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Board to interview six candidates for superintendent, including Albrecht

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Six candidates for superintendent, including one internal applicant, will be interviewed over two evenings by the Wayne-Westland board of education.

Current Superintendent Michele Harmala will finish up three years heading the district Aug. 31 before taking a position with Madonna Univer-

sity. The board has been assisted in finding a new superintendent by the Michigan Association of School Boards.

The board met last week to trim the number of applicants from 26 to six people who will be interviewed. Those making it through the first round will be scheduled for a second interview Thursday, Aug. 31.



Walker

Three interviews will be conducted each on Tuesday, Aug. 22, and Thursday, Aug. 24. Scheduled for Aug. 22 are: Ypsilanti/Willow Run Schools Superintendent Benjamin Edmondson at 6 p.m.; Carl Shultz, deputy superintendent for Fitzgerald Schools at 7:10 p.m.; and Shelley Holt, executive director of student services for the Fontana Unified School District

in Fontana, California.

The schedule for Aug. 24 is: 5 p.m. Jennifer Martin-Green, executive director of curriculum and innovation for Westwood Schools; 6:10 p.m. Pamela Campbell, superintendent for the Columbia School District in Brooklyn, Michigan; and 7 p.m. internal candidate John Albrecht, Wayne-Westland

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Three questions with an astronomer about the eclipse

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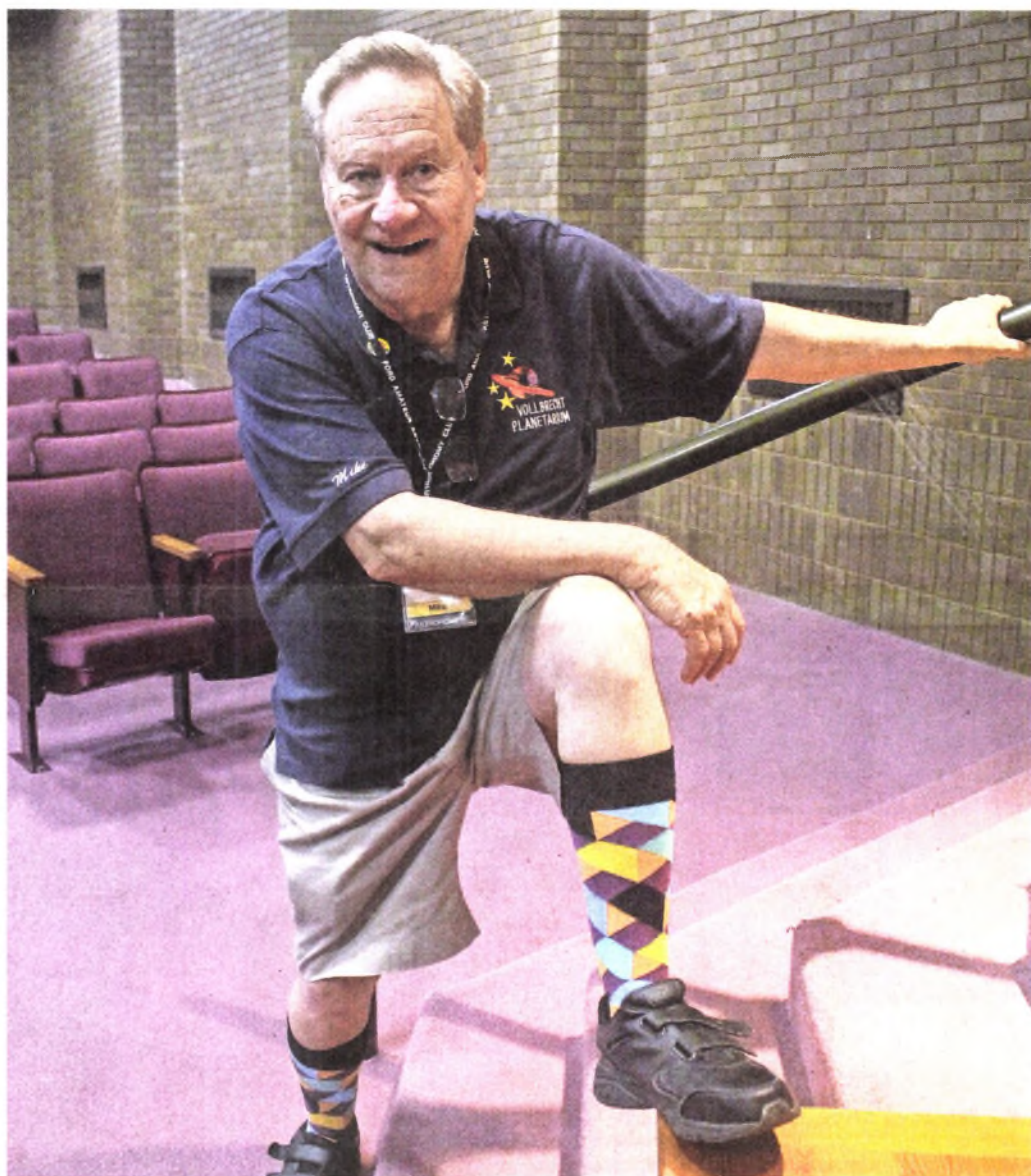
Don't let Mike Best's brightly-colored socks or his imaginative sense of humor fool you.

The Westland resident and presenter at the Vollbrecht Planetarium in Southfield was in Livonia on Wednesday night sharing his knowledge on the upcoming solar eclipse, which will take place early Monday afternoon.

The eclipse, which will cover about 80 percent of the sun in southeast Michigan, will begin at about 1 p.m. Monday and continue until about 4 p.m., with the peak taking place at about 2:30 p.m. Several events are planned across the western suburbs, including a viewing party at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library at 32777 Five Mile in Livonia, as well as the Alfred Noble Branch Library at 32901 Plymouth in Livonia.

The Observer & Eccentric spoke to Best after his presentation Wednesday night and asked about the upcoming eclipse.

Q: Why is Monday's eclipse so notable?
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Mike Best, a Westland resident and presenter at the Vollbrecht Planetarium in Southfield, spoke Wednesday night at the Robert and Janet Bennett Library in Livonia on the upcoming solar eclipse.

Westland firefighters battle blaze at Hawthorne Valley

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Westland firefighters responded to a fire at the former Hawthorne Valley restaurant Tuesday afternoon.

Due to poor condition of the building, firefighters were battling the blaze from the interior of the structure. Firefighters were removing boards from the windows to gain access to the structure and using ladder trucks. Since it closed in 2011, there have been several fires reported at the building.

Smoke was visible coming from the north side of the building, which is located on the east side of Merriman, north of Warren Road.

Formerly a restaurant and banquet center with a golf course, Hawthorne

Valley and other buildings on the property have been occupied by homeless people, vandalized and in generally poor condition, city officials say.

Westland ended up owning 14.75 acres of the 57-acre property, including frontage along Merriman, after the business went into foreclosure and was eventually sold for taxes. The city-owned part of the property includes 5 acres zoned commercial that contain the restaurant and parking lot, with the balance zoned single-family residential.

One building across the parking lot from the restaurant has been demolished, but a house on the property is privately owned.

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Westland firefighters found a fire at the former Hawthorne Valley from outside due to the poor condition of the building.



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Classic Chevy Impala stolen in Livonia Craigslist transaction gone wrong

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A Livonia resident who lives on Floral came into the police station Sunday afternoon to report the theft of his 1969 Chevrolet Impala after meeting the suspect in a Craigslist transaction.

The resident said he listed the vehicle for sale on the website when he got connected with the suspect. The man showed up to the victim's home

Aug. 11 to look at the vehicle, and asked if he could test drive it for a day or two. He then took the vehicle, saying he would take it to a shop to have it looked at and would return the vehicle.

The suspect did not return with the vehicle, and the victim had not been able to get a hold of the suspect. He tried a phone number and went looking for the man's card, but could not locate it.

The victim said the suspect showed up with a friend in a light-colored minivan. He was in his early to mid-30s, had short brown hair, medium build and clean-shaven.

Livonia police remind city residents that transactions through online sites such as Craigslist can be completed at the Livonia Police Department, 15050 Farmington. In addition to using the police station's parking lot as a place to conduct

such transactions, the station also offers a service to Livonia residents to make sure items being bought and sold are not stolen.

The car was green, has a historical license plate and had a black vinyl top. Anyone with information regarding the vehicle can call Livonia police at 734-466-2470.

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Schools assistant superintendent for education services.

"I'm very pleased with this number of applicants at this time of year. I don't think we can really go wrong (with any of the applicants)," said Wayne-Westland Board of Education President Shawna Walker.

The board will wait until after the first round

of interviews before deciding how many candidates will get a second interview, Walker said.

