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## DIA's Inside | Out Project returning

Museum masterpieces to be showcased in Wayne



"Fisherman's Wedding" by Thomas Moran is one of the pieces of art that will arrive in Wayne.

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The DIA's Inside | Out Project will return to the city of Wayne from April 13 through July 15. To welcome the installations to the community, Wayne Main Street will host an opening party at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 13, at Helium Studio, 3127 S. Wayne Road. The event is free.

Inside | Out, funded by the Knight Foundation, brings museum masterpieces to the public for communities to share in the creative beauty of art in an urban outdoor setting.

"The DIA Inside | Out program is such an asset for our community. It's a great way to promote Wayne and our friendly, walkable, downtown," said Carolyn Marnon,

secretary of Wayne Main Street's Board of Directors.

This is the second time that Wayne has hosted this prestigious event.

Wayne Main Street, in partnership with the city of Wayne and community organizations, is planning a slate of exciting events to promote the project. DIA Inside | Out in Wayne festivities include a scavenger hunt (April through July) with a chance to win prizes, a bike tour rally (June 8), family art and food truck day (June 17), a drop-in art workshop (July 14) and other activities.

More information about these programs can be found at [www.downtownwayne.org](http://www.downtownwayne.org). A map of the art work and supporting businesses will

also be available on the Wayne Main Street website after April 13.

Launched in 2011 by a group of caring individuals, Wayne Main Street has evolved into one of the largest civic organizations in the community. Last year, WMS volunteers contributed more than 2,700 service hours to the community. In 2014, the organization was recognized by the Michigan Main Street Association as a Select-Level Main Street community.

Wayne Main Street employs the four-point Main Street approach by promoting downtown Wayne as the heart of the community, furthering a commitment to historic preservation, creating programming that draws people to downtown Wayne and producing premier events.

## Bottoms up! Students serving their beer at Schoolcraft College restaurant

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Add one more group of students using Schoolcraft College's American Harvest restaurant as a way to teach them the culinary ways.

In addition to the culinary arts students who cook and serve in the restaurant, students enrolled in the brewing and distilling program at the Livonia college are now using that setting to learn the ways around pairing the beer being brewed on campus with food prepared there as well.

One such event, hosted by students in the program, took place Friday night at the American Harvest restaurant in the VisTaTech Center on campus. Students were on hand to speak about the brews and the pairing with various food items.

"It's basically teaching you how to serve beer," said Eric Selberg, a Waterford resident and student in the brewing program at Schoolcraft College.

The program has expanded greatly since being launched almost two years ago: the tanks for brewing were delivered last year and installed over the summer, while the first batch of beer began brewing on campus last fall. Today, there are several taps at the American Harvest pouring beer brewed right on campus by students. Those interested can even take



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See BEER, Page A2 Master brewer Tom Block talks about the brewing program with guests.

## The Joe will go, but not the memories

For many, the foreboding steep concrete steps are the first impression of Joe Louis Arena.

Not so for Andy Weidenbach. You have to strain your neck and look way up into the darkness beyond the massive scoreboard to spot the steel trusses and beams. That is where Weidenbach, as a construction worker for American Bridge in 1977-78, first got his taste of the Joe. He later returned to run a few skating practices with the Detroit Red Wings and coached an AHL team that played its home games at the Joe.

After 37 years, nearly 1,500 regular-season games and four Stanley Cup banners, Joe Louis

Arena, home of the Detroit Red Wings, was scheduled to host its last game today. Weidenbach, Cranbrook Kingswood High School's longtime hockey coach, has a very unique perspective on the fabled hockey arena.

"(Nick Lidstrom and (Kris) Draper were the (alternate) captains back then. They were good to me and made me feel welcome and part of the team. The other players and coaches were also great to me and that is something I will never forget," Weidenbach said.

Weidenbach is one of a few area high school hockey coaches who have different experiences and stories of an era of Detroit sports history that

began in December 1979. The Wings entered their new home after having struggled through most of the '70s to eventually overcome the "Darkness with Harkness" and "Dead Things" eras to find success down by the river.

Whether their first experience of Joe Louis Arena was high above the ice or skating on its surface as a midget hockey player, we wanted to know the memories area high school hockey coaches hold with the fabled arena.

Turn to page B1 to read more about Weidenbach and other area prep hockey coaches as they share their memories in a story written by Marty Budner.



DAN DEAN

After 1,466 regular-season games, 850 regular-season wins and four more Stanley Cup banners added to the fold, Joe Louis Arena, the venerable home of the Detroit Red Wings, is closing.



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# BEER

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it home: the college now sells certain brews in six-packs and growlers are available for refills during the restaurant's operating hours.

Annette May, one of the instructors at Schoolcraft College, said students are on hand every Thursday and Friday night for restaurant patrons to assist them with the proper pairings of beer with their meals.

"It's actually getting bigger. Since we started pouring house-brewed beer, we're getting a slightly different clientele," the Allen Park resident said. "It's really important that the people making the beer know

how to interact with the customers."

Canton resident Rob Thorne was also on hand Friday helping with the dinner event. While he does some work at Liberty Street Brewing Co. in Plymouth, he's got his eyes set to open his own brewery along the shores of Lake Erie, a market he said that is untapped.

"I'm hoping to get into Monroe," he said.

And the courses are already proving their worth for some students: Selberg said he works at Brew Detroit, a company that brews beer for various customers, including Stroh's and Motor City Brewing Works.

"There's a lot of different paths you can take besides just beer," he said. "There's everything from sales to distribution, merchandising."

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Friends of the brewing program gather at American Harvest for a celebration of Schoolcraft's beer.

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## Meeting set for Grand River Avenue resurfacing

The Michigan Department of Transportation will host a public meeting to provide an overview of the upcoming Grand River Avenue resurfacing project in the cities of Farmington and Farmington Hills. This open house-style meeting will feature exhibits dis-

playing project locations, types of work and detours. Interested parties will have the opportunity to meet the construction team and learn details about the project, including schedule and detours.

The open house will run 4:30-7 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Farmington City Hall, 23600 Lib-

erty. MDOT is investing \$3.9 million to resurface 4.5 miles of Grand River Avenue, from west of M-5 to west of Middlebelt Road. The project is expected to begin later this month and be finished in October.

Work includes concrete and asphalt patching, milling and asphalt

resurfacing, sidewalk ramp reconstruction and drainage improvements. In addition, the four-lane section between Shiawassee Street and Farmington Road will be restriped to a three-lane section, with a bike lane.

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# Red Wings, Salvation Army launch STRIVE program

The Detroit Red Wings and The Salvation Army will launch a co-ed STRIVE (Student Training for Integrity, Vitality & Education) floor hockey program at four recreation centers throughout southeast Michigan.

This free, nine-week program is designed to offer youth ages 8-12 an opportunity to learn the basic skills of floor hockey in a fun, exciting atmosphere. One hundred elementary aged children will receive a chance to experience the program, which culminates in a championship game this summer. Skills taught to participants will follow the educational curriculum of NHL Street.

"Helping provide youth with an easily attainable means of entry into the sport of hockey is important for the Detroit

Red Wings," said Kevin Brown, director of community relations and Detroit Red Wings Foundation. "We're thrilled to partner with The Salvation Army on this unique program, introducing hundreds of kids to the game for many years to come."

The Salvation Army's STRIVE Hockey program was initially launched in 2009 through seed funding from the Detroit Red Wings Foundation. In 2017, the program will shift focus to support the growth of floor hockey throughout the region as a way for more youth to learn the basics of hockey before hitting the ice.

"Our Salvation Army youth programs are dedicated to providing healthy activities for children that teach them

positive life lessons such as teamwork and responsibility while having fun and building lifelong friendships," Maj. Russell Sjogren said. "Our STRIVE program partnership with the Detroit Red Wings is sure to be a popular program that boys and girls will look forward to every season."

"The sports and recreation we offer through Salvation Army corps community centers help children learn valuable life lessons of teamwork, good sportsmanship and integrity," said Capt. Erin Eddy, youth and candidates secretary for The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division. "We are extremely grateful to Detroit Red Wings for investing in the community's youth through STRIVE."

The program will be

initially offered at four Salvation Army recreation centers in southeast Michigan. Practice sessions take place each week, as well as travel games to participating recreation centers. Registration is extremely limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

To learn more about the program and register a child, contact The Salvation Army participating recreation centers below:

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**WAYNE/WESTLAND**  
Team name: Westland

Wild  
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Phone number: 734-722-3660  
Email: Andrew.Barylski@usc.salvationarmy.org  
Since 2005, the Red Wings have raised more than \$145,000 to benefit The Salvation Army. This past December, four groups of Red Wings players, personnel and alumni raised more than \$23,000 for The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign during a two-hour span throughout metro Detroit. The funds raised this season will support The Salvation Army's STRIVE floor hockey program, as well as other vital Salvation Army initiatives.

## WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

### Vehicle hits child in stroller

A pedestrian came into the Westland police station March 27 to report her daughter had been hit by a car while she was being pushed in a stroller near 6090 Wayne.

She told police she was pushing her daughter in the stroller when a vehicle backing out of the parking lot struck the stroller. She said the stroller traveled 30-45 feet after being hit, but did not tip. She took her daughter to Garden City Hospital to be checked out. Police spoke to the driver of the vehicle, who said he checked his mirror and did not see anyone. He said he did not believe he backed up quickly.

### Vehicle window damaged

Police were dispatched the evening of April 1 to a residence in the 2000 block of Dryden Court on the report of some damage done to a parked vehicle.

When police arrived, they spoke to the resident, who said someone had recently broken out her driver side window. Police observed the window to be broken, as well as a rock in the front seat. The resident said she spoke with some neighbors, who said they did not see or hear anything. No suspect information was available.

**License plate stolen**  
Police were dispatched Sunday evening to a home on Peppermint

Drive on the report of a stolen license plate.

The victim said someone had taken the license plate off of her vehicle while it was parked in her driveway. Police checked the area for evidence, but did not locate any. The license plate was entered as stolen.

### Purse taken

Police were called March 28 to the 800 block of Judith on the report of a purse being stolen out of a vehicle.

The resident said she left her purse in the vehicle overnight while it was parked in the driveway. When she came out to the car that morning, she found a window shattered and her purse missing. The purse contained items such as her driv-

er's license, credit cards and her Social Security card. Later in the day, an individual came into the police station and turned in the purse. He said he found the purse that had been thrown along the sidewalk near her home on South Carlson. He checked inside the purse and saw one credit card with several pieces of glass inside it. Police checked the name and found the purse belonged to the resident on Judith.

### Hit-and-run reported

A motorist came into the police station March 28 to report a hit-and-run accident involving his parked car that was in front of a residence in the 6700 block of Chirrewa Lane.

He said he parked his

vehicle in the street earlier that morning. When he returned to the car later in the afternoon, he found someone had crashed into his driver side door and rear fender, causing several thousands of dollars in damage. He said the only evidence left behind was a black paint transfer left by the vehicle. No suspect information was available.

