane, West of Novi Road and South of Nine Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-34-228-005. The applicant is requesting a variance from the City of Novi Zoning Code of Ordinance Section 3.32 (7) for a 2 foot exterior side yard set-back variance for a proposed deck extension, 30 feet minimum required by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-3).

PZ18-0012 (Chris Cramer/Vicki Bolanis) 1301 South Lake Drive, East of West Park Drive and South of South Lake Drive, Parcel #50-22-03-331-012. The applicant is requesting variance from the City of Novi Zoning Code of Ordinance Section 3.1.5 for a front yard set-back variance of 25 feet, 35 feet minimum required by code, a rear yard set-back of 25.45 feet, 35 minimum required by code, a side yard total aggregate 27.17 feet, 40 feet minimum required by code, for the proposed maximum lot coverage of 25% required by code. This property is zoned Single Family Residential (R-4).

PZ18-0014 (Steven Agazzi) 42900 Ten Mile Road, East of Novi Road and North of Ten Mile Road, Parcel #50-22-33-376-006. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Code of Ordinance Section 3.1.19.D for reduction of minimum front yard setback for building (100 feet required, 22 feet existing non-conforming and 18 feet proposed) and for reduction of minimum side yard setback for building (50 feet required, 20 feet existing non-conforming and 12 feet proposed). Section 7.1.4.A to allow the proposed enlargement of the existing non-conforming structure by increasing its nonconformity. This property is zoned General Industrial (I-2).

PZ18-0015 (Daifuku) 30100 Cabot Drive, East of Haggerty Road and North of Thirteen Mile Road, Parcel # 50-22-01-400-039. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Code of Ordinance Section 28-5 for the addition of one sign, one 250 square foot sign allowed by code. This property is zoned Office Service Technology (OST).

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High school junior dressing people with someplace to go

Diane K. Bert
Special to HometownLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

After months of preparation and forming a nonprofit organization, Danielle "Dani" Lutz's vision of providing prom dresses for Detroit school students became a reality.

Lutz, a junior at Groves High School, learned two years ago about a program in California that provides prom dresses. She participated in collecting dresses for them and began thinking, "Why not here in Detroit?"

"It makes me happy to help others be happy. I feel grateful and lucky to live in Birmingham," Lutz said. "Since I was a little girl, I have wanted to make a mark on the world by helping others be happy. I have also loved getting dressed up. I think providing prom dresses and giving other girls a sense of self-confidence can affect the rest of their lives."

Lutz formed a nonprofit organization called reWEARables.

"It is not a charity," she said. "I have learned a lot about running a business. We give people dignity and self-confidence."

For months, Lutz has been collecting slightly used dressy dresses for girls in Detroit public high schools to wear to prom. More than 10 racks of dresses, hundreds of pairs of shoes and jewelry items were in her home, ready to be moved to the Detroit School for the Arts for the big event in March. There were about 500 dresses.

"On the night of the event, I felt a rush of excitement that so many happy people were there," she said. "It was a really fun event. It couldn't have been better. The girls were really happy. They kept the dresses on, looked through the shoes to find a match and proceeded to the jewelry to find the perfect bauble."

More than 500 girls came from all over Detroit, along with their mothers and other family members.

We wanted it to be like a shopping adventure for girls with dressing rooms, mirrors, nice displays, garment bags and printed bags with the reWEARable



Groves High School junior Dani Lutz formed a nonprofit organization called reWEARables. DIANE K. BERT

logo. We had a backdrop with a Prom 2018 sign for photographs," Lutz said. "It was my mother's idea to have the photo area. She served as director for the event."

"One girl came out of the dressing room and her mother cried because she

looked so beautiful. As her mother took pictures, she explained, 'I'm your mother, I'm proud of how beautiful you look.'"

Twenty volunteers helped make the event possible, including Groves students and mothers. The community was very kind and generous in donating dresses, shoes and jewelry.

"We were able to give the girls a sense of dignity and self-confidence, which we hope will continue as they proceed through life," Lutz said.

As Lutz was bagging items, one woman who was unaware that she was speaking to the organizer said, "God was looking down on me and saved my family."

Groves Assistant Principal Darin Wilcox said he is "always pleased" when students look outside themselves.

"It is a great act of charity when you provide for those whom you do not know and your only reward might be a smile on someone's face," Wilcox said. "I think this is a great feel-good story. Dani is a conscientious, quiet, unassuming person, which makes me think her story is all the more special."

Diane K. Bert is a Bloomfield Hills resident with a Ph.D. in educational psychology from Wayne State University. She can be reached at dkbert617@gmail.com.

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Money Matters

Rick Bloom
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It seems a few times every year, I talk to someone who has been scammed by purchasing bogus CDs. I recently met a man who lost \$50,000 in one of these scams. What is so frustrating to me is that the scams are so similar and, year after year, people continue to fall for them.

As the man explained to me, he got an email from an Internet bank that looked very official and professional. Because it has no brick and mortar locations, the email read, its cost of doing business is lower, so it can pass the savings on to customers by offering above-market returns on CDs. The CD rate quoted was 7 percent. The email also read that this is an exclusive offer and that it cannot be passed on to family and friends. The gentleman completed the online application and then sent in his money. He did receive a certificate and that's the last he ever heard. He now realizes he was scammed and his money is gone. In addition, he now has identity theft issues as the online application he completed asked for sensitive information, including his Social Security number.

I want to remind you of things that you need to do to protect yourself when it comes to investing. The first thing is, unless you have dealt with a financial institution in the past, do not directly link to a site from an email. If you think the offer you received is legitimate, type in the web address in your browser. When you directly link to a fraudulent site, the crooks can do all sorts of things to your computer, including accessing sensitive information.

There's no doubt that Internet banking has gained traction over the years. It is also true that, in many situations, you can get better rates of return by using an online bank. That being said, no legitimate organization can offer rates that are 10 times higher or more than the going rate. As investors and consumers, we have to be reasonable.

With technology the way it is, investors have to be more cautious than ever. If you get a solicitation for an investment, whether it is a CD, mutual fund or something else, before you send any money or give any information, do your homework. My advice has always been to only rely on independent information and, if you cannot get independent information, walk away. Some of the best investments I've ever made are the ones I walked away from.

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Commerce chiropractor's body found in burned car in Pontiac

Ann Zanlewski
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Authorities are investigating the death of a chiropractor whose burned body was found in a vehicle in Pontiac.

Norman Valdes Cotten Jr., 54, lived in Howell and practiced in Fowlerville and Commerce Township.

Authorities were called just before 10 a.m. April 2 about a burning car parked at the closed Webster Elementary School, 640 W. Huron, according to the Oakland County Sheriff's Office. After Waterford Regional firefighters extinguished the flames, Cotten's badly burned body was discovered inside the red Cadillac.

The preliminary cause of death was ruled as thermal burns and smoke and soot inhalation, according to the sheriff's office. The manner in which Cotten died — whether it was homicide or suicide, for instance — had not yet been determined. The results of toxicology tests are pending.

Authorities used dental records to confirm Cotten's identity. An ID, credit cards and a money clip with a few dollars were found in his back pocket.

"After an autopsy was conducted (April 2) on the deceased, no signs of trauma were discovered on the



Cotten

body. A box cutter knife was located melted to the right thigh area of the deceased with the blade open," a sheriff's office news release noted.

The Oakland County Sheriff's Office noted that two gas cans were found in the vehicle — and two gas cans were missing from Cotten's home.

One full gasoline can was found in the trunk. A second was flattened on the floor of the backseat.

Cotten's wife told authorities about the missing gas cans. She also said Cotten abruptly left their house Monday morning, leaving his cell phone behind.

The majority of the charring and burning in the vehicle was centered around the front seat passenger side and back seat area.

A GoFundMe page set up to raise donations for Cotten's family said he has three boys.

"Norm provided the financial and physical strength to his family and he has been taken from them much too soon," the page says. "Norm was a chiropractor and loved to spend his free time with his family."

"He loved to golf, play cornhole, darts and watch sports. Norm was loved by so many people in his community and will be greatly missed."

Cotten was a caregiver for his youngest son, who has muscular dystrophy.

"The family has not only lost an immensely precious part of their lives but also the person that provided the critical part of their youngest son's daily medical care," the GoFundMe page reads. "Norm was the physical strength that provided accessibility to most of his youngest sons everyday needs, especially transferring him in and out of the shower and lifting him in and out of vehicles for frequent doctor's visits necessary for his medical care."

"The family is in desperate need of having handicap renovations made to the home to make it easier to provide the necessary medical care to their disabled son without the physical help of his father. They have an urgent need to renovate the bathroom to make the shower wheelchair accessible. They also have to quickly either purchase a vehicle that is wheelchair accessible or purchase a lift for their current vehicle."

More than \$13,000 of an \$80,000 goal had been raised as of April 5.

Authorities are asking anyone who saw Cotten or his car, a red 2008 Cadillac CTS with a Michigan license plate that said STORM24, between 7:15 a.m. and 9:52 a.m. April 2 to call the Oakland County Sheriff's Office at 248-858-4911.



Cars on either side of the southbound lanes of U.S. 23 show impact damage from a nine-vehicle crash that killed three people April 23, 2017. Gary Bryce Erard, 62, of Snover pleaded no contest April 12 to three misdemeanor counts of moving violation causing death. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY PHOTO

Truck driver pleads no contest in fatal crash

Susan Bromley
Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

A semi-truck driver charged in connection with the deaths of three people in a nine-vehicle crash last April near Brighton pleaded no contest April 12.

Gary Bryce Erard, 62, of Snover appeared before 53rd District Judge Suzanne Geddis and pleaded no contest to three misdemeanor counts of moving violation causing death.

A no-contest plea is not a formal admission of guilt but is treated as a conviction for sentencing purposes.

Erard was arraigned on the charges in October. His attorney, Roy John-

son, could not be reached for comment.

Police said Erard crashed into vehicles that were stopped in a construction zone on U.S. 23 south of Lee Road in Green Oak Township on April 23, 2017.

Erard's truck struck numerous vehicles before coming to rest on top of a 1997 Ford Escort driven by Robin David Brown, 51, of Milford, who was pronounced dead at the scene.

His passenger and fiancé, Sarah Miller, 25, also of Milford, was extricated and taken to U-M Hospital, where she later died from her injuries.

Also killed in the crash was Roby James Steele, 52, of Davison, who was driving a 2016 Chevrolet Sonic.

Green Oak Police Chief Jason Pless said there was no explanation for why Erard failed to stop.

"He just frankly didn't see the vehicles stopped in front of him," Pless said.

Erard was employed by the Reese, Michigan-based Hausbeck Brothers Inc. and was driving a 2015 Freightliner semi at the time of the crash.

He remains free on bond.

A moving violation causing death conviction is punishable by up to a year in jail.

Livingston County Prosecutor Bill Vaillien-court was not available for comment.

Sentencing has been set for 1 p.m. May 31 in front of Geddis.

EMU closing its Livonia campus

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It seems a longtime satellite campus of Eastern Michigan University will fly out of Livonia later this summer.

The Ypsilanti-based university said it would not renew its lease for its satellite campus, located at 38777 Six Mile, near Interstate 275.

Geoff Larcom, an EMU spokesman, said the university would not renew its lease, which expires June 30.

"Livonia remains important for the university and we plan to continue to serve the needs of the area," he said. "Eastern only offers three degree programs at the Livonia campus, serving approximately 200 students, most of whom also take classes on our main campus in Ypsilanti."

EMU continues to operate off-campus locations in Detroit and Dearborn.

The university is transitioning more of its programs as more students seek hybrid or fully online degree programs.

"An example of that is the tremendous growth we have seen in the online delivery of our RN to BSN (registered nurse to bachelor of science in nursing) program, which has enrolled more than 600 students since its launch in 2015," he said.

Larcom said students enrolled in classes at the Livonia campus will have their classes moved to Ypsilanti or at a nearby health care facility for the nursing program.

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Program helps parents keep tabs on teen drivers

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Teen drivers in Livingston County will have 48 hours to come clean to their parents about getting pulled over by sheriff's deputies after a voluntary e-alert system goes live later this year.

The initiative takes an existing S.T.O.P.P.E.D. program into the digital age. Parents can voluntarily register their teenage driver's vehicle on the Michigan Sheriff's Association website and receive a sticker with an identification number that goes on the back windshield.

When a teenager with one of the stickers is pulled over by a sheriff's deputy, the deputy will enter the identification number into the online system. Their parents will be notified by text message or email 48 hours after the traffic stop.

"The deputy punches in the number and a short description of what happened," Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy said. They will also enter in how many people were in the vehicle, the time and date, and who was driving, he added.

Parents will be notified after any traffic stop by sheriff's deputies, even if the teen is not ticketed.

Murphy expects the e-alert system to go live this summer or early fall.

State Farm Insurance representatives presented a \$25,896 check April 12 to the Michigan Sheriff's Association to implement the e-alert system in Livingston and Mason counties as a test for one year, after which it might be implemented statewide.

The e-alert system will be used only by the sheriff's department.

The new program replaces an existing S.T.O.P.P.E.D. program that currently notifies parents by regular mail within a few weeks, and was not being used frequently by police.

While a S.T.O.P.P.E.D. program that notifies parents by regular paper mail has been in place for about 10 years, it is not having enough of an impact, accord-



Livingston County Sheriff Mike Murphy (right) talks about the S.T.O.P.P.E.D. program as (from left) State Farm grassroots specialist Thom Connolly, State Farm's Geof Gelina and Dan Eskola listen. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

ing to Murphy.