With Harmala's last day being Aug. 31, Walker said the district could have an interim superintendent, though she didn't anticipate that lasting for more than a week or two.

"I hope that we have a new superintendent the first or second week of school," Walker said. "We have three very capable assistant superintendents."

Wayne-Westland Schools has approximately 11,000 students, not including students from other school districts who attend the William D. Ford Career Technical Center.

"I'm very pleased with the candidate pool and excited about going into a new school year," Walker said. "No one should worry. The school board will put someone in the (superintendent's) seat who has a vision for the plans that we have in place. Someone who acts

in the best interest of the students, staff and parents."

The board of education is very much focused on meeting the needs of the district, she said.

"We don't take appointing a superintendent lightly. It's a board member's number one job with setting policy," Walker said.

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ECLIPSE

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worthy?

A: You have to decide yourself. Do you want to see a sun 80-percent covered up and get all excited or are you going to say, "nah?" Because the stars aren't going to come out, the birds aren't going to go to sleep and the flowers aren't going to close up, I don't think, with 80

percent. That's still a lot of sunlight coming in. But it's all hyped on the media and, gee, I get excited, too. "The eclipse is coming! The eclipse is coming!" I sound like Paul Revere.

Q: What's the best way to view the eclipse Monday afternoon?

A: Only with proper protection, which would be the glasses that you purchase. You cannot get smart and use five (photo) negatives from Aunt Charlie's wedding and

you can't use even welder's glass. I've had people say, "Well, I did it," but I said, "You can still see it." There's still time if you send away for those things. But you can also invite them to the planetarium (19100 Filmore in Southfield, near 10 Mile and Evergreen). I think we have about 100 or 200. And they can see it inside. No clouds, no nothing. Nice padded seats like this. And a 10-foot by 10-foot massive live feed. So that would be fun.

Q: Is this eclipse one of the more notable eclipses in the last few decades for Michigan?

A: I don't remember another one. I do remember one about maybe 1960. I think there was a partial (eclipse). Because I was out in the backyard and I saw all these eclipses on the ground. I saw the light coming through each pinhole where a bug would be eating through a leaf, making an eclipse.

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Four metro Detroiters busted in drug, human trafficking ring

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A 27-year-old Canton woman is among four defendants charged in an opioid drugs and human trafficking ring that officials say was being run in Oakland and Macomb counties.

Authorities say the arrests, announced Tuesday by the state Attorney General's Office, underscore how victims of drug addiction can become pawns in human trafficking schemes.

Jasmin McGinnis of Canton could face up to 20 years in prison if she is convicted of three counts of prostitution/accepted earnings and one count of human trafficking involving allegations she provided forced labor involving commercial sex. She also faces one count each of conducting a criminal enterprise, possession of intent to deliver less than 50 grams of cocaine and

possession of intent to deliver less than 50 grams of heroin.

She faces charges alongside 38-year-old Melvin Niblett of Southfield, who is considered the ringleader, and two other defendants, Corey Cooper, 45, and Maurice Rushton, 57, whose places of residence weren't listed.

The charges followed an investigation that began last September into allegations of human trafficking and illegal opioid drugs.

"Human traffickers will use anything to continue to hold their victims hostage in their dark world," Schuette said in a statement.

Authorities say the case unfolded after the FBI and Oakland County Gang and Violent Crimes task force received a tip of a drug and prostitution operation in Madison Heights. Officials say Niblett and Cooper were subsequently caught



Cooper



McGinnis



Niblett



Rushton

selling drugs in Warren and charged in a separate, but related, case, but they were released on bond.

But one month after the investigation began, authorities say they received in October in-

formation that Niblett was using rooms at an unnamed Southfield hotel to conduct a drug and human trafficking operation. Officials say it involved dozens of people and led to a flurry of felony charges against

Niblett and the other three defendants:

» Niblett could face up to life in prison if convicted of conducting a criminal enterprise; one count each of conspiracy to deliver 1,000 or more grams of cocaine, heroin or other narcotic, possession with intent to deliver less than 50 grams of cocaine and possession with intent to deliver less than 50 grams of heroin; three counts of forced labor or forced services involving commercial sex; and three counts of prostitution with earnings.

» Cooper could face penalties ranging up to life in prison if convicted of one count each of conspiracy to deliver 1,000 or more grams of cocaine, heroin or other narcotic, and conducting a criminal enterprise.

» Rushton could face up to 20 years in prison if convicted of conducting a criminal enterprise; human trafficking and fi-

nancially benefiting from commercial sex; and three counts of transporting a person for prostitution.

Schuette said such cases involve human traffickers who "prey upon those suffering from addiction, especially to opioids ... to maintain control of their victims."

Niblett, Cooper and McGinnis are in custody awaiting an Aug. 21 preliminary examination to determine whether there's enough evidence to send them to trial. Rushton, who was captured in Ohio, is awaiting extradition proceedings.

FBI Special Agent David P. Gelios said drug and human trafficking continue to plague area communities and urged anyone with information about human trafficking to contact the nearest FBI field office or local police department.

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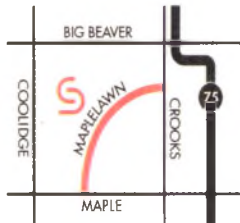
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youngsters ages 11-17 go after school and during summers to study, socialize and, when they get hungry, eat. They also use the kitchen for everything from cooking classes to science experiments.

What was once a drab place to hang out is now a colorful, welcoming kitchen.

"It's an opportunity for us kids to be able to enjoy new creativity. Since everything is new, it inspires us and brings us happiness from all the bright colors," Sydney Tuggle, 13, said.

Serena Baker, 15, agreed.

"I think that getting a new kitchen from IKEA is really cool, because we've had the same one for a while," she said. "And having the new kitchen will bring new opportunities and activities to us."

The B.L.O.C.K. (Building Leaders Out of Canton Kids) could never have afforded the kitchen makeover on the money it gets from Canton Township government. IKEA doesn't divulge how much it spends on projects.

"We would have had to put this in a five-year or 10-year plan," said Laura Mortier, recreation specialist who oversees the youth program. "We've never had a donation quite like this before."

The B.L.O.C.K. is located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building. Other than the kitchen, it has separate rooms for a computer lab, musical instruments, movies, homework and a main area with televisions, pool tables, video games, board games and other amenities.

IKEA Canton store



Larry Callebs gets into the project and Elisabeth Lockwood holds a cabinet in place.

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manager Andrea Green-Sky said IKEA employees earlier toured The B.L.O.C.K. with Canton Supervisor Pat Williams and saw a place that needed sprucing up. The store chose to use the company money it gets for community projects to help the youth center.

"We like to work with organizations that are doing good things for kids and good things for the community," Green-Sky said. "This was happening in our own backyard."

IKEA employees spent Tuesday and Wednesday on their newest project. They used their skills to make the best use of the kitchen space, building vertical spaces for three microwaves and two toasters and remaking the entire area.

"Our cupboards were

falling apart," Mortier said.

IKEA workers replaced oversized tables with smaller tables that collectively had more seating. They installed a portable food-preparation station and placed a chalkboard on cupboards where the youngsters and supervisors could write recipes and reminder notes.

"It's going to be very bright and kid-friendly," Mortier said. "The kids are ecstatic."

During summers, The B.L.O.C.K. has about 150 youngsters who come and go, but the number grows to 250 when school is in session. For some, it's a place where they have dinner and study while parents are working. They can even receive tutoring and take trips to nearby places such as the

Summit on the Park recreation center and the Canton Public Library.

For pocket change, children can buy snacks such as small pizzas, macaroni and cheese, Banquet frozen meals and chicken nuggets — snacks that can now be heated up using new kitchen amenities.

Mortier said Williams and former township Supervisor Phil LaJoy had engaged in talks with IKEA before the project became a reality. Going forward, GreenSky said IKEA hopes to have a budget to work with The B.L.O.C.K. to spruce up other rooms.

"We would probably do a room at a time," she said.

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Job Seeker Lab

Thursdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 3-5 p.m.
Mondays, Sept. 11, 18 and 25, 6-8 p.m.
Do you need help filing for unemployment, creating an email address or searching job boards and websites? The library can help.

Computer Basics

Thursday, Sept. 7, 11 a.m. to noon
This class is for people with no computer experience. Learn computer terminology, how to properly turn a computer on and off, use the mouse and keyboard. Registration encouraged.

Chess Club

Thursdays, Sept. 7, 14, 21 and 28, 6-8:30 p.m.
Saturdays, Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1-4:30 p.m.
Come to the Westland Chess Group and hang out and play a couple of games. Bring your own board or use one of ours. Novices to chess masters are all welcome. No sign-up required.

ESL Weekly Conversations

Fridays, Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29, 10-11:30 a.m.
Practice your English skills in a classroom setting with an emphasis on conversation. This 10-week session will be conducted by Auralie Messenger and will continue through Nov. 17.

