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Olga's Kitchen founder dies

Namesake's chain once had more than 50 locations

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Olga Loizon, who opened a small Greek sandwich shop in 1970 that grew to become the popular restaurant chain Olga's Kitchen, known by generations of metro Detroiters, has died at age 92.

The Birmingham resident died Monday at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, a restaurant spokesperson said.

Best known for its unique pita bread sandwiches, spinach pies and curly fries, Olga's Kitchen had more than 50 sit-down restaurants at its peak in the 1980s — many inside shopping malls — with franchise locations as far as New York City, Clearwater, Fla., and Austin, Texas.

Loizon, a Detroit native, started the business in Birmingham and, after selling her ownership stake in the mid-1970s, continued to have a role in the growing enterprise and made regular appearances at Olga's Kitchen restaurants well into her twilight years, greeting customers and taste-testing dishes in her namesake kitchens.

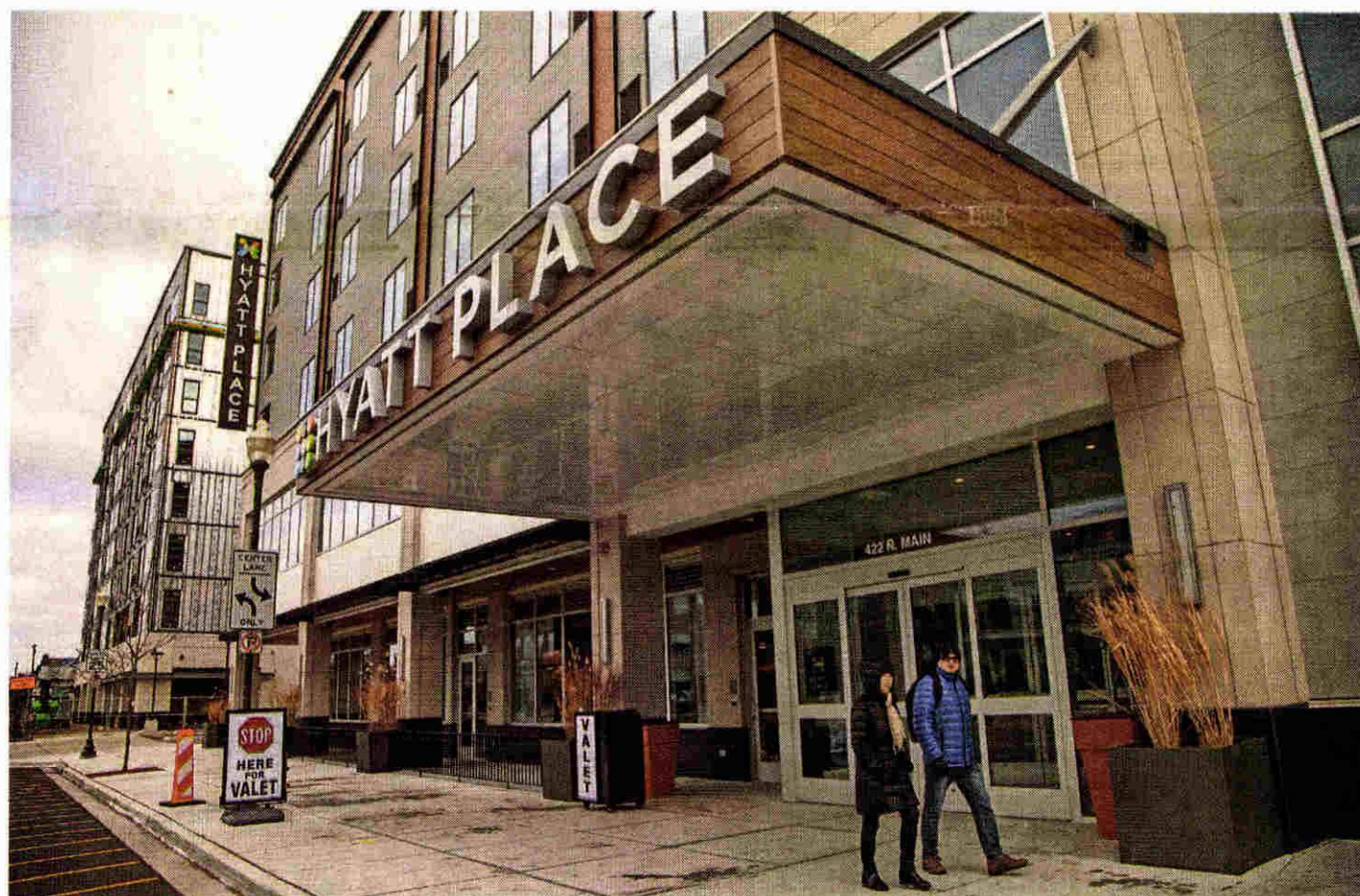
In time, Olga's Kitchen achieved a level of affinity comparable to other beloved metro Detroit brands such as Vernors, Faygo, Sanders and Better Made.

Yet the restaurant chain never really caught on out of state. The company downsized in the 1990s and refocused on its home market in Michigan. It faced new struggles in the 2000s as its once-

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Olga Loizon seasons a chicken shawarma as she tests the dish with Olga's Kitchen president Jonathan Fox in 2013. REGINA H. BOONE/DETROIT FREE PRESS



The new Hyatt Place hotel on Main Street in Royal Oak opened in November 2018. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

ROOMS ON THE RISE

Hotels are suddenly hot in southeast Oakland County

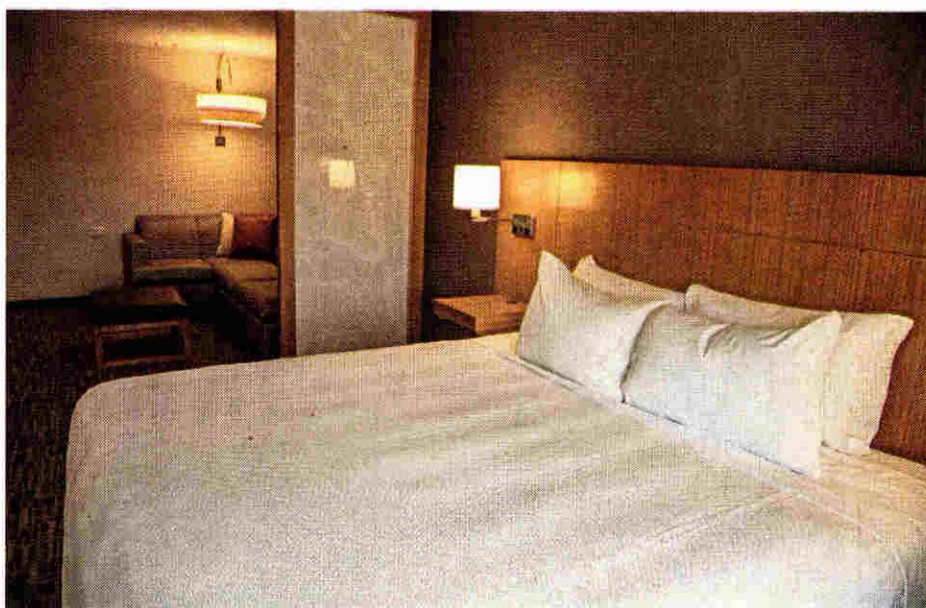
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When most developers open a hotel, they call big corporations, event planners and tour groups to drum up business. In the case of the Hyatt Place Royal Oak, people started calling before it even opened in November to find out when they could book rooms.

