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BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse sets opening

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Bringing 11 of its own beers and cider to town, BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse has confirmed plans to open Monday, Aug. 27, in Livonia, becoming the company's second location in Michigan.

BJ's made its Michigan debut last December at Taylor's Southland Center. Bryan Rosa, BJ's field marketing coordinator, said Livonia marks the company's 201st location in 27 states.

Come thirsty when BJ's opens its doors on Haggerty Road, north of Seven Mile, site of the former Champ's sports bar in the Pentagon Entertainment

Complex.

"We brew our own beers — 11 beers and a cider," Rosa said.

The beer will not be brewed in Livonia, however. BJ's, based in Huntington Beach, Calif., ships its beer to its restaurants from six breweries in five states.

Rosa named Jeremiah Red, an Irish-style ale, and BJ's Brewhouse Blonde as

among the company's most popular selections. A seasonal Mad Crazy Mango IPA also is making the rounds.

Mark Taormina, Livonia director of planning and economic development, said BJ's can sell its own packaged beer for consumption at home, following a

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'This guy, he does it all'



Jimmy Crowley stacks donated water. He stored the donations at Burton Manor. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Livonia volunteer now collecting bottled water for Flint

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Livonia's own snowblowing and grass-cutting mogul is back at it.

Jim Crowley, known for his good deeds around Livonia, felt inspired to collect bottled water for the residents of Flint after the state announced earlier this spring it would halt the distribution of it four years after the city's pipes became contaminated.

It took him a few months, but between mowing seniors' lawns across town and finding ways to help, he's teamed up with the owners at Burton Manor and began collecting water for those who still need it.

"Helping people, that's my addiction," Crowley said.

To develop the plan, Crowley looked for a partner to help store donated water. He's keeping some in his garage he receives as donations for when he helps mow and edge lawns for seniors, but



Jimmy Crowley is working with Sam Mass of Burton Manor, who offered Crowley storage space for bottled water. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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State candidates from Wayne County offer views

Voters go to the polls for the Michigan primary election Tuesday to decide who will land a spot on the November general election ballot in a variety of state Senate and House races.

Hometown Life reached out to primary candidates in our readership area and offered them a chance to share their views by answering a questionnaire provided to them. Here are the answers from those candidates who chose to respond (presented in alphabetical order, by race). (NOTE: For the full responses from each candidate, go to www.hometownlife.com)

State Senate, 6th District

Robert Kosowski

■ Party: Democrat
■ Residence: Westland

■ Family: Sons Andy, 16, and Austin, 12.

■ Education: Garden City East High School; Adrian College; Wayne State University

■ Prior elected service: Current Michigan State Representative, 16th House District

Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?

A: I tell them I have introduced over 150 bills that are meeting the needs of my residents, leading the entire legislature. I have 16 bills signed into law leading the entire House Democratic Caucus. I have also personally brought back \$800,000 in funding to my district through the Appropriations process. It has been my honor to serve as the Ranking Democrat on the School Aid and Department of Education budget this session, and work side by side with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to obtain more funding in the per pupil budget for our schools. I am offering real solutions to real problems.



State Senate, 7th District

Dayna Polehanki

■ Party: Democrat
■ Residence: Livonia

■ Family: Married to Jim Walkup, and has three step-children.

■ Education: Graduated Magna Cum Laude with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Cen-



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vote in January by the Livonia City Council. The vote allows sales in bottles, growlers and kegs.

Taormina said BJ's is limited to packaged sales of its products only.

On the food side, Rosa cited BJ's deep-dish pizza as among the most popular items on a menu that ranges from New Orleans-style jambalaya to a chicken quinoa bowl. Other customer favorites include BJ's pizookies — cookies, typically topped with ice cream, that come in a small, round, pizza-style pan.

BJ's move to Livonia comes as the company has reported revenue growth of 8.2 percent for the second quarter of this year, compared to the same time period last year. Revenues were reported at \$287.6 million.

"During the quarter, 42 of our restaurants set daily sales records and 23 of our restaurants set weekly sales records, demonstrating robust and consis-

tent growth across our entire restaurant base," Chief CEO Greg Trojan said in a statement on the company's website.

Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright said he isn't surprised BJ's chose Livonia for its newest restaurant. He said the city has been witnessing robust growth in its local economy.

"We try to help businesses succeed in Livonia as much as we can," he said, citing a "strong economic development team" that also works closely with Wayne County and the state of Michigan.

"I've got a good team behind me," he said.

Wright said Livonia is attractive to businesses and residents alike, because of amenities that include quality municipal services and 60 parks, including a dog park that opened late last year and a new playground this summer in Rotary Park.

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Construction workers install glass at BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Westland's neighborhood makeover continues

Last year, at his annual State of the City address, Mayor William Wild announced a number of big plans underway, including a citywide campaign to beautify all Westland neighborhoods. The city was divided into 50 sections where city crews would go through, street by street, to complete a comprehensive 50-point checklist for revitalizing each neighborhood.

Work began in 2017 with the P.D. Graham Elementary School neighborhood on the city's western boundary and crews have continued their work this summer, completing work in many neighborhoods around Westland.

The checklist includes work on trees, signs, water, roads, sanitation, sewers and hydrants. This list of services to be performed, the district each neighborhood falls into and crew's progress can be found and tracked on the city's website.

As part of the Neighborhood Makeover Program, the Department of Neighborhood Services, along with the newly created Beautification Commission, is looking to reward businesses and residents that are making an extra effort to improve their homes and buildings for themselves and the community. Individuals are encouraged to nominate those around the community who have recently added to their property's appeal. Awardees will be recognized with a certificate and will have the chance to be recognized as a grand winner at a Westland City Council meeting. Go to www.cityofwestland.com/beautificalcity for more information or to make a nomination.



Westland city workers are removing dead and dying trees from neighborhood streets and replacing them with new trees. CITY OF WESTLAND

An additional portion of this program is an ambitious tree planting program, in line with the city's Mission: Green Initiative. The tree planting program is aimed at replacing the many residential trees that were killed by the invasive emerald ash borer. For a nominal fee, the city will plant a new, beautiful and healthy tree that is resistant to this insect. Each new tree is warranted for one year, with proper care and maintenance. Homeowners who lost a tree to

the emerald ash borer will receive priority first-round planting, while those who have not will be placed on a wait list for future rounds of beautification planting. Trees ordered via this program will be planted in the city's right of way space between the sidewalk and the curb. The final planting location in this space will be determined by the professional installer to ensure healthy clearances from any objects or obstructions. For more information or to order a tree,

go to <https://squareup.com/store/westlandtree>.

"This program is a comprehensive citywide neighborhood revitalization which involves work from the city as well as individuals around the community who are willing to role up their sleeves and put in extra effort to maintain the city's aesthetic appeal," Wild said. "Together, we can ensure that Westland remains a great place to live, work, play and raise a family."

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that space will fill up fast.

After connecting with the new owners at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft, who hosted his birthday party earlier this year, Crowley jumped at the chance to work with them.

Much like his other endeavors, Crowley began posting about the drive on the All Things Livonia Facebook group, a

community page with thousands of members. That led to people bringing in water to the banquet hall. He's now gotten several cases brought in and donated and hopes to gather more before shipping them up to Flint the middle of August.

"People have been dropping stuff off," said Sam Mass, one of the new owners of Burton Manor and a Farmington Hills resident. "We've got about 15 or 16 cases in my office. We're running out of space."

Crowley, who made a name for him-

self last winter volunteering to shovel driveways for seniors across Livonia, doesn't have a specific location where the water will go, but has gotten in touch with Flint City Hall about where the donated water could go for city residents.

While plenty of other groups have done water drives for Flint, Crowley is dreaming big for his drive. He wants to start in Livonia and expand his project across the state and beyond.

"I'm not stopping in Livonia. I'm going to every city," he said. "And then, hopefully, completely get the whole

state."

Mass said he's been impressed with Crowley's drive since meeting him and was excited at the opportunity to volunteer with Crowley.

"I think it's awesome. Jimmy's, like, Citizen No. 1," Mass said. "He's always taking care of other people."

"This guy, he does it all."

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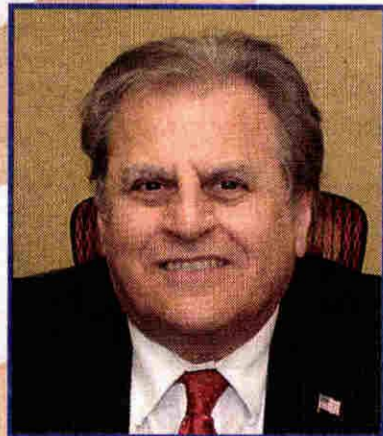
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Personal Information and Community Service

- Owner of Taros & Associates, PC - Certified Public Accountants
- BBA - University of Michigan, MBA - Wayne State University
- Host of cable television's Tough Talk with Taros - a political talk show
- Served four years as Treasurer of St. George Greek Orthodox Church
- Served six years on the Parish Council of St. George Greek Orthodox Church
- Served on the Board of Directors of Crossroads for Youth, an organization that helps at risk youth
- Participated in the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program at Focus Hope for many years
- Served on the Leadership Committee for Bloomfield Hills High Schools
- Two-time recipient of Ambassador of the Year from the Birmingham Bloomfield Chamber of Commerce

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Paul Taros
for State Representative

Candidates

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tral Michigan University, earned teacher certification and a second major in English from Alma College, and obtained a master's degree in teaching from Marygrove College.

Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?

A: I will use the same qualities that earned me the honor of being named my school district's 2018 "Teacher of the Year" when making decisions about what is the right course of action for the residents of Livonia, Plymouth, Canton, Northville, and Wayne: namely, intelligence, resourcefulness, determination, prudence, and compassion.

State House, 11th District

Jewell Jones

- Party: Democrat
- Residence: Inkster
- Family: Single
- Education: University of Michigan - Dearborn - B.A. Political Science & Business

■ Prior elected service: Current representative, 11th House District; Inkster City Councilman, 2015

Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?

A: I am seeking re-election to continue fighting for more equitable distribution of state resources and services to 11th District citizens. Many inequities exist in the way K-12 public education is funded - some communities have great after school programs others cannot even afford to hire new teachers, maintain reasonable teacher-to-student classroom size, or purchase textbooks for students. I want to reverse the Republican administration's unfair shift of the tax burden from corporations to seniors and working people that caused unnecessary hardships and underfunding of critical state programs that provide quality healthcare, road reconstruction and protection of clean water and other environmental needs. I want to continue fighting to reduce high auto insurance rates and restore workers rights to collective bargaining for fair wages and benefits and restore prevailing wage policies.

Randy Walker

- Party: Democrat
- Residence: Garden City
- Family: Wife Linda, proud father and grandfather

■ Education: Garden City Public Schools; U.S. Air Force veteran; bachelor's degree from Sienna Heights University.

■ Prior elected service: Five-term (nine years) mayor of Garden City.

Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?

A: I simply tell voters that I continue to live by my U.S. Air Force core values on a daily basis; integrity, service before self, and excellence in all that I do. I have served the public for well over 10 years and it is something I have a great passion for. I am honest, I am capable, and I am qualified. My focus will be on improving all of the cities in my district.

State House, 16th District

Kevin Coleman

- Party: Democrat
- Residence: Westland

■ Education: Bachelor's degree, Western Michigan University, Lee Honors College

■ Prior elective service: Westland City Council, 2014-2017

Q: When voters ask "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?

A: Results matter. There is only one candidate in this race who has gotten results as a councilman by showing up every day to work hard for you, and I am that candidate. With the current political mess in Lansing, we need a representative who can hit the ground running, who has already created strong relationships with state-level leaders, and who has proven that they can reach across the aisle to get results on behalf of their constituents.

Jacob Johnson

- Party: Democrat
- Residence: Wayne
- Education: Studied Public Policy at Wayne State University

Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?

A: Voting for me is voting for some-



one who went to school with you, your children and grandchildren. I have lived here my whole life, through good and bad. I know what this community was, is and can be. I want to tackle the needs of the community before I tackle the wants. We need roads before we can add street sweeping. We need schools that are teaching to the student, before we have major investment return to the area. We need mass transit to lower our environmental impact.

State House, 19th District

Dan Centers

- Party: Democratic Party
- Residence: Livonia
- Family: Married to Janice Centers.

■ Education: Madonna University, Bachelor of Arts, Social Studies/Curriculum and Instruction, 2007; Madonna University, Master of Business Administration, 2016-Present (current candidate).

■ Prior elected service: Appointed to the Livonia School Board, May 2014; elected for the remaining two-year term in 2014; re-elected in 2016 for a four-year term.

Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?

A: As a fourth-generation resident of Livonia I love our city. I am grateful that the community has elected me twice to serve on the Livonia school board. As a Livonia Eagle Scout, I learned how rewarding service to the community is. I have continued that work into my adult life. Going forward, our state has many challenges that need to be addressed. I will go to Lansing to focus on improving the lives of Livonia families so they have opportunity, safety, and financial security in the years to come. Your family will be my priority.

Laurie Pohutsky

- Party: Democrat
- Residence: Livonia
- Family: Married to husband Mark for three years.

■ Education: Bachelor's degree in microbiology from Michigan State University.

Q: When the voters ask, "Why should I vote for you?" what are you telling them?

A: I am running because, as a scientist, I know that we need evidence-based policy in our legislature. Furthermore, I am not a career politician. I share the concerns and struggles of my neighbors in Livonia. I have been working full time while campaigning because, like most Michiganders, my family relies on two incomes. That has made campaigning hard, but authentic, work. You can be assured that when I'm elected I will represent your interests in our legislature, because they are my interests as well.



Thefts from purses reported at Carson's

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At least three women were the victims of credit fraud recently after their purses were apparently rummaged through and valuables stolen from them while they worked at the soon-to-close Carson's department store at Laurel Park Place.

Three incidents were reported late last month and a store manager told police he knew of two other employees who were also fraud victims, but had not filed complaints, according to a Livonia Police Department reports.

