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Fire damages Westland restaurant



WESTLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT
Westland firefighters were called to an early morning fire that caused extensive damage to the Grindstone Smokehouse Saturday.

Cause of Smokehouse blaze under investigation

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The cause of an early morning fire that damaged a Westland restaurant is under investigation.

The fire at the Grindstone Smokehouse on Wayne Road south of Ford was reported about 2:45 a.m. Saturday after the restaurant had closed for the night.

"There was a garbage guy at the rear of the building. He heard popping and crackling.

He turned around and saw smoke, fire through the windows," Westland Fire Chief Michael Stradtner said. "Once we got that call, we got multiple calls. You could see the smoke pouring across Wayne Road."

Fire marshal staff was on scene Monday continuing the investigation into the fire. No one was inside the restaurant when the fire happened, Stradtner said, and no firefighters were injured battling the blaze.

"It's rebuildable depending on the insurance but there was significant fire damage. It's all wood and highly lacquered,"

Stradtner said. "The building held up well to the fire but it was a substantial fire. It's under investigation and the cause is undetermined. Our guys are out there digging through it."

The Grindstone Smokehouse opened late in 2015 after extensive remodeling of the former Beaver Creek. Grindstone owner James Raptopoulos had operated Beaver Creek for about 18 months prior to opening the new restaurant.

As firefighters were investigating this fire Monday, they were also gathering for

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Memorial sophomore raises pennies for pets

Wayne Memorial High School sophomore Maddie Simmons created a Pennies for Pets project as part of her Champions goal. Champions of Wayne is a mentoring program that pairs a student with a staff member at Wayne Memorial High School.

Each semester they come up with a goal for the student to work toward. Usually the goal is to increase their grade-point averages, but students with high GPAs are encouraged to come up with a different goal.

Maddie decided she wanted to do a community service project to benefit the Michigan Humane Society in Westland. She contacted schools in Wayne-Westland to see if they would be interested in having a penny collection box in their office or classrooms.

There were 118 classes in Wayne-Westland that participated in raising \$1,835 for the Michigan Humane Society in Westland. Students and staff from Adams, Marshall, Edison, Graham, Hamilton, Hicks, Schweitzer, Wildwood, Franklin and Stevenson donated.



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Maddie Simmons presents Nicki Hints of the Michigan Humane Society in Westland with a donation of more than \$1,800.

Home brewers hop to Big Brew Day



Home brewer George Oumedian of Livonia is brewing Papa Georgio's American pale ale. He started brewing in the 1980s, took a break, and began again a few years ago.

Annual event draws 20 beer makers to brewery

David Veselenak
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A citra pale ale. That was West Bloomfield resident Mike Tanzini's choice for brewing beer Saturday, though he admits he had a hard time finding the right supplies for it.

"I had a hard time finding citra hops; they're all gone," the former Milford resident said. "I found about seven ounces of it, so it's going to be a very citrusy beer."

Tanzini attended his first Big Brew Day event Saturday at River's Edge Brewing Co. in Milford, which saw more than 15 home brewers and a half-dozen professionals come out and brew beer for National Homebrew Day, celebrated across the country. This year's event also included a "blind box" of mystery ingredients for several local professional brewers to use, a first for the Milford event.

The event, which took place in the parking lot, allowed brewers to talk ideas, techniques and flavors. Participants stopped their work briefly at 1 p.m. to take part in the national toast to home brewing, done at all the Big Brew Day sites across the country.

Blind boxes

Ryan Wiltse with River's Edge said it was a way to force those who create beer professionally to be creative in their brews and likes how it came about.

"The idea was it would be kind of a handicap for the professional brewers, because we're going to enter their beers in with the rest of the brewers blindly," he said. "We thought it would be a fun handicap, just something different to do."

Those ingredients included Franco-Belge Pilsen, Franco-Belge Wheat, Thomas Fawcett Rye Malt and Thomas Fawcette Oat Malt. Other ingredients included Idaho 7 hops and Voss

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lunch to remember fallen Wayne-Westland Firefighter Brian Woehlke, 29, who died fighting a fire that destroyed Marvaso's Italian Grille/Electric Stick

on May 8, 2013. It was a fire that started overnight while the restaurant was closed. It was later ruled an arson and Woehlke's death a homicide but there have been no arrests.

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Garden City Hospital expands interventional cardiovascular services

Garden City Hospital celebrated the opening of a new elective interventional cardiovascular program with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. On the heels of earning the coveted five-star Healthgrades Award for Excellence in Patient Safety this spring, GCH also earned state accreditation in April to perform elective percutaneous coronary intervention known as coronary angioplasty.

Heart disease remains the top cause of death in southeast Michigan as well as in the state and nation. Until 2015, Michigan's Certificate of Need laws prohibited hospitals from offering elective PCI without open heart surgery backup. Since then, regulations have changed and Garden City Hospital's reputation for superior performance in



On May 1, Garden City Hospital launched its new elective interventional cardiology program with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. Pictured (from left) are: Elias H. Kassab, M.D.; Sujata Kambhatla, M.D.; Ashok Kondur, M.D.; Saju George; and Emmanuel N. Papisafakis, D.O.

preventing complications met the criteria to offer elective PCI — a much-needed service for patients with heart conditions.

"Treating heart attacks on a timely basis with PCI is critical in preventing further dam-

age to the heart muscle. Having a full range of emergency and elective interventional services means patients now have access to leading interventional cardiologists who can respond rapidly without needing to transfer patients for specialty

or complex care. Fewer transfers means faster treatment and greater likelihood of positive outcomes," said Ashok Kondur, M.D., lead GCH interventional champion.

GCH is also expanding its vascular services to include peripheral artery procedures as well as a limb preservation clinic. "The availability of expanded vascular capabilities will also complement the hospital's wound care program," said Saju George, CEO. Garden City Hospital is one of the few hospitals in southeast Michigan with an advanced wound program featuring a multi-person hyperbaric chamber. GCH has been designated among the top 5 percent of hospitals in the nation for its excellent performance in patient care, according to a press release.

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Kveik yeast.

One of those professional breweries at the event was Drafting Table Brewing Co., 49438 Pontiac Trail, in Wixom. Mark Vesel, a brewer at Drafting Table, said he was excited to see how their brew would turn out using the ingredients, some of which he had never used before.

"We're going to do a double IPA/saison kind of thing. It's going to be weird, but it's going to be tasty," Vesel said. "When you have wheat, rye and oats, it's all going to play well together and come together real nice." One of those amateur



Mark Vesel is a professional brewer with Drafting Table Brewery Co., located in Wixom.

teams comes from the Observer & Eccentric, which was coached with the help of Jeff Rankert, a Milford resident and member of the American Homebrewers Association. The O&E's Newshound Ale is a coffee-infused cream ale brewed with Mount Hood hops.

Next to the O&E's area was Livonia resident George Oumedian, who brewed an American pale ale affectionately called Papa Georgio's Pale Ale. He said he's been home brewing since the 1980s, when he lived in New York. He said today's supplies are a huge im-

provement over what he used back then.

"Ingredients weren't that good. It was terrible," he said. "Everything was mail order."

He said a friend of his who was a police officer in New York and he would run races together and then return home to drink some beer they had brewed several weeks before. He stopped brewing for a few years, but picked it back up and hasn't looked back since. "I loved drinking beer and I loved cooking," Oumedian said. "It was just something the two of us got into together. And we loved it."

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END-OF-LIFE ISSUES:
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These end-of-life issues are something we all have to wrestle with from time to time, whether for ourselves, our parents, or other loved ones. Do you know what the current state of Michigan law is regarding things like "living wills", advanced healthcare directives, hydration and nutrition, or DNR orders? Do you know the exact language wills and other legal documents should include to be in keeping with your personal wishes?

The public is invited to hear Jason Negri, a nationally known attorney and Assistant Director of the Patients Rights Council of Steubenville, Ohio address both the practical and ethical aspects of these important subjects. A graduate of University of Steubenville and Ave Maria Law School, he is also admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court.