### Vehicle broken into

Police were called March 27 to an auto repair shop in the 34000

block of Palmer on the report of a vehicle that had been broken into overnight.

The victim said she had dropped off the car to be worked on overnight and left it unlocked. The next morning, it was discovered someone had entered the vehicle and taken the stereo, which was missing from the dash. No suspect information was available.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Westland Police Department.

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# Final incumbent files to run for Livonia City Council

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The final eligible incumbent on the Livonia City Council has turned his paperwork in to run again.

Councilman Brian Meakin filed this past week to run for city council later this year. Meakin, a councilman since 2013 who previously served on the council for eight years starting in 2004, said his experience on the council will come at a time when there are several newcomers to the body.

"We have three new

council members that have never been on council before. They've done a magnificent job of learning," he said. "They've come to me many times for advice. It's a great group of people to work with."

Meakin said he points to several accomplishments he's been a part of during his time on council, including his role on the Livonia Employees Retirement System the



Meakin

past three years. He also cited his part in the responsible spending with replacing city fire trucks on a regular basis.

He referenced a recent emergency expenditure the council approved for a new fire truck after an older one broke down before it was time for it to be replaced. Because of the city having a plan in place, that expenditure was able to happen, something not all cities can do.

"We had to replace one that wasn't in our replacement plan. We're still able to do it," he said. "I know other communi-

ties where their newest truck is one of our oldest."

He said he wants to continue moving the city forward through various means, including the building of new facilities at the Department of Public Works yard near Schoolcraft and Farmington, as well as the development of new senior housing near Newburgh Village.

The way the council currently operates, Meakin said, is one most residents expect, with council members working together on issues, unlike some of the gridlock

voters see at the national and state levels.

"It's just a good time to be an elected official," he said. "We get along, we work on both sides of the aisle."

Meakin, who ran for mayor in 2015, becomes the fifth candidate to enter the city council race, which has four seats open. Other candidates who have filed include Councilman Jim Jolly, Councilwoman Cathy White, Laura Toy and Gerald Perez.

The filing deadline is 4 p.m., April 25 for anyone looking to run for council. The dropout deadline is 4

p.m. April 28. The deadline to file as a write-in candidate is July 28 for the primary and Oct. 27 for the general election.

If more than eight candidates file to run for the race, a primary will take place Aug. 8 to bring the total to eight. The general election will take place Nov. 7. The top three finishers in November will each receive a four-year term and the fourth-place finisher will receive a two-year term.

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# Huge used book sale coming to Livonia's Laurel Park Place

Bookstock is back. Billing itself as the "biggest ... used book sale," Bookstock returns April 23-30 to Laurel Park Place in Livonia, offering deals on used books and media. Proceeds benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit.

Detroit Free Press columnist Rochelle Riley and Detroit News columnist Neal Rubin are honorary co-chairs of Bookstock. The Mike Morse Law Firm is Bookstock's 2017 presenting sponsor.

Bookstock's pre-sale will kick off at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, April 23, with a performance by Livonia's Churchill High School Drumline. There is a \$20 admission charge for the pre-sale only, which runs through 11 a.m. and offers shoppers and collectors first crack at Bookstock's bargains.

Bookstock has more



Bookstock returns April 23-30 to Livonia's Laurel Park Place.

than 200,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and vinyl for sale at bargain basement prices. The sale will continue through Sunday, April 30, running from 11 a.m. to 6

p.m. Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

This year, Bookstock will feature six days of special sales:

» **Monday Madness, Monday, April 24:** The

first 1,000 shoppers will receive spectacular giveaways and one lucky shopper will receive a \$500 VISA gift card.

» **Teacher Appreciation Day, Tuesday, April 25:** Bookstock gives 50

percent off to teachers 3-9 p.m. At 5 p.m., the Bookstock B.E.S.T.

Awards, (Bookstock Extraordinary Student/School/Teacher) will be presented to fourth-grade students from Detroit Public Schools Community District who write the top essays titled "My Favorite Book Character ... and Why." A WDIV-TV personality will present the awards live and cash prizes will be given to five students, their teachers and their schools.

» **Cookstock, Wednesday, April 26:** Bookstock will feature the area's largest collection of gently used cookbooks. Local TV celebrities Tati Amare (WDIV-TV, Channel 4), Carolyn Clifford (WXYZ-TV, Channel 7) and Sherry Margolis (WJBK-TV, Channel 2) will announce the winners of the first Cookstock Recipe Contest at 5 p.m. at Books-

tock, the first recipe contest to benefit literacy in Michigan!

» **Bookbuster Special Days, Thursday and Friday, April 27-28:** Buy three books and get the fourth book free (least expensive item) 3-9 p.m.

» **Half-Price Finale, Sunday, April 30:** All books and media will be sold for half-price.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Livonia Democratic Club meeting

The Livonia Democratic Club will meet at 7 p.m. April 12 at the LDC headquarters at 33150 Schoolcraft Road, Suite No. L-02, Livonia. The guest is Michigan Democratic Party Chairman Brandon Dillon.

### Lakes Tea Party meeting

The Lakes Area Tea Party will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 10, at the Uptown Grille, 100 E. West Maple Road, in Commerce. Health care expert Abigail Noble will discuss the current health care system, Obamacare vs. the American Care Act and Washington's repeal debacle.

### Spring Senior Expo

Senior citizens, retirees and caregivers can find a wealth of information that's important to them as the Observer & Eccentric presents the 14th annual Spring Senior Expo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia.

The event is completely free to the public. More than 50 businesses, health care providers, insurance companies and legal practices will be on hand to discuss all they have to offer metro Detroit seniors. In addition, there will be sessions with experienced and insightful leaders in elder law, asset management, health care and pain relief.

Speakers include Christopher Berry of The Elder Care Firm, with a presentation on protecting assets from long-term care costs. Rick Bloom, Bloom Asset Management partner and Observer & Eccentric guest columnist, will talk about building an estate plan that fits your situation.

### Mother Truckers

Tickets are on sale for Better Than Ever Productions third season opener, "Mother Truckers," a comedy by Judith Sapperstein and Gary Murway performed April

5-9 at the new PARC facility downtown Plymouth. Show date: 2 p.m. April 9 at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St., Plymouth.

### Canton Adopt-A-Road

The first Adopt-A-Road clean-up date is April 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or maybe even finish sooner). The first one of the year is always the toughest because litter has accumulated all winter long in the ditches and on the road shoulder. The routes are: Geddes Road between Michigan Avenue and Beck, and Beck Road between Michigan Avenue and Geddes. Tubs of pickup bags and reflector vests will be located in several spots along Geddes. It's important that we take care of our neighborhoods as much as possible.

### Office hours

Wayne County Commissioner Glenn S. Anderson will host coffee hours in Garden City and Westland with elected officials from the state of Michigan on Monday, April 10. Coffee hour in Westland will be co-hosted with state Reps. Robert Kosowski and Jewell Jones from 9-10 a.m. at Mr. Mike's Grill, 6047 North Wayne Road.

Coffee Hour in Garden City will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Michigan room at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood St. Garden City Coffee Hour will be co-hosted with State Sen. David Knezek and state Rep. Jewell Jones.

### Widowed Friends activities

Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group for Widowed Men/Women hosting Stage Play/Dinner, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 9, show time and dinner after. A musical play "Hello Dolly" is being presented by the Spotlight Players. Then enjoy a dinner at a local restaurant TBD by number attending. Ticket price for show is \$16.

RSVP to Mary Ann at 734-589-8292.

Widowed Friends hosts Dinner/Games from 5:30-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. Dinner is at 6 p.m. Cost is \$16 for buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door, cash only. Cori's, 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Stay for games and cards. RSVP 248-357-2183 or 313-274-2950.

Widowed Friends hosts Mass/Dinner, St. Hedwig Church, Saturday, April 29, 4 p.m., St. Hedwig, (3245 Junction near Michigan) was the third Polish Church established for Polish immigrants in 1902 and now serves as the destination for immigrants from Mexico. Dinner, restaurant TBD. RSVP to call 734-927-0610 by April 20.

Widowed Friends hosts fish fries at the following churches: 4 p.m. April 7, Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, at the corner of Six Mile and Beech; 4 p.m. April 14, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 W. Chicago at Inkster.

### A safe Internet for kids

Crossroads Church presents, Creating A Safe Internet for Our Kids: A Special Internet Safety Seminar, at 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. Hear from a leading expert about how to help create a safe internet for kids. Visit [www.crossroadsnow.org](http://www.crossroadsnow.org) for more information. Free admission.

### 3D Photography Club

The club will meet from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The meeting will feature a presentation on "Stereoscopic Optical Illusions" by Jay Horowitz, a former NASA scientist who specialized in visualization and virtual reality and is the current president of the Ohio 3D club.

After a refreshment break, the meeting will conclude with the monthly club 3D image competition. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D

movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. For more information, visit [www.Detroit3D.org](http://www.Detroit3D.org) or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

### Hilltop Church of the Nazarene

Hilltop Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerly, north of Eight Mile, has the following services:

**Sunday Schedule:** 9:30 a.m. Classic Worship; 11 a.m. Revive (contemporary) Worship; 11 a.m. Kids Worship; 11 a.m. teen worship; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School

**Monday:** 7 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship Men's Bible Study  
**Tuesday:** 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study; 6:45 p.m. Evening Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday:** 6:30 p.m. Little Trikes (Birth - K) and Kidventure (grades 1-3) programming; Club 45 for fourth-graders and fifth-graders; Merge Middle School Worship night; Various classes and Bible Study; Alpha class from 6:30-8 p.m. — an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is for high school to adult. **Free** English as a Second Language classes!

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### Hippity Hoppity

Join the fun at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center Hippity Hoppity Open House, 15100 Hubbard, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9. Enjoy the pool, climbing wall and a variety of gym activities. The gyms will be set up for roller hockey, pickleball, volleyball and basketball. Guests can learn about organizations and business in their community. Participating organizations and businesses will be handing out treats to children. Admission is free for the day for residents and \$3

per person for non-residents. For more information, call the Kirksey Recreation Center at 734-466-2900.

### Easter Egg Hunt

The Cherry Hill United Methodist Church will host an Easter egg hunt from noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the church, 321 S. Ridge Road, between Cherry Hill Road and Michigan Ave., Canton. For all children. Hunt for candy and small toy-filled plastic eggs that will be hidden inside the church. Have a picture taken with the Easter bunny. For more information, call the church at 734-495-0035.

### Neighbors and Friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club in Livonia, will welcome retired Sgt. Robert Haig of the Detroit Police Department on Tuesday, April 11. Haig will discuss how not to become a victim of gypsy scams, utility work impersonators, pigeon drops and computer and phone scams.