That is how Namou Hotel Group, which manages the Hyatt Place and opened eight new hotels in Michigan last year, knew its latest development on Main Street would be a success.

"The demand is there," said Chris Ab-

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A standard king room in the new Hyatt Place hotel. The hotel opened on Main Street in Royal Oak in November 2018. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

Author interviews famous 'Tombstone' actors

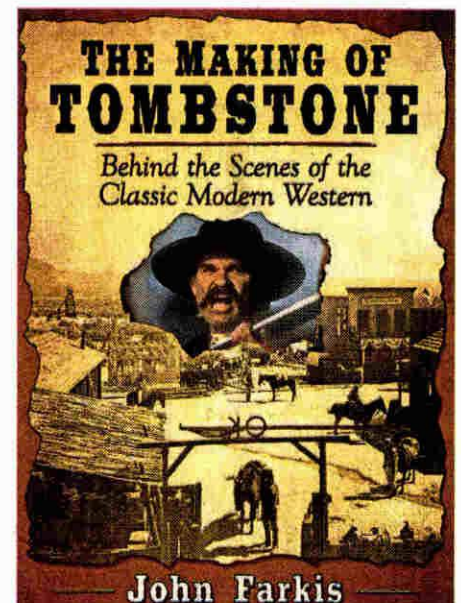
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Delving deeply into his research into the 1993 modern classic Western film "Tombstone" gave Livingston County author John Farkis opportunities to interview famous actors, as well as crew members, stuntmen and locals who remember when the films were shot.

Val Kilmer, Billy Zane, Stephen Lang, Frank Stallone, Joanna Pacula and Peter Sherayko were among actors who starred in the film and who spoke with Farkis for his new book.

Farkis also was able to chat with Catherine Hardwicke, a production designer on the film who went on to di-

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Green Oak Township author John Farkis wrote a new book "The Making of Tombstone: Behind the Scenes of the Classic Modern Western." MCFARLAND & COMPANY, INC. PUBLISHERS

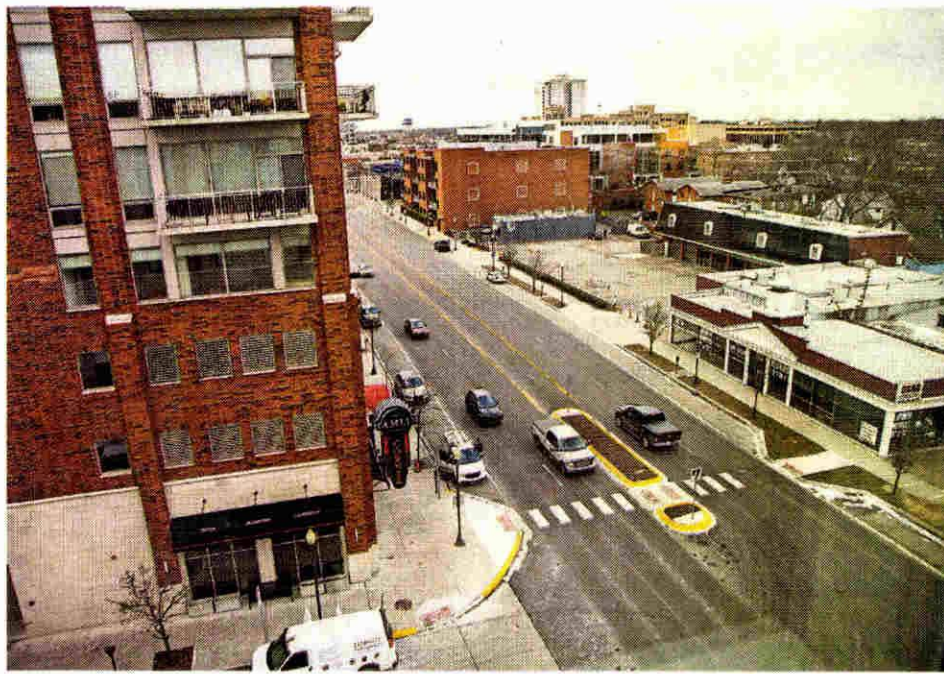
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bo, Namou's vice president of construction and operations. "Take the Christmas week, for example. The volume at the Royal Oak Hyatt was the best out of all the properties we have. Normally, we see a slowdown at the holidays. People wanted to be there."

Hotels are suddenly hot in southeast Oakland County, which is seeing a mini boom along Woodward Avenue, with new properties and impressive renovations that are upping the number of rooms available at a key time in the region's development.

In addition to the six-story, 123-room Hyatt Place, new hotels are planned for downtown Birmingham and at the Woodward Corners development at 13 Mile and Woodward in Royal Oak. The DoubleTree Hilton at Long Lake and Woodward in Bloomfield Hills just reopened after a complete overhaul and the Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham has completed \$15 million in renovations in recent years.



The corner suite room, with a great view of Main Street, is the most requested in the new Hyatt Place. MANDI WRIGHT/DETROIT FREE PRESS

This growth comes when Detroit has seen the opening of the Shinola Hotel, the Element at the Metropolitan and others. As a result, occupancy rates downtown have reached an average of 70 percent as the city attracts more events and meetings, according to the Detroit Metro Convention & Visitors Bureau.

The number of rooms available across Oakland County, including the southeast region, has increased about 11 percent over the last five years, from 13,500 rooms to about 15,000, said Michael O'Callaghan, COO of the convention and visitors bureau.

"Southeast Michigan and the city of Detroit have become more attractive destinations for meeting planners, conventions, leisure visitors as well as friends and family visiting," he said. "The changes here are because of Detroit's renaissance and the Pure Michigan campaign, which have caught people's attention."

Having more hotels opening in Detroit is helpful because it brings more events and conventions to the city as well as the suburbs, O'Callaghan said. If there is an overflow from Detroit, those attendees always end up in cities such as Troy, Birmingham and Royal Oak, he noted. Everyone benefits from having a new property open or a well-done renovation to an existing hotel.

Occupancy rates for the region are at about 70 percent, a big improvement over the 48 percent seen after the economic downturn in 2008 — and a sign of a healthier market and greater demand, O'Callaghan said.

Demand in Royal Oak

In Royal Oak, residents and businesses were asking for more hotels, particularly downtown, said Todd Fenton, the city's economic development manager. Law firms and other companies wanted a place for clients to stay when they were in town, and residents wanted a local spot to host family as well as a new place to entertain people.

Fenton also is excited by the re-imagining in recent years of the former motor lodge on 11 Mile, east of Main, that became a boutique property known as Hotel Royal Oak. That new site combined with the Hyatt Place and a potential hotel at 13 Mile and Woodward bodes well for the future, which he said hopefully also includes great retail, residential and transit options for area residents.

