

Judge sentences 'diabolical monster'

Man convicted in shooting deaths faces 65 years

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Wayne County Circuit Judge Qiana Lillard did not mince words when sentencing Kobi Taylor for his involvement in the shooting deaths of two people in Westland earlier this year.

She cited several reasons, including his demeanor during his trial and testimony, that showed the 19-year-old homeless man was a main driver behind the armed robbery and shooting deaths of Jordan Baker and Howard Wick that took place in February near Norene and Treadwell in Westland.

"He's a diabolical monster,"

she said. "He set all of this in motion."

Lillard sentenced Taylor to a minimum of 65 years in prison, the lone sentence she had discretion over and well above what his attorney, Wyatt Harris, requested. Harris had requested a sentence of between 25-30 years. She set the maximum sentence at 95 years.

Taylor was found guilty by a separate jury on two counts of second-degree murder, two counts of armed robbery and one count of felony firearm. Another defendant in the case, Dominik Charleston, 19, of Romulus, was found guilty by a jury on all charges he faced, including two counts of firstdegree murder, two counts of felony murder, two counts of armed robbery and one count of felony firearm. Their trials took place last month

The other two originally charged in the case had their sentences settled before Wednesday's sentencing hear-ing in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice: Charleston of Romulus was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole, the mandatory sentence for a first-degree murder charge.

The last defendant, 17-yearold Taylor resident Amber Tackett, took a plea deal and will serve between 7-22 years in prison The three were charged

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Family members of the victims listen to impact statements from relatives.



(From right) Josie Stanley, Vansh Amin, Michael Snider and Gryffon Parks, rookie players on the Livonia Warriors robotics team, celebrate their alliance's win with coach Isolina Carlini following the Big Bang tournament in Taylor on July 8.

Robotics alliance scores big upset

Rookie players win at Big Bang Competition

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Rookie players took the Livonia high school robotics team's practice 'bot, The Iron Horse, to a big win July 8 dur-ing the Taylor Big Bang Competition at the Taylor Sportsplex

The robotics squad, the

Livonia Warriors, is made of students from Livonia Public Schools high schools, with Isolina Carlini, whose day job is teaching in the district, as the chief coordinator. The team, founded in 2009, competes in FIRST Robotics; the

acronym stands for For In-spiration and Recognition of Science and Technology.

Novice Warriors players Gryffon Park, lead driver; Vansh Amin, co-pilot; Michael Snider, human player; and Josie Stanley, airship pilot, were available for the week end competition. Gryffon. Michael and Josie are students at Stevenson High School, while Vansh is a student at Churchill High School.

Carlini said the idea was to give the rookies some time on the playing field, and that the competition director had put out a call for backup robots to compete along with front-line robots

This year's FIRST Robotics

between alliances of three teams each. The playing field has two "airships" and each alliance tries to score by having its robots deliver gears to its airship, which the human players set in place to turn propellers, and send plastic

game, Steamworks, is played

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Cops warn against scam involving fraudulent dog-selling websites

Darrell Clem

They're cute and cuddly

- and they are being used to fraudulently obtain money online.
- Scam artists are using puppies to steal victims' hearts and money

Canton police say several residents have reported trying to buy canine companions from out-of-state websites, only to learn they fell victim to a scam. Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor said most victims lost between \$800 and \$1,200.

"It's just baffling that people would want to spend money

without seeing the dog," he said. But that's exactly what is

happening - and police are warning buyers to beware of buying dogs online, especially when the would-be seller asks for payment by MoneyGram or prepaid cards such as iTunes and Green Dot.

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Police say honest companies won't ask for such payment methods, which are nearly impossible to recover. Traylor said one website posted photos of dogs supposedly from a Virginia kennel.

Önce the scam artists get money, Traylor said, they often make up reasons they need

further payment before shipping the dog. "If you cannot verify the

authenticity of a website, you should be cautious making a purchase, especially if you are requested to pay using an untraceable method such as a

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earlier this year after they arrived to the West-land neighborhood back in the early morning hours of Feb. 6. Police say the three orchestrat ed a robbery of some marijuana, though that resulted in both Wick, 35, and Baker, 19, being shot and killed. Wick's mother, Sue

Varner, said during the hearing her son planned on becoming a tattoo artist. He had just re-cently gotten his certification days before his death.

She said she won't forget all the times she had with him and was incredibly sad she'll only be able to visit his grave from now on.

"I have to go to the graveyard ... where Do-minik, Kobi and Amber put him," she said. "He

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Allyson M. Bettis City Clerk City of Garden City, Michigan

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was all I had in this world."

'Left with no chance to live at all'

Charleston, Taylor and Tackett were also ordered to pay more than \$22,000 in restitution, though Lillard said that burden will most likely fall on Tackett, who could be out of prison as early as 2024.

None of the three sentenced said anything during the hearing. Tay-lor and Charleston's case will be automatically appealed to the Michigan Court of Appeals based on the fact they were both convicted by a jury. Baker's mother, Patri-

cia Lantz, said she wakes up routinely with panic over what happened to

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balls, or "fuel," into a 'boiler.'

Each match begins with a 15-second autono-mous round, in which robot programming proves crucial, followed by a two-and-a-halfminute remote-controlled round, with the robots shooting fuel,

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MoneyGram," Traylor said. One fraudulent dog-

selling website already has been shut down, he said.

The police department suggests online consumers follow these tips to best avoid becoming a victim of scams in gener-

al: » Spot impostors. Scammers often pose as someone trustworthy, such as a charity or government official. Don't



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Kobi Taylor, described by Judge Ouiana Lillard as "a diabolical monster" received 65-95 years for his role in the murders.

her son and how he was not given a chance to

"He was left bleeding in the street with no chance to live at all," she said. "Jordan deserved to live a long and happy

placing gears and, perteam from the three Plymouth-Canton Educa-tional Park schools; the haps, scooping up stray fuel or gears or playing defense. Matches end Chimeras, out of Lapeer; with the robots attempting to board the airship

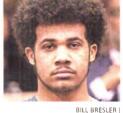
by climbing a rope. In the final match on July 8, the Warriors were allied with the tramck and the Virus from Monroe. They were pitted against the contest's top-rated alliance: Lightning Robotics, the

send money or give out personal information in response to an unexpected request. » Do online searches.

Type a company name or

» Consider how you

» Talk to someone.



HOMETOWNLIFE.COM Dominik Charleston listens to the victim's relatives speak of their loss.

life." John Strong, Baker's grandfather, said Baker was an uplifting man to be around and said he wished Michigan sen-tencing could mandate a harsher penalty for the two men convicted in his death.

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Amber Tackett, who testified against Charleston and Taylor, received a plea agreement for armed robbery and felony firearms.

"I wish this state had the death penalty," he said, "so I could watch you two die."

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informed, smart and cooperative can upset an entire competition,' Carlini wrote in an email. "I am sure the Chimeras, Lighting and TnT were not expecting a rookie team alliance on practice 'bot to walk away with the first-place trophy!"

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check from a stranger and wire money back. Often it can take banks weeks to discover a fake check and by then funds sent have been spent.

» Go to the Federal Trade Commission website to sign up for scam alerts or report scams.

"It is nearly impossible to keep up with new scams that are contin-ually surfacing," Traylor said, but "the best de-fense against falling victim to fraud is to be an educated consumer?

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product in a search en-gine with "review" or "complaint."

» Don't believe your caller ID. Technology makes it easy for scammers to program fake caller IDs.

pay. Credit cards have significant fraud protec-tion, but MoneyGrams and prepaid cards do not

Before giving up money or personal information,





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keep their opponents in check. "A great testimony to how an alliance team in FIRST Robotics that is

talk to someone or do some research; scam mers usually want quick, rushed decisions and payments. Avoid that.

» Hang up on robocalls. If you hear a recorded sales pitch, hang up; these calls are often illegal and the products are often bogus. Never press "1" to speak to someone or be taken off a list during a robocall. That usually results in

more calls. » Be skeptical about free trial offers. Many sign up would-be custom ers for products and then bill monthly. » Don't deposit a

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'Big Ed' remembered as 'one of greatest human beings of all time'

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With a gregarious nature and a grab-life-bythe-throat attitude, Ed Pobur seemed too big to be contained in one simple name

"Dad" didn't really fit for his kids. "Ed" didn't seem enough for his friends and family. That's why Pobur was

"Big Ed" to nearly every one who knew and loved him.

"That was one of the greatest human beings of all time," said his daughter, Colleen Pobur, a Plymouth city commission-er. "This guy was an orig-inal issue. He had this gigantic personality. He was big and he was hilari ous

That's how Pobur was being remembered this week, after losing a seven-month battle against cancer. Pobur, 84 and a Livonia resident, died July 5.

Pobur spent the majority of his adult life selling cars - Cadillacs, to be exact — working for Massey Cadillac for a long time, then finishing his career at Cadillac of Novi, where his son, Ed Pobur Jr., is general manager.

And he wasn't just average: Pobur was the consummate salesman, having sold more than 12,000 Cadillacs in a prodigious career that started more than 50 years ago

One of Cadillac's top salesmen for years, Pobur's sales output was more than some dealer



"Big Ed" Pobur with his six children on Christmas Eve 1972

ships sell in a year. Earlier this year, he told the Detroit Free Press he had no intention of retiring. ""What else would I

do?" Pobur asked rhetorically

How good was he? The company honored him with a trophy as the "GOAT" (Greatest of All Time) displayed next to his casket at the funeral and, upon hearing of his death, lowered the flag over their New York building to half-staff. To his daughter, Big

Ed's passing has been more a celebration of his life than a reason to grieve.