The "Don't Get Scammed" event will take place at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 34567 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Livonia Neighbors and Friends (A Women's Club in Livonia) is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, September through May at 7 p.m.. Special activity groups continue to meet year round. For more information, visit <http://livonianighborsandfriends.tripod.com>

### Family caregiver support

The Dorothy & Peter Brown Adult Day Program holds free monthly family caregiver support group meetings at two locations. Respite care may be available during the daytime meetings; if interested, inquire when you RSVP.

JVS, 29699 Southfield Road, Southfield  
» 1:30-3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, Alzheimer's Association meeting for family caregivers of older adults with memory loss

» 5:30-7 p.m. Monday, April 24, for family caregivers of all older adults

For more information or to RSVP for either meeting, contact Dorothy Moon at 248-233-4392 or [dmoon@jvsdet.org](mailto:dmoon@jvsdet.org).

Jewish Senior Life, Fleischman Residence, 6710 W. Maple Road, West Bloomfield

» 1:30-3 p.m. Thursday, April 13, Alzheimer's Association meeting for family caregivers of older adults with memory loss

Call for information re the evening support group meeting for family caregivers of all older adults.

For more information or to RSVP for meeting, contact Joely Lyons at 248-592-5032 or [jlyons@jslmi.org](mailto:jlyons@jslmi.org).

### Visual Arts meeting

The Visual Arts Association of Livonia is hosting its annual public meeting on Thursday, April 20, at the Livonia Civic Center Library auditorium beginning at 7 p.m. Denise Gimpel from The Detroit Institute of Arts will give a lecture on "Ordinary People by Extraordinary Artists." This meeting is open to the public.

### Vaudeville Danger Circus

The Danger Circus is a modern vaudeville show that pushes circus acts to the extreme at 8 p.m., Saturday, April 22, at 290 35 Five Mile, Livonia. Tickets are \$15. The event is for those 18 years and older.

Consisting of an extreme juggler, a mad scientist and a magician, Danger Circus delivers just over an hour show designed to catch small halls and colleges on fire with energy. Recently, the circus announced they will be appearing at Cirque Amongus and will be turning the space into a Vaudeville style theater. The response to the news of their appearance has been wildly enthusiastic. For more information and tickets, visit [www.dangercircus.com](http://www.dangercircus.com).

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# DJ HAS A SPIN ON BEING AN AMERICAN

Free classes are about honoring his heritage, giving to the community

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PALM SPRINGS, Calif. - As sounds bounce of the walls in classroom 414 at Desert Hot Springs High School, the teacher eagerly hops from student to student to share his expertise.

The teacher is Rafael Lopez, more famously known as DJ Alf Alpha.

The 32-year-old first-generation American is making a living creating music and giving back to his community. When we met, he was wearing a hat with the words "Super Sonido."

"Super Sonido, it's English and Spanish, meaning super sound," he said. "I'm an American first, but I can't forget my roots. I didn't want to just be a guy at a club playing Justin Bieber's music. ... I need to have my own sound. And for me that's Latin rhythms like cumbia, with traditionally American music like hip-hop or Black Sabbath laid on top of it."

Alf Alpha has graduated from playing dance clubs to playing his own music on the biggest stages, at events like Coachella and South by Southwest. His father, Rafael Sr., and his mother, Maria Guadalupe Reveles, were born in Mexico. As young adults, they both left for California in search of a better life. They met at a facility where they were both learning to speak English. They got married and had four children (Alf Alpha is the youngest).

"Obviously I'm American first — but my blood is Mexican 100 percent," Alf Alpha said. "You should have pride in where you come from, and I do."

And that is evident during his DJ class. In conjunction with the school district, he offers an eight-week free DJ camp after school once a week. He converts a classroom into a beat lab.

Alf Alpha moves from station to station listening to what the seven students



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DJ Alf Alpha, the son of Mexican immigrants, is from California's Coachella Valley.

— five boys and two girls — are working on, offering advice.

He teaches the class at one local high school for six or eight weeks and then does it at a different school.

"I know people always say this, but I really do learn from them as much as they learn from me," he said. "They keep me fresh. It's pretty cool to be tapped in like that. And really ... they just become my friends."

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### RAFAEL LOPEZ

Stage name: DJ Alf Alpha

Location: Palm Desert, California

Age: 32

Profession: DJ

Mission: Giving high schoolers in his community an after-school option by teaching DJ classes, with the goal of bringing more music and creative people into the world.

### Q&A WITH RAFAEL LOPEZ

#### What does it mean to you to be an American?

I feel like as Americans, it's our job to make this world a better place. To work hard. My parents are immigrants, both from Mexico, and that's not lost on me. My belief is that we're all part of one human race, and I think a lot of people get it twisted. People think that one group should be highlighted over another. ... Black people, Mexican people, white people; we're all Americans. And that diversity of culture is why we are the best country in the world and will continue to be.

#### How does your heritage inform your music?

I'm trying to merge American culture like hip-hop and electronic music ... through my spin on being Mexican American. Basing it around Latin percussion like cumbia or chicha. ... I like taking that sound but throwing hip-hop beats on top of that.

#### Being from the Coachella Valley, how much of a life-changer was it for you to play the Coachella Music and Arts Festival in your backyard?

Coachella was a dream come true. Always was a goal, and I've been going to Coachella since it started, since I was 15. Saw Rage Against the Machine and these cool bands.

#### One of the ways you're giving back to the community is through a DJ class; how did that come about?

I wanted something more than just the usual DJ gigs at a club. I mean don't get me wrong, I like getting that money, but do I really want to be in a club ... every Friday night? So I tried to expand, working at art galleries, or doing things that are more a part of the culture here in the desert. And then a friend of mine that worked in the school district office proposed the DJ camp or class idea, and I said let's do it.

#### And how are the classes going?

I love showing them the history of DJing ... and then showing them what the possibilities are now with technology. Then seeing them have their own spin on it. Maybe they can make a career out of it like I have. Sometimes even after the class is over they reach out to me, with some stuff their working on.

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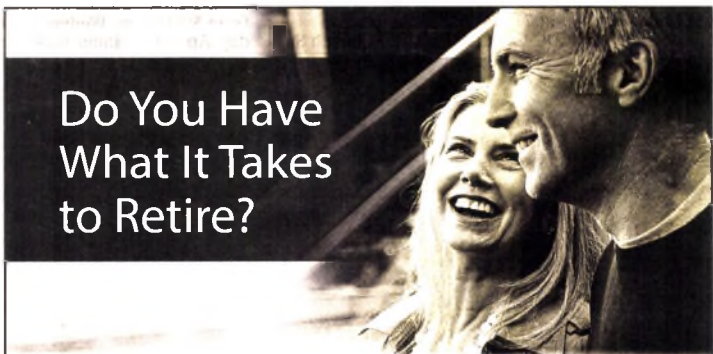


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# Healthy Kids Day happening at Livonia YMCA

With an emphasis on fun and fitness, the Livonia Family YMCA will celebrate Healthy Kids Day, an opportunity for kids and their families to experience some of the activities the Y offers. This free event, planned for 1-3 p.m. Saturday April 22, at the Livonia Family YMCA, 14255 Stark, will allow families to use Y amenities like the pool and fitness center, as well as participate in the special events happening that day.

Crafts, hula hoop fitness and a family obstacle course are a few of the activities families can do together. There will also be mini-workshops and demonstrations in yoga, gymnastics and tennis, as well as opportunities for adults to talk to a personal trainer about planning their own fitness regime. Children can enter raf-



Bennett Shaw of Livonia enjoys his weekly gymnastic class. Gymnastic demonstrations will be part of the fun during the YMCA Healthy Kids Day on April 22.

files, work off some energy in the bounce house and test their artistic

abilities in the coloring contest. Visitors can also experience cardio drums,

an exhilarating workout that combines cardio and strength moves, appro-

prate for all fitness levels.

"All the happenings that day will center around fitness, family togetherness and health-centered activities," said Brian Wolverton, executive director of the Livonia Family YMCA. "We believe a visit to the Y is the best way for families from Livonia and the surrounding area to really understand what the Y offers. Whether a child is enrolled in a fitness class, swimming lessons or basketball, the Y provides a safe nurturing space. This is a welcoming environment for kids where they can belong, build friendships, develop character and simply have fun."

The Healthy Kids Day event is also a chance for parents to tour the Y and hear about summer day camp opportunities. Al-

though it isn't quite summer yet, this is the time of year parents plan for summer child care. The Livonia Family YMCA runs 12 weeks of summer day camp, with a variety of programs and activities that stimulate both mind and body.

"It's important for children to be active and to continue learning new skills throughout the summer months," Wolverton said. "Day camp at the Y provides kids with adventure, healthy fun, personal growth and new friendships that last long past the summer."

The week-long themed day camp sessions run from June 12 to Sept. 1. Children must be ages 3-14 to attend and will have the opportunity to take field trips, explore the outdoors, go swimming and participate in other educational excursions.

## WESTLAND NEWS BRIEFS

### New subdivision planned in Westland

On Monday, April 3, the Westland City Council approved a request to rezone the 19.2 acres on the south side of Joy Road, east of Newburgh, from R-1, single-family residential, to PUD, planned unit development, to provide a single-family residential development that allows an agreement to be signed by the city and the developer.

This agreement will result in the preservation of natural features, while providing the developer the ability to construct single-family homes in long-term sustainable residential development that benefits the ultimate users of the property and the city as a whole, May-

or William Wild said.

The development is proposed as a 70-lot subdivision with homes that include a ranch-style home at 1,600 square feet and colonials up to 2,600 square feet, to be built by Pulte Homes. The homes will be priced starting at the mid-\$200,000s.

The plan includes a total of 5.87 acres of open space that will be retained around the perimeter of the site to retain valuable natural features. Extensive landscaping is proposed throughout the site provide additional buffering for adjacent residential uses and to enhance the development. Final site plan approval must first be obtained, but construction is slated to start in 2017.

"The proposal represents an upscale residential development that will benefit the community in a number of ways," Wild said. "It will bring 70 new families to the community, which will benefit the schools as new students will be added and will benefit the city in terms of economic development as it brings more families with more disposable income into the area to support our local economy, as well act as a marker that is used by potential developers and retailers to be attracted to invest in our community."

### Contract settled

The city of Westland and AFSCME Local 1602 have negotiated a six-year contract covering

58 general labor, public works, housing specialists and clerical support staff. Key benefit enhancements include cost of living increases, along with changes in optical compensation and leave time. Remaining in place are tiered wage and other benefits for which new hires and employees with less seniority take longer to achieve top pay.

Employee cost sharing toward retirement and health care benefits was implemented in 2013 and remains in place today. Employees hired after 2010 are in a defined contribution retirement program (similar to a 401(k) for private sector employees) and receive no health care in retirement.

Perhaps most notable

for longer serving employees and as the city previously negotiated with its other unions, once a retiree turns 65 years of age, health insurance is discontinued. The retiree and his/her spouse will instead receive a Health Reimbursement Account monetary stipend the retiree may use to fund the cost of a Medicare Advantage plan of their choosing or this stipend may be used to pay for other non-reimbursed medical costs. And as with other city employee groups, employee contributions toward health care remain in place in retirement and as based upon the contributions that exist for active employees. These provisions will positively impact the city's Other Post Em-

ployment Benefit (OPEB) liability, reducing the city's liability to fund "legacy" costs.