Senior Housing Workshop

Friday, Sept. 8, 10-11 a.m.
Learn more about housing options for seniors in the Westland area and enjoy some light refreshments. Topics will include Senior Affordable Housing Communities, the Housing Choice Voucher Program, the Community Block Grant Program, and the city's policy-making process for housing. Presented by Joanne Campbell, Director of Housing and Community Development for the City of Westland.

Friday Night Movie

Fridays, Sept. 8 and 22, 6:30-9 p.m.
Doors open 6:30 p.m. and the movie starts at 7 p.m. Snacks/refreshments are provided. Donations are accepted and appreciated.

Leo's AM Book Discussion

Monday, Sept. 11, 10 a.m. to noon
Leo's Coney Island, 36595 Warren Road, will be the site for our new AM discussion. Sept. Title: "Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane" by Lisa See. Copies of the book will be available at the Reference Desk.

Coloring for Calm

Monday, Sept. 11, 2-3 p.m.
Coloring books and supplies will be available for your use, but feel free to bring supplies from home.

DIY Home Movie Help

Wednesday, Sept. 13, 7-8:30 p.m.
Compile family or vacation photos and movies into an edited video with music and effects. Bring your digital files and Patrick Currie, seasoned filmmaker,

will walk you through the process using editing software. Please meet at the Multimedia Computer in Adult Reference.

Writers Workshop

Thursday, Sept. 14, 7-8:30 p.m.
The Writers Workshop critiques an individual's writing in a workshop setting. All genres accepted (fiction, poetry, memoir, etc.). The goal of our group is to help writers get published. You must attend one session before your writing will be reviewed. To register, please contact workshop leader Denise Sedman, dasedman@yahoo.com.

Intro to Excel

Monday, Sept. 18, 2-3 p.m.
The class covers basic terminology, formatting cells, and creating lists. Basic computer knowledge and familiarity with Microsoft Word is necessary. It is required to know how to use a mouse. Registration encouraged.

Job Search in the Digital Age

Tuesday, Sept. 19, 10:00 a.m. to noon
Join AARP for a free interactive workshop, and discover the best websites and apps to connect you to job resources. Learn how to network online and get noticed by hiring managers! You must register with AARP at 1-866-591-8105 or online at aarp.cvent.com/aarp-jobsearchdetroit

Adult Book Club

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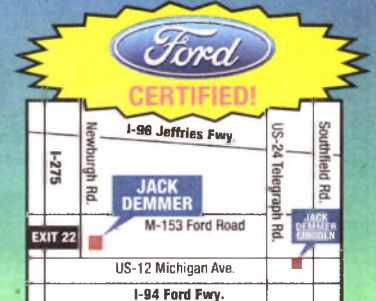
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Stacy Ahua coordinates volunteers after tornadoes, gets food to the hungry

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Each week, this series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about the American profiled here and more average Americans doing exceptional things, visit onation.usatoday.com.

Stacy Ahua was a shy child, the youngest daughter of immigrants who came to the United States from Nigeria with little more than a dream.

"I wasn't a really interesting kid," Ahua said.

Joining the speech and debate team at her high school helped her overcome that shyness.

"It was a lot of development of that skill that has been the most useful for everything I do now," she said.

She was born in Houston and raised in Hattiesburg, Mississippi, with her family as her network, her support, her role models. Her parents were strict, which Ahua appreciates more as an adult.

Coupling the discipline she learned from her parents with the communication skills she learned in school, Ahua began exploring her community, becoming more involved.

"I never really did one thing (as a volunteer)," she said. "I just started doing stuff."

She began helping out as she could, building her network of people.

When a tornado hit Hattiesburg in 2013, she was thrust into a role she wasn't expecting — volunteer coordinator for 1,200 to 1,500 people who wanted to help the city get back on its feet.

When another tornado struck in January, she was called upon to fill that role again.

"I have the weird skill of being able to create order," she said. "That propelled me to do more of whatever that was."

"As it turns out, there's a real need for that in any organization, job or community activity. You've got to have a framework of how to do things."

Ahua also works as program coordinator for Extra Table, a nonprofit organi-



Stacy Ahua, 29, has helped coordinate volunteers after two tornadoes in Hattiesburg, Miss. She is program coordinator for Extra Table, which helps supply food pantries across the state.

zation started by restaurateur Robert St. John that buys healthy foods in bulk to distribute to nearly 30 food pantries in Mississippi.

She and director Mike Dixon raise funds separately to pay their salaries and expenses, so donations to the organization go solely toward buying food.

"We try to be most efficient with what we have and still be functioning human beings," she said.

ONE NATION Nominate an American

Who are your American heroes? Share stories and nominees at onation.usatoday.com, via email to onenation@usatoday.com or post a video submission to Twitter, Facebook or Instagram (no longer than 2 minutes, please) with the hashtags #AmAnAmerican #WeAreOneNation.

Q&A WITH STACY AHUA

What does it mean to you to be an American?

Our tribe (in Nigeria) is very prideful about who we are and what our history is, but there's an undeniable fact that I was born and raised here and I've been afforded opportunities by being here that would not exist otherwise, so American versus Nigerian versus African-American have been very ambiguous kinds of titles.

Having been raised by parents who came here with nothing, who educated themselves — those kinds of things factor into what being an American means to me in the sense of development as a person.

It means opportunity. It means working hard. It means honoring what my parents have done. It means so much more than where you are born, and I can say that about Nigeria as well. It's an honor to be able to be called an American because of what it took to get that.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

I can't stand any kind of injustice. I can't handle that very well.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

What concerns me most, it's kind of that all-or-nothing mentality for what people want. It's either you completely agree with what I think and we can coexist, or if you don't, you mean nothing to me. There is no middle ground. I don't understand how anything can exist that way.

I feel the most positive about things I can control or things that I see every day. I can control to some degree, I can affect what hunger looks like in Mississippi with Extra Table.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I just hope I help people. I hope I am able to help somebody. It doesn't matter what level it's on. It's important how you enter and leave somebody's life. I try to do whatever I can to fill whatever need I can.

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Old Village Restaurant Crawl

The annual Old Village Restaurant Crawl is set for 5:30-8:30 p.m. Monday, Aug. 21, and members of the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce are invited to enjoy restaurants in a unique part of the city. The Old Village area is the original city-center of Plymouth, filled with history and seven restaurants to try for just \$15 (\$5 for children 12 and under). An additional local restaurant, Wok Asian Bistro, will be participating and setting up a booth at the Old Village Restaurant Crawl.

To purchase tickets, contact the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce at 734-453-1540.

Free ice cream

Mt. Hope Church, 30330 Schoolcraft, will be handing out free ice cream 6-7 p.m. Aug. 23 and Aug. 30. Enjoy a cool treat in the summer heat.

Music in the Park

Garden City Business Alliance and the DDA present Music in the Park featuring Steve King & the Dittilies from 6-9 p.m. Aug. 24 at Garden City Park's main pavilion.

The free event is open to all. Food trucks will be available. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and coolers. Donations of nonperishable and canned food will be accepted for Garden City H.O.M.E. pantry.

For more information, call 734-788-1319 or go to gardencitybusinessalliance.org.

Dog wash

A dog wash event to benefit Wreaths Across

America will be held at noon Saturday, Aug. 26, at 520 Blunk, Plymouth. Baths are by donation. All proceeds benefit WAA. For more information, visit wreathscrossamerica.org.

Livonia Farmer's Market

The Livonia Farmer's Market is held every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wilson Barn. Local crafters selling unique handmade items, local vendors and farmers with a variety of goods to the community at great prices. Wilson Barn is at 29350 W Chicago St. in Livonia.

Financial literacy series

Livonia Jaycees is holding part three of its Financial Literacy Series: Credit, Life Insurance, and College Savings 101. This free event will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, in the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium.

The panel of experts will present valuable information on three important financial topics:

» Aaron Ambinder from Huntington National Bank will be presenting information on Credit, why it is important, how to improve your credit score, and more.

» Jeff Adams from Insignia Financial Company will be providing information on Life Insurance, including why everyone should have it and how to determine the best coverage.

» Plus there will be a speaker who will talk about college savings and how you can plan to pay for your children's college education.

For more information, visit <http://tinyurl.com/ycu9q6q2>.

Summer send-off concert

Kick back, relax and enjoy an unforgettable night of lively Christian bands and artists 6-7:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, performing traditional to contemporary selections at Kellogg Park in Plymouth. Presented by St. Michael Lutheran Church of Canton. Go to smlucanton.org or call 734-459-3333 for more information.

Shakespeare reading

At 8 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, Barefoot Productions will hold a rehearsed reading of "Out, Out Brief Candle! The Scottish Lady," a play in one act, adapted from Shakespeare's "Macbeth" by Kirk A. Haas.

