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SUV plows into new microbrewery

Accident damages business, open just four months

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Launching a new business is fraught with challenges, but having a vehicle smash into it usually isn't one of them.

Yet that's what happened early March 22, when a man from Cambridge, Ohio, smacked a Dodge Voyager sportutility vehicle into SuperNatural Brewing & Spirits at Plymouth and Ann Arbor roads in Livonia.

No one was in the building and police said the driver was uninjured, but the crash took out a wall and some shrubbery, disrupted parking blocks, damaged a fence and spilled bins of spent grain. "Made a heck of a mess," said Ernie Pacsai, one of the owners.

SuperNatural, a microbrewery and restaurant, has been open for about four months. The crash didn't affect the kitchen or the brewing equipment inside, Pacsai said.

"It hasn't impacted our operations,"
Pacsai said — and, yes, he said impacted. "We're open and everything's going well."

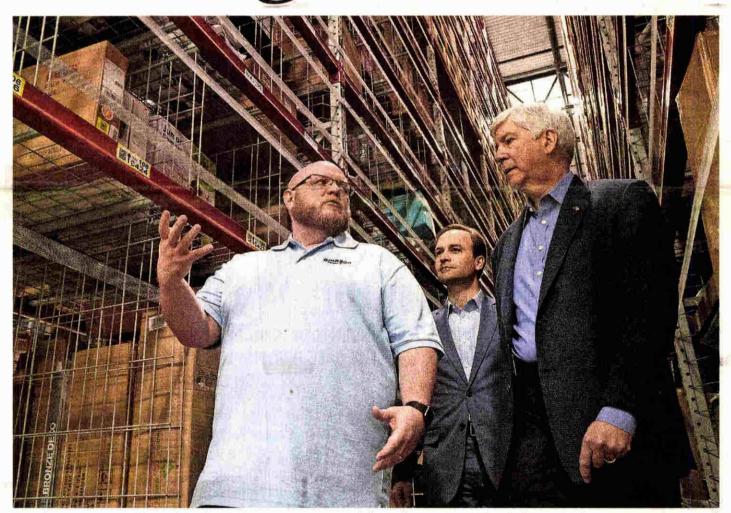
Sgt. Brian Leigh of the Livonia Police Department's traffic bureau said the crash occurred about 2:45 a.m. March 22

The Voyager was eastbound on Plymouth when the driver failed to negotiate the turns where Plymouth and Ann Arbor roads intersect. The vehicle left the road and went onto the SuperNatural property, striking the building, Leigh said.

The driver, 32, stayed at the scene, Leigh said, and the accident remains

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'Such great news'



Warehouse manager Shawn Westlund gives a tour to Gov. Rick Snyder, Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and others. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Take a look inside new Amazon fulfillment center

David Veselenak

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Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright remembers when he first heard of the Amazon facility looking to locate to the city during the early part of his term.

"We were so excited, but we had to keep it a secret," he said. "We couldn't talk about it, we couldn't even ask Alexa about it.

"But this was such great news for Li-

vonia."

That secret then blossomed into a 1 million-square-foot fulfillment center for the Seattle-based e-commerce giant, the first of its kind in Michigan. Wright, along with other state, county and business leaders, celebrated the facility Friday morning during a grand opening event and tour of the building at 39000 Amrhein.

The company opened the facility for tours for local officials and members of the media. The building was much more jam-packed with goods than during the



Boxes on the way to the truck. $\ensuremath{\mathsf{BILL}}$ $\ensuremath{\mathsf{BRESLER}}$ | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

last media tour, which took place in July while the facility was under construction. It opened in September and shipped its first product in October.

Gov. Rick Snyder, who was in attendance for the event, said Amazon's arrival in Michigan is part of what he's called "Michigan's comeback." It's gotten to a point though, Snyder said, where that term just doesn't fit any-

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Cancer survivors took the first lap around Claude Allison Park during a Relay for Life event in this 2016 file photo. FILE PHOTO

Livonia, Redford to host one Relay For Life

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Relay For Life has long been a staple, but separately, in Livonia and Redford Township. This year, those two events will become one.

This is the first year Relay For Life will be one event for both Redford and Livonia. The merger comes after the American Cancer Society decided to combine some smaller events across the region to better improve the event experience.

With the merger, co-chair Erin Phipps said she's excited at the prospect of bringing the two communities together to raise money for cancer research.

"If we combine the two cities together, we can have one great big large event," the Farmington Hills resident said. "You do get the different people coming in. You can hit a much larger target audience."

The event is scheduled to take place beginning at noon Saturday, June 23, at Claude Allison Park, 18250 Beech Daly, in Redford. Those interested in signing up a team or as an individual can do so at the American Cancer Society's website.

Chris Rettich, a community development manager for the ACS assisting with the Redford/Livonia Relay For Life, said the organization has looked

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Accident

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under investigation. Police are awaiting results of blood tests, he said.

Pacsai said the Voyager slid along a west-facing wall of the building, smashed through a cinder-block supporting wall that's set at a right angle to the west wall, struck the fence and spilled the bins of grain, leftovers from the brewing process, that are set out for an area farmer who uses it as livestock

"We're really happy that nobody was hurt," he said.

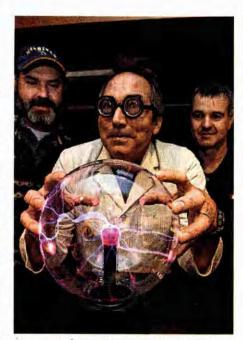
"He hit it good," Pacsai added. "I mean, there were chunks of concrete in the parking lot behind our parking lot."

Insurance will pay for repairs, which Pacsai said are "going to be five figuresplus, for sure." Pacsai said he's not yet certain of how insurance coverage, between SuperNatural's policy and the driver's, will be ironed out.

Pacsai said SuperNatural is also consulting with an architect on options for altering the property to better protect the building from errant vehicles and for protecting the people who might be in those vehicles.

"That's our No. 1 focus — make sure nobody gets hurt," he said.

SuperNatural is in the former Herc's Roast Beef & Spirits building (more recently, and for a shorter time, it housed Midtown Grill & Bar) and the building



Owners of SuperNatural probably had no idea opening the pub would mean having to deal with a driver losing control and driving through the pub. Pictured before its opening are partners Dan Gee (from left), Ernie Pacsai and Chris Hibner. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

has been struck by a vehicle at least two other times since 1990, Pacsai

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HYPE RECREATION CENTER EVENTS

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Matter of balance

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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.

Go to https://protect-us.mimecast. com/s/TWWHC68x3RHqRjkPf6Tv-c? domain=beaumont.org or call 800-543-9355.

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 Sensa-

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.

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Relay

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at ways to combat declining fundraising over the last few years and determined merging some smaller events together was a positive step.

Other events, including some around Waterford and Grosse Pointe/Roseville/ St. Clair Shores, have also merged in recent years. Combining both Redford and Livonia, Rettich said, made sense to them.

"The teams that have come back this year, it's been real positive," Rettich said. "For us, it was more ideal to merge events than close events."

He said the event is expected to al-

ternate locations each year, with 2019 taking place in Livonia. Team meetings continue to take place, alternating between sites in Redford and Livonia.

Phipps said several events will take place during the relay, which runs until 8 a.m. the next morning. Those include Knockerball, Zumba and pilates, as well as inviting a parkour studio in Farmington Hills to the event. A softball game between first responders in the two communities is also planned.

'We want to keep everyone busy," she said. "We want to make sure there's activities for people of all ages."

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"We're going to stop that terminology, because we're back," he said. "We should be proud of that. Let's just talk about how we can get to the next level."