"I've really only cried two times ... when the trophy came and when they lowered that flag," Colleen Pobur said. "That was pride. It wasn't

pain." The secret to his dad's success, Ed Pobur Jr. said was his ability to understand the basics of the sale: Listen, make sure your customers are taken care of and understand it's a service

business. "When you understand all those things and you don't bring ego into the deal, you can sell a lot of cars," Pobur Jr. said. "Always, the customer came first. Almost all the people he sold cars to, those people became friends after that. He was an honorable guy."

His salesman days aren't the only interest-ing aspect to his life. Pobur served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, but his entry into service wasn't exactly

COURTESY POBUR FAMIL

traditional. Nabbed for robbery as a young man, Pobur was tossed in jail (it's important to note Pobur's record was later

expunged). When a police officer offered him the chance to join the navy in lieu of staying in jail, his daugh-ter said, Pobur jumped at it. Shortly after that, he was one of more than 50 guys on a minesweeper.

When he was done with his service, he returned to Michigan, where he played football for Duffy Daugherty while attending Michigan State University. Pobur was on the 1956 team that beat UCLA in the Rose **Bowl**

"I traveled during the war, that was enough," he told the Free Press, when asked if he ever thought



Ed Pobur sold Cadillacs for 50 years. He's shown here with Elise Muntian, customer advocacy manager at Cadillac of Novi.

of traveling as many do during their those golden years.

He was also a family man. He and his late wife Margaret (they married in May 1958) had six children, all of whom worked with their father at the dealership. He was also "Papa" to 12 grandchildren

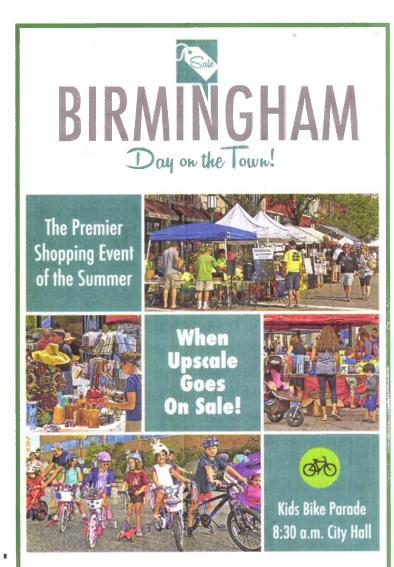
Colleen Pobur said her parents taught the children to "give and not take" and they've spent their lives doing that. Among the children, Colleen pointed out, are athletic, academic and community service successes that are part of "the piles of accolades

about the legacy he left." "He was just so 'big,"

she said. "He had a huge zest for life and grabbed everything he could. His gregarious, big-hearted, slap-you-on-the-back nature just drew people in. Everything was an adventure to him."

Pobur is survived by children Colleen (Michael Holmes), Hugh (Carin) Pobur, Maureen Rodts, Edward (Kelly), Stephen (Weevis) and Kathleen (Matthew) Garner: 12 grandchildren: and many nieces and nephews

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Car stolen

Wayne police were dispatched July 10 to Domino's Pizza, 35173 E. Michigan Ave., on the report of a stolen vehicle.

The victim, who works at the store, said her car was parked in the lot near the store the entire work day. She went out to her car that evening and started it. She went back inside to get bank deposits. When she came back out, she found her vehi-cle missing. She said no one had permission to take her car and said she would call her dealership about enabling the GPS in it. Another co-worker said they saw a suspi-cious person walking around outside the store before the car was taken.

Debit card taken

Police were called July 7 to the 34900 block of Chesnut on the report of a larceny at the home. The victim said the

suspect, her son's adult stepdaughter, came over to discuss money she

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owed the victim. They both stepped outside to smoke and the suspect asked to use the restroom and then leave. The victim later noticed that her debit card had been taken. She called her bank and reportedly found the card had been used several times to take money from her account.

License plate stolen

Police were dispatched July 10 to a home in the 35400 block of John on the report of the theft of a license plate.

The victim said she parked her car in her driveway near the garage, where it was left for about a week. She left for vacation on July 4 and came back July 9 to find her license plate missing. No suspect information was available.

– Compiled from reports filed with the Wayne Police Department



The annual Wayne County Mud Day is a sloppy success.

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KELLY DOBSON

Thousands of kids get muddy

If you didn't want to get your kids or yourself dirty, Nankin Mills park was a good place to stay away from on Tuesday. Wayne County Parks staffers transformed the park into a 75-footby-150-foot mud pit for the 30th annual Mud Day. Children ages 12 and younger had the chance to get dirty in the messiest playground in southeast Michigan, and thousands of them took advantage. "I can't think of anoth-

"I can't think of another time when parents cheer on their children to have a good time in the mud," said Beverly Watts, director of the county's Department of Public Services. "It really is a great time for those in the mud and for those watching."

If just playing in the mud wasn't enough, children also participated in the mud limbo and relay races. The event also crowned the 2017 King and Queen.



Erika and Brody came from Beverly Hills to enjoy a wallow in the mud.



Owen Milligan and Stanley Wicowski compare mud.

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Victoria's Secret theft

An employee at Victoria's Secret, 37700 Six Mile, came to the Livonia police station to report a retail fraud of underwear and fragrances. The employee said she saw two women enter the store and asked them if they

needed help. They declined the help and the employee then went into another room of the store. She then heard an alarm go off near the front and went to that part of the store. She saw one of the women she saw earlier stand not far from the door holding a robe with an alarm tag on it. She put it down and said she did not mean to set off the alarm. The employee noticed she was far enough away from the door that the alarm

should not have gone off. She then reportedly noticed the other woman was gone, and an amount of underwear and perfume was missing from the area. She did not have access to security footage, but was told to file a police report regarding the theft

Wheels, tires missing

Police were called Tuesday morning to the 36200 block of Hammer Lane on the

report of a larceny from of wheels and tires. The vehicle's owner said her daughter found the car on blocks earlier that morning. Her daughter said the car was intact after she parked it in the driveway the night before. The owner said she did not know whether the car was locked, and it did not appear that anything was missing.

Tool bag taken

Police were called July 9 to a residence in the 10000 block of Cavell on the report of a tool bag that had been taken.

The victim said he placed his bag behind his vehicle earlier that day. He stepped away from the car for 10 minutes, came back and found the bag missing. He did not see anyone in the area and could not provide any suspect information. The bag contained hand tools, lithium batteries and a charger.

Sunglasses taken

A resident who in the 33100 block of Martin came to the police station July 7 to report a larceny from auto. She said she parked her vehicle in the driveway of the residence the night be-

fore. She came out the next morning and found it had been rummaged through and her sunglasses were missing. There was no damage to the vehicle and the incident. No suspect information was available.

Car missing, wheels taken

Police were called July 7 to the 32800 block of Middleboro on the report of a vehicle found in the street without tires.

Police found the vehicle partially in the middle of the road with all four tires missing. The vehicle was registered to a resident who lives one block away. The owner called the police station that morning to report the vehicle missing. Police told him where the vehicle was. He said the vehicle was left unlocked most of the time. He checked the vehicle for damage, found a dent on the rear wheel well, as well as some scratch marks. He said nothing was missing from inside the vehicle.

Two men seen entering vehicle

Police were called July 7 to the 33100 block of Grennada on the report of two men seen entering a parked vehicle that did not belong to them.

The caller told police he yelled at the suspects, who ran away on foot. Police arrived and saw a vehicle with two people in it. They shown the spotlight on it, and the car drove off at a high rate of speed. Police attempted to locate the suspects, and found the suspects driving near Lyndon and Farmington. The car then hit a fence at the Charter Spectrum building, and the two got out of the vehicle and fled on foot, police said.

Police checked the area and could not find them, though they discovered the vehicle was listed as stolen out of Dearborn Heights. A K-9 tracker attempted to find the men but could not. Another resident on Gary Lane then called police, saying they saw the suspects get into a vehicle and drive off. After not locating the men, police went back to the original vehicle entered and checked on it.

Compiled from reports filed with the Livonia Police Department

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CITY OF WAYNE PUBLIC NOTICE CITY COUNCIL VACANCY

The City of Wayne City Council will be filling a vacancy on the City Council. To be considered to fill the vacancy, please submit a letter of interest and/or resume with your qualifications and contact information to the Wayne City Clerk, 3355 S. Wayne Rd., Wayne, MI 48184. The deadline to apply will be Thursday, July 20, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. As a reminder City Hall hours are M-Th 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. There is a brown dropbox in the City Hall parking lot for after hour convenience.

The City Council will review all candidates information and will make the determination of the candidates, they wish to invite for a public interview for the position. Interviews will be scheduled the week of July 24, 2017 in the evening.

The position is to fill the unexpired term of Richard T. Sutton IV, an at-large position until November 2018

The minimum requirements for the position is that you have been a resident of the City for at least one year, not in arrears to the City and a registered voter of the City.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (734) 722-2000 Ext. 1026

> Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

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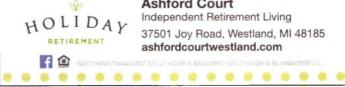
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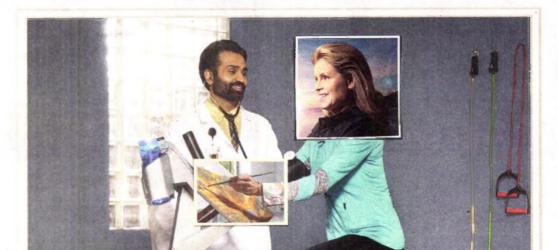
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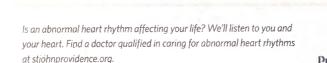


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Lutheran pastor opened church to Muslims as their mosque was being built

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Walking the building's bare bones, Pittsburgh-area Pastor Fred Schenker listened and joked with his friends of an-other faith while they described their un-finished mosque, 12 years in the making. Schenker and his Muslim friends are proud of the mosque that has slowly come together in record.

come together in recent years.