"Once again, the city was able to work collaboratively with AFSCME Local 1602. Several union members are city residents and they understand the economic pressures placed upon the city and the valued services to which our residents have become accustomed," Wild said. "I am pleased we were able to reach a new union contract that continues to honor the hard work these employees do and one that will help the city reduce the liability of legacy costs yet continue to offer competitive wages and benefits that aid in employee retention."

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# Livonia Community Foundation awards grants

**David Veselenak**  
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It's not just the dollar amount that continues to grow at the annual Livonia Community Foundation grant award night.

Foundation President Brian Meakin noted Tuesday night in the Robert and Janet Bennett Library auditorium that the length of the presentation and number of attendees saw an increase over 2016's awards night.

"Last year, I put a challenge out that I wanted to fill this room. We're getting closer. We probably had half this last year," he said. "This event is becoming better and better every year and that's because of all the hard work you guys do in Livonia."

More than \$41,000 was awarded in grants to 12 organizations serving Livonia, \$10,000 more than what was awarded in 2016. The 12 benefactors included groups such as Seedlings Braille Books for Children, Angela Hospice, the Livonia Goodfellows and Blessings in a Backpack.

Before the awards were handed out, the audience was treated to a short performance by the Livonia Civic Chorus, another group that received a grant award of \$4,835.

Peggy Gaskill, president of the Livonia Civic Chorus, said the money given by the Livonia Community Foundation has gone to programs such as "A Musical Interlude for Seniors," which brings chorus members to senior citizen living facilities in the city who then perform for the residents.

"We've been pleased to be recipients of grants from LCF since 2012,"

## Grant recipients

- » Angela Hospice — Honor Our Vets
- » Blessings in a Backpack
- » First Step
- » Greenmead Restoration Trust Fund
- » Livonia Arts & Human Relations Commissions
- » Livonia Civic Chorus
- » Livonia Family YMCA summer camp programs
- » Livonia Goodfellows — No Child Without A Christmas
- » Livonia Kids and Families
- » Livonia Symphony Orchestra
- » Seedlings Braille Books for Children
- » Visual Arts Association of Livonia

she said.

The foundation, chartered in 1995, is a permanent endowment, first begun by Bennett, a former mayor. The fund's balance is never used in awarding grants; rather, the interest garnered is used to fund the charitable, cultural, arts, historical, educational and recreational institutions each year.

The Greenmead Restoration Trust Fund received \$7,000 for its continued work at the Simmons/Hill House greenhouse restoration work underway. Linda Wiacek, the program supervisor at Greenmead, said the greenhouse is in need of more work as more panels have fallen off.

"As you know, we've been working on the white picket fence project along Eight Mile for the last few years. If you drive down Eight Mile Road, you'll be happy to see that fence project has been completed," she said. "We are focusing on a new and maybe larger project: the greenhouse."

The Livonia Family YMCA received \$4,000 to help fund scholarships to



Chuck Dardas with Livonia Kids and Families, a food pantry and Mary Jarvis, Beth Santer and Veronica Cruz, accept the grant.



Brian Meakin and Angela Hospice representatives Margot Parr and Robert Alexander pose after receiving their foundation grant.

its day camp program for Livonia children this summer. Brian Wolverton, executive director of the Livonia Family YMCA, said while he's been at the facility on Stark Road for almost six years, he's still realizing how important that facility is to children as they grow up.

"We've been serving this community 49 years, coming up on our 50th year," he said. "The one thing I universally heard across the board, consistently across the time meeting people in this community, was I heard, 'I am a Y kid.'"

"I didn't really think about that much over the



Blessings In A Backpack received \$500.

years until I recently, having the gift and opportunity to give out more of these scholarships, and realize I

take that for granted."

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# Canton man named Veteran of the Month

Richard D. Cramb Sr., a Korean War veteran from Canton, was honored as the March 2017 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

Cramb served in the U.S. Navy Air Corp from 1951-55. He was born and raised in Plymouth and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1951. He went to work for Cloverdale Dairy, making ice cream.

The Korean War began summer 1950 and Cramb knew it was just a matter of time before he would be drafted. His brother and uncle were in the navy and he felt it was time to perform his patriotic duty and join. In fall 1951, he took a day off from work and went to Detroit to sign up in the Marine Corps. When he got there, the line was closed off for the Marine recruitment office.

Cramb was disappointed, but also didn't want to come back a second time. He noticed that the line for the navy was still open, so he went in and joined.

He was inducted right away and sent to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center near Chicago for eight weeks of basic training. After completing basic, he asked to be assigned to a submarine group, but was rejected because he was missing one molar.

"I was told that missing any other tooth except a molar would have been OK," he said, "but those were the rules." He then requested the Navy Air Corp. He was accepted and sent to the Jacksonville, Fla., Naval Air Technical Training Center for 10 weeks of training and then sent to



Richard Cramb Sr.

the Memphis Naval Air Base, where he spent 10 weeks in training at the Aviation Metalsmith School. Aviation metalsmiths were responsible for repairing of all exterior parts of planes and helicopters, from the metal bodies to the wheels.

In 1952, after completion of his training, Cramb was sent to the Coast Guard Air Station at Elizabeth City, N.C. The base was under the control of the U.S. Navy since World War II and conducted search and rescue, anti-submarine warfare and training missions. Cramb's main duties included repair of the many helicopters that were assigned to anti-submarine patrol missions of the eastern coast of the U.S.

"Occasionally, we

would be assigned to a carrier and sail out into the Atlantic for training," Cramb said. "It was quite a thrill for me as I had never been on a ship so big." He spent the remainder of his service there.

"It was good duty," he said. "The food was great and we had a lot of free time. I even joined the boxing team. I was never knocked out nor did I knock anyone else out."

Cramb had been on the Plymouth Parks and Recreation Golden Gloves boxing team while in high school and even made it to the finals in Detroit, but lost in a decision. "I was too much defense and not enough offense for the judges," he said.

Cramb returned to Michigan after his discharge and went back to

work for Cloverdale for a year and then joined the Wayne County Road Commission in the Survey Crew and Road Inspection Department for 10 years. He then spent 10 years as a safety engineer for an insurance company, where he was involved with the construction of the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

He 1994, he retired after 17 years with the Livonia Department of Public Works Engineering Department, Concrete Repair Division. Cramb was married in 1953 to Joan, who died in 2016. They were married for 63 years and have three sons, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Cramb has been a member of Livonia American Legion Post 32 for 46 years and was even involved in the construction of the new post building. He was past post commander twice for a total of five years and one of the original members of the Post 32 Honor Guard.

Cramb was interviewed by members of the S.A.L. Veteran of the Month Committee and a DVD was made and shown March 7 at the S.A.L. membership meeting. A plaque was presented to him from Livonia with his picture and service information.

An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The S.A.L. invites local residents to attend its monthly meetings to listen to the Veteran of the Month. The public is also encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, Livonia.

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### GRIFFIN

**JAMES ALLEN** December 19, 1952 - April 5, 2017. Son of Mary Griffin. Preceded in death by James V. Griffin, Jr. (father) and James Griffin (step-son). Survived by dearest friend, Cheryl and her son, Bryan. Brother to Tim (Kelly) and Mary Ann (Mike). Loving uncle to many nieces and nephews. U.S. Army Veteran.

### MARTIN

**BARBARA LOUISE BOUGHNER** 90, of Key West, Florida, passed away on Thursday, February 16, 2017 at Lower Keys Medical Center, Key West, FL. She was born on August 12, 1926 in Highland Park, Michigan to the late Charles Boughner of Canada and Helen Meyer Boughner of Grand Rapids, Michigan. Barbara received a Bachelors Degree from Hillsdale College. She was a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority and served as president of her chapter. Barbara had a thirty year career, working as a social worker for the Oakland County Court in Michigan. She was a board member of the Key West library. Barbara volunteered at the Botanical Gardens. She loved and enjoyed her tennis group in Key West. Barbara was an avid reader, an active Mah Jong Player, and enjoyed knitting and needle point. Barbara and her husband have been visiting Key West since 1959 and a resident since 1981. Their summers were spent in Eastport, Michigan. Surviving is her husband for over sixty-six years, Charles Earl Martin. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, April 12, at 11 a.m. at the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes with the family receiving friends starting at 10:30. Burial will follow in Lakeview Cemetery, Torch Lake Township. A light luncheon will follow at Torch Lake Café. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in her name to dogsfortheblind.org. Arrangements are being handled by the Central Lake Chapel of Mortensen Funeral Homes. Please sign her online guestbook  
mortensenfuneralhomes.com.

### WALKER

**JOSEPHINE F.** 95, of Redford, passed away April 5, 2017. Josephine is the beloved wife of 47 years to the late Robert (d. 1991); devoted mother of Robert Walker and the late Sandra Kay Walker (d. 1992); grandmother of Andrew Walker and Sarah Ashley Sady. Josephine was also preceded in death by her siblings, Mary, Joseph and Pauline. Visitation Sunday, April 9, 1-8 p.m., at Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Road (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington, MI 48336. A Funeral Mass for Josephine will be held on Monday, April 10, 10 a.m. (in state 9:30 a.m.) at St. Priscilla Catholic Church 19120 Purlingbrook, Livonia. Interment Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial tributes are suggested to St. Priscilla Catholic Church.  
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# Livonia to test severe weather sirens

In recognition that April 16-22 is Michigan's Severe Weather Awareness Week, Livonia residents are encouraged to plan for the unexpected.

The city of Livonia's Emergency Preparedness Department asks residents to become familiar with the information necessary to help them protect themselves and their property in the event of severe weather.

Other communities will sound their sirens to participate in a statewide tornado drill that will occur at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 19, as

an effort to urge residents to practice emergency plans. Livonia residents may hear sirens from neighboring communities on that date. Although the city supports the state in emergency preparedness awareness efforts, Livonia will not sound its sirens during this drill.

Livonia will continue with its monthly test only at 1 p.m. the first Saturday of each month.

In 2016, Michigan had several severe storms that spawned 16 tornadoes across the state, which is an average num-

ber. While tornadoes are nature's most violent weather, all forms of severe weather can be dangerous. Michigan citizens need to be vigilant whenever severe weather is in the forecast, not only for tornadoes, but also for wind, hail, flooding and lightning.

While tornadoes can occur in any season, they are especially common during the late spring and early summer months, with the average lead time being only 10-15 minutes. This means citizens need to be ready

to react quickly when a warning is issued.

If a severe storm or tornado warning is issued:

- » Find shelter and take cover in an interior room of a building, preferably a basement. If a basement does not exist, find an interior hallway away from windows, doors and outside walls.
- » Tune to radio or TV broadcasts for news on changing weather conditions or approaching storms.