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Senior luncheon

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Festival of Song

The Langford Men's Chorus will be in concert at 4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, at the Sts. Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church, 36375 Joy Road, Westland.

The internationally renowned chorus will present its third concert in the 2017 Festival of Song series. The concert repertoire includes music from many genres, such as spirituals, classical compositions, Broadway and doo-wop.

Formed in 1999, the group, under the direction of Steve SeGraves, has grown to a chorus of more than 60 voices and features men of many different musical experiences.

The LMC namesake, from Wayne State, Harry Langford, provided a legacy to achieve exciting male chorus productions.

In addition to local performances the chorus has toured throughout the state.

The group made successful concert tours in the United Kingdom in 2008 and 2012 and plans to return in 2018. The chorus toured Washington, D.C., in 2014 and performed a concert with the U.S. Army Men's Chorus.

Advance tickets are \$15 and will be available at the church. Tickets on the day of the concert are \$18. Tickets can also be ordered at langfordmenschorus.org

For more information, email dhcatherman@aol.com or call 248-478-1336.

Westland Farmers Market

The Westland Farmers Market will open for the season Thursday, May 11, and will continue 3-7 p.m. each Thursday through Oct. 13. The market is at 1901 N. Carlson, south of Ford Road in Central City Park.

The market features produce, plants, fresh foods, crafts and live music weekly. EBT is accepted.

For more information, call 734-326-7222 or email westlandchamber@yahoo.com.

RE/MAX Cornerstone opens in Westland

RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan announced the opening of RE/MAX Cornerstone in Westland. The office is at 8311 N. Wayne Road. It is owned and managed by broker/owners Hillary Stone, Garrett Stone, Kyle Scott and Ashley Scott.

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"Our entire management team grew up in the Wayne-Westland community. We are very excited to open a RE/MAX office in our hometown," Hillary Stone said. "We have an excellent team already in place and look forward to expanding further in the coming months."

Interviews are currently being conducted for experienced and newly licensed agents



RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan had a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony, attended by (from left) owners Kyle Scott, Ashley Scott, Garrett Stone and Hillary Stone and Bruce Thompson, director of the building department for the city of Westland.

interested in joining the RE/MAX Cornerstone team. Interested agents should contact Stone at 734-444-4227.

For more information about RE/MAX Cornerstone, go to www.cornerstone.remax-detroit.com.

Baseline Folk Society

The Baseline Folk Society will present its final concert of the season at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 20, featuring Beverly Meyer. The concert is at the JWH Center for the Arts, 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

Meyer has a rich, soulful voice that spans the blues, jazz, folk and pop genres. She is a singer/songwriter with a simple guitar style that complements her beautiful, heartfelt vocals.

She will perform a 30-minute set beginning at 8 p.m.

Host Scott Ludwig and friends have a special number for us that he calls the "Banjo Bonanza!"

As host, he will perform two songs and introduce the open mic performers for the evening, starting at 7 p.m. our open mic performers.

Admission is \$5 and refreshments are included.

Michigan vision walk

The 10th annual Michigan Vision Walk is set for 9 a.m. Saturday, May 20, at Kensington Metropark in Milford.

Walk with the foundation fighting blindness and make the world a brighter place for millions of Americans with blinding diseases.


For more information or to sign-up online, visit www.fightblindness.org/michiganvisionwalk.

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LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Vehicle broken into

Police are asking for the public's help to locate a man accused of breaking into a car and stealing a credit card at the Speedway gas station at 33405 Plymouth.

Police say the man recently broke into a vehicle parked at the station. The person allegedly stole a purse from a vehicle in the parking lot and then used the stolen credit card at a Speedway in Ann Arbor. He was last seen driving a red minivan. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact police at 734-466-2328 and reference case no. 17-7027.

Retail fraud

Police were called the afternoon of May 2 to Kohl's, 29578 Seven Mile, on the report of a retail fraud.

An employee told police they saw a suspect



LIVONIA POLICE DEPARTMENT
Livonia police are searching for this man, whom they say stole a purse out of a vehicle parked at the Speedway gas station at Plymouth and Farmington.

rived, who arrested her and took her and her infant son she was with back to the police station. She was booked and released to tend to her son.

Another tire slashed

A resident in the 18700 block of Susanna came to the police station the evening of May 2 to report his vehicle had one of its tires slashed.

The resident said he drove to Laurel Park Place mall and noticed the low tire pressure light come on. When he got home, he discovered one of his tires was completely flat and had a slash in the side wall. While changing the tire, a neighbor told him several other incidents had taken place in the neighborhood recently and to file a police report.

- Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department.

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Sister Anita Taddonio offers a prayer of intercession.

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Former Lions kicker talks about football, faith

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Former Detroit Lions kicker Jason Hanson said much of what he did during his time in the National Football League was done by reviewing footage from his game performance.

He said that footage these days has boiled down to just clips of highlights, something glorified through programs like "SportsCenter." But just like in football, life is not just about highlights, but about what one does in the day-to-day.

"We think life is supposed to be the same way," he said. "Our tape is who we are when no one's looking."

That was just one of the messages shared May 4 by Hanson at the 43rd annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast at Burton Manor. Hanson spoke to the sold-out crowd of hundreds about his experiences in the NFL, as well as his connection with Christianity and Jesus Christ.

Hanson talked about seeing people who had been successful, signing contracts worth millions and able to buy anything they wanted. But at the end of the day, he said, there was still something lacking in their hearts. That's where connecting with God came in.

"You could have everything and still be missing something," he said. "Somehow, you're left at the end of the day wondering, 'Is this it?'"

"When we're not getting that nourishment from God, you will never be satisfied."

Storied kicker

Hanson retired from the Lions in 2012 after playing 20 years in the NFL, all for the Lions. He holds several records, including the longest time with one team, as well as most field goals longer than 40 yards, among other records.

He shared several stories from his time in the NFL, including one when he received a letter from a boy after the Lions were defeated in a wild-card playoff game against the Green Bay Packers in 1993. The boy said his father had been



Speaker Jason Hanson is a retired Detroit Lions kicker and helped found Providence Youth Outreach.

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An opening prayer is held at the 43rd annual Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast at Burton Manor.

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The Men's Ensemble of First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth sings "Make a Joyful Sound."

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Ken McMullen, 2017 chair for the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast, welcomes the crowd.

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in a football pool at work and came close to winning with the numbers "0" and "3" at the end of the first half. Hanson said the boy was excited, knowing he wouldn't miss a 30-yard field goal and give them the score they needed to win.

Hanson did miss that field goal, resulting in no money for the boy's father. He then asked Hanson if he could help him out.

"Because I was going to get some of the money, I was wondering if you would be so kind to send me a \$25 check," Hanson read from the letter. "I would be really proud to bring it to my school and show it to my classmates."

He and his wife still call metro Detroit home and he said doing events such as the Livonia Community Prayer Breakfast since his retirement is one way he can help share his message. It helps, he said, being able to connect with such groups of people in person, especially since so many people just know him through their TV screens from Sunday afternoons.

"To be able to come and to be in front of them as someone who's just like them and share my faith and sports, I think it's a good opportunity sometimes for them to see people that they maybe only knew from the field or from TV to see that they're human," he said in an interview with the *Observer & Eccentric*.

May 4 was the first time John Talbot had attended the annual Livonia prayer breakfast and he was happy he made the drive that morning to hear Hanson speak. Talbot, who came with other family members, said he connected to Hanson's stories of playing in the NFL and experiencing the swings of emotions that came with them, but also connected with his message.

"I'm a believer, so that was a good message," said Talbot, who grew up in Livonia, but now lives in Lathrup Village. "It was to hear, especially in the community, not just in the church."

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Girl taken from parents in genital mutilation case; fate in limbo

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The parental rights of a couple accused in a female genital mutilation case remain in limbo as a court Monday temporarily removed their daughter from their custody amid allegations that the child had been subjected to genital cutting two years ago.

The girl, however, has not been removed from her home, but rather is living with her grandparents — an arrangement that Child Protective Services agreed to in the wake of a federal criminal investigation that could send her parents to prison for years.