Only "about a half-dozen parents a month" are notified through regular mail, he said.

He said he hopes the e-alerts will "reduce the number of crashes by making (teens) safer drivers."

That is despite all of the public high schools in the county using S.T.O.P.P.E.D. stickers as parking passes.

"There were how many ever thousands out there," Murphy said. "The

problem is, quite frankly, my guys, the deputies, if they stop somebody with the sticker, they weren't following through to make sure the Michigan Sheriff's Association got notified, because they had to fill out a paper and mail it in. It's cumbersome."

He said the advantage of an online system is deputies can log it immediately after the traffic stop from their vehicles.

Murphy said some parents have "pushed back" on using the stickers as

parking passes at schools, "because it's not voluntary and some parents were concerned big brother was watching, which isn't true," he said.

Once the program goes online in the county, the stickers will not be used as high school parking passes, he said.

Blaine Koops, CEO of Michigan Sheriff's Association, said the main goals of the S.T.O.P.P.E.D. program include "building accountability, because (parents) don't always know what their kids are doing."

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Repairs to demolished I-96 overpass underway

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State transportation officials said crews began a \$1.6 million project Monday to rebuild the Pleasant Valley Road bridge over Interstate-96 in Brighton Township after months of delay.

A portion of the bridge over the eastbound lanes was torn down after it was damaged beyond repair Sept. 27. The bridge was struck by equipment on a flatbed truck being driven by an employee of MacAllister Machinery Rentals in Wixom.

The construction schedule is still in limbo, but officials hope to have the project completed by November, Michigan Department of Transportation spokeswoman Jocelyn Hall said.

"The contractor is saying they may be able to reopen the overpass to traffic by Labor Day, but that's not going to be the full extent of the work," Hall said. "It's looking like the work will be complete October, November."

The replacement cost is higher than road officials' original \$1.3 million



A photo of damage to the Pleasant Valley Road bridge over Interstate 96 that was tweeted by MDOT Sept. 28, 2017, after a truck hauling equipment struck the bridge. The bridge was demolished after the incident. MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

estimate, "due to increased traffic maintenance costs," Hall said.

MDOT will seek reimbursement on the cost of demolishing and replacing the bridge from MacAllister Machinery Rentals, she added.

Messages were left with the company seeking comment.

In September, MDOT officials estimated the bridge would be replaced in about six months. They are now expecting it will reopen about a year after the demolition.

Hall said bridge design work took time but happened more quickly than is typical under normal conditions.

"If we build a normal bridge, let's say we have an existing structure and there is deterioration, we are identifying that

ahead of time and we know years in advance we're going to do it," Hall said. "This is different, because it's an emergency situation and we didn't have the lead time. It took time to get the designs approved and it was let out to bid in March," she added.

The exact construction time line will depend on how quickly steel beams arrive, which can take up to six months. "But it's safe to say that fabrication of those beams is starting," she said.

The demolished overpass has hurt business at a 7-Eleven and Mobile gas station less than a half mile south of the closure at 11501 Grand River Ave., according to owner Dawn Turner.

"Our business is down 40 percent since last year, so that is a huge deal for us," Turner said. "We've lost a lot of staff and the people who are here are plugging along doing the best they can."

She said she expects to hire more staff and return to her pre-demolition sales after the bridge re-opens.

Turner is glad "there is an end in sight," she said. But she is "frustrated it's taken so long."



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Joe Hewlett is a second-generation Michigan football player who isn't ready for things to end quite yet.

The senior walk-on turned scholarship special teams player from Northville High, who went through senior day pregame ceremonies during the Wolverines' regular season and home finale last November against Ohio State, didn't hesitate about returning for his fifth and final year of eligibility in 2018.

"As a kid, I always wanted to play here," said Hewlett, whose father Rich, a Salem High grad, was a starting quarterback turned defensive back at U-M from 1979-83. "So knowing that I had



Hewlett

that opportunity to come back one more year, build off what I did last year working on special teams and all that and knowing that I could have a pretty crucial role on this year's team, is pretty much a no-brainer for me to come back. Really excited, been working and getting used to this new team."

Off-season practice is winding down for the Wolverines, who had their spring game canceled Saturday due to inclement weather. Hewlett and his teammates, however, got the most out of their situational indoor session that day.

"It was a good opportunity for everyone, really, get some work in, get a lot of

reps out there," Hewlett said. "It's unfortunate that we couldn't play in the Big House in front of all the fans and what not. It's always fun, TV there ... I think it was a good day for the team. I got a lot of good looks out there and we're just trying to get better at this point."

Game action

After appearing in 10 games last season with three tackles and one assist, the 6-foot, 200-pound Hewlett hopes to become even more of a factor on all facets of the Wolverines' special teams unit.

"You never really know, based on injuries or what not, but really just being

See HEWLETT, Page 3B



Michigan special teams player Joe Hewlett will return for his fifth and final season of eligibility. DARYL MARSHKE | MICHIGAN PHOTOGRAPHY

COLLEGE ATHLETICS



South Lyon East senior Julia Vollmer committed to the EMU softball program as a freshman. FILE PHOTO

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When Julia Vollmer was a ninth-grader at South Lyon East, she verbally committed to play college softball at Eastern Michigan University.

Vollmer only needed raw talent and a video compilation of her then-developing skills to land a future berth with the Eagles — as a coveted catcher who could excel in all facets of the sport.

With EMU's decision announced in March to drop women's softball (and



Wilkinson

three other sports) from its roster of athletics offerings for 2018-19, Vollmer might now wish she had had the chance to look into a crystal ball when she made her original college choice.

As it now stands, the senior will need to revamp her highlight video and try to hook on with another college — that is, if Vollmer wants to pursue a softball career.

"I think she's a talented enough athlete that she's going to get recruited

again," South Lyon East softball coach Paul Nieto said. "She's that good and she's fortunate. There's going to be some other girls in her situation, that committed to Eastern, that may not be as fortunate."

Time to rally

Financial worries are at the core of why EMU last month announced the elimination of softball, wrestling, men's swimming and diving and ten-

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BOYS LACROSSE

South Lyon Unified rolls to victory

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South Lyon Unified's Silvio Scappaticci admits he's an amateur fisherman in his spare time.

But opposing defenses just can't seem to reel him in either as the senior attacker racked up seven goals and one assist in SLU's 16-7 non-conference boys lacrosse victory Friday over Novi.

Scappaticci had five by halftime as South Lyon (4-0) built a commanding 10-1 advantage.

"Our intensity was booming, we were clicking on passes, our ground balls were good and we were making our shots," Scappaticci said.

South Lyon has now outscored its first four opponents by an aggregate of 63-16. It's a veteran team that reached last year's MHSAA Division 2 regional final before losing to Brighton.

"It's a little too early I'd say, but we definitely have kids that are hungry, the seniors, that were juniors last season," SLU coach Justin Boughton said. "I think we do have a very talented group that are willing to try and go further than last year for sure."

The team has developed a special bond so far this season, according to Scappaticci, who is drawing interest

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South Lyon Unified's Silvio Scappaticci scores one of his seven goals against Novi goaltender Freddie Samson. TRACY TASHMAN



PREP BOWLING

Farmington's Doran headed to Columbia College

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The Doran girls certainly made their marks in the Farmington United girls bowling program.

Caylin Doran was the anchor bowler of the United team that set a state record with a team-high game of 1,188 at the 2014 state championship meet. She posted scores of 258 and 254 to help her team secure a top seed after the qualifying rounds.

The 2014 Farmington High School graduate went on to have an outstanding career at the University of Pikeville (Ky.), where she became a two-time NA-IA national champion.

Her younger sister Rachel also enjoyed a stellar high school career and signed a letter of intent April 11 to attend Columbia (Mo.) College, where she plans to continue bowling while studying to become a forensic scientist.

"There were some other schools that I had considered, but as I looked into them, they didn't have the academics that I was looking for," said Doran, who toured the campus last October. "When we met with (Columbia) coach Don (Cope), he was telling us about the school and about the program and I told him that my desired major was forensic science and he was telling us his school has a great forensic science program.

"That's really the main reason why I chose Columbia, was for academics, and the bowling really kind of just came along with it," she added. "It's a great chance to bowl and get a good education. I can't wait to see what the next four years will look like."

Veteran Farmington United head coach Dennis Hermani believes the burgeoning bowling program at Columbia is a perfect fit for Doran.

"She liked the size of the campus, she liked the major they were offering and she's going to get to go down there and help build a program that was just started two years ago," Hermani said. "She had the opportunity to visit a number of



Rachel Doran is the only four-time individual state qualifier — male or female — in Farmington United program history. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

other colleges, but for better or worse, she didn't go on any other visits once they offered her a scholarship."

One of state's best

Doran, like her sister, distinguished herself as one of the state's top bowlers.

This past season, she set an OAA record for average (228) and captured the regional championship while earning all-state honors both academically (4.0 grade-point average) and athletically.

She made the 2018 state Dream Team and is a nominee for the state's Miss Bowler award.

She helped lead Farmington United to the state finals as a team in each of her four varsity seasons, finishing as the Division 1 runner-up in 2016 after losing to Davison in the championship match. On two other occasions, Farmington United lost in a first-round match in the step-ladder finals.

Individually, Doran also was a four-time state qualifier — the first bowler,

male or female, in program history to achieve that distinction — and twice earned all-state honors by placing among the top 18 bowlers.

The Farmington High School senior is a three-time OAA singles champion and held the highest OAA average this past year for both boys and girls. She also posted the league's highest two-game series (516) in her last match of the year.

Starting out young

Doran began bowling at age 5, honing her skills over the years at both Country Lanes in Farmington and Woodland Lanes in Livonia. She improved her game substantially in high school, hiking her average by 42 points from her freshman to senior years with respective averages of 186 to 228.

"Rachel's been around the sport following her sister and her dad (Bruce, who is a Farmington United assistant coach), so she's been kind of a bowling alley kid since she was little," Hermani said. "She came in as a freshman, but she really wasn't a freshman since she's been around the program for so long.

"She's been in a lot of pressure situations, even though this is the first year of being what you call our anchor bowler," he added. "She works extremely hard at her craft and she doesn't take a whole lot of time off. She learned about her equipment a little bit more and it all ties into her being around the sport her whole life. She is absolutely one of the best bowlers we've ever had here."

Hermani is going to miss not having a Doran on the girls bowling team — although, the youngest sister (Tyler, a seventh-grader at Power Middle School) — is rolling up to the high school level.

"Losing (the Doran girls) is a big loss for us. Over the last eight years of our program, we've had one of the Doran sisters here," Hermani said.

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nis.

With a projected budget deficit of \$4.5 million to \$5.5 million for the 2018 fiscal year, the paring of sports offerings is reportedly expected to make up about \$2.4 million of that shortfall, although the actual figure being saved is much lower (about \$60,000) according to some estimates.

Student-athletes with many different paths to Ypsilanti now must reassess and decide if they have options worth pursuing.

On Friday, April 20, a rally protesting the cuts will convene in time for the 10 a.m. Board of Regents meeting.

"We're having a rally-slash-protest at the Convocation Center just to show how big everything is," said Max Wilkinson, a 2014 South Lyon alum who would have had one year of eligibility left with the EMU men's swimming and diving team. "We're trying to get out as many people as we can to that, to show we haven't given up yet.

"That's what they're waiting for us to do."

Dreams deferred

Watching closely from a distance will be Eastern softball alum Lauren Delapaz Evans, who coaches Plymouth High School's varsity softball team. Evans also is a teacher at Salem.

After playing four years of varsity softball at Canton, the then-Delapaz received a full athletic scholarship to play softball at Eastern from 2007-08 through 2010-11.

She stressed that everything she now has is due to that college opportunity — as well as the understanding and support of her husband Mychael, who "sacrifices a lot for me to be coaching the sports I do."

"It's definitely an upsetting and sad time for EMU softball and alumni and future players," Evans said. "Eastern was a great program. I learned so much as an athlete, as a human, as a coach.

"Everything I have now, coaching at a high school, coaching in travel ball and my education degree to having my teaching job, I owe to Eastern softball.

"As a high school student, it's everyone's dream to go to college and it's really sad that these current players who thought they had their dream figured out and mapped out have to rearrange things."



Delapaz Evans TIM SMITH

Ups and downs

The groundswell of support for the currently displaced EMU student-athletes — there are some 40,000 signatures collected on social media by the organization "Save EMU Sports" — is at least generating optimism that a reversal might still happen.

"I know there's been a lot of Facebook love for all four sports that have been cut," Evans said. "I know there's also a lot of people who want the university to make a different decision and help out a little bit more."

Regardless, the apple cart has been overturned for some.

High school seniors such as Vollmer at least can shift gears, although because she is a catcher she might have to wait for an opening to surface. Nieto said that catchers and pitchers are two positions that are heavily recruited by colleges.

"They want to get pitchers and catchers first, because they're the hardest to recruit," Nieto said. "They go after those kids right away, I'd say 10th grade, 11th grade. Julia was in a different situation, she was in ninth grade and got recruited, which is pretty rare."

But three years of thinking her college plans were etched in stone has forced Vollmer (who declined to be interviewed for this story) and other committed athletes to unexpectedly put themselves back in circulation.

"She's had some interest from other schools already, but there's still a lot that has to happen," Nieto said about the four-year varsity player, an all-con-

ference selection last year. "They still have to see her play. They haven't seen her play in three-and-a-half years because she's been off the market."

"It's hard for her to get in front of these coaches, because they're in season right now."

