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Westland murder suspect found competent



Justin Paul, 22, of Westland stands with his attorney, David Lankford, in 18th District Court. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Man charged in stabbing death of mother in 2017

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A Westland man charged with murder will return to court next month after court officials say he was found competent to stand trial.

Justin Paul, 22, was recently found competent after undergoing an evaluation ordered by a visiting judge in Westland's 18th District Court back in January. Paul was originally scheduled to return to court Thursday morning after the exam, though court officials said the evaluation came in early and held a hearing early.

Court officials said their docket calendar had not yet been updated as to when Paul last was in court.

He's charged with first-degree murder in the death of his mother, 50-yearold Jeannette Paul, whom police found stabbed to death Dec. 20 in the 6100 block of North Walton in Westland. Her son was named as a suspect and his information was passed along to area police agencies.

A Livonia police officer then saw Justin Paul near Joy Road and Donna on the Livonia/Westland border and began to approach him. A struggle between the two took place, resulting in the officer shooting him in the thigh. He fled and was later arrested and taken to the hospital for treatment from the gunshot wound.

Justin Paul will return to court at 8:30 a.m. Thursday, April 12, for a preliminary examination before District Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli.

He remains locked up in the Wayne County Jail without bond. If convicted, he faces up to life in prison.

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District will look to reconfigure buildings

The changes would mean school closings across the district

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The last 10 years has seen the Wayne-Westland Community Schools district lose about 4,000 students. That drop in enrollment may lead to several schools being closed as the W-WCS Board of Education considers reconfiguring buildings to save on costs. The board will continue to discuss the district's options at its next meeting, scheduled for April 9. There, board members will continue talks on changing the district's current grade configuration from K-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12 to another plan in order to close buildings and save money. "This is a big decision and it's not something we want to take lightly," said Shawna Walker, board president. "Once a decision is made, it's made. So if there's still some doubt and some concerns among the board remembers, I just want to make sure we're on the same page and that we're doing what's right for the children of the community and what's right for the district."



Paul Beer (left) and Joseph Zettelmaier stand below the new sign outside the James R. Hartman Theatre. The theater was dedicated March 8 to the late director, who died in 2017 after a bout with cancer. SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE

Schoolcraft College dedicates theater to late director

David Veselenak

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Joseph Zettelmaier may not have known James Hartman all that well, but he knew him well enough to realize he was the heartbeat of theater at Schoolcraft College.

"He was the theater department," said Zettelmaier, a part-time faculty member at the Livonia college. "On a lot of levels, it was a one-man show himself. He did it all."

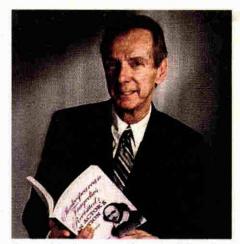
Hartman, who died last year after a three-year battle with cancer, received another honor March 8, when the theater in the liberal arts building was dedicated to the memory of Hartman, a former faculty member with the theater department who oversaw more than 75 productions during his 30-year career at Schoolcraft.

A small ceremony to rename the theater the James R. Hartman Theatre took place earlier this month.

Zettelmaier said Hartman hired him last year. In his short time knowing him, he said Hartman was an embodiment of serious theater in western Wayne County.

"He took theater seriously, which is something I find very commendable," he said. "It wasn't a lark for him. It wasn't just something you could do for fun and throw away."

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James Hartman, professor of theater and drama at Schoolcraft College, lost his battle with cancer May 3.

Two plans have emerged as frontrunners for changing the configuration in the district that covers parts of Westland, Wayne, Canton, Romulus and Inkster. Those plans are:

■ A configuration of K-5, 6-8 and 9-12, which would eliminate two elementary schools and one upper elementary or middle school. This transition could be complete by the beginning of the 2019-20 school year and would consist of a savings of \$1.8 million.

■ A configuration of K-8 and 9-12, which would eliminate four school buildings. This plan would take longer to implement with shifting students into buildings as additions are planned. The plan could be fully implemented by the 2021-22 school year. The savings for this plan would be \$2.7

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HYPE RECREATION CENTER EVENTS

All classes take place at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, in Wayne. For more information, call 734-721-7460. Classes are free unless noted.

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.

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

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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.

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When: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, April 3 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 try your luck at Greektown Casino.

■ 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.

Spring Mystery Tour, Thursday, April 26. This trip has something for everyone. Four planned stops, plus lunch. Travel approximately two hours away. In which directions, we cannot say. Proof of citizenship is not required.

District

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million.

In addition to the reconfiguration, a bond proposal could be placed before voters in the district later this year to cover costs associated with the buildings. There's no final word on what the bond question could entail, though board members reviewed plans for a potential 2.5-mill bond if the first reconfiguration is selected and a 3-mill bond for the second.

District officials say they would like to move rather quickly to make sure such a proposal could get to voters at the Nov. 6 general election. That includes reviews with the state this spring. A proposed timeline shown during last week's meeting listed late June for when the school board could vote to have the proposal put on the ballot.

The board voted to table further discussion until its April 9 meeting, which will take place at 7 p.m. at the district administration office, 36745 Marquette, in Westland.

Board Treasurer Tom Buckalew said while he understood more discussion



The Wayne-Westland Community Schools district is looking at ways to reconfigure buildings to cut costs. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

would happen in April, he initially believes the K-8 proposal may be the best option for the district.

"It was something that was done around the turn of the century," he said. "In terms of research showing it was academically feasible, I didn't see any of that."

Vice President Carol Middel said it's important to her to see more community involvement in the decision-making process. The suggestion of a survey on the district's website was raised, something that could be done.

"They need to feel they are part of that democratic process," she said. "I'm hoping we can use this time wisely to get their input."

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Running for clean water

March 22 is World Water Day and the Boye family from Westland is serious about clean water. Wendy Boye has run races for seven years to raise money for World Vision's initiatives and vows to keep going until clean water is no longer a global issue. She's invigorated her children about the cause, as well.

Noah, Julia and Kayla Boye have joined their mom to form Team Water Boyes, with plans to join thousands around the globe, including hundreds at 22 host sites in Michigan, in World Vision's Global 6K for Water (May 19). Noah is using the event to train for the Chicago Marathon, which he plans to run while carrying a jerrycan full of water (approximately 40 pounds), truly experiencing the physical weight of the water crisis.

As one of the leaders in advancing the cause of clean water, World Vision brings clean, safe water to one new person every 10 seconds and to three new schools every day. The Global 6K for Water will raise money for the 844 million people, typically women and children, who walk an average of six kilometers a day to collect water — water that is often contaminated with life-threatening diseases.



Noah Boye (right) of Westland was one of six participants who carried a five-gallon jerrycan filled with water during the 2017 Workd Vision 6K for Water. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Noah Boye and others carry five-gallon jerrycans of water during the 2017 World Vision 6K for Water. Boye will use the 2018 race to train for the Chicago Marathon on Oct. 7. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Family and friends of Westland's Boye family are participating as the Water Boyes at the Global 6K for Water on May 19. Pictured (from left) are Natalie and Brandon Kirkey, Elijah, Steve, Wendy, Jenna, Julia and Noah Boye. Wendy is wearing a race bib showing the child who will receive clean water as a result of her efforts. BOYE FAMILY PHOTO

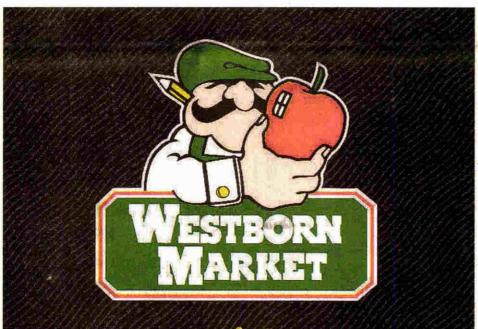


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Petitions may be filed at the City Clerk's Office no earlier than April 10, 2018, but no later than 4:00 p.m. on April 24, 2018. Persons, who wish to withdraw their petitions after filing, must do so by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27, 2018. If more than two persons file valid petitions for the office of Mayor or more than two persons file valid petitions for each open council seat, a Primary Election will be held on August 7, 2018. The petition dates of the filing, withdrawal deadline and the date for a Primary Election, are according to recently enacted election consolidation legislation by the State Legislature.