The girl is one of many children whose moms and dads have come under scrutiny by state officials who are seeking to terminate their parental rights for allegedly subjecting their daughters to genital mutilation procedures that are practiced by their religious group: a small Indian Muslim sect known as the Dawoodi Bohra. On Tuesday, two Bohra families were scheduled to appear at hearings in Oakland County Circuit Court at which state investigators are expected to testify about allegations that the parents put their daughters in harm's way by subjecting them to genital mutilation.

On Monday, state investigators convinced juvenile court referee Karla Mallett that the daughter of an accused doctor and his wife should be temporarily placed in the custody of the state for two reasons: Her parents are locked up on federal charges, so they're not home to care for her; and because the girl had been subjected to genital cutting two years ago, which, they say, was substantiated by a medical examiner.

Mallett said she found



A courtroom sketch shows U.S. Magistrate Judge Mona Majzoub, center, and Dr. Jumana Nagarwala, right, on Monday in Detroit.

“a substantial risk of harm” to the child, who also had a lawyer-guardian ad litem appointed to her on Monday. The child also will be allowed to communicate with her parents through phone calls or video feeds, but Mallett ordered the communication to be spoken only in English to avoid the parents talking to the girl about the criminal case or the allegations.

Attorney guardian ad litem Karen Cook, whose job it is to protect the child's interest, asked Mallett not to allow any communication for now, saying she needed to interview the child first.

But attorney Mary Chartier, who is representing the girl's father in the federal prosecution, urged the referee to let the girl continue communicating with her parents.

“This is a little girl ... her parents have been ripped from her,” Chartier said, arguing it would only add more trauma to her life if she were denied contact with

her parents.

As for the genital mutilation allegations, Chartier argued a point that she has repeatedly stressed in federal court: “This is a religious procedure.”

The referee rejected that theory.

“It may be a religious act in their country,” Mallett said. “But in this country, it is illegal.”

Mallett's decision involves Dr. Fakhruddin Attar, 53, and his wife, Farida Attar, 50, both of Livonia, who are being held without bond on charges they and another doctor subjected young girls to genital mutilation procedures for years. The Attars were unable to attend Monday's court hearing, so it was adjourned to May 16, when both defendants will attend the family court proceeding from jail, either by telephone or by video conference.

The couple will hear, for themselves, what evidence state investigators have amassed in

their efforts to strip them of their parental rights. The Attars have long maintained that they were not involved in anything illegal, and that any procedures that did take place in their clinic were not genital mutilation, but a less-severe procedure that's done for religious purposes.

The state's involvement in the case comes almost one month after the lead defendant in the case was arrested: Dr. Jumana Nagarwala, 44, of Northfield, who is accused of mutilating the genitals of two 7-year-old Minnesota girls in February at Attar's clinic. Attar is accused of letting Nagarwala use his clinic to perform the procedures; his wife is accused of holding the girls' hands during the alleged cuttings.

All three are accused of trying to cover up their actions and instructing others in the Bohra community to lie to authorities about the procedure, or say nothing. They are all denying

the charges and adamantly argue that they did not participate in any actual cutting procedures, but rather a more minor procedure that involves only a scraping of the genitals as part of a religious tradition. Nagarwala, through her lawyer, has maintained that she only removed membrane from the Minnesota girls and gave it to the girls' parents for burial, in accordance with a religious tradition.

All three defendants argued for bond, but judges locked them up instead, concluding they are flight risks and a danger to society. Specifically, judges expressed concern that the defendants were encouraging others in their religious community not to cooperate in the investigation and to lie to authorities — as prosecutors allege — about the genital cutting procedures that have taken place over the years.

None of the defendants has a criminal history.

Nagarwala was fired an emergency room doctor with the Henry Ford Health System on the same day she was indicted. She is not accused of performing any genital mutilation at the hospital, but rather at a clinic in Livonia owned by Attar.

According to court documents, Attar, an internist, has admitted to authorities that Nagarwala used his clinic after hours to treat children ages 6-9 for problems with their genitals, including rashes, but that she only saw the patients “when the clinic is closed on Friday evenings or Saturdays.” She never billed for the procedures nor documented them, authorities allege in court documents, noting multiple other young girls have told authorities that Nagarwala performed genital mutilation on them.

Livonia physician's license suspended

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A Livonia doctor has had his license to practice medicine suspended by the state after complaints over the over-prescribing of certain pain-killing medications.

Dr. Zongli Chang, who has a medical practice in the city, had his license suspended Monday by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA). The agency claimed in its complaint that Chang had over-prescribed commonly abused controlled substances for non-medical uses, including Alprazolam, Hydrocodone, and Oxycodone.

As a part of the investigation against Chang, LARA investigated and searched 11 patient files. It found at least nine patients who had received a combination of opioids, muscle relaxants and benzodiazepines prescribed to them. The agency also found no controlled substance abuse agreements in their files as well.

“Through aggressive investigations and suspensions, we will continue to pursue strong regulatory actions to prevent our medical professionals from over-prescribing controlled substances,” said Bureau of Professional Licensing Director Kim Gaedeke in a statement.

Chang has 30 days to file a response with the state regarding the allegations.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Regarding Weber's letter

In reply to Leo Weber's letter “Conservatives not OK with liberals” in the May 4 issue, he sure has a big ego with all his boasting about how many people respond to his letters, and his high IQ from an intelligence test given as a Marine's entrance exam. I'm sure their test was not as difficult as the one given in an education setting.

His attitude about liberals is most critical and unchristian. None of the letters written in reply have called him such vile names that he attribute to liberals as the ones he has called liberals in this letter.

The town halls held by the Republican congressmen and senators were attended by their constituents, both conservatives and liberals, who live in that district. It wasn't just the liberals who were speaking out; after seeing the lies and actions of Trump, but many intelligent conservatives who voted for him have also been upset.

If he's so smart he should know the Constitution says there is a separation between church and state. We liberals are adhering to this belief when we object to conservatives trying to circumvent that law by bringing religion into politics.

He writes that Republicans are rightly upset because liberals are try-

ing to block everything GOP. He has a short memory if he doesn't remember conservatives did the same against Barack Obama for eight years. Conservatives won't admit this was due to their prejudice of a black man being president.

He also calls Trump's election as “legit.” I won't believe this until the Republican-controlled congress is willing to hold an independent investigation into the possible Russian connection with the 2016 election. And I'd like to hear his comments on why Trump won't show his tax returns. His being audited as a reason is hogwash! He definitely has something to hide.

Jean Wrenbeck
Livonia

'Thanks' for health care vote

Thank you, Congressman David Trott, for voting for the AHCA. Even though not a single major health provider endorsed this bill, and in fact the AMA, AHA, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Psychiatric Association, and the Federation of American Hospital all said would the AHCA would harm patients, you knew better and stood with your 700,000 constituents like you said you always do.

Among other things you removed protections for pre-existing conditions, and indeed you wisely voted to widen the

definition of pre-existing conditions to include rape survivors, survivors of postpartum depression, c-sections, and survivors of domestic violence.

I'm sure many of your constituents asked to have these included in pre-existing conditions and not be covered under normal insurance or you would never have voted for this bill.

So congratulations on understanding that women who have suffered these things should also be put in high risk pools and have to pay a lot more for their insurance than other people.

I also want to thank you for understanding that people who don't have much money didn't need those 10 essential benefits. They are just luxuries for your 700,000 constituents and I'm sure you had many people asking you to remove those.

And how wonderful that the caps on what people who have health insurance through their employers have to pay for catastrophic illness can now go away. While this will probably bankrupt many people, it is definitely a good thing for people who suffer catastrophic illness have to go bankrupt.

And oh yes. I'm sure the bill is fiscally sound and that you really didn't need the COB estimate to tell you that. And those 24 million people who will lose health care? How wise of you to know

that this is after all a good thing. It's good for people not to have access to care. If that weren't the case, I'm positive you would never have voted for this bill.