Unexpected roadblock

For Wilkinson there is no soft landing spot — unless the double protest triggers a change of heart by the university.

Wilkinson, a standout freestyler both with the South Lyon Unified team and with the Eagles, reluctantly will conclude his career one year earlier than he had hoped.

He is forced to weigh pros and cons between trying to transfer to a college where he can swim and finishing his degree in health administration.

"I'd like to swim another year but, realistically, I don't think it's going to be possible just because I'm so far into my program at Eastern," Wilkinson said. "If I was to transfer, I'd be looking at at least two more years of school and it just wouldn't financially be smart."

"Also, I haven't gotten many offers from other schools since I only have one year of eligibility left."

The sting of EMU's ziggy remains for Wilkinson and 82 other current student-athletes — whose road to the finish line suddenly hit a wall of broken dreams and promises.

"It's hard to believe that this happened," Wilkinson said. "We were the most successful team at that school, we have 34 out of 49 (of EMU's conference) championships. None of us saw it coming."

Wilkinson said he might have taken a different approach had he only been in his first or second year of college.

"If I was a freshman or sophomore, I think I'd probably be looking at another place to go," he said. "Because at that point, I might be just be wrapping up my prerequisites."

A life lesson

According to Nieto, the stark reality moving forward for student-athletes — whether still in high school or early in their college careers — is to treat the world of college athletics as a business.

"What I would tell the girls is, I don't think it changes from their perspective what they need to do to get recruited," Nieto said. "All the recruiting aspects stay the same, you still need to sell yourself, you still need to have good grades. I would probably reiterate the im-

portance of having this video archive, so if something does happen, you can fall back and say 'Hey, look, even though I committed in ninth or 10th grade, I continued to do some videos and here's my at-bats, here's my fielding.'"

That might be an unexpected nuisance for those who already have a spot on a college team or a letter of intent to go to a university in the near future.

But, as Nieto noted, it's a necessity of a modern world where "everybody's got a cellphone that can video just about every at-bat."

If what happened at EMU were a course offering, it might be labeled Reality 2018.

"Never let your guard down," Nieto said. "It's amazing how young these college athletes learn life lessons of business and everything else."

It's painful

Evans stressed that a few current Wildcats were previously thinking about playing softball at Eastern. Now, of course, all bets are off.

"Unfortunately, since the news broke out that they weren't having a team, we've rearranged some of our (recruiting) lists," Evans said. "But again, I truly have faith in the softball community that even though Eastern isn't an option, which is sad, student-athletes can still find a home somewhere."

And for Evans and many others, college was home for an important part of their lives. It's why she is "upset" about Eastern softball and three other sports likely biting the dust.

"I still look forward to, hopefully, one day bringing my kids and showing them where my softball field was, showing them my stomping grounds," Evans said. "Because I think it's important for every athlete to know, even though you can't see it, there's still a rich tradition behind all those sports."

"I feel for all the student-athletes right now, not only softball. Eastern was a huge part of my life. I wouldn't have changed my past for anything. Knowing that those traditions, those bonds that have been made are broken, it hurts."

Thousands with emotional ties to Eastern Michigan University won't go down without a battle, without imploring administrators to write the ultimate pain prescription.

Without one, it's all just a sad, bitter pill.

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Hewlett

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one of those reliable guys who they can throw in at any position or any of the four teams," Hewlett said of his role. "Coach (Chris) Partridge takes a lot of pride and the guys on the team take a lot of pride in being on those four teams, so there's always a competition. ... I really want to be on the punt team, being on the kickoff team last year, which was the top in the country — kick return and punt return — we want to use those as weapons. Hopefully, finding your way on all of those is ideal and a perfect situation, but you never really know what can happen."

The NCAA announced Friday it has altered its kickoff rule, which will allow for a fair catch by the receiving team between the goal line and the 25-yard line, which will be treated as a touchback. It was a rule to help eliminate pooch kicks and help increase player safety.

"I just found out about it last night and coach Partridge did, too," Hewlett said. "I saw him this morning and I said, 'Hey, have you seen this new rule?' We were both pretty upset about it last night, but he said, 'Don't worry about it, we're going to find a way around it.' We're going to continue to find a way to use that team as a weapon. When you can pin teams down inside the 15, especially with our defense, that can really change the game and really set yourself up for good situations."

Offensive role

The Wolverines have four remaining spring practices on the docket with classes winding down and final exams on the horizon.

Hewlett, a former standout quarterback at Northville, also played an integral part in the team's offensive preparations last fall, when he was named Scout Team Offensive Player of the Week for his role after taking 500 snaps at QB prior to the Air Force game.

Hewlett, meanwhile, has experienced good vibes surrounding the offense during spring practice thus far.

"We've seen a lot of improvement across the board," said Hewlett, who saw his first game action in 2016 with two rushing attempts in three games. "I think the offensive line has looked really good, really doing a good job of picking



Joe Hewlett stands in front of the football coaching mural at U-M's Towsley Museum. BRAD EMONS

up blitzes, identifying those. I think in terms of the running back room ourselves, we're really working on every part of our game. I think with Karan (Higdon) and Chris (Evans), they're two of our head guys, two of our lead horses and, just across the board, we've been really working on pass protection, getting really good technique-wise, so when we do reach the Big Ten season we're still humming, we're still clicking on all cylinders.

"But I think the offense, in general, looks much improved over the past couple of springs. And guys are used to the system and I think that's starting to pay off. We've got a lot of experienced guys that have played a lot of football, so it's been good for us."

Studying abroad

For the second straight year, U-M's football team will embark April 26 on week-long foreign trip, this time to Paris after spending last spring in Rome.

"I'm really excited about it," Hewlett said. "We have a lot of guys going out there, pretty much most of the team, and David Turnley (Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer) will be out there. He's lived over there for 15 years, so he's fired up. He's going to kind of be our diamond in the rough, really taking us to cool spots. Coach (Jim Harbaugh) is taking us over to Normandy, which I think a lot of guys are excited about. It's a very important place in our world's history."

Hewlett has been to France with his family, part of his study abroad last year, and made a day trip to Paris.

"I personally like it, very cool city," he said. "I'd say it's similar to Rome, not as old, not as old, not as ancient, but a lot of very cool things to see, the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower. And it's just fun being in different cultures. You really get caught up in everything that we have in the (U.S.), being especially us with football and school. It's a really good experience to get out there and experience something completely new that a lot of guys don't have those opportunities to do."

Hewlett, a two-time academic all-Big Ten selection (2016-17), is scheduled to graduate from U-M in May 2019. He is enrolled in the Ross School of Business, with a minor in economics.

Life after football

After the 2018 football season concludes, he plans to chart a new course in life.

"I'll have those two things going for me and, really, after football is done, then not sure yet what I want to do yet," Hewlett said. "I think I'd like to move out, move away from home, looking to move into Chicago and find a job down there in finance."

Practicing law, however, is probably not the direction Hewlett will go even though his father is a litigation attorney and partner for Varnum, LLP, in Novi. His older brother Jeffrey, also a U-M grad, is in his first year of law school at Wayne State.

"I don't think I'll be following my dad's or my brother's footsteps," Hewlett said. "It's been interesting to me, but I think I'm going on my own path a little bit."

In May 2012, the Hewlett family dynamics changed forever when his mother Christine lost her battle to ovarian cancer. Hewlett was still in high school at the time of her death.

Mother's legacy

"I think she knew marrying my dad and having two boys, I think she knew what she was getting into," he said. "We were sports all year-round and she was always there for us. She came here as well. She was always maize and blue all the way. She'd always be at all our football, basketball, baseball, soccer games growing up — everything. We're definitely a sports family and she was a big

part of that and she always has been growing up."

Christine was the family's No. 1 fan and cheerleader.

"She would be very proud, I know she would," he said. "She was always supportive of me and my brother playing sports growing up. Coming here for my brother, because he graduated from here, and then me coming here as well, is very important for us as a family. Getting out there and going to play is great way to honor her and what she had done for us."

Hewlett will no doubt try to soak up every moment during his fifth and final year of eligibility as the Wolverines have something to prove in 2018 after going 8-5 overall and 5-4 in the Big Ten.

The journey has been worth the wait for Hewlett, who was red-shirted his freshman year (2014) and did not see any live game action in 2015 before getting his shot in 2016 while earning a full scholarship last August.

"It's tough to put into words, but it's been a fun experience, very humbling as well. You really go through a lot of ups and downs, once you get here as a freshman and growing up," Hewlett said. "Knowing that my dad played here and the respect my family has always had for this university and what it means to put on the winged helmet and go out there, play on Saturdays in the Big House ... it's something I don't take for granted at all. It's something that I really look forward to in the fall, just going out there and being a part of Michigan football."

And there's a personal legacy to live up to as well, according to Hewlett.

"They (teammates) know how much it means to me and you really have to take that into consideration when you're out there," he said. "You're trying to put on a good face for the university and the program. You represent it at all times and you're held to a very high standard. I think that's something a lot of us accept and we really enjoy it, because we know (we are) student-athletes at the university. There's a bunch of other guys who have had fathers that have played on the team. We know what it means to us, because we've always dreamed about coming here and playing on Saturdays and to be able to do that is an unbelievable feeling."

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YOUTH BASKETBALL

Livonia's Muntean eyes Elks Hoop Shoot national finals

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For the second straight year, Livonia's Nathan Muntean will be among of 72 age-group finalists who will compete Saturday, April 21, at the 2018 Elks Hoop Shoot national finals at Loyola University's East-West University Center in Chicago, Ill.

Over the past nine months, athletes ages 8-13 from across the country competed in the Elks Hoop Shoot. Only six will become national champions.

Muntean advanced through the local, district and state levels of competition,



Muntean

sinking the most of 25 free throws in his division at each contest. At the Great Lakes Regional semifinals March 10, Muntean secured his opportunity to shoot on the foul line at the national finals.

One boy and one girl in each of three age groups will earn the title and have their names inscribed on the Hoop Shoot plaque in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass.

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Lacrosse

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from NCAA Division I schools such as University of Detroit Mercy and Monmouth (N.J.)

"Because we have a lot of returning seniors and a lot of returning juniors and some kids got moved up, we all have good chemistry," Scappaticci said. "We go fishing ... just a good team to be with."

SLU came roaring out of the gate to lead 7-1 after one quarter as Scappaticci had four goals and one assist.

"Every year, he's tough to guard," Novi coach Chris Johnson said. "You got to hand it to him. He can put the ball away. He did well. We didn't do necessarily anything special, we just tried to play our team defense and they did well to-night. Got to hand it to South Lyon."

Scappaticci, meanwhile, came close to his career high of nine goals.

"He's always a special player," Boughton said. "It's his senior year. I obviously want to see him go as far as he can. I've coached him now for five years. It's not often you get somebody that special."

Also contributing offensively for SLU were Nick Harvath (two goals, four assists), Mitch Tashman (one goal, three

assists), Colt Kovach (two goals, one assist), Cole Meidt (two goals), Michael Dancer (one goal, one assist) and Ben Currie (one goal).

South Lyon used two different goalies, as starter Quinn Uphoff made six saves in the first half before giving way in the second to Connor Peragment.

Meanwhile, the Wildcats went through a scoreless drought of 20 minutes, 34 seconds between their first and second goals by Alex Vargas and Chase Sparling.

"We're a young team, but I think each game we've shown some improvement," Johnson said. "We came on, I think, in the fourth quarter and started to fight back and I was impressed."

Kyle Henkel, Casey Lyons and Sparling each finished with two goals, while Vargas also had an assist for the Wildcats.

Senior Freddie Samson went all the way in goal for Novi, which has been outscored 62-19 during its first four matches, but Johnson remains optimistic.

"We've got 10 underclassmen and, I think, every game they're learning and growing as players and as a team and they're gaining confidence," he said.