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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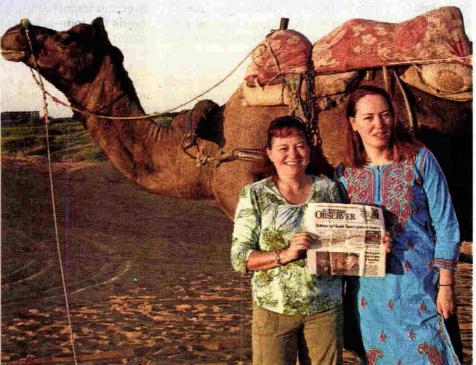
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Garden City Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to establish a Class C Medical Marijuana Grow Operation, Processing Facility, and Provisioning Center at the property located at 32330 Ford Road (access off of Hubbard Ave.). Class C Medical Marijuana Grow Operations, Processing Facilities, and Provisioning Centers are special land uses in the M-1, Light Industrial District.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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Sisters April Wolters of Livonia and Sara Van Buren, along with mom Ann Allen, went to India for a girls trip and brought along the Observer. They tried to get a picture at the Taj Mahal; the paper was confiscated by security, but given back as they left. The photos are near Delhi and then at the Galconda Fort in Hyderabad. If you have a photo of you on vacation with a copy of the Observer, email LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com.

REDFORD UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT INVITATION TO BID ANNUAL FINANCIAL AUDIT

The Redford Union School District is issuing this request for proposal (RFP) for the annual financial audit of the District in accordance with the Michigan Department of Education requirements, Governmental Auditing Standards, Single Audit Act (as revised in 1996), and generally accepted auditing standards

The response due date for this RFP is Monday, April 16, 2018 by 2:00 pm EST. Bids will be publicly opened shortly thereafter. Any proposals received after this date and time will not be considered. No oral, telephonic, telegraphic, facsimile bids will be accepted or considered.

The Redford Union School District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals submitted and to request additional information from all proposers. Any contract awarded will be to the independent auditor who, based on evaluation of all responses, applying all criteria and oral interviews, if necessary, is determined to be the best qualified to do the audit.

We are requesting five copies of your proposal in a sealed envelope. The envelope should clearly be marked "Redford Union School District Annual Financial Audit RFP"

The audit period under contract is for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 and two (one year) renewals at the discretion of the district.

The full bid proposal and required documentation can be seen on our website at www.redfordu. k12.mi.us under Request for Proposals. The RFP is also available on the Bid4Michigan website. Please direct all questions to Jennie Li via email at lij@redfordu.k12.mi.us

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Leukemia foundation gets four-star rating

Charity Navigator, the leading charity evaluator in ing communication, goals, progress, trustworthiness America, recently awarded Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan a four-star rating for demonstrating strong financial health and commitment to patients and families with leukemia, lymphoma and other blood related disorders. A four-star rating from Charity Navigator is the highest an organization can receive.

Charity Navigator's goal is to provide donors with essential information to verify and evaluate work in the nonprofit sector. It evaluates 1.5 million charities and only gives out four-star ratings to very select organizations. This evaluation process uses unique methods of data-driven analysis and criteria, includand long-term commitment, on which items CLF received a perfect score. Charity Navigator's four-star rating indicates that CLF, based in Farmington Hills, executes its mission in a financially effective way, exceeds the industry standards and outperforms other charities in their category of work.

CLF's four-star rating and review for commitment to accountability and transparency can now be viewed on Charity Navigator's website: https://www.charitynavigator.org/index.cfm?bay=search.summary&orgid=12195

For more information on CLF, call 800-825-2536 or go to www.leukemiamichigan.org.

CFCU wins national youth award

Community Financial Credit Union is one the nationwide winners of the Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award. The award, given by the Credit Union National Association, is bestowed annually to recognize model credit union efforts to teach personal finance concepts and skills to members and nonmembers under age 18.

Community Financial's award-winning program focuses on establishing student run credit unions and conducting classroom presentations to help increase financial literacy in young people. Community Financial education partnership coordinators work with school administrators and teachers to ensure that the program is fulfilling Michigan State benchmarks and core competencies.

In the student-run credit union initiative, student volunteers apply and interview for positions and serve as tellers, accountants, branch managers, computer operators and marketing representatives. Students

are also encouraged to set saving goals when they make deposits.

Community Financial has partnered with nearly 50 elementary, middle and high schools in its communities, with more than 1,200 student participants. Community Financial staff conducted 865 presentations to 22,204 students in 2017.

Community Financial CEO Bill Lawton and community relations manager Natalie McLaughlin received the award Feb. 28 at the CUNA's Government Affair Conference in Washington, D.C.

We are pleased to support teachers and families as they strive to teach children solid life skills. Each aspect of our partnerships is built to reinforce core competencies," McLaughlin said. "This award reflects the many years of partnership with innovative and dedicated teachers. It is an honor to work with each of them every day."

For more information, go to www.cfcu.org or call 877-937-2328.

Theater

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Hartman had rectal and liver cancer for more than three years, succumbing to the illness in May 2017. Following Hartman's death, Schoolcraft College President Conway Jeffress said last year Hartman was still involved even as he knew his life was coming to an end.

"He was extremely dedicated to his craft and profession and would take everything so seriously when you'd come to talk to him about plays. Jim was the first person to bring serious theater to our little place," Jeffress said last year. "He stayed so upbeat, even when he was sick as a dog.

First play under new name

The dedication's timing could not have been better, as Schoolcraft is preparing for its latest show, "Eleemosynary." The show, which features three actresses, runs each weekend through March 31.

"It's a story about these three women trying and failing and trying again to reconnect with each other over many, many years," said Zettelmaier, who is directing the performance. "It's a beautiful play."

Tickets for the dinner theater show are \$27 for this weekend. The shows being performed March 30-31 are theater performances only, with tickets costing \$15.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the college at 734-462-4596 or in-person at the cashier in the Mc-Dowell Center, 18600 Haggerty.

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Money Matters Rick Bloom USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Recently, I had a meeting with a client who had retired about two years ago. A few years before he retired, we restructured his portfolio to match his changing goals and objectives. At that time, the client said he would need \$4,000 to \$5,000 a month to cover all their expenses, including vacations. The problem is the client is two years into retirement and it doesn't cost him \$4,000 to \$5,000 a month, more like \$6,000 to \$7,000.

When we sat down to discuss his new spending habits, I was sort of surprised at his answer. As he explained, he knows that he's spending more than he should and he knows he's somewhat jeopardizing his future. However, he is enjoying his retirement and doesn't want to make any changes. My response was, since he doesn't want to control his spending, the only other way he can maintain his lifestyle is to increase revenue. portance of having a rising income the rest of their life. When you decide whether you can retire or not, you need

As I explained, there's only so much you can do with the portfolio without gambling and taking unnecessary risks, so he should look for new avenues of revenue. I suggested he consider a parttime job or even doing something like becoming an Uber driver. I explained that, unless he did something to increase his income, he would, in about a decade, run out of money. Being in your early 80s without resources is not a good way of going.