Schenker, the pastor at Trinity Evan-gelical Lutheran Church for 31 years, grew to know the Muslim community after he opened the church's doors to them in 2007.

At the time, Muslims with the Islamic Center of Western Pennsylvania drove at least 40 minutes to get to the closest mosque. The organization decided two years earlier to build a mosque closer to home and needed a place for members to worship in the meantime. Other churches rejected them, but Schenker and Trinity welcomed them. "Honest to God, it was inspiring that people of two different faiths, and that

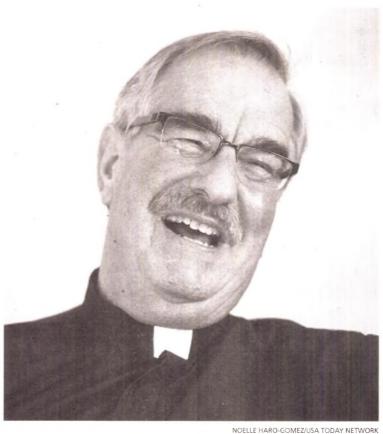
people of two different faiths — and that humanity prevailed rather than just the Islamophobia that has taken place in the current political climate," ICWP Board President Khalid Chatta said. Schenker has fond memories of hav-ion the Muelime in his church and listen

ing the Muslims in his church and listen-

"Even if they're praying upstairs and you were downstairs, the call to prayer, you can experience that vibration, that holiness. That energy that is good and life giving "Schenker goid."

holmess. That energy that is good and life-giving," Schenker said. Upon Schenker's recent retirement, Trinity asked the Muslims to leave the church, but "in a nice way," said Ubaid Akhtar, a board member of the ICWP. "This man, just to put it simply, is just a very, very nice, open-hearted individ-ual He was the main factor for all this

ual. He was the main factor for all this happening. He allowed us in his presence there, kept us there," Akhtar said.



Fred Schenker was pastor at Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Pittsburgh area for 31 years. He grew to know area Muslims after he opened the church's doors to them in 2007

"It's faith at its best. It's America at its best. Some of the stuff going on right now is unfaithful and un-American," Schenker said.

Back to making long commutes to worship, the Muslim congregation continues fundraising in order to complete the mosque.

For more information on the organization and how to donate, visit its website, icwpa.org.

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Q&A WITH FRED SCHENKER

What does it mean to you to be an American?

America is the great experiment. It's the experiment where you can come and worship the God of your choice. It's the place where you can come and have dis-agreements but work together, to come even to a compromise and maybe my way, your way, there's a third way.

That's the ideal. And I think America at its best promotes that. It's a great experi-ence where people can come together and work together in community

What moment touched and motivated

you to launch this effort? There was a group of Muslims, a congregation, and they were trying to find a space to pray. They had been to different churches, trying to find a space just for Friday, and they got nos. And they came to Trinity, and I said well sure.

Christ tells us to love all people, and these guys want to pray? Wonderful.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

I'm hopeful we can learn to view our similarities and differences as opportunities to enrich one another's lives. Not only that, but when we grow in respect for the other, and truly look again, respect the other, we may even grow to love the other tradition and fall deeper in love with our own tradition. My concern is that rather than embrac-

ing our similarities and our differences to promote the best in humanity, we see the other as a threat or, worse, less than human

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

In our church family, loving our Muslim neighbors and inviting them to use our church facilities for Friday prayers and activities sends a strong message that Christians and Muslims not only can tolerate one another, but they can love and respect one another.

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There will be pet adoptions with all animals already being spayed and neutered, and with some preventative shots. Cats will be \$25 and dogs \$125. Donations in the form of money, unopened food or litter to help care for the animals would be greatly appreciated. At this event there will also be a vard and bake sale to raise money for the shelter.

For more information, call 734-286-5063.

Flying Pancakes

Livonia Historical Commission at Green-mead Historical Park, 20501 Newburgh Road, is hosting a Flying Pancake Breakfast, Tours & Fam-ily Fun Run/Walk event Sunday, July 16.

The run/walk starts at 9 a.m. Pancakes will be served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., featuring Chris Cakes of Michigan, which is known for their flying pancakes. Tours are offered from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 day of the event, cash only. For more information, call 248-477-7375.

Meet county executive

Interfaith Community Outreach and the Canton Democratic Club are holding a Community Conversation event with Wayne County Executive Warren C. Evans at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at Cherry Hill Village, 50430 School House Road, Canton.

Evans and his staff will be available to an-swer questions about county issues, including road repair funding, refugee status in Wayne County and hate crime status in Wayne County. The event is open to

the public from throughout the county. For more information, email can-tondemclub@gmail.com.

Wellness, heart attack survivors' event

On July 19, Garden City Hospital is hosting a free health, wellness and heart attack survivors' recognition event at the City of Westland Build-ing, 36300 Warren Road in Westland. The event starts at 1 p.m. and will include a special recognition ceremony, "Meet the Experts" panel dis-

DIA director to speak

Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex is hosting a presentation by Detroit Institute of Arts Director Salvador Salort-Pons from 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 20. As part of his continuing focus on community engagement, Salort-Pons will discuss his vision for the museum, explore some of his favorite works of art and answer questions about the DIA. This event is free and

open to the public. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and there will be complimentary light appetizers and beverages. PARC is at 650 Church St. in Plymouth. For more in-formation, call 734-927-4090.

Cows at the Opera

The Wayne Historical Society is hosting a behind the scenes look into the Detroit Institute of Art with a program called Cows at the Opera and other Museum Mysteries. The public is invited at 7 p.m. Wednes-day, July 21, to the Wayne Historical Museum to hear DIA speaker Dolly Bondarian, who will give a talk and a slide presentation.

We are celebrating art in the city of Wayne with the Wayne Main Street Program called DIA, Inside | Out. The museum is located at One Towne Square in downtown Wayne. There is no charge to attend, but donations are appreciated. Visit our Facebook page, Wayne Historical Society, to see our summer program schedule.

Road cleanup

Starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, July 22, help pick up litter and manmade debris from the roadways and shoulders of Beck and Geddes.

Orange plastic collection bags and green visibility vests will be available to wear in green tubs at several locations along Geddes Road, including: Sheldon Road (south side, former PNC Bank lawn by the parking lot); Sarah Ann Drive (Kimberly Mead-ows Sub); River Meadow Boulevard; and Riverside Drive and Beck Road (southwest corner by the sign).

Volunteers should be age 13 or older. For more information, contact Greg Greene at 734-855-6192 or g4greene@aol.com

Historic park event Westland Historic

Village Park is hosting a Summer Bonanza event from noon to 4 p.m. Sat-urday, July 24. There will be vendors, games, food and re-enactors. Organizers hope to make this an annual event. Park at John Glenn and take the shuttle to the museum. For more information, call 734-756-0769

Maker Fun Factory

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church will offer Maker Fun Factory VBS from 9 a.m. to noon July 24-28. All children ages 3 (must be potty trained) through fifth grade are welcome. Cost is \$25 and includes a T-shirt (if registered before July 1). Register at www.holytrinity livonia.org/vbs.aspx or at the church. Availability is limited for preschool

children. Holy Trinity is at 39020 Five Mile Road in Livonia. For more information, call Deb La-Fontaine at 734-464-0211 or email VBS@holytrinity

School Class of 1967 will hold its 50th reunion at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Fellows Creek Golf

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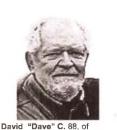
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Petoskey, Michigan, formerly of New Boston, Michigan, passed away on July 12. passed away on July 12, 2017 at the American House in Petoskey. Dave was born October 26, 1928 in Detroit, he son of David and

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cussion, health screenings, a heart-healthy cooking demonstration and free refreshments for participants.

The event is open to members of the public touched by heart disease or who are interested in learning about reducing risks. Attendees will be eligible for a drawing for a door prize.

- The event follows the ribbon cutting for the hospital's new elective interventional cardiac angioplasty, or PCI program in May of this year. Heart disease remains the top cause of death in
- southeastern Michigan, making the availability of quality, timely access to PCI important in com-munity hospital settings.

Garden City Hospital is a 176-bed community hospital located in Garden City with a full range of services and off-site locations. For more information, go to gch.org.

