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### Aldi set for former Chi-Chi's site

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Ask anyone in Livonia what property has long been clamoring for redevelopment in the city, it's likely they'll say the name of a former Mexican restaurant that's been long closed: Chi-Chi's.

But those days could be over by the beginning of 2019. That's because, after

being empty for more than a decade, plans have been submitted to develop an Aldi grocery story and a multi-tenant retail building at the site on the northeast corner of Schoolcraft and Middlebelt roads.

"It is a development proposal that has been long-awaited," said Mark Taormina, the city's planning director.

The owner of the property, Birmingham-based Center Management, has

submitted plans to the city for the nearly-3.5 acre property to house a new prototype Aldi grocery store along the property's eastern boundary, plus a multitenant building closer to Middlebelt.

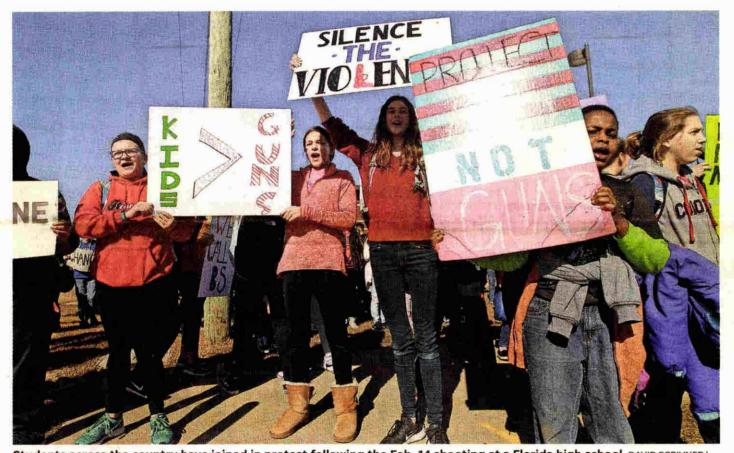
Thomas Guastello, owner of the property, said as long as approvals move along with the city, he hopes it could be open by the beginning of 2019. He's happy progress on the property is moving forward.

"We're delighted. We've been in Livonia a long time with this and other developments," he said. "It's a great community."

The property has not been utilized in more than a decade. Chi-Chi's closed in 2004 and the building was not razed until 2011, leaving the property vacant.

Since 2013, that area around Middle-

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Students across the country have joined in protest following the Feb. 14 shooting at a Florida high school. DAVID SCRIVNER I IOWA CITY PRESS-CITIZEN

### RAISING THEIR VOICES

#### Students plan walkouts to protest gun violence

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It's been a tense feeling among students enrolled at the three high schools in the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park these last few weeks. Lockdowns have occurred — not once, but twice — at the campus in the past month after potential gun violence threats were investigated by officials.

Because of those, even a routine announcement at the schools recently had students worried they'd be under a lock-

"More people have anxiety going to school," said Jocelyn Brown, a Plymouth High School junior. "People are struck with fear. Everyone was worried it was going to be a shelter in place."

Later this spring, students across the region plan on taking action with others across the country to protest gun vio-

lence, walking out during one of two nationally scheduled protests while administrators talk with students to figure out how best to work with them as they decide to participate.

Two dates have been targeted as nationwide protest days against gun violence. One is Wednesday, the onemonth anniversary of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., an incident that left 17 dead. The other date is Friday, April 20, the 19th anniversary of

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### Event aims to connect businesses, disabled

The Livonia Public Schools district is teaming with regional partners for a community conversation event that focuses on ways to create new employment opportunities for adults with disabilities.

The event is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at the Embassy Suites Livonia, 19525 Victor Parkway, off Seven Mile Road, just east of I-275.

Local business owners, community leaders, education professionals, parents and advocates are invited to attend this round table meeting and offer input on ways to support and grow this segment of the workforce.

"The employment rate for adults with disabilities is extremely low," said Beth Santer, coordinator of student services for the district. "In LPS, we are trying to change that, one step at a time."

The district offers adults ages 18-26 workforce and life skills training and employment opportunities through programs at the Western Wayne Skill Center, the Livonia Transition Program and through a special program called Project SEARCH, a partnership between LPS and Embassy Suites Livonia.

"We already support post-high school programs and help secure employment for our students with disabilities, but events like this are critical in building and maintaining relationships between schools, businesses, agencies and parents," Santer said.

The event will assist in making

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#### Aldi

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belt and Schoolcraft has seen revolutionary changes. The former Walmart building on the southwest corner has been demolished and turned into the Livonia Commons shopping center, housing a Dick's Sporting Goods, Rally House and Joanne Fabrics. Menards opened south of Industrial, along with a strip mall, a Goodyear tire shop and a Goodwill store.

Millennium Park has seen plenty of development, including a new Culver's and Popeye's restaurants. And the old Cloverlanes bowling alley on Schoolcraft, east of Middlebelt, has been torn down to make way for a storage facility.

Guastello said his company turned down a number of businesses looking to locate on the corner before they decided to go with Aldi, known for its low prices and no-frills shopping.

"We like the family-use concept of this and bringing a new concept with an international company, we think, is terrific," he said. "They're going to be Livonia's answer to Whole Foods."



There are development plans to consider for the site of the former Chi-Chi's restaurant, on the northeast corner of Middlebelt and Schoolcraft roads. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Aldi operates more than 1,600 stores across 35 states. Locally, there are stores in Redford, Garden City, Westland, Canton, Wixom and Commerce Township.

Guastello said there are a few possible tenants for the other building on the site, though he declined to identify them Tuesday.

The project is currently working its

way through the approval process with the city. It was discussed Tuesday night during a study meeting of the planning commission and is expected to be reviewed at the planning commission's regular meeting Tuesday, March 13, in Livonia City Hall.

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#### **Disabled**

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those connections and in sparking the interest of local businesses that may wish to add adults with disabilities to their workforce. Santer notes that businesses gain tax advantages as well as unique strengths that can increase productivi-

"We look forward to a great evening of sharing and making those connections for adults with disabilities and for businesses that may be open to hiring these wonderful members of our community," Santer said.

The event is free and will include appetizers

"The employment rate for adults with disabilities is extremely low."

Beth Santer coordinator of studen services for LPS

and a cash bar. RSVPs are requested by Tuesday, March 20, by emailing Eileen Brandt at eileenbrandt@live.com or by calling 734-578-6186.

The event is sponsored by Embassy Suites, Livonia Public Schools, WRACE (Wayne Regional Autism Collaborative for Excellence), START (Statewide Autism Resources and Training) and Wayne RESA (Wayne County Regional Educational Services Agency).



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### Man charged in thefts from Livonia gym lockers

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Livonia police say they have arrested a man accused of stealing items from a local gym locker room.

Police say they arrested Daniel Edwards, 27, of Plymouth earlier this month after they say he entered unlocked lockers at Planet Fitness, 37685 Five Mile, on multiple occasions and took items left inside them by gym pa-



Edwards

Capt. Ron Taig of the Livonia Police Department said they were informed by a patron at the gym, which is open 24 hours a day, that someone had gone into their locker

and then used their keys to access their vehicle in the parking lot. After police were contacted, they spoke with employees at the fitness center, who provided security footage to police which assisted their investigation.

He was later arrested and arraigned on three misdemeanors in Livonia's 16th District Court, including two counts of larceny under \$200 and another on fraud scheme, a charge that came after Edwards used a credit card reportedly taken from one of the vehicles, Taig said. He was given a \$6,000/10-percent bond. Online jail records do not show him as an inmate in the Wayne County Jail as of Tuesday afternoon.

Taig said it's also believed Edwards is

a suspect in a few other larceny cases in Livonia, including at LA Fitness, 30273 Plymouth, as well as a possible theft of an item at Panchero's Mexican Grill, 17390 Haggerty, both taking place in

If convicted, he faces up to 93 days in jail on the misdemeanor counts.

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### Change clock, change battery to begin Daylight Saving Time

Fire departments all across America are joining together in the annual "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" campaign. This life-saving program encourages people to change their smoke alarm batteries when they change their clocks. The time change occurs this year at 2 a.m. Sunday, March

"It's a simple and inexpensive way to protect your family and your home," Fire

Marshal Jason Olszewski said.

Since 1987, the International Association of Fire Chiefs and Energizer batteries have joined forces to raise awareness that non-working smoke alarms are often responsible for home fire deaths and injuries. Now, thanks to the participation of residents across America and the dedication of more than 6,000 fire departments, home fire deaths continue to decline thanks to the

"Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery" message. A working smoke alarm can often provide critical extra seconds

needed to get out safely.

If your current smoke alarm is over 10 years old, it's time to replace it. Olszewski recommends replacing old smoke alarms with new 10-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarms: "Their value cannot be overstated. Consider that a new 10-year lithium battery-operated

smoke alarm costs approximately \$20 and compare this to \$5 to \$8 for an alkaline battery-operated alarm and then the cost and time of replacing those batteries twice a year over a 10-year period."

Fire officials also remind you to check your carbon monoxide alarms. If they are more than 10 years old or you do not have one, purchase one immediately.

#### LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

#### **Items stolen from Meijer**

Livonia police were called March 3 to Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

An employee told police they saw the suspect concealing items in bags in the

women's clothing section. She went to the self-checkout and paid for some items, but pretended to scan others before putting them in her cart. She was stopped by an employee after not paying for the items. She was stopped and detained until police arrived and arrested her, taking her to the police station for processing.

#### **ID** theft reported

An employee who works at A123 Systems, 39000 Seven Mile, came to the police station March 3 to report an identity theft that had taken place.

She said someone used her Social Security information to file taxes under her name. She said another co-worker had received an email from someone appearing to be an official company message asking for copies of W-2 forms, which she said could have been the source of the theft.

– By David Veselenak

#### WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

#### **Trailer stolen**

Police were called Feb. 24 to the 3900 block of Second Street after a trailer was reported stolen.

They spoke to the victim, who said he was working at his shop nearby on Forest, with the trailer parked nearby off of Second Street. He noticed later in the evening the trailer was gone. They went

to the trailer and saw the tongue lock was broken and cut off.

#### Car broken into

Police took a report Feb. 26 from a man whose car was parked in the 35700 block of Michigan Avenue and was broken into overnight.

The resident said his work badge, hanging on the rear-view mirror, was taken, along with a book bag containing a basketball, T-shirts and basketball shoes. He said it appeared the items were taken from the vehicle overnight.

#### Metro PCS burglarized

Wayne police were called Feb. 24 to Metro PCS, 39365 Michigan Ave., after an alarm went off alerting them to a burglary.

When officers arrived, they saw a hole in the front door and broken glass

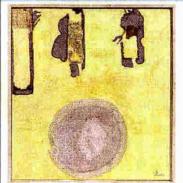
on the ground. They checked for suspects and could not locate any. The store's owner showed police the security footage, which showed the suspect smashing a hole in the door and then unlocking the door. He was then seen entering the store, rummaging through drawers until they found a cash till, where some cash was then taken. Nothing else was taken from the store.

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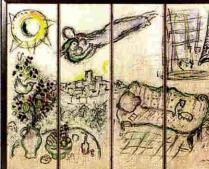
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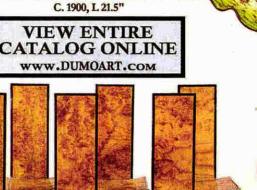
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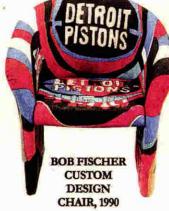
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#### **Students**

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the Columbine High School shooting. Students across the country are expected to walk out of school during the day to protest.

As a result of the recent shooting in Florida, a national movement has called for protests across the country, asking students to walk out of school to protest gun violence. Locally, police have investigated several threats levied against area schools, including ones in Livonia, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Milford, South Lyon and Wayne-Westland, to name a few.

Seeing all the talk around gun violence and the protests is something that hasn't been prevalent in recent years by administrations. But many, including Clarenceville School District Superintendent Paul Shepich, say high school students have talked about participating Wednesday in the protest.

Shepich, who made an impassioned speech regarding the gun violence issue last month at the Livonia leadership banquet, said he's had conversations with students about the issue and has reached out to the Oakland Intermediate School District, of which Clarenceville is a member, and the state for more information on handling the issue.