Snyder presented the facility's general manager, Shawn Westlund of South Lyon, with plaques from the Michigan Economic Development Corp. and from the Legislature, along with state Rep. Laura Cox, R-Livonia, and state Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton, commending the center.

Of course, plaques weren't the only items the state and local community granted for the facility. The announcement that Amazon would come to Livonia came in December 2016, after it was revealed the company received a \$7.5 million grant from the MEDC to aid in recruitment efforts for the center. In addition, the city of Livonia granted the company an industrial facilities exemption certificate for the center last summer, providing an exemption from ad valorem real and/or personal property taxes on the property.

There are currently more than 1,000 full-time employees at the center, which ships goods bought on-

Wayne County Executive Warren Evans, a self-proclaimed "Amazon freak," said having the facility close by will satisfy his spending habits much more.

But he also said the work put in by other leaders to secure the facility for Livonia and Wayne County came as a result of working together with officials from the state, county and city.

"These things don't happen unless you have partnerships and partnerships aren't partisan," Evans said. "It's because (Snyder) has decided to put the state first and we've decided to follow as best we can.



Amazon's Livonia warehouse will employ about 1,000 people at peak. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

And Wayne County has turned around."

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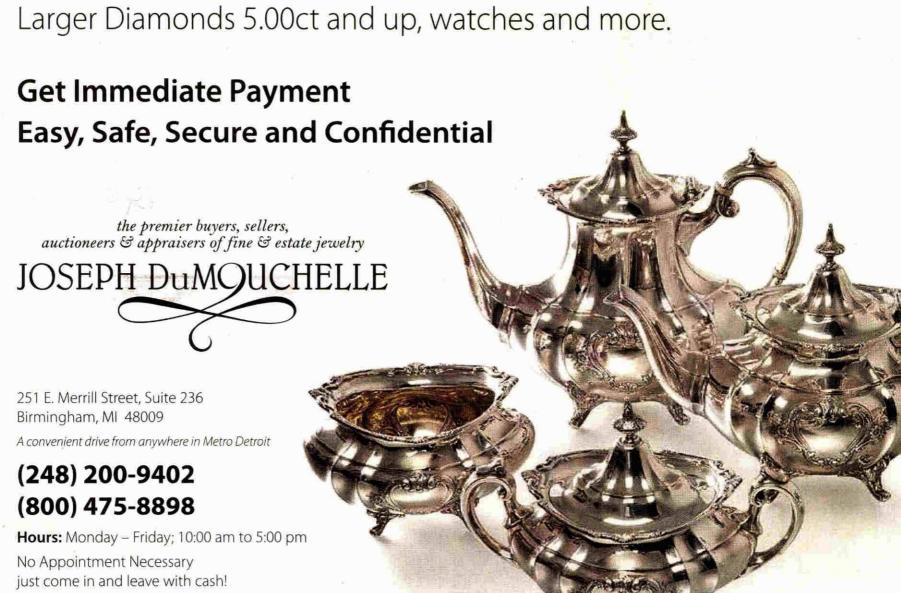


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Amazon donates \$10K to middle school

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The grand opening of Amazon's new fulfillment center wasn't the only highlight for the leadership of Frost Middle School in Livonia.

Administrators and students from the school at 14041 Stark attended the event Friday at the 1 million-square-foot

facility and were treated to a great surprise: the Seattle-based e-commerce giant announced it would give the school \$10,000 for its Makerspace program.

"It's gone a lot further than we thought," Principal Tony Abbate said. "It's an area of our library that we have everything from robots to graphic design to engineering projects."

The space allows for activities such as 3-D printing and other technology to help educate students.

"Right now, we have programmable robots the kids work with," said Shanan Walker, Frost's assistant principal.

The award was given during the grand opening of the building, complete

with a robot on hand to mark the occasion. Gov. Rick Snyder spoke about the grant award, complementing the robot the school brought and saying those students represent what the future will

"We've got great opportunities in the future for them to continue the success," he said. "It's wonderful to see these students here today and the people who help educate them and how they're working together on the next generation. Because science, technology, engineering and math is our future."

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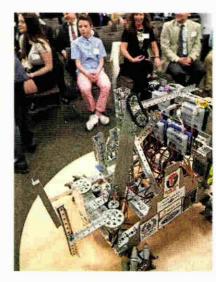
School representatives brought several students to tour the facility, along with the local, county and state dignitaries that came to the grand opening last week.

Seventh-grader chael Fabian said he's looking forward to the improvements to school's Makerspace area the money will help fund. He

also came to the Amazon fulfillment center Friday and marveled at the operations and its technology inside.

"It's amazing," he said. "Everything has a place, everyone has all been so nice. It's well-coordinat-

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Frost Middle School brought its robot to the event. BILL BRESLER I HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Frost Middle School earned a \$10,000 donation. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Frost students on hand for the Amazon event were Michael Fabian, Claire Smith, and Elizabeth Tracy. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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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

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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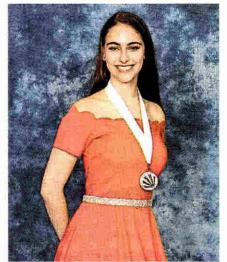
Distinguished Young Women accepting scholarship applications

The Distinguished Young Women of Michigan is accepting applications for its upcoming scholarship program. The scholarship program promotes scholarships, leadership and talent and is open to high school juniors graduating in 2019, with a 3.0 GPA and are Michigan residents.

Distinguished Young Women is a national scholarship program that inspires high school women to develop their full, individual potential through a fun, transformative experience that culminates in a celebratory showcase of their accomplishments. Distinguished Young Women strives to give every young woman the opportunity to further her education and prepare for a successful future.

This program awards college scholarships to young women who have distinguished themselves at school and in their communities and will be held July 21 in Canton. Contestants will be judged based on academic achievement, talent, self-expression, physical fitness and interview. Last year, more than \$7,000.00 in cash scholarships were awarded at the state program, along with numerous college scholarships.

An informational workshop for the program is scheduled for 1 p.m. Sunday, April 15, at Point Counterpointe Dance Center, 32807 Manor Park Drive, in Garden City. Interested young women and their parent are invited to attend and find out more about this schol-



Melanie Taylor was the Distinguished Young Women of Michigan scholarship winner for the Class of 2018.

WAYNE CITY COUNCIL **MEETING NO. 2018-08** March 20, 2018

A Special Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. MEMBERS PRESENT: Rowe, Miller, Porter, Sanders (6:58 p.m), Gabriel, Webster. MEMBERS ABSENT: Rhaesa. APPROVED: agenda; Adjourned to Closed Session at 6:36 p.m. reconvened in Open Session at 7:37 p.m. Adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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CFCU's Thumbs Up For Charity open for nominations

more information.

Community Financial Credit Union is launching its fifth annual Thumbs Up for Charity program. During the month of March, the public is invited to nominate local organizations to receive recognition and a financial donation from Community Financial for their

Nominations will be accepted at cfcu.org/ThumbsUp through Friday, March 30. After all the nominations have been received, five finalists will be chosen. Members of the community will then be able to vote from April 9-20. Winners will be announced on cfcu-.org by April 25.

Community Financial will be giving \$25,000 in total through this program, with five winners receiving financial donations: first-place place winner will receive \$10,000; second- and third-place winners will each receive \$5,000; fourth- and fifth-place winners will each receive \$2,500.

"The nonprofit groups in our communities work hard and we are proud to support them throughout the year," said Natalie McLaughlin, CFCU's community relations manager. "We want to provide the residents of our communities a chance to tell us which groups they think deserve recognition and Thumbs Up for Charity gives them that opportunity."

arship program. Contact Committee Member Melissa Mahood at 313-443-0481 or Jan Witte at 517-260-0730

or email michigan@distinguishedyw.org to RSVP for

this workshop or if you need more information. You

can also go to the Distinguished Young Women of America website at www.distinguishedyw.org for

When nominating a charity, make sure that it is a registered 501(c)3 organization, recognized community support organization or associated with an accredited educational institution in Michigan.