Residents are encouraged to learn the difference in cautionary terms

for severe weather. A watch means conditions exist for a tornado or severe storms to develop; a warning means severe storms are eminent a tornado has been sighted or indicated by radar.

It is also important to be aware of the following signs that may indicate a tornado:

- » Dark, often greenish sky.
- » Large hail.
- » A large, dark low-lying cloud.
- » Loud roar, similar to a freight train.

Citizens should develop a 72-hour emergency

supply kit with essential items such as a three-day supply of water and food, a NOAA Weather Radio, important medications, critical documents and items that satisfy your unique needs.

For more information about being safe before, during and after a tornado or other preparedness measures, go to <http://livoniapd.com/> and click on the Home Town security link at the bottom. Emergency preparedness information is also available at [www.ready.gov/tornadoes](http://www.ready.gov/tornadoes).

## Home-equity loan best answer to 401(k) loan problem

**Q: I have a problem that I hope you can help me with. I am in my mid-40s and, about two years ago, I got divorced. We were able to resolve everything without any fights or drama. At the time of the divorce, I wanted to keep our house, so my wife, who handled all our finances, recommended that I take a loan from my 401(k) plan to pay her off on the house, which I did. Earlier this year, I quit my job and got a new job. My employer was not happy because the**



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

**new job is with a competitor. My problem is, my old company just notified me that my loan is due in full. I don't have the money to repay the loan. My first question is, can they do that? I think that they're punishing me for going to a competitor. My second question is, what happens if I don't repay the**

**loan? What can they do? Any suggestions that you may have in how to deal with this situation would be helpful.**

A: Whether your employer is being vindictive or not is relatively immaterial. When you take a loan from a 401(k) plan, part of the terms is that the loan becomes due generally 60-90 days after you leave your employment. Therefore, the company is well within its rights to demand payment. Although 401(k) plans are easy to borrow from, one of the

*Just like anytime you borrow money, it does pay to shop home-equity loans around. Not all companies have the same rates or fees. ... You may be surprised how much money you could save by shopping around.*

downsides is that loans become due once you leave the employer.

With regard to your second question, if you do not repay the loan, the employer treats it as a distribution. What that means is you are going to pay taxes on that money.

For example, if you borrowed \$25,000 from your 401(k) and you didn't repay it, that \$25,000 would be taxed to you as ordinary income. In addition, because you are under 59½, this money is treated as an early distribution and, thus, the

IRS, in addition to the taxes, will assess you a 10-percent penalty for early distribution.

In reviewing your situation, since you don't have the resources to repay the loan, one avenue I would explore would be a home-equity loan. A home-equity loan would allow you to tap into the equity on your home at a relatively low cost. Although interest rates have gone up and I anticipate they will continue to rise, home-equity loans are still relatively affordable. In addition, the interest you pay is tax-deductible. In order to avoid the 10-percent penalty and having to recognize additional income, consider a home-equity loan.

Just like anytime you borrow money, it does pay to shop home-equity loans around. Not all companies have the same rates or fees. In addition to checking with your current mortgage company, it also pays to check with a credit union you may belong to or even shop rates online with reputable companies. You may be surprised how much money you could save by shopping around.

In obtaining a home-equity loan, one thing to keep in mind is that we are in a period of rising interest rates. In most home-equity loans, the interest rate is adjustable, which means that as interest rates rise, so will the interest you pay on your home-equity loan.

Generally, I'm not a fan of borrowing money on one's home; in this situation, it makes sense. When someone asks me about borrowing on their home to take a vacation or buy a new big-screen TV, I'm generally not in favor of that. However, if someone borrows on their home to pay off another debt such as the one at hand or a high interest rate charge card, I'm generally in favor of that. I always believe that whenever you borrow money, you need to use caution and make sure that the money you're borrowing is not going to be frivolously spent.

Good luck!

*Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is [bloomassetmanagement.com](http://bloomassetmanagement.com). If you would like him to respond to questions, email [rick@bloomassetmanagement.com](mailto:rick@bloomassetmanagement.com).*

### CITY OF LIVONIA LIVONIA HOUSING COMMISSION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Livonia-Housing Commission, Michigan as Owners, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. (Local Time) on **Tuesday, April 25, 2017**, at the offices of the Livonia Housing Commission, Silver Village, 33780 Lyndon, Livonia, MI 48154, at which time said proposals will be opened and publicly read.

#### SCOPE OF WORK

Removal and installation of new apartment bathroom accessories including vinyl flooring, cove base, vanities, sinks, faucets, toilets and accessories in one hundred and five (105) occupied apartments at the Silver Village housing community. The project is to be funded by the 2017 Silver Village operating budget.

#### CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS

Specifications and bidding documents will be available beginning **Monday, April 10, 2017** at the Silver Village administrative offices, 33780 Lyndon, Livonia, MI 48154. All proposals are to be submitted on the forms furnished by the Director of Housing which are included in the Project Manual. Instructions and Specifications may also be obtained by registering with the Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) at [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info).

All proposals shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the material bid upon, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to James M. Inglis, Housing Director, City of Livonia, "Silver Village Bathroom Renovations". Bids must include a bid bond equal to 5% of the base bid and a non-collusion affidavit. Additional bid requirements are outlined in the Project Manual.

The Housing Commission has scheduled a pre-bid meeting and walk-thru for 10:00am, Monday, April 17, 2017 at the Silver Village community building. Contractors and sub-contractors are encouraged to attend this meeting to review the scope of work.

The City of Livonia-Housing Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and to waive any informalities in the bids received. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the Livonia Housing Commission.

JAMES M. INGLIS, Housing Director  
DENNIS WRIGHT, Mayor  
CITY OF LIVONIA

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### HOLY WEEK At The Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church 9601 Hubbard, Livonia, MI - (734) 422-0494

#### PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, April 9

10:30 a.m. Worship for All Ages  
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#### MAUNDY THURSDAY - Thursday, April 13

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Nursery Care Available

#### GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 14

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Adult Handbell Choir & Trumpet  
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### NOTICE

#### HURON CHARTER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL OFFICES CLEANING SERVICES REQUEST FOR BIDS

Notice: Huron Charter Township is accepting bids for cleaning services for all Municipal Offices. Township Hall located at 22950 Huron River Drive, Police Department located at 36500 South Huron River Road, Krzyske Senior Center located at 28245 Mineral Springs, and Senior Center Barn located at 28245 Mineral Springs, New Boston, Michigan 48164.

Bid specifications are available to be picked up at the Township Clerk's Office Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. And at [www.hurontownship-mi.gov](http://www.hurontownship-mi.gov)

A walk through tour of the locations is scheduled for April 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

All bids must be sealed and clearly titled: Cleaning Service Bid.

All bids must be returned to:

Kathlene Van Wasshnova  
Township Clerk  
Huron Charter Township  
22950 Huron River Drive  
New Boston, MI 48164

All bids are due by 2:00 p.m. on April 13, 2017.

Huron Charter Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Kathlene L. Van Wasshnova, CMC,  
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#### AGENDA Zoning Board of Appeals

April 25, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.  
Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)  
33000 Civic Center Drive  
Livonia, MI  
(734) 466 2259

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-04-22:** Mary Gorman, west side of Bainbridge (18963) between Seven Mile and Hillbrook, seeking to install a six (6) foot tall vinyl privacy fence while maintaining the existing chain link fence. Double fences are not allowed.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-04-23:** Richard Bidwell, west side of Stark (9491) between Pinetree and Ann Arbor Trail, seeking to erect a detached garage, resulting in excess garage area.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-04-24:** Madonna University, west side of Levan (14363) between Schoolcraft and Five Mile, seeking to erect a student dormitory building, resulting in deficient side yard setback.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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**9:30 a.m. - Why Men Don't Listen and Women Can't Read Maps**, Diane Zide, Botsford Commons and Kevin Shycerski, Senior Helpers

**9:45 a.m. - What a Case Manager Can Do for You and Your Loved Ones** with Annelle Hill, MANAGED REHABilitation Consultants

**10 a.m. - How to Protect Your Hard-earned Assets from Long-term Care Costs**, Christopher J. Berry, The Elder Care Firm

**10:15 a.m. - New Technology in Pain Relief**, Dr. Sol Cogan, HealthQuest Management

**10:45 a.m. - An Update on Exercises for Osteoarthritis and Knee Pain**, Kristie Kava and Frank Kava, Oakland Physical Therapy

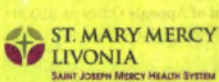
**11 a.m. - Building an Estate Plan that Fits Your Situation**, Rick Bloom, Bloom Asset Management

**11:30 a.m. - How to Stop Sleep Problems and Snoring from Stealing Your Energy and Affecting Your Health**, Dr. Earl K. Bogrow, Dental Center for Sleep Apnea and Snoring

**11:45 a.m. - Rediscover Your Mobility: Joint Pain Education**, Dr. Stephen Mendelson and RN John Cunningham, St. Mary Mercy Livonia

**12:15 p.m. - An Update on Exercises for Osteoarthritis and Back Pain**, Kristie Kava and Frank Kava, Oakland Physical Therapy

**Questions?** Call 313-222-6895 or email [dscola@michigan.com](mailto:dscola@michigan.com).



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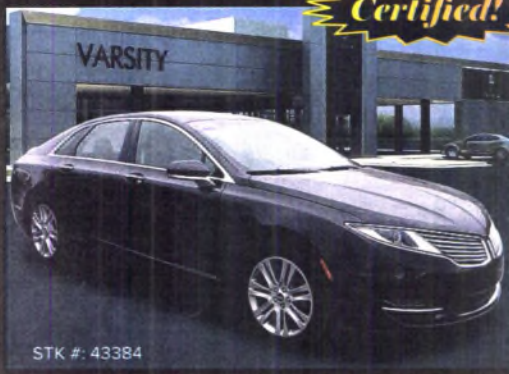
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NHL HOCKEY

## Good-bye, Joe - thanks for the memories

After 37 years and nearly 1500 games, arena is closing

**Marty Budner**  
hometownlife.com

Good-bye, Joe. It was great knowing you. The final puck will fly Sunday evening at the fabled hockey arena in downtown Detroit.

After 37 years, 1,466 regular-season games, 850 regular-season wins and four more Stanley Cup banners added to the fold, Joe Louis Arena, the venerable home of the Detroit Red Wings, is closing.

So many memories. So many stories. So many wonderful moments.

The \$34 million building, nestled oddly amid an assortment of road ways, the Cobo Center and the Detroit River,

made its hockey debut in December 1979. Even with all the quirks of the hastily-constructed arena — the steep steps, overcrowded concourse and dearth of bathroom facilities — it became the nerve center of Detroit's hockey renaissance. The birthplace of Hockeytown.