The problem of overspending in retirement is not new and it's one I see frequently. People find that, in today's world when they retire, they generally have their health and want to take advantage of things they denied themselves when they were working. I cannot stress enough how important it is that, when someone determines they have enough resources to retire, they factor into the equation what their lifestyle will be in retirement and the importance of having a rising income the rest of their life. When you decide whether you can retire or not, you need to honestly look at what your lifestyle will be. Too many people don't honestly look at what retirement will cost them and run into problems down the road. It is important to be honest with yourself, particularly when it comes to expenses.

After our meeting and after weighing his options, the client agreed that since he wasn't willing to reduce his spending, he had to increase his revenue. His solution was to rent out a couple of rooms in his house using services such as Airbnb. The client explained what he was planning to do and wanted to know my thoughts. I looked at the client's projections and I told him, based upon what I saw, he would still need to look for ways to reduce spending. My reasoning was when you make projections, they should be realistic, not based on the best-case scenario. If the best-case scenario did occur, the client would be in good shape. I think we can all agree that the best-case scenario rarely happens.

When you're dealing with something as important as your retirement, you have to use realistic numbers. Unrealistic projections can look great on paper, but in reality, they are meaningless.

The postscript of the story is the client is going to rent out his house, but his projections have been reduced dramatically. As a result, the client has agreed to reduce his spending.

I cannot stress enough how important it is when you're in retirement to constantly monitor your expenditures. If you are overspending, the sooner you know about it, the easier it will be to solve the problem.

Good luck!

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

Takes all steps to save marriage before divorce



Tales From the Front Lines Henry Gornbein USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

y wife wants a divorce and I do not want one. Is there anything that I can do to stop our divorce?

You are raising a very important issue. I have handled many divorces over the years where one party did not want the divorce. Once a divorce is filed, it can be stopped at any time. The problem is, if your wife proceeds with the divorce, you can delay it, but you cannot prevent it.

I believe that divorce should be the last resort. When a client comes to me whose spouse has already filed for a divorce, I will always ask whether the marriage can be saved. I have had success over the years where a divorce has been filed. Through extensive counseling, I have seen many marriages saved.

The law in Michigan is, if there has been a breakdown of the marriage to the extent that the objects of matrimony have been destroyed and there is no reasonable likelihood that the marriage can be preserved, then a divorce will be granted. The reasons are not relevant as to the breakdown and granting of a divorce. The reasons for the divorce become relevant regarding issues involving custody, parenting time, property division and spousal support.

What steps can you take when your wife has already filed?

1. You can ask for marriage counseling if it has not been tried. While judges encourage marriage counseling, they will not force it unless there is reason for counseling regarding children. There is no law in Michigan requiring counseling before a divorce can be granted.

2. I will send a letter to the opposing attorney, asking for counseling and explaining that my client does not want a divorce. A good attorney will explore all possibilities of saving a marriage and will encourage his or her client to reconsider and think about possible counseling. 3. In the answer to the complaint for divorce, if my client is seeking a reconciliation, I will deny that the marriage has broken down and will state that, through counseling, my client believes that the marriage can be saved.

4. The minimum time period a divorce can be granted with no minor children is 60 days in Michigan. If there are minor children, the minimum time period is 180 days. If there are minor children and my client is hoping to save the marriage, I will insist that the divorce take as long as possible and will not agree to waive the 180-day statutory waiting period.

5. If there is any hope, I encourage my client to communicate with his spouse and see if there is anything to be done to reconcile. This is especially true if there are minor children involved.

6. I once had a case where the divorce was finalized on the record in open court and the couple disappeared together for a weekend after the court date. My client, the husband, called me and told me that he and his wife had talked and wanted to save the marriage. In that situation, because no written judgment was ever entered, it was possible to still dismiss the divorce action. A court speaks through its written orders and, until that final judgment is entered with the court, there can be a glimmer of hope.

7. I have had situations where, on the court date, I have allowed a client to speak and state that he did not want the divorce and was still hoping to persuade his wife to drop the divorce. It provides some catharsis for my client, but will not stop the divorce.

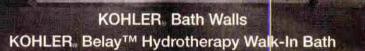
Divorces are complicated, people are complex and the reasons for saving or ending a marriage can be endless. By proceeding slowly and carefully, I have been able to assist in saving many marriages, even though a divorce had been filed.

These are my thoughts on this weighty issue. Please share yours.

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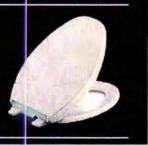


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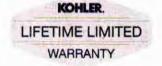
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AREA EVENTS

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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, handdipped 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.

Paint & Pizza event

The Catherine McAuley Division of the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians will host two sessions of a Paint & Pizza event, 9:30 to noon and 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the AOH Hall 25300 Five Mile Road, in Redford. Lunch will be served from noon to 1 p.m. for both sessions.

Cost is \$35 for one session or \$60 for both (different paintings). Call Maureen Lesondak at 734-464-2203 for more information or to make a reservation. All reservations must be paid in advance by March 28.

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. 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 (April 3, 10 and 17) 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.

Krasula to speak at luncheon

Jack Krasula, radio host of "Anything is Possible" on WJR-AM (760), will be the guest speaker at the Compass Christian Business Alliance luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 5, at Dave & Buster's, 19375 Victor Parkway, in Livonia. The fee is \$20.

The goal of Compass Christian Business Alliance is to serve as a bridge for Christian business people during monthly gatherings featuring inspirational speakers. To sign up for luncheons go to michigancompass.org/westernwayne.

Senior citizen fair

The Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, in Livonia will host its annual senior citizen resource fair from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Friday, April 6. There will be more than 40 vendor tables from agencies serving senior citizens in the area. There will also be raffles, door prizes and a hot dog sale.

This is a free event. For more information, call 734-466-2557.

Ss. Simon and Jude garage sale

SS Simon and Jude Church, 32500 Palmer Road, in Westland will hold a garage sale from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, April 6. A bag sale for \$3 starts at 3 p.m., when all large items go for half-price.

Love of Lace

The Great Lakes Lace Group, Inc., will present Love of Lace from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 21777 Five Mile Road. The event is free and open to the public.

Bring your own project to join the "lace in," see demonstration and exhibits in lace making with bobbins, shuttle and needle. Learn the basics of bobbin lace or tatting. Vendors of lace making supplies and books will be on-site.

For more information, go to www.gllgi.org.

American Legion meat raffle

The American Legion Riders of American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia are having a 2018 spring meat raffle at 7 p.m. Saturday, April 7. Ticket sales begin at 6 p.m.

For an initial \$11, there will be 102 drawings for meat, chicken, pork, beef, etc. Bring coolers to collect your winnings. For more information, call Kathy Couturier at 734-718-9040.

Inspire Theatre auditions

Inspire Theatre, located in the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road, will hold auditions 6:30-9 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, April 10 and 12, for the upcoming musical "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

The troupe is looking for singers and non-singers ages 13-70. Be prepared to sing "Give My Regards to Broadway." Wear comfortable clothes and shoes. For more information, go to inspire the atre.com. less community.

Old Testament class

Timothy Lutheran Church, 8820 Wayne Road, in Livonia is hosting a Bible Old Testament event from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, April 21. You will learn 77 hand signs designed to help you understand the big picture of the Old Testament.

Class is \$15 (\$1 will be added if paying through Pay-Pal to cover fees) On-site childcare is available, \$10 per child, limited spaces available. Call ahead of time to register your child. Go to www.timothy lutheranchurch.com/walkthruthebible.html for more information and to register.

Rotary Club reverse raffle

The Rotary Club of Livonia is hosting its annual reverse raffle at 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 23, Laurel Manor, 39000 Schoolcraft Road. The proceeds benefit Livonia Rotary Park and the Rotary Charitable Foundation. This year, the charitable foundation gifted more than \$24,000 to organizations locally and globally.