"That's why I've decided to be more of a facilitator in the process rather than making it a negative and causing more chaos than is needed" he said. "We have



Clarenceville School District Superintendent Paul Shepixh, who asked for a moment of silence for victims of the Florida shooting at Livonia's leadership banquet recently, said he's had conversations with students about the issue. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

plenty of resources and guidance on how to approach this"

The protest at P-CEP is planned for the latter date, as students have a half-day Wednesday and they decided to take part in April. Isabella Fessier, a sophomore at Plymouth High School, said students organizing the protest have spoken with the administration regarding logistics of the protest.

"They have been supportive as they are allowed," she said. "We're lucky to have an administration that's willing to work with us on something like this."

Students at Churchill High School in Livonia say they've had similar interactions with the administration from the Livonia Public Schools district. Those students are also planning to protest in April and have been working with district leaders on how best to proceed.

While no protest is planned for the upcoming week at the school, Churchill senior Sophie Comasi said students plan on using that date as one to build up awareness of the April 20 protest being planned.

"We've talked about passing out T-shirts and fliers," she said. "We do plan to, on that day, spread more awareness about the Columbine anniversary date."

The Novi Public Schools district announced this past week officials believed the best option for students' safety with these protests is to remain inside.

"We will also not permit the walkout to last all day, but will grant a window of time for students to express their opinion," Superintendent Steve Matthews said in a news release. "If students decide to walk out of the building or leave school property, they will not be granted re-entry without first going to the designated entry door. If students choose to leave school property, our school attendance and absence policy will be applied if they choose not to return.

"We live in a great community with active and committed students. Our students' voices are important voices to hear during this time of national reflection."

Students in the Farmington Public Schools district are planning on participating in the walkout Wednesday, when students will leave class and head to the football field at their respective school.

"We support their effort," said George Heitsch, district superintendent. "It's a perfectly legitimate and appropriate use of their First Amendment rights."

Shepich said while there's always talk of change after school shootings, the incident in Parkland has seen a movement like no other after such an event. There was no social media during the Columbine shootings, while the shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary involved young children whose parents were their biggest advocates.

This time, he said, is clearly different.

"But now, as you ask me what's the difference, it's not the event again, it's the fact that it's high school," he said. "And these students, as we've seen on TV time and time again, who are very well-thought and well-spoken ... they are being the change agents. They're the ones who won't let it go."

That's a sentiment with which Churchill High School senior Cole Nelson agrees. Nelson, one of the organizers of the walkout at his high school, said this is something his generation hopes to move the national discussion on, with the protests being just the first step.

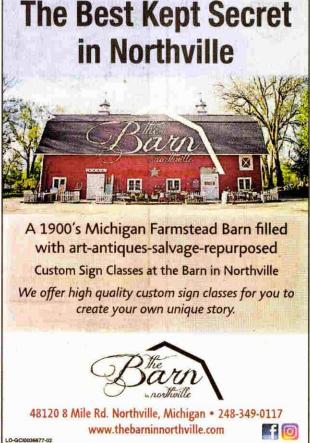
"We're hoping we can inspire other people to be passionate about it," Nelson said. "We can be the change and we're going to be the change."

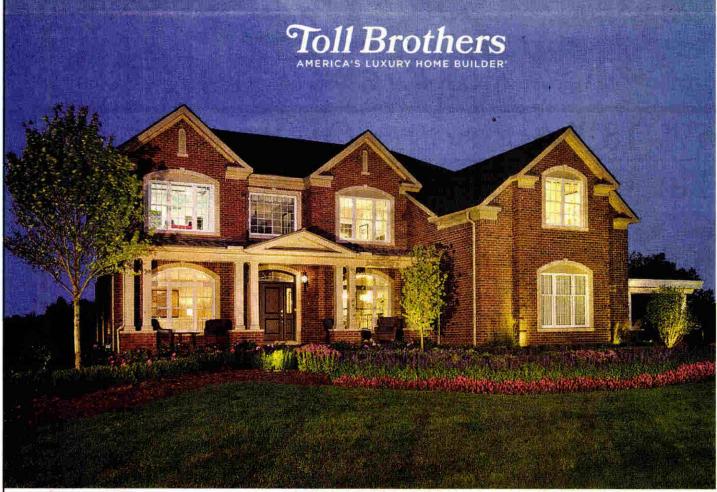
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A: In looking at the tax consequences of cashing out the annuity, the agent is plain and simply wrong. Since this annuity is a non-IRA annuity, it means that you have a basis. Your basis is what you originally paid for the annuity. Since your father paid \$100,000 for the annuity, that would be his basis. If he cashed out the annuity in its entirety and received \$150,000, the only amount he'd be subject to tax on would be the \$50,000. The other \$100,000 is his money coming back to him and that is tax-free.

When your agent suggested that the most your dad could pull out of annuity without penalty is 10 percent, again he was wrong. There are many annuities that have no penalty provisions; you could pull out as much as you want on a year-by-year basis. Fidelity, Schwab and Vanguard all offer penalty-free annuities. What you dad can do is have the

annuity directly transferred into one of the aforementioned annuities. By doing this, there are no penalties and you are not locking up your money. You can withdraw all or a portion of the annuity whenever you want without penalties. On a year-by-year basis, your dad can withdraw the \$25,000 penalty-free.

The way taxation on annuities work is the first money that comes back to you is the taxable portion. In the situation with your father, the first \$50,000 he receives he would have to pay tax on. After that, the money he withdraws would be tax-free.

I hear this frequently when annuities mature, where agents are trying to re-up people in annuities with crazy penalty provisions. Why should you have to pay penalties to take back your own money? The answer lies in the commission and fees the agents are receiving. Higher penalties and longer penalty provision always go hand-in-hand with high commissions. Annuity owners should know that there are other options.

Companies like Fidelity, Schwab and

Vanguard all offer commission-free and penalty-free annuities which give investors a great amount of flexibility. In today's world, it is important to have flexibility and that's why it doesn't make sense to lock up money for a long period of time. The only one who benefits by you locking up your money is the agent who is selling you the annuity.

If you get approached by an agent who is selling an annuity, the questions you need to ask are how long are you committing your money for and what are the penalty provisions. Locking up money for anything longer than five or seven years doesn't make sense in this environment. To make sure you have flexibility and use of your money, don't be afraid to say no to the salespeople and always make sure you shop your options around.

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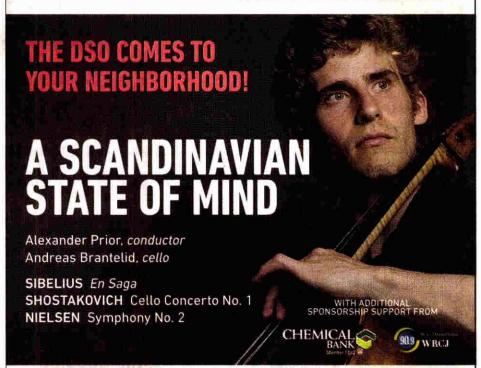
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The local Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held its annual awards day luncheon Feb. 19 at the Plymouth District Library. It is held to recognize and honor the student participants and winners of the DAR essay contests. The essays are written by students in grades 5-12 in various categories who are nominated by their schools. Winning essays were written by (front, from left) Gabby Harter of Churchill High School and Andrew Wu of Gallimore Elementary and (back, from left) Aiden Farmer of Pioneer Middle School, Abby Reppen of Ladywood High School, Sreya Sista of Canton High School, Amanda Noel of Garden City High school and Nathan Preiskom of Huron Valley Lutheran High School. All chapter winning essays have been sent to the state committees to compete with entries of more than 50 other DAR state chapters for the state award. For more information, go to www.DAR.org or connect with DAR on social media at facebook.com/TodaysDAR, twitter.com/TodaysDAR youtube.com/TodaysDAR.



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# Vaccinations often spur divorce disagreements



Tales From The Front Lines Henry Gornbein USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Is there any valid reason for not vaccinating your child?

I was recently in Judge Karen Mc-Donald's courtroom, where a hearing was continuing on the issue of whether a child should be vaccinated. The former husband wanted the child vaccinated and his former wife does not. An accredited doctor was testifying as to why there is no medical reason to withhold vaccinations. There were camera crews and reporters in the courtroom and there has been a lot of controversy over this issue.

I was recently reading a magazine called The Week, which distills the news of the week both nationally and internationally.

There was a short piece from Rome stating that measles cases are soaring. It stated that more than 21,000 people got measles in Europe last year, more than quadruple the number in 2016, and at least 35 people died. The World Health Organization blames the spike on parents rejecting or delaying vaccinations for their children because of the discredited but widespread belief that there is a link between childhood vaccinations and autism.

The vaccination rate for young children in Italy is 85 percent. The World Health Organization stated that 95 percent should be immunized to prevent outbreaks. Measles is highly contagious and can cause blindness, encephalitis and death.

In Michigan, under the best interests of the child statute where there is joint legal custody, there must be an agreement on issues such as health-related issues or the parties must go to court.

What I am observing is a tremendous waste of time and money over an issue that has been medically resolved for years. Vaccinations have eradicated many terrible diseases here in the United States, including mumps, measles, and polio, as well as small pox. There are vaccines for chicken pox and even

pneumonia

A parent may argue that his or her child should not be vaccinated for medical or religious reasons, but this fails to take into account the fact that if more and more people are not vaccinated, then the protection for our society as a whole will start falling apart and the gains in medicine to immunize and protect our children will be lost. Every competent physician I have spoken to has unequivocally stated that vaccinations are critical and are safe!

What are some solutions?

I have had some cases where a judge would award joint physical custody to one parent and sole legal custody to the other. There can even be rulings by a court to have some decisions made by one parent and others by the other parent. For example, the final say on medical issues could be with one parent, while the final say on school-related issues could be with the other.

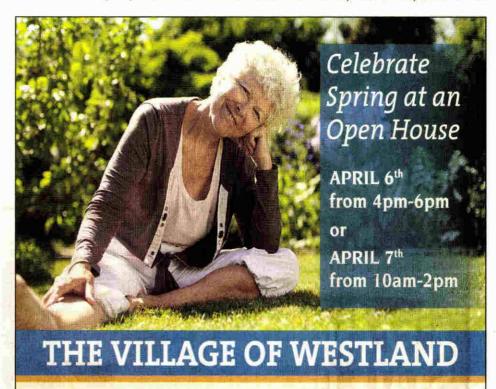
This is something that can be negotiated by the parties and their attorneys or it could even be ordered by the court.

In one of my cases, the mother who is a physician was granted sole legal custody and then had the ability to make all decisions based upon the best interests of the child of the marriage.

We are going through an era where people are more and more contentious and will use the courts to take out their anger over almost every issue, even long after the divorce is final. Emotional problems, a failure to move on to the next chapter of life, as well as anger and bitterness — all contribute to what I call the never-ending divorce. In these cases, such as the one playing out over vaccinations, one or both parents are unable to move on and will put their child or children in the middle of this mess.

These are some of my thoughts on this issue. Please share yours.

Henry S. Gornbein specializes in all aspects of family law. He is a partner in the Birmingham law firm of Lippitt O'Keefe Gornbein PLLC, where he heads the family law unit. Contact him at hgornbein@lippittokeefe.com or 248 646-8292.



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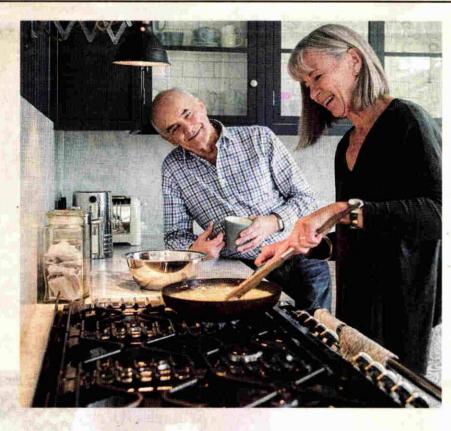


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#### Addiction treatment series

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia offers an ongoing series titled "Addiction: What you need to know and what you can do." Classes are scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. the first three Tuesdays of each month through May (March 13 and 20) in Classroom 11.

Focus is on understanding addiction and the impact of addiction on families. No registration necessary. For more information, contact Karen Bonanno at kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org or 734 338-9580.

#### **Livonia Neighbors and Friends**

248-740-9393

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a women's club, is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. Special activity groups meet yearround.