For complete contest rules and more information, go to cfcu.org/ThumbsUp.

For more information about Community Financial Credit Union, headquartered in Plymouth, go to www.cfcu.org or call 877-937-2328.







Time's running out to file 2014 tax return



he IRS announced last week that unclaimed federal income tax refunds for 2014 totaled \$1.1 billion. What that means is that there are hundreds of thousands of taxpayers who did not file their 2014 tax return and are owed over \$1 billion by the federal government. According to the IRS, the average potential refund is nearly \$900. For those taxpayers who did not file their 2014 tax return, if you don't do something soon, you will lose that refund.

In order to claim a refund for 2014, your tax return must be filed by April 17. If you are one of the estimated 34,100 people in Michigan who did not file your

2014 tax return, you don't have much time. The deadline is rapidly approaching and there are no extensions. Under federal law, taxpayers are allowed a three-year window for claiming a tax refund. If you don't file a tax return, that refund becomes property of the U.S. Treasury. One thing I can assure you is the money looks better in your pocket than it does the U.S. Treasury's.

It is also important to remember that, particularly for low- and moderate-income taxpayers, if they don't file their 2014 tax return, they are potentially losing more than just their tax refunds. Many of those individuals may be eligible for the earned income tax credit which, once again, they would lose if they don't file their return. The earned income tax credit was established to help individuals and families whose income was below a certain threshold.

The credit can be worth as much as \$6,000. For those who would be eligible for the earned income tax credit, if you don't file your 2014 tax return, you will lose that credit as well.

Many who did not file their 2014 tax return are under the mistaken belief that the penalties they will owe will offset any tax refund; that is not the case. The IRS does not assess penalties for filing a late tax return if you're entitled to a refund. Penalties are only assessed if money is owed. If you haven't file your 2014 tax return and you are entitled to a refund, there is no downside in filing the return.

One caveat you should be aware of—is if you do file your 2014 tax return, it is possible that your refund check can be held by the IRS. The IRS can hold your refund check if you did not file your 2015 and 2016 tax return or if you owe money

to the IRS. Furthermore, the IRS is allowed to withhold money to offset unpaid child support or past due federal debts, such as student loans. Even if that is the case, where it withholds some of your refund, you are still in a better position by filing your 2014 return than not.

There is only about a month before it will become too late to file your 2014 tax return. If you haven't done so, and particularly if you're entitled to a refund, you want to make sure you get that return done as soon as possible.

Good luck!

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

Problem gambling can take a huge toll



Our Mental Health
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he Bible says that when Christ was crucified on Calvary, "The soldiers cast lots for his garments." This may well be one of the earliest recorded references to gambling.

In 1929, Sigmund Freud documented what is considered to be the first account of a case of pathological gambling in his study of the writer Dostoevsky, author of "Crime and Punishment." Freud wrote, "(Dostoevsky) always remained at the gambling tables until he had lost everything and was completely ruined." Freud insisted that the main thing was the gambling itself and that greed for money had nothing to do with it.

In 1980, the American Psychiatric Association defined gambling as a disorder of impulse control characterized by persistent, maladaptive gambling behavior. In recent times, the latest revision of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of the American Psychiatric Association characterizes a gambling disorder as a non-substance related disorder that entails persistent and recurrent gambling behaviors that lead to clinically significant impairment or distress as indicated by, in part, needs to gamble with increasing amounts of money in order to achieve the desired excitement, failed attempts to cut back or stop gambling altogether and reliance on others to provide money to relieve desperate financial situations caused by gambling and often gambling.

A few years ago, I met a prominent researcher, Durand Jacobs, who coined the term, "a general theory of addictions." He saw addictive behavior, of any type, as not only a problem in and of itself, but a symptom of a greater and deeper problem. The task and treatment of problem gambling is to simultaneously address the needs to modify the behavior as well as pursue and resolve, as feasible, the underlying conflicts, often unconscious, within a per-

son. These conflicts often turn out to be early life traumas. It has been said, "You can't treat addictions without treating the trauma that begets the addictions."

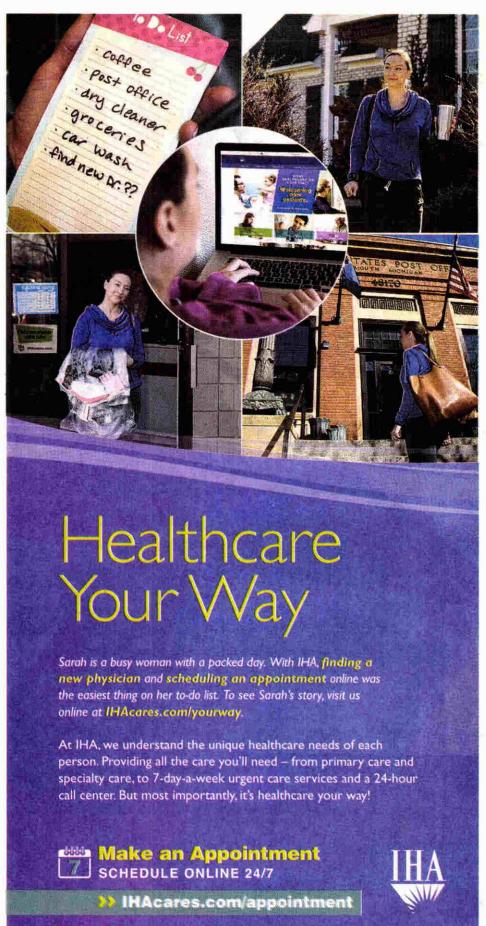
In the mid-1990s, the Michigan Council on Problem Gambling formed and began training professional counselors in Michigan and elsewhere as a response to the influx of the new industry of gambling that came to our state. There are now more professionally trained problem gambling therapists and centers than ever before.

The website of the Michigan Associated of Problem Gambling is easily found on Google. This resource is valuable in many ways. It provides a 24/7 problem gambler helpline (800-522-4700), which can be used by anyone looking for help/treatment with a gambling problem. The website contains a useful tool called, Gambler's Anonymous, 20 Questions. This is a relatively simple, "yes/no" quiz, by which one can screen himself/herself with the resultant characterization as having a harmless, gambling recreational hobby vs. a problem with abusive gambling vs. a

gambling addiction. There is also a listing of problem gambling treatment providers accessed through the website and assistance is available in coordinating an initial evaluation and recommendation for a treatment plan. This also leads to links for local Gamblers Anonymous 12-Step group treatment modeled after other addiction recovery programs.

So if you are one of many caught up in the world of gambling and identify with many of the symptoms in the GA 20 Question screener, you can know that help is available and nearby. For more information, go to http://www.michapg.com/ or call 800-522-4700

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AREA EVENTS

Send calendar items to LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com. Items must be received at least two weeks prior to the event.

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.

Toy show at Elks hall

The Livonia Elks Hall, 31117 Plymouth Road, will host a toy show from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 31. Items include comic books, Hot Wheels, magazines, dolls, beer signs, movie and TV items, sport and non-sport cards, records, CDs, "Star Trek" and "Star Wars" items, posters, models and more.

Admission is \$3, ages 12 and under are free. For more information, call Jacquie at 586-329-8213 or Joe at 586-775-

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 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 II.

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 II: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.