"That's how we keep this economic engine churning," Fenton said. "We're trying to balance a lot of interests which can be competing at times. But, ultimately, people love this community because of its diversity and we want to continue that. It makes for a great com-

munity."

Downtown Royal Oak's nearby highways, restaurants and shops, as well as mix of need from residents and corporations, made it a good spot for a hotel. The Hyatt Place Royal Oak filled "a hole in the doughnut" in the Woodward Avenue strip, Abbo and others agree.

Luxe rooms in Birmingham

A few miles north along Woodward, the luxury Townsend Hotel in downtown Birmingham has seen the hotel boom trend and expects it to continue, managing director Steven Kalczynski said.

It faces new competition from the luxury Daxton Boutique Hotel on Old Woodward, an estimated \$55 million project with a five-story, mixed-use building that combines a 143-room hotel with a restaurant, ballroom, commercial space and residential rental units. The project broke ground in October.

"We welcome competition," Kalczynski said. That means adding amenities at the Townsend that continue to attract a luxury customer, such as Bose radios, Nespresso coffee machines, white-noise machines and 49-inch televisions in all guest rooms. Its three Presidential Suites have high-end Hastens hand-crafted, all-natural fiber mattresses as well as Frette linens with 300-thread counts.

The Townsend has invested more than \$15 million in décor, room updates and additions since Kalczynski joined the staff nearly seven years ago. The 150-room hotel known for its celebrity clientele and home to athletes visiting metro Detroit has a luxurious environment. It has been recognized by AAA Four-Diamond for more than 30 years and Forbes Travel Guide rated as a Four Star Hotel. The Rugby Grille restaurant inside the hotel is also a Wine Spectator two-glass award winner and Forbes rated.

"In order for Detroit to be able to attract some of the large conferences, it is important for these hotel developments to continue to occur," Kalczynski said. "We benefit as well. But we know that hotels have to evolve every year, so we're always taking a step back and looking at our product to see what needs 'rejuvenation' and is new and exciting in the market and what we need to do to stay competitive."

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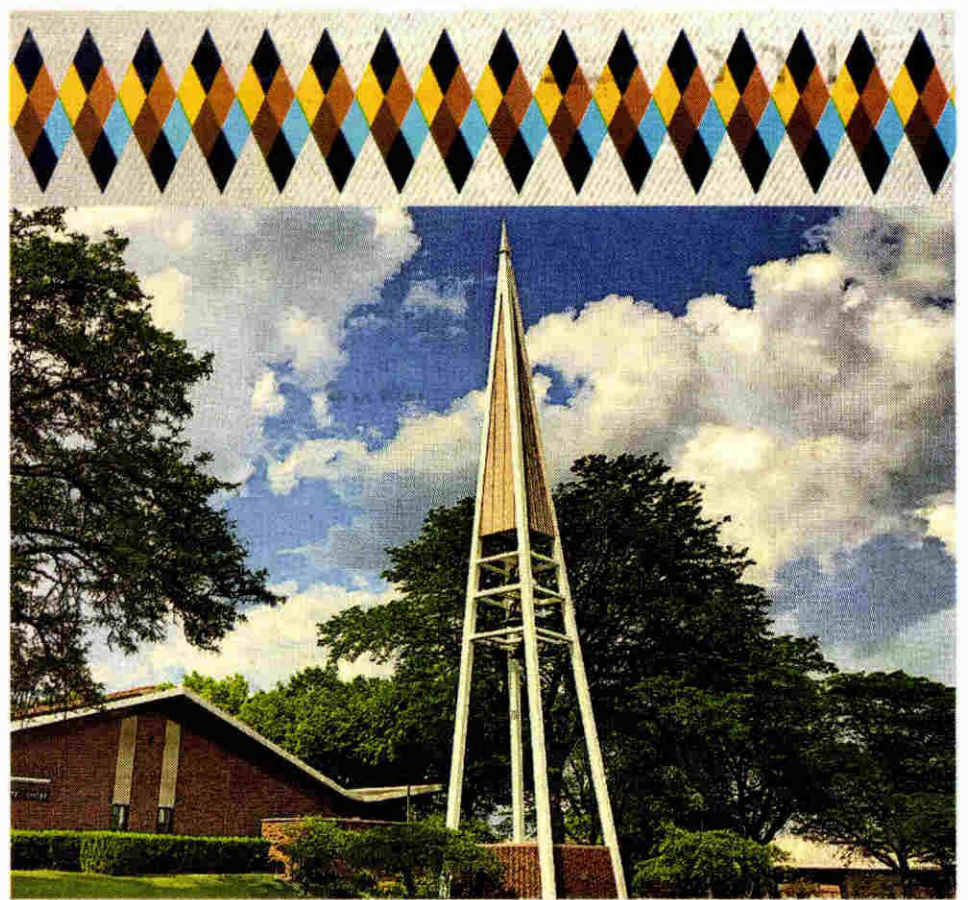
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Manslaughter charges dismissed in jail death

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Manslaughter charges filed against three Westland public safety officials in the case of a man who died in police custody have been dismissed.

Judge Mark Plawecki of the 20th District Court in Dearborn Heights dismissed the manslaughter charges filed against former Westland police Sgt. Ronald Buckley and paramedics Leah Maynard and Matt Dicosola, according to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office.

Those charges were filed last fall by the prosecutor's office in connection with the death of William Marshall, who was in custody at the Westland Police Department when he died after ingesting a large amount of cocaine back on Dec. 10, 2017. Prosecutors filed the charges after saying not enough was done to try to save Marshall's life.

A statement made by the prosecutor's office said the judge felt there was not enough evidence for the manslaughter charges to move forward to trial.

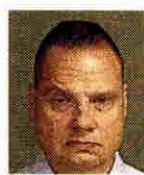
"The judge ruled that the prosecution had not presented sufficient evidence to show that the defen-



Defendants (from left) Leah Maynard and Matt Dicosola, both paramedics, and former police Sgt. Ronald Buckley (not pictured) at their Jan. 18 preliminary exam in Dearborn Heights. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

dants' actions were the cause of Mr. Marshall's death," the prosecutor's office said.

Closing arguments for the preliminary examination were held Jan. 18 in the Dearborn Heights courtroom,



Buckley

where the case was moved to. Plawecki said he would issue an opinion at a later date after hearing the arguments Jan. 18.

Despite the manslaughter charges being thrown out, the three still face criminal charges related to the incident.

The three were bound over on misconduct in office charges by Plawecki,

which carry a maximum of five years in prison. If the three had been convicted on the manslaughter charge, they would have faced up to 15 years in prison.

The prosecutor's office said it would determine whether an appeal on the manslaughter charges would be filed or not.

The three defendants are expected to be arraigned on the misconduct in office charges Jan. 29 in Wayne County Circuit Court. They remain free on bond.

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Westland man charged with murder takes deal

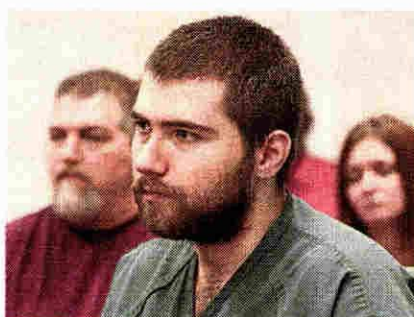
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A Westland man accused of killing his mother and setting off a search for him across two communities has taken a plea deal.