Congratulations for being so wise and understanding the needs of your constituents so well. And that great big tax cut you just gave yourself? I'm sure that didn't even figure in your vote at all.

Cheryl McGuire
Livonia

Support food drive

This Saturday is the 25th annual NALC food drive. Please help your letter carrier help those in need. Please leave non-perishable boxed or canned food by your mailbox. All donations will be taken to a local food bank to help neighbors in need. Please help make this the most successful drive yet.

Gary Macioce
Livonia

More on health care

I don't understand why House Republicans were celebrating the American Health Care Act with a keg party. How tasteless and tactless. It's a bill that gives tax breaks to billionaires on the backs of our most vulnerable citizens: the poor, the elderly, the sick. There is no CBO score. We have no idea what it will cost us — in dollars or in human misery.

I can deal with the fact that Congressman Dave Trott has different beliefs and values than

mine. I've voted for Democrats, Republicans and third-party candidates over the years. But Trott's cowardice and his bald-faced lies to constituents have caused me to lose all respect for him. He's heartless, he surrounds himself with the worst kind of abusive bullies, and he clearly cares nothing for people who are struggling to get by. That is not the Christian way. Shame on Dave Trott.

Abby Klemmer
Birmingham

YouTube gem

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Joseph Kardashian for the YouTube gem “A Tribute to Joe Rzyzi.”

The amount of time you volunteered on be-

half of the community is greatly appreciated. I agree with your statement regarding citizens should educate themselves by either attending a City of South Lyon Council Meeting or viewing the meetings online to see how members of the council that they voted for conduct themselves.

Council meetings are held at City Hall the second and fourth Monday each month at 7:30 p.m. I look forward to your continued dedication toward enlightening those misinformed by personal Facebook pages. If I may offer a bit of corrective criticism, it would be more sound effects, please.

Erin Kopkowski
South Lyon

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William of Plymouth, Age 87, of Ann Arbor, formerly of Plymouth passed away, April 29, 2017 in Ann Arbor. He was born Nov. 10, 1929 in Detroit, MI. Private cremation has been held. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. To view the complete obituary please visit www.niefuneralhomes.com.

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Couple opens millwork business

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Driving down Industrial Road and headed toward Costco last year, Kelly Victor-Burke noticed vacancies in some of Livonia's industrial buildings. After stopping and taking a quick look at a site when let in by a maintenance worker, it was then that she and her husband Barry Burke knew Livonia would be where they'd start their architectural millwork business.

"We looked in Detroit. We looked in Farmington," she said. "Immediately, we just knew."

The Livonia couple's company, Burke Architectural Millwork, opened last fall and took over the space at 30940 Industrial Drive, constructing most of the entities they would need to run a full-fledged millwork business.

Since then, the couple has taken the space and made it their own, creating nearly everything in their office.

"There was nothing here. We built everything here except the copy machine and on the other side of here we have a file cabinet," said Victor-Burke, who is also a professor at Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti. "We made all the desks."

"We want to show general contractors that come that this is what we do."

Most of their business is targeted at restaurants and bars, though other work is coming as well, including a project for the Mastercard International Headquarters in New York. That contract was one of their first as a business, which proved to be a bit prob-



Kelly and Barry Burke are co-owners of Burke Architectural Millwork.



THE DESIGN OF THE MIRROR SUGGESTS THEIR MISSION TO PROVIDE FINE WOODWORK AND METALWORK FOR CLIENTS.

The design of the mirror suggests their mission to provide fine woodwork and metalwork for clients.

lematic: the small company needed a company credit card, something their bank wouldn't grant until they had a year of operations under their belt.

They then used their personal cards, which happened to be Mastercards, to purchase thousands of dollars in wood. It got declined several times before they needed to contact the credit card to tell them the charges were legitimate.

She then went back to the bank to try again for a company credit card.

It went a little differently that time around.

"I must have been very convincing, because I hadn't even made it back here from the bank and I got a call from someone in New York City saying they were giving us one," Victor-Burke said.

The shop

Beyond the office and meeting area is where the real work happens. It's a small company with only a few employees, though they hope to grow in the coming months.

One of those employees is apprentice RJ Bartel, a Livonia resident who recently graduated from Franklin High School and began working in the shop about two months ago.

He said he's the only one he knows in his circle that's landed work in a place like Burke Archi-

tectural Millwork and it's the type of job he wants to stick with for the long run.

"I want it to be," he said. "I still have 10 fingers and 10 toes, so everything's going good so far."

The Burkes are hoping to attract top-of-the-line talent to their new business venture, though they admit the culture toward manufacturing is still a hazard to try and attract the best and brightest.

"There is such a demand for people in this industry. Yet, we don't see that either parents or students are being told about the reality about how manufacturing is in the 21st century," Victor-Burke said. "Especially in architectural millwork, there's so much creativity that's going on."

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Mildred Kennedy and Gerald Belcher are ready for a night on the town in their evening wear.

Village of Redford hosts fundraiser fashion show

Each year Presbyterian Villages of Michigan raises money in April at all of its 30 senior housing locations. The original TV in the theater room was purchased when the building first opened 14 years ago and is in need of an upgrade. This year, The Village of Redford decided to raise money for electronic upgrades in the theater room.

The Village of Redford, 25340 W. Six Mile in Redford, hosted its first Friends and Family Senior Fashion Show Extravaganza on April 27. The fashion show was at full capacity with friends and family helping raise money.

Mildred Kennedy, a

resident at The Village at Redford, organized the event with help from village residents and outside friends and family. The event featured 24 models and 89 tickets sold.

The residents at The Village at Redford and their friends and family displayed elegance in multiple runway categories, including sportswear, evening wear, leisurewear, Sunday best, gowns and a grand finale of traditional African wear.

The Village of Redford looks forward to entertaining and raising money to allow seniors to have access to every modern amenity, it said in a press release.

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County roadwork coming this summer in Livonia

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Those orange barrels will have their presence all summer in Livonia. But several Wayne County projects won't be seen until after the Spree fireworks have long faded from the sky.

That's because county roadwork along two stretches of road in Livonia won't take place until after Independence Day. County work is expected to take place along Farmington Road, between Seven Mile and Eight Mile, later this year, as well as more repairs along Eight Mile that were not done during last year's construction.

Kaye Byrd, a spokeswoman for the Wayne County Department of Public Services, said the work along Farmington will include asphalt resurfacing along the five-lane road and will begin in "late summer" and will cost approximately \$1.5 million.

"One lane of traffic will remain open in each direction at all times," she said via email. "The project is expected to be



FILE PHOTO

Roadwork to fix the Eight Mile turn lane is expected to take place later this year. Work is also scheduled to happen along Farmington Road, between Seven Mile and Eight Mile, in Livonia.

completed in late fall of 2017."

Another stretch of county roadway seeing additional work will be Eight Mile on the Livonia/Farmington Hills border. While work took place along that road last summer, many motorists complained the road remained in poor shape, especially the left turn lane into the Northridge Commons shopping center. Costs for that project, which saw construction along Eight Mile and Seven Mile, between Farmington and Newburgh, last summer, were

higher than the county originally expected.

It was announced earlier this year that the county would revisit some of that work. Work is expected to begin in late summer or early fall, Byrd said, and will cost roughly \$750,000.

"One lane of traffic will remain open in each direction at all times," she said. "The expected completion date is late fall of 2017."

Motorists have plenty of road work to deal with this spring. Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Telegraph, is under construction all summer by the Michigan Department of Transportation as crews resurface that stretch of road. Commuters in Novi and Commerce Township are dealing with the shutdown of southbound M-5, between Maple and 12 Mile. That closure is expected to continue for another few weeks and then northbound M-5 is expected to close for repairs.

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Livonia budgets \$10,000 for neighborhood grant program

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Homeowner associations across Livonia have one more source of funding to help with that neighborhood event or landscaping project at their subdivision's entrance.

The city launched a new neighborhood grant program designed to enhance Livonia's neighborhoods and attract new residents and businesses to the city. The city has \$10,000 budgeted for the program, which will see grants up to \$500 awarded to local neighborhood groups or a gathering of a minimum of 10 neighbors not affiliated with a neighborhood group looking to make community improvements.