A \$130 ticket buys dinner for two, four drink tickets, dessert and several chances to win. The top five prizes range from \$350 to \$3,000, with 22 random winners of \$100. Appetizers are at 5 p.m., dinner at 6 p.m. and the drawing begins at 7 p.m. For more information, go to www.livoniarotary.org.

Lutheran Singers concert

The Detroit Lutheran Singers will perform a concert at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, April 28, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, in Livonia. The concert will feature a variety of music from many different centuries and styles.

Tickets are \$15 general admission, \$10 seniors and students over age 12. They will be available at the door, but may be purchased in advance online at www.detroitlutheransingers.com.

Shoe drive fundraiser

The Ian Clemens Foundation is conducting a shoe drive fundraiser through April 30 to raise funds for pediatric cancer families C.S. Mott, Children's Hospital of Michigan and Sparrow. The Ian Clemens Foundation will earn funds based on the total weight of the shoes collected, as Funds20rgs will issue a check for the collected shoes.

Those wishing to donate gently worn, used and new shoes can do so at:

Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road, in Livonia,

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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. Coffee or lemonade are free.

American Legion fish dinners

The Myron H. Beals American Legion Post 32, 9318 Newburgh Road, in Livonia will host fish dinners 5-8 p.m. each Friday during Lent through March 30, that are open to the public. Cost is \$12 for perch, \$10 for cod or shrimp and \$9 for chicken, which includes side dishes.

Addiction treatment series

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, in

Piano seminar at Schoolcraft

The Livonia Area Piano Teachers' Forum will host the upcoming appearance of Dr. Helen Marlais and invites piano teachers to attend her presentation "Classical Repertoire Selection and Leveling," set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Schoolcraft College Vista-Tech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia.

This is a session on selecting classical repertoire and the essential practice strategies that can be used to create successful and artistic performances. Contact Sharon Gomulka at pianoallegrostudio@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information.

Blessings in a Backpack trivia night

The Livonia chapter of Blessings in a Backpack will host its third annual trivia night fundraiser at 7 p.m. Friday, April 13, at One Under Bar, 35780 Five Mile Road, in Livonia. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Your sponsorship, donation and/or participation in this event will help feed at-risk students in Livonia. Each week, backpacks are packed by volunteers and distributed to more than 300 children in eight elementary schools in the Livonia Public Schools.

Tickets are available online at https://guestli.st/498396. Go to https://www.biab livonia.org/ to learn more about sponsorship and do-nation opportunities.

Food drive

The Youth of Unity 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, until Sunday, April 15. Drop-off 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 home-

Dougals G. Avery

LIVONIA - LIVONIApassed away March 17, 2018 at the age of 81. Beloved husband of Janet. Loving father of Denise (Mark) Bruner, Cheryl Geraty-Avery and Steve. Dear brother of Jim and Greg (Nancy). Cherished grandfather of Michael Douglas (Jess) Wiley, Russell, Joel, Marissa (Wes) Wicklund, Alana (Stewart) Duncan and 2 greatgrandchildren, Zuri and Micah. Resting at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 8809 Wayne Rd (at Joy Rd.) Wednesday 1-9 pm. Memorial Visitation Thursday at 10:30 am from the Harvest Christian Church, 24400 W. 7 Mile Rd (W. of Telegraph) until time of Service at 11 am Share "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome. com.





Phyllis Ann Belletini

- - Phyllis passed on March 15,2018 at age 55. Beloved wife of David for 24 years. Loving and happy mom of Serafina, Ramo, and Sophia. Loving daughter of the late Gasper Moceri and the late Barbara Brown. Sister of Paul Moceri, Lesley (Tony) Clark, Beverly (Branyo) Kasper, and sister-in-law of Dennis Belletini. Surrounded by a large extended family. There was a Memorial gathering on Tuesday, March 20, 2018 with Remembrance's delivered by family and friends, followed by a Memorial service on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia. Memorial donations to: Angela Hospice, St. Jude, or the Humane Society. For more information, please visit www.harryjwillfuner alhome.com

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Board should distance itself from president's emails



Condo Living Robert Meisner USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Q: Is there a legal issue when a condo association president sends emails to all of its members expressing his political opinions that certain people and the media are biased against certain political figures?

A: While the specific content of the emails may determine the extent of actions we would advise to take, this is certainly an inappropriate use of the association's email list, which this person seems to have used for his own personal purposes.

If you are on the board of directors yourself and a majority of the board agrees with you, you may wish to consider a resolution that formally censures him for these actions. If the emails in question make negative generalizations about certain groups of people, for example, based on race, political affiliation or affiliation with the media, it is important for the board to distance itself from those comments in writing. It must be made clear to the association's members that his statements are his personal opinions only and do not reflect the opinions of the board of directors. And if he happened to have "president" and/or the association's name in his signature line, that would be even more egregious, as you can imagine how someone reading it may reasonably conclude that he is representing the board's opinion. Formally distancing the board from those comments lessens the chance that the association will face claims of discrimination or disparate treatment from people who belong to the groups referenced in his emails.

Officers also serve at the pleasure of the board, so if a majority of the board agrees, you can remove him from the office of president and appoint someone else to the office. But you could not remove him from the board, as only the members would be able to do that by a recall vote (there may be exceptions in some cases, but this would not be one of them).

Again, depending on the specific content of the emails, it may also be advisable for the association's attorney to write a letter to the president demanding he cease and desist from sending emails to everyone that are not related to the association's business. That letter would also put him on notice that the association would demand indemnification from him in connection with any suit filed against the association as a result of his actions.

Individuals can of course simply block this person from sending them emails, as most email providers make it pretty easy to do so. At the very least, the board should make sure that the president is not in charge of sending out anything important to the membership, because those who choose to block him won't get the important association messages.

If you are not on the board and the other board members don't want to do anything about this, you should seriously consider running for the board yourself and getting some like-minded neighbors to run as well. If this person cannot see that these actions are improper, they are likely taking other actions to the association's detriment.

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from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 12:30-2 p.m. Sunday, March 25 and April 22.

■ Livonia Chamber of Commerce, 33300 Five Mile Road, Suite 212, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

■ Pure Chiropractic, 34730 Plymouth Road, in Livonia, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 3-6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and 3-6 p.m. Tuesday.

For more information, go to www.ianclemens foundation.org or email teamlan@ianclemens foundation.org.

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).

The club meets for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas. The program could be an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, music entertainment and more, plus an occasional local day trip.

Diabetes support group

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will offer a diabetes support group 1:30-2:30 p.m. the third Friday of each month in 2018. The group meets in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom II. The support group will offer participants an opportunity to meet others living diabetes and learn from one another. To learn more about the program, call 734-655-2868.



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Sports

Wayne Memorial's historic season ends

Marty Budner hometownlife.com

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With 38 seconds left in Friday's Class A semifinal game at Calvin College, Wayne Memorial's star guard Camree Clegg was saddled with her fifth foul and was forced to leave with East Lansing enjoying a comfortable 11-point lead.

The Clemson-bound senior sauntered over to the bench and accepted hugs from her coaching staff and teammates. Moments later, the undefeated Trojans had wrapped up a 60-52 win over the Zebras.

The loss ended a historic Wayne Memorial season, which saw the team win its first regional championship, its first quarterfinal game and advance to its first final four.

It wasn't the way Clegg, a runner-up in the recent Miss Basketball voting, had hoped to end her career. But she found a sliver lining, knowing the she helped lead the girls basketball program to a spot it had never before experienced.

"Of course, we wanted to win it all. But we worked so hard this year," Clegg said. "Everybody counted us out. Nobody expected us to get this far. So we had a pretty successful season and they'll come back even stronger next year."

Fourth-year Wayne Memorial coach Jarvis Mitchell said East Lansing was every bit as competitive as he thought it would be.