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(Cooper) McIntosh, He (Cooper) McIntosh. He graduated from Plymouth High School. Dave proudly served our country in the Air Force from 1950 to 1954. He enjoyed watching U of M football, watching U of M football, working in his yard and garden, and traveling when he was able to do so. Dave was preceded in death by his wife of 38 years, Evelyn in 2015, his parents and sister, Barbara. He is survived by his children, Michael (Darci) McIntosh, William (Vicki) McIntosh, David (Julia) McIntosh, Mar David (Julia) McIntosh, Mary (Michael) Jabionski and Sara McIntosh, stepson Dennis (Jennifer) Davidson, 13 grandchildren, and sister Nettie McIntosh. Dave's family sends a heartfeit thank you to all of the caring staff at the Everett Kircher Dialysis Center and the American House. Visitation will take place on Monday, July 17, 2017 from 5pm until 8pm. Funeral service will take place David (Julia) McIntosh, Mary Funeral service will take place on Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 10am at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main St., Plymouth, Michigan. Entombment will take place at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park. Livonia, Michigan Park, Luvonia, Michigan following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made in memory of David C. McIntosh to Disabled Veterans at DAV-114, 30905 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

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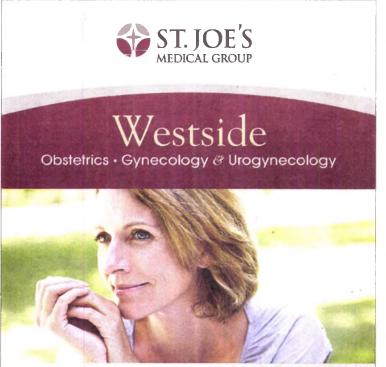
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VegMichigan **Summerfest**

VegMichigan SummerFest is set for 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 6, at Madonna University. An array of plant-based fare, including grilled burgers, wraps, salads, nachos, coneys, mac 'n cheese, fresh fruit, raw juices, smoothies, ice cream, cupcakes, cookies, brownies, shakes and more, will be offered by local vegan-friendly restaurants and food trucks including Chive Kitchen, Shimmy Shack and Nosh Pit food trucks,

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Live music, carnival games, henna tattoos, face painting and shopping a variety of merchandise from vegan, cruelty-free vendors round out a day of fun for the whole family.

VegMichigan SummerFest takes place at Madonna University, 36600 Schoolcraft Road in Livonia. Admission and parking are free.

A few exhibitor spaces and sponsorships are still available. For more information, call 248-867-2155 or visit www.vegmichigan.org. VegMichigan is a nonprofit organization promoting awareness of the health, environmental and ethical benefits of a

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Thurston High School reunion

Redford Thurston High School Classes of 1968, '69 and '70 are plan-ning a reunion picnic from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Island Lake State Recreation Area near Brighton. For information, contact Jill Serbay at jjserbay@gmail.com or 269-329-1478.



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Be comfortable with investments, even in retirement

Q: I'm a Ford employ-ee who's been offered a buyout and decided to accept it. My situation is, I'm 62, single and totally debt-free. I have a very modest lifestyle and my pension will more than cover all my expenses. In fact, I still will be able to save money. I have a few questions I hope you can help me with. You should know I'm an ultra-conservative investor. At this point in time, the only investments I have are CDs and I don't want any stocks or mutual funds. I used to invest in these, but I just got too nervous even during good markets. My first question is, do you think I should take Social Security or wait? My second question deals with the money from the buyout. I will net ap proximately \$100,000 after taxes and my question is, would you go with a one-year or five-year CD? Lastly, with the money in my 401(k), which is six figures, should I leave it in the money market at Ford or roll it into an

IRA? A: Congratulations on achieving the American dream in the fact that you can retire without money being an issue. Although I encourage people to invest in equi-ties, particularly through the use of mutual funds, I also believe that no matter how good the investment is, it's not worth causing health problems In your situation, since you are in excellent financial shape, there is no reason why you shouldn't

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invest in CDs. Investors should not invest in anything that makes them feel uncomfortable or keep them up at night. For you and your individual situation, CDs are the most appropriate investment.

When it comes to Social Security, you should wait until at least 66 to collect your benefits. In fact, in your situation. you may even want to delay until 70 years of age. My reasoning is that, by delaying Social Security, you are effectively receiving an 8-percent return on your money. The 8 percent is sub-stantially more than you're going to get in CDs and that, coupled with the fact that you don't need the money, makes it a slam-dunk that you should delay your Social Security at least until 66. If you're in good health at 66 and your financial situation is the same, then it may pay to further delay your Social Security until 70

With regard to the money from the buyout, I would lean to a one-year CD vs. a five-year CD. My reasoning is that we're in a time of rising interest rates and, there fore, it doesn't make much sense to lock into a five-year CD when rates are so low. A few years down the road when rates may be substantially higher, a five-year CD may make sense, but not now

I'm a believer that when you invest your money, you must feel comfortable with that investment. If you're uncomfortable with an investment, it keeps you up at night or causes you health problems, you know it's an investment you should avoid.

With regard to the buyout money, I do want to make a suggestion. As opposed to buying a CD, what you may want to do with the money is consider a program to convert your existing retirement account into a Roth IRA. The benefit to you is that by converting traditional money into Roth retirement money, that money will grow tax-free and is not subject to the 701/2 required minimum distribution rules. By having money in a Roth IRA, it could give you greater flexibility in the future, which is something we all want

I would not convert money this year, but potentially next year, when you're in a lower tax bracket. What I would consider converting is enough each year to keep you in the same tax bracket. Remember, when you convert an existing retirement account into a Roth IRA, that money is taxable to you as ordinary income. Therefore, the advantage of the Roth is that you're turning tax-deferred money into tax-free money and you are reducing vour required minimum distribution in the future.

With regard to your existing 401(k) plan, I would consider moving it. My reasoning for moving the money from the Ford 401(k) into the IRA is to give you the opportunity to shop CDs. In the Ford 401(k), there are very few options for the type of investor you are If the money were in an IRA, you would have greater flexibility to shop ČD rates around the country. Many people think that all CD rates are the same, but that's not the case. Internet banks and credit unions sometimes have much more competitive rates than traditional banks. If you can make a few extra dollars on your money,

why not? Just to reiterate one point: I'm a believer that when you invest your money, you must feel comfortable with that investment. If you're uncomfortable with an investment, it keeps you up at night or causes you health problems, you know it's an investment you should avoid. Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomasset management.com. If you would like him to respond to questions, email rick@bloomasset management.com.

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More than 100 students awarded scholarships at Metro Detroit Youth Day

Ashleigh Garrison Correspondent

The Michigan Youth Appreciation Foundation awarded 105 scholarships to high school seniors Wednesday at the 35th annual Metro De troit Youth Day on Belle Isle Park. Students from Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties with a minimum GPA of 2.0 were eligible to apply.

Besides filling out an application, the scholarship process required a personal essay, letter of acceptance into a four-year college or twoyear community college and at least one letter of recommendation. Selected students stood out for their community service involvement and achievements. With re-cipients heading to schools like Stanford University, Michigan State University and more, bright futures are ahead.

Founder and chairman of Youth Day Ed Deeb said that since the scholarship program's start in 1990, 1,700 scholarships have been awarded. He stated that awards typically range from \$500 to \$1,500. According to Deeb, the scholarship program serves as an incentive for students and helps fulfill Youth Day's purpose. He said it seems to be working.

'When we started Metro Detroit Youth Day, our whole goal was to keep the kids out of



Austin Evans, 18, of Anchor Bay High School is one of the many recipients of a college scholarship at the annual Metro Detroit Youth Day

trouble, keep them off the streets and inspire them to do good not only in school, but in the com-munity," Deeb said. Various companies

make the scholarships possible, including DTE Energy, Sam's Club, Ford Motor Co. Fund, Henry Ford Health Care Systems, Pepsi Beverage

Co. and Blue Cross Blue Shield. Local businesses like Buddy's Pizza and the Michigan Chronicle also contributed.

John Ambrose, cocoordinator of the scholarship program, said at the ceremony that while the awards aren't that much, they will make a

difference. Austin Evans, 18, is

one of the many recipients who will be attending Michigan State University in the fall. Evans graduated from Anchor Bay High School and will major in computer science. He said he hopes to be a software developer, perhaps for one of the car companies in De-troit, or even work in Silicon Valley. "College is really expensive," Evans said.

'Organizations like this help make it possible for students to pursue their goals and dreams. I think it's very important." Patricia Ślack, an

accountant for Blue Cross Blue Shield, said that it's also important that companies continue to show support.

"We have a responsibility as a corporation to

give back. They are our future," she said. Like the scholarship program, Youth Day itself has grown, too. It ran from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and drew 36,000 youths ages 8-15, 1,700 volunteers and 230 corporate sponsors.

According to Deeb, the event has been recognized many times over the years, receiving many local awards, as well the presidential Point of Light Award from President George H.W. Bush.