Grant applications are available on the city's website and in paper format at Livonia City Hall. Applications are due by July 31 and will be reviewed by member's of the city administration

and not any elected officials.

The city council reviewed the idea earlier this year during several meetings and passed it along to the city administration back in February.

"I think the most important thing at this time is that residents recognize that this is an opportunity to put your creative thinking hats on and apply for the funds," said Councilman Jim Jolly, who proposed the program earlier this year. "We have \$10,000 available, and I hope all \$10,000 are utilized in very creative solutions and engage our neighborhoods. If it's successful, maybe we can grow from here."

The grants can be used to make improvements to a neighborhood such as public space landscaping, community art programs, youth programs or community events such as neighborhood parties. They

cannot be used to improve private property.

"This will not be to improve any neighbor's house," Council President Kathleen McIntyre said. "We will look for things that will have a material effect on the neighborhood."

Those who are awarded the grant will need to spend them by the end of November.

Councilman Scott Bahr said he hopes the grants will encourage smaller groups of neighbors, as well as larger neighborhood organizations, to band together and come up with ways to improve their community.

"The purpose of that is to incentivize the getting-together of neighbors to put their heads together and work together for the betterment of their neighborhood," he said.

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Bridge's historic ranking could affect repairs

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A Canton bridge's designation as a historic structure could potentially affect how Wayne County repairs it, after it was shut down April 20 amid safety concerns, officials say.

The bridge, on Lilley north of Michigan Avenue, earned a spot on the National Register of Historic Places in 1999 for the way it was designed and built, said Gregg King, Canton facilities supervisor and liaison to the Canton Historic District Commission.

"Local historians are very eager to make certain that we do what we can to be historically sensitive where we need to be," King said.

Historians would prefer, if possible, to see the bridge repaired rather than demolished and replaced, he said.

Kaye Byrd, Wayne County spokeswoman, said she would seek answers from county officials who are awaiting bridge inspection results,

expected as early as mid-May.

Documents describe the structure as a 90-foot, camel-back, pony truss bridge made of concrete and steel. Moreover, it has been moved from its original location.

Historical documents indicate the bridge was built in 1923 on Telegraph, near Warren Road. It was moved to Lilley Road in 1933 after it was deemed unsuitable for Telegraph, which was being widened.

The bridge is believed to have cost just under \$21,000 when it was built.

It's not yet clear how Wayne County hopes to proceed with the bridge, until inspection results are received and analyzed.

According to Michigan's State Historic Preservation Office, if federal dollars are used for the project, Wayne County would need to consult with the state office and federal officials could potentially need to sign off on the work. Generally, the goal of such projects would be to protect as much as pos-

sible the bridge's historic features.

The county could face fewer hurdles if no federal dollars are used, state officials say.

County officials haven't yet given an estimate of how long the bridge might remain closed.

The closure has disrupted traffic patterns for Canton residents who live in subdivisions near the bridge, which was shut down after a routine inspection found potential safety hazards.

Wayne County Public Services Director Beverly Watts has said county officials "always err on the side of caution."

Canton Public Works Manager Bob Belair has said the bridge has long been in "rough shape."

For now, motorists still can access places along Lilley Road from Michigan Avenue to the south and Palmer Road to the north.

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BASEBALL TRIBUTE

Place that Tom Chinavare loved bears his name

Franklin press box named to honor legacy of longtime volunteer

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The memory of Tom Chinavare is permanently honored at Livonia Franklin's baseball field with the press box named in his honor.

Following Saturday's opening game of the Livonia City Baseball Tournament, all four participating teams gathered on the diamond with his family to toast the new Tom Chinavare

Press Box.

But press box partner Jim Hopson and others who knew Chinavare insisted the man himself would have shrugged off all the attention.

"He would be thrilled," Hopson said. "I'm sure he wouldn't make a big deal, he would be humble, he'd think 'Oh I don't deserve this, what are you guys doing?'"

"But he worked hard, he never really bragged about

what he did or didn't do, he was just always here."

The two-day rains that soaked Alumni Field required Patriots head coach Matt Fournier and others put in extra work just to get the facility in playing shape for the tourney — which included Franklin, ultimate champion Livonia Stevenson, Livonia Churchill and Livonia Clarenceville.

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WENDY DEWHIRST

The memory of Tom Chinavare was honored during the Livonia Baseball City Championship at Livonia Franklin. Holding a plaque that later was installed on the press box at Alumni Field are Tom's widow Sue Chinavare (front left) and daughter Kathryn Chinavare. Standing (from left) are sons Joe and Jack Chinavare.

LIVONIA CITY CHAMPIONSHIP



WENDY DEWHIRST

Livonia Stevenson's varsity baseball team happily gathers around the coveted City Champs jug after defeating Livonia Franklin on Saturday.

NEW BALANCE INVITATIONAL

Churchill girls take home championship

Chargers win girls team title for second straight year

Marty Budner
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Livonia Churchill and Salem took home top honors at the inaugural New Balance Invitational track and field meet Saturday at Farmington High School.

The Chargers beat back strong challenges from Plymouth, Salem and the host Falcons to win the girls team championship for the second straight season. They were the Observerland titlists last year.

The Rocks boys raced steady throughout the meet and finished with 82 points, placing ahead of Churchill (69) and Garden City (52).

"It was a little bit of a surprise. We came in expecting to win a few individual races

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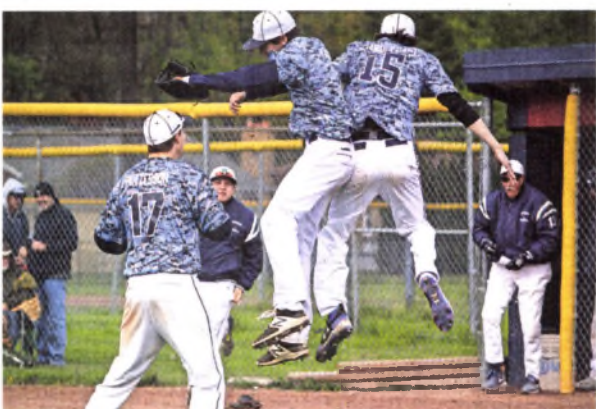


TOM BEAUDOIN

Churchill's Gabby Swider took first in the Observerland 1,600 and the 800 Saturday at the New Balance Invitational at Farmington High School.

SPARTANS DO IT AGAIN

Livonia Stevenson rallies to defeat Livonia Franklin for coveted city baseball jug



WENDY DEWHIRST

Livonia Stevenson players get into the celebratory mood after finishing off a 9-7 win over Livonia Franklin in the City Championship final.

Tim Smith
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Once it was apparent Saturday's annual Livonia City Baseball Championship was a go — and not a washout 24 hours earlier as rain fell for a second consecutive day — then it was all about keeping the coveted jug for Livonia Stevenson.

And the Spartans did just that, rallying from a 3-1 deficit to defeat tourney host Livonia Franklin 9-7 at Alumni Field.

"It's become a quest of not only myself but the team and the program," said veteran Stevenson head coach Rick Berryman as players celebrated nearby with the City

Champs trophy, which features hand-painted crests of all four participating teams. "And they get excited about it, you know? The seniors, I let them take it home and they take it to a bonfire and they have this tradition."

"I'm very proud of them. They came back in this game and they fought very hard."

High expectations

One of those seniors thrilled about Stevenson's third consecutive city championship was outfielder Dan Bos, who went 3-for-3 and scored two runs (also collecting three hits each were Devin Dunn and

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COLLEGE SOFTBALL

Lady Ocelots win Region XII crown

Garden City alum Smolar's hot hitting sparks Schoolcraft College

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Fueled by red-hot Observerland alums Mikaela Smolar, Cassidy Lipinski, Victoria Porter and several others, Schoolcraft College's women's

softball team is making a quick impact as a program.

The Lady Ocelots, just in year two of existence, romped to 11-0 and 19-0 victories May 3 against Lorain (Ohio) College to win the NJCAA Region XII championship.