"Out, Out Brief Candle! The Scottish Lady" tells the story from the point of view of Lady Macbeth and Macbeth. By removing the subplot, Mr. Haas and ten actors take you through a brief telling of how greed can swiftly alter the paths of these two characters and death is the only ending. Ideas brought forth by audience and actors during a talk back at the end of the reading may be incorporated into the script to be considered for a future Barefoot production.

Come watch, listen and share your thoughts. All tickets are \$5 - cash or check at the door.

Proceeds from the show will help with funds for relocation of the theater company due to redevelopment of its current location.

Thurston High School reunion

Redford Thurston High School Classes of 1968, '69 and '70 are planning 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 jserbay@gmail.com or 269-329-1478.

Wayne Memorial 50th Reunion

Wayne Memorial High School Class of 1967 will hold its 50th reunion at 6 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, at Fellows Creek Golf Club, 2936 S. Lotz Road, Canton.

For more information, contact Sue Egbert at s.egbert67@att.net or 248-910-4980.

Wayne Concerts in the Park

The Wayne Rotary Club will again be sponsoring the Concert in the Park series, which takes place at 7:30 p.m. each Wednesday through Aug. 30 at Goudy Park in downtown Wayne.

The schedule includes: Aug. 23 - Your Generation in Concert, tribute band; and Aug. 30, Dirty Deeds Extreme, AC/DC tribute band.

All concerts are free and vendors will be available selling food and drinks.

Griffin Golf Classic

The 16th annual Emily Ann Griffin Golf Classic will be held at Livonia's Idyl Wyld Golf Course, 35780 Five Mile Road Livonia, at 2 p.m. Friday, Sept. 15, with a shotgun/scramble start at 2:30 p.m.

The fee of \$100 buys 18 holes of golf with cart, snacks, pop and water on the course, and dinner

with chances to bid on silent auction items at Sacred Heart Banquet Center, 29125 W. Six Mile, Livonia. For guests wanting dinner only, the price is \$60 and approximate meal time is 7-7:30 p.m.

The Emily Ann Griffin Foundation was founded in memory of Emily Ann Griffin by her parents, Matt and Inger Griffin, longtime Livonia residents. The foundation benefits families of special needs children with assistance to purchase costly medical equipment often prescribed to support and enhance their child's lives, but too often not covered by insurance. For more information, contact the Griffins at 734-542-0469.

Fall book sale

The Friends of Westland Library is preparing for its Fall Book Sale.

The Friends Preview Sale day is set for 3-6 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14. Regular sale hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 15-16. From noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 17, is a \$4 Bag Sale day.

Summer bash

The Livonia Parks and Recreation Department will host Summer Bash from 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 25, at Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, on the lawn.

Summer Bash will feature music from four area bands: Novara, a pop rock band from metro Detroit that combines aspects of hard rock and soft R&B tones with soulful vocal melodies; The Anders Orange, whose

debut 10-track self-titled album balances easy-to-absorb pop melodies with progressive rock adventures; Michigan Left, A psychedelic rock group; and If Walls Could Talk, a five-piece alternative pop rock group.

For more information, call 734-466-2900 or go to www.livoniaparks.org.

Nankin Mills programs**» Middle Rouge River**

An indoor nature presentation titled "1800s Mills and Villages of the Middle Rouge River" is set for 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26.

The Rouge River was a magnet for settlement from the Native Americans to the earliest settlers who harnessed its water power for mills. Explore the many mills built along the Middle Rouge River and the early villages that grew around them. Some of these communities remain, while others have become ghost towns.

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» Mill Daze

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Dan Joe Age 79 August 14, 2017. Beloved husband of Joan for 60 years. Loving father of Susan (Tom) Romero and Terri (Tom) Chapman. Cherished grandfather of Steven (Elysia) Chapman, Adam Chapman, Filipina Romero and Alexandria Romero. Great grandfather of Courtney Chapman and Nathan Chapman. Dearest brother of Katherine (the late David) Epley and the late Kenneth Helka and James Lamar Helka. He was deeply loved and will be deeply missed by many family member and friends. Memorial gathering Sunday, August 20th 1pm followed by the 2pm Memorial Service at Garden City Presbyterian Church, 1841 Middlebelt, Garden City (Just South of Ford Rd.). Memorials may be made to the church. www.santeiufuneralhome.com

Palmer

Richard Kevin age 63, died Sunday, August 13, 2017, at Garden City Hospital. He was born August 23, 1953 to the late George and Emily Palmer, and was the brother of George (Cindy) Palmer. On July 12, 1997, he married Katherine Billings in Livonia. Rick was the loving father of George (Beccy) and Cindy Palmer, loving step-father of Brandon (Lindsey) Billings, and loving "Tall Papa" to Sabastian, Taylor, Danielle, Jonas, and Stellan. Rick grew up in Garden City, Michigan. He retired from Northwest/Delta in 2011 after 32 years of service. He worked for many years writing and designing newsletter publications for an international union. In 2012, Rick and his wife created Palmerworks.com, a web and print design company. Rick had an incredibly strong personality, a sarcastic wit, and an excellent sense of humor. He was known as both "the Big Fella" and "the Gentle Giant" to friends and family. He donated much of his time designing websites and print media for local organizations, including the Garden City Business Alliance and the Garden City Friends of the Library. He also was involved in several Habitats for Humanity projects. Rick was an avowed liberal who enjoyed arguing politics, reading, riding his bicycle, photography, playing his guitar, and traveling with his wife. At Rick's request, his family is hosting a picnic/BBQ on August 23, 2017, from 4-9pm at Garden City Park in place of a traditional funeral. Contributions in Richard Palmer's name can be made to the Garden City Library Building Fund.

Tobin

Edward Peter October 16, 1937-August 3, 2017. Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan. Longtime resident of Farmington, Calumet, and Dexter, Michigan. Predeceased by firstborn and cherished son, Christopher Edward Tobin, parents Edwin Paul Tobin and Elizabeth Tomberg Tobin, sister Carol M. Smith. Survived and deeply missed by his loving wife of 52 years, Elizabeth (Liz) Vestevich Tobin, cherished sons Bradley William Tobin (Sherril), Brian Patrick Tobin (Melanie Siebert), Matthew Paul Tobin (Carmel); cherished Granddaughter, Sherril Siebert-Tobin; sister Anna Tobin Berry, brother Thomas Tobin (Marlene); nieces and nephews Mike Gaiefsky, Steve Gaiefsky, Kim Gourlay, Karen Beneson, Sherry Smith, Ken Smith, Linda Van Newkirk, David Smith, James Tobin, Daniel Tobin, and William Tobin. Graduate of Wayne State University, Civil Engineering, 1959; Registered Professional Engineer, member of Chi Epsilon Fraternity, National Honorary Civil Engineering Fraternity; member of Tau Beta Pi, National Honorary Scholarship Fraternity; Alpha Sigma Phi. Beta Tau Chapter. Employed by Wayne County Road Commission, 1959-1968; Giffels Associates, 1968-1988; Stenrose-Tobin Associates, 1988-1989; self-employed 1989-1993; Harley Ellis Pierce and Yee, 1993-2002. Ed Tobin quietly made his presence known by considering others first. He enjoyed being a Dad and Grandpa, coaching his sons' little league teams, playing softball, golf, trips to Michigan's Upper Peninsula, watching sports events, playing Stratomatic Baseball with his sons, pinocle, and maintaining lifelong friendships. Memories of Ed shared by family, friends, and former workmates would be appreciated. Private service held at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit, MI on August 11, 2017. Arrangements under the direction of Hosmer-Muehlig Funeral Chapel, Dexter, MI.

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EVENTS

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Polish folkdance enrollment

PNA Centennial Dancers, a Plymouth-based children's Polish folkdance ensemble serving the Polish-American communities in Wayne, Oakland and Livingston counties, is offering open enrollment through August.

Formed in 1980 by the Polish National Alliance (PNA) Lodge 53, formerly PNA Lodge 3240, the dance ensemble has been educating students ages 3-18 and sharing Polish heritage and culture through music, dance and language for over three decades.

Beyond the regular dance classes and recital,

students can participate in a variety of additional performances. For more than 30 years, Centennial has participated in events and won awards from across the state: Polish American Night at Comerica Park, Plymouth and Northville Fourth of July parades, Plymouth Fall Festival, Polish Folk Dance Festival in Troy, Milwaukee Polish Festival, Polski Festiwal at Buddy's Pizza, the PNA Youth Jamboree and more.

For more information on registering, go to pna-centennial-dancers.wordpress.com/registration/.