"We have come a long way," Deeb said. Learn more at www.metrodetroit

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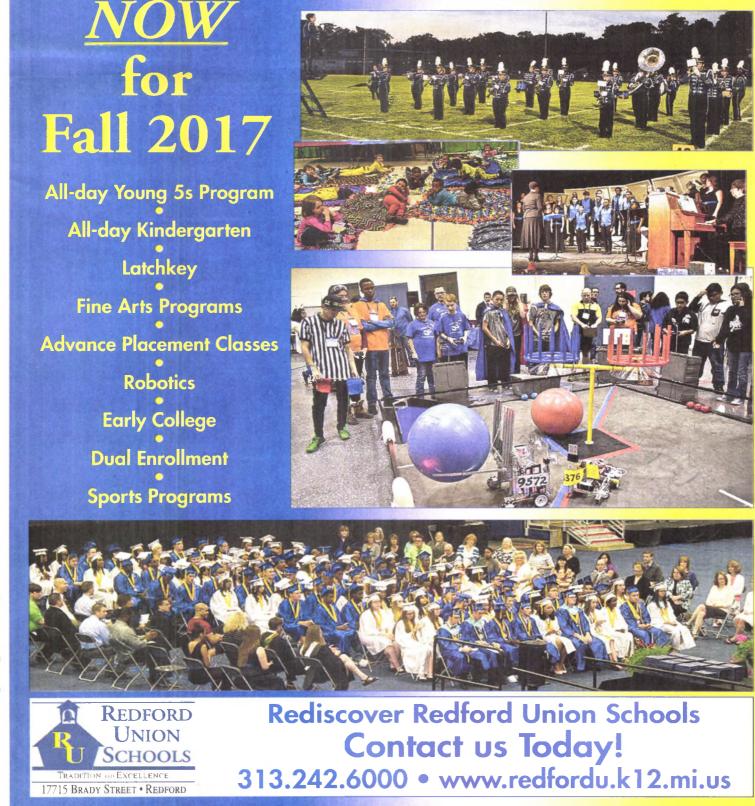




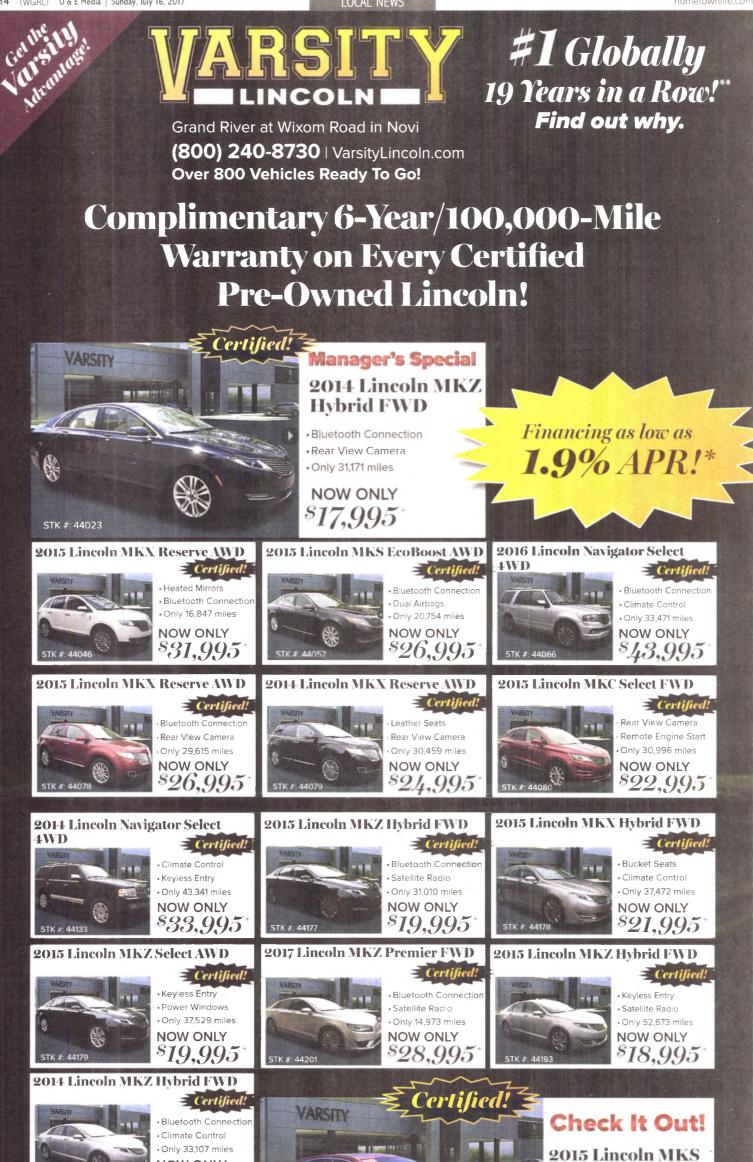


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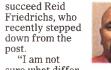
Burnette appointed new coach for Churchill program

Tim Smith

Take what the other team gives you and be patient on the pitch.

That will be the mantra Livonia Churchill varsity girls soccer players will regularly hear from their new coach, Chris Burnette, when he begins working with the 2018 Chargers. He was named to

HOCKEY



sure what differences in philosophies there will

be between Reid's approach to the game versus mine," the 43-year-old Burnette wrote in an email to the Observer. "But my philosophy is simple — play with confidence, be patient and keep the ball.

"What I mean by that is don't be afraid to take people on or simply knock a ball back if needed, just be patient and keep the ball."

keep the ball." The 2017 Chargers finished with a record of 7-9-0 overall and 6-4-0 in the KLAA South Division, according to the KLAA website.

Burnette is no stranger to the Livonia area, having graduated in 1992 from Livonia Franklin (he graduated with then-Jennifer Karwowski and ultimately married her). He played soccer, football and basketball during his high school years. The Burnettes' youngest

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Josh Norris, shown playing last season for the USA Hockey NTDP Under-18 team, recently was drafted in the first round by the NHL's San Jose Sharks.

A CAREER PATH WITH BITE

NTDP alum Josh Norris begins U-M career knowing Sharks are his future NHL team

Mark Spezia Detroit Free Press

Dwayne Norris probably found his son's NHL draft experience more satisfying than his own.

When Vancouver hosted the

LITTLE LEAGUE

1990 NHL Entry Draft, Norris was on the opposite side of Canada, fishing with his late father near his hometown of St. John's, Newfoundland. It took time for the news to reach Norris, then a Michigan

state sophomore, after being

selected by the Quebec Nordiques in the seventh round.

"I don't think I found out until two days later, when a friend called to let me know," said Norris, who now lives in Oxford. "Now, of course, it's totally different with the buildup, many mock drafts, social media and everybody knowing instantly when they're drafted. It's much more of a production now and a bigger spectacle." Norris was smack in the middle of the June 23 festivities at Chicago's United Center this year, joining his son Josh, a top American forward prospect, and roughly 40 family members. The Norris contingent,

some of whom made the 2,200-

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Local golf pro featured

Stephanie Jennings, a PGA assistant professional at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville, will be featured on a CBS Sports golf special Sunday, July 16.

16. The hour-long show, titled "Turning Passion into Profession," will be narrated by PGA professional Gary McCord and will highlight the diverse roles PGA pros nationwide play as experts in the game and business of golf. The special will air at 2 p.m., prior to final-round coverage of the John Deere Classic.

Jennings has helped build the women's golf program at historic Meadowbrook Country Club. She has been involved in all aspects of golf, from working as a PGA assistant professional to executive management at the Executive Women's Golf Association to program administrator with the Middle Atlantic PGA Section.

The special is designed to inspire men, women and children of all ages who are enthusiastic about the game to turn their passions into careers in golf.

Lacrosse Classic

Several area athletes will participate July 18-21 at the National Lacrosse Academy and National Lacrosse Classic in Virginia.

Among participants who will represent the state of Michigan are Elizabeth Czerniak, a seventhgrader at Meads Mill Middle School in Northville; Rachel Costello, a ninthgrader at Plymouth Christian Academy; Zoe Weber, a ninth-grader at Plymouth High School; and Mallory Brophy, from Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood.

Czerniak, whose parents are Jeff Czerniak and Heidi Zimmer, owes her success to performing on several different teams and organizations, including Northville Parks and Recreation, Triumph Lacrosse and Dwayne Hicks/ Total Sports.

Costello, whose parents are Michael and Gail Costello, enters the academy having been named a 2017 Brine National High School Lacrosse All-American.

That's the Spirit

The Plymouth Canton Spirit Fastpitch Travel Softball Organization will hold tryouts for its inaugural 2018 season Aug. 5-9. All tryouts will be at the Plymouth High School varsity and junior varsity softball fields. Tryouts will be held as follows: 10U and 12U players, 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 5, and 6-8 p.m. Monday, Aug. 7; and 14U, 16U and 18U players, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednes-day, Aug. 8-9. Participants are asked to try out for the age group that they will be as of Jan. 1, 2018. More information can be found at plymouthcantonspirit.weebly.com and questions can be directed to pcspiritsoftball@gmail.com.





Marty Budner

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Chalk up another district championship for the Birmingham Little League.

The U11 baseball team, managed by Dave Palmeri, brought home the BLL's 30th district crown since 2002 July 8 in Commerce Township. The Birmingham boys capped a challenging week on the diamond by winning all four games they played in the newly-created double-elimination tournament. "It was good. The kids played really well," Palmeri said. "We were so tight defensively that we didn't really give an inch. Once we got the leads in our games, we were just able to systematically put (the other teams) away defensively and that was good to see. It is something that's certainly going to help as we go on in this trek."

Following is a recap of each District 4 tournament game: BIRMINGHAM 21, COM-

See DISTRICT, Page B3 Ferguson.

The Birmingham Little League U11 baseball team captured the district 4 championship. Team members include (kneeling, from left) Jamie Hubacker, Louie Sullivan, Davis Nystrom, Andrew Pedersen, Cooper Jurkovich and Michael Tang; (second row, from left) Colton Kinnie, Garrett Dudlar, Granden Kinnie, Blake Baldner, Jack Grabel, Wagner Carrel and Jack Kelly; and (third row, from left) Brian Kinnie, Dave Palmeri (manager) and Paul



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2017 GIRLS SOCCER ALL-STATE TEAMS

MS. SOCCER: Danielle Stephan (DeWitt)

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MIDFIELD: Gabriala Jodzis (Utica

DEFENSE: Emily Ashby (Grand Rapids prest Hills Northern); Rachel Phillpotts NO POSITIONS SELECTED: Maia Perez (East Kentwood); Madeline Becker (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central)

DIVISION 1

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Christina Tamer (Walled Lake Western) AREA HONORABLE MENTION FORWARD: Sydney Huston (Bloomfield Hills); Sydney Smith (Salem); Cate Brown

BURNETTE

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'04 team. In the fall, Burnette will helm the Franklin junior varsity boys soccer team.