"Those kids played as hard as just about any team we played against," he

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Wayne Memorial's **Camree Clegg** goes up for a basket against **East Lansing's Jaida Hampton** (left) and Aazhenii Nye during the Class A semifinal. DAN DEAN HOMETOWNLIFE. COM

BOYS BASKETBALL **FINISH WITH A FLOURISH**

COLLEGE BASKETBALL U-M walk-ons Bair, Ozeir prove worth

Brad Emons

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It might be Michigan basketball's best-kept secret.

They'll never be as famous or as talented as the original Fab Five of Webber, Rose, Howard, Jackson and King, but John Beilein knows a good walk-on when he sees one.

When it comes to the 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th and 17th players on the roster, the Michigan coach

won't underestimate their value for the newly crowned Big Ten tournament champions, one of college basketball's hottest teams entering the Sweet 16 this Baird Thursday in Los Ange-





Novi's Traveon Maddox Jr. hit the game-winning shot to beat Ann Arbor Skyline in the regional final. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Maddox proves clutch as Novi upends unbeaten Skyline

Brad Emons hometownlife.com **USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN**

It had to be the sweetest kiss off the glass in Traveon Maddox Jr.'s high school basketball career.

The 6-foot-5 senior guard from Novi

handled the ball just inside half court and milked the clock during the final 33 seconds before making his move in a winner-take-all 59-59 deadlock against undefeated Ann Arbor Skyline in the Class A regional final March 14 at Salem.

The Oakland University signee drove just to the right of the key and banked a

running one-hander high off the backboard with 2.8 seconds left to send the Wildcats (16-8) to a 61-59 triumph and into their first-ever state quarterfinal, scheduled for Tuesday, March 20 at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall

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les against Texas A&M

"We have what we call a Fab Five and that's the five guys, and no disrespect to our famous Fab Five, as I put it," Beilein said. "They are the guys that do a lot of Ozeir demonstration. When

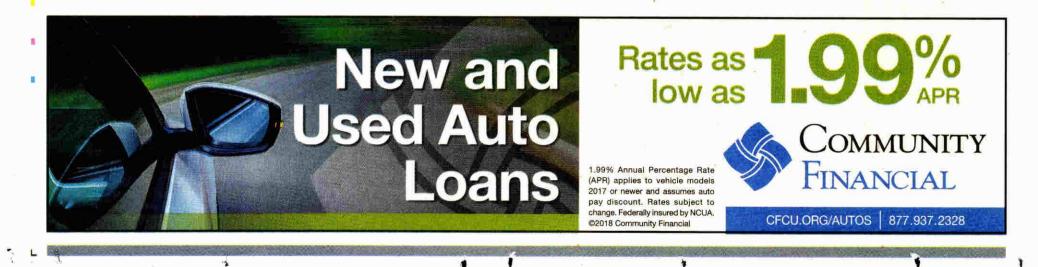


we dummy against certain things, they know it and we just go against it.'

The five are senior Brent Hibbitts (Hudsonville), who is dealing with an injury, along with freshmen Luke Wilson (Boulder, Colo.), Rico Ozuna-Harrison (Detroit Cass Tech), C.J. Baird (Novi Detroit Catholic Central) and Naji Ozeir (Novi).

"First of all, their teammates love them even though they know they're not going into the game unless we're way ahead," Beilein said. "And they've just been a really welcomed addition to the team. They have great attitudes, they're no maintenance off the court. People don't believe it, but those guys are significant in any success the team has or they could also be the demise of the team if they don't have right attitude or they can't remember plays or they're not giving it their all on defense. So these guys have done every-

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Novi celebrates its first boys basketball Class A district championship after a 61-59 win over Ann Arbor Skyline. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

Novi

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against Belleville (20-5).

After a timeout, Skyline (23-1) had one more chance, but Brandon Wade's half-court attempt missed the mark, sending the Wildcats into a wild celebration.

"My coach (Brandon Sinawi) looked at me and said, 'Tra, this is yours right now," said Maddox, who played a stellar all-around game and finished with 14 points and six assists. "And I looked at him, I was dribbling the ball, and I said, 'I got it.' And I even told my team in the locker room, 'I got it, I got it.' And I came out and got it. It was a buzzer-beater."

The win erases some of the sting still felt by Novi in last year's controversial 67-66 last-second double-overtime loss to West Bloomfield in the regional.

"That was our goal and I can't tell you how proud I am for our kids," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "Not only to get back to this position, but to come out on the other end this time. And fitting it was a last-second shot that got us the win in terms of Traveon's basket and then, of course, the desperation triple (by Wade)."



Skyline relied once again on the prolific scoring of the 6-2 Wade, who had 32 points during a regional semifinal win over Howell.

But the Wildcats held the Duquesne University signee in check for the most part as he finished with a game-high 19 points on 7-of-19 shooting.

But it was his triple with 1:05 left, after a Novi turnover, that tied the game at 59-59.

"Credit to (assistant) coach Kevin Hankerson, who said, 'We're going to throw as many guys as we can to make him work for 32 minutes' because he doesn't come out of the game," Sinawi said. "And I felt ... we made him work as hard as possible tonight, harder than he has all season long. And I thought that was the difference. And they missed shots in and out that they normally make. Credit to our defensive strategy in terms of that."

After taking a 32-25 halftime lead, Novi went up by as many as 10 points in the third quarter and had an eight-point advantage, 57-49, with 4:46 left in fourth on a basket by Jiovanni Miles be-

fore the Eagles clawed back.

Novi trailed 12-9 after the first quarter, hitting only 4-of-16 shots, but after some adjustments, the Wildcats were 22-of-38 from the floor over the final three quarters.

"Usually, I play on the wing position and my shots weren't falling down early, so I had to go in the middle and, basically, bang down low with the big dogs," Maddox said. "With my size being 6-5, 195 ... I can go down there and play in the post. That's one of the ways I helped my team get the (win)."

Skyline's 3-2 zone defense gave Novi fits during the opening quarter.

Novi's Austin Mackay lets out a yell after winning the Class A regional title. THOMAS BEAUDOIN

"I had to be more of the facilitator today, because they know I'm a scorer and I rely on my jump shot a lot," Maddox said. "I had to drive to the basket and kick more and get my teammates in scoring position."

Tariq Woody, the 6-8 senior transfer from Plymouth, finished with a teamhigh 16 points to go along with 14 boards for his fourth straight double-double.

"I was telling them stop shooting threes, because we weren't making any," Woody said about his team's firstquarter woes. "When we got it inside to me or inside to (Maddox), we were scoring. (Maddox) definitely kept us in the game with his passing and scoring. He played great."

Senior point guard Trendon Hankerson, who hit some clutch shots, added 13 points, while Jiovanni Miles, the junior swingman, contributed 11.

The Wildcats also got a boost from senior forward Blake King, who chipped in a pair of 3-pointers, one each in the second and third quarters.

"Blake King did a great job, hit two big threes," Sinawi said. "I went off on his third attempt when he hit the backboard. We're deep and we've got guys who know their role and understand their role when it's time to contribute. Tonight was not different."

Here are some other takeaways:

EAGLES GROUNDED

It was the first loss of the season for Skyline, which defeated the Wildcats in the season opener, 72-56, back on Dec. 5. Ryan Wade, the junior guard, added 12 points, as did junior center DeSean Munson. Sharp shooting senior guard Jack Ammerman added 11, all in the first half, but went scoreless over the final two periods.

"We didn't make enough shots in the first half," Skyline coach Mike Lovelace said. "We had a lot of opportunities, a lot of layups rolled off. Defensively, we had a few things here and there where they scored inside and had more active hands. There was just a few little minor things here and there the first half. I felt like if we had a normal shooting night to start, we would have had a six- to eightpoint lead with the zone and I was really going to feel good about that."

ON A REBOUND

Novi started out 1-5, but has now won 10 of its last 11 games after two starters were out for nearly half of the season.