Westland library art exhibit

The Westland Library will again host the Spring Art Exhibition, scheduled for Friday through Sunday, April 6-8, featuring the works of art by members of the Three Cities Art Club. More than 20 artists will be exhibiting more than 65 pieces of original art, including works in oil, acrylic, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, mixed media, photography and more.

Everyone attending the exhibition will have the chance to vote for their three favorite works, which will enter them in a drawing for a chance to win a collectable doll (need not be present to win). Go to threecitiesartclub.org for complete list of rules. The artists with the most votes will also win prizes.

In addition to hanging art for sale, there will be note cards, refrigerator magnets, matted and framed prints of the artist's work available for sale. This is a wonderful chance to share the world of fine art with the entire family and support local artists. Enjoy refreshments during the exhibition.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 4:30 p.m. Sunday. The library is located at 6123 Central City Parkway. For more information, call 313-231-3939 or email marilynmeredith @wowway.com. The club website is www.threecitiesartclub.org.

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.

'Ladies Foursome' at theater

Livonia Community Theatre will presents "The Ladies Foursome," a comedy by Canadian playwright Norm Foster, with performances scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, April 7-8 and 14-15. Saturday show time is 7:30 p.m., Sunday is 2 p.m.

All performances are at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for ages 18 and under. Go to livoniacommunitytheatre.org to order online or call 248-252-1940 to reserve by phone. Tickets are also available at the door.

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 theatre.com.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends

Livonia Neighbors and Friends is open to women who live/work in Livonia and surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. The next meeting, Tuesday, April 10, at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Road, will feature magician Dreygan. For more information, go to http://livonia neighborsandfriends.tripod.com.

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 VistaTech 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 pianoalle-grostudio@gmail.com to RSVP or for more information.

Blessings in a Backpack trivia

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://guestlist/498396. Go to https://www.biablivonia.org/ to learn more about sponsorship and donation opportunities.

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, 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 homeless community.

Livonia GOP Club

The next meeting of the Livonia Republican Club is scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Livonia Victory Center, 33462 Seven Mile Road. The guest speaker will be Lena Epstein, candidate for the U.S. House in the 11th District. All meetings are free and open to the public.

Dog park grand opening

Livonia's first dog park will celebrate

its opening with a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 21. Pet Supplies Plus will be on-site with giveaways and treats.

The Bicentennial Dog Park, at Seven Mile and Wayne roads, is open daily from dawn to dusk, not before 7 a.m. or after 9 p.m. The dog park features waste stations, a doggie drinking fountain, benches, agility stations, areas designated for small and large dogs, as well as an open area to allow for rotation.

Livonia residents with licensed dogs may access the park for a \$30 annual fee for the first dog and \$10 for each additional dog. There is a maximum of three dogs per household. For application information, go to www.livoniaparks.org.

Wayne to host clean-up event

Wayne Main Street, in conjunction with its community partners, will be hosting the third annual spring clean-up day in downtown Wayne from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 21. Registration opens at 9 a.m. at the 29th District Court parking lot, 34808 Sims Street.

Volunteers can sign up to participate at downtownwayne.org; click on the "Registration" link. All pre-registered volunteers will receive an event T-shirt and snacks will be served at registration. Bags and other implements will be provided; volunteers are encouraged to wear older clothing and bring work gloves.

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 PayPal 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. timothylutheranchurch.com/walkthru thebible.html for more information and to register.

Obituaries

Marilyn K. Gordon

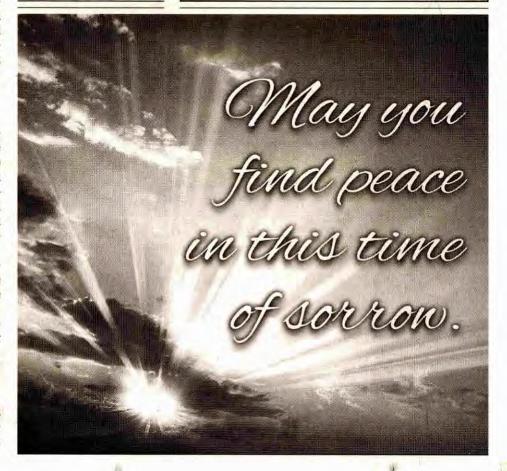
LIVONIA - Marilyn passed away on March 21, 2018 at the age of 75. Beloved wife of the late Jack. Loving mother of Grant (Lisa) Gordon. Dear sister of Elaine, Barbara (Steve), Sue and Michael (Judy). Cherished grandmother of Ryan. Also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Local care and services were entrusted to the L. J. Griffin Funeral Home, (734) 522-9400.

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John Glenn's Martin MSU-bound

Rockets' ace ready for senior season

Brad Emons

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Westland John Glenn baseball coach Lawrence Scheffer never hesitated from day one when he penciled the name Brian Martin into his starting lineup.

The Michigan State signee, a pitcher-

outfielder, excelled as a ninth-grader and enters his senior season with high expectations after the Rockets suffered through a 5-18 season his junior year.

"Last year was tough. We were dealing with some injuries and we were a young team," Martin said. "But everyone is older now, a little more mature, and knows what it takes to win at the varsity level. Obviously, me and some other players have some varsity experience, so it was all just a learning experience last year."

Martin would be the first to admit he See MARTIN, Page 2B

took too much upon his shoulders in

"I knew we were young and a lot of the team's success mounted on me, so I wanted to give my best out there, but I was pressing, for sure," he said.

The team captain has accomplished a lot in his three varsity seasons with the Rockets.

Martin hit .400 with three homers and 25 RBIs his junior year after batting .420 with 40 RBIs and three homers as a



John Glenn senior captain Brian Martin, who signed with Michigan State, expects to have a banner senior vear. BRAD EMONS

BOYS BASKETBALL

SHOT DOWN

Novi can't shoot straight in semifinal loss to West Ottawa

Brad Emons

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All the excitement of March Madness ended Friday in March sadness for Novi in the MHSAA Class A boys basketball state semifinals in East Lansing.

Before a crowd of 10,030 at Michigan State's Breslin Center, the Wildcats' tourney magic finally ran out in what only could be called a frustrating shooting performance in 53-50 loss to Holland West Ottawa.

The Panthers (25-2) held Novi to 34.5-percent shooting from the field, including 8-of-28 from the 3-point line, to advance to the state championship game against defending Class A champ Clarkston, which advanced with a convincing 73-49 win over Warren De La Salle behind Mr. Basketball Foster Loyer's 42 points.

Novi (17-9) had its chances, but was unable to duplicate its clutch late-game performances turned in during tourney wins in the district (against Canton), the regional (against previously unbeaten Ann Arbor Skyline) and the quarterfinal (against Belleville).

"We had a goal set to play to-

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Novi's Trendon Hankerson (left) and Tariq Woody pressure Holland West Ottawa's Xavier Wade during the first quarter. NICK KING | LANSING STATE JOURNAL

PREP BASEBALL

CC's Stinebiser nice catch for Duke

Shamrocks senior will also handle pitching chores

Brad Emons

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Coach Dan Michaels will tell you catcher Matt Stinebiser is the straw who

will stir the drink this season for the Novi Detroit Catholic Central baseball

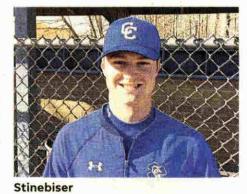
"If he goes, we'll go," Michaels said of the Duke University signee.

The 6-foot-1, 180-pound senior will bat in the third hole or clean-up spot this season after hitting .384 a year ago

with 28 RBIs.