Birmingham Seaholm) MIDFIELD: Megan Williams (North-ille); Vera Razburgaj (Novi); Anna Faybrick

DEFENSE: Madelyn Rush (Plymouth);

this spring for Division 2 state champion Marian.

Burnette plans on continuing his other coaching endeavors, but is revved up to add the Chargers to his soccer "Joining this program

is very exciting for me for several reasons," Burnette wrote. "I enjoy the high school atmosphere where players are proud to represent their school both off and on the

"I am looking forward to working with (Churchill JV girls soccer

coach) Eric Puroll and (Churchill athletic direc-tor) Marc Hage, both top-notch guys who have great pride in the program. I am excited to continue a legacy of great soccer at Churchill, as well as continuing to nette, he is confident his experience with the Hawks will pay dividends at the high school

coaching club offer great experiences to lead the Churchill girls to success," Burnette wrote "Having worked with and

> Anaheim Ducks before beginning an 11-year

Josh Norris spent the

"I appreciate the time in Germany and being able to watch my dad play every day and being around professional players," Norris said. "He would take me on the ice after games and taught me a lot of hockey skills, of course, and the importance of a strong work ethic. However, things like being a good team mate and conducting yourself in the right way are the most important

DAVID BANKS USA Josh Norris, recently drafted by the San Jose Sharks, is flanked by coach Peter DeBoer (left) and General Manager Doug Wilson. DeBoer formerly coached the OHL's Plymouth Whalers.

"To have so many people there

and just blew it away," Sharks General Manager Doug Wilson told the San

to them." That should not be an sue, NTDP coach John

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MICHAEL VASILNEK

AREA HONORABLE MENTION

FORWARD: Kaela Mali (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood); Casey Borden (Farmington); Amy Bobon (Livonia

adywood) MIDFIELD: Elle Hartje (Detroit Country DEFENSE: Maria Kaschalk (Bloomfield

GOALIE: Alex Heffner (Bloomfield Hills

learned from great coaches gives me a broad view of technical and tactical approaches to the game.

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first college choice due to the quality of the program and the education," said Norris, who will face older brother Coale when U-M plays Ferris State this season. "I was excited about playing for a legend like Red, but Mel Pearson is a great coach. I've spoken to him several times and can't wait for college hockey. I'm not sure what to expect. but just want to help the team have a better year in any way I can.

Michigan, with only six seniors, finished 13-19-3 last season, its lowest win total in 31 years.

"Josh is capable of helping Michigan right away and being a top-line player," Wroblewski said. Mel is going to appr ate Josh's ability to win face-offs and how strong and quick he is in transition. He seems to tilt the ice in his favor and move the puck out of his own zone in no time. Josh has inherited his father's fluid skating ability, but Dwayne is quick to admit his son is a more complete player. "Skating was my big-gest asset, but Josh certainly has a more wellrounded game," he said. "Skating is only part of what he brings to the table and I think scouts recognized that. Josh is valuable on both ends of the ice and will help any team on the power play and penalty kill. Playing the game the right way also lifted his draft stock." Dwayne Norris, who still ranks in the top 10 all-time at MSU in goals (105) and points (218), helped Canada to a silver medal during the 1994 Olympics and spent time with the Nordiques and

his college career. "Michigan was my

DEFENSE: Emily Ashby (Grand Rapids

MIDFIELD: Dagny Hill (Detroit Country

DEFENSE: Jaedyn Shelton (Spring

GOALIE: Amanda Young (Grand Rapids

Junior midfielder Claudia Schilling was one of a number of plays who earned all-state honors DIVISION 2 FIRST TEAM FORWARD : Katelyn Mather (Auburn Hills Avondale); Mackenzie Dawes (DeWitt); Emily Zeitunian (Dexter); Reagan Alyssa Benvenuti (Livonia Stevenson) GOALIE: Becka Hancock (Bloomfield

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boer (Hamilton) MIDFIELD: Danielle Stephan (DeWitt); Natalie Belsito (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern); Alia Fredrick (Linden); Kate Face

Plymouth forward Kennedy White (14) earned a spot on the first all-state team for Division 1. Wisser (Richland Gull Lake); Jansen Eichenlaub (Bloomfield Hills Marian); Morgan Otteson (Grand Rapids North-view); Cella Gaynor (Pontiac Notre Dame Prep); Sara Vince (Trenton); Bria Schroten boer (Hamilton).





girls soccer in the area, with the Michigan Hawks

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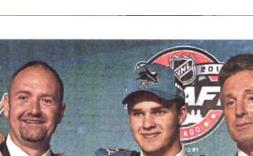
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mile journey from Newfoundland, did not have to wait long for NHL Commissioner Gary Bettman to call Josh Norris to the podium. He was drafted 19th overall by the San Jose Sharks, becoming the state's only first-round pick in the past two drafts. Norris will begin his

college career at Michigan next season.

Rooting him on

"It was really surreal, one of those moments every player dreams about and certainly one of my all-time proudest moments as a dad," said Dwavne Norris, a first team All-American at MSU who spent portions of three seasons in the NHL. "We were all on pins and needles before Josh's name was called, but it was amazing to see Josh take the stage and to share the moment with my other two sons, wife and all the family members. I think we had the biggest group there. The sizable rooting section made the moment even more special for 18-year-old Norris.





grow our program." According to Bur-

career in Germany.

first 10 years of his life there, getting his start with the Frankfurt Young Lions

lessons he taught me.



field.

Hill

- That was pretty incredible, because it's been such a dream of
- mine to hear my name called on draft day," said Norris, who spent the past two seasons with the lymouth-based U.S. National Team Devel-opment Program. "To have so many people there supporting me, including all the ones who flew in from New foundland, was very

special. I was happy to make them proud. I had a feeling I might go in the

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supporting me, including all the ones who flew in from Newfoundland, was very special." JOSH NORRIS

NHL draft pick

first round from the feedback my agent was getting and I had a good combine." Did he ever.

The 6-foot-1, 192pound Norris topped all 104 draft-eligible players at the NHL combine in Buffalo in five of the 14 fitness tests - pro agility left and right, peak power, vertical leap (26.19 inches) and standing long jump (118 inches)

Shines in clutch

The Sharks were among the teams to take notice

"(Josh) is a guy that came into the combine

Jose Mercury News. "His athletic ability and his interview were impressive and he's a kid that, in big games, plays his best hockey. He's got a lot of Logan Couture's (current Sharks all-star) attributes to him in terms of style and hockey sense.

After his name was called, Norris, who finished with 61 points, including 27 goals, for the NTDP team last season, donned a Sharks jersey and cap and stood between Wilson and Sharks coach Peter De-Boer

"I was really excited to be taken by the Sharks and to be on stage with those guys and meeting ' said Norris, who them.' already spent time at the team's development camp. "I went to their hotel suite afterward and we talked more. They really seemed excited to have me in the organiza tion, but I went right back to work. I really want to prove my worth

Wroblewski said

"I was expecting Josh to go in the first round because of his combine showing, especially in the lower-body tests and how he can spread himself around the ice, hammer the puck and score from anywhere," he said "He's been dominate in world tournaments and very clutch. Josh rose to the occasion whenever we needed a goal or big play.

Ready to help U-M

Before joining the Sharks' organization, Norris will take that big-play ability to Michigan

He committed to the Wolverines in 2014 and signed with the program in November. He honored that commitment when Mel Pearson replaced legendary coach Red Berenson following last season.

The Sharks will retain the rights to Norris until 30 days after the end of

came his coach with the Oakland Junior Grizzlies program after the family returned to the United States in 2010. He remained with the Grizzlies until joining NTDP in 2015

Norris says his greatest on-ice moment was helping Team USA capture the U-18 World Championship last April in Slovakia. He finished with three goals and four assists in seven games scoring the first goal of the gold medal game against Finland and the game-winner in the quarterfinals against Switzerland.

"At those tournaments, you want to improve with every game and we did that," Norris said. "What a moment it was to win the gold, because we had worked so hard for two years for it. We were playing our best hockey at the end.

Norris's best hockey likely lies ahead, starting at Michigan.

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SUMMER BASEBALL Michigan Rams continue hot streak with twinbill sweep

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The Michigan Rams are just as hot as the summer weather, winning a doubleheader July 9 against A. Green Baseball at Ford Field in Livonia.

Sparked by stellar pitching, the Rams

earned a pair of Livonia Men's Collegiate Baseball League victories and improved to 17-4.

In the opening contest, a five-run second inning set the tone as the Rams went on to a 9-2 triumph.

Swinging big bats for the Rams were Tristen Jorah (2-for-5), Schoolcraft College commit Anthony DiPonio (2for-5) and Frankie Lucska (3-for-4). Jorah and DiPonio both drove in three runs.