The next meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 13, at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, followed by pizza and bingo

For more information, go http://livonianeighborsandfriends. tripod.com.

#### Shamrock Shuffle card party

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, 31530 Beechwood, in Garden City will host its 33rd annual Shamrock Shuffle card party at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 14. Wear your green and play your favorite card game or table game. The event will include desserts, raffle baskets and 50/50 raffle. Tickets are \$10 at the door.

#### **3D Photography Club**

The 3D Photography Club will hold its next meeting 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, March 14, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Everyone is invited to come and see the award-winning 3D images. The meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

The program for the evening will be the PSA Stereo Sequence Exhibition, a collection of short 3D programs. After a refreshment break and the final drawing for free 3D-related items this season, we'll finish with our monthly 3D image competition. We encourage members and visitors alike to join us.

For more information, go to www.Detroit3D.org, or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

#### **Livonia Dems Club**

The Livonia Democratic Club meets the second Wednesday of each month. Its next meeting is scheduled for 7-9 p.m. March 14 at 33150 Schoolcraft Road, 104. For more information, call 734-466-5140.

#### Colon cancer event at St. Mary

In recognition of National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month, St. Mary Mercy, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia See EVENTS, Page 9A

will host an educational event on colon cancer from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, March 15, inside the hospital's south lobby. The event is free and open to the

St. Mary Mercy physicians will be on hand to answer questions. Important screening information will be available. information, more www.stmarymercy.org.

#### St. Micheal kindergarten roundup

St. Michael Lutheran School, at 3003 Hannan Road, in Wayne is hosting kindergarten roundup at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 15. The school offers a Christ-centered environment, differentiated learning, flexible seating, as well as before- and after-school care. Every family attending receives a hot pizza to take home for dinner. For more information, call 734-728-3315.

#### Laurel and Hardy gathering

A Laurel and Hardy gathering will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 15, at Mama Mia's Restaurant, 27770 Ply-









#### **Events**

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mouth Road, in Livonia. Members order and pay for their own dinners.

Come alone, bring a friend, your child or your grandchild. Member watch Laurel and Hardy movies, have raffles and and enjoy the frivolity of the evening. For more information, email thedancingcuckoos@yahoo.com.

#### St. Patrick's Day at Legion

The Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia is having its annual St. Patrick's Day party from noon to 8 p.m. Saturday, March 17. A corned beef dinner will cost \$12 (includes cabbage, potatoes and carrots), while a corned beef sandwich is \$7

The party will include games and door prizes, as well as Irish drink specials. There will be Irish trivia at 2 p.m. and 6 p.m., with \$5 per team entry. The public is welcome.

#### Food drive

The Youth of Unity (Y.O.U.) is collecting food and funds for the poor and homeless. Collection boxes for non-perishable items will be at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, from Sunday, March 18, until Sunday, April 15. Dropoff times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 9:30 a.m. to noon Sunday.

Monetary donations can also be made by cash or check. Make checks payable to Unity of Livonia and include "Fast for Food" on the notation line. Checks can be mailed to Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road, Livonia, MI 48154. Cash donations need to be delivered to the church.

On Saturday, April 14, the Youth of Unity (Y.O.U.) will fast for 24 hours to raise awareness of hunger and nutrition challenges within our community. Donations will be delivered to Redford Interfaith Relief, a local hunger organization, and ChristNet, a partnership of local churches serving southeast Michigan's homeless community.

#### Support group at St. Michael's

St. Michael's new St. Monica's support group, which meets at 7 p.m. the

third Wednesday of each month in the St. Michael school library, 11441 Hubbard Road, for parents, grandparents and others praying for the return of their children, grandchildren and other loved ones to the church, will begin offering its meetings in both a live and a webinar format starting with the March 21 meeting. For details, call 734-261-1455, ext. 200. To join the webinar, email gmichuta@hotmail.com for instructions.

#### **Livonia Towne Club meeting**

Livonia Towne Club, a nonprofit women's organization that brings together women for social interaction, meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November and December, when it's the second Thursday).

Its next lunch is at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 22. For more information, call Vicki at 734-591-3254.

#### St. Michael Lenten fish dinners

St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites the community to its annual all-you-can-eat Lenten fish fry, scheduled for 4:30-7 p.m. each Friday through March 23, in the St. Michael School cafeteria. There will be no dinner Good Friday.

The dinners will all feature baked or fried, hand-dipped fresh Atlantic cod, mac and cheese, green beans, cole slaw, French fries or baked potato, rolls, beverages and ice cream. Prices are: adults, \$10; seniors, \$8; children ages 3-13, \$5.50; and under age 3, free. Take-out service is also available at \$9 per dinner. Lenten Stations of the Cross services will be offered in the church at 7 p.m. each evening following the dinner.

St. Michael is located at 11441 Hubbard Road in Livonia. For more information, call 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to www.livoniastmichael.org.

#### St. Mary Mercy weight management classes

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management program titled Weigh Your Options. Classes are scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. both Thursday, March 22, and Thursday, May 24.

Registered dietitians will provide attendees with information to help individuals begin a weight loss program. Attendees will learn about successful weight management programs, where to find reliable resources and healthy activities in the community and what is needed to create a healthy lifestyle. Participants will learn how to read food labels, write SMART goals and how to determine their healthiest weight.

The class will take place in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 10, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, accessed from the South Entrance. There is a \$5 fee for this class and registration is required. Register online at www.stmarymercy.org and click on "Classes and Events."

#### Livonia Bunny Brunch

The annual Livonia Bunny Brunch will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 24, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The event includes lunch, crafts and a visit from the Easter Bunny.

Tickets are available for \$6 for Livonia residents and \$9 for non-residents at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. All attendees over the age of 2 must have a ticket. For more information, call 734-466-2900.

#### Skywarn training class

The Livonia's Emergency Preparedness Department, in conjunction with the Livonia Amateur Radio Club, is sponsoring a National Weather Service Skywarn training program at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 28, at the Livonia Civic Center Library Auditorium, 32777 Five Mile. The training is free and no advanced registration is necessary.

The Skywarn training program is a partnership between the National

Weather Service and the community that is designed to help reduce the threat posed by severe weather through a network of trained volunteer "storm spotters" who relay reports of severe weather to the NWS.

For more information, go to http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us/Home.aspx or contact Livonia Emergency Preparedness director Brian C. Kahn at 734-466-2368 or email-brian.kahn@livoniapd.com.

#### St. Mary fish fry

St. Mary Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Avenue, in Wayne is hosting its annual Lenten fish fry 4-7 p.m. each Friday through March 30. The menu includes traditional fried fish, baked fish, baked salmon, shrimp and macaroni and cheese, along with cole slaw, a roll and water, lemonade and coffee.

#### **Egg hunt at Rotary Park**

A free egg hunt is scheduled for noon Saturday, March 31, at Rotary Park, Six Mile and Hubbard Street, in Livonia. Registration is 10:30-11:30 a.m., come early for pictures with the Easter Bunny.

#### First United Methodist fish fry

The First United Methodist Church of Wayne/Westland, 3 Towne Square, is holding fish fry dinners at 4:30 p.m. each Friday through Lent. Cost \$10 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5-12, under age 5 free. Dinner includes fried or baked fish, baked potato or french fries, cole slaw and a roll. A piece of pie is \$1. Pop is \$1 a can.

### 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, March 27, 2018, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following item:

Petition 2018-02-01-03 submitted by Cross Winds Court pursuant to Section 23.01 of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, requesting to rezone the properties at 34405, 34401 and 34407 Ann Arbor Trail, located on the south side of Ann Arbor Trail between Norwich Avenue and Wayne Road in the Southwest ¼ of Section 33, from R-U-F (Rural Urban Farm) to R-1 (One Family Residential).

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 scheduled public hearing and may be examined during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Ian Wilshaw, Chairman CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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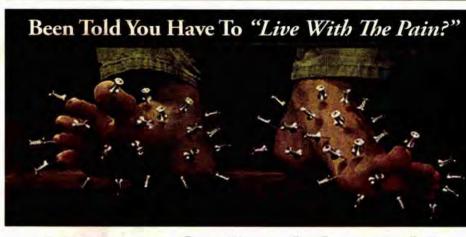
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### Brinza selected as featured veteran

Anthony Brinza III, a Vietnam War veteran from Westland, was honored as the March 2018 Veteran of the Month by the Sons of the American Legion, Squadron 32, of the Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32 in Livonia.

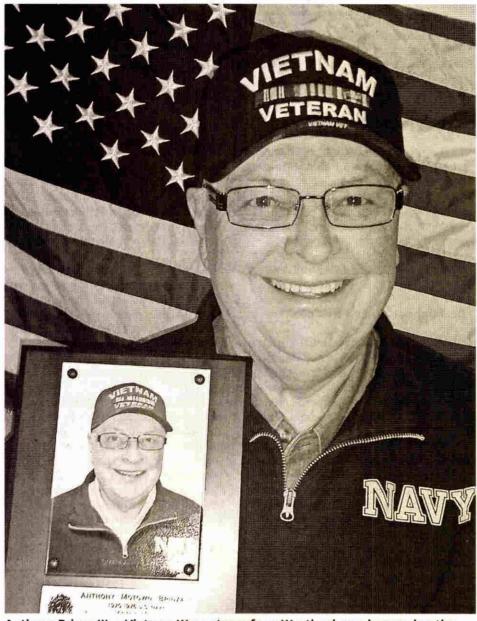
Brinza served in the U.S. Navy from 1970-76. He was born in Detroit and lived their until his teens, when he moved to Southfield. He graduated from Southfield High School in 1965 and then attended Oakland Community College, where he earned an associate's degree. He received notice that he would be drafted in October 1969 and, not wanting to settle for the U.S. Army, Brinza went to the requiting office to enlist.

He was told there was a two-year waiting list for the U.S. Air Force, so he decided to take the test for the U.S. Marines and the U.S. Navy. The navy offered him training in nuclear power, which sounded very interesting to him. He was also told that he could have three months to get his life in order before being inducted, but he would also have to commit to six years service. Brinza signed up and was inducted in February 1970.

He was sent to for basic training San Diego, where he graduated as Co. 102 Honor Man and was nicknamed "Motown." Following initial rate training and completion of electricians mate 'A' school, he transferred to the USS Puget Sound (AD-38, Destroyer Tender) in Newport, R.I., for temporary duty in the electrical motor repair and rewind shop and, in November 1970, was advanced to EM3. In January 1970, he was selected to attend Nuclear Power School in Bainbridge, Md.

"It was a rugged class," Brinza said. "I spent about 85 hours a week between classes and study hall. We started with 50 in the class and wound up with only seven that took the final test. I had a 'B' average in the classes, but washed out on the final. I was told I was not strong enough in the areas that mattered the most. Only five of the seven were ultimately selected. I think it was a blessing in disguise."

In July 1971, he transferred to the USS Providence (CGL-6, guided missile cruiser and flagship) in San Diego. In April 1972, they were assigned to WEST-PAC and departed for the Pacific.



Anthony Brinza III, a Vietnam War veteran from Westland, was honored as the March 2018 Veteran of the Month.

"We were told we were going out on operations, but the next thing we knew, we were in Hawaii, then the Philippines and then on the gun line off Vietnam," Brinza said. The USS Providence then spent the next eight months in Vietnam, providing gunfire support to allied forces ashore and blocking supply ships to North Vietnam in the Haiphong harbor area. They inflicted serious losses on the enemy and often came under intense hostile fire and received a U.S. Na-

vy unit commendation for their actions.

"The first week on the gun line was a real indoctrination to hell," Brinza said. "We had three days of general quarters with no sleep we were like zombies. One night, I decided to go on deck to see the action. It looked like a scene from 'Victory at Sea.' Then I said to myself, 'Are you nuts? Get back inside.' The next morning, I went back outside and there was shrapnel all over where I was standing. I still get the shudders thinking

about how stupid I was, but you get so mentally fatigued you don't think straight."

They returned to San Diego in December 1972 and Brinza was transferred to PTF-25 Osprey Class patrol boat at COSRIVON ONE (Coastal River Squadron One) at Coronado Island, San Diego, and advanced to EM2. In May 1974, he was hand-selected as a research and development crew member for the new CPIX-X (a new hydrofoil coastal patrol boat) in Tacoma, Wash. They spent six months testing the new systems at sea and working with Seal Team 1. They completed final testing at Port Hueneme, Calif. In November 1974, he returned to COSRIVON ONE and was advanced to EM1.