"He had good numbers last year," Michaels said. "But this year, I'm expecting him to drive the ball a little more, some more extra-base hits, more home runs, turn on a few pitches here and there. But he's going to be our catalyst. I don't want to put pressure on him, but we need him

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Juggernaut teams picking up speed

P-CEP squads hoping to break into elite status

Tim Smith

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Every fan of high school boys lacrosse in metro Detroit knows about the sustained excellence of programs such as Birmingham Brother Rice and Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

But maybe, just maybe, another lacrosse juggernaut is forming at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

The 2018 varsity boys lacrosse season is getting into the swing in late March and Canton and Plymouth are serious about building on memorable 2017 showings and giving the vaunted Warriors and Shamrocks something to think about in the Division 1 postseason.

"We accomplished a lot of great things last year," Plymouth coach Ray Miller said. "But as a program, we feel there is unfinished business to take care of this year."

The Wildcats enjoyed their best season in a decade of existence, rolling to 13 wins and a heartbreaking 8-7 loss to the campus rival Chiefs in a D-1 regional final.

In turn, Canton then lost to Brother Rice in a lopsided quarterfinal match-up that shows that — despite last year's success — there is another level to get to in order to really take a grab at some serious postseason hardware.

Canton coach Josh Simmons is banking on continued strong performances from senior captains Nick Polydoras (midfielder, committed to Division I Cleveland State), Connor Flanigan (midfielder, co-offensive MVP) and Diego Marzejon (defense), along with senior Chase Meredith (attack).

"Nick was last year's team MVP and is one of the best players in the state," Simmons said. "Connor Flanigan looks to



One of Canton's key defenders in 2018 will be Diego Marzejon (left), shown from a game last season.



Plymouth senior midfielder Mitchell Bates will look to help his team continue last season's success, when it reached the Division 1 regional final.

continue his dominance on face-offs, as well keeping the offense running smooth-

Also on the Canton attack will be sophomore Zachary Sweet, Jake Kendall and Paul Schmidt.

"Sweet scored a lot of big goals last year and I did not expect him to become the force that he is so soon," Simmons said. "I expect to see him continue to improve from last year. Chase Meredith made a transition from midfield to attack late last year and I think he found his home at his new position."

Midfielders Jack Cervantes and Alex Yoder are promising all-around talents, while the Canton defense will shut teams down thanks to Marzejon and sophomore goaltender Sam Bowling.

Balanced 'Cats

As for the Wildcats, there is talent "spread out at every position this season and, as a coaching staff, we feel we are much deeper than last year," Miller said. "On top of that, our chemistry has been excellent so far."

Plymouth captains are senior Charlie Shaver (defense) and juniors Blake Nowicki (goalie), Carson Miller (midfield) and Ian Gozdor (midfield).

Teams in the KLAA will need to find a way to slow down the attack of senior Bryan Twinney, junior Per Benson and sophomores Gavin Roach, Harrison Albano, Brendan Allen and Ethan Rottell.

A strong midfield is spearheaded by seniors Jake Roach, Mitchell Bates and Logan Goebel and juniors Miller, Gozdor, Jeff Koviak, Nathan Stoneburg and Griffin Connell. Added to the mix are sophomores Sam Peterson and Mike Mathias and freshman David Brace.

Racking up goals against the Wildcats won't be a piece of cake, not with a lineup featuring seniors Shaver, Jacob Marciniak and Adam Kolcon, juniors Josh Montroy and Logan Stacey and sophomores Grant Caswell and Tyler Schewe.

Guarding the netwill be Nowicki and sophomore Cam Bump.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Clutch shooter Maddox earns weekly honor

Brad Emons

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Novi's Traveon Maddox Jr. has proven this boys basketball season he has ice in his veins.

The 6-foot-5 senior guard, who was voted hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week, made the game-winning shot with only 2.8 seconds left March 16 to give the Wildcats their first Class A regional title to beat previously unbeaten Ann Arbor Skyline, 61-59, at Salem.

And he did it again March 20 with a buzzer-beater in the state quarterfinal at the University of Detroit's Calihan Hall to knock off Belleville, 75-73, as Novi earned its first trip in school history to the state

semifinals

"He's a special player," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said following Maddox's clutch performance in the quarterfinal.

Maddox, who was also a three-year standout wide receiver for the Novi varsity football team, is headed to play basketball next year at Oakland University.

This season he's averaging 19.5 points, 4.7 rebounds and 3.0 assists per game. He's shooting 48 percent from the field, including 33 percent from 3-point range, and is a 75-percent free-throw shooter.

"My favorite player is Kobe (Bryant) and I try to pattern my game after Kobe," Maddox said of the retired Lakers great. "So I watched so much of Kobe Bryant ... I've seen he plays inside and outside. He can go to the basket whenever he wants

to. He can shoot the jump shot whenever he wants to. His pull-up game is nearly unstoppable. And that's one thing I really, really worked on in the off-season, was my pull-up game, attack the basket a lot stronger and finish over people."

Maddox credits his family and fellow Novi senior classmate Xavier Martin for putting him in the position where he is today.

"I have a sister, but he's my best friend. I call him my brother," Maddox said. "Outside of basketball, he keeps me levelheaded and supports me through everything. I really appreciate him for that."

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Novi senior guard Traveon Maddox Jr. was voted hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week. Country Day girls basketball player Kayla Webb was runner-up. CRESCENT ROSE PHOTOGRAPHY

Martin

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sophomore, while also posting a 0.96 ERA on the mound.

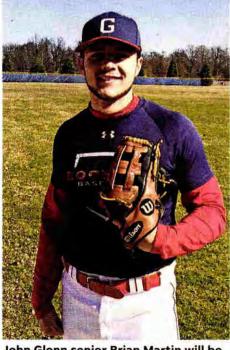
He is a three-time all-district and two-time all-region and all-state player who is rated the No. 4 pitcher in Michigan by Perfect Game, as well as the No. 14 player overall in the state by Prep Baseball Report.

"He's had very good career with the bat at John Glenn," Scheffer said. "Last year, his numbers were kind of down a little bit, but we had a down year. There's a reason he made all-state as a sophomore. He put up a lot of good numbers, hit the ball with power in the gaps, made some clutch hits when we needed them. He's a dream come true as a coach, to coach somebody like this for four years. This doesn't happen every day."

The right-hander throws a fastball in the upper 80s (mph) and uses an array of off-speed pitches, including changeup, curve ball and slider, to help throw off batters.

During his freshman and sophomore years, he worked closely with Glenn assistant coach Aaron Scheffer, a former pro pitcher who played with the Seattle Mariners and Lawrence's younger brother.

"(Aaron) was big on developing my change-up and I think that's probably why where it is now," Martin said. "He doesn't coach too much now, but when I see him, I definitely talk pitching and mechanics, for sure. He's got the background. He and I jive pretty well. We



John Glenn senior Brian Martin will be the ace of the staff. BRAD EMONS

have a lot of same views."

Martin stands 6-feet-2 and has bulked up to 200 pounds his senior season.

"He's put on 20 pounds of strength and, muscle-wise, he's been going to Barwis (Training Methods) in Canton and I think he gets that it's his last hurrah," Scheffer said. "He brings a lot of good tools to the mound. He throws four good pitches for strikes. And since he's been a freshman, he's done a tremendous job, pitching on the mound and with the bat."

Martin began playing baseball at age

"At Michigan State, the coaches there made me feel like a family."

Brian Martin MSU recruit from John Glenn

5 and fell in love with it right away. His older brother Brandon played for Glenn and his dad Butch has coached baseball for 20 years.

Martin also bowled competitively and lettered as a freshman for the Rock-

ets varsity team.

"I'm not bowling currently, but still bowl for fun sometimes," Martin said. "I think it helped strengthen my shoulder a lot. And I did it during the off-season, so it provides a workout for me. That was a big passion, but baseball is my true joy."