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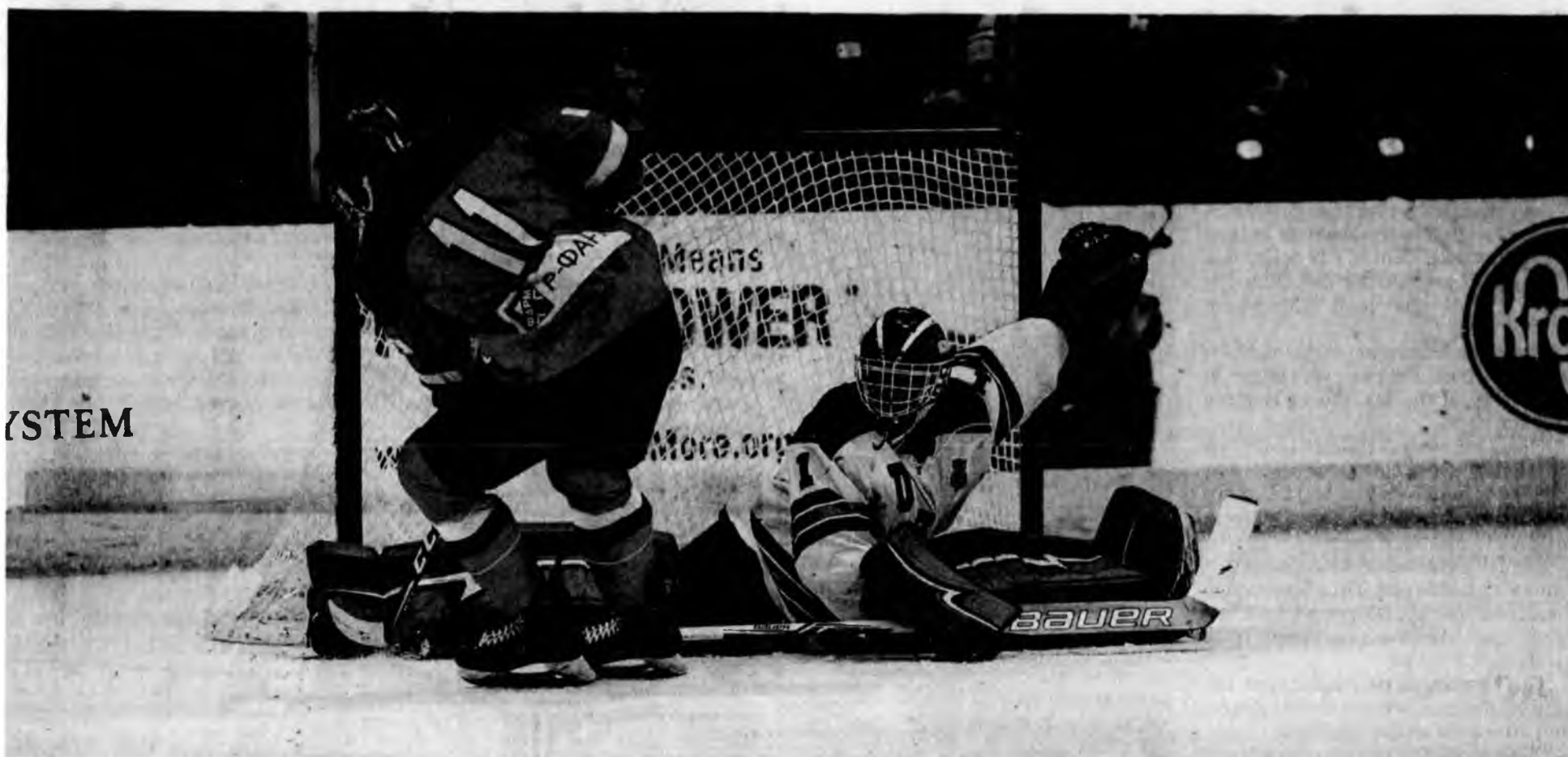
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USA HOCKEY



U.S. goalie Drew DeRidder stretches out to stop a Russian player's scoring attempt during the Five Nations Tournament at USA Hockey Arena in February. DeRidder and his teammates now embark on a quest for gold at the U-18 worlds in Russia. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

U.S. squad ready for bad water, good hockey in Russia

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Mention Russia these days and thoughts turn to a constant barrage of stories and speculation, with presidents of two countries in the cross-hairs of political comment.

Cable airwaves are saturated with stories about angst, turmoil and controversy.

But the only thing Russia means to players on the 2018 U.S. U-18 Men's National Team is a glorious opportunity to play hockey with a crack at winning gold on foreign soil.

Just make sure not to drink the water. "No matter where we are, we just want to win that gold medal," said Jonathan Gruden, a forward on the U-18 squad. "But I think being in Russia makes it a little more special. We've never won a gold medal there. Hopefully, we'll be the first team to do that."

"It's always unbelievable to be able to represent the USA playing against different countries," said defenseman Ty Emberson, a partner of Birmingham's Bode Wilde. "So we're going to go to a great place in Russia. Hopefully, it will be fun."

For the past two seasons, players such as Gruden and Emberson have been grinding and working to improve their skills in USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, based out of Plymouth.

The NTDP U-18 squad has embarked on three days of travel — leaving April 9 and taking three planes that will connect the dots from Detroit to Amsterdam to Moscow to, finally, Chelyabinsk.

Reaching a climax

At the final destination, players will go through a week of preparation before motoring to Magnitogorsk for the International Ice Hockey Federation U-18 worlds (which run April 19-29).

The group also will take on a new moniker as the U-18 men's national team. Make no mistake, whatever the team is called, the tournament represents the culmination. For two years, players have gone to work with skates firmly on the ice and the U-18 worlds somewhere in their thoughts.

That tournament will include Russia, as well as Sweden, Finland, the Czech Republic, Canada and several other countries.

"Do we want to win the gold medal? 100 percent," U.S. head coach Seth Appert said following a recent practice at USA Hockey Arena. "Do the guys have that (worlds) ahead of them for two years? Yes. That's certainly something at the end to keep them motivated and driven, that they're here to end up winning a gold medal for the country."

"But along the way, we spend two years working on player development, to get them ready for this — and what's going to be beyond for them."

Most players on Appert's team already are lined up to play hockey for a major college in 2018-19 and a number of players are expected to hear their names



Jonathan Gruden, a forward from Rochester, can't wait to represent the United States during the 2018 U-18 World Championships April 19-29 in Russia. TIM SMITH



The U.S. team's trek to Russia is a "business trip," head coach Seth Appert stressed. TIM SMITH



For U.S. defenseman Ty Emberson, getting proper rest and nutrition in Russia will help the squad be ready for international competition. TIM SMITH

called in June at the National Hockey League entry draft.

All of that is in the future. Russia is now and players are pumped.

"It's going to be a great opportunity, a great trip," U.S. goalie Drew DeRidder said following a recent practice at USA Hockey Arena. "I've never been to Russia, so that will be pretty cool."

"We have a great team and I think we'll have really good success over there."

Pucks, not politics

That a group of elite young Americans is about to spend a few weeks in Russia, during a contentious period of world history, is merely coincidental.

DeRidder and his teammates aren't concerning themselves about all the political unrest that dominates the 24-hour news cycle, much of it spent seemingly poring over every move made by President Donald Trump, Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin and U.S. special counsel Robert Mueller.

"My dad watches the news sometimes," said DeRidder, who hails from Fenton and will play next year at Michigan State University. "He'll just sit there and listen for a few minutes. There's some weird stuff, but I try not to think about it."

Asked if he is solely focused on stopping pucks against international rivals, he smiled and said, "Yeah."

Chiming in was Appert, noting that "those are things that I like to say are above our pay grade. Those things between our government and their government, they're not for a hockey coach to be concerned with, right?"

So politics won't be top of mind. But personal health, hygiene and rest will be.

Safe and secure

After reaching the first of two top-notch hotels the U.S. team will stay in while in Russia, players will be urged to kick back before kicking it up once they reach the rink.

"It's going to be a little bit different," DeRidder said. "The food's not going to be great. It's going to be a little bit different atmosphere than what I'm used to here. You just got to eat the food, stay hydrated (by drinking bottled water), stay rested and make sure we're doing everything we need to do."

USA Hockey will make sure players stick to the script as much as possible, already having gone to great lengths to reassure players and their families that they'll be safe.

One area of previous concern was a reported cloud of radiation hovering over much of Europe, but the all-clear sign was given several weeks ago.

"A few kids were worried about it, but I'm not worried about it anymore and the coaches have done a good job keeping us informed and telling us it's not a problem," DeRidder said. "I trust them. They're not going to bring us somewhere where we're going to be in any harm or anything like that."

Players might sneak in some trail mix or candy bars in their equipment bags, but USA Hockey "has done a good job of figuring out what we're going to eat, what we're going to drink. So I think we'll be fine," Emberson said.

Here's how thorough USA Hockey has been: In prepping the players, they were told to not use tap water to brush their teeth or shower with their mouths open.

Appert and his staff already have driven home the message that the team is embarking on a business trip, with the only sights to be seen reflecting gold, silver or bronze.

"Yesterday, we were talking to coach Appert and he said we might get out on the town a couple days just to get some pizza in the city," future University of Wisconsin player Emberson said. "But we're there for hockey, so we're going to treat it as a business trip."

A job to do

Having some downtime will be key, however.

"It's really important. We got to let

loose some days," Emberson said. "We can't be stressed for three weeks in a row. But I think once the games start and once we have to get focused, I think the boys will get focused, because we're a mature group and we'll figure out how to win over there."

Concurring was Appert, emphasizing that "this isn't a sight-seeing trip, this is a world championship. When we go over there, the first couple days are going to be important, to get rest and get acclimated to the time change, get our feet underneath us on the practices, get an exhibition game in. And then we'll move down to Magnitogorsk; at that point it's on. We play three games in the first four days once the official tournament starts."

The team already has some international success under its belt — winning February's Five Nations Tournament in Plymouth after coming back from a 3-0 deficit to defeat Russia and then topping Finland in the championship game.

"I think we gained a lot of confidence in how we won that tournament," Appert said. "Not just that we won it."

Patriotic pride

Now it's time to drink it all in — excepting tap water, of course.

Whether inside the arena on Beck Road or inside one across the Atlantic Ocean, players such as Gruden will relish putting on the U.S. crest and getting after it. A heavy workload awaits if a gold medal is to be won, namely eight games in less than two weeks.

Bring it all on.

"What am I looking forward to the most?" asked Gruden, whose family lives in Rochester. "Probably just being on the ice with the guys, wearing that crest internationally, it's so surreal."

"I dreamed about it when I was a kid. Probably just doing that and winning the gold medal has been a goal of mine."

Dreams can now become reality in a faraway land.

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BOYS LACROSSE

Detroit CC ends Brother Rice domination

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Joey Kamish's overtime goal exorcised more than a few demons in Novi Detroit Catholic Central's 10-9 lacrosse win April 10 over 13-time defending Division 1 state champion Birmingham Brother Rice.

It was the fourth goal of the night for the sophomore and none was bigger in the history of the Shamrocks lacrosse program.

That's because CC hadn't beaten its longtime nemesis since 1994 and it was only the second time Rice had fallen to a school from this state during its 13-year MHSAA tournament reign.

Kamish's goal was golden, for sure. It came with 1:45 to play in the first sudden death four-minute OT period, on a low drive that skipped underneath Rice goalie Jack Michael.

The Kamish game-winner sent CC, players and coaches into a wild celebration afterward on the Rice field.

"I just thought it was time to rip it and it went in," Kamish said of the game-winner. "What was the difference today? We beat Rice. That's always been my goal and it's something my brother (Brennan) wasn't able to accomplish, but we were just fortunate to get the win tonight."

During the 13-year history of the MHSAA tournament, Rice had beaten CC seven times, all of the last four finals, including a tense 8-7 win in last year's state final. Last year, the Warriors beat CC three times, including 15-14 regular season OT victory and a 15-10 win in the Catholic League final.

But this time the tables were turned as CC's face-off specialist Connor Beals won the all-important draw to start OT and the Shamrocks got a 30-second man advantage when Rice's James Donaldson took a penalty.

"I know that our offense, in my opinion, is the best in the state," said Kamish, a junior attacker. "There's nothing stopping us from getting that win. And I knew it was just one goal to win it, nothing was stopping our offense. We played it out, got that penalty, and right after the ball went on the ground, I knew we were going to score and win the game."

Nobody was happier afterward than CC coach Dave Wilson, whose team improved to 4-0 with the victory in the Catholic League opener.

"The state championship wasn't lost or won today," Wilson said. "It's a big win for us. We also recognize that it's one win. We knew eventually we'd kick the door in and the kids just had to be persistent."

CC sophomore goalie Jakob Hemme, who was on the freshman team a year ago, was a lesson in perseverance.

"We knew it was going to be there, we knew we were going to win. This was the team," Hemme said. "We thought we were going to win and we won."

Rice (1-3), led by Pat O'Hara's three goals, tied it up with only 57.2 seconds left in regulation on Cullen Zarek's goal after CC took two successive penalties. O'Hara assisted to make it 9-9.

The Warriors also had the last possession, but couldn't get off a quality shot forcing OT.

"They won some face-offs, they gained possession," Rice coach Ajay Chawla said of the second half. "Youth took over for us. We're a young team and we're starting 95 percent sophomores and juniors. We graduated every goal we had last year in meaningful times, so it's going to take us a while to jell. Unfortunately, we didn't close out that game and a couple before it. Hats off to them. They got us and I'm sure we're going to see them a couple more times."

Rice was coming off successive weekend losses to Ohio powers Cincinnati St. Xavier (9-8 in OT) and Olentangy Liberty (8-6). But the Warriors hadn't lost to a team in Michigan since April 16, 2013, when neighboring Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day pulled off an 8-7 OT win.

"I'm optimistic that they're going to react positively," Chawla said. "Of course, to these guys it feels like the end of the world when you don't lose hardly ever in-state. The last time we lost, it was four years ago. That team took it pretty well and we talked about it a little bit. And I think these guys are going to bounce back. They're going to have a heck of a season ahead of them. Not overly down about this loss. It hurts, it stings, but we're going to get over it and get to work tomorrow."

Hemme, in only his second varsity game, was electric at times, making 16 saves.

"I was scrambling, I was buzzing, I didn't know what was going on," he said of the frenzied match. "It was an incred-



Catholic Central's Joey Kamish (front) is all smiles as he celebrates the game-winning OT goal. MARTY BUDNER



History was made by Catholic Central in its 10-9 overtime win over Brother Rice. NICHOLAS PETOUHOFF



Catholic Central goalie Jakob Hemme goes for the save against Brother Rice. MARTY BUDNER

ible feeling, though. I couldn't think of anything but the game. All I wanted to do was win, all I wanted to do is help the team. It's incredible."

CC trailed 6-3 at halftime and Rice went ahead by four goals, 7-3, with 8:16 left in the third quarter on Justin Glod's goal from Charlie Comer.

But the Shamrocks regrouped, outscoring Rice the rest of the way, 7-2, as Ethan Pattison scored three straight goals, while others came from Kamish (three in the second half), Peter Thompson, Jacob Sposita and Ryan Sullivan.