Schoolcraft easily won the best-of-three series at Lorain and advanced to the second round, scheduled to begin May 12 against the winner of the Illinois-Wisconsin region. Re-

gion XII includes teams in Michigan and Ohio.

"Offensively, the entire team is working hard at reading defenses and driving the ball to the open gaps, then moving our base runners as needed," Lady Ocelots head coach Rey Linares said. "The team has completely bought in to our offensive approach and is working it very efficiently

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The Schoolcraft College women's softball team celebrates May 3 after winning the regional championship.

SPARTANS

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Bobby Cavin).

"It's important, for Stevenson we expect to win this every year," said Bos, a University of Michigan-Dearborn commit. "It's an important date for us. So it's good to come here and beat them, Churchill too. It's always good competition with these guys."

"... We just swung the bats. You can't win if you don't score runs. We scored runs, we got the offense going and that helped us."

Franklin head coach Matt Fournier, whose team routed Livonia Clarenceville 10-0 in the middle game to get to the championship tilt, gave props to the Spartans.

"Every time we play these guys we know what's at stake," Fournier said. "They're a good team and our kids get up for it, their kids get up for it. They beat us twice now this year, the first one was a 3-1 game and this one ends up 9-7."

"It's just one of those things. The kids battle. We told them out there (in the post-game meeting) how proud we are that they give us everything they've got, we can't fault them in effort. We just got to find a way to make an extra defensive play or get an extra key hit in the right spot."

Stevenson (20-4) reached the championship game thanks to an 8-0 victory over Livonia Churchill in the first game of a tripleheader.

Because of unplayable field conditions at Churchill and Livonia Clarenceville, the tourney did not include consolation games at another site. Junior varsity teams held their version of the city tourney at Stevenson, with the Patriots prevailing.

Jumping out early

After a four-run first inning propelled the Patriots (18-7) to their win over the Trojans, they looked poised to win the tourney.

Senior starting pitcher Kolby Dewhirst came out firing strikes against Stevenson, coupled with enough timely hitting for Franklin to build a 3-1 lead after three innings against starter Connor Beck.

Dewhirst helped his own cause with a line-drive double to left in the second to score courtesy runner Rich Garcia (who ran for Jon Montie, who doubled to open the frame) and Collin Metzler followed with an RBI single to bring in Dewhirst.

Franklin added another run in the third on a walk to senior Kyle Wollam and singles by Ryan Celmer and senior Harrison Merrill.

The latter hit was against Stevenson relief pitcher Josh Marquedant, who then retired the Patriots in order in the fourth and fifth innings.

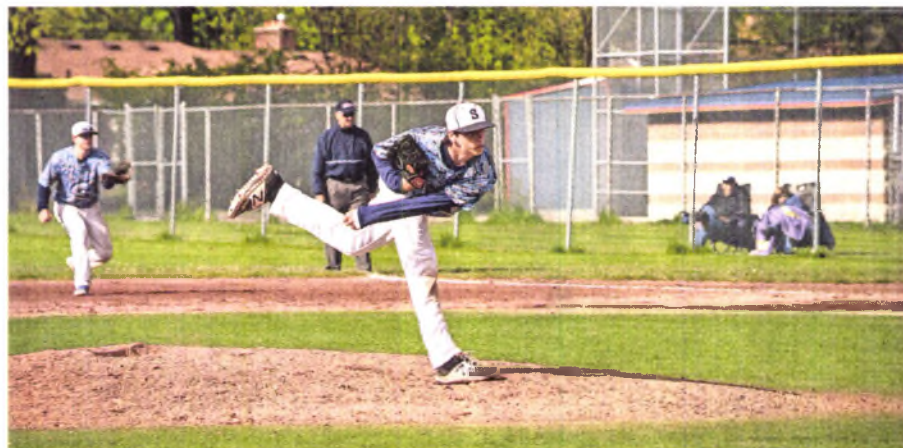
Stevenson grabbed the game's momentum back in the fourth, with well-placed singles by Bobby Cavin and Bos opening the frame. Dunn then dropped a bunt down the first-base line, which stopped right on the chalk to load the bases.

"That was heart-breaking to see that, it just dipped into that



Livonia Stevenson's Dan Bos slides into third base ahead of the throw to Livonia Franklin's Harrison Merrill.

WENDY DEWHIRST



Pitching during the seventh inning against Livonia Franklin is Livonia Stevenson pitcher George Ferguson. He earned the save in the city championship final against Livonia Franklin.

WENDY DEWHIRST



Sliding into second base with a double in the city championship final is Livonia Franklin senior Kolby Dewhirst.

WENDY DEWHIRST

little hole (down the line)," Wollam said. "But it's all right. We fought back, stuff happens. That's baseball."

Mark Pettersson's sacrifice fly cut the deficit to 3-2 and George Ferguson smacked a single to left to tie the game. The Spartans took a 4-3 lead on a fielder's choice.

For good measure, Stevenson added four runs in the fifth to go up 8-3. Key hits in that uprising were an RBI double

by Dunn and RBI single by Pettersson.

Another run scored in the sixth. Morris doubled to left and courtesy runner Jacob Way came home on Cavin's hit.

Final push

The Patriots weren't done, however, scoring four runs in the bottom of the sixth against Marquedant and relief pitcher J.J. Cantrell (brought up from the JV).

Celmer to ground out. "It was nice, George isn't scheduled to pitch again until Wednesday so you've got a No. 1 pitcher coming in to close out a game which is kind of a luxury."

Franklin's final hope came after Dewhirst doubled to left-center with two outs in the seventh. But Ferguson ended the game with a called third strike against Metzler.

Cal Fournier laced a two-run single to center to bring in Montie and Merrill and Johnny DiPonio (who walked).

STEVENSON 8, CHURCHILL 0: In Saturday's first game, the Spartans scored five times in the third and were never threatened by the Chargers (10-12).

Jacob Way pitched a complete game shutout for Stevenson, giving up just three hits (two to Joe Targosz and one to Brandon Campbell).

At the plate, the Spartans were sparked by Chris Tanderys (3-for-4, run), Brandon Posky (1-for-4, three RBI), Cavin (2-for-5, two RBI), Bos (2-for-4) and Parker Graham (1-for-4, two runs).

FRANKLIN 10, CLARENCEVILLE 0 (6 INNINGS): The Patriots scored four times in the first and went on to rout the Trojans (7-6).

Fournier and Montie collected RBI singles in the first, and Trey Gorman then brought two more runs in on a single to right, putting Franklin up 4-0.

That was more than enough offense for Patriots starting pitcher Merrill, who fired a one-hitter. The lone Clarenceville hit was by Logan Calimazzo.

Also delivering RBI hits were DiPonio and Wollam.

"We faced a good pitcher," Clarenceville head coach Craig Cotter said. "We got to get a little bit better ready to hit. We never gave up, which was nice."

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One of the key factors in Livonia Stevenson's come-from-behind win against Livonia Franklin was the relief pitching of Josh Marquedant (15).

WENDY DEWHIRST

Metzler singled to score Montie and Wollam was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded to force in Merrill with a second run. Cal Fournier then roped a single to center, scoring both Garcia and Johnny DiPonio (who walked).

With the tying runs on base, Berryman brought in southpaw George Ferguson who ended the inning by getting

OCELOTS

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right now, as shown in our ability to win seven of our last eight games while outscoring our opponents by 75 runs to 13 runs in that stretch."

Schoolcraft (17-13) got off on a good note by scoring in the top of the first in the opener. Autumn Dobrick was hit by a pitch and came around to score on back-to-back singles Garden City alum Smolar, a freshman outfielder, and sophomore third baseman Kelsie Powell.

A three-run homer in the third by Julie Littler made it 4-0 and the Lady Ocelots tacked on two more in the fifth on RBI hits by freshman catcher Porter (Canton) and freshman outfielder Cori Wilson (Livonia Stevenson).

Hits by Powell, Wilson, sophomore second baseman and Stevenson product Lipinski and freshman first base-



One of Schoolcraft's offensive spark plugs at NJCAA regionals was Garden City alum Mikaela Smolar.