The victims' clear plastic purses, which they're required to use while on the job, had been set aside at their respective work stations when the pilfering apparently took place July 25-26, the police reports said. Each reported leaving her purse unattended while at a morning sales meeting that took place before the store opened to the public.

One victim reported trying to make a credit purchase July 25, only to have her card declined because of suspicious transactions. She found the card had been used in two online transactions — one at Foot Locker and the other to pay a phone bill — totaling \$303.71, a police report said.

She said she had not made those transactions and that she canceled the card and also reported that an iPhone had been stolen from the purse, police said.

Another woman reported that two credit cards and \$45 in cash had been stolen from her purse and that one of the cards had been used at a Foot Locker. The amount charged was not reported.

A third victim told police that two credit cards, her identification and various other items had been stolen from her purse and that one of the cards had been used to make a \$95 purchase at Laurel Park's Shoe Depot store. Attempts to use one of her cards at other locations had also been made, she said.

Police were investigating and working to obtain in-store video from Carson's security employees.

Carson's is closing its stores in a liquidation sale following a bankruptcy filing by its parent company, The Bon-Ton Stores, Inc., earlier this year.

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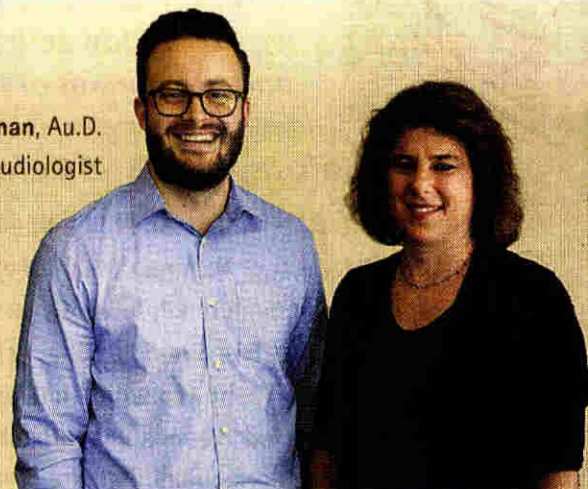
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Livonia resident named state FOP VP

John Marasco, a 24-year law enforcement officer who lives in Livonia, has been elected vice president of Michigan Fraternal Order of Police.

Marasco, a sergeant with the Wolverine Lake Police Department in Oakland County for the past 16 years, also serves as president of his department's police officers association. A member of FOP since 2003 and a law enforcement professional since 1994, he is the current membership secretary-treasurer of the Stanley Clark Southwestern Oakland County Lodge 128. He has held positions as local lodge president and treasurer.

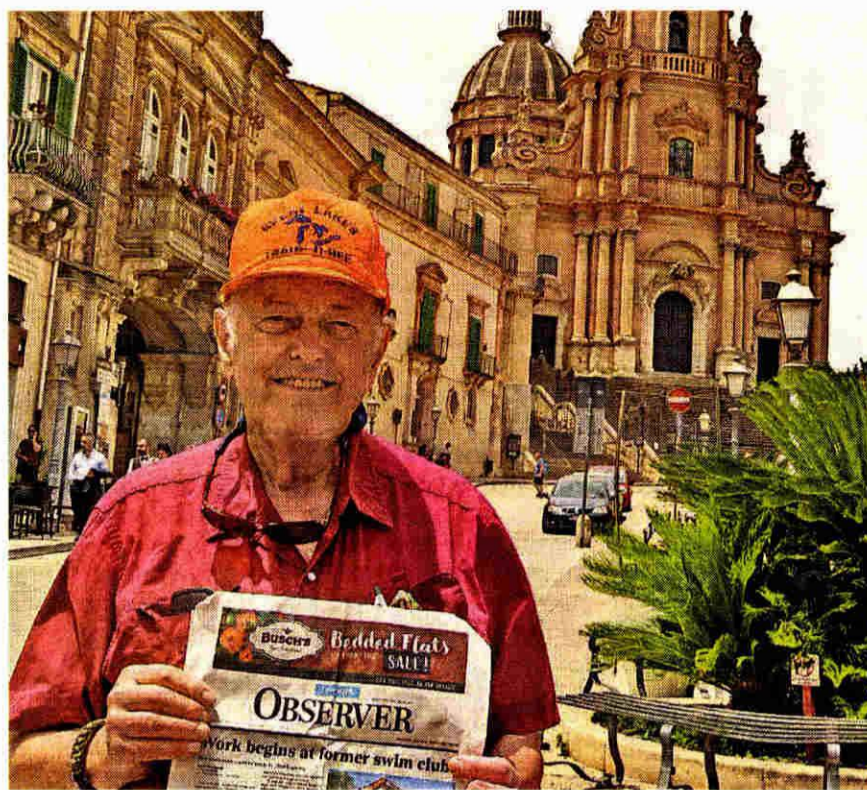


Marasco

Michael Sauger, a 20-year veteran of the Warren Police Department, will serve as state president for a two-year term. Other officers elected include: secretary - John Ousnamer of Oakland County; treasurer - Kenneth Willis of Macomb County; second vice resident - Todd Gilchrist of Muskegon County; sergeant-at-arms - Mandi Brunner of Lansing; and immediate past president - Joseph Adams of Grosse Pointe.

Founded in 1939, the Michigan chapter of the FOP is state's largest and oldest law enforcement organization with 7,500 active members and 3,000 associate members in more than 50 lodges. FOP is committed to improving the working conditions of law enforcement officers and the safety of those it serves through education, legislation, information, community involvement and employee representation.

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Gordon W. Draper of Livonia recently visited Sicily and the "toe" of Italy. Here he shows his copy of the Observer in Ragusa Ibla, one of Sicily's best preserved old towns and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A highlight is the 18th century Duomo di San Giorgio (St. George Cathedral). If you have a photo of you on vacation with a copy of the Observer, email LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com.

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Transferring annuities to IRA makes perfect sense for many



Money Matters
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Q: I have two variable annuities at AXA. I am considering surrendering them. Can I have their values rolled over into my TD Ameritrade IRA? I've had these contracts for six years and they keep on losing value. One is \$139,000; the other is \$171,000. They are variable annuities and I originally invested \$200,000 in each. They are AXA Accumulator II.0 Series L annuities. The contract type states traditional IRA. What are your thoughts?

A: Yes, you can have these monies transferred into your TD Ameritrade IRA. The reason is that these are traditional IRAs and, thus, they're eligible to be transferred. The key is to have the money directly transferred from AXA to TD Ameritrade. TD Ameritrade can certainly help you with the paperwork.

I think it is a smart move on your part to have the money transferred into your TD Ameritrade IRA. First, you will have more flexibility and investment options at TD Ameritrade than you would in the AXA annuity. With AXA, your investments are limited to the options within the annuity itself. With TD Ameritrade, you can virtually invest in any investment. As your goals and objectives

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change, you can easily make the necessary changes in your portfolio. In today's world, you need flexibility and that is certainly something you do not get from variable annuities.

Another reason the change makes sense is regarding the fees involved. Variable annuities are one of the more expensive financial products on the market. In the AXA annuity, you have fees for such things as distribution charges, administrative fees and mortality and expense risk fees. In addition, many of the funds that you invest in also have high fees. The bottom line is, high fees equal low returns. With TD Ameritrade, you can invest in a wide variety of funds that are commission-free and have very low management fees.

In any one year, fees may not be important. When you add them up year after year, they are significant. In a variable annuity like AXA, you end up paying about 2 percent a year in additional fees. Trust me, the 2 percent a year

looks better in your pocket than it does anywhere else.

On the whole, I am not a big fan of investing in variable annuities within an IRA. As far as I'm concerned, there's no benefit. Yes, variable annuities do grow on a tax-deferred basis, but since the money is in an IRA and IRAs grow tax-deferred, what benefit is there to invest in a variable annuity within an IRA? The only benefit is for the salespeople, who make substantial commissions.

For all those who have variable annuities, whether they're in an IRA or not, you should always look for ways to reduce your cost. One way to do that is to look for variable annuities with much lower fees. Companies like Fidelity, Schwab and Vanguard all offer no-load annuities. These annuities have no surrender charges and very low ongoing management fees. If you're in an annuity and the surrender fees have either gone away or are very low, you should consider making a change. If the money is in an IRA, all you need to do is have the money directly transferred into a lower cost IRA.

Variable annuities are aggressively sold. It's important that, as investors, you and I resist the high pressure and don't get fooled by the sales talk. That doesn't mean that in certain situations variable annuities don't make sense, but it almost never makes sense to go into a high fee variable annuity. Why go into a variable annuity that has high surren-

der charges when you can go into one that has no surrender charges?

The reason people go into high-fee, high-surrender charge variable annuities is because those are the annuities that are aggressively sold. The reason why they are aggressively sold is because of the sale incentives and the commissions. You may ask why the government allows high-fee, high-surrender charge annuities to be sold. My answer to that is how does the government allow cigarettes to be sold when they are aware of the effects? The reality is we live in a free society and companies can sell products that are not consumer friendly. It is up to us as consumers and investors to look out for our best interests. I can assure you that, in the great majority of cases, it is not in the investor's interest to invest in a high-cost variable annuity.

One way to avoid the sales pressure is to not get into an awkward position. The next time you receive a card for a free dinner to go to a presentation, simply decline the offer. The free dinner is not worth subjecting yourself to the sales pressure. Remember, there's no such thing as a free dinner.

Good luck!

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Applicants must come prepared with valid photo identification and Social Security card. Individuals must be able to pass a criminal background check and substance screening to accept a position.

On-the-spot interviews will be offered for various positions, including

cashiers/sales associates, dock employees, merchandise processors, maintenance, key holders and managers. Compensation will vary based on experience. Individuals interested in management positions must have supervisory experience to qualify.

The Salvation Army ARC offers competitive benefits, including health, vision and dental insurance; 403(b) and pension retirement plans; and paid time off.

For a complete list of all Salvation Army Family Stores in southeast Michigan, go to www.semichigan.satruck.org

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Cathy Vanecek (left) holds a copy of the Livonia Observer and her sister, Annie Feeley, holds her Dunoon Scotland Observer while on Orkney Island in Scotland. They visited many Neolithic sites, including this one, the 5,000-year-old Ring of Brodgar. If you have a photo of you on vacation with a copy of the Observer, email LIV-OENewstip@hometownlife.com.

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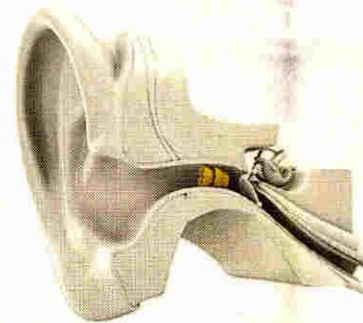
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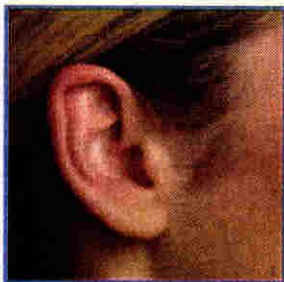
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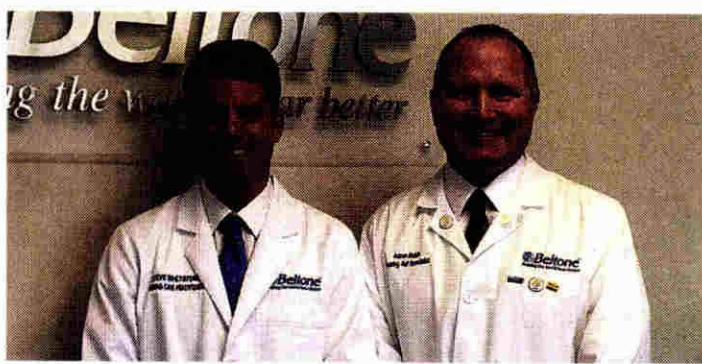
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Madonna tuition lowest of state's private colleges

According to a recent U.S. News & World Report article, Madonna University has the lowest tuition for private colleges in Michigan. The national average cost of a private education is \$34,817, based on data from 724 non-profit, private institutions. Madonna's 2017-18 tuition was \$20,700. The story did not reflect the amount of public and private financial aid Madonna students receive, which reduces students' out-of-pocket expenses even more. More than 85 percent of Madonna students receive some sort of financial aid and the university awards more than 900 scholarships each year, both merit and endowed.

"We are very proud of the value proposition we offer to our students," said Madonna President Michael A. Grandillo, Ph.D. "It is gratifying to have U.S. News affirm what we've been telling prospective students and their parents. This is a real tribute to our talented faculty, helpful staff and generous benefactors, that we are able to provide a high-

quality education, at an affordable rate."

For more than 80 years, the hallmark of a Madonna University education has been a rigorous liberal arts education, combined with career preparation and service-learning. Its diverse 3,000 students pursue associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in more than 100 undergraduate and 35 graduate programs in colleges of arts and humanities, business, natural and social sciences, education, nursing and health and the school of business.

In addition to its strong academic offerings, Madonna's extracurricular activities have expanded in recent years to include a student senate, 19 men's and women's intercollegiate athletics teams, more than 40 student organizations, several music, dance and theater performing arts groups, a leadership academy and academic societies.

In its 2018 Best Colleges Regional Universities rankings, U.S. News placed Madonna at 93 (six-way tie) among 173 schools.

Family seeks answers about missing man

LeAnne Rogers
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

It's been more than three weeks since Highland Township resident Kevin Graves was last seen at a western Michigan music festival and no one has heard from him since.

"It's been silence. We've got no idea what happened, if he ran off or where he could be. He left with the clothes on his back," said his father, Gary Graves, who has been leading search efforts. "He is 28 years old and a man, but he's still my kid. The worst part for my wife and I is not knowing. We're trying to keep it together."