"I think we just put a little more pressure on them," Wilson said of the second half. "It's something we've been working on all year in practice. We talked. There was no reason to yell or scream. It's not going to make them play better, but try and inspire them to turn up the intensity. It's something we try to

do in practice every day. I asked them and I got an honest answer that they weren't as intense as they had been training to do. That helped."

Although it was only a regular season match, it was a breakthrough for the Shamrocks.

"It's been quite the drought for us. Hopefully, it will be more of a rivalry now that we got one in here and hopefully there will be more to come," Wilson said. "I don't know if they consider it a rivalry ... but we did."

The bus ride back to Novi was certainly going to be joyous celebration for the Shamrocks.

"I don't what's going to happen, but it's going to be fun," Kamish said.

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GIRLS TENNIS

Seasoned Northville team eyes title repeat

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Not even the adverse weather so far this spring can stop the Northville girls tennis team.

The Mustangs, last year's MHSAA Division 1 state co-champion with Midland Dow with 30 points, went indoors Saturday at Lifetime Fitness in Rochester to host the Northville Quad and came away with its first tournament triumph of the 2018 season.

Northville defeated three state qualifying teams from a year ago in the dual match format, including Troy (7-0), which placed seventh; Holland West Ottawa (7-1), which finished 13th; and Rochester Stoney Creek (8-0), which placed 21st.

Northville coach Linda Jones, who guided the Mustangs to the 2015 state title and a runner-up finish in 2016, used a makeshift lineup as doubles players Madison DeYoung and Andrea Nam, both juniors, had prior commitments.

"We always enjoy playing the Troy team, because they are very well-coached, especially their doubles," Jones said. "West Ottawa, I had heard through the grapevine, had some tournament singles players and excellent doubles players we needed to see prior to the state tournament."

The Mustangs captured all four singles flights in straight sets en route to the quad team triumph.

Going 3-0 on the day were senior returnee Shanoli Kumar (No. 1), a state quarterfinalist at No. 1 last year; sophomore Tori Maday (No. 2), who was the No. 4 state singles champ; junior Renee Torres (No. 3), the No. 3 state singles champ who has been battling a wrist in-

jury; and junior Maya Mulchandi (No. 4), who won the No. 2 doubles state crown with senior Neha Chava.

The only loss to graduation in singles was state semifinalist Joanne Gao, now playing at Saginaw Valley State. In doubles, starter Alexandria Petix (No. 4) also graduated.

Meanwhile, Northville's No. 1 doubles team of senior Serena Wang and junior Sophie Zhuang remains intact this season and finished 3-0 on the day, all straight set wins.

Freshman Michelle Tong and Chava also teamed up to go 3-0 at No. 2 doubles, while freshman Sneha Gana and junior Connie Gao captured all three matches at No. 3. (Connie Gao, who has been slowed by a shoulder injury, was part of last year's state runner-up No. 3 doubles team along with Nam.)

At No. 4 doubles, senior Jillian Ickes and junior Aidan Torres took runner-up honors, finishing 2-1 on the day, losing only to West Ottawa's in a three-set super-breaker, 6-4, 5-7 (10-5).

When the Division 1 finals commence June 1-2 in Midland, it could become another three-team race.

Another state contender is Bloomfield Hills, which finished in third, three points behind Northville and Dow. The Blackhawks are led by No. 1 singles runner-up Tia Mukherjee.

"Dow has just about everybody back," Jones said. "They lost a couple of key seniors, but they have their singles lineup back. I think it's going to come down to who has the better doubles teams and a couple of singles. I think it's going to be very interesting."

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Northville senior Shanoli Kumar returns at No. 1 singles for the defending Division 1 state co-champions. FILE PHOTO

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Cartwright, Rochester capture national crown

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Armand Cartwright finally has that basketball championship that eluded him in high school.

Cartwright was a member of Bloomfield Hills High School's inaugural 2013-14 boys basketball team that advanced to the Class A state championship game. The Black Hawks lost to Muskegon, but made history by winning district and regional titles in quite a memorable debut season after the merger of Andover and Lahser high schools.

Now, four years later, Cartwright helped lead the reputable Rochester College men's basketball team to the 2017-18 United States Collegiate Athletic Association national championship.

The Warriors defeated Oakwood University in the championship game, 80-61, to bring home the program's fourth national title. Cartwright, a 6-1 guard, played a key role by averaging 10 points and five rebounds over three games to land a spot on the all-tournament team.

"In high school, we were close, but it was amazing going to a national (college) tournament and winning it instead of losing," Cartwright said. "There is definitely a big difference and it was a great experience to go through."

"That feeling was unreal, because it was our fourth national title. Just winning it was amazing, because I've never been a part of something like that before. Everyone was so excited."

"Seeing us play together like we did after a long, tough season was really cool," he added. "We had our ups and downs this season, so for us to win it all was a great reward."

Rochester College entered the tournament, held at the Penn State Fayette County campus in Uniontown, Pa., as the No. 5 seed. The Warriors, runners-up in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference postseason tournament, qualified for the nationals by placing among the top eight of the USCAA top 25 coaches poll.

Redemption against Oakwood

The Warriors opened with a 72-62 victory over No. 4-seeded Illinois Tech and then upset top-seeded Florida National University, 70-69, in a thrilling semifinal game, winning on a last-second layup by tournament MVP Justin Nafso from Walled Lake.

Rochester College then played No. 6-seeded Oakwood University in the title game, leading most of the way and soaring to an 80-61 triumph. It was sweet re-



Rochester College head coach Clint Pleasant said Armand Cartwright is not only a "complete" player, but a vital "leader and model student-athlete." ROCHESTER COLLEGE

venge after having lost to that same team in the semifinal round of the 2015-16 tournament.

Cartwright posted 13 points and four rebounds in the championship game after having a monster outing in the semifinal against Florida National with 14 points, eight rebounds, three assists and two steals. The Bloomfield Hills resident finished with 34 points and 17 rebounds in the three-game series.

"Two years ago, when I was red-shirted, we went to the USCAA, where we played Oakwood and lost to them," Cartwright said. "I wanted to play Oakwood again so we could redeem ourselves. And even though they were the lower seed, we knew we couldn't under-

estimate them.

"I knew we couldn't sleep on them, so we came in and played hard and played confident," he added. "And we came out with the win. It was great to have that payback against them. The win was, basically, because of our defense and playing together as a team. We just played with heart and it was special."

After graduating from Bloomfield Hills High School in 2014, Cartwright attended Jersey Coast Academy in New Jersey for a year. He then returned to Bloomfield Hills and decided to continue his studies and play basketball at Rochester College.

Cartwright was red-shirted his freshman year, but has improved his game to

such a point where he has averaged 11 points last year and 13 points this season for the Warriors. He has shown versatility by playing the one, two or three guard positions.

A 'complete' player

Veteran Rochester College head coach Clint Pleasant, a Waterford Kettering High School graduate, said Cartwright is not only a "complete" player, but a vital "leader and model student-athlete."

"Armand is a true player in the sense he's position-less. He has a complete game on both ends of the floor and that made our team better this year," said Pleasant, who just completed his seventh season as head coach. "He attacks the rim, he shoots it well, he will distribute the ball and he's a high energy defender."

"Armand is still improving and we have high expectations for him in terms of his personal skill set as a player," he added. "Most importantly, he is a leader and he is selfless and just wants to win. He is easy to coach and plays a major role in adhering to and encouraging our program's culture."

Cartwright still has two years of eligibility remaining and is looking forward to playing out his college career with the Warriors.

"Rochester College is definitely the right school for me, no doubt about it," Cartwright said. "I had a pretty good shot in high school — I shot 56 percent — but it wasn't really good-looking form. I've really been able to improve my jump shot here."

"I've learned how to shoot over the big men," he added. "I've been able to play the game with my size and I've learned how to control the tempo of the game. I've really enjoyed my time here. We've had great success here and we just want to keep it going."

In high school, Cartwright was teammates with two other college-level players in Yante Maten and Khalil Gracey.

Maten enjoyed a stellar career at the University of Georgia, where he was selected this past season as the Southeastern Conference Player of the Year, is the school's second all-time leading scorer and is a potential NBA draft pick this year. Gracey plays basketball at Morgan State, where he sees limited playing time.

"I kid Khalil and Yante that I have one up on them now," Cartwright said. "I can't wait to play the next two years."

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COLLEGE BASEBALL



Madonna freshman Joe Wozniak made his pitching debut at Comerica Park. KELLY CIESLAK | KELLYBYKEEPER.COM

Madonna downed in Comerica Park game

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Joe Wozniak hadn't pitched an inning all season for the Madonna University baseball team.

So while sitting in the bullpen April 11 during a game at Comerica Park against the University of Toledo, the freshman left-hander from Livonia Churchill became a little bit startled when he was told to start getting loose.

"When we first got the call out of the bullpen, I was kind of, like, 'Oh, man, this is, like, my shot,'" Wozniak said, "and immediately it was, like, the fifth inning and I wasn't going down until the eighth. I immediately got up and wanted to throw. I felt anxious and, basically, I was, like, 'All right, I got to chill out.' Once I got out there ... it was a cool experience because, obviously, there's tons of guys in the major leagues that do that. I just really enjoyed the experience."

Wozniak gave up one hit and pitched a scoreless eighth, but it was far from a storybook night for the Crusaders, who fell to the NCAA Division I Rockets of the Mid-American Conference, 13-0.

"Originally no, I wasn't on the agenda to pitch," Wozniak said. "Things got tangled up. They got a few runs and hits. I'm trying to live up to the moment and how cool it was, even though we didn't come away with the win."

Both of Wozniak's parents, including his father Michael, who played on MU's second-ever team under now assistant coach Mike George, were in the stands to cheer him on. His girlfriend at Central Michigan also watched the game online.

"I've never had a tour of this, but actually I thought it was a pretty cool facility," Wozniak said.

The top five batters in Toledo's lineup went a combined 15-for-25 at the plate



Ferguson

with nine runs scored and eight RBIs. The Rockets, who improved to 11-18, racked up 20 hits.

Livonia Stevenson grad Jack Ferguson, who is 4-3 overall with a 4.03 earned-run average in 38 innings, got the start for MU and wiggled his way out of a first-inning jam in his lone inning of work.

"It felt good, it was my third appearance back from my (elbow) injury that I re-aggravated from last year," Ferguson said. "I had a partial tear on my UCL (ulnar collateral ligament). Felt good to be out there, very energized. It was really fun. My mindset was to throw backwards. I think they figured that out early. You try to stick to the game plan, but at the end of the day, you've got to go out there and execute."

MU used a total 26 players and nine different pitchers.

Mike Kanitra (Stevenson), who suffered the loss, went the next inning and allowed up two runs. Patrick Wierimaa (Redford Union), who came on in the third, gave up four runs, one unearned, on three hits as Toledo built a 6-0 lead.

Toledo's A.J. Montoya then deposited a Ray Richard pitch into the Tigers' bullpen for a three-run homer in the top of the fourth to make it 9-0. Ross Adolph added two-run triple for the Rockets in the fifth and the rout was on.

After going up by 13 runs, the Rockets were kept off the board over the final three innings as MU relievers Todd Jones, Wozniak and Cliff Landess each took a turn on the mound.

"Our guys, I think, got a good experience out of this today and a lot of them got opportunities and that's what we talked about with them," MU coach Ted Falkner said. "Joe Wozniak hasn't pitched all year and he made his debut at Comerica Park and he threw one of our few zeroes up, which is pretty cool for him and a good confidence-builder for him."

Catcher Matt Deneau collected Madonna's first hit with two outs in the bottom of the fifth against Toledo starter Joey Prechtel (Rochester Adams), who retired the first 14 batters he faced. Prechtel, a sophomore, went five scoreless innings to pick up the win.

Sophomore Adrian Reed (Livonia Franklin) collected Madonna's other hit.

Meanwhile, Toledo freshman short-stop Chris Meyers made three highlight reel plays to rob MU of hits.

"He made some great plays and from what I've been hearing, he really hasn't played all year," Falkner said. "Good for him, but not for us. He made some heck of a plays. That's what is cool about this game. It doesn't matter who is playing out there. What matters how they execute and he made some big plays that shut us down to get any kind of momen-

tum."

The Crusaders, ranked No. 22 in the latest NAIA national rankings, are 25-10 overall and 16-3 in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference heading into a big three-game weekend series at the University of Northwestern Ohio.

"It was an opportunity for our guys to play at a beautiful ballpark," Falkner said, "and we've got some some ties to the Tigers and we just think it's just a cool thing for them to come out and play. We had some weather issues. We had to play Monday, a conference doubleheader, and one that got pushed up to Friday, so we decided as a staff to go one inning at a time with our pitchers and Toledo showed they could swing the bat. That's what the numbers say."

A big concern for MU is the status junior right-hander Taylor Turner (Northville), who is a team-best 7-1 with an ERA of 3.61 in 57½ innings. He went just one inning in a 10-6 loss in the opener of a doubleheader last Monday against Concordia.

"He had a little twinge in his shoulder and we'll see," Falkner said. "He's a big, big piece of our pitching staff and puzzle and a big part of our success so far. We're hoping for the best for him."

But despite the lopsided loss to the Rockets, the second-year MU coach remains confident.

"There's some positives I'm going to take out of it today, for sure, with some of our guys," Falkner said. "We've got a couple of guys coming back from injury and getting at-bats, but we got to get better and we got to keep playing hard, keep working. The conference is in our hands. We just had to see what we could do."