"This team continued to get better and better really in the last two months, since Hankerson came back from injury and Tariq came back and Traveon has been healthy now," Sinawi said. "It's just been building, building up until now. And we're not going to be happy to be there. We've got work to do. We've got a great Belleville team that we have to play on Tuesday and we're looking forward to that."

ZONE PRINCIPLES

Skyline's zone defense was effective, particularly during the first quarter before Novi solved it by going on a 23-13 second-quarter run.

"They're good and we knew that we

might struggle if we didn't hit some shots from the outside," Sinawi said. "And we talked about at the quarter, 'Get the ball in' and the kids listened. Traveon had a handful of baskets in there, Tariq did some things inside there and really made them come out of the zone. And we wanted that. We wanted them to play man and guard us. We felt we had the advantage against their defense that we were able to get to the basket and hit some open shots."

MR. BIG SHOT

Novi's final possession fell strictly into the hands of Maddox, who missed a last-second drive to the basket in a 60-58 district semifinal win March 7 over Canton (19-2), only to be tipped in by Woody for the game-winner at the buzzer.

"The play was drawn up for (Maddox) to go and I was waiting there for him to miss, so I could tip it in, but he made it, so that was huge," Woody said. "I was right there ready for it."

But Maddox, who bid his time calmly dribbling nearly half court, made Skyline pay all by himself this time.

"Actually, I've been working on that in practice lately. It's more of a runner, going toward the baseline and I said, 'Let me pull one out of my arsenal real quick' and that was my runner on the baseline," Maddox said.

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Walk-ons

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thing you could ask for."

Ironically, Baird and Ozeir were rivals in high school, but have been united as teammates at U-M.

"Both great guys, first and foremost," Michigan senior forward Duncan Robinson said. "Kind of different additions as they kind of happened late in the game, but we're very appreciative to have them. They do a lot of the dirty work and a lot of stuff that goes unnoticed that are integral for the success of this team. And that should never be overlooked."

The 6-foot-7, 225-pound Ozeir, who graduated from Novi in 2016, joined the team as a preferred walk-on after spending a postgraduate year at Salisbury (Conn.) School, where he averaged 18.9 points (shooting 56 percent from the field) and 8.0 rebounds.

"It was a good experience and it helped getting that extra year," said Ozeir, who helped Novi win a district title his senior year while averaging 12.7 points and 8.0 rebounds a game. "I grew up, got older, more mature as a basketball player and as a person. I liked it there and it was a lot of fun. It was always in the cards and I just went there to open up my options and, obviously, use that year to get better."

Ozeir had interest from Division II-III schools, but decided to give Division I a try. He played in his first collegiate game during the final four minutes against UC-Riverside and played the final three minutes against Alabama A&M, scoring his first career basket.

"It's been a dream ever since I was growing up, because I was always a Michigan fan," he said. "To play here is awesome."

The 6-5, 220-pound Baird, who averaged 15.7 points and 8.0 rebounds as a senior, started out as one of Michigan's student managers after Bill Dyer, his high school coach at Catholic Central, contacted former U-M director of basketball operations Waleed Samaha about walking on.

"They didn't have any spot, so they said I could start as a manager and, hopefully, if something opened up, I'd get a chance to try out for it," Baird said. "In mid-October, one of the spots opened up. They held a tryout and decided to take me."

Baird also appeared in his first collegiate game for four minutes against UC-Riverside and got his first basket, too, against Alabama A&M.

"That whole process and getting that chance to play basketball again, it was just a dream come true for me," Baird said. "I've taken that to heart and try and take advantage every day at practice ... just remember where I am and how lucky and blessed I am to have this opportunity to play at Michigan."

Baird is enrolled in the Ross School of Business. He took 16 credit hours during the fall semester and is taking 13 in the spring, with such challenging classes as History of Art and Culture, Econ 101, Latin 232.

"It's definitely more difficult that now I'm a walk-on at school with basketball, but it's one of the best challenges this school has given me," he said. "So I often have a lot of work to do from the classes from the business school that I'm taking and I've just learned great time management skills, having my work go around practice and making sure I give myself enough time for every project and assignments."

Hibbitts, the lone upperclassman among the five, is the Woverines' 13th player and normally travels with the team on the road, while the other four walk-ons dress only for home games, although Baird made the trip to the firstand second-round games in Wichita that U-M won against Montana and Houston.

"We mainly participate in the scout team, run their offense, play the defense," Baird said. "Like for the Purdue game, we follow the rules and prepare them for everything they'd see. We go two-on-two, three-on-three drills with the scholarship players. Usually, they use us where they need us."

Ozeir, who is leaning toward a major in economics, has international experience while playing for the Lebanese Junior National Team.

"I've tried to put as much work as I can in the gym, learn little things from the coach and do whatever I can to get better," he said. "It's a lot different than my past roles. I've accepted it and I do whatever I can to help the team in any way. That's basically my role. It's awesome, obviously, (Beilein) is a really smart coach. Learning from him and what he says playing here is pretty cool."

It's only his freshman season, but Baird has bought into Beilein's way of coaching as well.

"He is one of the nicest men you'll ever meet, but he really likes to challenge you as well through his intricate offense, the way he presents himself and the way he presents himself to the team," Baird said. "It really makes you want to play for him and work hard for him. And he does it with all his players and he's one of the best coaches in the country right now. He's got us playing as one of the best teams in the country right now."

And with Baird and Ozeir coming from the same area, the experience this season has been even more special and rewarding.

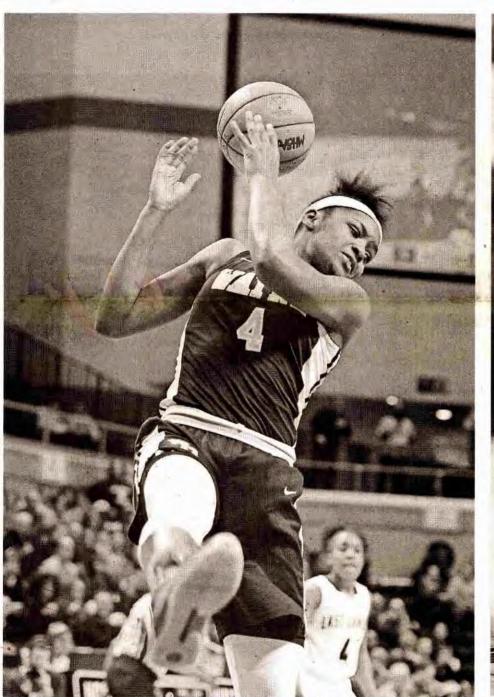
"We've become very close over the course of this year," Baird said. "It's kind of funny, both of us are from the Novi area and how we grew up playing against each other. Naji and I definitely bond over that. One of the best parts of that is seeing a familiar face in the locker room really helps you get more comfortable. Naji has been that for me and I'm just really grateful two people from Novi can represent the town and play at the university."

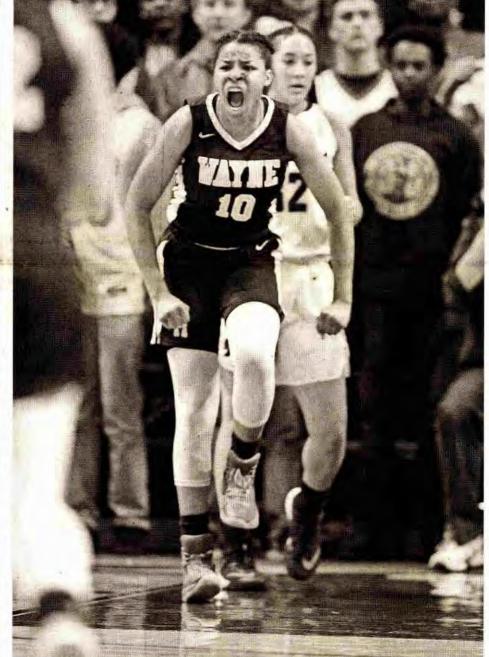
Baird said he'd like to return again as a support player in 2018-19.