SCHOOLCRAFT ATHLETICS

man Madelyn Haas (Livonia Ladywood) preceded another homer by Littler.

Extra confident

The recipient of all that

offense was sophomore pitcher Kerry Prowse (St. Catherine), who gave up just three hits while fanning eight.

"Speaking to her just before the game, I could clearly see

an extreme amount of confidence beaming from her," Linares said about Prowse. "What she did to those poor Lorain batters was just plain nasty."

"She had them chasing after pitches all around the outside of the strike zone. That was one of the finest pitching performances I have had the pleasure of seeing."

Needing one more victory to secure their first regional title, the Lady Ocelots quickly got back after it in Game 2 with four runs in the first and two more in the second.

With freshman pitcher Brittney Resinger (Howell) spinning a complete-game shutout, Schoolcraft had all the runs it needed early.

Smolar was the big gun, with a single, double, triple and five RBIs. Chipping in a single and two doubles each were Dobrick and Lipinski.

Other Schoolcraft standouts included Powell (two hits, two RBIs), Littler (two hits, two RBIs) and Resinger (two hits,

one RBI).

Stepping up

Linares emphasized that the young team, which has just six sophomores, has been able to adjust on the fly due to injuries. So far, all the puzzle pieces have fit perfectly.

"Overall, we currently have five players that normally are starters that are out on the injured list," he said. "It's forced us to make some unexpected adjustments to our defense, but other players have stepped it up as necessary."

"It has shortened our bench depth considerably and we are hoping to get at least a couple back in time to get some practice in before next weekend."

But for a week or so, Linares and the Lady Ocelots will be savoring a milestone victory.

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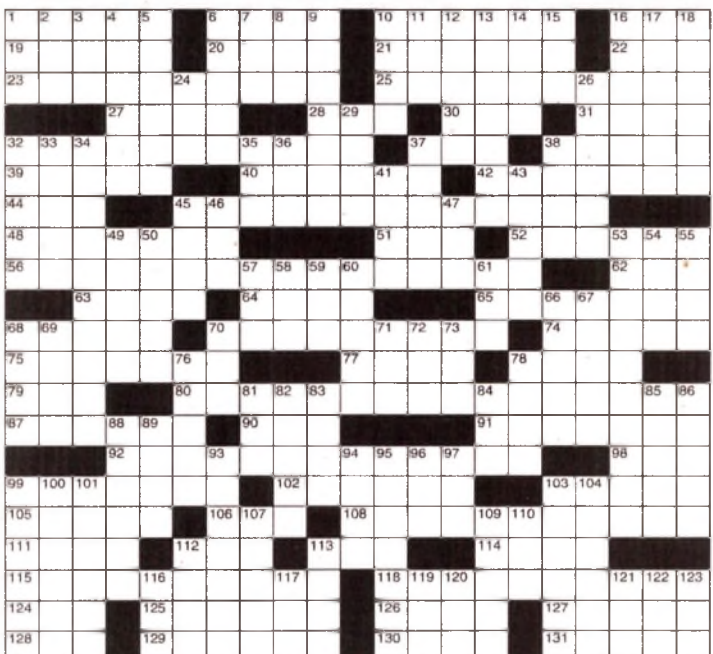
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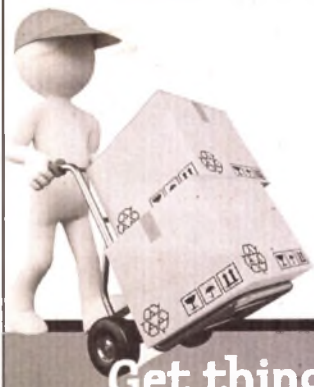
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 - 21 Veep of Bill Clinton
 - 22 Diesel of the screen
 - 23 Having flawless hearing?
 - 25 Random sampling of people's views on steering-system parts?
 - 27 FBI or HR
 - 28 Letter #26
 - 30 Letter #19
 - 31 Fanning of "Super 8"
 - 32 Thinking like a Bowman?
 - 37 MA hours
 - 38 Roof parts
 - 39 Form of bingo
 - 40 Nab
 - 42 Ones making engravings
 - 44 Actress Sheridan
 - 45 Winslet traversing a barely frozen-over pond?
 - 48 Sonora shawls
 - 51 Ltd. Kin
 - 52 Distance
 - 56 Appliance used during a winter golf game?
 - 62 It precedes Virgo
 - 63 Nasty
 - 64 Co. bigwig
 - 65 Making a cozy home
 - 68 Broken down
 - 70 Adorably decorated corner?
 - 74 Policy pedants
 - 75 Slid by
 - 77 Rakish type
 - 78 Frog cousin
 - 79 Harsh review
 - 80 Thrilled to have tied the knot?
 - 87 "La Gloria" painter
 - 90 '60s war zone
 - 91 Sleeping site
 - 92 Assistant who's out of practice?
 - 98 Bouquets-to-order co.
 - 99 Like — business
 - 102 Privileged classes
 - 103 100-clam bill
 - 105 Like shahs
 - 106 That girl's
 - 108 Skyline with lots of chimney tops?
 - 111 Salmon type
 - 112 Kenny G plays it
 - 113 Tesla, e.g.
 - 114 Thing
 - 115 Vast territory ruled over by Muscat's land?
 - 118 Apt word spelled by this puzzle's deleted first letters
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 - 125 Reacted to a 5-Down
 - 126 They may cross blvds.
 - 127 Tossup
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 - 129 Flight at night
 - 130 Godiva, e.g.
 - 131 Brims
 - 1 Letter #16
 - 2 LaRue or Longoria
 - 3 Camelot title
 - 4 Hits lightly
 - 5 Double blow
 - 6 Gil's "rivives"
 - 7 Ending with krypton
 - 8 Ltr. add-in
 - 9 Rival of AOL or EarthLink
 - 10 Tailoring aid
 - 11 Yale moniker
 - 12 Dancer de Mille
 - 13 Wet a little
 - 14 God of love
 - 15 Animal's lair
 - 16 Change over time
 - 17 Bandleader Glenn
 - 18 Except if
 - 24 Male bighorn
 - 26 Female pheasant
 - 29 Pristine spot
 - 32 Embarrass
 - 33 Zellweger or Richards
 - 34 Became very widespread
 - 35 Revolver
 - 36 "Dr." with Grammys
 - 37 Prefix with botany
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 - 41 Frouse
 - 43 Spanish diacritic
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 - 66 Saber, e.g.
 - 67 Surface— missile
 - 68 Didn't spoil
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 - 72 Fellow
 - 73 Sci-fi writer Stanislaw
 - 76 Little-bitty
 - 78 Hard slog
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 - 82 Gun to stun
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 - 85 Irked
 - 86 German port
 - 88 Kind of patch
 - 89 German car
 - 93 Like some Tetris pieces
 - 94 Opera queen
 - 95 Perpetual
 - 96 Baseball's Griffey
 - 97 Suffix with solo
 - 99 Daughter of Lionel Richie
 - 100 Cry from Juliet
 - 101 Some believers in God
 - 103 Pants fold
 - 104 Skilled hunter in Genesis
 - 107 Banish
 - 109 — fit (tantrum)
 - 110 Mel
 - 112 Henchman of Hook
 - 113 Give up
 - 116 Goo!
 - 117 Actor Alejandro
 - 119 Eggs in a fertility clinic
 - 120 Neighbor of TV's Homer
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 - 122 Ending with Vietnam
 - 123 Apt. for one