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Nikki and Ryan McDonald, inside the former Kahuna Coffee, get a first look at the inside of what will be the Hartland Brewing Co. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

Microbrewery gets the OK

Hartland Brewing Co. to occupy former Kahuna Coffee location

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A Hartland Township husband and wife got the keys to their future microbrewery last week.

Township officials have given them a green light by approving a special use permit that will allow them to operate a microbrewery in a commercial space. Interior renovations were set to begin this week.

One more major hurdle lies ahead for Ryan and Nikki McDonald, who want to open Hartland Township's first microbrewery by fall. They will have to wait months to find out if the state will grant them a microbrewer license.

The couple is gearing up to open Hartland Brewing Co., a 3½-barrel microbrewery that would serve beer, hard cider, wine and non-alcoholic craft brews in a space at the Hartland Town Center previously occupied by Kahuna Coffee.

While it will likely be months before their application to the state is processed, the couple is hoping to start brewing beer and cider by August and



The former Kahuna Coffee will be the home of the Hartland Brewing Co. GILLIS BENEDICT | LIVINGSTON DAILY

open to the public by October or November.

"As far as beer styles, we're thinking everything from IPAs to sour beers to reds and pale ales, pretty much everything across the gamut of beer," Ryan McDonald, 43, said.

He said the plan is to have "10 or 12" craft beers on tap and also make hard cider at the new microbrewery, which will be located in a 2,400-square-foot space at 1836 Old U.S. 23.

McDonald said they also plan to serve local wines at the microbrewery.

"We could produce wine from scratch, but a lot of breweries focus 100 percent on making beer and cider. ... We could contract with local wineries and have them make it with our ingredients, working in concert with us."

Township officials have supported the couple's plan to open the microbrewery.

The township's Board of Trustees passed a resolution recommending the state approve their microbrewer license, which is a required step in the application process. The board approved last month a special land use permit that will allow the McDonalds to operate a microbrewery in the space.

"There's been positive feedback from residents about having a microbrewery," Township Manager James Wickman said.

Wickman said residents have been asking for more restaurants and places like a microbrewery.

"A microbrewery is unique in our community," he said. "For us, certainly it would be one-of-a-kind. While there are some in the Brighton and Howell area,

for Hartland and the Highland area, it would be a destination for them."

Wickman said the McDonalds' project won't impact the township's last remaining available liquor license — communities get a certain number based on population — because liquor won't be sold on the premises.

While the McDonalds are not brewers, they are craft beer enthusiasts and foodies who work as managers at 59 West, a banquet hall and restaurant his parents own in neighboring Oakland County community Highland Township.

The microbrewery would serve food "comfort food" from 59 West, Ryan McDonald said.

They have a professional brewer lined up and plan to hire about 15 employees.

Nikki McDonald, 29, said she is excited to start a new family business with her husband.

"I told him after we got married that I always wanted a place of my own. His dad recently let go of some work (at 59 West) and (Ryan) has been taking over for him a little bit, and it just got us into thinking about doing our own business and how it would be fun to pass it on to our kids someday," she said following a February township meeting.

DIGITAL DOLLARS

Lots of apps are soaking up your personal information

Rob Pegoraro
Special to USA TODAY

If you've deleted old apps in your Facebook account, don't forget other apps on your smartphone that soak up too much personal information.

Those programs can raise some of the same privacy risks as Facebook apps if they ask for data that they don't need to do their jobs — especially if you accepted that request long ago and haven't checked the app's settings since.

Remember, any information an app collects doesn't necessarily stay within the app.

The Android version of Facebook Messenger, for example, requests your phone's calendar, contacts, phone and SMS. Letting older versions of Facebook Messenger sync your contacts led that app to upload your text-messaging and calling history to the site.

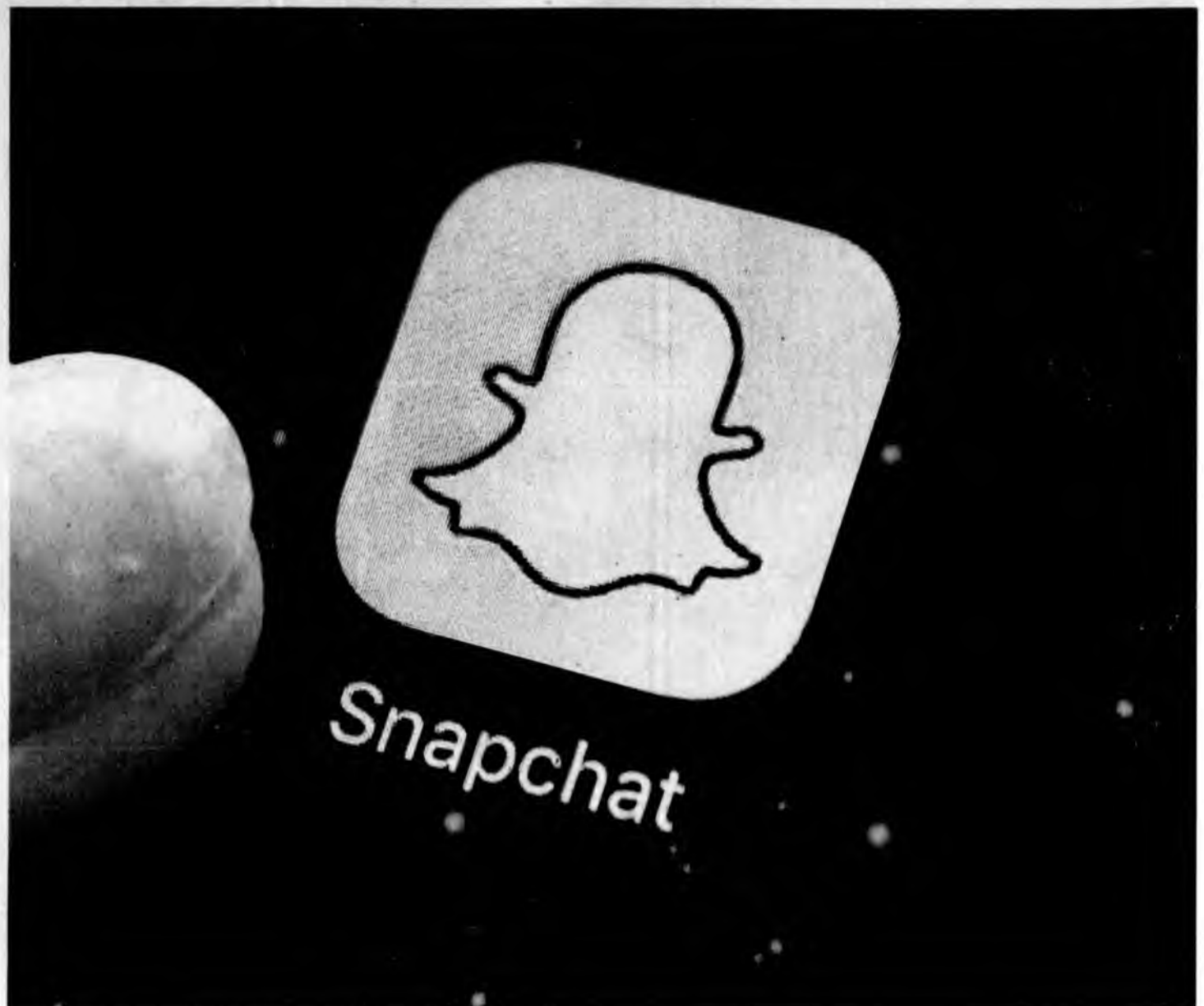
That logging no longer happens, but the Android messenger app remains thirsty for your data — and the Facebook help article meant to explain these requests still doesn't explain why the app wants into your calendar.

Snapchat — a company that had its own data breach four years ago — is almost as inquisitive. Its Android app's permissions include your phone's status and your contacts, and its iOS permissions list is only a little shorter. Its explanation for needing your contacts cites inviting friends to use the app but also includes this open-ended line: "so we can improve the app."

Snapchat did not answer a request for clarification.

And Uber's Android and iOS apps make their own dubious permission requests. For instance, they seek calendar access to streamline hailing a ride across town — but is it really that hard to type in an address or a point of interest?

Fortunately, both iOS and Android make it easier than Facebook to review and revoke these permissions by providing an overview of which apps can employ which types of data and device features. You don't have to inspect each app's permissions individually to see



Snapchat seeks permissions (such as access to your contacts) that you don't need to give. GETTY IMAGES

how many can see your contacts list.

In iOS, open the Settings app and tap Privacy. You'll see a list of core iPhone apps and components, such as the Contacts program or the camera; tap one to see which apps have access to it, as indicated by a slider button highlighted in green. To revoke the app's permission, tap that slider so it's no longer green.

To see all of any one app's permissions, however, you need to return to

the first level of Settings and scroll down to the entries for individual apps.

In Android, open the Settings app and search for "App permissions," and you should be pointed to a similar list of phone capabilities, like the microphone or SMS. Below each, you'll see how many apps now use it and how many could. The app-permissions screen should also offer a complete list of installed apps; to see the full set of per-

missions for each, tap its entry.

In both iOS and Android, these system-level app permissions override an app's own settings.

Don't forget that uninstalling an app also works to end its access to your data.

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Google knows a lot about you — find out how much

I'm OK with online giant tracking my every move



Talking Tech
Jefferson Graham
USA TODAY

Curious to see how much a sprawling Internet company knows about your likes, history and movements? Download your Google data.

This is the time many of us are taking a harder look at our Facebook data, spurred by a reminder that we've allowed the social network incredible access to our preferences, thoughts, movements and friends.

But Google tracks even more of our lives, as more people use Google for many other parts of their days — including email, calendar, Web browsing and the Android mobile operating system, which has an 85% market share of smartphones, according to market tracker IDC.

Many of us started using Google before Facebook, and thanks to wildly popular services such as Google Maps and Waze, Google can keep tabs on our every move. But the varied nature of Google's apps and products (which also include No. 1 video site YouTube) means that it may be keeping more on you than you realize.

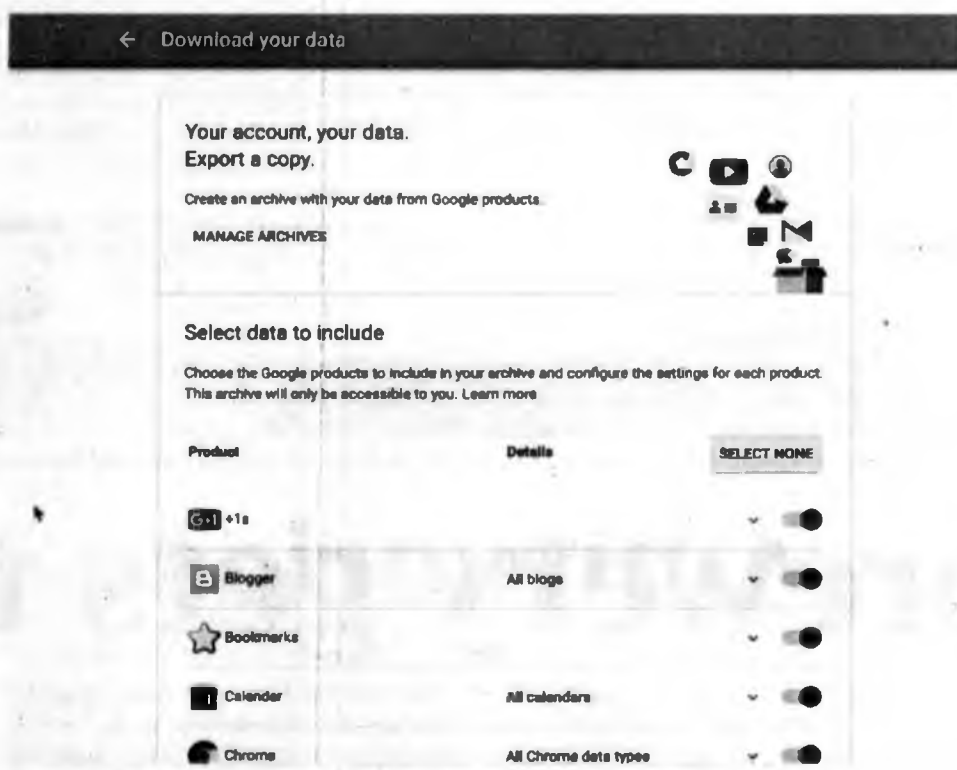
Here's what I found

Begin on your browser by going to takeout.google.com.

This is Google's data download page, where Google shows you all the various units from the company. It lets you choose whether to download the data from all the categories from the Google universe or go piecemeal.

Choices include Calendar (what appointments I had), Chrome (my searches), Drive (my saved uploads), Location History (everywhere I've driven to or asked directions for in Google Maps), Play Music (what songs I listened to), YouTube (videos) and Hangouts (who I interacted with).

Gmail is not on the list, but the application keeps a record of your emails, un-



Google says the download could take "hours, or even days" to compile.

less you've deleted them to make space. Last year, Google said it would stop reading your email to target ads.

You have the choice of getting the download via an email link or having it archived in your Google Drive, but this does count against your storage quota, Google notes. (I subscribe to a 1TB backup, and it's already 750 GB full, so I went for the partial download.)

But it's worth a look for everyone to see what information Google has and take a few seconds to delete it all.

Google notes that in making the request, the download could take "hours, or even days," to compile, depending upon how active a Google user you are.

Mine arrived in a few hours, delivered to Gmail. After unzipping the files, I found that most are categorized in clear-to-read English and go way back — mine to 2009.