"Being a walk-on is a one-year deal," he said. "I'm hoping they ask me back. This year has been amazing. I couldn't have asked for anything more. All the walk-ons on this team have worked really hard. I think we're all looking for that opportunity next year, so ... I guess we'll wait and see."

"It's a fun group," Ozeir said. "We always get to compete with other guys. The whole Fab Five is a cool name. It actually came from the coaches."

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Wayne Memorial's Alanna Micheaux tries to get a handle on a rebound during the Class A semifinal. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Wayne Memorial's Jeanae Terry is fired up early in the game after scoring during the Class A semifinal. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Wayne

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said. "They executed well. We knew they could shoot well, but they are also a very, very scrappy bunch. My hat's off to them. They had a great game plan and they stuck to it.

"You can have a talented team, but if you have a team that's disciplined and that's willing to stay within the course of what they are trying to do, and I'm not saying nine times out of 10, but more than likely, that team will come out victorious," he added. "They're competing and competing at every possession. We knew even if they weren't going to be scrappy and might not get to the 50/50 loose balls, that they were still going to be at a compete level and rebound like their life depended on it."

A strong first half

Wayne Memorial gave highly-regarded East Lansing a wake-up call after taking a 30-27 halftime lead. It marked the first time all season the Trojans had trailed after the first two quarters all year.

The Zebras scored the game's first basket, a lay-up by junior guard Sammiyah Hoskin, and took a 16-14 lead after the opening eight minutes on Clegg's triple late in the first quarter. Wayne Memorial maintained its defensive pressure in the second quarter en route to its three-point halftime lead.

Clegg finished the highly-entertaining and energetic first half with 11 points, four rebounds and four assists. She was the offensive spark-plug and put on a show with her spirited play.

Things changed dramatically in the third quarter.

East Lansing came out on fire, hitting its first three shots to take a 33-30 lead. The Zebras responded with four straight points to skip back into the lead at 34-33. That would be their last lead of the game.

The Trojans went on a 10-0 run and outscored the Zebras by a 23-11 margin in that pivotal quarter, en route to a 50-41 lead heading into the final eight minutes. Wayne Memorial never got within striking district in the final quarter, only trimming East Lansing's margin of victory to eight points when junior forward Jayah Hicks hit a pair of treys late in the final minute.

The future is bright

Mitchell said rebounding proved the difference in the crucial second half.

"We had a lot of miscues on rebounding (in the third quarter) and they went on a run, which I warned the girls that they would," he said. "But that's basketball. Basketball is a game of runs. Hopefully, you're on the positive side of the runs. But if you're not, you have to find a way to stop the bleeding somehow and rebounding, normally, solves that."

East Lansing had three players reach double figures. Ameila McNutt poured in a game-high 20 points and sophomore forward Aaliyah Nye contributed a double-double with 16 points and 10 rebounds. Aazhenii Nye added 11 points. East Lansing's Miss Basketball, senior Jaida Hampton, finished with seven points and nine rebounds.

Clegg led Wayne Memorial with 16 points, six rebounds and five assists. Hoskin was the only other Zebra in double figures with 11. Wayne Memorial finished the memorable season with a 22-5 record, including an undefeated mark in winning the KLAA Black championship. That's a far cry from just four years ago, when the Zebras suffered through a winless season.

Mitchell is excited about the future of his young squad.

"When I first took the job, I was unaware of their past," Mitchell said. "A lot of people had given me indications that they hadn't won a game in two or three years, but I wasn't concerned with that. Anytime you take over a program, you want to try and impose your will on it.

"I saw the future and I saw it getting better," he added. "I'm extremely proud. We did a lot of firsts this year. Despite the loss, I still feel very positive about the season and to know that my whole team will be back next year, minus (Clegg). We not only had a good season, but we have something to look forward to next year."

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U.S. topples Madison to earn spot in USHL playoffs

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Championship teams — at any level, in any sport — feature unselfish players who crank up the work ethic to augment their talent.

Such is the case this season with USA Hockey's National Team Development Program, a.k.a. Team USA and composed of two teams (U-18, U-17).

The U.S. is going to the United States Hockey League playoffs for the first time since the program moved from Ann Arbor to Plymouth, with the U-18 team sweeping the Madison Capitols to clinch a spot. Nine different players scored March 15 in a 10-3 victory and then Jake Wise recorded a natural hat trick in Friday's comeback, 6-4 triumph at USA Hockey Arena.

"It's not something we talk a lot about here, the USHL playoffs," said Seth Appert, who this year coaches the U-18 squad. "We're so focused here on development and on the international competition, trying to build toward a world championship at the end.

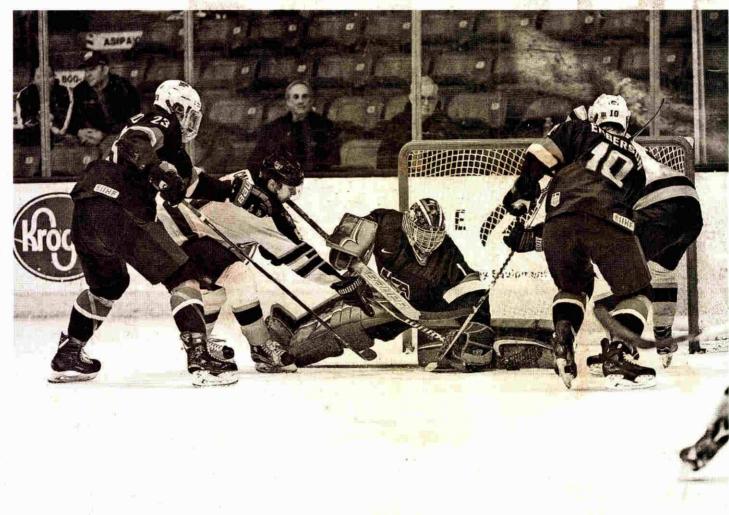
"But at the same time, we have elite competitors in that room. And the same within the U-17 room. Now that you're in this situation, you want to take advantage of it. We're trying to win the Eastern Division first of all and to have a chance to compete for the league championship. Those are things that have never been done here before, so anytime that opportunity's there, you want to try to seize it."

Team USA's USHL record combines league results of both teams (not including college and international competition).

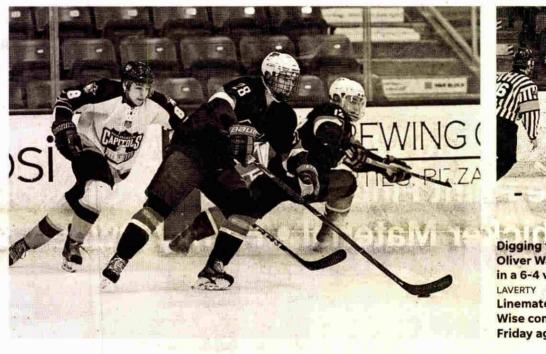
With the U-17 team losing 6-1 Friday at Waterloo, that record is 34-13-0-1 for 69 points, good for first in the Eastern Conference and overall standings.

Should the U.S. finish among the top two teams in the division, it will receive a first-round bye. Because the U-18 team will be competing in April at the 2018 IIHF U-18 World Championships in Russia, the U-17s will participate in the playoffs (set to begin in mid-April).

Appert stressed the compete level up and down the roster for both teams (the U-17 team is coached by John Wroblewski) and a sense that no one player needs to go on a scoring tear in order to rack up victories.