Brinza separated from active duty in April 1975 and remained in the reserves until 1976. He returned home to Michigan and got a job at J.L. Hudson's in security. In 1978, he went to work as a draftsman at the Ford Van Dyke plant and, in 198,3 transferred to the Livonia transmission plant as a torque converter engineer and calibration tester.

While at Ford, he attended Northwood University in Livonia and graduated summa cum laude with a B.S. in business administration. He retired in 2007. He married Maryann in 1970 and they have a daughter, Tonya. He is a member of VFW Post 6695 and a life member of Vietnam Veterans Chapter 528 in Plymouth. He has been a member of American Legion Post 32 for 19 years and chairs the annual golf outing that raises money to place wreaths on veterans graves at the Great Lake National Cemetery in Holly each Christmas season.

Brinza was interviewed by members of S.A.L. and a DVD was made of the interview. He attended the S.A.L. March membership meeting, where the video was show to all. A plaque was presented to him from Livonia Trophy with his picture and service information. An additional plaque was also put on display in the vestibule of the American Legion Hall. The public is encouraged to nominate veterans to be honored at its meetings. Nomination forms can be picked up at the American Legion Hall, 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia.



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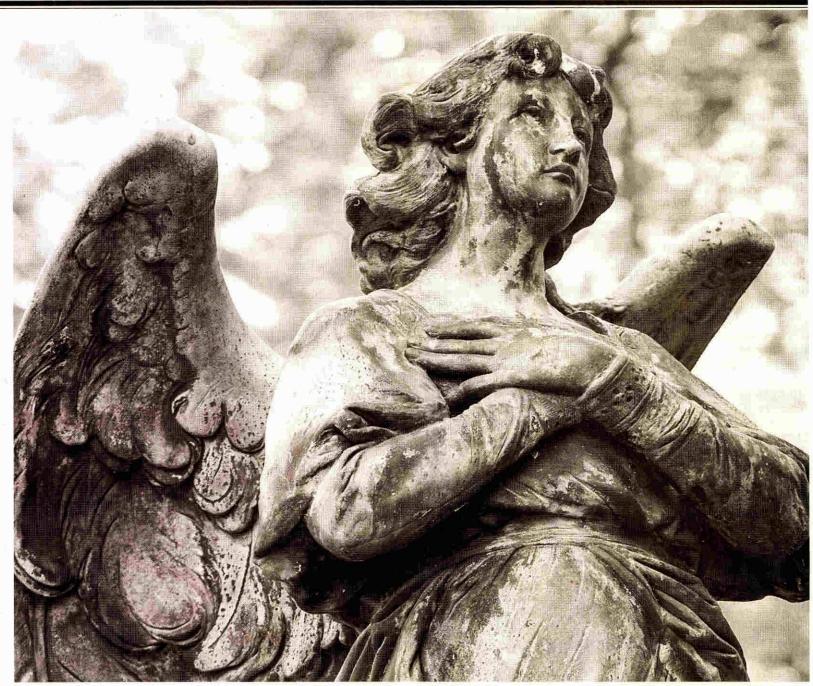
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**Peggy Sayed** 

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS** - Sayed, Margaret Jane "Peggy" (Moore) age 91 died at Sunrise of Bloomfield Hills on March 4, 2018. Beloved wife of Robert (Bob) Kenneth Sayed (deceased). She is survived by two daughters: Ginger Dery (Roger) and Joy Murray (Thomas), and three grandchildren: Meghan Murray, Rachel Dery, and Samuel Murray. A memorial service will take place at First United Methodist Church, 1589 W. Maple Road, Birmingham, at 2 p.m. on Friday, March 16. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the First United Methodist Church Endowment Fund.



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#### **HYPE RECREATION CENTER EVENTS**

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#### **Health screening**

When: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 14

Details: Screening includes blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose (diabetes). No fasting required and no appointment needed. You must be 18 years or older. Offered through Beaumont's Community Health.

#### Legal consultation

When: Thursday, March 15 (by appointment only)

**Details:** Have questions that only an attorney can answer for you? Here's your opportunity. Appointments are for 15 minutes. Senior residents ages 50 and up. Call Nancy at 734-721-7460.

#### **Personal Action Toward Health**

When: 6-8:30 p.m. each Wednesday through March 28

**Details:** Designed to provide skills and tools to help people living with Type 2 diabetes and their support system, live a healthier life. It is a fun, interactive, workshop led by certified leaders. Go to https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/fUjwC5yw29h2y58MfzjBgp? domain=beaumont.org or call 313-586-5488 to register.

#### Matter of balance

When: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday

Details: An award-winning program designed to reduce the fear of falling and increase their activity level. Learn practical strategies to manage falls, make changes to reduce fall risks at home and improve balance and flexibility. Call Nancy at 734-721-7460 to register.

#### **Diabetes prevention program**

Details: Small changes can make a big difference in your health; helping you to prevent the development of type 2 diabetes. Beaumont's Diabetes Prevention Program is led by trained lifestyle coaches who will give you the skills you need to make lasting, healthy lifestyle changes. Call 313-586-5488 or go to https://protect-us.mimecast.com/s/TWWHC68x3RHqRjkPf6Tv-c?domain=beaumont.org to register.

#### Cooking for diabetes

When: 6-8 p.m. each Tuesday, April 4 through May 9

Details: This six-week workshop is a commitment of fun, interactive sessions presented by a trained culinary and nutrition instructor. Hands-on presentations demonstrate the link between nutrition and health, the affordability of healthy eating, healthy meal planning and cooking tips.

Free groceries and cookbooks are included to practice new skills at home. This workshop provides specialized recipes and information for adults living with diabetes and their caregivers. Class is free and open to adults who

have not previously enrolled in a Cooking Matters course.

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#### **Sometimes Travelers Club**

Stop by the office or city hall to pick up trip fliers, which will have further trip details, or call Nancy at 734-721-7460. The club is offering the following trips:

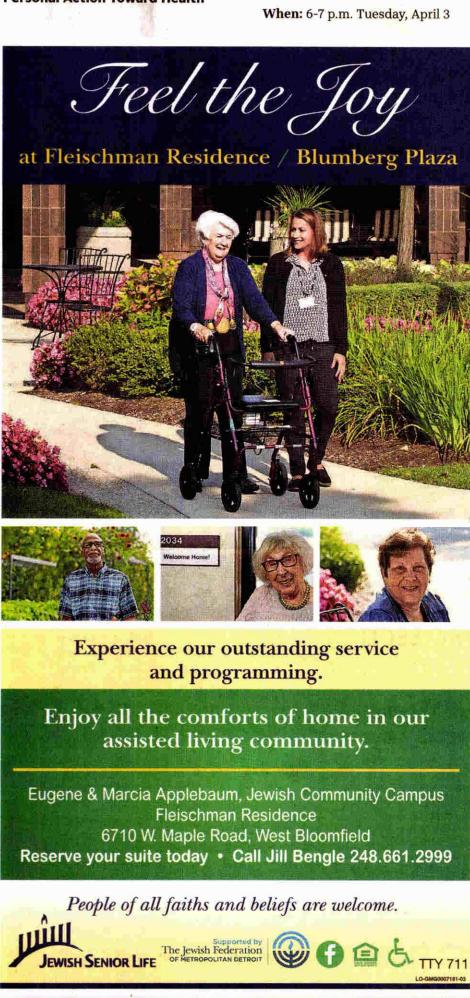
Gems of Detroit, Thursday, April 5. Visit the Roasting Plant. Tour the iconic GM Renaissance Center. Enjoy the Motown Museum. Lunch at Slow's BBQ.

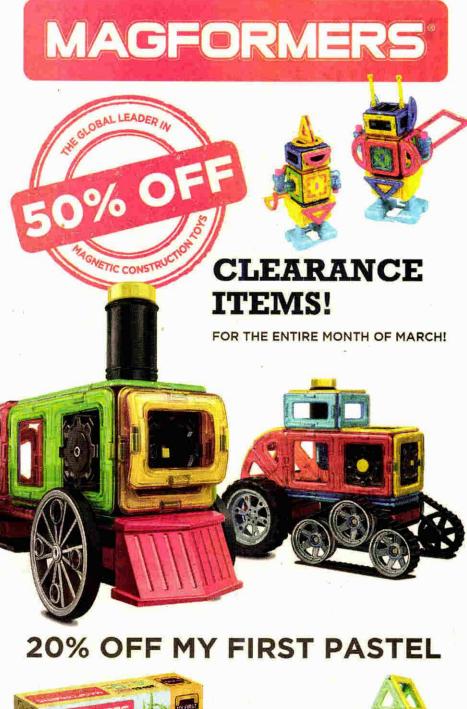
■ District Detroit, Wednesday, April

11. Guided tour of Little Caesars Arena.

Lunch at Pizza Papalis. Three hours to
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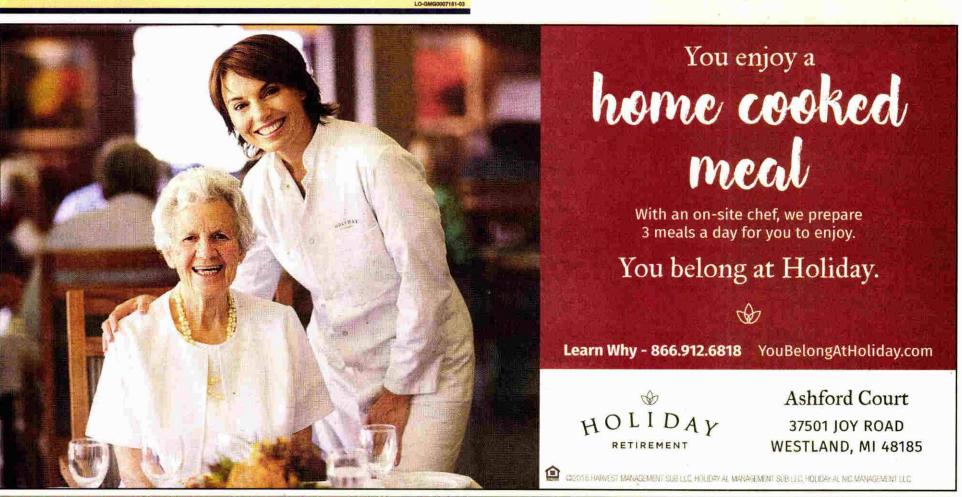
Memory Lane/Grand River Avenue, Wednesday, April 25. Guided tour of the Redford Theatre (opened in 1928), currently owned and operated by the Motor City Theatre Organ Society. Lunch at the Stillwater Grill. Shopping at Heart of Michigan and Sweet Sensations.

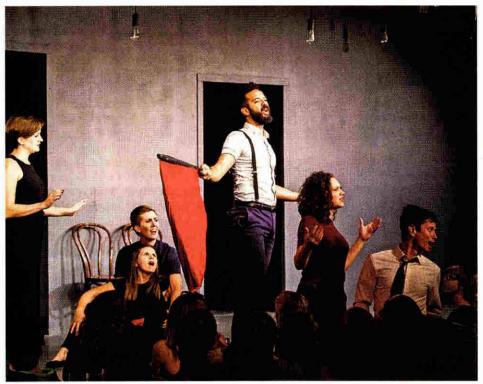






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The famous Second City comedy troupe will perform a show Saturday, March 31, at Canton's Village Theater.

### **Second City to** appear at Canton's Village Theater

Chicago's legendary sketch and improv comedy touring company, The Second City, will return to The Village Theater at Cherry Hill to perform "Look Both Ways Before Talking." The show is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.

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"Look Both Ways Before Talking" is an improvised revue show, which is a mix of semi-improvised and scripted scenes with new material developed during unscripted improv sessions after the second act, where scenes are created based on audience suggestions.

Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$32 for seniors and are available www.cantonvillagetheater.org or by calling 734-394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at box office one hour prior to show time.



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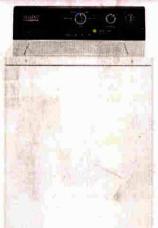
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**BOYS HOCKEY** 

### Churchill flawless in historic win

#### Chargers post first quarterfinal win in school history

Tim Smith

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Livonia Churchill's boys hockey team was on cloud nine after its triple-OT win March 3 over Allen Park in the Division 3 regional final.