The Wings entered their new home after having struggled through most of the '70s, leaving behind an iconic barn known as Olympia Stadium. It took a while to overcome the "Darkness with Harkness" and "Dead Things" eras to find success down by the river, but once they did, thanks to an aggressive new owner in Mike Ilitch and a burgeoning



DAN DEAN

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U.S. VS CANADA

## OH SO GOLDEN!

Knight's overtime goal gives Team USA 3-2 victory and IIHF Women's Worlds championship

**Tim Smith**  
hometownlife.com

Team USA vs. Canada for the gold medal. The 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship had to come down to that. And overtime, too.

Forgot all the controversy before the first puck was dropped at the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth about whether the best American players would even participate because of a drawn-out contract dispute with USA Hockey.

All of that was water under the Ambassador Bridge for both teams and a sold-out crowd of 3,917 Friday night at USA Hockey Arena.

And, although a Canada goal just 61 seconds into the first period briefly served as a buzzkill for Team USA fans, the contest lived up to its lofty billing as the U.S. won 3-2 at 10:17 of overtime on forward Hilary Knight's goal.

Knight blocked a shot at the Team USA blue line, and that triggered a 3-on-2 rush the other way — with spark-plug Kendall Coyne sending a pass across to Knight in the high slot for the slap shot that zoomed over the trapper of tough-as-nails Canada goalie Shannon Szabados (38 saves).

The blast broke Canada's heart and blew the roof off the Beck Road arena, as the U.S. squad — 5-0 in the tourney — won the Womens Worlds for the third consecutive year.

"It felt pretty good," said Knight, about the ultimate reward for making an important defensive play. "I was just looking for some grit plays, I was having a hard time handling the puck tonight.

"... Blocking that shot was huge and then I just went and followed the play."

Knight's tournament winner ratcheted up the emotion as U.S. fans cheered, waved their miniature American flags and watched as the players received their cherished gold medals.

"The energy in the building was

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*"And coming in here knowing we won a battle that we've been fighting for for over a year it just made us feel so light coming into the world championships."*

**KACEY BELLAMY**  
Team USA defenseman



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Team USA's Kacey Bellamy (22), Meghan Duggan (10) and Monique Lamoureux (7) celebrate with the IIHF Women's World Championship trophy.



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U.S. players Monique Lamoureux (7) and Hilary Knight (21) battle for the puck against Canada's Brienne Jenner (19) during the first period Friday.

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The U.S. celebrates Kacey Bellamy's goal early in the first period Friday against Canada.

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## GOLDEN

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incredible and it was a really fast-paced game," said Team USA defenseman Kacey Bellamy, who scored her team's first two goals. "We had to fight right until the end."

Bellamy added that the team was "united" from the start of the tournament, with an added boost coming from finally settling a year-long dispute with USA Hockey. As of two days before the tourney, it was not certain who would wear the red, white and blue.

"I think that it made us closer as a team," Bellamy said. "Just everything, we had to communicate for months and months straight, we just stayed united. I think that was the biggest thing."

"And coming in here knowing we won a battle that we've been fighting for for over a year it just made us feel so light coming into the world championships."

### Striking early

After a tight checking second period, the U.S. came out on a mission to open the third period and quickly took a 2-1 lead.

Knight gained possession behind Canada's net and slid a no-look backhand pass in front to Bellamy, pinching in on the play. Bellamy jammed the puck past Szabados at the 42-second mark to send USA Hockey Arena into a frenzy.

"I'm not a D that steps into the play but I felt like we had more numbers than them," said Bellamy, about the go-ahead marker. "And then I started waiting around in front of the goalie and I saw Knight get it."

Team USA kept the pressure on, enjoying a 10-5 edge in shots over the first 6:12 and with the "U.S.A., U.S.A." chant getting louder. But Szabados held the fort long enough for Canada to tie the game at 9:44 on the power play.

Scoring on a carbon copy of the night's first goal was Brienne Jenner, who ripped a shot from the left side of the cage past Team USA goalie Nicole Hensley (26 saves). Making a crisp pass from the right circle across to Jenner was Marie-Philip Poulin.

The U.S. had two power play chances in the final 7:30 of the third, but Canada's penalty killing unit kept dangerous chances to a minimum and the period ticked down to zeroes to ensure OT would be needed to decide things.

### Reset button

After Team USA routed Germany 11-0 on Thursday night, the Gold Medal contest had an inauspicious start.

Meghan Agosta one-timed a crossing



Team USA players mob Kacey Bellamy after her goal early in the third period broke a 1-1 tie.

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feed from Jennifer Wakefield past Hensley at the 1:01 mark of the opening frame to give Canada a quick 1-0 lead and sap plenty of energy out of USA Hockey Arena.

Hensley had no chance as Team Canada made good on a 2-on-1 rush, with Agosta snapping a shot from the left circle to beat Hensley under the crossbar. Canada then had a power play less than a minute later, with an opportunity to go up by two goals. But the U.S. women persevered and efficiently killed off the penalty.

That enabled Team USA to tie the game at 4:34 on a slap shot by Bellamy. The shot from the left point seemed to change direction as it fluttered over Szabados' right shoulder.

"Yesterday we just said 'Let's shoot from the point,'" Bellamy said. "I made sure as soon as I got the puck I would shoot, and Brianna Decker screened the goalie perfectly. It really helped give us a little momentum boost."



United State women's hockey team celebrates winning the IIHF Women's World Championship Friday night after defeating Canada 3-2 in overtime in Plymouth.

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## THE JOE

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star in Steve Yzerman, the Joe became a raucous, energy-filled building.

Who can ever forget the 1997 Cup run that broke a 42-year drought dating back to 1955?

Who can forget the infamous Fight Night at the JLA on March 26, 1997, when Darren McCarty sent Claude Lemieux turtling to the ice in retaliation for the absolutely brutal hit the previous season on teammate Kris Draper?

Who can forget the blissfully euphoric feeling of watching Yzerman blast a long-distance slap shot past Jon Casey in Game 7 of the 1996 Western Conference semifinal against Wayne Gretzky's St. Louis Blues to dramatically end the suspense-filled battle, 1-0, early in the second overtime?

Or how about the other three Stanley Cup seasons of '98, '02 and '08? Or, the 1980 All-Star Game, which featured the return of Mr. Hockey, Gordie Howe, to Detroit as a Hartford Whaler? Or the glorious ceremonies honoring Yzerman (2007), Nick Lidstrom (2014), Sid Abel (1995) and Alex Delvecchio (1991)? Or the remarkable franchise-record 23-game home winning streak that stretched through early November 2011 to late February 2012? Or all the Octopus cascading down from the rafters during the playoffs?

Yes, the Joe will be turned to dust, but the cherished recollections will live on forever in the minds of Detroit's hockey fans.

A few of those fans, who also double as area hockey coaches, have enjoyed amazing experiences at Joe Louis Arena. Following are their stories.

### Andy Weidenbach

Weidenbach, Cranbrook Kingswood's longtime hockey coach and president of the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League, has a unique perspective. He helped work on JLA as an American Bridge employee before skating off to Compuware as a full-time coach.

"I actually worked on the construction of the Joe back in 1977-78," Weidenbach said. "American Bridge did all of the steel erection. Sometimes when I am at the Joe and I look up and see those big steel trusses and beams, I think to myself, 'I couldn't walk on those beams today if my life depended on it.'"

The highly-regarded Weidenbach was asked to run some Red Wings skating practices for a few years at Joe Louis in early September before the team headed off to training camp in Traverse City.

"It was a lot of fun hanging out with the team and coaches before and after practices," Weidenbach said. "(Nick) Lidstrom and (Kris) Draper were the (alternate) captains back then. They were good to me and made me feel welcome and part of the team. The other players and coaches were also great to me and that is something I will never forget.



Livonia resident Adam Mitchell poses with former Detroit Red Wings head coach Scotty Bowman during a Stanley Cup celebration.

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"When I coached in the OHL in 1981-91, the Joe was our home ice," he said. "It was fun to play games and practice in the same building as the Wings. It was fun to be a small part of the history at the Joe."

### Ken Anderson

Anderson, Farmington Unified's hockey coach, has memories of watching the annual Great Lakes Invitational tournament, which Joe Louis Arena has hosted since 1979 (except 2013, when the tournament was played outdoors at Comerica Park).

"My first memories of the Joe were as a young hockey player in the late '70s and going to the Great Lakes Invitational," Anderson said. "It always seemed that my team would be playing in a Christmas tournament at the same time, so after one of our games, we would go watch the college guys. Such a great experience."

"I never did get a chance to play on the ice, but I did coach a travel team that played a game there back in 1992. Definitely a thrill to be coaching where so many great coaches did their work. Obviously, as the years went along and the Wings were in their great era, I was fortunate enough to attend a lot of the playoff games and live the excitement of the Stanley Cup teams."

"If there was one special memory I take away from that, although I was not in the building, was being downtown in one of the bars when Darren McCarty scored that amazing goal (against the Philadelphia Flyers in 1997) that pretty much sealed the first of the cups!"

"The most recent memory is being able to take my daughter to this past Monday's game against Ottawa, where we saw a great game and, even better, a Wings win in a shootout," he added. "The atmosphere was fantastic and to have that last memory to share with her was very special."

### David Mitchell

David Mitchell, the Livonia Stevenson hockey coach, will never forget his days

playing AAA games at Joe Louis Arena.

"I have a ton of memories of Joe Louis Arena," said Mitchell, a teacher at Holmes Middle School in Livonia. "I played eight years for Little Caesars AAA and by that time was at the older levels. It was basically our home rink and we had many practices and games there. Nothing beat the feeling of being a teenager and getting to play on the same ice as some of the greatest to ever play the game."

Mitchell's father Adam worked as a volunteer statistician for the Red Wings coaching staff. As a result, he was able to see some of the Wings' most memorable games over the years.

"He didn't get paid, but did get two season tickets," Mitchell said. "I have been at the biggest games in the history of that arena. Obviously, seeing them win the Stanley Cup was a huge highlight."

Mitchell remembers going to the final game at the Olympia in December 1979. Now, his son will be attending the final game at the Joe.

"I'll be humbled to send my son, who is 12, to the last game at the Joe with my brother," he said. "Gonna miss the Joe. It's been a huge part of mine and my family's life."

### Jason Reynolds

The Livonia Churchill hockey coach said Joe Louis Arena was a "major" part of his childhood.

"Growing up, I spent many nights at Joe Louis Arena," Reynolds said. "My family was fortunate enough to share a Red Wings season ticket package — three seats, eight rows from the ice in Section 111."

"My childhood hero was Steve Yzerman, so I have a lot of great memories," he added. "Whether it was Stevie's 50-goal seasons or the many Bob Probert fights, Sergei Fedorov's five-goal game and even the Detroit-Colorado brawl. Joe Louis Arena was a major part of my childhood."

### Adam Mitchell

Adam Mitchell, a former high school hockey coach at Livonia Churchill and the University of Michigan-Dearborn, enjoyed a personal relationship with some Red Wings head coaches at Joe Louis Arena.

Because of his association with Mike Ilitch, whom he befriended while working with the Little Caesars junior hockey program in the '70s, Mitchell was able to land a job working as a personal statistician for the team's head coaches, starting with Nick Polano in 1981.