Justin Paul, 23, agreed to a plea deal Jan. 15 before Wayne County Circuit Judge Ulysses Boykin that saw him plead guilty to second-degree murder. In exchange for the plea, the first-degree murder charge Paul originally faced was dropped.

Paul was charged at the end of 2017 with murder after police say he killed his mother, Jeannette Paul, at their home in the 6100 block of Walton in Westland. A neighbor testified during Justin Paul's preliminary examination back in May that she received a terrifying voicemail from his mother and she went to check what was going on. It was there the neighbor found Jeannette Paul laying on the ground with several injuries. A medical examiner's report indicated her death was caused by several stabbing wounds.

Justin Paul then left the house and was spotted by a Livonia police officer near Franklin High School on Joy Road. An officer approached him and a struggle ensued, which resulted in Justin Paul getting shot by the



Justin Paul has taken a plea deal and will serve 18-60 years behind bars in the death of his mother, Jeannette Paul. FILE PHOTO

police officer. He sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to a local hospital after being arrested. He's remained locked up in the Wayne County Jail without bond since.

Justin Paul's prison term will span between 18-60 years per the terms of the plea deal agreement, said Maria Miller, spokeswoman for the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office. He's expected to be sentenced Jan. 29 before Boykin in the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit.

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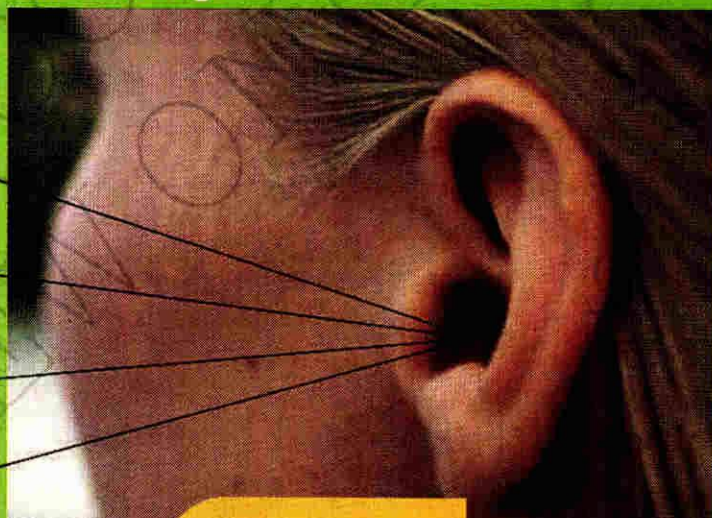
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Some sound advice for federal government workers



Money Matters
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The other day, I was grocery shopping at Meijer, when I was approached by a woman with some questions. I thought I would share our conversation with you.

The woman explained to me that she was a government employee on furlough and that, because of the partial government shutdown, she was getting to be in a very desperate situation with regard to how to pay her bills. Her main concerns dealt with the mortgage, charge card and car payment. She told me she tried to get a cash advance from her charge card, but was denied. She explained that she virtually has no savings and has been living paycheck to paycheck. She wanted to know what she should be doing.

The first thing I told her is she should

be contacting her creditors, such as banks, credit card companies and auto lenders, to discuss the situation with them. Many lenders have programs for affected government employees. Some of these programs allow you to skip a payment or have late fees waived. Particularly for those affected by the partial government shutdown, contacting and working with your lenders is the first option.

I recognize that a lot of people will just stop making payments and wait for the lender to contact them. This is not the best course of action. Lenders will always be more willing to deal with you when you are proactive and contact them.

I also recommended she contact utility companies and her wireless carrier. Many of these companies have rolled out programs in light of the government shutdown. Unfortunately, these companies do not promote and advertise these programs; you have to be proactive. Not only for government employees who are

After we discussed a number of other issues, I explained to the woman that one way to prevent this from happening in the future is to establish an emergency fund. For as long as I've been in the investment world, I have stressed the importance of having an emergency fund.

having financial difficulty, but anyone with financial difficulties should be proactive and contact their utilities and wireless carrier to see if they qualify for any of their programs.

I also told her she needs to tighten her belt. She needs to go through her expenses and look at which ones are not essential that she could do away with. It is amazing how you can cut back on expenses when you truly have to.

After we discussed a number of other

issues, I explained to the woman that one way to prevent this from happening in the future is to establish an emergency fund. For as long as I've been in the investment world, I have stressed the importance of having an emergency fund. My general advice is you need to keep three to six months of living expenses liquid. This money should be kept in the bank and be readily available

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busy mall locations lost foot traffic amid the retail industry's upheavals.

Olga's Kitchen was bought out of Chapter 11 bankruptcy in late 2015 by TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants and regained its financial footing. Today, there are 26 locations, all but one in Michigan.

"She really was a pioneer of her age," said Loredana Gianino, marketing manager for Olga's Kitchen and TEAM Schostak. "She went through so many obstacles and did things that were completely bucking the trend of what a woman of that time should be doing."

Greek inspiration

Loizon's inspiration came during a 1960s trip to Greece, the birthplace of her parents, where she so enjoyed the Greek souvlaki sandwiches that she paid \$300 for a vertical broiler that she had shipped to Michigan.

She then spent several years experimenting in her Birmingham home with recipes for what became Olga's Kitchen pita bread.

It was in her Birmingham home that Loizon created the original Olga's sandwich of seasoned lamb and beef, smothered with tangy "Olgasauce," topped with tomatoes and sweet onions and wrapped in a signature pita-like bread.

She opened her first sandwich shop, originally called Olga's Souvlaki, in a small 11- by 10-foot space inside what was then the Continental Market in Birmingham.

"The place was so small we couldn't even make the bread there," Loizon said in 1984. "I had to make it at home and drive it in. I can say that now, but it was all a bit secret then."

Loizon recalled in an interview with Crain's Detroit how she was the first woman to obtain a business loan from her local bank, Detroit Bank & Trust, which she used to open that shop.

Word spread about Loizon's unique sandwiches and Olga's shop developed a cult following, attracting lines of customers.

In 1975, Loizon sold the Olga's concept to a group of private investors. The business was rebranded as Olga's Kitchen and began expanding across the



Olga Loizon (center) was the founder of the restaurant chain Olga's. Here she poses with (from left) culinary specialists William Claybrooks, Davon Weatherholt, Tyler Canyock and Matthew Maule. REGINA H. BOONE/DETROIT FREE PRESS



Olga Loizon, formerly of Greece, lived in Bloomfield Hills. She and her son Bill opened a stand in the Continental Market in Birmingham and later founded the chain Olga's Kitchen, which features Greek fare. HUGH GRANNUM/DETROIT FREE PRESS

state, to Fairlane mall, Lakeside mall and, later, Ann Arbor and Lansing.

"The Olgas are without a doubt the most exciting idea in eating the sand-

wich," read one 1970s advertisement

Loizon kept an active presence in her restaurants, approving menu items and visiting various Olga's Kitchens several

times a week. She made regular appearances as late as last year.