The list included everything: a voice request on Google Home to solve 6*12.50, listening to Prince on Google Play last week, watching a James Corden clip on YouTube, and every Google search, made both publicly and anonymously, in Incognito mode.

That last bit of history was a surprise. Google tells users searching in Incognito mode means "Chrome doesn't save your browsing history" and "basic browsing history information like URLs, cached page text, or IP addresses of pages linked from the websites you visit."

We reached out to Google for comment but have yet to hear back.

So if Google is holding onto your data, even when you think it's not, here's a tip: Delete it.

How to delete

Go to Google's My Activity page.

From there, Google lets you choose what to delete. The process is cumbersome. You pick a date (today, this week, this month, all time) and the category (say, Google Chrome).

Select your date, hit enter, and watch it all go away. Google says deleting the data will mean less effective and speedier searches. I've been deleting search histories for years, and Google is still lightning fast for me.

Irish Web developer Dylan Curran was shocked at his findings when he

looked at what Google had on him. He tweeted his reaction in a 37-tweet tweetstorm that got widely read, with 4,400 comments and 160,000 retweets.

Curran was freaked Google had kept his location and search history from the Chrome browser, the names of files he had saved for backup on Google Drive and even the ones he had deleted, along with every website he'd visited via Google, going back more than 10 years.

"They are collecting a lot more information than people would be aware of," he told us.

We spoke to Curran for a #Talking-Tech podcast, where Curran called for a "Digital Expiration Act" to be enacted by lawmakers.

This is a fair compromise, he said.

"There is no reason for any company to hold onto our information for more than two to three years. My information from 10 years ago isn't relevant to any ad I look at now," he said.

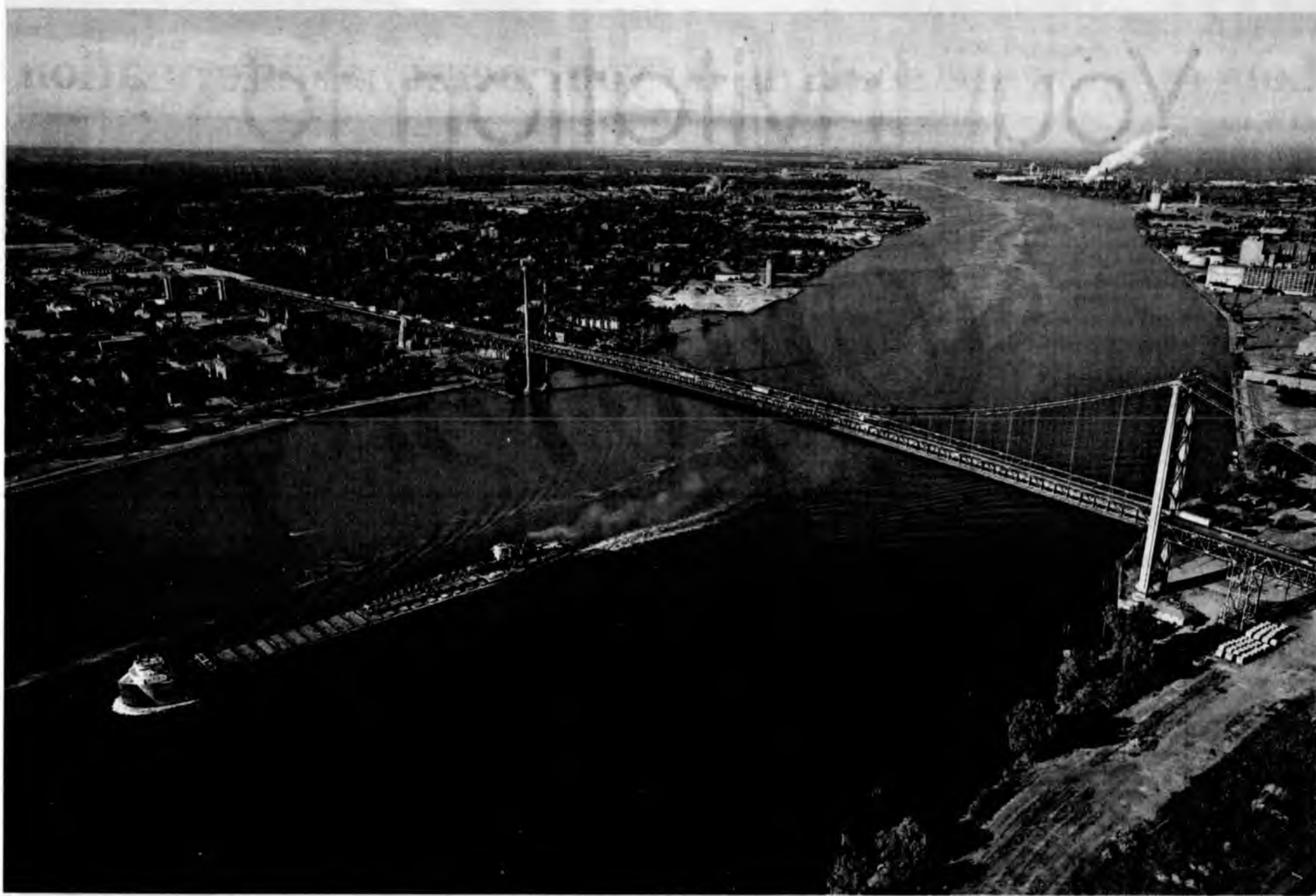
Curran has a point. Google services wouldn't be what they are without the information we give to the company, but 10 years is overkill.

For myself, while Facebook's data dump was rather eye-opening (why are they keeping addresses and phone numbers of my friends?), Google's wasn't.

In exchange for Google reminding me about upcoming trips, showing me my boarding passes and even creating itineraries for me without asking, Google has been tracking my every move for years since I started using it in the late 1990s, and I'm OK with that.

I can't imagine living without Google Docs, which has allowed me to write everything I do, for free, and have online access to the files no matter what computer I use. Calendar does a great job of reminding me what's on my schedule, with updates across smartphone, computer and tablets. I love that every iPhone photo I've taken has been backed up automatically to Google Photos and that I can use Google Photos to search everything from my old Mazda to an ice cream cone in Venice, Italy. And don't get me started on Google Maps and Waze. An extension of my body!

By snooping through my email and tracking my searches, Google has enhanced my life for the better.



The Ambassador Bridge links Detroit with Windsor, Ontario. ROMAIN BLANQUART/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Morouns want Trump to intervene in bridge plans

Todd Spangler
and Randy Essex
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

A Chinese connection could add a potential new twist in the Moroun family's fight against Canada's planned Gordie Howe International Bridge across the Detroit River.

Bloomberg News, noting that the Morouns have asked the administration to intervene, "appealing to (President) Trump's Buy American instincts," reports that Aecon Group Inc. is among the bidders to build the rival bridge.

The Morouns, who own the Ambassador Bridge and want to build their own replacement, want Trump to rescind a waiver granted by the Obama administration that exempted the Canadian-built bridge from having to use only U.S. steel in the face of a possible takeover of Aecon by a wholly-owned subsidiary of China Communications Construction Company Ltd.

"The saga might get more interesting," Bloomberg reported. Aecon's "proposed takeover by a Chinese company is being reviewed by (Canadian Prime Minister) Justin Trudeau's government on national security grounds. That raises the prospect of a bridge being built into Detroit by a Chinese company, for the Canadian government, under an exemption from Buy American rules, and over complaints from a U.S. company."

It was unclear, however, whether Aecon would even remain among the bidders on the new bridge if the takeover is approved, the Windsor Star reported this week.

Meanwhile, neither the White House, the U.S. State Department nor the Commerce Department confirmed a request to rescind a waiver on the Buy American provision or its likelihood of being granted for the Free Press.

A statement by Ambassador Bridge officials made clear that the request was linked with a Canadian condition placed on the proposed construction of a replacement span for the Moroun-owned Ambassador Bridge that that their existing bridge be torn down first.

On April 12, Dan Stamper, the president of the Ambassador Bridge, confirmed for the Free Press that the bridge owners were questioning "why a project like the (Gordie Howe Bridge) should receive a 'Buy American' waiver from the U.S. government while the Canadian government unilaterally imposes a condition requiring the demolition of our existing bridge (before beginning construction on a replacement)."

Stamper also said that the proposed Canadian-built bridge "conflicts with many of the current administration's policies," though he was not specific.

"We hope that the U.S. will level the playing field at the border," Stamper said. "Removing the Canadian condition allows construction to begin. Requiring the current bridge to be demolished was not proposed, nor was it considered during the environmental reviews, and our view is that Canada imposed this anti-competitive condition in an attempt to justify a government bridge."

He added the future of the current Ambassador Bridge "should be decided mutually between the two governments while construction of the new Ambassador Bridge is underway."

For years, both the Canadian government and the

Moroun-owned Detroit International Bridge Co. have been in a race to construct a new bridge between Detroit and Windsor, one of the business trade corridors in North America.

While Canadian officials have maintained there is business enough for two bridges, the Morouns have said that if a rival bridge is built first, it could take away the majority of the 89-year-old Ambassador Bridge's truck traffic and ruin their business.

Earlier this year, the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals declined to revisit a decision in a case denying the DIBC's attempts to halt construction of the new rival span. Bloomberg, however, says, "Ending the steel exemption would disrupt plans for Canada's bridge — perhaps fatally. ... The Morouns say their bridge, which would be a six-lane span next to the four-lane Ambassador, would cost \$1 billion; they've already spent \$500 million. Matthew Moroun (who runs the DIBC) argues the Gordie is unnecessary and will never recoup its costs, and that Canada has used its government agencies to undercut U.S. business."

While some critics have questioned whether the Morouns truly intend on moving forward with construction of a new span, Canadian officials said they are progressing toward building their own bridge

about two miles away from the Ambassador Bridge.

Bloomberg's story quoted Trudeau's infrastructure minister, Amarjeet Sohi, as saying Canada has purchased nearly 85 percent of the land needed for its new bridge and is "proceeding as the initial agreement is designed," including keeping its Buy American waiver. Minister of Transport Marc Garneau told Bloomberg, "We need two bridges. We're going to build ours, the Gordie Howe, and the Ambassador Bridge can be built providing they meet certain conditions."

The Free Press' John Gallagher reported in January that the Windsor-Detroit Bridge Authority, the Canadian entity overseeing the project, planned to pick a contractor by about June. A symbolic groundbreaking would then take place in the summer.

The Michigan Department of Transportation, Gallagher reported, now has control of about 85 percent of the land needed in southwest Detroit, and is moving aggressively to buy the rest.

A spokesman for Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross also told Bloomberg that the secretary supports growth in that corridor and "understands the importance of robust transportation infrastructure" to U.S.-Canada trade.

Obituaries

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Judith L. Dahl

SOUTH LYON - Judith L. Dahl, age 67, passed away April 15, 2018. She was born August 3, 1950 in Pontiac, Michigan, daughter of the late Russell and Joyce Dahl.

Judy enjoyed wood working and loved spending time in northern Michigan. She took great pride in being a perfectionist but nothing brought her more happiness than spending time with her family.

She is survived by her spouse and lifetime partner, Bonnie Cook; her siblings: Rick (Carol) Dahl, Jane (Jack) Mouton, Robert Dahl, Lori (Jerry) Bell, Dawn (Chuck) Carpenter, Randy (Melissa) Dahl and Donna (Bill) Klender. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and loving friends. Judy was preceded in death by her mother and father.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, April 18 from 4:00PM-8:00PM with a funeral service being held on Thursday, April 19 at 11:00AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. She will be laid to rest in South Lyon Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. www.phillipsfuneral.com

Geraldine Hodgson

LANSING - Geraldine Lucinda Hodgson, age 98, of Lansing, MI., formerly of South Lyon, MI. passed away April 14, 2018.

Visitation will be Tues. April 24, 2018 from 3-7 p.m. at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, Williamston Chapel. Service is Wed. April 25, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. at Memorial Lutheran Church in Williamston with one hour prior visitation.

The family is being served by Gorsline Runciman Funeral Home, Williamston Chapel. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.grwilliamston.com

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J. Harold Ellens

FARMINGTON HILLS - Dr. J. Harold Ellens, a long-time resident of Farmington Hills, MI, died peacefully at home with his family on April 13, 2018. He was born in McBain, MI in 1932 and served his community and country as a pastor and US Army chaplain during his entire adult life. He was a well-known author, lecturer and scholar. He is survived by Mary Jo (Lewis) Ellens, his spouse of 63 years, two sisters, one brother, seven children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

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Rebuild your career after a job loss

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If you're reading this, it may be because the worst has already happened: you've been laid off or fired. Or perhaps you're prepping for the doomsday scenario, just in case.