Free movie at Finnish Center

The award-winning Finnish film "Man Without a Past" will be shown at 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3, the Finnish Center, 35200 W. Eight Mile Road, Farmington Hills. The movie is a comedy-drama, rated PG 13, for which director Ari Kaurismaki was awarded the Grand Prix in Cannes and received the highest accolades from film critics. For more information, call 248-478-6949.

Livonia resident competing for 2017 Miss Jr. Teen title



Madison Myers of Livonia.

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Madison Myers of Livonia was recently selected to participate in the 2017 Miss Jr. Teen pageant competition that will take place Sunday, Aug. 27. Madison learned of her acceptance into this year's competition when the pageant announced its selections following interviewing in the local area. Madison submitted an application and took part in an interview session that was conducted by this year's pageant coordinator.

Madison will be competing for her share of thousands of dollars in prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. Madison will be competing in the Miss Jr. Teen division, one of four divisions that will have young ladies ages 7-20 competing in modeling routines, which include casual wear and formal wear. Madison will display her personality and interviewing skills while interviewing

with this year's judging panel. Personality is the No. 1 aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.

If Madison were to win the title of Miss Jr. Teen, she would represent her community at the national competition that will take place in Orlando, Fla. More than \$30,000 in prizes and awards will be presented at the national competition, while each winner enjoys this expense paid trip of five nights and six days.

Community businesses, organizations and private individuals will assist Madison in participating in this year's competition by becoming an official sponsor to her. Any business, organization or private individual who may be interested in becoming a sponsor to Madison may contact the Miss Jr. Teen pageant coordinator at 877-910-4190.

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Nathan Foster
GUEST COLUMNIST

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If you have a problem with your heart or concerns regarding your blood vessels, your primary care physician will likely refer you to a cardiologist, a specialist experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of heart disease and all heart-related conditions.

This heart expert can examine you and, if a concern is identified, he or she may recommend treatment options, up to and including surgery.

If you have a pre-existing heart condition, make sure to continue with regular medical checkups. If ever you sense something may be wrong with your heart, don't take the risk, call 9-1-1 immediately. It may save your life.

Nathan Foster, M.D., is a St. Mary Mercy Livonia cardiologist. He was the first surgeon at the hospital to perform minimally-invasive pacemaker surgery using the new Micra TPS pacemaker. For more information about cardiology services available at St. Mary Mercy, call 734-655-2959.

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Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority director resigns

Christina Hall and John Wisely
Detroit Free Press



Phifer

George Phifer, the director of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, has resigned, the Detroit Free Press has learned.

Phifer, who was on paid administrative leave pending an internal investigation, reportedly resigned Monday, several authority board members confirmed.

"I was told by the chairman of the board that he had submitted his resignation," said Bernard Parker, Wayne County's representative on the authority board.

Parker said he expected the search for a successor to begin soon.

Acting Director Michael Reese told the Free Press there is a policy in place that staff doesn't comment on personnel matters. Deputy Director David Kirbach said there is an investigation going on and "we are not prepared to make any statement about personnel issues." Neither would confirm Phifer had resigned.

Authority Board Chairman Timothy McCarthy could not be reached.

Board member Steve Williams, who represents Livingston County, confirmed Phifer submitted a letter of resignation Monday. He could not say the reason, if any, given for the resignation because he has not seen Phifer's letter, according to the Livingston Daily.

Phifer could not be located for comment. The nature of the investigation has not been publicly disclosed and Williams

said it will continue despite Phifer's resignation.

"It's still ongoing," he confirmed to the Livingston Daily, declining to elaborate. "The attorney we hired gave us an update at a closed session (Thursday). She had more interviews to do."

A prior memo from McCarthy stated that staff may be asked to participate in the investigation and if so, the authority expected their "full and complete cooperation with investigators."

"Absent written authorization from me, staff members are prohibited from divulging the fact or details of the matter or investigation to the media or anyone else outside HCMA," the memo stated, referring any inquiries to Reese.

Phifer worked as a police officer in Pontiac before coming to the authority in 2008 as police chief.

Parker said he was sad to see Phifer leave.

"I thought he did an outstanding job," he said. "The parks definitely improved while he was there."

But in June, a photo went around the Internet of a fawn run down by a

tractor at Stony Creek Metropark, triggering protest comments on Facebook and charges of wildlife abuse by animal welfare advocates.

Phifer said the fawn's death was the kind of "unfortunate accident" that he hoped to prevent with new maintenance methods.

But environmentalists, birders and others concerned about wildlife have been critical about excessive mowing at the parks — a decision they say Phifer made — and the destruction of what they believe is good habitat for wildlife, such as the removal of trees.

Board members of the Macomb Audubon Society previously suggested Phifer perhaps should be replaced as director.

As director, Phifer served as the chief executive officer and was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the authority, according to its website. It stated that he served as deputy director and chief operating officer before becoming director.

As deputy director, he was responsible for the overall administration and operation of the 13 Metroparks, which are scattered throughout five counties in southeast Michigan.

In 2010, he was appointed executive secretary to the board, serving as a staff officer of the agency while maintaining his responsibilities as police chief, according to his biography on the website.

Phifer worked for the Pontiac Police Department for nearly 20 years,

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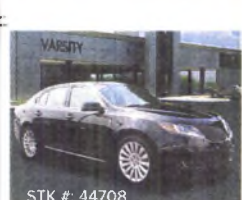


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PREP FOOTBALL

Salem seniors raise bar on and off field

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

With prospective Division I recruit Alex Howie at the front of the pack, a large group of Salem senior football players will be right behind him.

Thirty-two of 55 varsity players — led by 6-5, 305-pound lineman Howie, quarterback Ryan Young and linebacker/receiver Sean McCormack — have just one final kick at the can and want to help the Rocks reach the elusive state playoffs.

"I'm a fan of seniors leading," Salem head coach Kurt Britnell said. "If that's

the case, that's the less leading we (coaches) have to do and that's also probably an indication of what kind of team you have.

"If they're leading, you're probably going to be pretty good."

The trio of seniors took time out from Tuesday's practice to talk about how extra motivated they are to spearhead a playoff run in their final prep season — and about how they are following Urban Meyer's lead.

Meyer, the legendary Ohio State University head coach, wrote the 2015



TIM SMITH
Salem's Sean McCormack (from left), Alex Howie and Ryan Young are three seniors who will be among team leaders in 2017.

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PREP FOOTBALL



ALL-STAR WEAPON

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

Pierson Cooke was punting footballs 60 yards into the end zone at Monday afternoon's practice on the Cranbrook Kingswood oval.

The senior's gifted right foot was drawing rave reviews from both head coach Joe D'Angelo — "look at that one" — and cheering teammates forcefully shouting out his nickname — "Five Star" — with each booming blast.

Cooke returns as an all-star kicker/punter for Cranbrook Kingswood's football team and D'Angelo couldn't be more thrilled to have such a huge special-teams weapon at his disposal. In fact, the veteran head coach, who won two state championships at Detroit Country Day, believes Cooke is the best kicker he's had in 34 years as a head coach.

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MARTY BUDNER

Pierson Cooke averaged 34 yards per punt and booted nine field goals for Cranbrook Kingswood last fall.

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NOVI VS. GROVES LEADS WEEK 1 COVERAGE

Aug. 24 is the kickoff date for the 2017 high school football season. Look for our coverage at www.hometownlife.com, with updates on Facebook @hometownlifesports and Twitter @htlsports


Our HTLSports Game of the Week coverage will feature live tweets and coverage from veteran sports editor @BradEmons1 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, when Birmingham Groves hosts Novi. Follow the coverage of this game and others throughout the season by using #HTLSports.

Look for other Week 1 live coverage of these games:

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Bloomfield Hills at Seaholm, 7 p.m., follow Marty Budner @BhmEccentric

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8 red flags employers see on your resume

BY JESSIE LIU
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Do you send out lots of resumes and never hear back? According to the Society for Human Resource Management, recruiters tend to spend less than five minutes looking over a resume, so your content and formatting is important. A few tips on what to do – and what not to do – on your resume may help.



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1. Your resume is obviously recycled

If you're one of those individuals who sends out the same resume for every job application, you shouldn't be surprised if you don't hear anything back. Read the posting carefully and write your resume and cover letter toward that particular job. Include your relevant experience and how you would be an asset to the company. Otherwise, your application may be destined for the bottom of the pile. Recruiters say that it is surprising how many job applications have no relevance to the job.

2. Your resume is too flashy

Unless you are applying for a job as an artist or graphic designer, over-embellishing your resume may backfire on you. Employers are looking for

workers who are qualified for the job, and recruiters aren't going to spend much time trying to figure out when and where you worked when they have to wade through decorative fonts, colors and other unnecessary decorations.

3. Your email address is not professional

While the email address you use on a regular basis might be something you consider cute or original, such as partythenight@email.com, the recruiter might not find it amusing. If an applicant has this type of email address, it is a better idea to create a

new email with an address that won't be perceived as frivolous or suggestive.