Addison Pawelek was the starting and winning pitcher, going four innings and striking out nine batters. Closing out the win with three innings of scoreless relief was Brendan Wetmore. In Game 2, Dylan Dzendzel and Zack Schmidtke combined to throw a five-hit shutout as the Rams prevailed,

2-0. Dzendzel was the starting (and winning) pitcher and gave up just three hits and two walks over six innings. Finishing the shutout with one inning was Schmidtke, who gave up two hits but navigated

his way out of the jam. The Rams made the most of a five-hit attack against A. Green pitcher Sam Brace (11 strikeouts)

DiPonio ripped an

RBI double, while Jorah also collected a runscoring hit. Alex Nicholson (Salem) went 2for-3 (including a triple) and scored both Ram runs. Also chipping in a base hit was Gary Turnbull

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BOYS LACROSSE ALL-AMERICA, ALL-STATE TEAMS

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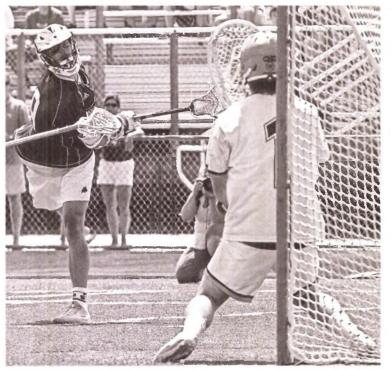
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FIRST TEAM DEFENSE: Nick Andoni (Brother Rice); Joey Royer (Brother Rice); Jeffrey Putz (Hartland); Jake Hodges (Clarkston); Nolan Derby (Rockford); Abe



Catholic Central senior Brendan Kammish (left) unleashes a shot on Brother Rice goalie Teddy Lievois during the recent state championship game. Both earned Michigan High School Lacrosse Association Division 1 all-state recognition.

oury (Northville); Carson Cochran

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SECOND TEAM MIDFIELD: Patrick English (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central); Mario Gonzales (Okemos); Davis Schiller (Cranbrook Kingswood); Tommy Hernandez (De La Salle); Logan French (Haslett); Zach

THIRD TEAM MIDFIELD: Cam Gauger (Ann Arbor Greenhills); Jerry Haadsma (Battle Creek Lakeview), Tommy VanPelt (GP University Liggett); Beau Yabs (DeWitt); Josh Boverhof (Grand Rapids Forest Hills Eastern); Blake Rankin (Vicks-

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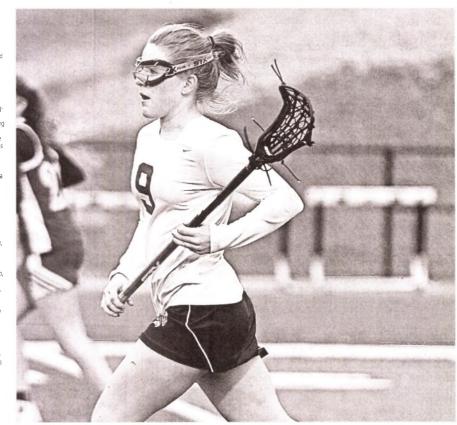
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FILE PHOTO Senior attack Olivia D'Angelo made Division 1 first team all-state for Bloomfield Hills.

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MERCE TOWNSHIP 16:

On June 28 in an epic opener, Birmingham slugged its way past the host squad. Birmingham was down early, but pushed across six runs in the fifth and sixth innings en route to the eventual five-run triumph. Louie Sullivan led the offense with a perfect 4-for-4 performance, including a home run. Jamie Hubacker and the

and Granden — had three hits each. Cooper Jurkovich was on base three times and Garrett Dudlar added two hits and two RBIs. Michael Tang and Colton Kinnie also blasted a round tripper apiece.

Kinnnie twins — Colton

BIRMINGHAM 26,

HOLLY 5: Birmingham found itself down by a run early in its second straight game June 29. The team, however, exploded for 22 runs over the next two innings in a game called after five innings for the mercy

rule. Andrew Pederson went 2-for-3 and knocked in a pair of runs and Jack Grabel hammered a three-run homer. Tang scored four runs and the Kinnie twins combined to score seven runs. Blake Baldner and John Kelly each registered a double

BIRMINGHAM 7, WA-TERFORD 2: On July 6 in the winner's bracket game against Waterford, which also entered undefeated after two games, Birmingham finally played with an early lead. Birmingham scored five times in the

first two innings as Kelly and Colton and Granden Kinnie combined to score all seven runs. Wagner Carrel made a couple of great catches in center field, while Davis Nystrom blocked everything in sight be-hind the dish. "It was one of the best catching performances this experienced group of coaches has ever witnessed,' Palmeri said. Tang hurled two scoreless innings of relief to snuff out Waterford's comeback hopes. **BIRMINGHAM 10**

WATERFORD 2: In the championship game July 8, just like the first meet ing, Birmingham registered a methodical victory to go undefeated in the district for the second straight season. Granden Kinnie twirled a complete-game gem that included eight strikeouts and one earned run. Birmingham struck early and took charge by scoring seven runs over the first two innings. Colton Kinnie, Hubacker, Carrel and Nystrom paced the offense with two hits apiece.

Birmingham finished with a hefty .491 team batting average with 15 extra-base hits. The Kinnie twins. Sullivan and Kelly all batted over .600 for the tournament. The team defense was superb with just four errors in four games.

Birmingham was scheduled play this past weekend in a best-ofthree sectional series against the District 16 champion in Commerce Township. The winner will advance to the state tournament.

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Making your resume ATS-friendly

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hen looking for candidates to potentially fill an open position. the majority of employers use something called an applicant tracking system (ATS) to find, collect, organize and screen all of the applications they receive. This means your resume will likely need to pass through an ATS before ever reaching human eyes. Here are a few essential tips to make sure your resume is ATS-friendly.

Simplify contact information

Many job seekers are so focused on the professional information included in their resumes that they overlook even more basic information - their contact info. When optimizing your resume for an ATS, make sure that the system will have no problem identifying your name, email address and phone number.

"Do not put your point of contact information in the headers - some...ATS software doesn't know where to put this information when they convert the resume from the Word doc. (or PDF) into a 'text' parsing into their database," says Dawn Boyer, CEO of Boyer Consulting. "Many ATSs will simply dump the header

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and footer because the system doesn't know where to put header info. It also takes up way too much white space and page space on pages two and three (or four)."

Use keywords

ATSs are continually growing in sophistication, but keyword identification will always be an essential component. Employers don't have time to carefully read every single resume they receive, and keywords help them quickly identify resumes that deserve a closer look.

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"Recruiters and hiring managers are busy and many rely on applicant tracking systems or databases to search through resumes based on Boolean searching," says Sarah Connors, principal staffing manager at recruiting firm WinterWyman. "You might think it's obvious that as a salesperson you cold called companies, closed deals, followed up and so forth. However, if those tasks aren't listed on your resume, companies might assume you haven't done them. Moreover, you won't come up in recruiters' keyword searches."

Wendi M. Weiner, an attorney, certified executive resume writer and career coach, suggests using the employer's description of the open position to identify keywords you should be using.

"Look to the job posting and highlight the keywords that stand out and include those keywords in your resume," says Weiner. "At the same time, avoid keyword stuffing, which means just throwing in as many keywords as possible, including ones that may not match your skill set."

Use simple formatting

While you might think that a unique or unusual resume layout will help it stand out from the pack, it may actually make your resume more difficult for an ATS to make sense of, and hurt your chances of getting hired.

"Applicant tracking systems cannot decipher graphs, charts, columns or even text boxes. Therefore, make sure your resume does not contain those items," says Weiner.

Use a standard font

Even the font you choose can impact the ATS's ability to read your resume, so stick with a very basic, standard font.

"Use one font throughout the resume - preferably a font

that easily converts to text in the parsing process," says Boyer. "I recommend Arial or Times New Roman, but as a recruiter, my preference is Arial on the original resume."

"Plainer [font] eliminates issues with the parsing engine and makes it easier for the recruiter to read the important parts without the visual interference," adds Boyer.

Complete the application

Some online application processes require you to manually enter some information that may also appear on your resume. While this may seem unnecessary or redundant, do not skip over these steps.

"When filling out online applications, make sure to complete all portions of online submission forms," says Valerie Streif, senior advisor at The Mentat. "Answer all the filtering questions thoroughly and don't leave anything blank. The ATS could automatically eliminate resumes that leave portions of the forms blank, guaranteeing that your resume won't be seen by any live human."

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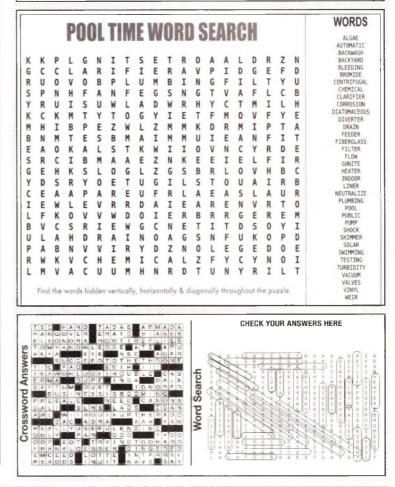
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straddling strategy to survive as a small brand in a U.S. market that has reached a number of

inflection points.

It's an approach to product development, sales and marketing that combines hedging Mazda's bets -- and being downright contrarian in places. The No. 12-selling marque in America is highlighting the importance of the driving experience at a time when most of its rivals are scrambling to be ready for the coming era of self-driving. And it is attempting to gain a premium cachet for its products but at value prices

Mazda's 2017 CX-9 seven-passenger

is SUV is a great illustration of why this attempting strategy is working out so far. I put unique a Grand Touring version of CX-9 through its paces in a demanding week around Michigan, from north to south, and it delivered as required.

CX-9 demonstrated the premiumness that Mazda has promised so that it can stand up to competitors from Acura and Infiniti. Yet the version I drove checks out at only \$43,610.