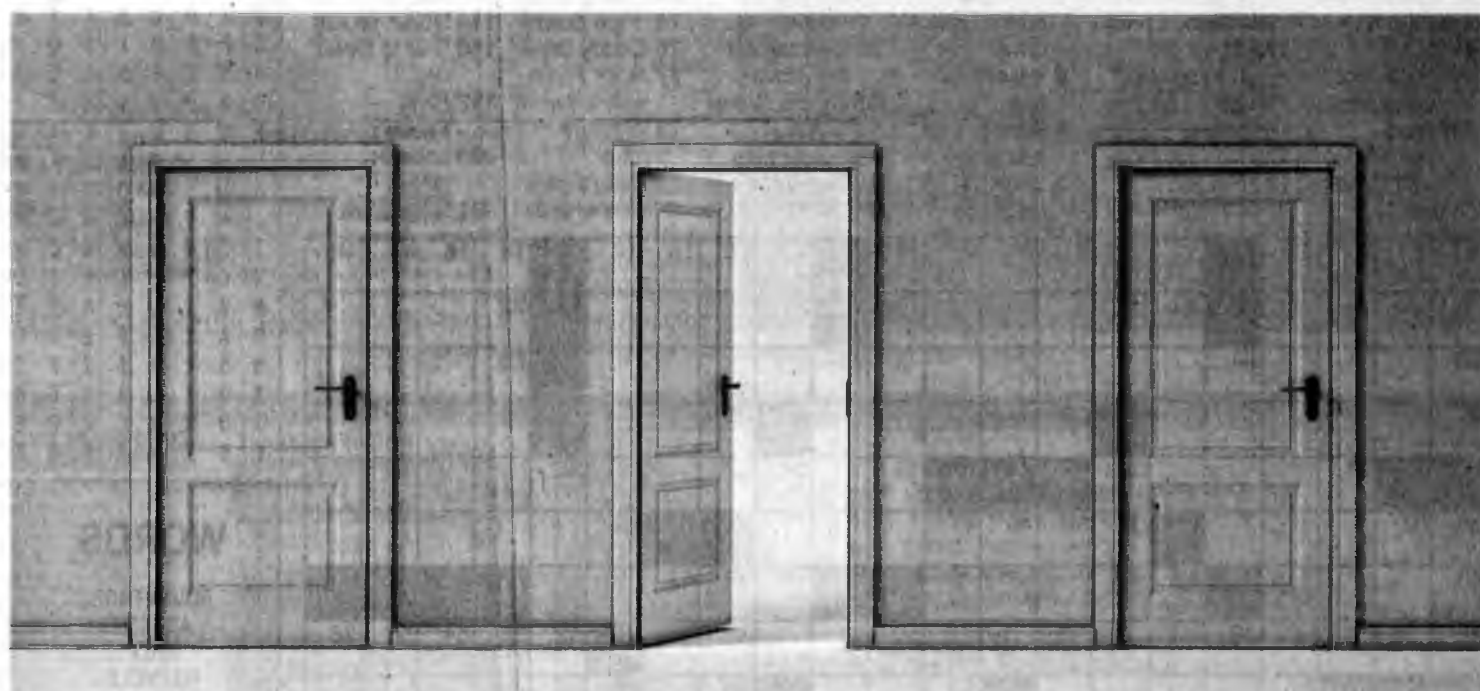
Either way, know that a layoff or a firing is not a life-ending (or even career-ending) thing. When it happens, the shock and devastation can lead to pessimism about your next steps. But try to keep these tips in mind if it happens to you:

Know It's OK to grieve

Job loss is a huge change. Routine, stability, future planning — all of these are likely upended by the news. Let yourself feel the range of emotion after it happens, like anger, depression, fear and humiliation. You may try to put on a brave face, but don't try to quash the emotions altogether. Acceptance and moving on mean working through the feelings rather than ignoring them.

Take it as an opportunity

No, really. It probably doesn't feel like one — I know when I got laid off, I felt pessimism creeping in right away. But soon I started to realize that I'd hated my job, and this was a chance to start over with-



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out having to make the tough decision to quit and walk away. This job loss does take away some of your own agency (we all want things to end on our own terms), but once it happens, embrace it as a chance to start over. Maybe it's time for a career change.

Don't lie about it

You're going to need to move on to a new job, and that means finding a way to spin what happened at your last one. It can be tempting to lie about the circumstances under

which you left out of a sense of personal pride or fear of rejection, but don't do it. If you were fired for a reason, that will likely come up during reference or background checks (if it was serious).

On your resume, you don't need to be specific about what happened.

But you should be prepared to discuss it in an interview. "Why did you leave your last job?" is a common default interview question, and it's pretty much inevitable that you'll face it at some point.

If you were laid off, a response like "my position was eliminated" or "the company downsized" is totally acceptable.

If you were fired, you can give a general explanation as to why, and explain a) what you learned from it; and b) how that knowledge makes you a better employee.

Second chances are not impossible, but you have to make a good case for yourself.

Whatever the circumstances, remember that you're still alive, and you're still you.

The positive qualities you bring to the table are ultimately more important than your past, so as long as you take the time to learn from the experience and think hard about how to repackage yourself, you can turn a painful experience into a career opportunity.

Kate Lopaze is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. She investigates and writes about current strategies, tips, and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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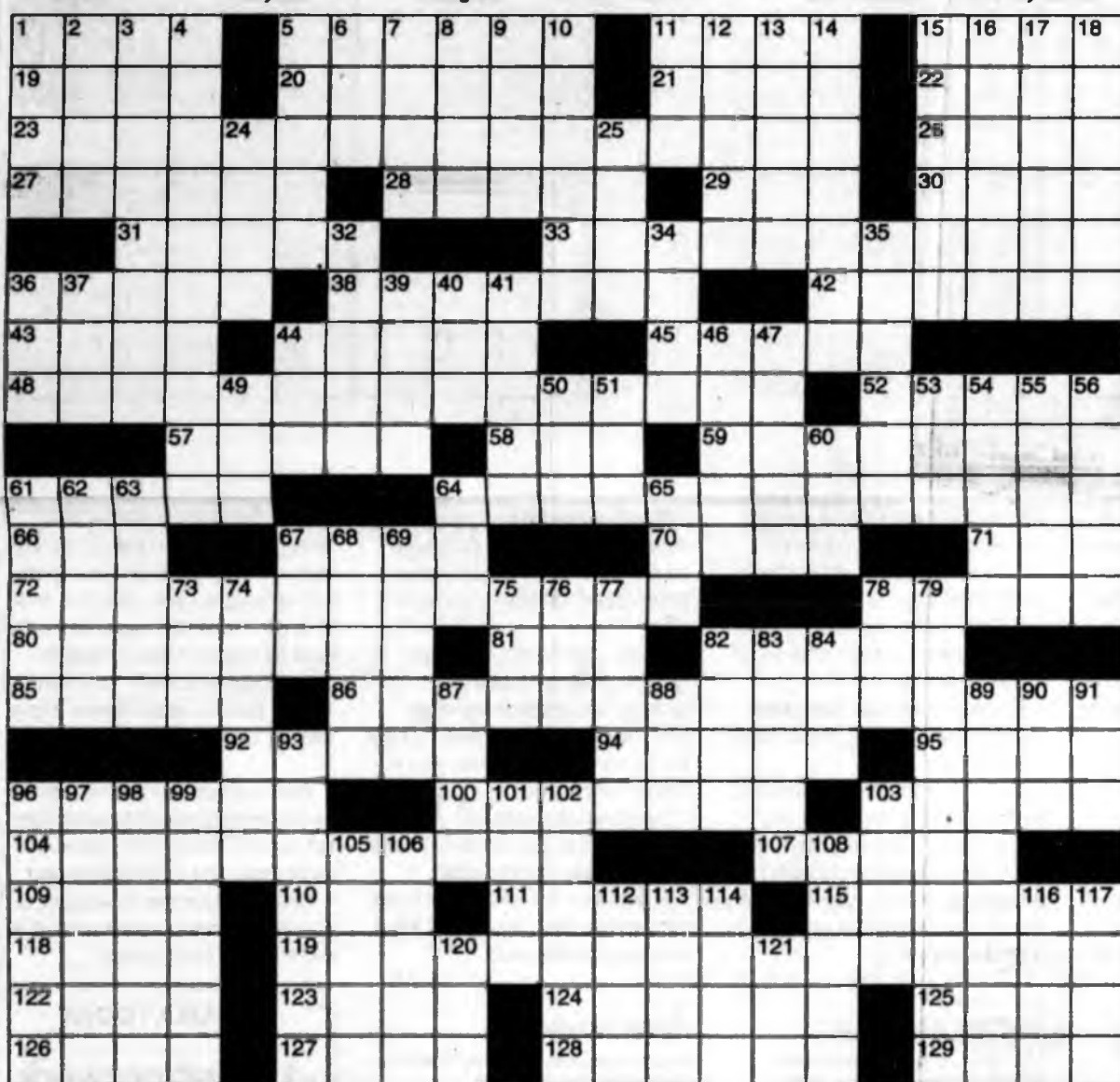
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80 "Hill Street Blues" actor Daniel J. —
81 That lady
82 "How cool!"
85 Church assembly
86 Warfare that has not been enchanted?
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94 Planet's path
95 Sport on horseback
96 Even, as the score
100 Cof creator
103 Singer Crystal

104 Grayish brown earth tone?
107 Branch of Islam
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111 "Don't Be Cruel" singer
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4 Barely bearable
5 Iranian religion

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73 Lacto — vegetarian
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75 "Pipe down!"
76 Caddy drink
77 Actor Flynn with a sword
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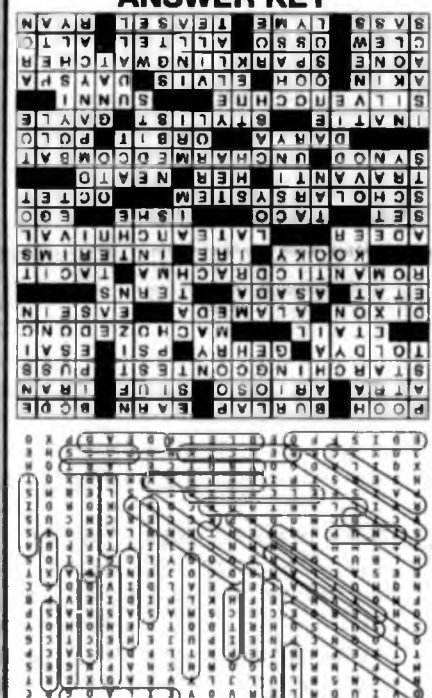
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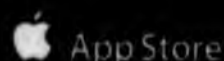


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Car Report

SUBARU GIVES SOME LOVE TO SEDAN MARKET WITH NEW LEGACY, A CRUCIAL NAMEPLATE FOR GROWING BRAND



By Dale Buss

Subaru has made its reputation — and most of its rising sales and share in the U.S. market — on the strength of utility vehicles such as Outback and Forester. And that's the category where the brand is doubling down with its new Ascent, Subaru's fresh entry in the seven-seater segment that is growing fast.

But one of Subaru's bread-and-butter nameplates has always been its Legacy mid-sized sedan, and with the substantially upgraded 2018 version, Subaru has shown that it wants to remain competitive in the car category even while so much of the industry's action has shifted to utilities.

Legacy's claim to fame is that it's long been one of the very few all-wheel-drive sedans in the mainstream of the U.S. market, and that continues to be a primary attribute. In fact, it's the only entry in its class with standard AWD, deployed on stock Goodyear Eagle LS2 all-season tires.

In the roller-coaster winter that we've experienced in Michigan this year, with snowfall coming as late as mid-April, for the week that I drove Legacy I knew I didn't have to worry about whatever the skies threw at me. I was able to drive Legacy with confidence because of its standard all-wheel drive. And its performance on sometimes-icy roads was excellent.

But the 2018 Subaru Legacy is much more than that. Its design is at best utilitarian inside and out, but Subaru customers aren't primarily concerned with aesthetics — rather, performance. And in that way, Legacy comes through with flying colors, presenting a spacious



The 2018 Subaru Legacy has been redesigned and improved throughout.

and technology-filled interior, a comfortable ride quality, a smooth and fuel-efficient drivetrain, and all the safety features you'd expect from a brand whose advertising often leads with safety.

Legacy did receive styling updates for 2018 with new front and rear fascias, grille and headlights, with the idea of making the latest version look sportier. Still, Legacy's design is best described as conservatively clean.

Among the more consequential changes in Legacy for 2018 were a new central processing unit in its Starlink multi-media system, which means faster startup speeds and improved in put responses, all displayed on Legacy's eight-inch touch screen. Apple CarPlay and Android Auto also both work with Legacy.

The optional EyeSight system in Legacy includes adaptive cruise control, automatic emergency braking and lane-departure warning with lane-keep assist. And while Subaru doesn't make a lot of noise about its pursuit of autonomous driving, its automated-driving features are the equal of other brands. Its auto-braking system, for example, does a great job of slowing the car

substantially and quickly enough to keep you out of messes, but it isn't jarring.

Legacy for 2018 also comes with a reverse automatic braking system that will engage the brakes while backing up in hopes of preventing potential collisions.

When it comes to driving, Legacy also is a competent performer even when the all-wheel-drive isn't meeting tough conditions. It's got a 2.5-liter, four-cylinder engine that generates 175 horsepower and 174 pound-feet of torque, connected to a continuously variable transmission. The CVT also has been improved for 2018, for smoother engagement. Everything is smooth all around, in fact.

And if you upgrade to the 3.6-liter,

six-cylinder engine, available at the Limited trim level, you'll enjoy the kind of pick-up that Legacy deserves, with 256 horsepower and 247 lb.-ft. of torque. It costs an extra \$2,850 sticker.

Mileage is a respectable 25 mpg in the city and 34 mpg on the highway for the four-cylinder model, though of course fuel economy slips for the six-liter.

In terms of interior room, there's plenty of it in both front and rear passenger seats in Legacy, and the trunk is spacious. The car makes the most of its mid-size footprint with interior dimensions that rival some full-size sedans — such as 118.6 cubic feet of interior room, just under the designation for a bigger classification.

Legacy may not be the most celebrated Subaru model. But it's an important entry as the brand continues its journey higher up the share ladder in a U.S. market where it's getting more and more love all the time.



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