But the Chargers put on their hard hats and put their skates squarely on the ice for the next task at hand -Wednesday's D-3 quarterfinal against Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett at Farmington Hills Ice Arena.

An early 3-0 Churchill lead put the Knights in a hole they couldn't escape, not with the Chargers playing strong and confident in every phase of the game. Senior goalie Chris Sergison also was flawless, stopping all 26 shots as Churchill earned a 4-0 victory.

Winning in overtime, especially for a regional championship, definitely gives you some momentum coming into

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Cutting in on University Liggett goalie Grant Lindsay is Livonia Churchill's Conor Burnette. TOM BEAUDOIN

#### **BOYS HOCKEY**



Livonia Stevenson senior goaltender Will Tragge is the picture of calm confidence, even when the action around him is frenetic. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

### STANDING TALL

Stevenson's Tragge eyes NAHL-college route after finishing standout prep career

**Tim Smith** 

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In this day and age of hockey, the odds are stacked against any "smallish" goalie — under the 6-foot-0 mark, for sure - doing anything big.

But don't underestimate Livonia Stevenson senior Will Tragge, all 5-foot-9 of him. Spartans head coach David Mitchell certainly doesn't.

"He's extremely committed to his See TRAGGE, Page 2B

craft, his mental approach to the game," said Mitchell, who considers Tragge the best prep goalie in Michigan this year. "Everything about him is high character. He's going to play hockey for a long, long time.

That certainly is a definite possibility, because Tragge isn't about to take no for an answer - not when his mentor is 5-6 Jeff Lerg, who was a standout at Michigan State University and currently

"That's something my parents always instilled in me. ... If you really want to be the best, you got to put in the work."

**Will Tragge** Stevenson senior goaltender

#### PREP GYMNASTICS

### Livonia Blue, **Farmington** land state's top scores

**Marty Budner** 

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If the regional results are any indication, the 2018 prep gymnastics state championship was most likely to pro-

duce some magic moments. Twelve of the 13 teams that qualified for states registered at least 140 points at the four regional meets held March 3. They assembled to decide a state champion this weekend at Rockford High School with the team finals and individual finals.

The list is topped by the Livonia Blue team, which captured the regional hosted by Canton with a state-high 146.225 points. Farmington Unified won the Walled Lake Central regional with 145.775 points and defending state champion Rockford posted the third-best score of 145.6 in winning the Grand Rapids Kenowa Hills regional.

The next two highest regional scores were registered by Plymouth (143.95), which placed second to Farmington Unified at Walled Lake Central, and Linden (143.575), which won the Grand Ledge regional.

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Regional all-around champion Aniessa Conway of Livonia Blue performs a floor exercise routine. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



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### **Tragge**

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plays in a European pro league.

"I've been working with him since I was little," Tragge, 17, said about Lerg. "He's been a great mentor for me. He always preaches (staying calm between the pipes). He's still playing, he's over in France, but I work with him in the spring and summer.

"He works through Future Pro Goalie School, so when I was little, my parents were looking for a goalie school for me to go to and they found him. My parents (John and Richelle) are both Michigan State grads and he is, obviously, a Spartan legend. They saw him, signed me up and the rest is history."

#### What a year

Tragge is putting the finishing touches on a special senior season. Entering Tuesday night's Division 2 quarterfinal at Yost Arena in Ann Arbor, he was 20-5 with a 1.80 goals-against average and .925 save percentage. (The Spartans lost 3-1 to Trenton in that game.)

Moreover, he is the frontrunner in State Champs Sports Network's Player of the Year polling and likely will find himself on the all-state team.

For all of the kudos, Tragge maintains an even-keel approach, whether in the heat of battle (such as last week's epic 3-2 win over Plymouth in a D-2 pre-regional) or literally going the extra mile for his team.

A hard shot broke his goalie mask during a practice March 2, so he drove over to Perani's Hockey World in Livonia to have a couple of screws installed.

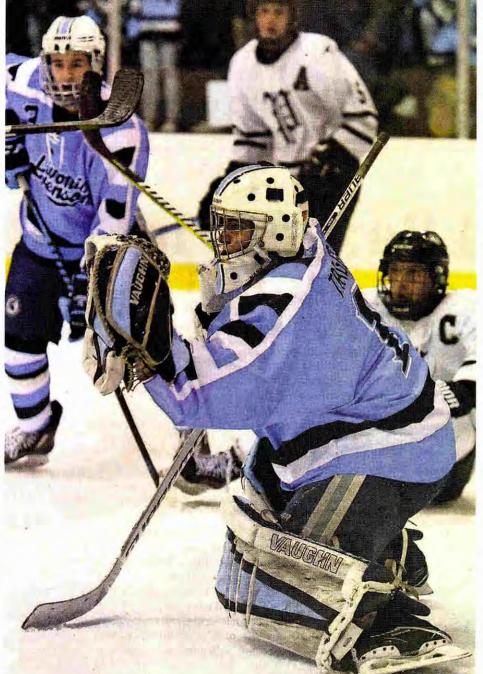
"After this, I have to go over to Holmes Middle School for team yoga," he said with a smile. "That's really good for goalies, it helps with flexibility."

#### It's not about him

Also crucial for goaltending success is staying humble.

He shook his head when asked about the likely State Champs award, deflecting any accolades to his teammates and coaches.

"I was pretty surprised when I saw I



Long hours training and practicing enable Livonia Stevenson's Will Tragge to make the toughest saves look easy, such as this one against Plymouth in the recent Division 2 pre-regional. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

was nominated," Tragge said. "But huge credit to my teammates, this is such a team award, honestly. I can't have this success that I do without them diving around, blocking shots and back-checking hard. All the little things they do in the 'D' zone to help me.

"Also credit to the coaches, they push me every day. I think it was the best decision of my life to come play for Stevenson. Every little thing, they're always on you in practice. It's helped me become a way better goalie."

Tragge also makes sure to work hard

behind the scenes.

"That's something my parents always instilled in me, is to work hard when nobody's watching, because if you don't, someone else will," Tragge said. "If you really want to be the best, you got to put in the work."

He'll do extra stretching with foam rollers and work with resistance bands before going to bed, for example. He does private lessons with Lerg and (Stevenson goalie coach) Eric Schardt. He watches what other goalies do and don't do and applies that information to his game.

"Doing all that extra work when we don't have practice, just getting all those reps, it builds confidence to know you can trust your instincts," he said.

#### All mapped out

How far can his dedication and skill carry him? He hopes to find a spot on the roster of junior hockey team after graduating from Stevenson. From there, if all goes well, he'll play college hockey.

"I'm looking toward junior hockey first and then we'll go from there," Tragge said. "Hopefully, the NAHL, the North American Hockey League. But there's a lot of other leagues that are good, in Canada and the U.S.

"It's probably one or two years and then, hopefully, get a college scholar-

That's not such a tall task, even for a 5-9 guy. He smiled again and listed a few other high school goalies who went the NAHL-college route.

He cited John Lethemon, a goalie at Farmington High School, who now is at Michigan State after two years with the Chicago Steel of the United States Hockey League (a Tier I junior league; the NAHL is Tier II).

Former Chelsea goalie Derek Schaedig played in the NAHL and has committed to Harvard.

'(Brighton's) Logan Neaton's in the NAHL with Fairbanks; there's a long list of goalies," Tragge said.

And there's no reason why Tragge's name can't be the next one on that list.

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### Churchill

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the game," Sergison said, "But we knew we had to start fresh this one. We started off great, put three goals in the first period and shut them down after that.

"We killed the seven minutes (of penalties) in the second period - we have the best penalty kills I've ever played with - and then we ran our systems perfectly and shut them down.

#### **Quick start**

Churchill coach Jason Reynolds, whose team became the first in school history to qualify for the state semifinals, said getting the early lead helped lift any possible nervousness.

"We wanted to make sure we were assertive in the offensive zone right out of the chute," Reynolds said. "I thought we did a really nice job of matching their pace and their energy right away.

"Obviously, we got a couple of goals in the first period to kind of get them on their heels. And from that point on, it was match shift by shift and maintain the energy throughout. The biggest thing was consistency."

Senior forward Josh Friend got the Chargers off and running when he scored at 2:54, snapping a shot from the left circle past Liggett freshman goalie Grant Lindsay. Drawing the lone assist was senior Carter Swider.

"We knew Liggett's a strong team, they have speed," said Friend, who shares captain duties with senior forward Conor Burnette. "I got a rush, got a pass from my defense and I skated down the ice. I was looking for a backdoor pass, but I saw the bottom corner open and I just had to shoot it.

"Our team was very hyped up after the first goal. We built off that, keep going, kept grinding."

#### Reaching a goal

Friend smiled about the postgame celebrations, both on the ice and in the locker room. Churchill was scheduled to play a D-3 semifinal Friday against Riverview Gabriel Richard.

"We just got pretty excited with our athletic director (Marc Hage), had a good talk with him, celebrating," Friend said. "Everybody's bought in from seniors to freshmen. We know what we want to do and we're going to go get it this year."

The Chargers (15-11-3) parlayed some



Battling along the boards are Livonia Churchill's Josh Friend (left) and University Liggett's Spencer Warezak. TOM BEAUDOIN

good fortune into a 3-0 lead after one period.

Sophomore forward Cam Greener tapped a loose puck into a wide-open net (assisted by senior defenseman Seth Kucharczyk) with 3:55 left, then a harmless-looking wrist shot by Peterson bounced in off a Knights defenseman just 70 seconds later.

#### PK perfection

Despite the three-goal cushion, the game was far from decided. Liggett (21-7) had the edge in scoring chances in the second period, thanks to extended time (seven minutes, including a major) on the power play.

To the Knights' chagrin, they couldn't get one past Sergison.

'We had some opportunities, we had a five-minute power play," Liggett coach Mike Maltese said. "A few rebounds bounced out to the wrong guys. A couple

posts here and there.

"(The Chargers) did a pretty good job of clearing guys out in front of the net and just letting their goalie see the puck and clearing out those second-chance rebounds. They're a pretty fast team and a pretty aggressive and gritty team, in my book."

Reynolds credited penalty killers Friend, Greener, senior forward Adam Sinclair and junior forward Zach Vendittelli for doing "a tremendous job tonight .... tenacious foursome there.'

When Sergison needed to be ready, he was. With the major penalty expiring, he put an exclamation point on the PK when he flashed a pad to stop a slap shot by sophomore Tristan Reilly.

"Coming out of that regional championship game, I think (Sergison) was thinking about a couple of those goals that went in in that game," Reynolds said. "That was a tough battle. Even this game, he wanted to come back and really step up and earn a little redemption. He stood on his head tonight."

Churchill played smart and steady throughout the third period and Kucharczyk scored an empty-netter with just 2.7 seconds to go.

Following are several takeaways:

#### **FAB FIVE**

Reynolds listed Sergison, Friend, Burnette, Kucharczyk and defenseman Willis Wuebben as five players who started with the program as ninth-graders and have grown into strong senior contributors to a team now in the final four.

"They were the five original freshmen and they've all come into their own," Reynolds said. "They're really leading the way with this program."

Friend also talked about the transformation since 2014-15.

"We've had a pretty strong core group," Friend said. "Some of them didn't really get playing time freshman year, but they played some good roles on the team, battled through it and stayed all the way through to senior year."

#### THEY'RE THE FIRST

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, Sergison skated over to the Churchill student section along the glass. He was followed by a stream of teammates, who mobbed him and each other while celebrating along with the fans.

"It's great. We're the first team from Churchill to ever make it to USA Arena and we had a lot of great teams before us, but we're the first," Sergison said. "It's part of school history now."

#### **MEMORY BANK**

Reynolds said he talked to the team before the game about remembering to go hard for 51 minutes and, hopefully, succeed where it came up short in 2017 when the Chargers coughed up a lead late in the third period of a quarterfinal against Saline and lost in double overtime.

"The one thing I did tell these guys is they shouldn't discount their previous experience in the quarterfinals," Revnolds said. "They knew they had to stay composed. They knew it was going to take the entire 17 minutes of each period in order to finish the job. And that's what it came down to last year, (when) we let that lead slip away."