Goaltender Drew DeRidder makes a stop during the U.S. NTDP U-18 team's win over Madison. RENA LAVERTY





Digging for the puck is U.S. forward Oliver Wahlstrom. He had two assists in a 6-4 victory over Madison. RENA LAVERTY

Linemates Joel Farabee (left) and Jake Wise combined to score four goals Friday against Madison. RENA LAVERTY

give it to him?"

In the Friday win, however, the line of Jake Wise, Joel Farabee and Cole Caufield turned up the attack — combining for four of the goals.

Scoring twice was forward Jack Hughes, with goalie Drew DeRidder (23 saves) posting the win.

Wise scored three consecutive goals opening the third period, turning a 3-1 deficit into a 4-3 lead.

Oliver Wahlstrom set up Wise for the first one, a blast from the left circle during a power play.

The tying goal was a re-direction of defenseman Spencer Stastney's point shot. And then came the hat trick tally with 3:35 left, making it a 4-3 lead for the U.S. Farabee feathered a feed from the left side of the rink over to Wise in the right circle and he snapped it past Madison goaltender Joey Lamoreaux "I don't even know how he saw me over there," Wise said with a chuckle. "It was a sick pass, he's a great player and he's really fun to play with."

(35 saves)

Madison came back to re-tie the game at 4-4 with 2:26 remaining, but it took only 20 seconds for Hughes to put the home team back in front. He gathered the puck inside the Caps blue line, circled into the high slot and went shelf.

Then came the insurance goal by Farabee, into an empty net, at 19:13. This time, Wise had a chance to score his fourth of the game, but instead returned the favor by sending a pass over to Farabee.

"Yeah, I think I'm just a pretty unselfish kid and me and Joel are really good buddies," Wise said. "He's fed me a ton of pucks, he gave me the hat trick, so I figured we had an empty net, why not Farabee said he "wouldn't have been surprised if he shot it, the (defense) was on him. But it was an unbelievable pass to get it to me and I'm really thankful for that."

Fast start

The March 15 rout was sparked by a four-goal first period, with goals by Cam York, Farabee, Gavin Hain and Alex Turcotte. Farabee added a second goal in the middle period. Making 28 saves was goalie Spencer Knight.

"I think the last couple weekends, we've really been spreading it (scoring) out and it's been really fun," Wise, said when asked about his three-goal, one assist performance. "I guess all the luck was with me this weekend. It felt good, but it was a great team win." program and area hockey fans to experience the USHL playoffs for the first time.

"What I'm most happy about is we've had this success with both teams without sacrificing development," he said. "We've been rolling four lines on both teams and not shortening the bench to try to win games."

Farabee said it is "pretty cool" for the NTDP to be headed to the playoffs. He noted that the fact both teams simultaneously are having outstanding seasons is a feather in the program's cap.

"We play a lot of the same systems," Farabee said. "If guys are coming up, it's really easy to fit in. We're playing with a lot of speed and a lot of talent, so that definitely wins."

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BOYS SWIMMING

Stevenson enjoys success at D-1 state finals

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Nine members of Livonia Stevenson's boys swimming and diving team competed March 10 at the Division Istate meet at Eastern Michigan University.

The Spartans, coached by Jeff Shoemaker, finished 12th with strong performances from Hans Anderson, Connor Beck, Gabe Curtis, Ben LaPorte, Nolan O'Dowd, Bryan Reppenhagen, Ben Rojewski, Luke Santi and Parker Wasielewski.

Finishing second in events were Wasielewski (100 backstroke, 50.89 seconds) and Rojewski (500 freestyle, 4:31.15. In addition, Wasielewski placed fourth in the 50 free (21.13), while Rojewski's time of 1:43.67 was good for 13th place.

Stevenson had two other individual qualifiers, including Hans Anderson (12th in the 100 breaststroke, 58.25) and Bryan Reppenhagen in the 100 backstroke.

Two Spartans relay teams finished in the top 15 at EMU.

The 200 medley relay team of Reppenhagen, Anderson, Wasielewski and Beck came in 13th with a time of 1:36.24.

Finishing 15th was the 200 free relay team composed of Curtis, Reppenhagen, Santi and Beck (1:28.98).

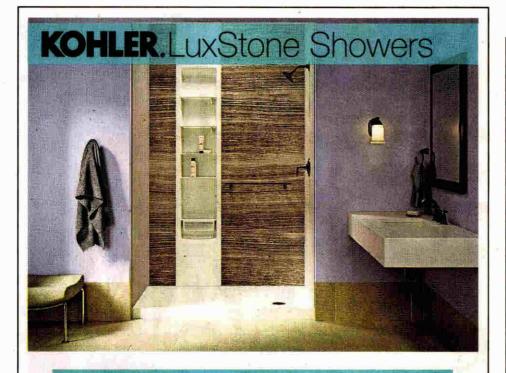
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Livonia Stevenson boys swimming and diving coach Jeff Shoemaker poses with team members that qualified for the Division 1 state meet.







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

Sealed bids marked 2018 Pavement Replacement Bid Package #3 - (2 sites) will be received until 2:00 p.m. on the 29th day of March, 2018, in the Business Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.

The Bid Opening will take place at **2:00 p.m.** on the **29th** day of **March, 2018**, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

A pre-bid meeting has been scheduled for March 21st, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., starting at Grant Elementary School, 9300 Hubbard, Livonia, MI, 48150, proceeding to; Frost Middle School, 14041 Stark Road, Livonia, MI 48154.

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

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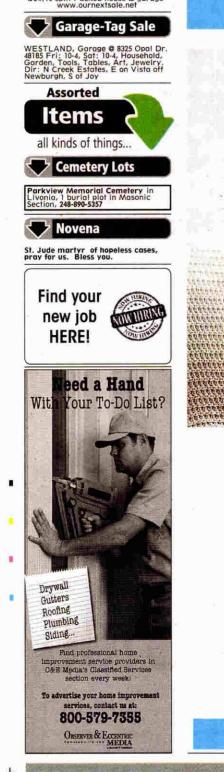


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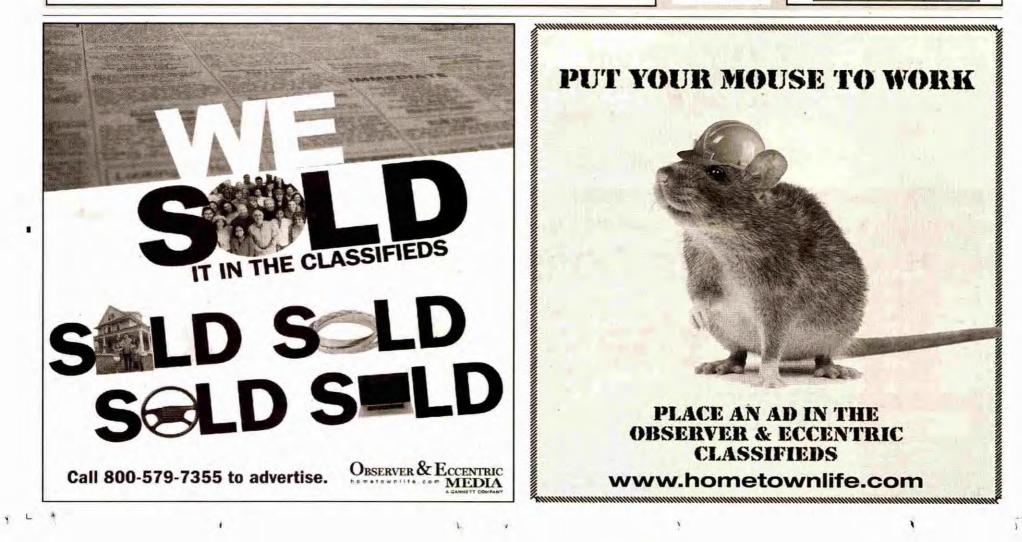
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