"She would walk in and say hello to everybody and ask, 'How was your meal? How did you like my Olga bread?'" Gianino said. "She wanted to make sure that everyone was enjoying everything."

The investor-owners set a national vision for Olga's and tried to expand well beyond Michigan. A two-story Olga's Kitchen opened in Manhattan in 1986, with visions at the time for as many as 40 more Olga's in the New York area. But the brand never resonated in outside markets to the degree it had in Michigan.

In 2015, after several years of losses under then-owner Robert Solomon of Palm Springs, Calif., Olga's Kitchen declared bankruptcy.

The business was later purchased by Livonia-based TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants, which returned the chain to profitability by closing money-losing mall locations, opening new locations and bringing back classic recipes for popular Olga's dishes.

"Olga Loizon was a Detroit original whose trademark was to leave everything she touched wrapped in love — from creating her Original Olga and meeting with our loyal guests to caring for her family and supporting her community," Mark Schostak, executive chairman of TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants, said in a statement.

Born in Detroit

Loizon was born Olga Patrick in Detroit and brought up in Hazel Park. In 1947, she married John Loizon, who survives her.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two siblings, Alexandra Zoyes and Costa Patrick.

She is also survived by three children, Emily Kontos, Bill Loizon and Ernest Loizon, and two grandchildren.

TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants has launched the Olga Loizon Memorial Foundation, which is aimed at providing financial assistance to Michigan's aspiring female entrepreneurs.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Olga Loizon Memorial Foundation and sent to TEAM Schostak Family Restaurants headquarters at 17800 Laurel Park Drive North, Ste. 200C, Livonia, MI 48152.

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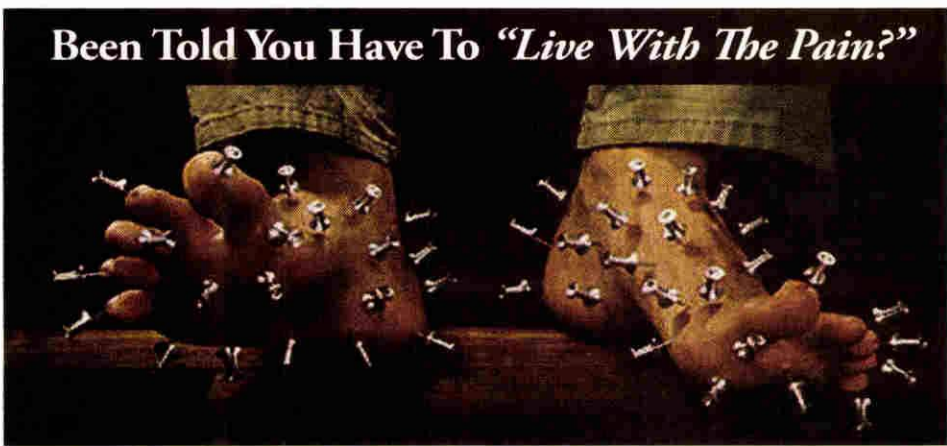
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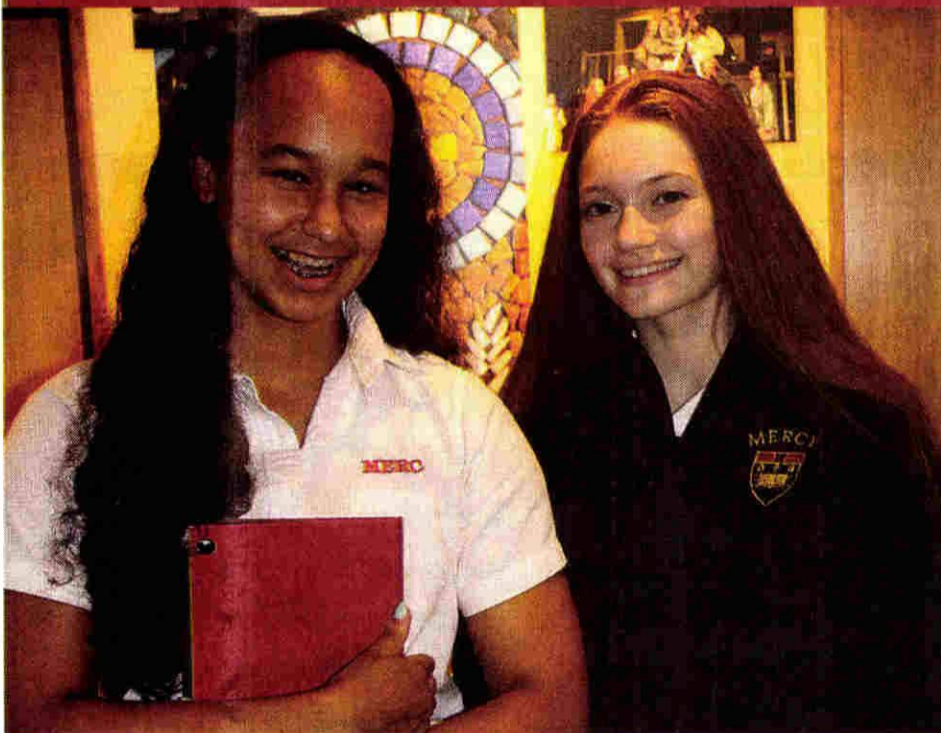
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Reservations for park pavilions open Feb. 5

Picnic pavilion reservations for the 2019 season will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis for Livonia residents beginning at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. Open dates will be available to both residents and non-residents beginning Feb. 6 at the Kirksey Recreation Center and online at www.livoniaparks.org Payment in full is due at the time of reservation. The Kirksey Recreation Center opens at 5 a.m.

In 2018, approximately 265 pavilion

reservations were made at six park locations providing a total of 10 pavilions, with an estimated attendance of more than 19,000. Livonia boasts pavilions for groups ranging in size from 20-150. It is recommended that reservations be obtained for groups of 20 or more at least a week in advance.

Applications, guidelines and online reservations for picnic permits may be obtained at the Kirksey Recreation Center or at www.livoniaparks.org For more information, call 734-466-2900.

Westland votes to give federal workers a break

The Westland City Council passed a resolution Jan. 23 to wave any penalties accrued due to late payments of city water bills by unpaid federal workers.

As the longest government shutdown in American history drags on, 420,000 government employees have gone without pay for more than a month.

The city council passed a resolution in order to provide relief to federal workers who reside in the city of Westland. Residents affected by the shutdown can contact the city's Finance Department to receive a waiver upon verification of residency and proof of federal employ-

ment.

"As a compassionate city, we understand that many federal employees are in dire financial situations as the federal government regards them as political pawns," Mayor William Wild said. "Federal employees residing in the city of Westland may have a difficult time paying their city water bills on time and we want to make sure that it's one less thing for them to worry about during this difficult time."

For more information, contact Aubrey Berman, administrative secretary, at 734-467-3200.

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in times of need.