4. You have spelling and grammatical errors

Poor spelling and grammar are noticed by recruiters and can make a recruiter discount your application. This also counts for social media postings. Take a moment before sending off your cover letter and resume to spell check, and make sure that everything is correct. Do the same for your social media posts.

5. You omit dates

While it may be easier for

an individual to leave out dates, this may seem suspicious to recruiters. This could mean there are gaps in employment history or an individual changed jobs frequently. If you have a long history and great credentials, it may be less important.

6. Your information is outdated

When an individual does not update a resume when it is necessary, all the information may not be correct. While he or she might add a new job to the list, checking the current phone number and address is sometimes over-

looked. Recruiters say it isn't unusual to send an email to an applicant and have it returned, or call and find out the phone number is different.

7. You've changed jobs frequently

Frequent job changes are not likely to be looked upon favorably by recruiters. While workers do change jobs more often than in the past, too frequent a change may be a red flag for recruiters. If an individual stays on a job less than two years, it might make that worker more likely to be overlooked for another individual with longer time at one job.

8. You don't use bullet points on your resume

Recruiters like resumes that get right to the point, and the use of bullet points makes that easier to do. Sometimes, a lack of bullet points accompanies a resume that is far too long. Try to keep a resume under two pages, and use bullet points to focus on what you did to be an asset at your earlier jobs. Be specific.

Jessie Liu is a career advice journalist for TheJobNetwork.com where this article was originally published. She investigates and writes about current strategies, tips and trending topics related to all stages of one's career.

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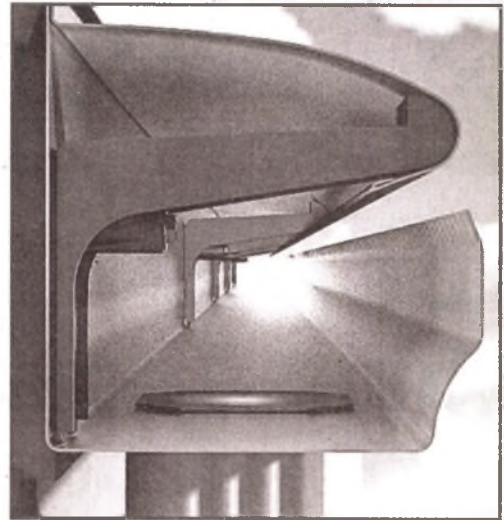
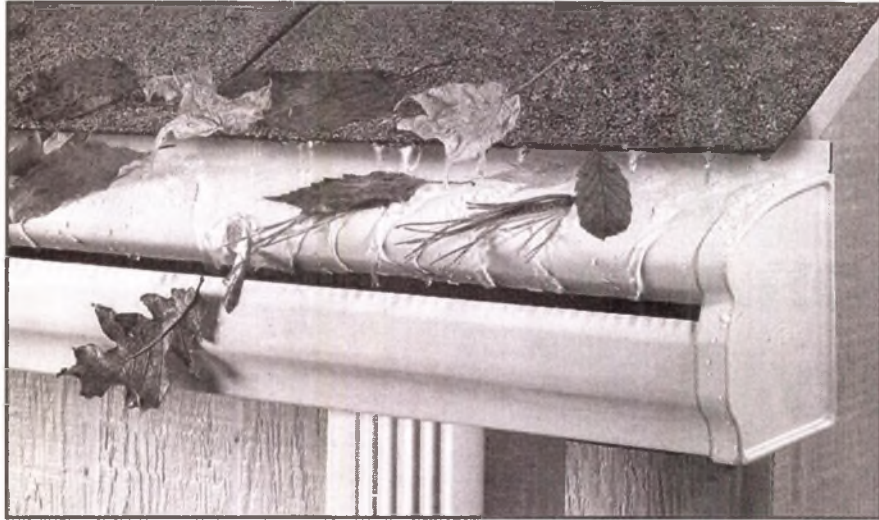
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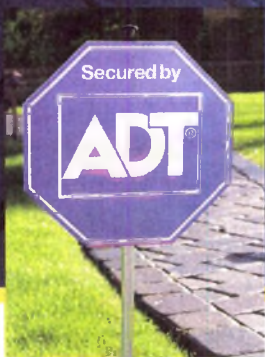
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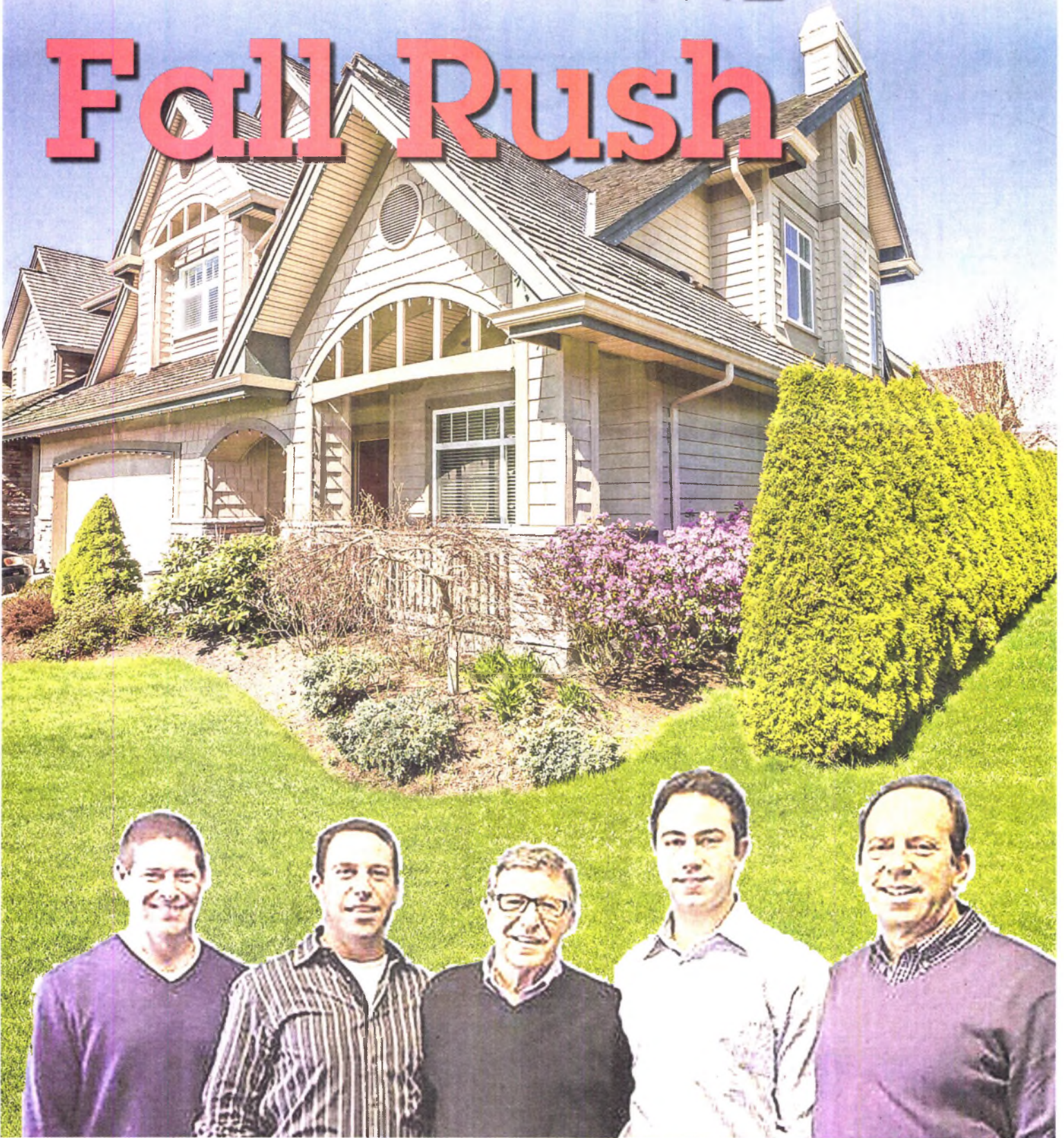
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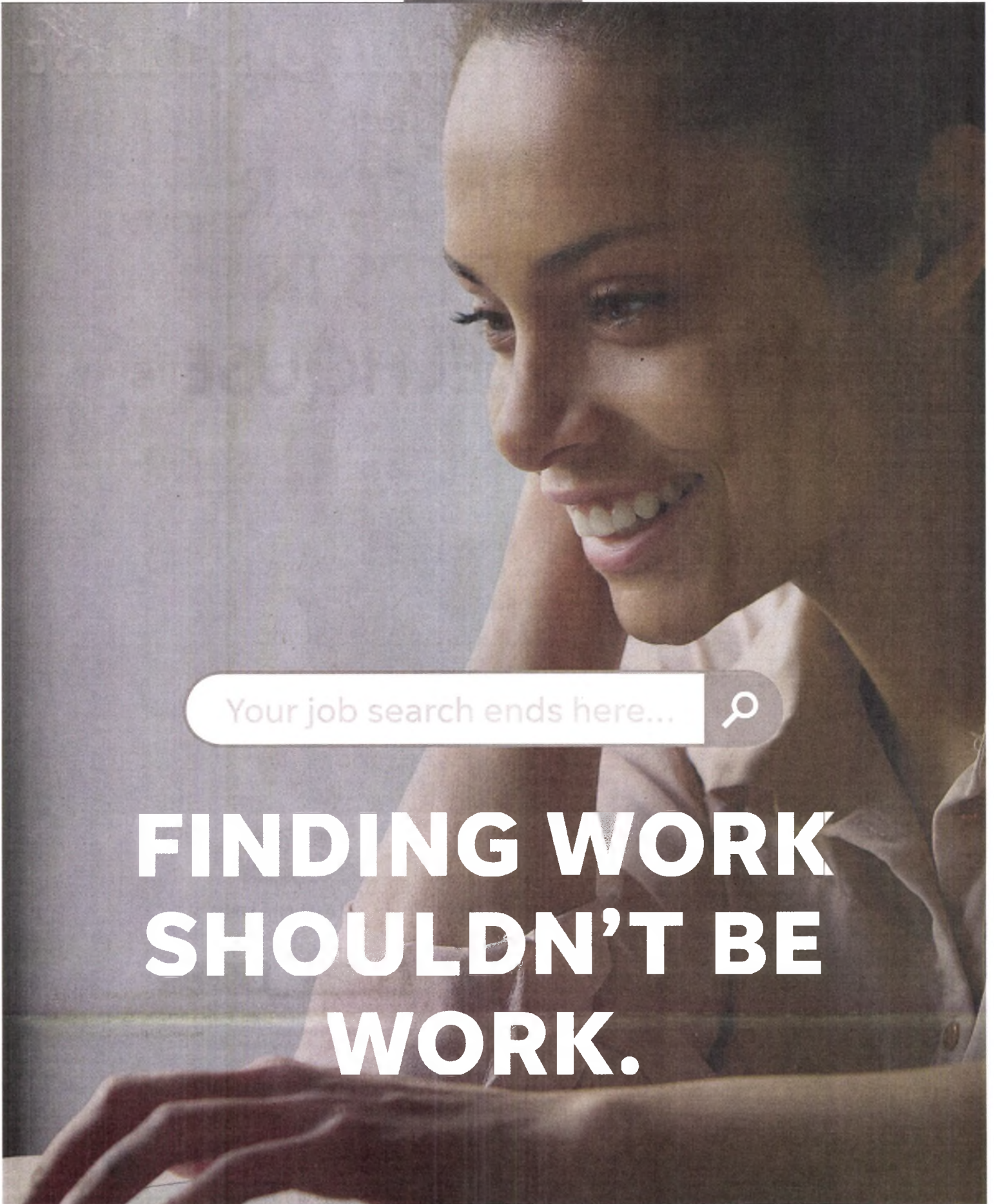
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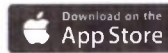
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GARTH J. CHRISTIE, MMC, Township Clerk
Charter Township of Redford