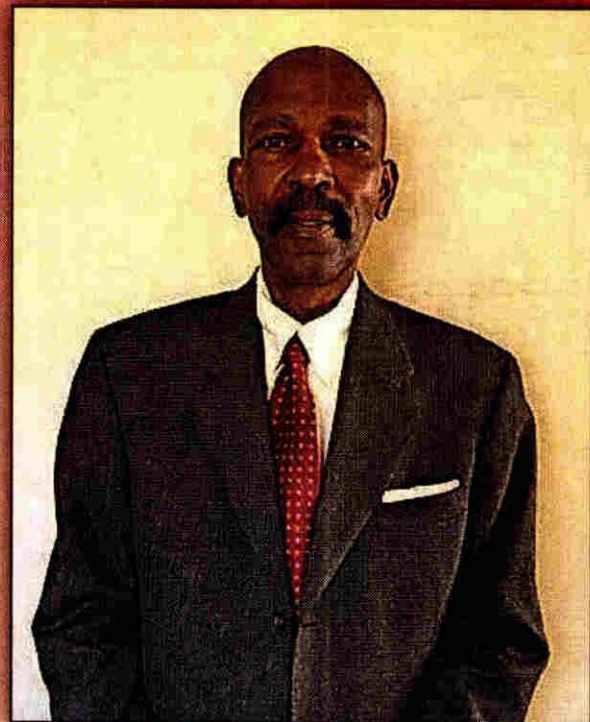
On July 1, Kevin Graves and his girlfriend were with friends at the Electric Forest Music Festival in Rothbury, on the west side of Michigan. He had a disagreement with his girlfriend, who re-

turned to the couple's tent while Graves indicated he was going back to the festival. Neither his girlfriend nor any other friends saw Graves again.

The family is offering a \$10,000 reward for information that will help them locate Kevin, who grew up in Livonia and graduated from Clarenceville High School. He had been living with his girlfriend and her two daughters in Highland Township for about three years and was working at a factory in Commerce Township.

Anyone with information on Kevin Graves is asked to call the Oakland County Sheriff's Office at 248-858-4950, the Michigan State Police Hart Post at 231-873-2171 or Mason-Oceana Central Dispatch at 231-869-5858.

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Local eatery joins urban garden trend

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When executive chef Frank Agostini needs fresh oregano for his pizza sauce, he simply steps out the back door at E.G. Nick's restaurant and picks it.

Or perhaps he needs to pluck some jalapeno peppers for a vegetarian butternut squash and black bean enchilada he is making.

Urban gardening — a growing trend — has come to E.G. Nick's, 500 Forest Ave., a restaurant and bar that has been in downtown Plymouth for 18 years.

Agostini, who co-owns the restaurant, doesn't hold back when he describes how fresh basil can add flavor to a flatbread pizza or how just-picked mint makes a raspberry, pineapple or mango mojito even better.

"It's stunning," he said.

He puts fresh chives to good use in his sea salt and chives french fries, uses oregano in his marinara sauce and makes his own pesto sauce for Italian dishes.

The idea for a garden-to-table project at E.G. Nick's came when Agostini was bringing zucchini, red peppers, chives, basil and other items from his home garden.

"I was bringing it to work because it was such nice stuff," he said.

Now, the restaurant has two gardens. One, measuring 5-by-12 feet, is used to grow mint, Thai chili peppers, jalapenos, Egyptian onions, cayenne pepper and tomatoes, including grape, heirloom and Roma. A smaller garden, 4-by-8 feet, is used for herbs, including basil, oregano, chives and thyme.

Agostini's decision to begin a garden-to-table project is likely to become a selling point in Plymouth — a city where dining out is popular and there is no shortage of restaurants.

"The whole farm-to-table concept, or in this case garden to table, is very popular and it's a trend people are looking for," said Wes Graff, president of the Plymouth Community Chamber of Commerce. "I think it's a perfect fit for Plymouth. Our community really enjoys its

dining."

Agostini said the garden food is "100-percent organic" with no fertilizers used.

"It's all about creating a natural environment," he said.

E.G. Nick's has tapped into a burgeoning trend.

Anna Kohn is chief impact officer for Detroit-based Recovery Park, a nonprofit that creates jobs for people, such as those who have been incarcerated, through an urban farming effort that provides fresh produce for 150 restaurants as far away as Grand Rapids.

Kohn commended efforts of chefs like Agostini.

"I love it when chefs do that. You can't get any fresher than that," she said.

Kohn said firm statistics on farm- or garden-to-table efforts are difficult to pinpoint. But she said there are 2,000 urban gardens in Detroit alone. Of 85 restaurants that opened in Detroit last year, she said a majority are responding to customer demands by providing farm-to-table food.

Tyson Gersh is co-founder of the nonprofit Michigan Urban Farming Initiative, which grows 20,000 pounds of produce annually in Detroit and gives it away to local residents. He, too, said it's difficult to quantify the extent of garden- and farm-to-table efforts in Michigan.

"But in the last seven years, I can say firsthand that the growth has been pretty explosive," he said. "We can't keep up with the demand. I don't know any urban farmers who are capable of meeting the demand."

One recent weekday afternoon, E.G. Nick's was serving a chicken madeira dish with fresh basil from the garden, plus flatbread pizza with homemade pesto and basil. Agostini is working to create new dishes such as General Tso's chicken, using his own cayenne peppers, and a pulled jackfruit sandwich, using fresh jalapenos, with an oil-based cole slaw.

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The Livonia Democratic Club will hold its regular meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 33150 Schoolcraft Road, Room 104. Guest speakers are Kelly Tebay, Brianna Scott and Dennis Denno, candidates for Michigan State University trustee, and Paul Brown, candidate for University of Michigan regent.

Ann Arbor Magic Club

The Ann Arbor Magic Club, a club for magicians, meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Senate Coney Island, 34359 Plymouth Road, in Livonia. The next meeting is set for Aug. 8.

The club is open to anyone who has an interest in learning about and/or performing the art of magic. All ages welcome. No admission cost for meetings. Club memberships are available and require an application and start at \$25.

For more information, call 313-910-1041 or email annarbormagicclub@gmail.com.

'Addams Family' on stage

The Garden City High School Summer Community Theatre will present "The Addams Family" on stage Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 9-12, at the O'Leary Performing Arts Center, 6500 Middlebelt Road. Show times are 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. General admission tickets are \$10.

Summer camp with Kaykim

Berean Bible Church, 35375 Ann Arbor Trail, in Livonia will host a Kaykim Academics Summer Day Kamp from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each weekday through Aug. 10. Campers enjoy hands-on science, interpretive history, cooking, sewing, interactive geography, baseball, basketball, soccer, drama/acting, martial arts, chess, arts and crafts, camp music and games. and more.

Drop-off service and lunch options are available. For more information, go to www.kaykimacademics.com.

Home buyer seminar

Envoy Mortgage loan originator Cheryl Hale is hosting a seminar for home buyers from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Aug. 11, at the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, 33300 Five Mile Road, Suite 212. Aside from Hale, other real estate professionals who will present at the seminar are State Farm Insurance's Amanda Ross, buyer's agent Julie Ciccarelli and credit expert Angela Burge.

Food and refreshments will be provided during the seminar. Registration for the seminar is ongoing and interested participants can RSVP at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/homebuyer-seminar-tickets-48173015787#tickets>.

Author talk at Livonia library

Marylin E. Atkins, former 36th District Court chief judge, will discuss her new book "The Triumph of Rosemary: A Memoir," at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Atkins will speak about her story and autograph copies of her book. The book is \$22 per copy and is also available on amazon.com in paperback and ebook.

For more information, contact Patty Goonis at 734-466-2481 or pgoonis@livoniapubliclibrary.org.

Nuclear Weapons and Democracy

The group Citizens for Peace is hosting the lecture Nuclear Weapons and Democracy with Dr. Prasad Venugopal, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 14, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. Venugopal is an associate professor of physics at the University of Detroit Mercy.

For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to www.citizens4peace.com.

Livonia GOP Club speaker series

The Livonia Republican Club has announced its inaugural Summer Night Forums speaking series, featuring current and former elected officials on the federal, state, county and municipal level, as well as policy experts on a variety of topics.

The series will be held at the Livonia Victory Center, 33462 Seven Mile Road. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with programs beginning promptly at 7 p.m. The schedule includes:

■ Tuesday, Aug. 14: Ed Haroutunian, founding chairman of the Wayne County Republican Committee, will speak about the structure of the Republican Party in Wayne County.

These events are free and open to the public, however you must register for tickets via Eventbrite. A link can be found at www.LivoniaGOP.com.

Yoga on the Labyrinth

Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 30650 Six Mile Road, in Livonia will host its monthly Yoga on the Labyrinth 7-8 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23. Enjoy a gentle yoga class and labyrinth walk. Bring a mat. For more information, call 734-427-1414.

FRIENDS in Wayne

The city of Wayne 2018 FRIENDS (People Helping People) group is looking for volunteers. FRIENDS will take place Saturday, Sept. 8 (rain date, Sept. 15). The goal of this program, which began in 1998, is to help a Wayne resident whose home is in need of some care and they are not able to handle the work due to financial or medical reasons.

The day (usually about six hours) starts at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast at the HYPE Recreation Center. Material, equipment, T-shirts and lunch, plus refreshments, are provided on-site. Youth groups are welcome, with one adult for every five youth volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer or need more information, call the Community Development Department at 734-722-2000 or email Albert Damitio at damitioalb@gmail.com.

Ladywood Class of '78

The Ladywood High School Class of 1978 will celebrate its 40th reunion Saturday, Sept. 8. The event will begin at 5 p.m. with Mass at the Felician Motherhouse Chapel, 36800 Schoolcraft Road. After Mass, dinner is set for 7 p.m. at the Italian American Banquet & Conference Center, 39200 W. Five Mile Road.

For more information and to have a private invitation sent to you, go to "Ladywood Class of 1978 Reunion" on Facebook.

Bishop Borgess Class of '78

The Redford Bishop Borgess High School Class of 1978 will hold a 40th reunion dinner dance buffet at 6 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, at Burton Manor, 27777 Schoolcraft Road, in Livonia. The cost is \$60 per person and includes cash bar with casual dress.

Send a check or money order, payable to Diane Chiola, to 20712 Fairview, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127 or use Pay Pal account <http://PayPal.me/78>.

Westland library book sale

The Friends of the Westland Library will hold the group's next book sale info Thursday through Sunday, Sept. 13-16, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Hours are 3-6 p.m. Thursday (preview sale), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday (bag day, \$4 per bag).

Tail Waggers fundraiser

Tail Waggers 1990, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is hosting its inaugural Cruisin' 4 Critters, a motorcycle fundraiser, Sunday, Sept. 16, at Dick Scott's Freedom Powersports, 36534 Plymouth Road, in Livonia. Registration is 9:30-10:45 a.m., with the cruise at 11 a.m. Registration costs \$25 per rider or \$35 with a passenger.

The motorcycles will start and end at Freedom Powersports. The Wayne County Sheriff Department will escort the riders for safety on a ride to last approximately 2½ hours. A brief stop at the turnaround will give riders a chance to refuel, use restrooms and get a drink. While pre-registration for the ride is recommended to ensure proper headcount for the after-party, ride-ins are welcome until 10:45 a.m.

Following the cruise, a picnic-styled after-party will be provided by the Blue Plate Diner of Livonia, featuring a 50/50 drawing, music, vendors and alumni animals. All money raised directly benefits Tail Waggers' animal care services.

For more information or to register for the event, go to www.tailwaggers1990.org or call 734-855-4077. You can also go to www.dickscottpowersports.com for information and to register.

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Chemical may pollute 11,000-plus sites statewide

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The potentially health-harming chemical compound that shut down the drinking water supply in two West Michigan communities last week may contaminate more than 11,300 locations statewide, according to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.

The DEQ provided the observation on the contaminants as part of a presentation to the Michigan Environmental Compliance Conference in Lansing last month, displaying a series of maps with various facilities that could have PFAS contamination: 1,487 fire stations across the Upper and Lower Peninsulas; 27 municipal airports; 519 waste-water treatment plants, and more. All told, more than 11,300 sites were listed in the presentation maps.

"The number is staggering," said Anthony Spaniola, a Troy attorney whose family has owned frontage on Van Etten Lake in Oscoda for years. There, PFAS contamination emanating from fire-fighting foam used at the

former Wurtsmith Air Force Base decades ago has excessive levels of the chemicals in groundwater and surface foam on the lake.

PFAS, once commonly used in fire-fighting foam, nonstick surfaces, stain guards and other commercial and industrial applications, is an emerging contaminant of concern, as it persists for long periods in the environment and can be harmful to human health. According to the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, studies have shown certain PFAS may affect the growth, learning and behavior of infants and children; lower a woman's chance of getting pregnant; interfere with the body's natural hormones; increase cholesterol levels; affect the immune system, and increase cancer risks. Laboratory animals exposed to high doses of one or more PFAS compounds have shown changes in liver, thyroid and pancreatic function.

The number of potential sites is high because of widespread use of PFAS for such a long time, said Scott Dean, spokesman for Gov. Rick Sny-



Signs from the Michigan Department of Community Health warn to not eat fish from Clark's Marsh in Oscoda. RYAN GARZA | DETROIT FREE PRESS

der's Michigan PFAS Action Response Team, or MPART, a multi-departmental entity founded late last year to begin to assess and address the burgeoning discovery of the contaminants.

"Those maps were really designed to be very, very conservative — just to identify worthwhile

places to look and consider," he said.

In an example of just how common and long-lasting PFAS contamination can be, the DEQ in May revisited the site of a massive, 1995 tire fire that lasted for weeks at Carl's Retaiding, a now-defunct scrap tire collection and recycling site in

Grand Traverse County's Blair Township. Firefighters had used fire suppressing foam that contained PFAS as they combated the blaze.

The DEQ in May tested the groundwater at the historic fire site, and found two PFAS compounds at levels above the U.S. Environmental

Protection Agency health advisory limit of 70 parts per trillion. One compound was at almost four times the regulatory limit at nearly 40 feet below the ground surface.