He had no such worries this time around, as the Chargers played a flawless third period.

#### CAN'T BUY ONE

Maltese lamented that his team couldn't break the ice against Sergison and perhaps go on a much-needed offensive binge. The team has a tendency to score goals in bunches, he noted.

"In the regional final game, we scored goal after goal in the third period," Maltese said. "I just reminded them that it's the same type of scenario.

"We were just waiting for that first one to trickle in and then we'd, hopefully, pump in a couple more. But it just wasn't in the cards tonight."

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### Mars rockets to third state crown

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Spearheaded by the incomparable Mikey Mars, Westland John Glenn went 5-for-5 March 3 at Ford Field in Detroit.

All five Rockets who competed in the Division 1 individual wrestling state finals were able to step up onto the podium for placing in the top eight - with senior Mars running the table at 125 to finish a 55-0 season and his third individual title. Another area school, Livonia Franklin, also had a successful day with two state placers.

Mars defeated Hartland junior Kantola in the championship bout, 5-1. Earlier that day, he pinned Damien Ballan (Traverse City West) and Anthonie Taylor (Grandville) and earned an 11-0 major decision over Brighton's Zach Johnson.

"It's really determination, doing what it takes every day, never take any days off," Mars said. "Always going to the gym and the practice room when other kids aren't. Doing what you do when other people aren't looking is what makes you a champ.

"I feel I wrestled really good this year and I reached my accomplishments."

John Glenn coach Bill Polk, who was named Division 1 Coach of the Year, marveled at the way Mars (218-8 career record) bowled over every obstacle in his path all season and at Ford Field.

"Mikey is my first undefeated state champion and that's saying a lot," Polk said. "I tried to wrestle him up and challenge him for the task of achieving this all year. He was put against the best and defeated them all. He deserves every bit of his undefeated state title.

"I am so proud and thankful to have him as a Rocket. He's a outstanding young man that has worked tirelessly to achieve his goal. He did it and now will be on to bigger things at the University of Michigan."

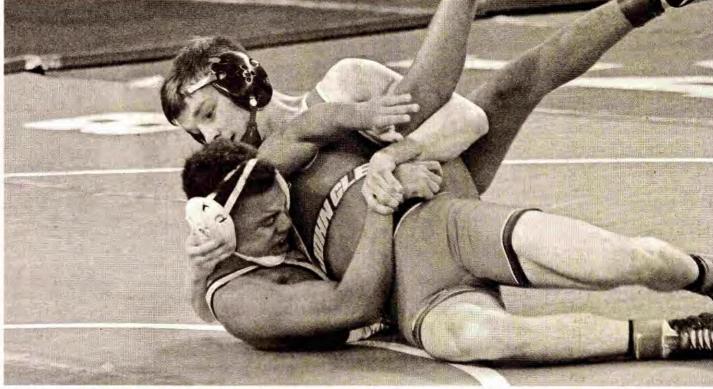
The Rockets came within an eyelash a move here or there, really — of crowning two individual champions. Senior Anthony Gibson (51-5) lost in the championship match against Walled Lake Central's Nick Freeman,

It was the second runner-up finish for Gibson, who surpassed 160 career

"Anthony is a coach's dream," Polk said. "He would take on anyone when asked to, with no hesitation. You knew, actually, what you were getting when he stepped on the mat, six minutes of nonstop action.

Another two-time state placer was John Glenn senior Isaac Lefler, fifth place in the 130-pound weight class. Lefler finished 50-8 for the season and also hit the 160-win mark for his career.

Isaac completed the most impressive trio I've ever coached," Polk said re-



Westland Glenn's Miley Mars gets ready to pin Grandville's Anthonie Taylor during the 125-pound quarterfinals. TOM LANG

ferring to Mars, Gibson and Lefler. "Isaac was a gamer. He stepped it up against the best competition and won nine of 10 times."

Finishing fourth at 119 was Rockets junior Caleb Meekins, who closed out a 50-10 season. His 9-8 decision against Hartland's Corey Cavanaugh moved him into the third-place bout.

"(Meekins) keeps the same attitude every time he stepped on the mat, he is in the circle to win and expects to," Polk said. "We can't wait to see his quest to be the next state champion at John Glenn."

The Rockets' fifth participant was the coach's nephew, junior Brenten Polk (41-17). He finished eighth at 145, but has potential to climb to a higher podium step next season.

"He strived to take the next step this season and become one of the best on our team," coach Polk said. "He performed great down the stretch and had a good run to the podium. Now he needs to get to the top.'

About his own award, Polk said he is "glad my peers realize and respect the work that my staff and I put in to be successful. It's an honor to be selected for such an award."

#### Two Patriots place

Livonia Franklin also had a very successful showing at Ford Field, with two state placers and two others who narrowly missed the cut.

Finishing fifth at 215 was senior Manee Willee (43-5), while sophomore heavyweight Jake Swirple (49-10) came in eighth place.

"Manee has been very consistent all

year," Patriots coach David Chiola said. "His biggest problem is he really didn't see much tough competition until the postseason.

"He had a legitimate shot to win it; he just came up short. His matches were all close and, when you wrestle like that, it only takes one mistake."

Willee, who went 3-2 for the day, earned a 4-2 win over Jenison's Mitch Hawkes in the bout for fifth place.

Swirple really held his own during the postseason, emerging from what Chiola described as a "stacked region," defeating the No. 2-ranked wrestler to qualify for states.

"Once he was there, he saw three regional champs and wrestled great against of them," Chiola said. "Finishing eighth at that tough of a weight, as a sophomore, is an incredible accomplishment."

Chiola said Swirple won his blood round match despite a dislocated shoulder to become the second Franklin sophomore to place. The first: Nathan Atienza.

Two other Franklin state qualifiers, senior Johnny DiPonio and junior Russell Rusnell, lost in the blood round, coming close to having a crack at the po-

DiPonio, who wrestled at 135, finished the season 46-9; Rusnell, in the 112 weight class, ended with a 47-9 mark.

"It was interesting because a huge percentage of my team was on the the football team," Chiola said, referring to the Division 2 finalists. "So when they played at Ford Field, I told them, 'Hopefully, you'll be back here in a few months.' Three of them were able to

manage that."

#### Others excel

■ Plymouth senior Tyler Campbell finished ninth at 112 and ended the year with a 46-12 record.

Wildcats coach Patrick Durocher said Campbell fell one short of placing in the top eight.

Tyler has been a guy we looked to match after match to get a win," Durocher said. "He was successful in doing so for the team all year long. He showed great leadership on a very young team.

'This weekend at the state meet, he did everything right. He went out, wrestled his hardest and it showed. He had a tough route to place and he made the most of it."

Salem junior JaQuan Baker di d not reach the Ford Field podium, going 1-2. But he completed a 42-17 season and could be one to watch next season.

"He lost to the runner-up River Shettler (Hartland) by fall and then lost to Reece Potter (Hartland) 12-2 in the blood round," Salem coach Jeremy Henderson said. "He has come a long way this year. To win a match at states after only been wrestling a little over a year is incredi-

■ North Farmington 130-pounder Scott Hampton (28-12) dropped both of his match-ups.

Tom Lang contributed to this report.

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### **Gymnastics**

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Salem (141.975), Northville (141.85), Brighton and Howell (141.425), Huron Valley United (141.375), Jackson Lumen Christi (140.325), Forest Hills (140.15) and Lowell (138.725) completed the 13team state-qualifying field.

"As a team, we try each year to put us in a position to do well at states. We have reached that goal," said veteran Farmington Unified coach Jeff Dwyer, whose team hit a season-high at the regional. "It hasn't been an easy goal as there are four or five teams that are scoring in the same range. We have played those teams tough each time we have faced them.

"It has been very close at some of the invites that we have won and it was close when we lost to Rockford at their invite. I do know that this team will put up a good fight each and every meet. That is what we need to do at states.

"We need to go hard and take care of what we can do and not worry about other teams, then see where we are standing at the end of the meet," he added. "That is all I can ask for as a coach. Nothing is guaranteed in any sport at this level."

Following is a brief recap of the Canton and Walled Lake Central regionals.

#### W.L. Central

Farmington Unified, behind a tremendous showing from Elisa Bills, captured its sixth straight regional championship.

Bills, returning to action after a month off because of a knee injury, won the Division 2 all-around title with a



Livonia Blue celebrates after winning the gymnastics regional held at Plymouth High School. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

score of 36.9, while teammate Kacey Noseworthy was second with 36.775.

Bills, the defending Division 2 allaround state champion, won the vault and uneven bars competition. Noseworthy won the balance beam and floor exercise disciplines.

Farmington, in fact, took five of the top six all-around spots. Ava Farquhar was fourth with 35.325 points, followed by teammates Allison Schultz (35.25) and Sydney Schultz (35.15).

Shelby Smith (floor exercise, uneven bars) and Emily Stecevic (floor exercise) are Farmington Unified's other state qualifiers.

The only non-Farmington gymnast to break into the top six Division 2 allaround was Huron Valley's Nicole Graham, who placed third with 35.75. Graham was second on the beam, fifth on floor exercise and eighth in both the vault and bars.

Huron Valley's other state meet competitors include Rachel Palaian (fifth all-around Division 1), Laura Nowicki (sixth on floor), Erin Murphy (sixth on bars, seventh on beam) and Lauren Graham (fifth on bars and beam).

Northville, competing in a new regional, was led by senior Erin McCallum, who was third all-around, and junior Mackenzie Willson, who was fourth all-around in Division 1. Maddy Lewis (bars), Lora Haupt (vault) and Grace Jankowski (vault) are the Mustangs' individual state-meet qualifiers.

#### Canton

In this very competitive regional, Livonia Blue achieved the state's highest score to win by nearly three points over runner-up Plymouth. Salem was the third and final team qualifier.

Blue's Aniessa Conway was the Division 1 all-around champion with a score of 36.575. She was second in floor exercise (9.6) and fourth in both the vault (9.175) and uneven bars (8.90).

The Division 1 individual winners were Livonia Blue's Natalie Irvine off the vault (9.35) and Makenna Fedrigo on the uneven bars (9.15) and Plymouth's Paige Sanders on the balance beam (9.55) and floor exercise (9.8).

In Division 2, the individual winners were Tecumseh's Alaina Carr off the vault (9.075) and Carilee Swan on floor exercise (8.3), Canton's Rachel Socha on the balance beam (9.445) and Saline's Lisa Heidler on the uneven bars (8.5).

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### Rice needs double OT to take down Davison

Marty Budner hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Brother Rice's hockey team remained alive in the state tourney Tuesday, but the defending Division 2 state champion needed overtime to do it.

Enjoying a two-man advantage halfway through the second overtime, junior forward Luke Kafati slammed home a power-play goal, assisted by Garrett Moore, which lifted the Warriors to a thrilling 3-2 victory over Davison in the state quarterfinal played at the Suburban Ice Arena in Macomb Township.

The one-goal triumph lifted Brother Rice (16-12-1) into the Division 2 semifinals against Trenton, scheduled for Thursday.

"The boys came out and played hard and felt in control most of the game," Brother Rice coach Kenny Chaput said. "We possessed the puck a lot and had a lot of territorial advantage.

"But when you get in these games, you're a bounce away. (Davison) played their hearts out," he added. "They were very competitive, fast on the transition and they played well. I tip my hat to them. These are the types of games you don't want to see a loser, but we'll take the win, for sure."

#### Rice takes a 2-0 lead

Brother Rice started fast against the Cardinals by scoring the game's first two goals on shots by sophomore forward Nick Marone.

Marone's first goal, five minutes into the opening period, was a nice deflection of a shot from the point by defenseman Dominick DiPonio that slipped past Davison goalie Noah Hall.

Marone struck again three minutes into the second period on a strong wrist shot from 15 feet out that beat Hall high to the glove side. He was assisted by linemates Moore and Keaton Vogel.

The Warriors were outshooting the Cardinals at



Brother Rice's Alex Andoni (right) moves the puck out of the corner with Davison's Jake McCatty and Alex Wood giving chase. DAN DEAN I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

that point and seemed to be in control.

However, things changed when Davison sophomore Jeffrey Schmidt pounced on a rebound in the slot and put the puck into the net high on the short side of Rice goalie Pierce Cadieux at the 12:49 mark.