Mitchell tracked whatever stat each coach was most interested in — Polano with game film, Scotty Bowman with player ice time and Mike Babcock with offensive zone hits and drives to the net. He did his work up in the press box and would make reports to the coaches between periods.

"Each head coach had something that they wanted me to follow out on the ice," said Mitchell, a longtime Livonia resident whose son David is Livonia Stevenson's hockey coach. "Working with the coaches was really a great experience. Just being down there, I was part of the coaching staff keeping stats and that was great."

"It was a lot of fun. I got to meet an awful lot of people through this," he added. "I made tons and tons of friends in the 35 years that I was down there. Just knowing all these people, like Mike Babcock and Scotty Bowman, and being able to say you're friends with them is kind of neat."

Mitchell's favorite moments at the Joe were the four Stanley Cup seasons, after which he also was granted championship rings. He loved the intimacy the JLA provided for the dedicated and vociferous home fans — he should know, as he's missed only four home games in 35 years of service.

This year marked the first season Mitchell did not do stats for the head coach, as analytics have taken over his duties. He remains working in the press box, performing various team jobs, and plans to continue that work at the new Little Caesars Arena, scheduled to open late this summer.

While he got to know nearly every nook and cranny of the JLA, the former full-time counselor in the Livonia Public Schools district believes the time is right for a new stadium.

"In all honesty, I think it was time for a new arena. Even though I was teaching school, I did a lot of traveling with the team and I saw different arenas," Mitchell said. "And we were definitely in need of a new one. The Joe was nice, but when you travel to these other new arenas, you can see the real need for something."

"The Red Wings are a very classy organization. They treat their players unbelievably. I think this new arena will draw new players to the Red Wings," he added. "It's going to be sad that the Joe is closing, but on the other hand, it's going to be nice because the new arena will be a state-of-the-art facility and it will be like a city in itself down there."

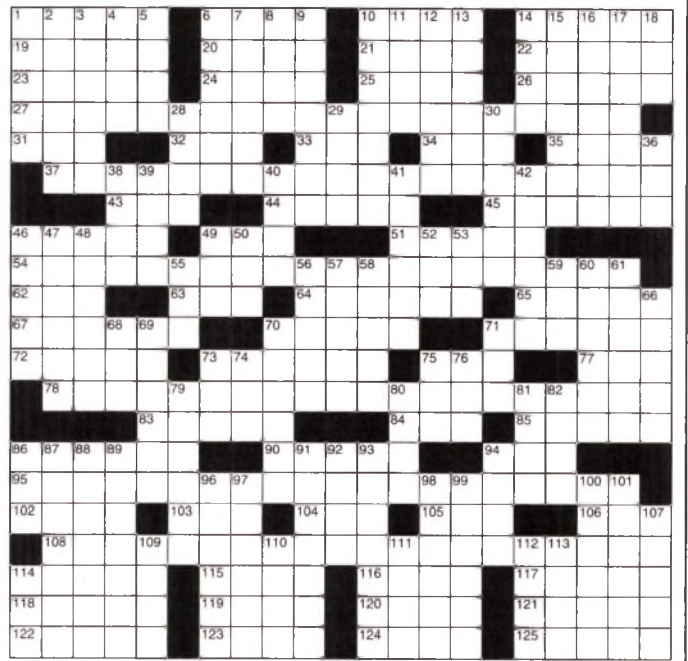
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- ACROSS**
- 1 See 19-Across
  - 6 Bird refuge
  - 10 Girl, to Scots
  - 14 Tree thicket
  - 19 With 1-Across, spring prank victims
  - 20 Difficult duty
  - 21 Jail —
  - 22 Not inclined
  - 23 Papal topper
  - 24 Long hike
  - 25 Crooner Crosby
  - 26 Tomb artifact, e.g.
  - 27 Failure to keep developing a villain's character?
  - 31 Summer zodiac sign — basis
  - 32 On an ad — "Sprechen — Deutsch?"
  - 34 Decade count
  - 35 "I — care"
  - 37 Person forging duel weapons for a big film studio?
  - 43 Trailer-park parkers, for short
  - 44 "— deal?" ("Are we on?")
  - 45 Nun's string of beads
  - 46 Lederer who was better known as Ann Landers
  - 49 Poke (out)
  - 51 Nomadic sort
  - 54 Head demons
  - 62 Article south of the border
  - 63 It increases on a birthday
  - 64 Single-file
  - 65 Somewhat, informally
  - 67 Alternative to a Cert or a Tic Tac
  - 70 Hamburger unit
  - 71 More gutsy? "— is human"
  - 72 "— is human"
  - 73 Eslevez of the screen
  - 75 Letter #26
  - 77 Gobble down
  - 78 Newly coined synonyms for depression?
  - 83 — buddy (close friend)
  - 84 Dad's mate
  - 85 Anxious
  - 86 Volcanic peak in N. Oregon
  - 90 Limerick's rhyme pattern
  - 94 Cedar's kin
  - 95 Providing refuge for people who use bleach?
  - 102 Granola bit
  - 103 Adore, cutely
  - 104 Hosp. test
  - 105 Exist
  - 106 Go quickly
  - 108 Babies seen moving wavy in prenatal scans?
  - 114 Shaw of jazz
  - 115 Fear, as legs
  - 116 Film director
  - 117 Puts freight on
  - 118 Very best performance
  - 119 Met melody
  - 120 A part of "Juan!"
  - 121 Action scene
  - 122 Fight off depression?
  - 123 Nastassja Kinski film
  - 124 Camp sight
  - 125 Cheeky
- DOWN**
- 1 Lethal
  - 2 Shared views
  - 3 Speaking pro
  - 4 Old Italian coin
  - 5 Mill refuse
  - 6 Later
  - 7 Tenor Caruso
  - 8 Files a case against
  - 9 Gives a double cluck of reproach
  - 10 Diagnostic procedure
  - 11 Et —
  - 12 Wooded with a melody
  - 13 Contract ink, e.g.
  - 14 Rudely terse
  - 15 New York tribe
  - 16 LummoX
  - 17 Device used in Twister
  - 18 End-of-list abbr.
  - 28 Units of resistance
  - 29 "Oh yes, Juan!"
  - 30 Russia's Gromyko
  - 36 Go for it
  - 38 "— go blargh"
  - 39 With, to Yves
  - 40 Act of liturgy
  - 41 Battle shout
  - 42 To a greater extent
  - 46 Key above D
  - 47 Literary intro
  - 48 Pale shade
  - 49 Sprightly dance
  - 50 Consume
  - 52 "Looky here!"
  - 53 Ex-combat
  - 54 "G's" go
  - 55 Possessed of reproach
  - 56 Watch faces
  - 57 "Nay" voters
  - 58 Betray by blabbing
  - 59 And not
  - 60 Most arid
  - 61 Cooks, as some clams
  - 66 Dilettantish
  - 68 Gold, to Juan
  - 69 1950 Asimov classic
  - 70 "Simple Simon met a —"
  - 71 Prefix with caching
  - 73 Frozen water, to Wilhelm
  - 74 L followers
  - 75 Beastly site?
  - 76 Elegant tree
  - 79 First Ford car
  - 80 Online 'zine
  - 81 Increase
  - 82 Apropos of
  - 86 Eds., piles
  - 87 See 94-Down
  - 88 Lift in the back of a shoe
  - 89 Quant
  - 91 Task lists
  - 92 Fan in the wash
  - 93 Baseballer Randy Johnson's nickname, with "the"
  - 94 With 87-Down, get a strong desire to attack
  - 97 Côte d'—
  - 98 Strong-force particle
  - 99 AWOL pupil
  - 100 Greek island
  - 101 Vampy types
  - 107 Elia offering
  - 109 Angling need
  - 110 Elats-—
  - 111 Nil
  - 112 "Ah, so sad"
  - 113 O'Hara home
  - 114 Swiss river



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## SUDOKU

Here's How It Works:  
Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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	5			8			2	3

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9	8	6	2	7	5	8	1	4
4	7	1	8	9	3	5	2	6
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## HORSE RACING WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

**WORDS**

- ADVANCE
- ARAB
- BAY
- BEHAVIOR
- BETTING
- BLIT
- BUCKLE
- CANTER
- CHALLENGE
- CHAMPION
- CHARGE
- COAT
- CONTENDER
- DERBY
- EQUESTRIAN
- EVENT
- EXERCISE
- FALTER
- FEEB
- GAIT
- GAMBLE
- GRAZE
- HANDICAP
- HANDLER
- HOOF
- HORSE
- INJURY
- JODHPUR
- KICK
- MOVEMENT
- ODDS
- OFFICIAL
- RACING
- SKILL
- TERRAIN
- WINNER

### Crossword Answers

ACROSS: 1. FOOLS; 6. APRIL; 10. TITARA; 14. ANTIAGONIST; 19. LOS; 20. ALLIODE; 21. TORER; 22. TELL; 23. EPOSOM; 24. MTRDOD; 25. SHELVET; 26. SEED; 27. TULT; 28. ART; 29. AGAME; 30. REPIEL; 31. NEST; 32. LASS; 33. COPSE; 34. APRIL; 35. ONUS; 36. ALA; 37. UNAPT; 38. TITARA; 39. TREK; 40. BING; 41. HELIC; 42. ANTIAGONIST; 43. VISIT; 44. AGNATION; 45. SC; 46. HOB; 47. ESTIEN; 48. BONIT; 49. DREAM; 50. WORK; 51. KISS; 52. WORD; 53. MAKER; 54. RVS; 55. ISITA; 56. ROSARY; 57. EPIE; 58. JUT; 59. ROVER; 60. FRAN; 61. CHISE; 62. ARCH; 63. FRIENDS; 64. LOS; 65. AGE; 66. TINAROW; 67. SORTA; 68. ALLOID; 69. PATTY; 70. GORIER; 71. TORER; 72. LEM; 73. OUT; 74. E; 75. GREAT; 76. LLOMINE; 77. ONE; 78. LOGISMS; 79. EOSOM; 80. MOM; 81. ANTSY; 82. MTRDOD; 83. AABBA; 84. FIR; 85. SHELVET; 86. INGLI; 87. TRENERS; 88. SEED; 89. LUV; 90. EGNAR; 91. BITE; 92. TULT; 93. RASOUN; 94. DUND; 95. LATORIS; 96. ART; 97. E; 98. KIN; 99. IN; 100. ORA; 101. LADES; 102. AGAME; 103. ARIA; 104. INON; 105. ARENA; 106. REPIEL; 107. TESS; 108. TENT; 109. LASSY

### Word Search

ADVANCE ARAB BAY BEHAVIOR BETTING BLIT BUCKLE CANTER CHALLENGE CHAMPION CHARGE COAT CONTENDER DERBY EQUESTRIAN EVENT EXERCISE FALTER FEEB GAIT GAMBLE GRAZE HANDICAP HANDLER HOOF HORSE INJURY JODHPUR KICK MOVEMENT ODDS OFFICIAL RACING SKILL TERRAIN WINNER



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# Car Report

## FORD'S F-150 RAPTOR TURNS HEADS EVERYWHERE, THEN TURNS IN GREAT PERFORMANCE OFF-ROAD



By Dale Buss

The most fun part of driving a Ford F-150 Raptor isn't actually driving this wildebeest of a vehicle – it's prompting reactions from so many people

who see it.