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**CITY OF LIVONIA
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 5, 2017, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following item:

Petition 2017-08-02-09 submitted by S.Y.B. Enterprises, Inc. requesting approval of all plans required by Section 11.03(a) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, in connection with a proposal to construct a gas station at 27430 Seven Mile Road, located on the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Inkster Roads in the Southeast ¼ of Section 1.

The above-mentioned petition will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

Ian Wilshaw, Chairman
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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City of Livonia - 07/10/2017 1,828th Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: White, Bahr, Meakin, Brosnan, Jolly, and McIntyre.

Absent: Kritzman.

Items were received and filed.

- #233-17 Approving minutes of the 1,827th Regular Meeting of the Council - June 19, 2017. President McIntyre announced two (2) upcoming Public Hearings.
- #234-17 Approve request to close Marie St. for a block party - Aug. 5th rain date Aug. 12th.
- #235-17 Approve request to close Summers St. for a block party - Aug. 5th rain date Aug. 6th.
- #236-17 Approve appointment of Patrick D. Crandell to the Economic Development Corporation.
- #237-17 Approve reappointment of Benjamin A. Schepis to the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- #238-17 Authorize purchase of two (2) 2017 Ford Police Interceptor packages.
- #239-17 Authorize sale of City-owned property located at 15505 Auburndale, for \$79,000.00.
- #240-17 Authorize sale of City-owned property located at 18071 Floral for \$30,001.00.
- #241-17 Authorize purchase of 100% of the City's requirement of rock salt used for ice control.
- #242-17 Approve Petition 2016-08-08-12 to remodel exterior of one unit at Brickshire Square Retail Plaza located at 29102 Five Mile Road, with conditions.
- First Reading, Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (6-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Section 050 of Title 3, Chapter 05, (City Property Disposition) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances.
- #243-17 Approve Petition 2009-11-02-16 extending waiver use approval to operate a massage establishment at 33600 Seven Mile Rd.
- #244-17 Approve application for Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate from Amazon.com., 39000 Amrhein Road, Livonia, MI 48150, within Livonia Industrial Development Overlay District No 112 for twelve (12) years

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.

Susan M. Nash
Livonia City Clerk

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City of Livonia - 07/24/2017 1,829th Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: Bahr, Meakin, Brosnan, Jolly, White, and McIntyre.

Absent: Kritzman.

Items were received and filed.

- #245-17 Approving minutes of the 1,828th Regular Meeting of the Council - July 10, 2017.
- #246-17 Approving request to close Grandon St. for a block party Sept. 23rd.
- #247-17 Approving request to close Woodring St. for a block party Aug. 12th.
- #248-17 Approving request to close Hees St. for a block party Sept. 9th.
- #249-17 Approving request to close Sussex St. for a block party Sept. 9th, rain date Sept. 10th.
- #250-17 Waive City's Noise Ordinance for summer festival at Madonna University Aug. 6th.
- #251-17 Approving request to utilize Greenmead property for Armenian Festival, June 9th.
- #252-17 Authorizing the Municipal Credit Contract between SMART and the City of Livonia.
- #253-17 Authorizing the purchase of six (6) mobile vehicle lift systems.
- #254-17 Authorizing the purchase of one (1) PL Custom Titan 170 Type 1 ambulance.
- #255-17 Accepting the bid of Direct Fitness Solutions, LLC, for three (3) Precor 835 ellipticals. #256-17 Accepting the bid of All Pro Exercise, for three (3) Octane XT4700 Cross Trainers and one (1) Octane XT6000 X-Ride.
- #257-17 Accepting the bid of Forte Fitness, Inc., for six (6) free motion treadmills.
- #258-17 Accepting the bid Aquatic Source, LLC, for a leisure pool filter sand replacement.
- #259-17 Accepting the bid of GameTime c/o Sinclair Recreation, for the purchase and installation of a playground structure for Dover Park.
- #260-17 Authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford F150 4x4 pickup truck, with plow, safety lighting and spray in bed liner and outfitting.
- #261-17 Authorizing the purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford F150 4x4 pickup truck, with plow, safety lighting and spray in bed liner and outfitting.
- #262-17 Authorizing the purchase of two (2) 2017 Ford Transit 350 Cargo Vans and outfitting.
- #263-17 Authorizing the purchase of one (1) ODB Trailer Mounted Vacuum Debris Collector.
- #264-17 Approving a four-year extension of the existing contract with D'Angelo Brothers, Inc., to perform water main taps and service connections along with emergency water and sewer repairs for a period of four (4) years.
- #265-17 Approving an additional appropriation and expenditure from budgeted funds to enable payment in the amount of \$99,335.75 to D'Angelo Brothers, Inc., for materials and labor necessary to perform emergency sanitary sewer repairs on Ellen Street.
- #266-17 Authorizing an increase in the amount to OHM Advisors for Construction Engineering Services related to the Drinking Water Revolving Fund (DWRFF) Project No. 7356-01 - Phase II Locations, FY 2015.
- #267-17 Determining to vacate an existing public utility easement at 31694 Curtis Avenue, and directing the Department of Law to prepare the necessary vacating ordinance.
- #268-17 Approving Petition 2017-06-02-08 to develop a planned residential development at 28200 Lyndon Avenue, with conditions.
- #269-17 Authorizing the City Clerk to submit a grant application to purchase new optical tabulators, accessible voting devices and election management software (EMS) to comply with the Help America Vote Act (HAVA).
- #270-17 Suspending the rules.
- #271-17 Authorize the exercise of the City's statutory right of first refusal to acquire three (3) houses (9823 Merriman, 19315 Inkster and 16147 Henry Ruff) through the Community Development Block Grant Program.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.