They were the first two Cardinals shots of the period and they seemed to give the home team a lift.

Cadieux thwarted Davison junior Gage Thrall on a shot late in the period, but Thrall chased the puck into the corner and passed it out to teammate Dylan McMullen who put in a shot high on the glove side to tie the game at 2-2 with 2:13 left.

Brother Rice enjoyed a 10-3 shot advantage in the third period, but neither team scored to force the overtime. Davison had a man-advantage in the third, but did not produce a shot.

#### Kafati causes a celebration

In the first overtime, Brother Rice was called for a penalty, but again Davison did not get any shots.

Then, halfway through the second overtime, Davison went down two men for 30 seconds. It took 20 seconds for Kafati to put in the game-winner which, caused a massive celebration along the boards.

"We wanted to get the puck high and stretch them out a little bit and then try to work it down in," Chaput said. "Right before that Ethan (Nystrom) made a nice back-door pass to Luke, who hit it wide. And from where I was at, it looked like (Luke) was at a tough angle (on the winner), but the goalie was out a little bit.

"We did what we wanted to do, which was pull it out and then get it going to the net," he added. "We needed shots. We needed to get it down there."

Davison, winner of the Saginaw Valley League, finished with a 22-4-2 record. It marked the Cardinals' first quarterfinal appearance in "at least 10 years," according to coach Doug Towler.

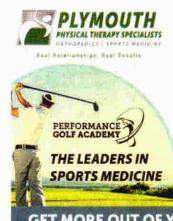
"You can't take two penalties and play two-and-ahalf lines and think you're going to handle that. That's tough," Towler said. "But it was what it was. The kids played hard and gave absolutely everything they had. I have nothing but good things to say about them.

"I thought we moved the puck off the face-off pretty well and we were able to create pretty well coming out of the zone, especially when we won the draw. One of the things we didn't do as well as I wanted was take the body in the neutral zone. We wanted them to go east and west rather than allow them to go north and south.

"We knew they had speed and we knew they had depth. Sometimes, you just have to take them out of their element a bit," he added. "We didn't do that as well as I had hoped, but listen, you have to give them credit, too."

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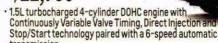
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### Trenton stops Stevenson's quest for title

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Will Tragge's best Superman act could only carry Livonia Stevenson so far Tuesday.

Trenton forwards were stymied by the Spartans senior goalie time and time again on glorious scoring chances — including a pair of breakaways.

And then the Trojans found a way to score a goal and break Stevenson's collective heart, ultimately winning the Division 2 state quarterfinal 3-1 at Yost Ice Arena in Ann Arbor.

"It was deflected in front of me; it might have hit a stick," Tragge said, standing outside the quiet Stevenson locker room. "But credit to them, it was a good game by them. They deserved to win."

That goal was scored by senior for-

ward Patrick Bazner with 3:56 to go, snapping a 1-1 tie.

The Spartans (23-6, No. 1 in D-2) then tried frantically to force overtime, but with Tragge pulled for an extra attacker, they were called for a penalty. Trenton junior forward Nolan Szczepaniak, who was robbed several times by Tragge, then skated the puck down the ice and took a full wind-up before ripping the puck into the empty net with 31.7 seconds to go.

"I missed a couple chances," Szczepaniak said. "(Tragge) was on his head the entire game. I've got to give the kid props. I'm just speechless right now, it was a great game."

Stevenson coach David Mitchell tipped his cap to the Trojans, but wondered out loud whether the outcome might have been different had two top seniors (defenseman Kevin Stefanick and forward Julian Decina) not been out

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Trenton's Richard Boulware tries to stop on-rushing Livonia Stevenson forward Brenden Preiss from getting to goalie Joey Cormier. TOM BEAUDOIN

of the lineup due to injuries.

"We thought we were in a good spot, 1-1 going into the third, with Will Tragge back there," Mitchell said. "But let's be honest, we had two of our top guys out with Kevin Stefanick and Julian Deci-

#### **Confidence boost**

The Trojans (19-8-2) got an important early lead against the Spartans, on a one-timer by junior Sean Stanley with 7:30 to go in the first.

"I think that just gave our kids confidence that we can skate with this team," Trenton coach Chad Clements said. "You're playing the No. 1 team in the state, everyone's telling you you're going to lose. And again, they're one of the most talented teams in the state. The odds were against us and to score first was big for our confidence."

Tragge (22 saves) had some help from a goal post later in the period, but then he showed the skills that have him in the lead for the coveted State Champs Sports Network Player of the Year.

Wave after wave of Trojans came in his direction, with quality scoring chances to boot.

But Tragge was ready with a series of sprawling stops, not to mention staring down and stopping breakaways — including one by Brandon Clark with just two seconds left in the middle period.

Meanwhile, the Spartans were able to finally get on the scoreboard at 11:51 of the second to even things up at 1-1. Senior Vinny Decina's cross-crease feed was one-timed home by senior Brenden Preiss, stationed to the left of Trenton goalie Joey Cormier (29 saves).

Following are other takeaways:

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"Let's go Trojans!" followed by "Let's go Stevenson!"

Tragge said playing at Yost was "so cool, it's so historic here. So many legendary players have played here, so to get a chance to play here is really sweet."

"I think we all got here and were kind of awe-inspired, but we got over that," Preiss said. "It's definitely fun playing here. It's different, it's where everybody dreams about playing."

#### FEELING SOME JITTERS

Stevenson seemed to be on the nervous side, at least in the first period. Two players collided in the Spartans' zone during a power play and that led to a tripping call that evened the sides up.

A Stevenson player bobbled the puck at Trenton's blue line and the Trojans' Nikolas Moody broke in on Tragge, only to hit the crossbar. That good fortune for the Spartans kept the game 1-0 at that point.

The Clark breakaway late in the second period also followed a Stevenson giveaway.

"We weren't as clean as we would like to be," Mitchell said. "We talked about playing clean and playing structured. But again, the opponent has something to do with that. You play a team like Trenton, they tend to put a little more pressure on you."

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#### Redford Township District Library Budget Hearing Legal Notice

The Redford Township District Library will be holding a public hearing on Monday, March 19, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. at the Redford Township District Library, 25320 W. Six Mile Rd., Redford, MI 48240 in regards to the 2018-2019 library budget. A copy of the budget will be available before the hearing at the Library's Adult Reference Desk.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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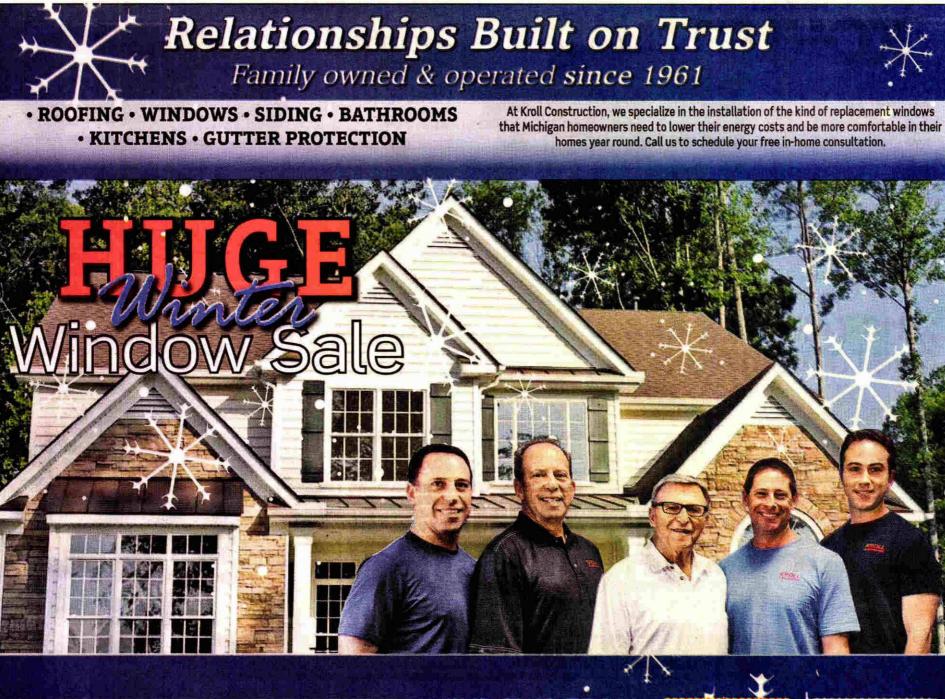
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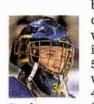
# Country Day goaltender wins latest online voting

**Marty Budner** 

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A pair of hockey players battled it out for Athlete of the Week honors for the week ending March 4.

Detroit Country Day's Sam Evola and Livonia Churchill's Zach Vendittelli —



both juniors — were two of six people up for the weekly honor. Evola finished as the winner with 5,718 votes. Vendittelli was not far behind with 4,177. The next highest finisher was Plymouth Christian girls basketball player Robin Albert, with

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The coach's perspective: Evola is in his second year as a varsity goalie for Detroit Country Day coach Frank Novock. He was a part-time player last year, but assumed a full-time role this season and has responded splendidly.

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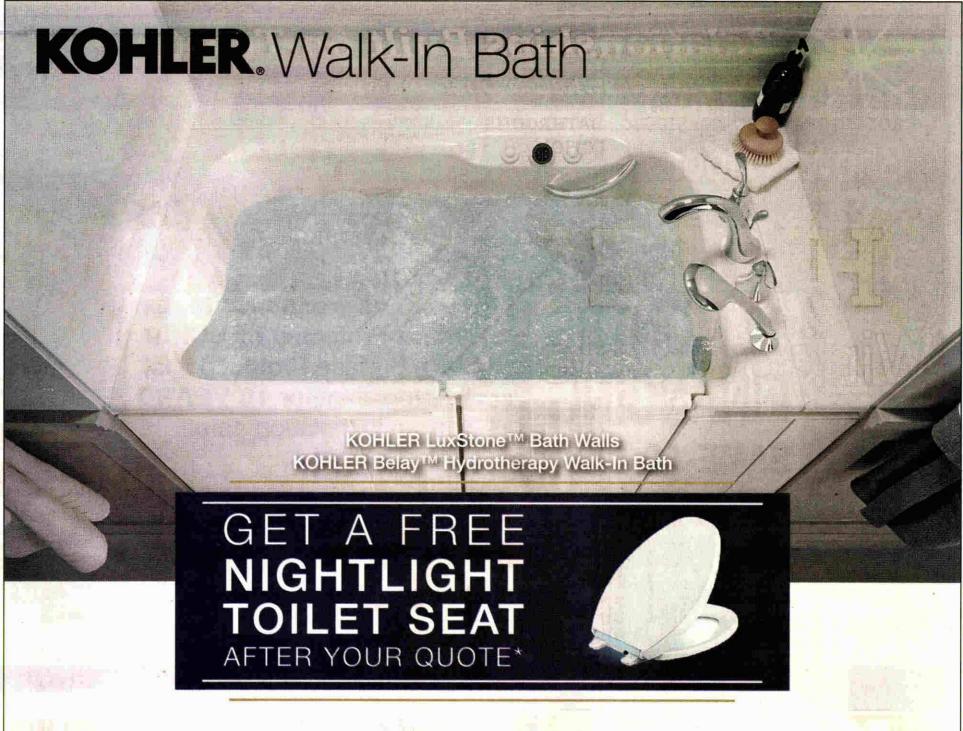
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"I couldn't tell you the last time Country Day hockey has made it to the semis,' said Evola. "The past two years we've gotten knocked out in the quarters, but this is our year because we got through the quarters. It's a great feeling getting to the semifinals and obviously we're not done yet."



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### Signs your co-worker might be toxic

BY ERIC TITNER THEJOBNETWORK.COM

here's nothing quite as stressful as a toxic coworker - and if you've been a victim of one you know precisely how difficult a situation he or she can create. They can be toxic for a variety of reasons, from a negative energy that they give off to a detrimental effect they have on your team. The effects can be wide ranging, from making your work environment uncomfortable to seriously impacting productivity.

Inc. recently published an article that covers eight signs you should look for to determine if your colleague is toxic. Use this information to help you navigate this tricky situation:

#### 1. They're "secret" know-it-alls.

Do you work with someone who's perfectly pleasant and agreeable — even a team player — when the boss is paying attention but quickly reverts to an annoying knowit-all who won't allow room for any opinions but their own? This sort of toxic co-worker can be impossible to work with collaboratively.