In the Kalamazoo County community of Parchment, local health officials issued a do-not-drink order for municipal water late Thursday, after DEQ testing results showed PFAS levels in the community's municipal water supply at 1,410 parts per trillion, about 20 times the EPA health advisory level.

Bottled water was offered to the 3,100 water system users affected by the order in Parchment and adjacent Cooper Township. Officials Friday planned to switch residents to the City of Kalamazoo's water, as they flushed the Parchment water system until PFAS levels were below regulatory limits. Investigators are still attempting to determine the cause of the high contamination levels.

The DEQ last year uncovered a large area of Kent County north of Grand Rapids tainted with high levels of PFAS from a longtime Wolverine Worldwide shoe and leather products operation there.

Snyder last month asked state Attorney General Bill Schuette to begin legal proceedings against 3M, the Minnesota manufacturer of products such as Scotchgard and fire-fighting foam that contained PFAS compounds. The DEQ in March announced it would inspect 1,300 municipal water systems statewide for the contaminants.

Michigan isn't more susceptible to PFAS contamination than other locations in the U.S., Dean noted.

"Michigan is one of the leading, if not the leading, states in attacking this issue," he said. "The reason we are leading is we are looking. We are one of only a handful of states that are aggressively addressing this emerging contaminant."

But Snyder came under fire after public records emerged showing top DEQ officials were alerted to the potential widespread PFAS problem in Michigan by a staff member's report in August 2012. Though that report urged multi-agency, statewide action, such action wasn't taken on PFAS until more than five years later.

More needs to be done now, said Lisa Wozniak, executive director of the nonprofit Michigan League of Conservation Voters.

"The fact that PFAS pollution has grown in just the last month from 32 publicly released sites to now maybe 11,000 or more highlights the dire need for more transparency from our government, and should sound the alarm bells for our leaders to take bold action immediately," she said.

"Michigan must enact an enforceable drinking water standard, and our state lawmakers should return to Lansing from summer break and conduct a full investigation into this 'forever chemical' crisis in our water, and how an MDEQ report exposing it six years ago was ignored, kept from the public and swept under the rug."

Obituaries

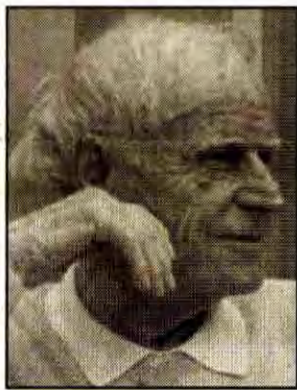
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David Fitzpatrick

FARMINGTON - passed away on July 20, 2018, at the age of 91. His wife Rosemary preceded him four years earlier. He graduated from St. James High School in Ferndale, Michigan and later from the University of Detroit, where he played quarterback and served as co-captain of the golf team. He enjoyed a long, successful career in sales and marketing. An avid golfer, David was Club Champ at Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville, Michigan five times. Prior to that, he won Club Champ honors at the Burroughs Course in Brighton six times. He was a respectably mobile backyard quarterback into his 80's. David took the long way home: he biked, swam, skated, read books, told stories, played bridge, horsed around, instigated, laughed and danced right up to death's door in his 91st year. His was a life of service. He signed up for tours of duty in the Adriatic and on the USS Tomich Destroyer in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He worked on numerous community projects with the Farmington Area Jaycees, coached boxing and grade school football, served as an usher at his home church, taught third-grade catechism, took communion to parishioners unable to make their way to services, and volunteered at hospitals in Florida and Michigan. David is survived by six children: David (Peggy), Mike (Katrina), Paul, Sharon (Russell), Mary, and Dan (Robin); and thirteen grandchildren — Adelle (Bassam), Adina (Leon), Alexandra (Doug), Alex (Kristin), Amy, Austin (Jenny), Chris, Ellen, Matthew, Paul (Katie), Rachel (Steve), Tera (Ryne), and Victor. He is also survived by ten great grandchildren — Alyeska, Aila, Annabelle, Atticus, Bliss, Camdyn, Eden, Gunner, Sean, and Ravi. He taught his offspring (and everyone else in the neighborhood) how to throw a tight spiral, never to lead with their right, how to tell a good story, and that no one eats a bite until mom finishes her first forkful. When everyone else showered their attention on the "adorable" kid in a room, David would engage the shy one in the corner, just to balance things out. He showed his family where to find the courage to cut their own path — one of his pet phrases — when none of the available roads could take them where they needed to go. He reached beyond his personal borders to live a life that touched the world... Visitation will be held from 2:00-8:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 9, at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, downtown Farmington. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated, Friday August 10 at 10:00 a.m. (in state 9:30am) at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church at 23815 Power Road, Farmington. Memorial donations in memory of David can be made to Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor. <https://www.arborhospice.org/>

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Thomas Lehnis

FORMERLY OF PLYMOUTH, MI - Thomas Milton Lehnis, 76, of North Port, FL passed away peacefully surrounded by family on July 29, 2018.

He is survived by his ex-wife of 42 years, Mary Ann of Canton, MI; his children Sara, Cindy Richter, and Michael (Kathryn); his partner, Rosann Carey of Englewood, FL; his grandchildren Jackson and Cooper Lehnis and Maya and Zoe Richter; and his siblings Terry (Tim), Dave (Jane), Julie, Clare, and Mary.

"He fought the good fight, he finished the race, he kept the faith." -2 Timothy 4:7.

Visitation will take place on Saturday, August 11, 2018, at the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 42600 Ford Road (West of Lilley Road) in Canton starting at 11 a.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at 2pm.

In lieu of flowers please consider making a donation in Tom's name to Henry Ford Maple Grove Center in West Bloomfield, Michigan or Tidewell Hospice in Sarasota, Florida.

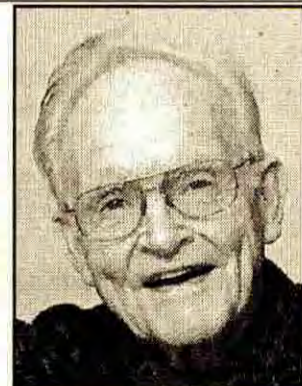
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Elizabeth R. Walton

WESTLAND - Passed away on June 10, 2018 at the age of 95. Elizabeth was the beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of John (Sue) and Jim (Libby). Dear grandmother of 5 and great-grandmother of 6. A Memorial gathering will be held on Monday, August 13, 2018 starting at 11 am from the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, 7707 Middlebelt Rd. (at Ann Arbor Trail) until the celebration of life service at 12 pm. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at griffinfuneralhome.com

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Charles Neubrecht

MILFORD - A memorial service to celebrate the life of Charles Nelson Neubrecht, formerly of Milford MI, will be held on August 12, 11:00 am at the Spring Hill Picnic Shelter in Kensington Metro Park, 4570 Huron River Parkway, 48380. Please bring a story to share. Lunch will follow.

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Sports

PREP FOOTBALL

D'Angelo leaves CK program in good shape

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Joe D'Angelo's goal when he accepted the job as Cranbrook Kingswood's head coach was to resurrect a struggling football program.

The proud Hall of Famer believes he's met that challenge and it's time to step aside.

D'Angelo, 75, informed CK's admini-

stration in late January that he would not return for the 2018 football season after six years — one as an assistant and the past five as head coach.

Scott Steward, who served as CK's defensive coordinator last year, takes over as the program's new head coach.

"When I came on board, I already had been coaching a long time and they asked me, 'How long are you going to



D'Angelo

stay here?" D'Angelo said. "I told them I would stay as long as it takes to, hopefully, turn everything around and then find the right guy to turn it over to."

"The past six years at CK have been most rewarding and enjoyable, but it was time to step down," he added. "I think my plan has been accomplished."

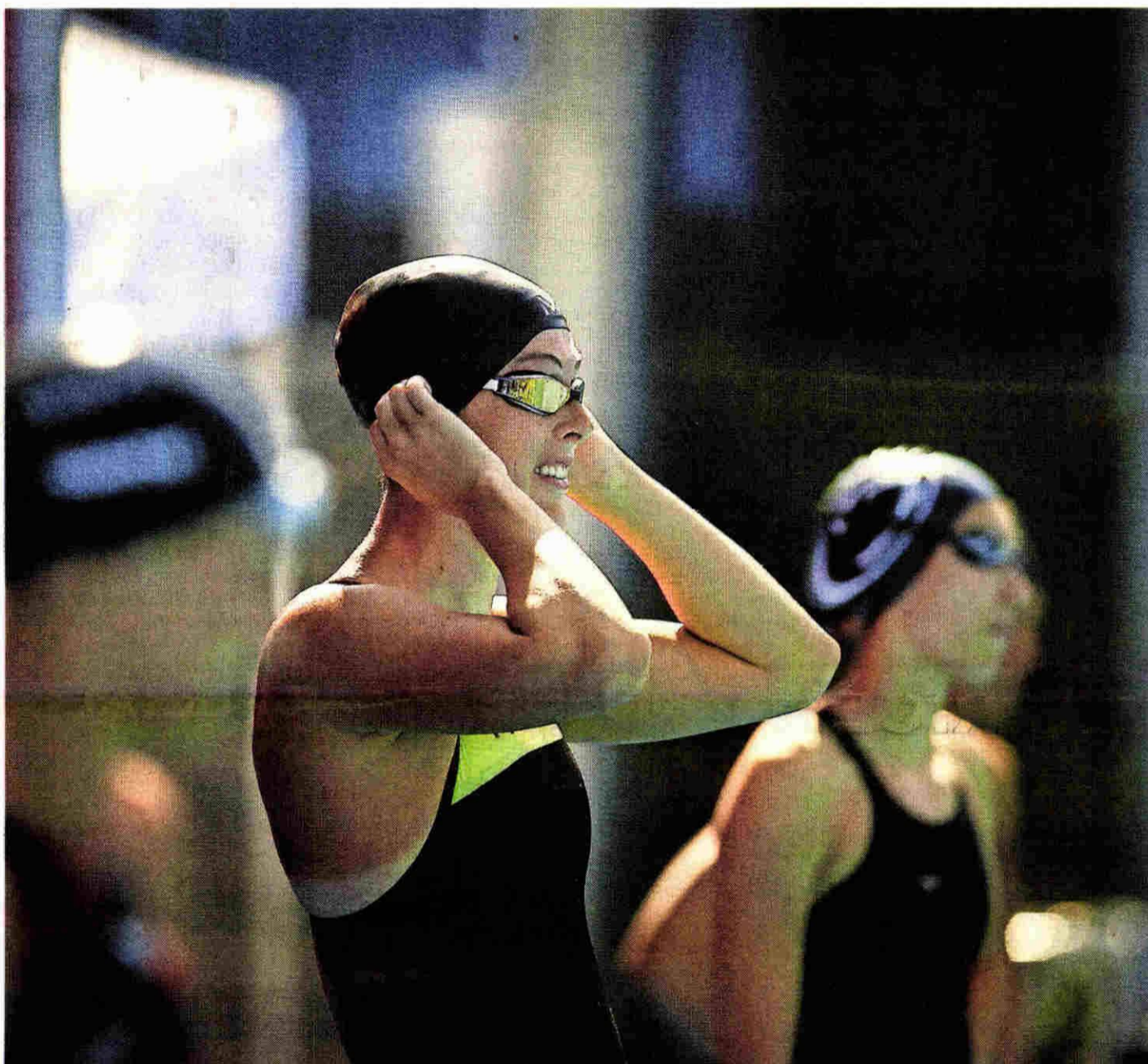
Cranbrook Kingswood amassed a 34-18 record under D'Angelo, winning at a

.650 clip. Over an eight-year span prior to D'Angelo taking over, the Cranes posted just one winning season (5-4 in 2009).

The Cranes won 32 games over the past four regular seasons and qualified for the playoffs each year. The win total and playoff streak matches the four-year totals from 2002-05 under then head coach Gary Gerson.

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INTERNATIONAL SWIMMING



Canton's Allison Schmitt adjusts her goggles July 28 during the Phillips 66 USA National Championships held at the William Woollett Aquatics Center in Irvine, Calif. MELISSA LUNDIE

FINDING HER GROOVE

Schmitt's comeback taking her to Pan Pacific Championships

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The book apparently is far from closed on Allison Schmitt's illustrious swim career.

After a lengthy hiatus from the pool, the 2008 Canton High grad with eight Olympic medals, including four gold, is thriving once again in the water following the recent Phillips 66 USA Swimming National Championships in Irvine, Calif.

The 28-year-old will be one of the U.S. team's elder stateswomen when she heads to the Pan Pacific Swimming Championships, Aug. 23-27, in Toyko,



Schmitt

Japan, which ironically is the site of the next Summer Olympic Games in 2020.

After finishing runner-up to Olympic gold medalist Katie Ledecky in the 200-meter freestyle with her seventh-best time ever (1:55.82), along with placing sixth in the 100 freestyle (54.24) behind Simon Manuel, another Olympic gold medalist, Schmitt is serving notice once again that she's not ready for the rocking chair quite yet.

"I'm excited to be representing the

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"I'm excited to be representing the U.S. again and to make the team this summer it definitely sets up for two years from now. ... I have nothing else to prove in swimming, but I'm doing this for myself."

Allison Schmitt
Olympian swimmer and Canton native

PREP FOOTBALL

Takeaways from the Catholic League's media day

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The Detroit Catholic High School League gathered Tuesday for its annual Football Media Day at Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Coaches representing 18 schools and some dozen members of the media gathered in the spacious upstairs room adjacent to the school's ice rink to talk Catholic League football. The 90-minute session began with Catholic League Athletic Director Vic Michaels giving a few comments, continued with each coach giving a quick team overview and ended with individual interviews.

Here are a few takeaways:

YOUTHFUL COACHES

With the retirements over the past three years of such iconic head coaches such as Al Fracassa (Brother Rice), Tom Mach (Catholic Central) and Paul Verska (De La Salle), the Catholic League is undergoing a major turnover on the sidelines.

The youthful corps consists of seven first-year head coaches and two more second-year head coaches. Furthermore, three more head coaches have been patrolling the Catholic League sidelines for four years or less.