For those government employees who have an emergency fund, the government shutdown is a hassle, but it is not going to cause them financial difficulties because they have the emergency fund to tap into. We all know how life is and we all know it takes strange turns. Having an emergency fund is not an investment that is going to pay high returns, but it could substantially improve the quality of your life in times of need. For those who have an emergency fund, they are able to reduce the pressure on themselves and will not have to make short-term decisions that can cause them long-term substantial harm. My advice for everyone is to establish an emergency fund.

One last note; At the end of the conversation, the woman mentioned to me that she could borrow money from her

parents, but she was a little embarrassed to ask. I told her she should not be embarrassed and that many people run into financial difficulties during their life and that you should never be embarrassed to seek help from family and friends. After all, isn't that what family and friends are for - to help in difficult situations?

My only advice is, if she asked her parents for a loan, put the terms of the deal in writing so there's no confusion. Whenever family members borrow from other family members, I strongly recommend that it be put in writing. Not because the parties don't trust each other, but you put it in writing so there's no confusion and everyone understands the transaction.

Good luck!

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rect 2008 vampire romance "Twilight."

Farkis's book, "The Making of Tombstone: Behind the Scenes of the Classic Modern Western," was released last month by McFarland & Company, Inc. Publishers.

"The book tells the story of the making of the movie from the perspective of people involved in making the movie and it also covers the history, how the city of Tombstone was created, Wyatt Earp and the gunfight at the O.K. Corral and the creation of the film itself," Farkis, a 69-year old Green Oak Township resident, said.

His research included interviewing more than 140 people who worked on the film. He also collected and studied all sorts of photographs and documents such as internal communications, call sheets and daily film reels.

One of his favorite finds: He obtained 11 drafts, or different versions, of the script.

"A lot of people don't know there were two directors," Farkis said. "The original screen-writer Kevin Jarre had written 'Glory' (1989) and because of his success with the screenplay and was hired to direct 'Tombstone,' which is why a lot of the actors got on board, but he had trouble translating it into a film."

Farkis obtained four versions of the script Jarre penned before getting fired as the film's director. George Cosmatos took over directing the film and actor Kurt Russell was also deeply involved in the film's creation.

"Reading the scripts were interesting, because you could see how the script evolved," he said.

He said he would have loved to interview more stars who appeared in "Tombstone," but it wasn't in the cards.

Russell and Sam Elliott were too hard to reach, he said.

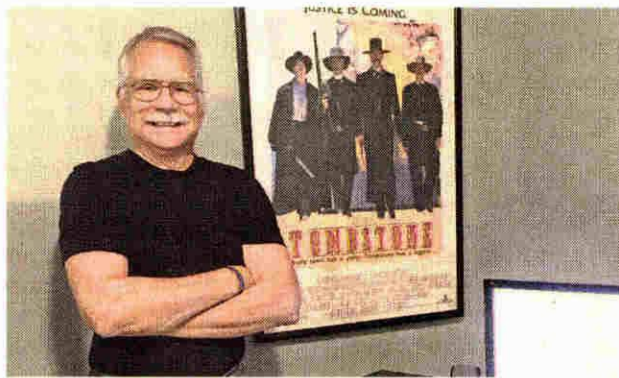
"I had interviews set up with Bill Paxton and Powers Boothe, but unfortunately they both passed away before I could speak with them," he said.

Farkis traveled to Tucson and Mescal, Ariz., where scenes were filmed to hunt down more stories.

"A lot of people working behind the scenes stayed in a Holiday Inn in Tucson, which is still a hotel, and I went to the address ... some of the maintenance crew worked at the Holiday Inn and gave me a lot of stories about what happened around the pool," he said. "I tracked down the manager and her husband was an extra in one of the bar scenes. She found reels of film stored away in the hotel that were dailies filmed by the first director who was fired and they aren't in the film."

He said extras were given maps to filming locations. He followed one of the maps to see locations for himself.

Farkis has also written two books on the making of 1960 John Wayne film "The Alamo," and donated many photographs, props, posters and other materials to the John Wayne Birthplace & Museum in Winterset, Iowa.



Author John Farkis stands near his writing desk in his Green Oak Township home. His new book "The Making of Tombstone: Behind the Scenes of the Classic Modern Western" is about how the film was made and the history of the notorious town.

SUBMITTED BY JOHN FARKIS

One aspect of the film that Farkis found interesting: while the film is relatively historically accurate, it was also representative of the time period in which it was made.

"It's 1881 Tombstone, but it was also made in 1993 Hollywood," Farkis said. "You could see topics being incorporated into the script that made the characters more modern than typical characters in Westerns made in, say, the 1940s."

Wyatt Earp's love interest Josephine Marcus, who actress Dana Delany portrayed in the film, "was a very modern woman and very aggressive in both her sexual appearance and activities and she was a stage entertainer at the time," he said. "Typically, you don't see that type of female characters in films in the 1940s and 1950s, and drinking and drug use are prevalent in the film and you didn't see that in old Westerns."

Beth Cox, a marketing representative for McFarland & Company, Inc. Publishers, thinks the book will appeal "to movie lovers of all stripes, but particularly fans of the Western, which is again making a comeback," she said. "Movie buffs will appreciate the comprehensive behind-the-scenes coverage of 'Tombstone.' John's access to rare photos and personal commentary from the cast and crew attest to his ability to really deliver the often elusive behind-the-scenes perspective to movie fans."

Where to buy the book

The book, which was released by McFarland & Company, Inc. Publishers last month, is available for purchase online through the publisher's website, mcfarlandbooks.com/product/the-making-of-tombstone, Barnes & Noble, Amazon and other websites.

Personalized autographed copies can be ordered directly from Farkis by emailing him at jkfarkis@earthlink.net.

Farkis said the book should be for sale at brick-and-mortar locations in the near future. He is also planning a book tour.



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Inspire Theatre auditions

Inspire Theatre will be holding auditions for its upcoming production of "Leading Ladies" 6:30-9:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, and Wednesday, Jan. 30, at Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road. There will be (adult) roles for five males and three females of varying ages.

Arrive before 6:30 p.m. to fill out paperwork. Plan on staying entire time. Wear comfortable clothing. Cold readings. For more information, go to inspiretheatre.com.

W-W Distinguished Young Woman

The next program orientation for the Wayne-Westland Distinguished Woman program is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at 37955 Glenwood in Wayne. Any high school junior girl, who attends a high school in Wayne or Westland, may register at any time. Go to www.distinguishedyw.org and click on "Apply Now."

The Wayne-Westland Distinguished Young Woman Program will take place Friday, March 8.

AAUW presents 'Snow White'

The Plymouth-Canton American Association of University Women will present its annual children's play, "Snow White," Thursday through Saturday, Jan. 31 through Feb. 2, at Garden City High School, 6500 Middlebelt Road. Profits will provide college scholarships for women in local communities.

Tickets can be purchased online (\$6) or at the door (\$7). More information or to purchase tickets, go to PlymouthCanton-mi-aauw.net. or call 734-716-1833.

Faith Community Wesleyan fundraiser

Faith Community Wesleyan Church, 14560 Merriman Road, in Livonia will host a fundraiser at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, to raise money to purchase a new chairlift for the church. The event will

feature Magnabilities Jewelry for sale or can be ordered.

Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Melissa at 734-765-1827.