Start with the exterior: CX-9 stands out in part because of a prominent proboscis which makes its styling unique in its class. This is definitely not a "me-too" approach for Mazda.

Also, the vehicle displayed all of the versatility that I could ask for, in holding vast amounts of vacation cargo but also in transitioning easily to comfortable and highly accessible seating for seven.

Its all-wheel-drive platform came in handy when plowing through sudden thunderstorms that had a small sedan



nside, the CX-9's versatility is a big plu

AMazda's CX-9 styling lends much of its pren although not Lexus-level.

This CX-9 also boasted plenty of premium touches, including alloy wheels, aluminum and leather interior camera and heated power mirrors with turn lamps. Its automated-driving features were top-notch, including myself agreeing with one of the cruise control that comfortably kept me in line with the changing speeds of the traffic ahead of me.

But I found it interesting that Mazda doesn't include a panoramic sunroof of the type that has become very popular in premium vehicles, stretching wide across the vehicle and back across the second row of seats. Even the top version of CX-9, which offers rosewood and napa leather trim, doesn't boast a panoramic sunroof. They all have the more traditional, smaller design for a sunroof.

"A panoramic sunroof is a nice-to-



just in front of me on I-75 go into a have, but most people are driving in the dangerous spin. The ride was smooth, front seat and care about what they see,

and the sunroofs we have accomplish that," Mazda Vice President of Marketing Russell Wager told me. In that specific feature, he said, the trim, an eight-inch color-display rear tradeoff between payback and price isn't worthwhile.

After a week with CX-9, I found commercials in Mazda's new "Driver's Choice" ad campaign in which the brand features real people - and premium car owners - participating in a sort of blind taste test of Mazdas versus other vehicles in their segments.

Mazda conceals the identities of its own models and identifying marks of the competitors. The upshot: After putting them through their paces, the majority of those surveyed preferred Mazda vehicles when they didn't know the identity of the brands.

In the CX-9 ad, one driver called the vehicle he drove - which he later

found out was a CX-9 - "nice and responsive" and "one I'd want to drive every day." Another driver mentioned that, because of leather and other interior materials, CX-9 "feels very well-crafted."

CX-9 also demonstrates Mazda's strategy for nurturing a number of sub-brands and subsidiary concepts as important elements of its premiumness formula.

These include Skyactiv, a suite of technology and weight-saving features across all Mazda vehicles, optimizing everything from the powertrain to the materials in structural elements. And CX-9's long nose is a manifestation of "Koda," Mazda's name for its dynamic exterior design language that has resulted in a highly streamlined family of vehicles that make a statement with their styling.

Wager said that Mazda knows its attempt to move upscale in consumer perceptions is working, for a few reasons. For instance, transaction prices "are continuing to increase across the lineup," he said. And in consumer research, Mazda has seen an increase over the last couple of years in affirmative answers to questions such as, "Are you willing to pay more for a Mazda? Do you consider Mazda to be premium?"

In other words, Mazda's move upscale is nicely aligned with what's happening in the U.S. market overall as there has been a significant decline in sales of economic, gas-sipping sedans of the type that used to characterize Mazda.



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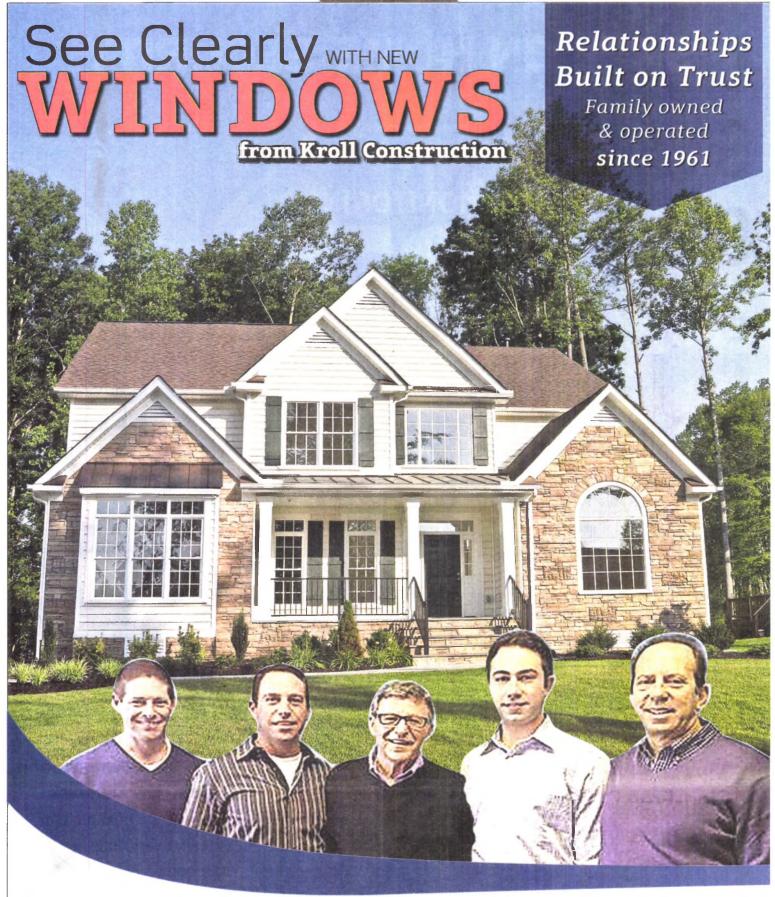
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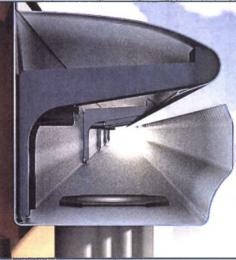
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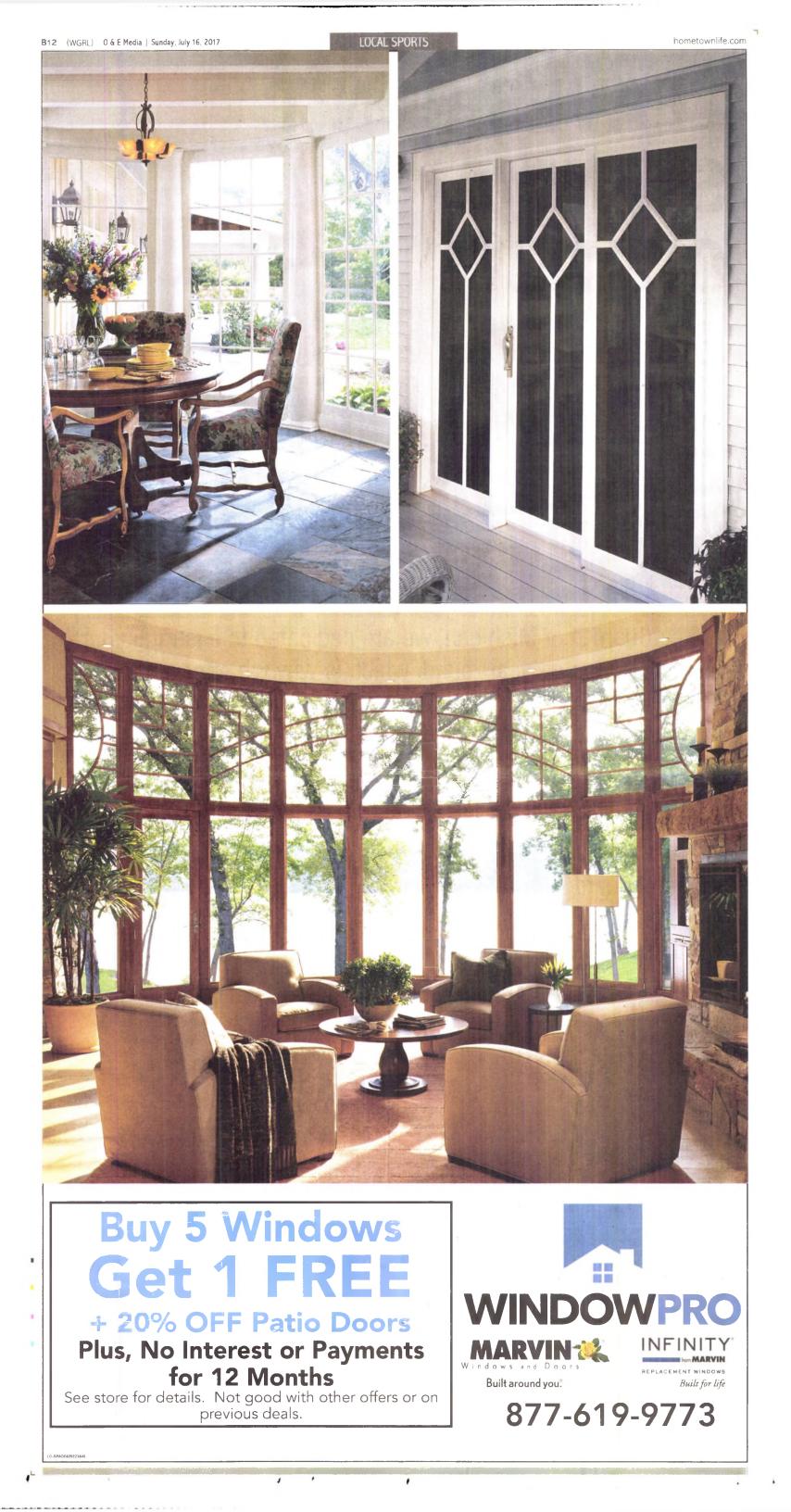
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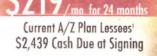
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