That means half of the league's head coaches have been in their positions for less than two years. Two-thirds of the coaching fraternity has been there four years or less.

The Catholic League's dean of coaches is Orchard Lake St. Mary's veteran George Porritt, who is beginning his 29th season with the Eaglets.

Porritt's three other Central Division head coaching colleagues include Dan Anderson (Catholic Central) and Adam Korzeniewski (Brother Rice), both beginning their second season. De La Salle's Mike Giannone is flying into this third season with the Pilots.

The next three highest tenured



Anderson

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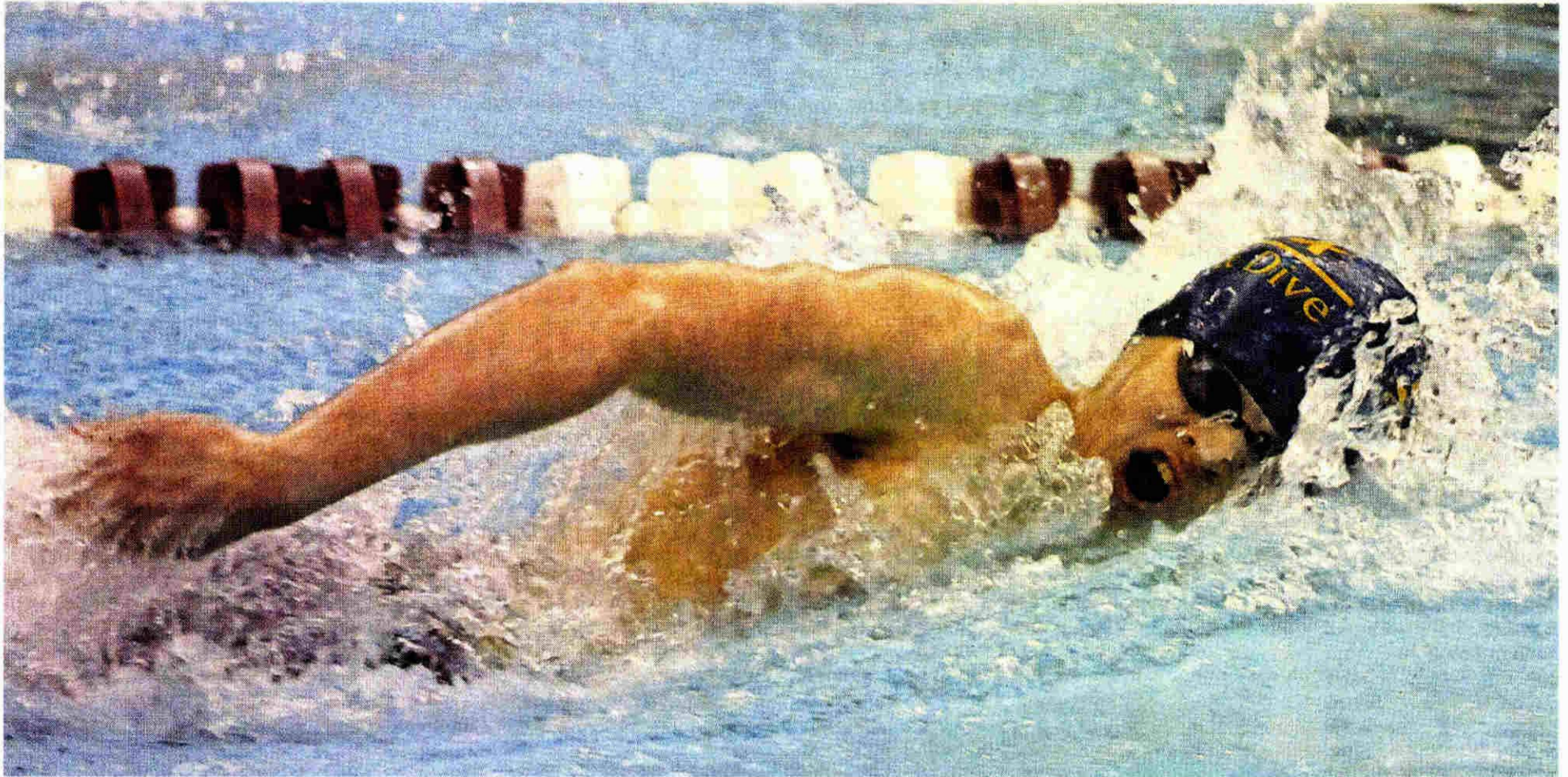


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CLUB SWIMMING



Trevor Jones swam the anchor leg of Farmington Glen's winning 66-under 200 freestyle relay at the NSSL championship meet. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Forest Hills survives challenge at NSSL finals

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Some thought this was the year Forest Hills Swim Club's remarkable Northwest Suburban Swim League championship streak would end. Well, the streak is intact.

The Water Hogs swam to their 17th consecutive NSSL crown July 29 at the Beachwood Recreation Association in Troy.

Forest Hills, coached by veteran Karl Hodgson, won both the boys and girls competitions to register a meet-high 912 points. Farmington Glen was second with 852.50 points, followed by host BWRA, which posted 608 points.

Here are some takeaways from the meet:

FHSC'S RARE LOSS

Farmington Glen had snapped Forest Hills' amazing 13-year regular-season dual meet swim streak July 12. Glen, coached by Drew Hansz, won by 10 points, 294-284, in a thriller.

Because of that dual-meet loss, it was thought the Water Hogs would be vulnerable at the championship meet.

While Glen did finish with a meet-high 13 victories in the 52-event championships, it wasn't enough to overcome Forest Hills' overall depth. The Water Hogs won nine individual events, while Huntington Woods Aquatic Club had seven individual event winners. The BWRA was next with six.

Forest Hills was led by a pair of double winners.

Samantha Clifford, 11-12 division, won the 50 free (27.96) and the 50 fly (30.66). Michael Arpasi, 15-18 division, touched first in the 100 IM (57.74) and the 50 fly (25.07).

Forest Hills' other individual winners were Genevieve Hoppen (15-18, 50 breast), Sean Lu (9-10, 50 fly) and Joshua Bukowinski (13-14, 50 breast).

The Water Hogs also won two relays — the girls (Isabella Vaughan, Lauren Louwers, Clifford and Carly Burry) and boys (Robbie Jack Higgins, Bukowinski, Cami Wilson and Andrew McLean) 52-



Hodgson

under medleys.

FGAC DOUBLE WINNERS

Farmington Glen paced the field with three double winners — Hannah Gurgel (9-10 girls), Madeline Greaves (13-14 girls) and Jared Visser (13-14 boys).

Gurgel won the 50 fly (32.97) and 50 back (34.79), Greaves took the 50 fly (28.60) and 50-breast (33.22) and Visser won the 50 fly (27.50) and 50 free (25.09).

Farmington Glen's individual event winners were Kyle Grugel (8-under, 25 back), Noah Yarian (15-18, 50 back), Anika Cho (9-10, 50 breast) and Ocean Taylor (11-12, 100 IM).

The three relays which Glen won were the mixed 40-under 200 free (Hannah Gurgel, Leah Greaves, Jack Tomlinson and Sarah Wilder), the girls 66-under 200 free (Lia Munson, Emma Inch, Madeline Greaves and Julianna Petrak) and the boys 66-under 200 free (Brody Jamieson, Noah Yarian, Mario

McDonald and Trever Jones).

OTHER DOUBLE WINNERS

The meet's other double winners were Bloomfield Surf's Andrew Szachta (11-12, 50 back and 50 fly), Cranbrook Swim Club's Elliot Rijnovean (9-10, 50 breast and 50 back), Huntington Woods' Jack Hamilton (13-14, 100 IM and 50 back) and Alden Snavelly (8-under, 25 free and 25 breast), BWRA's Avery Tack (8-under, 25 free and 25 fly) and Woodbrooke Hills Swim and Tennis' Greta Gidley (15-18, 50 back and 100 IM).

The remaining team finishers were the Beverly Hills Athletic Club (561), Cranbrook Swim Club (442.50), Woodside Athletic Club (434), Woodbrooke Hills Swim & Tennis (315), Huntington Woods Aquatic Club (312), Bloomfield Hills Swim & Tennis (288), Beechview (275), Heart of the Hills Swim Club (215) and Pleasant Ridge (160).

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Schmitt

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U.S. again and to make the team this summer it definitely sets up for two years from now," Schmitt said. "Like I said, ever since I started jumping back into the water ... I don't want any what ifs. And if I do happen to be sitting on the couch in 2020 and not making the team, then I know that I gave everything I had. I'm currently enjoying the journey. So it's all about the journey right now. I have nothing else to prove in swimming, but I'm doing this for myself."

Following the 2016 Games in Rio and her third Olympics, Schmitt was more than ready to hang it up. But in January, while in the midst of working on her master's degree in social work at Arizona State, Schmitt began to feel a magnetic pull back into the pool.

And it just so happened that her old coach at Club Wolverine and the North Baltimore Aquatic Club, Bob Bowman, is now coaching at Arizona State. Her brother Derek was also a member of the coaching staff at Pitchfork Aquatics in Tempe.

"I didn't touch the water for over a year," Schmitt said. "In the fall, when I started school in 2017, I was, like, 'Well, I need to get into some kind of shape. I need to get a tan' and so I decided to swim again with the (ASU) team two or three times a week. Then they'd ask me if I was coming to practice the next day and I was, like, 'Whatever, I mean, I'll come, I don't have anything else to do.' I gradually got back into the sport and started doing more practices, started getting faster."

In April, Schmitt swam in the TYR Pro Series in nearby Mesa, Ariz. She also competed in another TYR event in July in Columbus, Ohio (placing second in 1:57.21 in the 200 free), before heading to Irvine to take on the nation's best.

"I definitely didn't see results for a few months," Schmitt said. "That part is very hard to continue when you don't see any results, nothing is getting better. Just being able to stick with it and have



Canton's Allison Schmitt swims the 200-meter freestyle April 12 during the TYR Pro Swim Series at Skyline Aquatic Center in Mesa, Ariz. PATRICK BREEN | AZCENTRAL SPORTS

the support system that got me through those times. And now I'm starting to see some progression and I know there's a lot more work to be done in these next two years, but this is a great start."

During the U.S. Nationals, a long course event, Schmitt also was ninth in the 400 freestyle (4:08.46). But her time of 1:55.82 in the 200 freestyle, her signature event where she won an individual gold in 2012 (London Olympics), is currently the fourth fastest time this season in the world.

"I really didn't have expectations for nationals," Schmitt said. "Being out of the sport for three years, you really can't have expectations of what you had before. Everything is different now."

In another irony, Schmitt's first dip into the international swimming waters came during the infant stages of her career in Japan. And now she's there again, with the possibility of joining an elite group of U.S. female swimmers that have competed in four Olympics.

"I'm looking forward to going out there and racing and I have goals for the future," Schmitt said. "I feel we're on the right path of that, so I'm just excited to represent the U.S. again, having that opportunity to represent the U.S., and I'm ready to race again internationally. I know there's tough competition out

there, so just being able to stand there with the world's best is awesome."

Schmitt's bouts with depression have been well-documented. She has become a spokesperson for childhood mental illness along with her longtime club teammate Michael Phelps, the sport's greatest Olympian.

The former NCAA All-American never envisioned continuing her education after graduating from the University of Georgia in 2013. But now she's back in the fast lane, juggling training and school with a new post-swim career path in mind.

"I want to go into counseling. I want to specifically work with athletes that have mental illnesses, depression and anxiety," Schmitt said. "I had no interest in going back to school when I finished (at Georgia). And in 2016, I wasn't really sure what I could do with a psychology degree and I also had a huge passion in mental health, which led me to the social work now. If you would have ask me four years ago if I'd go back to school or go into counseling, I never thought this is where I would be. I guess all the events and experiences that have taken place over the few years have led me to social work. A lot of it is putting together my experiences."

During the U.S. Nationals, the ever

popular Schmitt was her bubbly self, waving, smiling to the crowd. In the staging area prior to her races, she normally listens to "something always country" on her headphones, but this meet she changed up her selection for the big 200 freestyle event while earning a hug afterward from Ledecky, the world's top female swimmer.

Schmitt's parents, Ralph and Gail, were in the stands at the William Wollert Aquatics Center in Irvine to show their support. With her brother Derek and the Phelps family nearby during her new journey in Tempe, Schmitt has taken a liking to the desert.

"I'm from a big family, a middle child of five, so it's awesome to still have family," she said. "I get to live in Arizona, go to school, train there. It's far from home, far from where I grew up and my parents and just to be able to have family out there is awesome to have that comfort every day. I'm so happy how successful (Derek) is in coaching and how far he has come the past few years."

After Rio, Schmitt didn't turn in her retirement papers. And it appears her biography has a few chapters to be completed.

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PREP FOOTBALL

Iler named new Redford Union coach

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Ian Iler has hit the ground running after being named the new varsity football coach at Redford Union earlier this year.

And when official practice starts Monday, Aug. 6, Iler can't wait. He expects to see at least 35-40 eligible varsity players suit up.

"My goal coming in January was 40, that was probably the largest team we've had at Redford Union at least since I played," said Iler, who graduated from RU in 2005. "Our good teams always hovered around that 28-30 mark. I've been on some teams with 25 that we were still very good. This year, since we started summer workouts back in June, we've had consistently between JV to varsity about 45-50 kids out there on Monday through Thursday conditioning and keeping in shape for the summer. I expect a good turnout."

The 31-year-old Iler replaces his former coach Miles Tomasaitis, who guided the Panthers during two different stints (2001-09 and 2014-17) to a 61-60 overall record in 13 seasons while earning five state playoff berths and capturing one Michigan Mega Conference Gold Division title (2004).

Tomasaitis, a retired Redford Township police officer, resigned shortly after the 2017 season ended. He will devote his all his duties now to being the school's athletic director.

"I was just ready, I had a lot of things going on, family stuff," said Tomasaitis, who stepped down immediately after the 2017 season after going 3-6.