Railroadania train show

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers Club is sponsoring a buy-and-swap Railroadania train show from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at the church social hall, 32500 Palmer Road, in Westland. There will be approximately 100 dealer tables available. The cost is \$10 for an eight-foot table.

Dealer set-up is 9 a.m. the day of the show and complimentary coffee and doughnuts will be available to the dealers until 10:30 a.m. Food also will be available. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4 per family. Parking is free.

For more information or table reservations, call Bob at 734-728-1247.

'Comedy Tonight' at Inspire Theatre

Inspire Theatre of Westland will kick off the new year with "A Comedy Tonight," an original comedy about a reboot of a 1980s musical-comedy-variety show.

The play runs through Feb. 3. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased at inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com or by calling the box office at 734-751-7057. Inspire Theatre is located in the Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road.

Widowed Friends

Widowed persons of all ages and faiths can attend a bereavement support series to help deal with the emotions and other issues often experienced following the loss of a spouse, scheduled for 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3 through March 10, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Road, in Livonia. For more information or to register, call 734-591-7879.

Parent Night at Wayne HS

Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth Street, will be hosting an eight-grade parent night for those transitioning to ninth grade or interested in getting more information for the 2019-20 school year at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5. Students do not have to be currently at-

tending a Wayne-Westland Community Schools district school to attend.

Topics covered will include scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extracurricular activities and more. Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For more information, call the counseling department at 734-419-2215.

Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will hold its next monthly meeting Tuesday, Feb. 5, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. A meet and greet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., with the meeting at 7 p.m.

Guest speaker will be Lisa Eldred Steinkopf, known as The Houseplant Guru, who features all things houseplants on her blog, thehouseplantguru.com. She has recently had a book published: "Houseplants, The Complete Guide to Choosing, Growing, and Caring for Indoor Plants."

St. Mary addiction series

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia is offering an ongoing series titled Addiction: What you need to know and what you can do. Classes are scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. the first three Tuesdays of each month, September through May, in Classroom 11 on the fourth floor. Feb. 5, 12 and 19 are the next series dates.

No registration necessary. For more information, contact Karen Bonanno at kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org or 734-338-9580.

Compass Alliance luncheon

Detroit Tigers chaplain Jeff Totten will share his spiritual journey during the Compass Christian Business Alliance luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 7, at St. Mary's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road, in Livonia. Totten plans to speak about "Building a Team to Accomplish a Goal."

The luncheon is open to the public and the cost is \$20. Tickets are available at michigancompass.org/westernwayne.

Friends used book sale

The Friends of the Westland Public Library will conduct a used book sale Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 7-10, 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).

Veterans dedication

Independence Village of Plymouth, 14707 Northville Road, will host a veterans dedication to recognize and honor all the veterans that live in the community at 1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 8. The event will include a performance by the color guard, guest speeches by the mayor and Independence Village's veterans honor project coordinator, singing of "Amazing Grace," spoken dedication and more.

There will be many appetizers and refreshments at this event as well. Seating is limited, so call to RSVP before Feb. 4. For more information or to reserve a spot, call 734-453-2600 today.

K. of C. euchre tourney

The Monaghan Knights of Columbus post, 19801 Farmington Road, in Livonia will host its annual Donnegal euchre tournament Saturday, Feb. 9. Registration is at 6 p.m. and play begins at 7 p.m.

Cost is \$20 per player at the door and includes euchre, pizza, pop, cash bar, 50/50 raffle and cash prizes. All proceeds go to fund the Living Your Faith scholarship. For more information, call 313-244-5338.

Graduate school open house

Adults considering earning an advanced degree are invited to Madonna University's graduate school open house, set for 5-7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11. No appointment is necessary. Professors from Madonna's 30-plus graduate programs will be on-hand to talk with prospective students about online offerings, degree requirements, program details and financial aid opportunities.

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The interment will take place in Comfort Texas when the Bluebonnets are in full bloom.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Shirley can be made to the Parkinson's Foundation.

John J. Nagy

HARSENS ISLAND - John J. Nagy, 80, of Harsens Island, MI and formerly of Livonia, MI died January 20, 2019. Dear father of Marlana K. (William) Witt and Regina E. (Daniel) Steinert. Beloved grandfather of Caroline Witt, Gibson Steinert and Camden Steinert. Dear brother of Agnes Kleinschmidt and Anita Nagy.

Funeral mass at 11 a.m., Saturday, March 23, 2019 at Our Lady on the River Parish St. Mark Catholic Church, Harsens Island, MI. Burial at 10 a.m., Monday, March 25, 2019 at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, MI.

Arrangements by the Gilbert Funeral Home, Algonac, MI. www.gilbertfuneralhomeinc.com

John Richard Boswell

BLOOMFIELD - Found eternal peace on December 16, 2018 in Daytona Beach, FL. Born May 23, 1953 in New Orleans, LA to the late Ruth and Robert Boswell. John moved to Bloomfield Township in his early childhood and spent most of his life in the area. A former salesman, he will be remembered for his gregarious personality and ability to make people laugh. He is survived by his children: Scott (Lindsey), Ellen, and Sarah Boswell, and three grandchildren: Lorelai, Annabel and Charles. Memorial Services will be held February 9, 2019 at 11:00 am at Kirk in the Hills, Bloomfield Hills, MI.




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It's going to be a high school boys hockey extravaganza like no other.

For the 19th year, the Michigan Inter-scholastic Hockey League Prep Showcase, partnering with the city of Trenton and the Trenton Public Schools district, has scheduled a total of 42 high school games featuring teams from Michigan, Wisconsin and Ohio during three-day period from Thursday, Jan. 31, through Saturday, Feb. 2, at the Kennedy Recreation Center.

"The main goal of the MIHL is to promote quality high school hockey, strong competition and sportsmanship," MIHL president and Bloomfield Hills Cran-

brook coach Andy Weidenbach said. "The Showcase complements that mission. The first 18 Showcases were tremendous successes and we are very optimistic about this year's event. High school hockey in Michigan has experienced tremendous growth; accordingly, the Showcase has expanded from 12 to 42 teams so that we can continue our mission of providing exposure of the best in high school hockey."

A majority of the top 10 teams, according to the Michigan High School Hockey Coaches Association rankings, will be participating, including six from Division 1, seven from Division 2 and nine from Division 3.

Defending state champions Brighton

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Cranbrook's Connor McGrath (left) maneuvers past Plymouth's Adam Rebecca during the MIHL-KLAA Challenge Showcase. Both schools will participate in the upcoming MIHL Showcase. MICHAEL VASILNEK

BOXING



Celebrating a surprise 80th birthday, boxing trainer Paul Soucy (middle) reunites with his former fighters from the Livonia Boxing Club. SCOTT SOUCY

80 YEARS YOUNG

Dynamic Boxing Club trainer Soucy still going strong

Brad Emons
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To say Dynamic Boxing Club is Paul Soucy's home away from home would be a gross understatement.

So when the trainer, coach and director got a call Jan. 19 that there was an emergency at the Westland gym, he headed right over with his wife Rita.

Little did the 80-year-old know that, when he turned on the lights, a surprise birthday celebration was awaiting him.