Susan M. Nash
Livonia City Clerk

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**CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN
LIVONIA HOUSING COMMISSION
FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT
AND NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about September 5, 2017 the City of Livonia-Housing Commission will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (PL93-383), as amended, to be used for the following eligible community development activities as identified in the 2017-18 Annual Action Plan.

PROJECTED USE OF CDBG FUNDS

A. Major Home Rehabilitation	\$60,000
B. Emergency Rehabilitation Program	\$20,000
C. Minor Home Repair Program	\$50,255
D. Rehabilitation Inspection	\$2,500
E. Acquisition, Rehabilitation and or Demolition of Properties	\$30,000
F. Management & Maintenance of City-owned Single Family Rental Units	\$133,593
G. Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative	\$64,000
H. Improvements of Public Facilities	\$93,000
I. Planning & Administration	\$60,000
J. Public Service Activities:	
• Senior Van Transportation	\$46,000
• Mental Health Counseling	\$4,000
• First Step	\$20,000
• WMCAA Emergency Utility Assistance	\$5,000

Proposed Budget (CDBG Funds, Program Income & Unprogrammed Funds).....\$588,348

An Environmental Review Record (ERR) which documents the environmental determinations for these projects is on file at the Livonia Housing Commission-Community Development Office located at 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150 and may be examined weekdays 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. No further environmental review of said projects is proposed prior to Request for Release of Federal Funds. Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Livonia Housing Commission at the address listed above. All comments received on or before September 5, 2017 will be considered by the Livonia Housing Commission prior to authorizing submission of request for release of funds.

CERTIFICATION: The City of Livonia-Housing Commission certifies to HUD that the City and Dennis K. Wright, in his official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental reviews and administrative action, and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect on this certification is that upon its approval, the City of Livonia may use the CDBG funds and HUD will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969. HUD will accept objections to its release of funds and the City of Livonia's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if it is for one of the following bases: a) That the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer of the City of Livonia; b) The City of Livonia has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58; c) the grant recipient has committed funds or incurred costs not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HUD; or d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedure (24 CFR Part 58) and shall be addressed to HUD, McNamara Federal Building, 17th Fl, 477 Michigan Ave., Detroit, MI. 48226. Potential objectors should contact HUD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

James M. Inglis, Housing Director

Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

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**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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The Livonia Public Schools Board of Education, Livonia, Michigan, hereby invites the submission of sealed bids for the purchase of:

Garfield Skill Center - Asbestos Abatement Contractor Bid for the 2017/2018 School Year (See Attached Specifications)

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2017-2018 school year, open bids OR Buy4Michigan Website, www.buy4michigan.com. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

MANDATORY pre-bid walk thru is scheduled for August 16th at Garfield Skill Center, 10218 Arthur, Livonia, MI at 12:00 p.m. You must check in with the front office.

Sealed bids marked Garfield Skill Center- Asbestos Abatement Bid will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 28th day of August, 2017, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

The Bid Opening will take place at **2:00 p.m.** on the **28th day of August, 2017**, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

PREVAILING WAGE RATES APPLY TO THIS BID.

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement of disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the bidder and any member of the Livonia Board of Education, the Livonia Public Schools Superintendent or Director of Finance, any member of the Wayne RESA Board of Education or the Superintendent of Wayne RESA. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by a sworn and notarized Affidavit of Compliance - Iran Economic Sanctions Act. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this sworn and notarized statement.**

All bids must be accompanied by the Equal Opportunity Statement. **No bid shall be accepted that does not include this statement.**

All bids must include a Treasury listed bid bond or certified check made payable to Livonia Public Schools for not less than five percent (5%) of the contract for each bid over \$23,230.00 and must be submitted with the bid forms furnished with specification.

All bids must be submitted on the forms provided in the bid packet and all sheets must be returned for the bid. All proposals shall remain firm for a period of ninety (90) days.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, either in whole or in part: to award to other than the low bidder; to waive any irregularities and/or informalities; and in general to make awards in any manner deemed to be in the best interests of the district, including awarding by line item, with rationale to support such a decision. Livonia Public Schools local preference resolution will be followed for all proposals.

Prices bid are to be **F.O.B. Destination**. All purchases are to be exempt from all taxes, including state and federal taxes. Exemption certificates will be furnished upon request.

Any bid submitted will be binding for ninety (90) days subsequent to the date of the bid submission. All bids must be submitted on the attached bid form and signed by the bidder. Two (2) signed copies of the bid package are to be addressed to the attention of:

Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154-5474

**SEALED BIDS: Garfield Skill Center ASBESTOS
"Garfield Skill Center - Asbestos Abatement Contractor Bid"**
ATTN: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files.

Any questions regarding bid specifications should be referred to Gary Bosh, ARCH Environmental Group, Inc., 248.426.0165/gary@archenvgroup.com.

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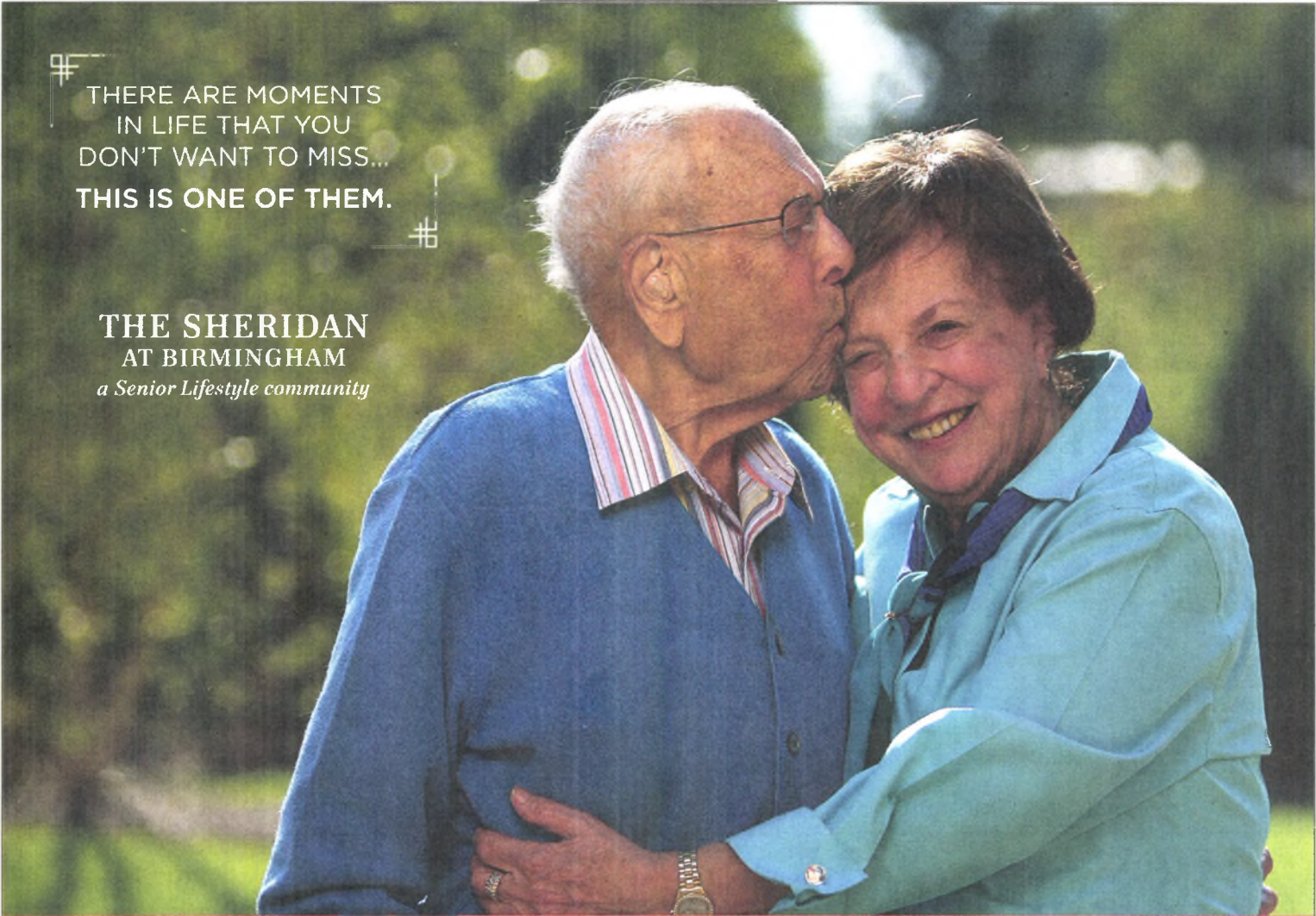


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