Iler played for the Panthers varsity from 2002-04. He earned all-state honors as a fullback during his senior year as well as being named all-Observer. Iler was also a two-time all-Michigan Mega Conference honoree.

Iler went on to play at Grand Rapids Community College before transferring to Urbana (Ohio) University, where he was a two-time captain while setting a school record for receptions (79) as a wide receiver during the 2009 season. He also earned second team all-DII football.com honors among independent schools.

Iler, entering his second year as a behavior intervention coordinator at RU, served as an assistant last year for the Panthers, coaching the scout team, wide receivers and defensive backs under Tomasaitis. He was also an assistant at RU in 2014.

"Last August, I got a full-time position in the high school, so (Tomasaitis)



Iler

and I talked about me taking over and it's definitely something that I had thought about a lot ever since coming back in 2014," Iler said. "So I was really happy to get the opportunity and I always said I wouldn't be a head

coach unless I was in the school, so the stars aligned perfectly. I have a lot of love for the town of Redford. I'm looking forward to bringing a lot of energy. We've already started earlier in August than we've ever started before. It's been great to put a lot of my own spin on things, but still keep some of Miles's traditions intact and I'll just pave the way for the new RU Panthers."

Iler's other high school coaching stops included Westland John Glenn (2015-2016) and Canton (2012). He also coached at both Siena Heights University (2013) and Urbana (2011).

Iler serves as director for player development and as a seven-on-seven offensive coordinator for Legacy Football Organization.

"He knows I'll be looking over his shoulder," Tomasaitis said with a chuckle. "He's a special kid. Ian has got a lot of energy, he's very eager. He's a Redford kid. We pride ourselves on be-

ing a family here. He's not only part of the school family, but the football family."

Tomasaitis believes Iler is the right fit at the right time for the Panthers, who open their season at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 23, at home against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook.

"One of the proudest moments is when I got invited to his graduation party because, obviously, he had some struggles his freshman and sophomore years with grades," Tomasaitis said. "He turned himself around and then was able to work himself into a four-year university after playing at a junior college. He's got a lot of lessons for the kids that he can certainly relate to and talk to them about. He's turned into a fine young man and I'm really proud to have him around."

The new RU coach will bring a slightly style of football and plans to tweak a few things entering the 2018 season.

"Really, we're going to keep the same style, but we're going to jazz it up a little bit," Iler said.

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D'Angelo

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Best single season ever

However, the major difference is D'Angelo's squad registered the best single-season mark last year.

The Cranes won the Catholic League Intersectional regular-season crown, captured the program's second straight Prep Bowl championship and had its best postseason.

In the Division 4 state playoffs, Cranbrook opened with two straight shutouts — 35-0 over Madison Heights Lamphere and 7-0 over a strong Detroit Mumford squad. The Cranes lost in a competitive and entertaining regional championship game to highly-regarded River Rouge, 21-14.

It was a tear-rendering loss to a brilliant season during which the Cranes finished with a school-record 10 victories.

"Last year was the most successful we've had in Cranbrook history," D'Angelo said. "I'm really excited to see where the school will go from here. I feel like we left the program in good shape and they'll carry on."

D'Angelo's coaching career began at his alma mater, Detroit St. Ambrose High School, where he served as head coach from 1967-69. He moved over to Erie-Mason in 1970 and then took over at neighboring Detroit Country Day in 1977.

In a remarkable 21-year coaching career at DCD, D'Angelo led the Yellow Jackets to an overall 161-46 record, which included two state championships and one state runner-up showing in 11 state playoff appearances. D'Angelo's only losing season (4-5) at Country Day was in 1997 — his final year at the



After 37 years as a head coach — the past five at Cranbrook Kingswood High School — Joe D'Angelo has retired as one of the state's top 30 winningest prep football coaches. MARTY BUDNER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

helm.

He was named to the Michigan High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1990, was named the regional Coach of the Year 12 times and named the Michigan High School Coach of the year in 1986 — his first state championship season.

Creating a winning culture

D'Angelo spent 14 years out of coaching before taking a job at CK as an assistant coach in 2012 under then head coach Steve Graf, the school's athletic

director. D'Angelo took over as head coach the following season and managed to create a winning culture, attracting greater numbers while making the sport relevant again.

"Cranbrook has been a great place to coach. They've been very supportive and the parents have been great," D'Angelo said. "Anytime that you can take a program and sort of change it around, there's a lot of rewards to that."

"There was a time when they were thinking about dropping football. So now we're on the map. We put several people into college and more and more

schools have recognized the fact we are playing pretty good football now.

"I'm happy for Cranbrook. They are all appreciative and I am more appreciative of just having the opportunity to coach there," he added. "It gave me another chance to get back into coaching after I left Country Day and see what I could do. I'm very proud of what we've been able to do, me and my staff."

Seamless transition

With Steward at the helm, D'Angelo can take comfort in the fact the program's continuity will not be disturbed.

Steward seemed to be a hot prep coaching commodity and D'Angelo did not want to lose him to another school. In addition, Cranbrook will move up a division in the Catholic League this year and D'Angelo figured it would not be a good time to start over with a new staff.

"I was very fortunate. I had a great staff of guys who were head coaches and who were all very knowledgeable," D'Angelo said. "I didn't want to lose any of them and Scott was being recruited to coach by other schools and some of the other guys (on CK's staff) were tied to him."

"I wanted to make sure nobody left. I could have stayed on maybe one more year, but I didn't want to lose Scott," he added. "It was important we made that transition this year. He was our defensive coordinator and we shut out five teams last year."

D'Angelo retires as one of the state's all-time winningest coaches. He's tied for 30th on the MHSAA's wins list with a 239-93-4 overall record. Farmington Harrison's John Herrington surpassed Brother Rice's Al Fracassa as the state's winningest coach last fall.

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Catholic

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coaches are Detroit Loyola's John Calahan (11th season) and Divine Child's John Filiatraut and Riverview Gabriel Richard's Thomas Michalsen (seventh seasons).

The league's first-year head coaches include Matt Lewis (U-D Jesuit), Scott Steward (Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood), Deacon Dave Lawrence (Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard), Garrett Wenzelburger (Lutheran North), Jason Albrecht (Our Lady of the Lakes), Oscar Olejniczak (R.O. Shrine) and Joe Quesnelle (Cardinal Mooney).

PROJECTED DIVISION WINNERS

Michaels takes a poll prior to the formal Media Day session where coaches vote on who they think will win division championships.

The four Central Division coaches selected Warren De La Salle, the defending Division 2 state champion, to capture its second straight division title. Giannone led the Pilots to a perfect 3-0 Central Division mark last year en route to a 12-victory season. Catholic Central and Brother Rice were picked to tie for

second place.

In the Double AA Division, the five coaches picked Divine Child to repeat as champ. The Falcons finished with a 10-2 overall record last year, losing in the regional round of the state playoffs to Riverview. Cranbrook Kingswood was picked to tie for third with Detroit Loyola.

In the Intersectional I and Intersectional II divisions, the projected winners are Riverview Gabriel Richard and Madison Heights Bishop Foley, respectively.

C-K MOVING ON UP

Cranbrook Kingswood certainly has made a steady impact since joining the Catholic League in 2010. The Cranes captured the Intersectional I Division regular-season championship and soared to Catholic League Prep Bowl crown in each of the past two seasons under head coach Joe D'Angelo.

As a reward for that success, the Cranes were promoted to the AA Division this year. The schedule now includes Divine Child, University of Detroit-Jesuit, Detroit Loyola and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard.

Like C-K, Divine Child and Gabriel

Richard were playoff participants last year. Loyola, a perennial state power, had a down year in 2017 with a 2-6 record and had its 10-year playoff streak snapped. During that run, Loyola advanced to the state championship game four times, winning the Division 7 title in 2014.

RETURNING HONOR TEAM MEMBERS

Following are the returning all-Catholic and all-league honor team members for each of the four divisions:

CENTRAL DIVISION

ALL-CATHOLIC: Devin Campbell, Josh DeBerry, Jacob Dobbs, Michael McGinniety (De La Salle); DaRon Gilbert (Brother Rice); Lucas Hendershot (Catholic Central).

ALL-LEAGUE: Ryan Birney, Mike Harding, Marco Genrich (Catholic Central); Colin Gardner, Luke Newman, Ben Zardus (Brother Rice); Danny Motowski (De La Salle).

AA DIVISION

ALL-CATHOLIC: Elijah Cate (U-D Jesuit).

ALL-LEAGUE: Carson Hinton, Nicholas Johnson (U-D Jesuit); Aeron Lath-



Steward



Korzeniewski

am (Divine Child); D'Anthony Robinson (Loyola).

INTERSECTIONAL I

ALL-CATHOLIC: Noah Hamid, Logan Heath (AP Cabrini); Daniel Bowen, Ian Narva (GP University Liggett); Jackson Griske (Lutheran North); Nevin Hughes (Gabriel Richard).

ALL-LEAGUE: Jackson Stanley (AP Cabrini); Max Hatty, Sebastian McWilliams (Gabriel Richard); Brady McCarron, Andrew Zelenak (GP University Liggett); Jake Mlynarek (Lutheran North).

INTERSECTIONAL II

ALL-CATHOLIC: Ben Alderson, Kandel Taylor (Bishop Foley); Kyle Cartier, Vince Oliver, Grant Ross (Our Lady of the Lakes); Quincy Greenia (Cardinal Mooney); Dan Romano (RO Shrine); Josh Legg, Nino Mastromatteo (Everest Collegiate).

ALL-LEAGUE: Zach Proctor, John Stickney (Bishop Foley); Cameron Howell, David Valent (Our Lady of the Lakes); Daniel Donaldson, John Zawadzinski (Cardinal Mooney); Mike Jones, Max Engle, John Stickney (Everest Collegiate).

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FIGURE SKATING

National Showcase performers combine athleticism, theatrics

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

When Milford's Paige Bartholomew and Alyssa Kormos did a Tuesday morning run-through of their acclaimed "Squeaky Clean" theatrical figure skating routine, it was like hitting a home entertainment system's repeat button.

Just like that, they were once again at Kensington Valley Ice House in Brighton, absolutely shredding the same bit they won with at the 2018 Michigan Showcase in March. Chances are they'll keep on doing just that Thursday through Sunday, Aug. 2-5, during the 2018 National Showcase, at the same venue.

The head-bobbing, head-turning duo nailed it just as well Tuesday as they did months ago — even though Bartholomew and Kormos wore practice garb instead of the bow ties, green stretch pants and sweater vests that judges and audience members saw then.

All weekend, they will be among 500-plus talented performers from the United States and Canada slated to crank it up another notch under the spotlight. It is the only national showcase event sanctioned by U.S. Figure Skating.

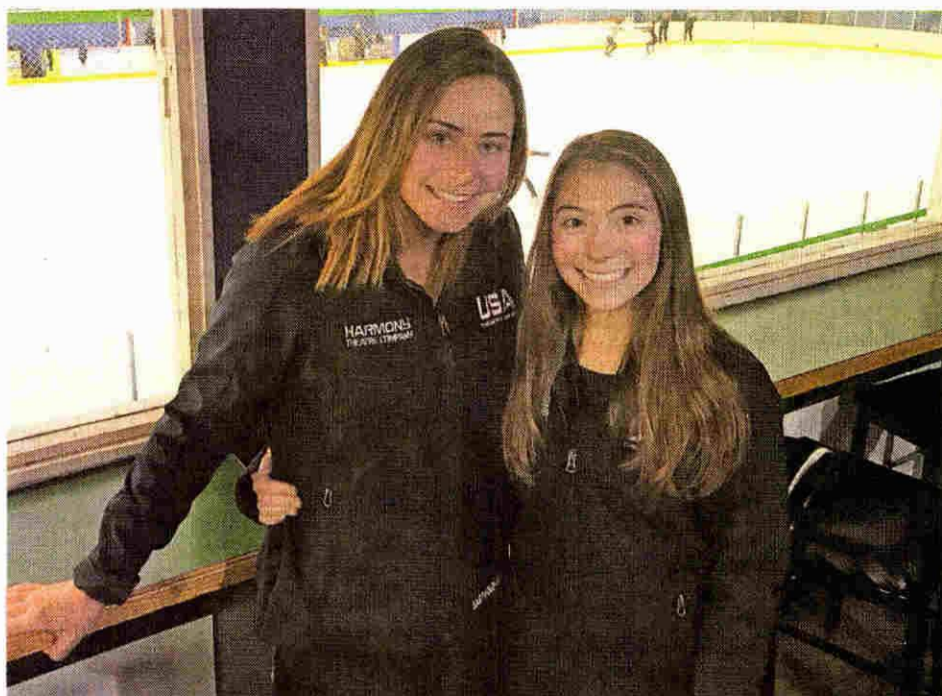
Expressing themselves

"National Showcase is about expressing myself and just being able to be carefree," said the 19-year-old Kormos, an alum of Milford High School. "We just get to be crazy and not have a care in the world."

Takeaways for those who come to the Ice House (10540 Citation Drive) over the weekend (8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday)?

"It's entertainment, it's just a fun competition and you're not ever bored," Kormos said. "There's always something funny going on on the ice."

Concurring was Bartholomew, 20, who graduated from Brighton High School. "We just hope that anyone who



Expected to contend in the senior division at the 2018 National Showcase is the duo of Paige Bartholomew (left) and Alyssa Kormos, both of Milford. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

comes out to watch leaves with a smile on their face and they had fun," she said.

Winners in each event will compete during Sunday's Parade of Champions, when an overall champion is named in four disciplines (Parade of Champions, Junior Parade of Champions, Parade of Duet Champions, Parade of Interpretive Champions).

There are several other figure skaters from surrounding communities who will "lay everything out there" to score points from judges and nods from the stands.

Telling a story

Livonia Churchill's Cathryn McGowan is set to perform in the novice ladies category.