Martin had interest from Michigan, Central Michigan and Eastern Michigan, but Michigan State ultimately won out in the end.

"At Michigan State, the coaches there made me feel like a family," said Martin, who carries a 4.0 grade-point average and plans to study forensic psychology. "Coach (Jake) Boss was really inviting and he had a lot of confidence in my skill set, so I thought it was the best place to go and succeed."

Martin's normal outfield position is right field, but he can also play left and center, in addition to pitching.

"(MSU) told me that I could attempt a two-way," Martin said. "It looks right now that I'm going to get the chance to do that, so I'm pretty excited about that."

Martin played summer travel baseball with the Chi Cream at the recommendation by a Chicago Cubs area

"Brian was the first commitment in the 2018 class and, since that commitment, he has shown us that his bat could be a real weapon," MSU assistant coach Graham Sikes said in a November press release. "We have seen him succeed on the mound, but have seen him hit a number of home runs as well. I'm not sure if he will eventually be a better hitter or pitcher, but whichever one it is, I think will be really good."

The Rockets return seven players from last year's varsity roster, led by junior pitcher-outfielder Chad Stevens, who has strong college interest.

Stevens is joined by junior twins Korey (infield-pitcher) and Kyle Littlefield (first baseman), sophomore Josh Muse (catcher-infielder), senior Kyle Heim (catcher-infielder), senior Tyler Fuciarelli (pitcher-infielder) and junior Graham Bowen (outfield-pitcher).

Promising newcomers include junior shortstop Corey Pinard and junior pitcher-infielder Connor Chapman.

"I don't want to allude to too much, but big things are probably going to come this year," Martin said.

And with Martin leading the way, Scheffer likes what he sees from his senior captain.

"He's got a great personality, likes to kid around with the other guys," he said. "He's real upbeat, a nice young man with good manners, just an all-around good kid to be around with."

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Novi

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morrow and it's tough," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said. "Sometimes during the course of the season, you don't play a great game and, unfortunately, for us it was today. You've got to give (West Ottawa) credit. They played the way they wanted to. They had us playing their style. It's not what we wanted to do. We hung with them, we played tough, it's just unfortunate we didn't get some shots to fall for us."

Senior center Tariq Woody, who finished with 14 points and 16 rebounds, gave Novi a 43-42 lead on an inside basket with 4:15 remaining, but West Ottawa's Drew Pedersen answered with a 3pointer and the Panthers would never relinquish their 45-43 lead down the stretch by hitting 6-of-7 free throws during the final 1:02.

Novi, down 51-48 after Nik Williams drained a 3-pointer from the wing, had one final chance to knot the game after Xavier Wade missed the front-end of a one-and-one ow with 26.7 seconds left.

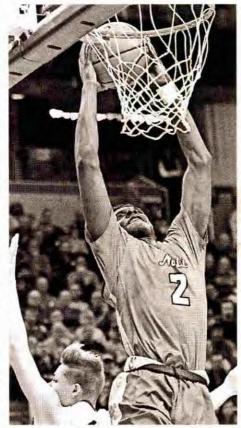
The Wildcats misfired on a shot from the perimeter, but got the ball back only to turn it over on the ensuing in-bounds play with 11.3 seconds remaining.

The play was designed to give senior guard Traveon Maddox Jr. (13 points), the hero with buzzer-beater shots against Belleville and Skyline, a 3-point attempt.

"We had a play called from the baseline out of bounds," Sinawi said. "Woody got it in, we got it to the corner. Kind of a scramble play and I thought there was contact on both Tariq, as well as Nik Williams on the floor somehow. (The officials) called both players out of bounds. (The official) pointed at Tariq and pointed at Nik and pointed at their direction, which I didn't agree with, obviously.'

Tyler Bosma, who had 13 points along with Wade, sealed the victory with a pair of free throws with only 9.4 seconds remaining to make it two-possession game, 53-48.

"The funny thing is, it's kind of been like our last three games, making free throws down the stretch, getting key defensive stops, kids rebounding, kids getting their hands on loose balls. Drew



Novi's Traveon Maddox Jr. dunks the ball and is fouled. NICK KING I LANSING STATE JOURNAL

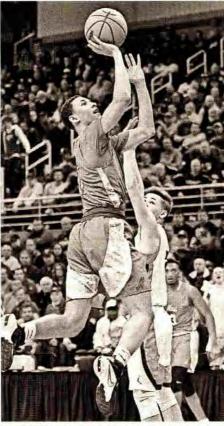
(Pedersen) blocked a shot, Liam (Cavanaugh) blocked a shot ... it's been our M.O. last three or four games," West Ottawa coach Steve Windemuller said.

Novi outrebounded the Panthers, 39-28, but couldn't overcome its shooting woes as the Wildcats' top three scorers - Maddox, Trendon Hankerson (seven points) and Jiovanni Miles (eight points) - went a combined 10-of-38 from the floor.

"If it was Tuesday, they probably would have gone in, but today it's Friday and, unfortunately, we just couldn't hit the shots," Sinawi said. "I'm looking at 20-of-58 and 6-of-28 from three, and you're not going to win many games against teams that good defensively. We had open looks but, unfortunately, they didn't go."

West Ottawa kept the Wildcats offbalance by constantly switching its de-

"They were 1-3-1 (zone), they were 3-2 (zone), they were 2-3 (zone), they were man," Sinawi said. "They did a good job,



Novi's Trendon Hankerson scores during the first quarter. NICK KING LANSING STATE JOURNAL

that was their game plan and it worked. We had different shots, we had different looks ... the kids weren't comfortable at

Here are some other takeaways:

STRONG DEFENSE

The Panthers got a total of four blocks, including a big block down the stretch by the 6-4 Pederson (12 points) on the 6-5 Maddox.

"People don't think we're that athletic, but these guys get after it," Windemuller said. "They have long arms and that was the key, defensively. We played three or four different defenses. We went back to man and that was the key in our regional final game, switching back to man. This afternoon, we switched back to man, too. We didn't give them as many open looks, but (Williams) finally makes a three, but other than that, I thought we did a tremendous job on their shooters and Maddox. We've done that all year."

SLOW START

Novi fell behind at the outset, 12-5, but pulled ahead 17-14 after one quarter and led 26-24 at halftime.

The Wildcats went 7-of-15 from the field in the opening quarter, but only 13of-43 over the final 24 minutes

Maddox, an Oakland University signee, gave kudos to the opposing team's

defense.

"I was just missing shots that I normally make," he said. "My pull-up jumper wasn't falling tonight. I was guarding (Tyler Bosma), nice kid, lefty who could get to the basket well. He was about my height or a little taller. Having somebody to guard as tall as me makes it a little bit tough."

TAKE A BOW

It was the best tournament run in school history for the Wildcats, who started the season 1-5.

Things turned around after the 6-9 Woody, a transfer from Plymouth, and Hankerson, the 6-4 senior point guard who was out with a broken foot, both returned in January.

"It wasn't our best game, unfortunately, on this stage, but it does not take away what this team was able to accomplish," Sinawi said. "It doesn't take away the togetherness this team had, the relationships these players have created, the excitement we've had for our school and community. To get this far for the first time in our school history is a special thing. I'm never going to forget this team and they gave me an opportunity to coach where I always wanted to coach since I started 15 years ago."

FAN SUPPORT

There was a strong turnout at Breslin by the Novi community, which sold more than 600 student tickets.

"I think it's great and it's something special ... because it's the first time we've ever done it," Hankerson said. "I just think this is all a process, regardless how we ended the season. We didn't want it to end this way, but getting this far is really special."

Added Sinawi: "It's a tough one. Emotions are high, but like told the players, 'It's never how you react to adversity, it's how you respond to it.' And these kids are going to respond the right way."