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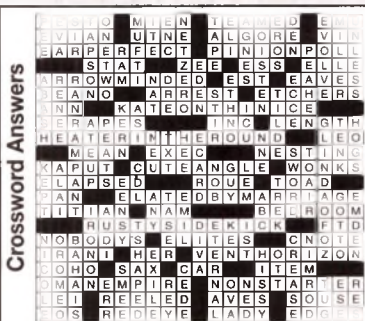
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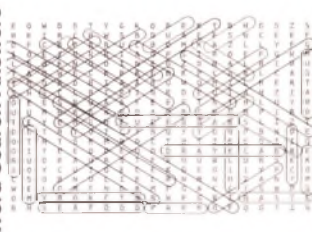
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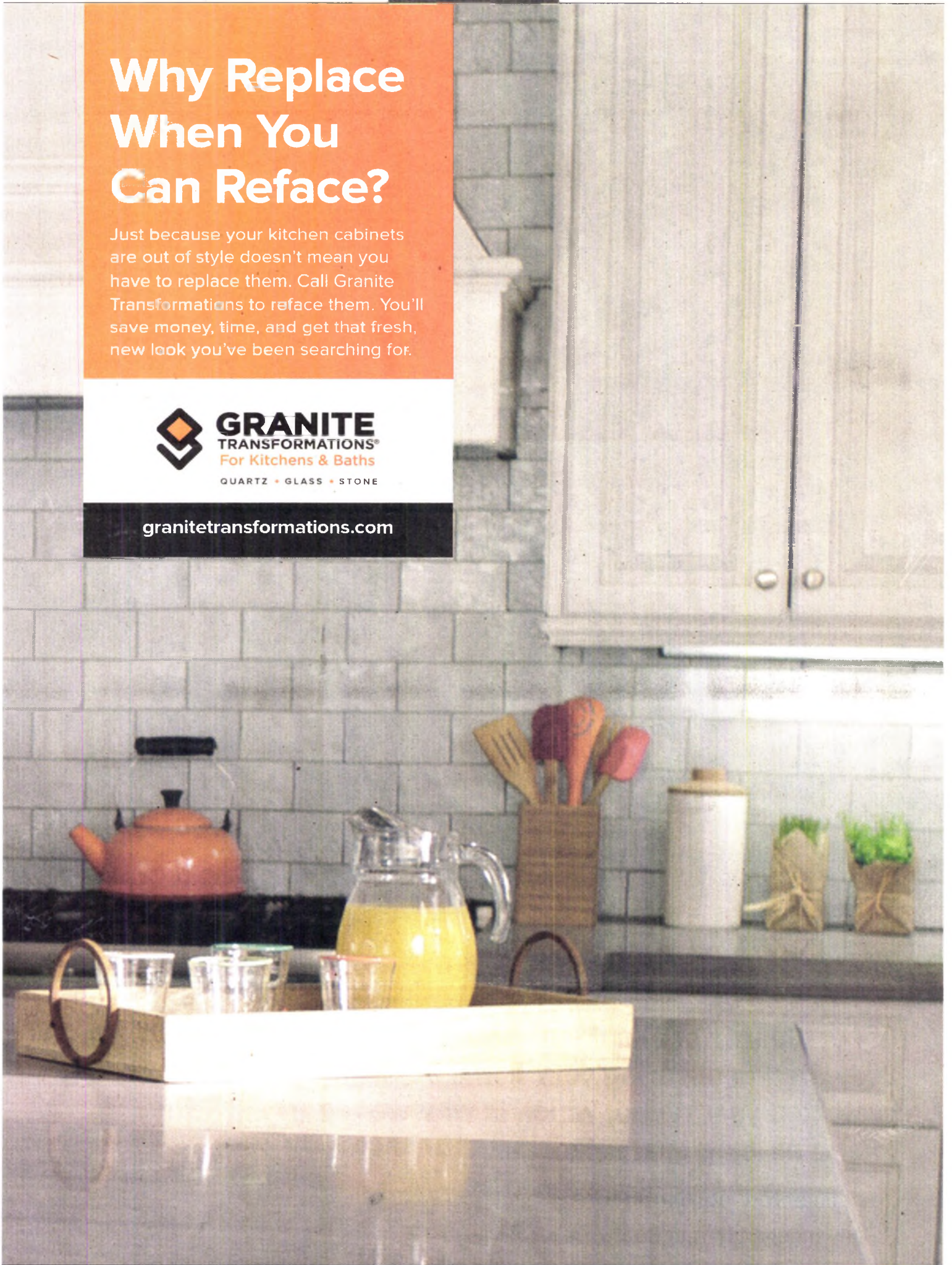
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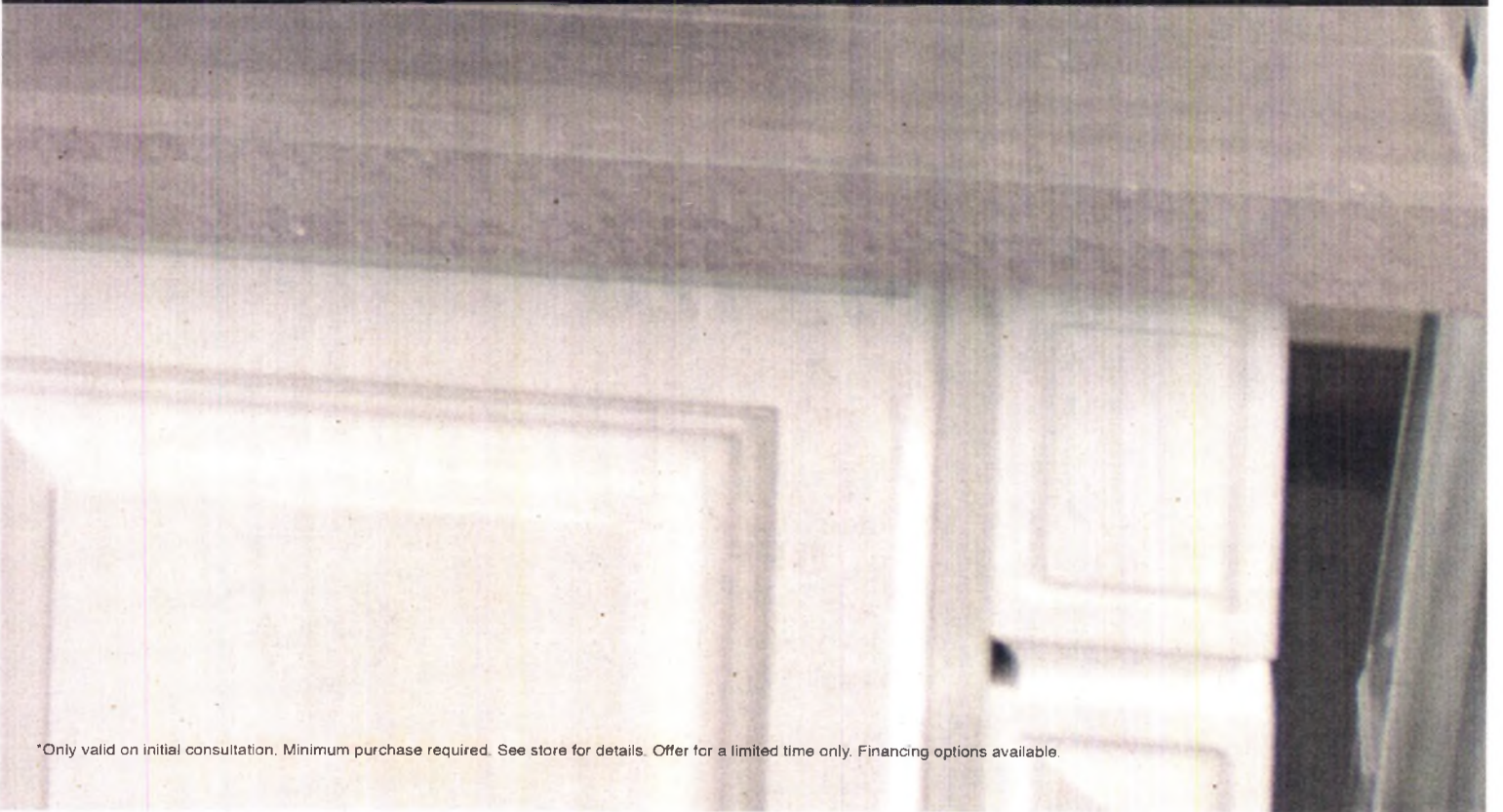
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