"This is my third year doing showcase," said McGowan, 17. "In the past, I put a lot of pressure on myself to place



McGowan

well. But ultimately, it's not about the placement for me anymore. It's more about, I just want to be able to tell a story, not only to the judges, but to the audience.

"You can definitely tell the difference when it's crowded, packed or kind of sparse. But either way, there's the judges to feed off of."

McGowan, a regular at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia when not working with Ice House Skating Academy choreographer Pircyn Hunt, said she will reprise two performances she excelled in during the Michigan Showcase.

"I have a light entertainment, which is more like lighthearted skating, and it's set to 'Red Shoes Blues' from 'Wizard of Oz,' the London production," McGowan said. "And I'm skating to Josh Groban's 'Over the Rainbow.'"

"I just got my 'Over the Rainbow' program, I finished it with (Hunt) two weeks ago. I love them both equally. I like being emotional when I skate, so I'm very excited for 'Over the Rainbow.'"

Best of both worlds

All three young women said they equally enjoy the two-in-one composition of "showcase" performances. There is a physical, athletic aspect of theatrical figure skating and an artistic side — the latter including everything one would find watching a stage musical.

"At the beginning, I was focusing more on the jumps and spins of it, which I still focus on now," Bartholomew said. "But I realize how important acting is, too."

"So I've been able to learn how to live in the moment of what I'm doing and not worry about the harder things of my program and be able to soak in the easy moments and the acting moments more."

According to Kormos, "It's so different from what people see on the TV for the Olympics and things like that. They watch them, they're, like, 'Oh, wow, just a bunch of jumps and spins.' And then you watch showcase ... this is a whole different side of skating."

Spectators at the National Showcase

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Skating

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will immediately know they aren't watching a traditional figure skating event.

"In regular figure skating, you're seeing the competitors reach for higher and higher technical difficulty," said Heather Blasko, event publicist and a part-time instructor in the Ice House Skating Academy. "They're doing quad jumps. How many quads can you do and, if you can do the most, then your score is going to be the highest and you win, right? But when you also have a creative component to it and you're being marked on that, it's really not the emphasis.

"Here, we take the complete opposite. This is the creative side of it. The creative mark is key. You still have to have a good technical ability and you have to have really solid skating skills, but the emphasis is on how you're interpreting music, how you're playing your role, much more theatrical and creative. A lot of kids enjoy that."

Growing into the sport

That certainly is the case with Bartholomew, Kormos and McGowan, who began developing their skating chops while still attending elementary school.

"I started learn to skate (lessons) when I was 3 and started more serious competitive when I was 5 or 6," Bartholomew said. "It was just fun. I love team aspects, which is why I do theater, too, but being by yourself when you're skating is fun and being able to be with your friends while you're skating is super-fun.

"And I grew the competitive aspect out of the fun start that I had."

Kormos became a serious-minded skater at age 6, with McGowan getting a little bit of a later start.

"Honestly, it might sound kind of cocky, but it came naturally to me," McGowan said. "I'm not the most technically advanced skater, I'm not the best of the pack, but it's just about having that perfect balance of all of them that can make someone, like, pretty great.

"As I've grown into my skating style and the more comfortable I've gotten with the ice, I've been more easily able to combine them."

Skating now is as easy as a stroll in the park, perhaps even easier.

"My dad always says I skate better than I walk," Bartholomew said with a laugh. "Because I trip when I'm walking, but I'm more graceful on the ice."

"Definitely, I am very clumsy off the ice," Kormos added. "I am clumsy on the ice, too, but more graceful and it's more of my first nature than walking is. I'm on the ice more than I'm on my feet in my shoes."

Tuning things out

Once the music starts in the ice rink, however, the young ladies all have the ability to trust themselves — and, in the case of Bartholomew and Kormos, their duet partner — while tuning out any distractions.

Off the ice, they have different personalities — with Bartholomew more outgoing than Kormos. But the moment they step on to the ice, a transformation occurs.

They are performing without a care in the world, not worrying too much about how the panel of judges might be critiquing their efforts.

"I have shy moments," Bartholomew said. "But it's why I like showcase skating, because I get to show that fun side, that outgoing side, more than I can show it off the ice."

Driven by passion

As for McGowan, whether she scores a medal or acclaim from a performance is not as important as knowing in her heart whether she was on the money.

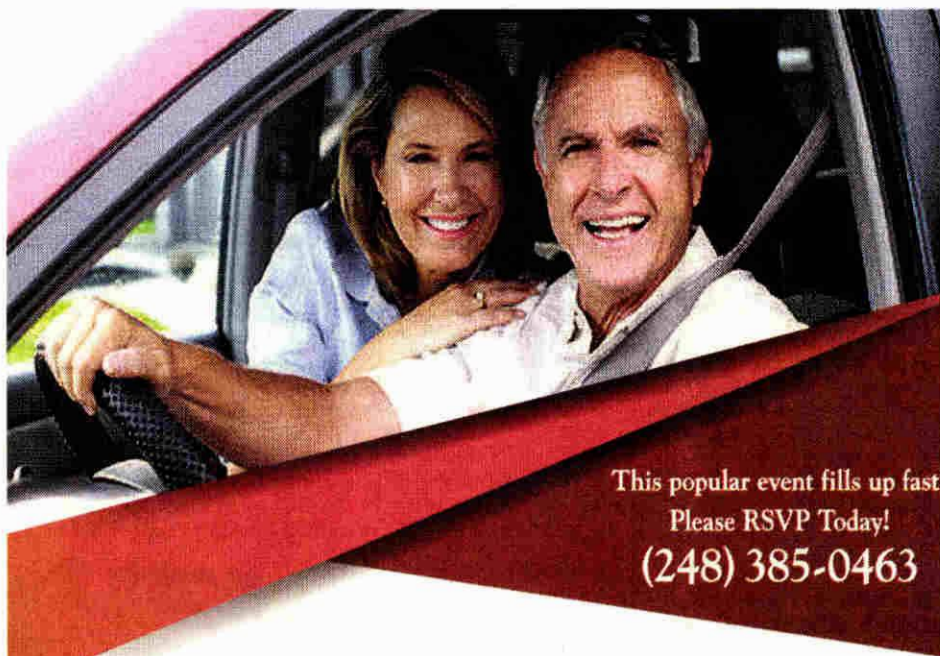
"When I tell people I do showcase and theatrical skating, they kind of turn their head and raise an eyebrow," McGowan said. "It's just very hard to explain unless they see it.

"But when I'm practicing, I listen to my music so many times on repeat, whether I'm on the ice in Livonia or I'm just doing off-ice (routines) in my room, it's just that love (of performing) that always brings me back.

"Why would I care about what other people have to think about it? It's not self-centered, it's more so having your own passion drive you."

Those who make the journey to the Kensington Valley Ice House this weekend will unquestionably see and feel that for themselves.

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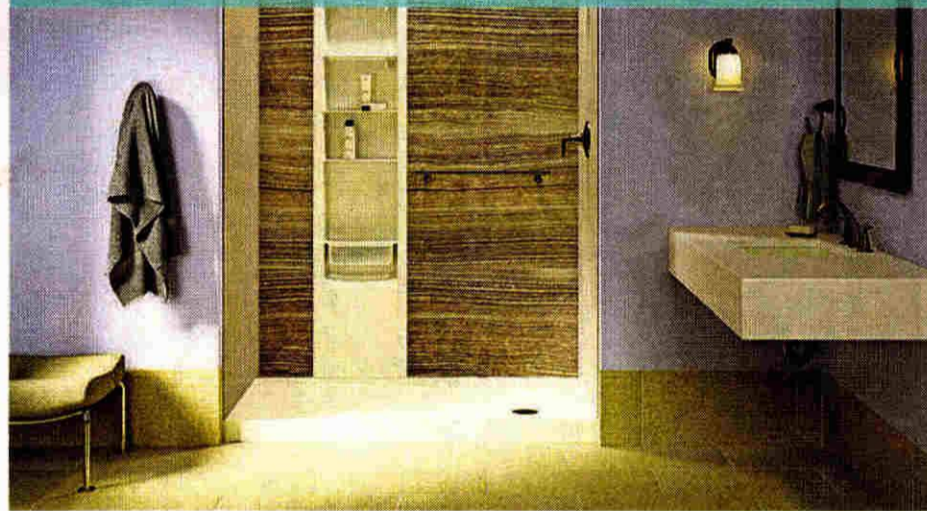
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**CITY OF LIVONIA
PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 21, 2018, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following item:

Petition 2018-07-02-16 submitted by Players Golf & Event Center requesting waiver use approval pursuant to Section 11.03(h) of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to utilize a Class C liquor license (sale of beer, wine and spirits for consumption on the premises) in connection with the operation of an indoor golf facility at 33463 Eight Mile Road, located on the south side of Eight Mile Road between Farmington and Gill Roads in the Northeast ¼ of Section 4.

The above-mentioned petition will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the scheduled public hearing and may be examined during normal working hours, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Ian Wilshaw, Chairman
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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NOTICE TO ALL CITY OF LIVONIA PROPERTY OWNERS

Lynda L. Scheel, City Treasurer, would like to notify all Livonia property owners that the summer tax bills were issued on July 1st and are due and payable without interest until Friday, September 14, 2018. On Saturday, September 15, 2018 and the first of every month thereafter, interest of 1% will be added to any unpaid summer tax bill. Summer tax bills and winter tax bills are payable to the Livonia Treasurer until Thursday, February 28, 2019.

Residents and business owners have until Friday, August 17th to apply to have their summer taxes automatically withdrawn from their bank account.

Tax deferrals: Residents meeting the following qualifications have until Friday, September 14th in which to file the necessary paperwork with the City Treasurer's Office to defer payment of their summer tax bill. Tax deferrals are granted to the principal residence homeowner who is totally and permanently disabled, blind, paraplegic, quadriplegic, eligible serviceperson, eligible veteran, or eligible widow or widower, or 62 years of age or older, or the un-remarried surviving spouse of a person who was 62 years of age or older at the time of death, and whose total household income for 2018 will not exceed \$40,000. The application to defer summer taxes is available at the City's website at: www.ci.livonia.mi.us or at the Treasurer's Office.

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**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 July 23, 2018, the City Council adopted amendments to Section 154.241 (Permitted Uses and Structures in the R-3 District), Section 154.242 (Development Standards in the R-3 District), and Appendix A (Schedule of Regulations) of the Garden City Zoning Ordinance. Major changes include making single-family detached dwellings a Principal Permitted Use in the R-3 and making the maximum height in the R-3 district 3 stories while maintaining the current maximum height of 35 feet.

This amendment to the R-3 District regulations 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.

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**CITY OF GARDEN CITY
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a hearing will be held by the City Council of the City of Garden City at 7:00 p.m., Monday, August 20, 2018 at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135. 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 following proposed amendments to the Garden City Zoning Ordinance: Section 154.602 (Definitions) to address the definition of an "Abandoned Sign" and Section 154.611 (Sign Removal By City Action) to address removal of signs.

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.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the proposed amendments may be examined at City Hall, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan 48135 during regular office hours until the date of the hearing.

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**REVISED
CITY OF LIVONIA
ELECTION NOTICE**

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A

PRIMARY ELECTION

Will be held on Tuesday, August 7, 2018, in the City of Livonia at which time, candidates of the Republican, Democratic, and Libertarian parties for the following offices will be voted upon in the City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan:

- Governor
- United States Representative in Congress
- State Senator
- State Representative
- County Executive
- Sheriff
- County Commissioner
- Delegates to County Convention

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Precinct	Location	Address
1A	Clarenceville JHS	20210 Middlebelt Road
1B	Clarenceville JHS	20210 Middlebelt Road
2A	Clarenceville HS	20155 Middlebelt Road
3A*	Coolidge School	30500 Curtis Avenue
3B*	Coolidge School	30500 Curtis Avenue
4A*	Coolidge School	30500 Curtis Avenue
7A	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh Road
8A	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh Road
8B	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh Road
9A*	Hoover School	15900 Levan Road
10A	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
11A	Coolidge School	30500 Curtis Avenue
12A	Coolidge School	30500 Curtis Avenue
13A	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
14A	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
15A	Buchanan School	16400 Hubbard Road
16A*	Hoover School	15900 Levan Road
16B	Buchanan School	16400 Hubbard Road
17A	Hoover School	15900 Levan Road
17B	Hoover School	15900 Levan Road
18A	Holmes School	16200 Newburgh
19A	Randolph School	14470 Norman Avenue
19B	Randolph School	14470 Norman Avenue
20A	Frost School	14041 Stark Road
21A	Frost School	14041 Stark Road
22A	Kennedy School	14201 Hubbard Road
22B	Kennedy School	14201 Hubbard Road
23A	Roosevelt School	30200 Lyndon Avenue
23B	Roosevelt School	30200 Lyndon Avenue
24A	Roosevelt School	30200 Lyndon Avenue
24B	Riley School	15555 Henry Ruff Road
25A	Emerson School	29100 West Chicago Ave
31A	Rosedale School	36651 Ann Arbor Trail
31B	Rosedale School	36651 Ann Arbor Trail
32A	Rosedale School	36651 Ann Arbor Trail
33A	Rosedale School	36651 Ann Arbor Trail
34A	Grant School	9300 Hubbard Road
34B	Grant School	9300 Hubbard Road
34C	Grant School	9300 Hubbard Road
35A	Emerson School	29100 West Chicago Ave
35B	Emerson School	29100 West Chicago Ave
35C	Emerson School	29100 West Chicago Ave
36A	Emerson School	29100 West Chicago Ave
36B	Cleveland School	28030 Cathedral Avenue

*Denotes temporary polling location for August Primary ONLY

RELATIVE TO THE OPENING AND CLOSING OF POLLS

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How 'returnships' can help older job seekers

BY ERIC TITNER
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Those among us who have been in the workforce for a while have no doubt witnessed a tidal wave of change in the work world. Everything from technological innovation to globalization and how employers and employees approach the very notion of work has undergone seismic shifts in recent years, and it can be a real challenge to keep up.