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Stinebiser

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to lead."

In 128 plate appearances during his junior year, Stinebiser struck out just 13 times.

"I've been working on my power a lot this off-season, trying to hit the ball in the air a little bit more, a little more power," he said. "I'm, obviously, working on catching drills, blocking, receiving ... all the things I've done every off-season, but specifically working on the power train and trying to hit the ball in the air with

more power this year. Stinebiser's father Frederick played baseball growing up, but wrestled in college in Pittsburgh. His younger brother Josh also plays, as did uncles and

cousins, but never at the next level. Stinebiser, who hails from Northville, also played football growing up for Our Lady of Victory and the Northville Stallions. He was a quarterback and defensive end as a ninth-grader at CC, but decided baseball

"I loved football, but at the end of my freshman year, I thought the time in the fall was too valuable if I wanted to play college baseball and go up to the next level," Stinebiser said. "And I ended up stopping my freshman year."

Stinebiser got connected during the summer with the A. Green travel baseball program and his game took off.

"A. Green did a lot for me," Stinebiser said. "We had the chance to play all over the country, get a lot of exposure to coaches at the next level. I started talking to coach (Josh) Jordan my sophomore year. I talked to coach Michaels for a little bit. He's a great guy and did he a great job selling me on Duke. Amazing school, the program has made huge strides and they're playing really good baseball right now. And, obviously, the campus and the conference they play in are both great.

So it evolved over a year and it ended my junior year." Stinebiser, who also had interest from Big Ten schools Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio State, along with Miami (Ohio), ended up signing a national

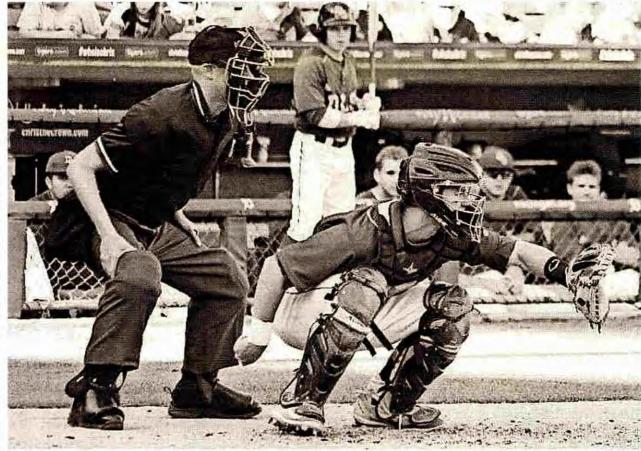
letter of intent last November with the Blue Devils. And he was sold on his initial visit to the Durham,

"The campus is unbelievable. It's the most beautiful campus in the world," Stinebiser said. "The weather is nice, the people are nice and, obviously, the baseball facilities are the best in country."

Stinebiser, who carries a 4.2 grade-point average at CC, plans to study fiance and economics at Duke.

"Aside from baseball, if you're going to get into Duke, you have to be a top-notch student, first and foremost," Michaels said. "That's the greatest thing about him going to Duke. Matt is not only a top-notch player, but he's a top-notch kid. Great student, just a great teammate and a great kid. 'Yes, coach, no coach' - does everything you ask him to do. And I think that's probably one of the reasons why he's getting a chance to play at Duke, not only because of his ability, but he's also a darn good kid."

CC, which finished runner-up to rival Birmingham



Catholic Central's Matt Stinebiser, behind the plate during last year's Catholic League A-B semifinal at Comerica Park. DENNIS CIPRIANO

"The campus is unbelievable. It's the most beautiful campus in the world."

Matt Stinebiser

Brother Rice in the Catholic League playoffs, is coming off a 17-20-1 season. The Shamrocks were knocked out in the district final by eventual Division 1 state runnerup Northville.

The Shamrocks, who defeated Madison Heights Bishop Foley in Saturday's season opener, 7-1, return senior shortstop-pitcher Cody Kanclerz (Hillsdale College) and senior pitcher Johnny Lobbia, along with senior outfielders Zach Peurach and Jack Falinski.

Junior outfielder Joe Hardenbergh is also getting Division I interest.

"We expect to win a lot of ballgames this year," Stinebiser said. "We have a lot of talent, we have a lot of guys that have been in some big games. We've got really good senior leadership this year and a lot of young guys ready to make their mark. (We) had some good teams in the past and a lot of guys back, but we really have high expectations for this group, specifically."

Stinebiser will also take a regular turn on the

"I'll pitch a little bit this year," he said. "I'd would say pitching is a strength this year, with guys like Johnny (Lobbia) and Cody (Kanclerz) coming back who pitched a lot of big innings for us the last few years. And then guys like Thomas Sylvester and Blake Salmon ... both of those are good, young guys coming to our pitching staff."

Arm strength comes effortlessly for Stinebiser, according to his coach. He can also play the corner infield positions, first and third.

"If he actually just concentrated on pitcher, he could be a darn good pitcher, too, and get some looks," Michaels said. "He's very easy, too, in the way he throws. He can throw it up there low 80s (mph) without really much effort. Very strong arm."

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CITY OF WAYNE **PUBLIC NOTICE**

2018 GENERAL NOTICE REGARDING WEED CONTROL

No person who is the owner, occupant or lessee of real property in the City of Wayne, shall allow grass, weeds, vines or other vegetation to grow to an average height of greater than six inches on his or her property.

Any person who fails to comply with the provisions of Chapter 1459 of the Codified Ordinance of Wayne shall be liable to the imposition of penalties and expenses incurred by the City in declaring the property a nuisance and abating all nuisance conditions created by the overgrowth.

Fees for mowing, established by the City Council, are as follows:

Category A - lots less than 20,000 sq. ft. \$250.00 Category B - lots between 20,000 sq. ft. & 1 acre \$300.00

Category C - over 1 acre/per acre basis \$325.00 Category D - railroad crossing intersecting roadways \$200.00

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the City of Wayne Ordinance Department at (734) 419-0140.

> Matthew K. Miller City Clerk

Published: March 29, 2018



CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a meeting of the City Council of Garden City held on March 19, 2018, the City Council adopted an amendment to the Zoning Map of the Zoning Ordinance to rezone parcel 35-001-01-3267-000 (a vacant parcel located at the northwest corner of Merriman Road and Bridge Street) from O-1, Office District to C-2, Community

This amendment to the Zoning Map of the Zoning Ordinance shall be effective eight (8) days following its publication date. Copies of the amendment may be viewed or obtained at the Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135 during regular office hours.

Publish: March 29, 2018 Effective Date: April 6, 2018

Published: March 29, 2018

ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2018-09 March 20, 2018

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT. APPROVED: agenda; minutes of Regular and Special City Council meeting of Mar. 6; request for Memorial Day Parade; Bids to Republic Services for refuse, Great Lakes for sidewalks, Scooby's Lawn for weed cutting; first reading of the repeal of Chapter 836; first reading of Chapter 838 Medical Marijuana; public hearing for 4/17/18 for Special Assessments; agreement with Humane Society; Western Wayne Mutual Aid; accept FDCVT grant for ambulance; Supervisor's Agreement; 2018 weed cutting fees; consent calendar Received and filed Communications weed cutting fees; consent calendar Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 10:32 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller City Clerk





CITY OF WESTLAND SYNOPSIS OF MINUTES MTG. 6 3/19/18

Presiding: President Godbout

ublish: March 29, 2018

Present: Green, Hart, Herzberg, Johnson, Londeau

55: Minutes of regular meeting held 3/5/18.

- Bid for Goose Control svcs. to Gooseworks LLC; amt. \$16,200. - Bid for Utility Rate Study svcs. to Utility Finance Solutions, amt. \$22,500.