When I drove up to a friend's house in a bright blue version of the behemoth off-road pickup, he asked me, "Do you have masculinity problems?"

When I used Raptor to take a big rug to a Laundromat and dump it into a washing machine, I couldn't even get in the door before a buy told me he'd worked on designing the truck, peppered me with questions about whether I liked it, and then told me where locally to go for some great off-road workouts.

When I pulled up in front of the neighborhood dry cleaner's, the



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owner came out just so he could feel the tires on the thing.

And when I drove Raptor to church, another friend rushed up to me to ask me how I liked the truck. He was very curious – and he had just been to a driving school conducted by Porsche!

So as far as I'm concerned, even though the 2017 Raptor hasn't been available for all that long, it's already a winner in my book. When you get that many unsolicited comments, questions – interrogations – about something you're driving, you know it's something special.

In fact, Car and Driver named Raptor one of its 10 best vehicles of the year, proclaiming it "the new American badass."

Besides its unmistakable street cred, three things really impress about Raptor.

First is its ... immenseness in just about every dimension. The bed size is standard, but that's really an afterthought considering that it leads with a honeycomb grille that is massive, extending below the bumper line, and sports huge off-road-spec BF Goodrich tires, on wheels that are suspended appropriately below the frame for maximum clearance in the brush or stream. Raptor weighs 5,696.

And yet the second biggest attribute of Raptor is its quickness. It's powered by a 3.5-liter, twin-turbo V-6 engine that yields 450 magnificent horsepower and 510 pound-feet of torque. True, Raptor delivers only 18 mpg on the highway, but the highway isn't its main domain.



The monstrous grille of the Ford F-150 Raptor proclaims its arrival.

Combined with a weight savings of 404 pounds compared with the last Raptor SuperCab, thanks to Ford's extensive use of lighter-weight aluminum in its F-150 line, Raptor also is very quick off the line for such a huge machine.

In fact, Raptor barrels to 60 miles an hour in just five seconds and on through a quarter mile in under 14 seconds, finishing at 100 mph. Decelerating it's just as nimble: It requires 206 feet of roadway to stop from 70 mph, even with tires that are meant for off-road performance, not street braking.

The third thing that is reputedly outstanding about Raptor is its ability to take you capably, safely, even excitingly off-road. This is an attribute that I can't testify about directly because I never could find a good place to take the vehicle off road locally, despite the best advice

of the chap I met at the laundry.

The best I could do is take Raptor on one of the famously muddy scenic roads of northeastern Oakland County on one recent rainy day and pretend – without too much imagination – that I was going off road. Raptor absolutely swallowed up muddy gullies, washed-out portions of the road and gravel beds with equal aplomb, not even beginning to test its limits. No amount of muck or mud slowed Raptor in the least.

It needed a wash when I was done but not a rest.

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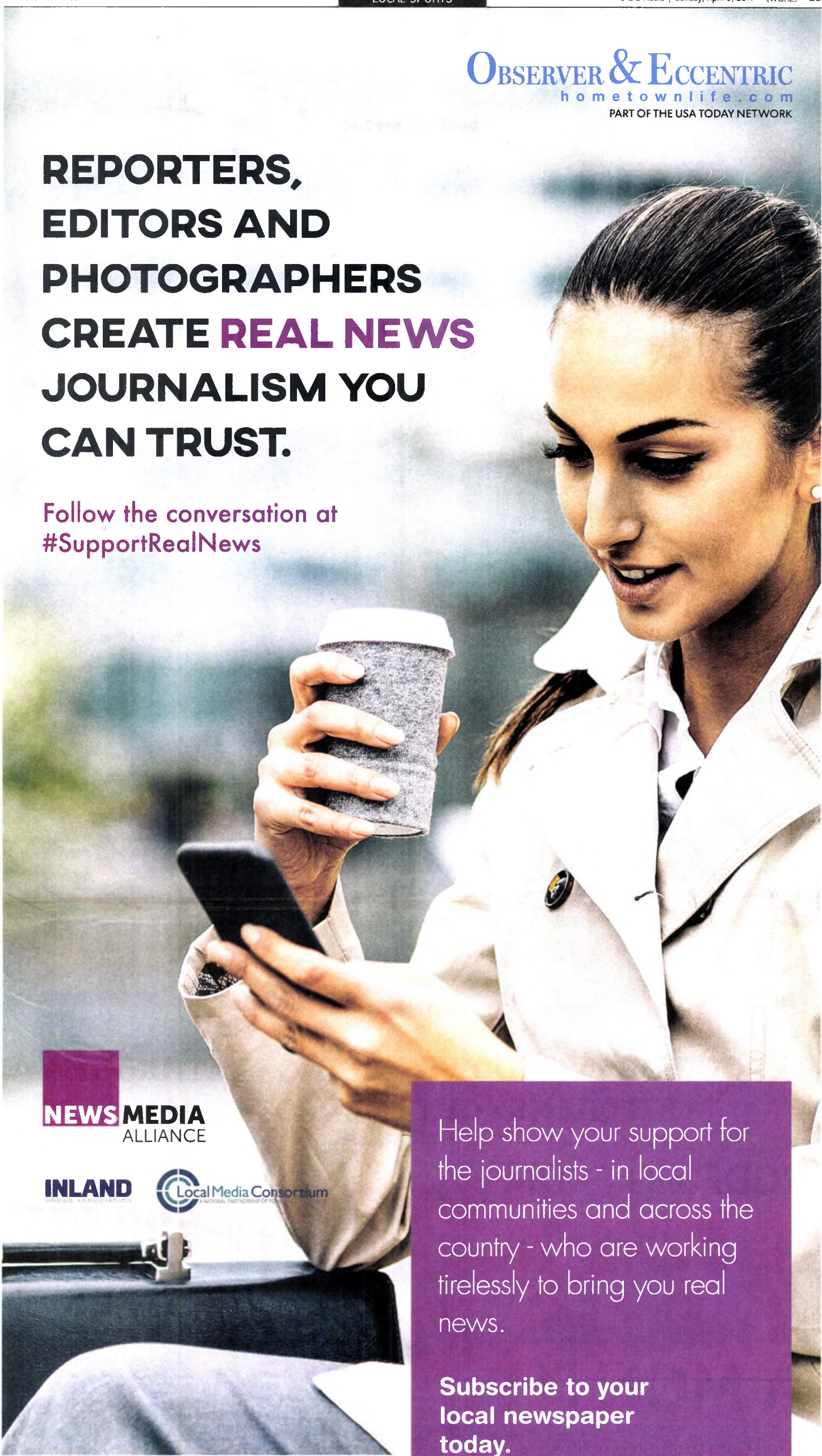
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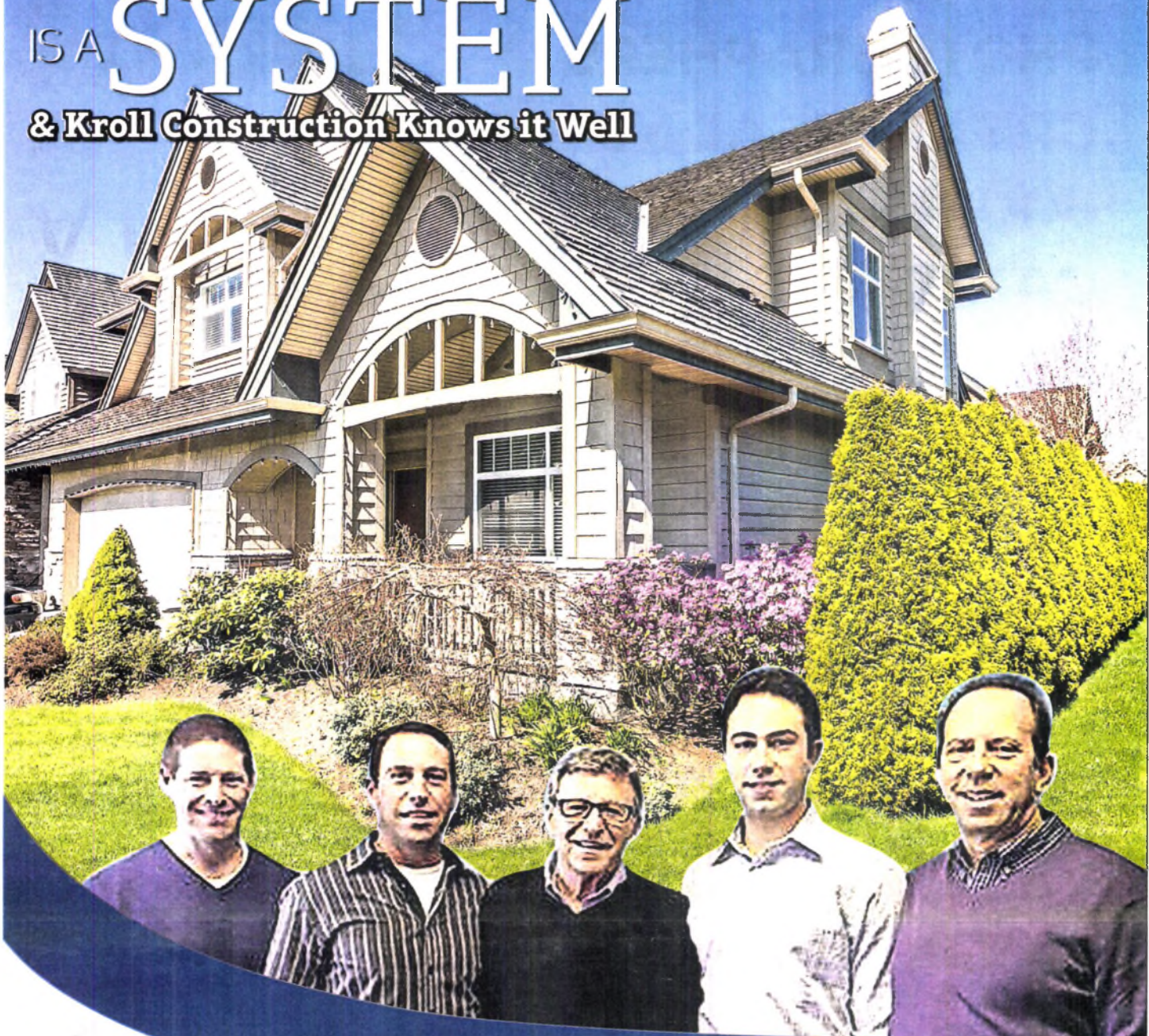
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