If you're someone who has taken a career break — for whatever reason — and you're looking to jump back in to employment, the challenge to get up to speed can be even more daunting. On top of this perception gap, your skill set and industry knowledge may need a refresh or revamp.

What is a 'returnship' and who is it for?

Although this may seem like an insurmountable obstacle, jumping back into an industry in order to build a new career is completely doable. Companies are recognizing that a significant and potentially valuable segment of the workforce consists of those who are looking to return to work after an extended absence, and are making a real effort to help these individuals make the transition back.



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As a result, we're seeing a rise in the number of companies that are offering "returnships," which are essentially internships for experienced job hunters who are looking to return to work but need a refresher period to get up to speed regarding changes in their industry and need to build their skills. In many instances, individuals who re-enter the workforce through a

returnship are able to get back on their professional feet, prove themselves and get satisfying full-time positions.

How to find a returnship opportunity

Does this sound like just the sort of opportunity you're looking for? If so, there are a few options for snagging a returnship. Some companies have established structured

returnship programs that you can apply to, and the number of companies that are developing similar initiatives is on the rise. For example, IBM has a formal 12-week re-entry program for experienced technologists as part of its initiative to diversify its workforce and source the best available talent at various levels. You can search directly to determine companies in

your industry who have similar programs; often, companies will provide information about applying for a returnship and open employment positions directly on their websites.

Try creating a targeted list of companies in your field that you'd like to work for, and do some research to determine if they offer returnship or re-entry programs that you might be qualified for. If not, you can always contact their HR departments and suggest that they consider starting such a program. If you can effectively convince them of the potential benefits for doing so, you just may be among their first set of program participants.

Returning to work after an extended absence can be a real challenge in today's rapidly changing, ultracompetitive work environment — but it certainly isn't an impossible mission. If you've been out of the workforce for a while and are eager to get back in, consider a returnship program in your area. It just might be the perfect bridge between your current situation and full-time employment.

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 - 7 Serapes, e.g.
 - 13 Holders of strike signs
 - 20 Film critic Richard
 - 21 Social outcast
 - 22 Be given via will
 - 23 "Get Smart" device for a secret conversation
 - 25 All excited
 - 26 One using a plus sign
 - 27 Rose Bowl sch.
 - 28 Mario Lanza, for one
 - 30 Hands over
 - 32 Classmate
 - 38 People swearing
 - 42 Actress Reid and skater Lipinski
 - 43 Barrett of gossip columns
 - 44 1990s IBM computer
 - 45 Give out, as a task
 - 47 Helps out
 - 50 Withholding corporal
 - 54 Oven output
 - 55 Imitated
 - 56 Top pitcher
 - 57 Mag revenue source
 - 61 Get bloated
 - 65 Leaps over
 - 67 PBS series featuring documentary films
 - 70 — tank
 - 73 Keyboard instruments
 - 74 Avers
 - 78 Gardner of the screen
 - 79 Biblical king before David
 - 81 Join closely
 - 83 Historic time
 - 84 Like some snake-like fish
 - 86 High-definition iPad feature
 - 92 Faux names
 - 93 Puts up, as an edifice
 - 94 Arrive at a choice
 - 95 City near Lake Tahoe
 - 96 Watson's partner
 - 97 Popping-up appliance
 - 98 "Under the Net" novelist
 - 102 Shovel go-withs
 - 104 "Cheerio!"
 - 105 High wind
 - 106 Private stash
 - 111 Provides
 - 115 Punny statement about six key words in this puzzle
 - 119 Soon-to-be bride
 - 120 Salary maker
 - 121 Artemis' twin
 - 122 Stretching muscles
 - 123 With 32-Down, event with a funnel cake stand, often
 - 124 Unit of force
 - 39 Elevated
 - 40 Sports data
 - 41 Knightly title
 - 42 Mao of China
 - 45 Had food
 - 46 One forming something
 - 47 Cleo's cobra
 - 48 Kitchen tools
 - 49 Car types
 - 51 Indian butter
 - 55 Liable
 - 58 Indy area
 - 59 Licorice-like flavorers
 - 60 Music box?
 - 62 Agcy. OK'ing medicines
 - 63 "Dudley Do-Right" damsel Nell
 - 64 Not mailed, say
 - 66 Exercise
 - 68 D.C. figure
 - 69 Alan of film
 - 70 African hunt
 - 71 More sinful
 - 72 Some Italian sandwiches
 - 75 Kindled again
 - 76 Vocation
 - 77 Singer Leo
 - 80 Sub inits.
 - 82 — Cruces
 - 85 Its capital is Vientiane
 - 86 Puts on a new course
 - 87 Actor Close
 - 88 Cal —
 - 89 Big star, say
 - 90 Picture of an ocean view
 - 91 Mac rivals
 - 96 String after B
 - 97 Track beams
 - 99 — Polo
 - 100 Cow's milk source
 - 101 Gets higher
 - 102 Wage recipient
 - 103 At the ready
 - 105 Unit of heredity
 - 107 State boldly
 - 108 Old Briton
 - 109 Hawaii County seat
 - 110 Rival school of Harrow
 - 111 Not fore
 - 112 "Bah!"
 - 113 Groupie, e.g.
 - 114 Come — (shills)
 - 116 Sombrero, for example
 - 117 Be wrong
 - 118 Sci-fi's Solo

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- SHORTSTOP
- SLIDER
- STEALING
- WALK

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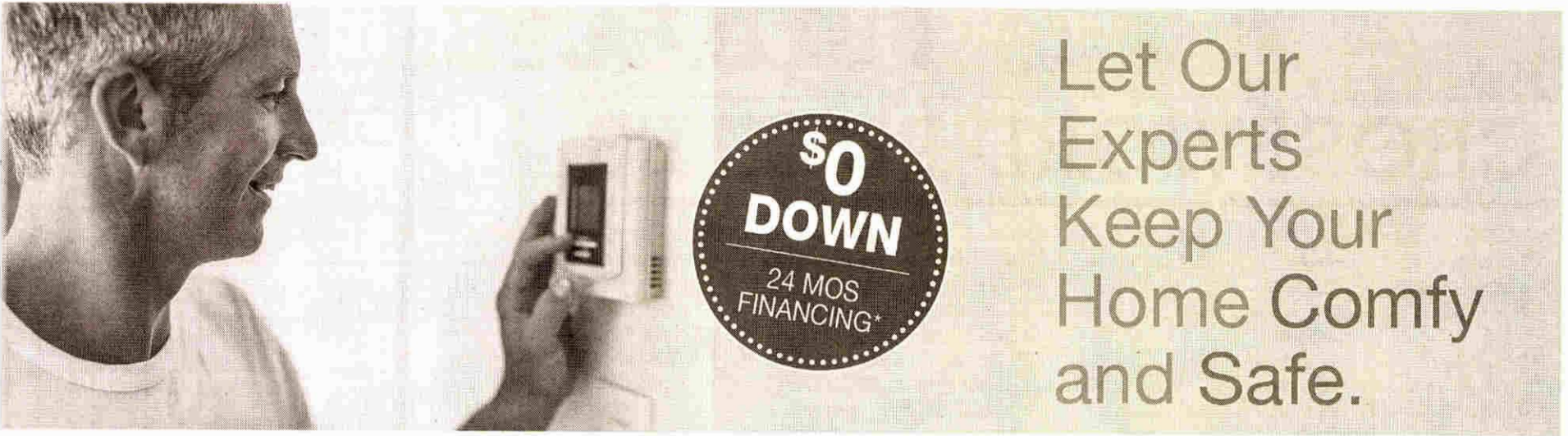
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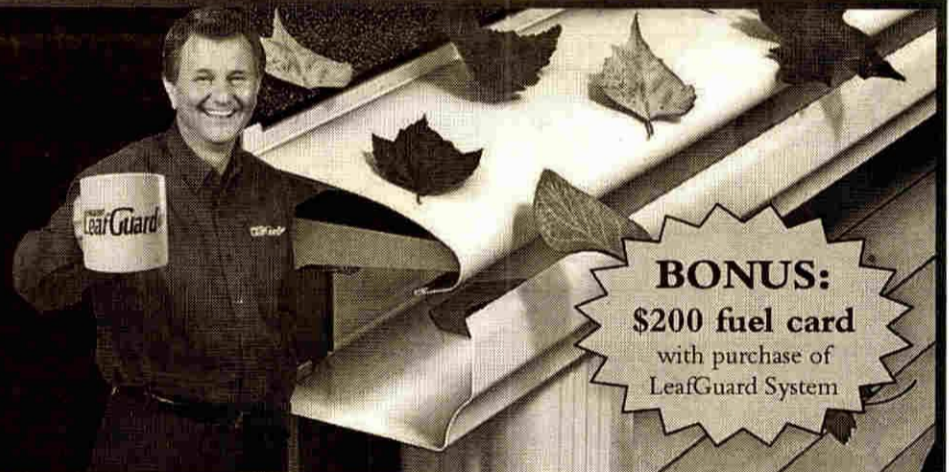
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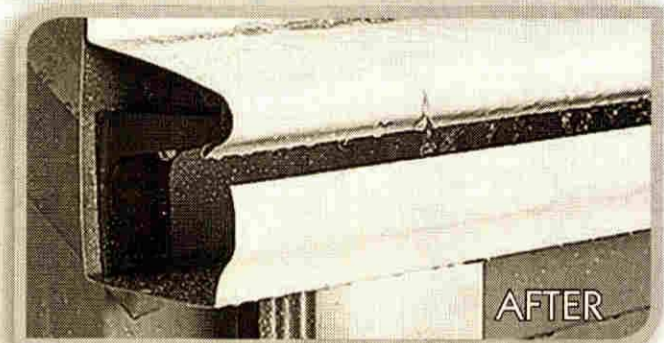
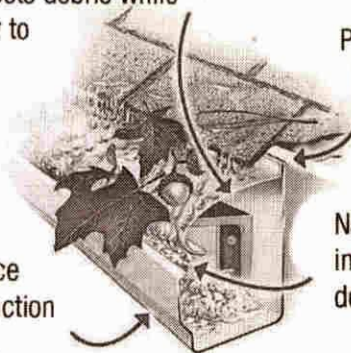
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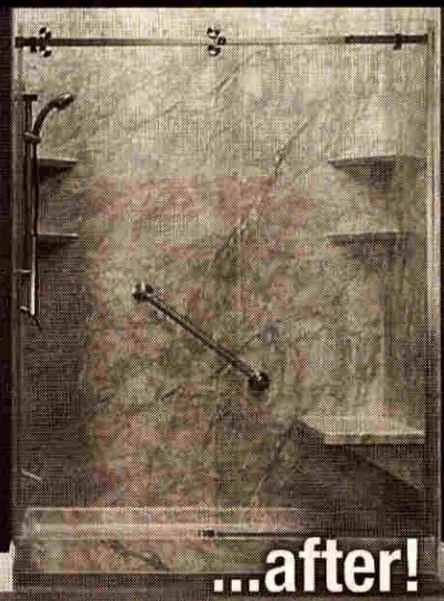
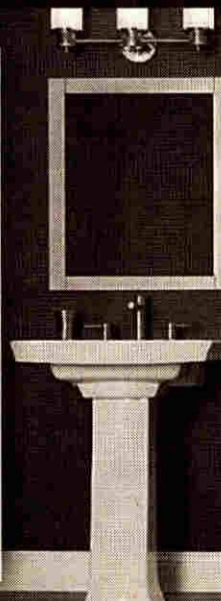
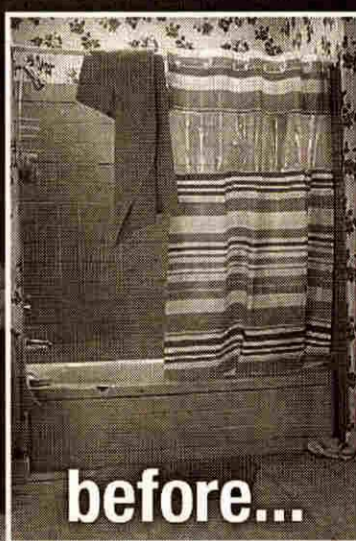
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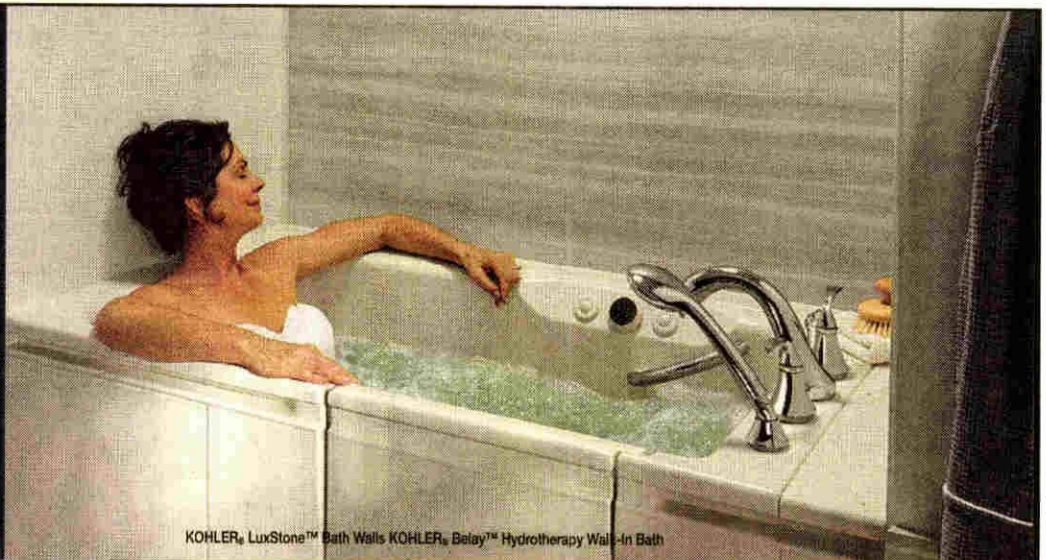
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