2. They act as if they've already paid their dues. Most of us have experience



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with this kind of person: They think that the sheer fact that they've been at the workplace longer gives them a pass to behave in any way they wish. Often, they get by doing as little as possible and expect newer employees who are currently "paying their dues" to shoulder a greater amount of

#### 3. They like to say, "That's not my job."

This type of colleague has a very narrow and rigid view of what their job entails and leaves little or no room for flexibility or taking one for the team. They treat everything that they don't want to do like a "hot potato" that they quickly pass along to others.

#### 4. They think experience 7. They're quick to is a tangible commodity.

Some people wrap themselves in the vague notion of their perceived "experience," without it pointing to any clearly defined skill set or measurable contribution to the team. These people often failor refuse to learn new skills, grow and adapt.

Experience is great — but in a fast-paced, constantly evolving workplace, it's not the sole commodity that some toxic teammates make it out to be.

#### 5. They love gossip.

Who hasn't had a co-worker who seems to spend more time gossiping than getting actual work done?

They can talk endlessly about a wide range of useless subjects to anyone who will listen. Their work output is minimal as a result, and they're often a drain on others.

#### 6. They use peer pressure to hold others back.

To these people, the workplace is like a reality TV show in which they create alliances and enemies and manipulate others around them to achieve their goals.

Often peer pressure is their tool of choice, and they use their perceived influence with their co-workers to manipulate and hold others back.

#### grab the glory.

Rather than view successes as the result of teamwork and collaborative effort, these people like to hog the spotlight and pretend that every success is the sole result of their own influence and contributions.

#### 8. They're even quicker to throw others under the bus.

Consider this the flip side to the previous point: They'll just as quickly point the finger at others and assign blame when things go sour.

These toxic personalities keep everyone on edge and on their toes at work - and not in a good way.

If you recognize any of the signs mentioned above, you might just have a toxic coworker.

If so, recognizing it is the first step. Consider your options for following up - sometimes a simple talk with your colleague can make a world of difference.

Aim to be the co-worker you wish you had.

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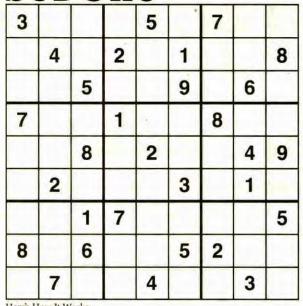
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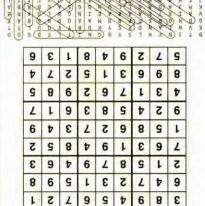
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### TOYOTA GETS OFF TO GREAT START WITH 'START YOUR IMPOSSIBLE' BRAND PLATFORM, IN OLYMPICS AND EVEN IN ITS DEALERSHIPS

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on quite a display marketing over the last few months, initially by announcing its first global brand, Impossible," and

then fleshing out what that slogan means in blowout advertising efforts around the Super Bowl and Winter Olympics Those efforts, in turn, are part of casting Toyota in a

"automobility," brand. The brand's efforts ranged from commercials featuring real people doing seemingly impossible things, to ads that featured Toyota's unique approach not only to automotion but to human mobility, to various ways of highlighting Olympic and Paralympic athletes with whom Toyota partners,

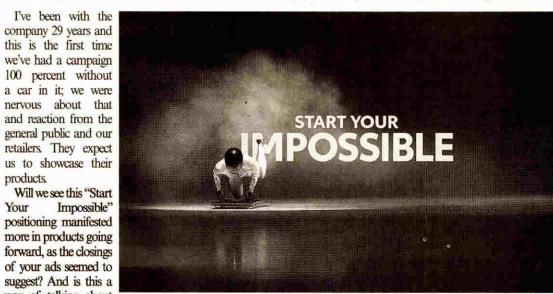
Toyota has put ranging from snowboarder Amy Purdy to PyeongChang skiing sensation company 29 years and Chloe Kim.

"This was the first time with a we've had a campaign global campaign," Ed Laukes, group vice president of Toyota Division a car in it; we were marketing, told me. "It was a true labor of love for the organization, building Your a campaign that has an essence that would work in every single corner of the earth."

Laukes took time for a Q&A:

What are your takeaways from your huge - let's say olympian - effort at the

Olympics? It's too early to get some solid data wider sense as a "mobility," not just an back to the reaction to the brand messaging. [But] we learned a lot about people, culture, laws and, we think, the campaign. The reaction within the organization and externally, both what we follow on social media and what we've received from an outpouring of people into the call center, and the dealer reaction in their communities, has been completely overwhelming.



forward, as the closings of your ads seemed to suggest? And is this a way of talking about Toyota's first global brand campaign has made for a big marketing season autonomous driving as

Yes, right now we are testing a lot of different products. Some will come to the marketplace someday, some will be just a prototype based on an idea similar to when you go to an auto show and see a prototype. Sometimes these are design experiments or technology experiments, and it will be the exact same thing about mobility: things built around an idea and hopefully some will come to market in some form or

[Autonomous driving] is a little bit of a stretch. Autonomous driving is in its early stages for many different organizations. One of the firset things that has to happen is different levels of autonomy need to be vetted out and explained. [When you talk about mobility,] people immediately think about full autonomy. There are a lot of different factors that would say we have

to make some decisions as a society in order to make that happen. It will happen over time.

How do you sell sedans in a market that appreciates them less and less?

First you have to look at the root cause. Maybe the sedan market has been ignored a little bit from a styling and features perspective and when you show up with a new Camry with an unbelievably styled vehicle with great features and benefits, you see that it arrests the erosion in the marketplace. If we bring treat styling and great package at great price, we think some folks who've gravitated to SUV will come back to a sedan.

How are you improving the customer experience, which seems to be increasingly important?

It's the cornerstone of this organization. I started in '89 with Lexus; I was the first district sales manager in Chicago. The DNA of Toyota and the

customer experience translated into Lexus and it was built from the ground up in Lexus. It's something at Toyota we work on every day and we put head and shoulders above everything else we do. When we don't deliver on that experience we work really hard to make sure that experience is improved.

When we introduced Toyota Care a few years ago - no-cost maintenance for the first two years of ownership - that was a big one. We saw a lot of people not bringing cars to the dealership or even maintaining their cars. They weren't in a [social environment anymore] where they learned about maintaining cars. We thought that Toyota Care would impact that and it's had a huge impaat as far as people coming back to the store and maintaining cars and having a relationship with dealers which translates into greater purchase intent.



Toyota athlete Chloe Kim won a celebrated medal.





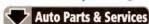
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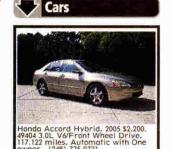
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   March 28, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan.
- The Council has set Wednesday, March 28, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Livonia City Hall, 33000
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SUSAN M. NASH CITY CLERK

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD NOTICE OF PROPOSED STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OBJECTIVES AND PROJECTED USE OF FUNDS

The Charter Township of Redford expects to receive an estimated \$800,000 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds during the 2018 federal fiscal year. It is anticipated that the Township will also receive an estimated \$300,000 in Program Income funds. Redford Township has a projected CDBG budget of \$1,100,000 during Fiscal Year 2018-2019. Said recommendations will be submitted to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (D-HUD)

The Charter Township of Redford has published the Initial Proposed Statement of Community Development Objectives and Projected Use of Funds in the Redford Observer on November 19, 2017. The statement gave notice of a public hearing on December 5, 2017 requesting written views and proposals from interested citizens unable to attend said public hearing. The public hearing was set in order to receive comments on the proposed recommendations for the Year XLIV Submission of the Action Plan for FY 2018-2019.

The Township is making available to the general public the draft of the Action Plan 2018-2019. A copy is available for examination and comment for a 30-day period. Copies of the document will be available for review at the following locations:

- Redford Township Community Development Dept., 12121 Hemingway, Redford, MI 48239
- Redford Township Clerk's Office, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, MI 48239
- Redford Township Website, www.redfordtwp.com

Comments from the public are welcome and may be submitted to the Community Development Department, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, MI 48239, throughout the thirty-day public comment period, March 12, 2018 through April 10, 2018, until 4:30 P.M.

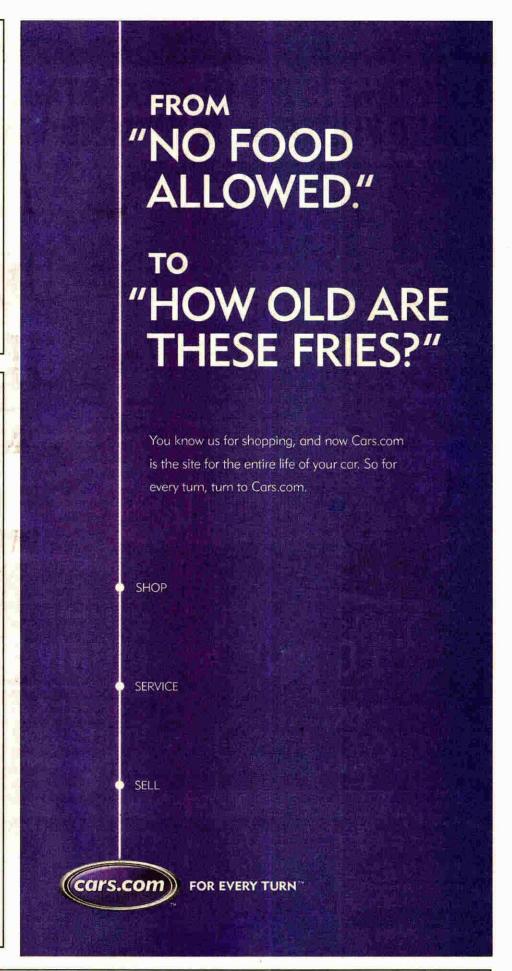
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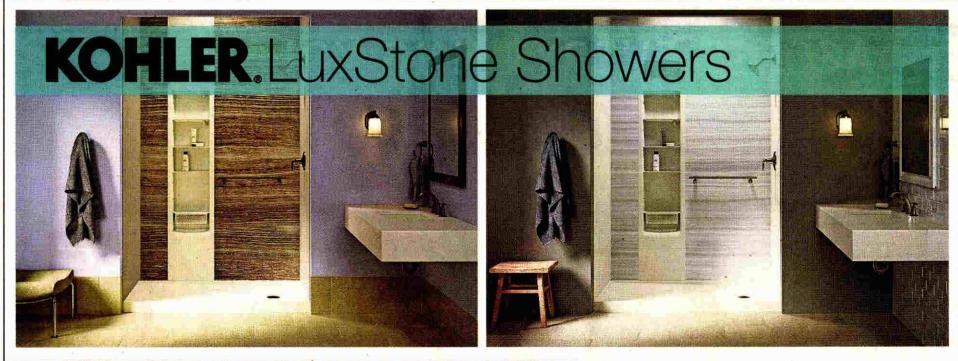
It is anticipated the Redford Township Board of Trustees will take action on the Proposed Statement and Projected Use of Funds at the regular meeting scheduled for April 24, 2018 at 6:30 P.M. at Redford Town Hall, 15145 Beech Daly, Redford, Michigan 48239.

Information concerning Community Development Block Grant expenditures is on file at the Community Development Department, 12121 Hemingway, Redford, Michigan 48239 and can be reviewed Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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

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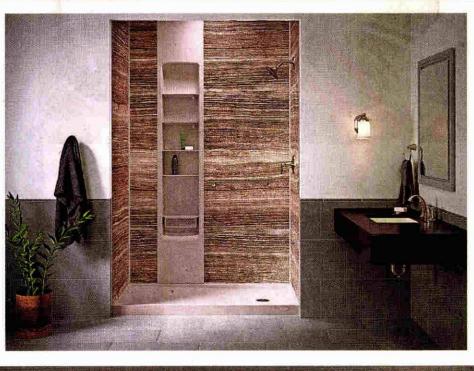




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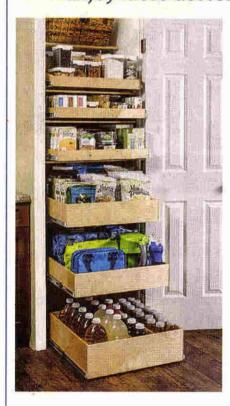
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