- 1 yr. Services Agrmnt. w/Motorola Solutions for PD dispatch svcs. amt. \$35,062.20.

Lease Agrmnt. w/Town & Country Sports Ctr. for PD motorcycle svcs. amt. \$6,000.
 Adopted LD Resolution, PD #56-079-00-0062-000, -0063-000, w. side of John Hix, n. of

- Adopted NSP Resolution for 3 foreclosed properties.

57: Adopted Prepared Resolution allowing the sales of beer/wine/packaged cocktail products 5/19/18 and 8/4/18 at JORY fundraising event at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill Rd. 58: Application for special license allowing the sales of beer/wine/and packaged cocktail products 5/19/18 and 8/4/18 at JORY fundraising event at Skateland West, 37550 Cherry Hill

59: Rev. Site Plan for prop. ext. renovations to ext. office bldg., 32932 Warren Rd. w/ contingencies

60: Rev. Site Plan for prop. ext. renovations to Joe Randazzo's Fruit Market, 6701 Newburgh Rd. w/contingencies

61: Spec. Land Use for prop. Adult Day Care Service, 1515 S. Wayne Rd.

62: Site Plan for prop. Park West Village Sub., PID #009-02-0574-001 w/contingencies. 63: Site Plan for prop. Equipment Storage Yard, 6123 Hix Rd., w/contingencies.

64: Appr. checklist: \$5,461,736.14.

Mtg. adj. at 8:12 p.m. James Godbout

Council President

Publish: March 29, 2018

Richard LeBlanc City Clerk

03-18-0097 Motion by Sanders, seconded by Miller and unanimously carried, it was resolved to approve a resolution regarding the 2017 Special Assessment Roll and call a Public Hearing for April 17, 2018 at 8:00 p.m.

RESOLUTION

NOTICE OF HEARING ON ROLL

WHEREAS, the Assessing Department has prepared and submitted a special assessment roll covering all lots and parcels of land within the 2017 Delinquent Hazard & Nuisance, Snow/Sidewalks, Vacant Property Inspections and Property Transfer Affidavit special assessment district heretofore designated by resolution of Council; and

WHEREAS, said special assessment roll assesses to each lot or parcel of land such sums as may have been directed by resolution of the Council in connection with the 2017 Delinquent Hazard & Nuisance, Dangerous Buildings, Snow/Sidewalks, Vacant Property Inspections and Property Transfer Affidavit; and

WHEREAS, such special assessment roll has been certified by said Assessing Department, and that said special assessment roll, as near as may be, according to the best judgment of said Assessing Department, conforms in all respects to the directions contained in resolutions of Council, the City Charter, and Chapter 218.04 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Wayne; and

WHEREAS, said Assessing Department has filed said special assessment roll with the City Clerk, who has presented the special assessment roll to Council; NOW THERFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that said special assessment roll shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk for purpose of public examination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Wayne will meet on the 17th day of April, 2018 at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 South Wayne, Michigan 48184 at 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing such special assessment roll.

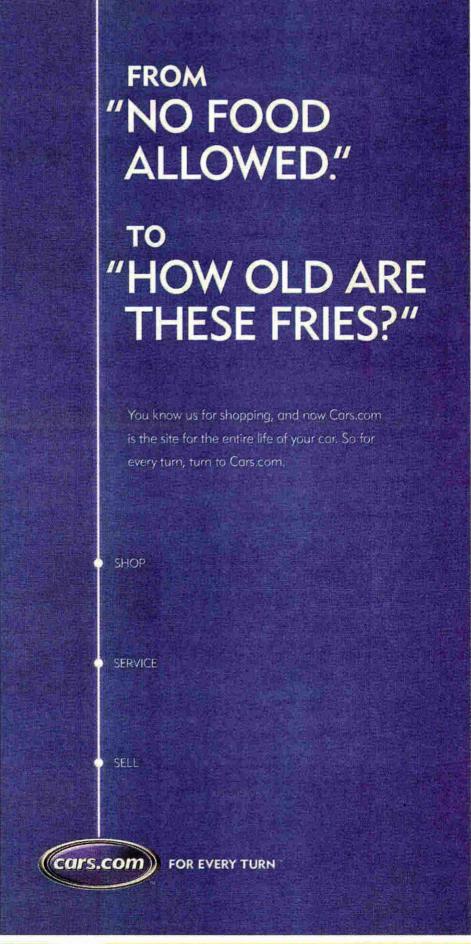
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon adoption each assessment for Delinquent Hazard & Nuisance will be placed on the 2018 tax roll plus thirty percent (30%) penalty and Snow/Sidewalks will be placed on the 2018 tax roll with (10%) penalty and Vacant Property Inspections and Property Transfer Affidavit will be placed on the 2018 with no penalty.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall give notice to the owner of each lot or parcel of land effected by said special assessment roll at his or her address or the address shown on the last tax roll of the City of Wayne, which notice shall be given by first class mail and which notice shall set forth and specify the time and place of said meeting and the purpose of having such a meeting. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk shall give further notice by publication at least once in the newspaper of general circulation in the City, that paper being The Wayne-Westland Observer.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Monday, April 9, 2018 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

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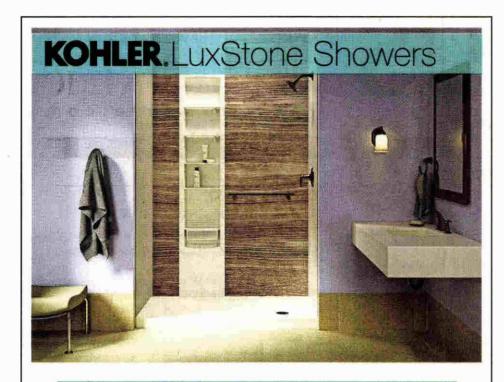
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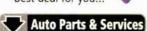
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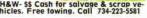












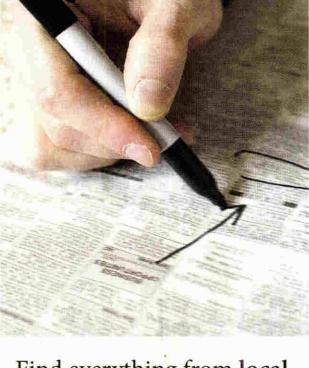


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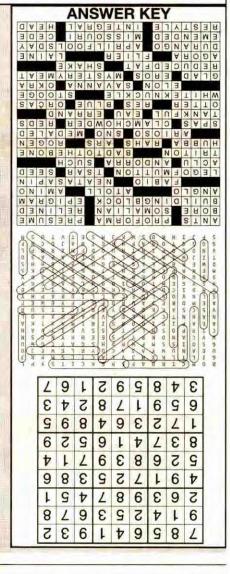
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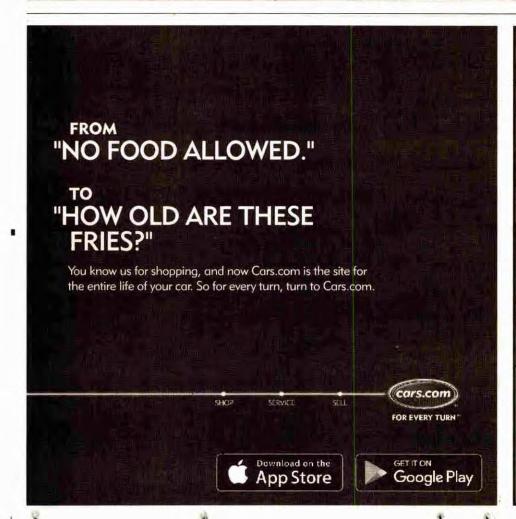
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