"It was great, a lot of fun and saw a lot of old faces, people I've known over the years that I haven't seen," said Soucy, who has been in the fight game for more than 50 years. "It was great and we should do it at least once a month. You

see a lot of familiar faces that you haven't seen in a while. It was interesting."

The Livonian arrives daily at the Dynamic Boxing Club around 3 p.m. each weekday until close. He's also there each Saturday as well to lend his expertise.

"It keeps me young," Soucy said. "I work with amateur and professionals. I work mitts with them, everything it takes a fighter to get to the top, and I'm there."

Club's origin

Dynamic Boxing Club owner Chuck Phillips, whose landscaping company is

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Dynamic Boxing Club owner Chuck Phillips (left) and trainer Paul Soucy have a long history. SCOTT SOUCY

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Kennedy spurs Mustangs to convincing win over Marlins

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Although she's only a sophomore, they might have to start calling her "Ms. Efficient."

Birmingham Marian's Shannon Kennedy made it look easy Jan. 18, scoring a game-high 23 points on 10-of-15 shooting as the Mustangs roared out of the gate in the first quarter and never looked back in a 60-41 victory at home over rival Farmington Hills.

With the win, Marian improved to 9-0 overall and 4-0 in the Catholic League Central Division.

Kennedy got some much-deserved applause when Marian coach Mary Cicerone took her out of the game with just three minutes to go.

"She played very well and Shannon has played well in big games already," Cicerone said. "She played really well against Grosse Pointe North, which is a good team. She played really well at (Warren) Cousino. She played really well here against (Macomb) Dakota. She reads the game well. She knows when to cut, when to go and when to pull out. She's got a lot of good basketball instincts that a lot of girls don't have, decision-making with the ball."

The 5-foot-10 Kennedy scored 11 first-quarter points as the Mustangs jumped out to a commanding 23-5 advantage.

"We're always working on defense — everything — defense generates offense, so that was our main focus tonight," Kennedy said. "I was very happy this game, yes. I'm just kind of like using the screens, get open, quicker release."

Mercy (7-2, 3-1) had no answers for Kennedy or the Mustangs as they missed their first six shots, committed five turnovers and made only 2-of-21 shots from the field in the opening

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FIGURE SKATING

How Canada stole Michigan's top competitors

Jeff Seidel
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Michigan was once the ice dance capital of the country.

A long list of U.S. champions and Olympic medalists were made in Michigan — cranked out like they were coming off an assembly line on ice.

Teams that trained in Michigan won the national title in ice dancing for 14 straight years (2004-17), usually beating out other teams from Michigan. It was common for Michigan teams to dominate the top three, if not top four, places at national competitions.

But over the last few years, several elite teams have left Michigan and are now training in Montreal, the new hot spot for ice dancers.

It's like the Motor City has a new export to Canada — elite ice dancing teams.

Now here comes the twist — or twizzle, if you will: those teams are coming home this week.

Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue, who now train in Canada, will return to Detroit to defend their national title in ice dance at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships at Little Caesars Arena.

"We are really excited to perform in Detroit," Hubbell said in a teleconference. "I'll have a lot of family at the arena. It's going to feel really wonderful to defend our title with so much support in the crowd."

Hubbell, who was born in Lansing, and Donohue trained at the Detroit Skating Club until moving to Montreal in 2015 to train under Marie-France Dubreuil and Patrice Lauzon — the hottest coaches in the world. Several former Michigan ice dance teams have bolted to Canada to work under Dubreuil and Lauzon, like free agent football players wanting to play for the new, highly successful team.

Since making the move, the results have been remarkable for Hubbell and Donohue.

After winning the 2018 national title, Hubbell and Donohue took fourth place at the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea, and then earned the silver medal at the World Championships.

They are undefeated this season and are favored to win their second national title after winning the 2018 Grand Prix Final.

"I don't know if momentum is the right word," Donohue said. "It's nice to look back and see your hard work bear fruit. Honestly, it kind of motivates us more."

Others to watch

Hubbell and Donohue don't have to look very far to watch their competition. They see them every day at practice.

Madison Chock and Evan Bates trained at the Novi Ice Arena until moving to Montreal last spring. They now work alongside Hubbell and Donohue.

"Maddie and Evan are looking incredible," Donohue said.

They are friendly, close rivals.



Ice dancers Madison Hubbell and Zachary Donohue of the U.S., during training for the Pyeongchang 2018 Olympic Winter Games at Gangneung Ice Arena. ROBERT DEUTSCH | USA TODAY SPORTS

It's nothing new to see ice dance competitors practicing together at the same rink, at the same time. There is a long history of it — but that history used to be in Detroit.

"We do have a past, especially Evan and I having grown up together in this sport," Hubbell said. "We know, deep down, we are friends. Their goal is our goal. ... We seem to be at a peaceful point in our careers. We have really enjoyed having them around. They are very fun to train with. They are a lighthearted and charismatic couple."

Chock and Bates, who won the 2014 national title, finished in ninth place at the 2018 Games, in part, because Chock had a foot injury.

But they took 10 months off from competition after Chock had surgery on her foot.

"I can tell you, it felt like a very long 10 months," Chock said. "I needed to put my health first and make that a priority. I was just kind of holding on last season and pushing through, because the Olympics was the most important thing."

Chock and Bates are still adjusting to new coaches and a new city. They are learning new techniques and say they feel invigorated. Chock had trained in Michigan for 13 years, while Bates had trained here his entire life.

"We needed, I think, a change, just to feel reinvigorated for the next four-year cycle," Bates said. "Obviously, there is something special going on in the camp in Montreal. You see the success they've had, especially at the Olympics."

At the 2018 Winter Olympics, Canada's Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir won the gold medal in ice dance, while France's Gabriella Papadakis and Guillaume Cizeron earned the silver — both teams trained in Montreal.

When Virtue and Moir decided to step away from skating, it opened up a spot for Chock and Bates to move to Montreal.

Now, here comes the irony: Virtue and Moir used to train in Canton, before they bolted for Montreal.

"We knew if we could move there, that would be the place that would spark our passion again and give us the daily competition we have been craving," Bates said. "That's what has been beneficial on the ice."

A third team in Montreal

Kaitlin Hawayek and Jean-Luc Baker are another team with a strong chance at a medal.

They used to train at Detroit Skating Club, but moved to Montreal in the spring.

"We are both really excited to head back to Detroit," Hawayek said. "It was our home for almost eight years."

Hawayek and Baker took fourth at the 2018 U.S. Championships and feel as if they have improved in Montreal.

"I definitely feel we have (changed)," Baker said. "I don't necessarily think we have changed so much, as we have a deeper level of understanding on who we are and why we skate. Our coaching team is very strict. The want us to know

why we are doing what we are doing. Having a championship mentality."

What about the Shib sibs?

Olympic ice dance bronze medalists Maia Shibutani and Alex Shibutani are sitting out the 2018-19 figure skating season.

But they stopped short of calling it a retirement. They could return after taking the year off. Still, they seem to be everywhere.

They were at the Golden Globes and Maia had her picture taken with Olympic greats Nadia Comaneci, Bart Conner and Carl Lewis.

"NO BIG Deal," she wrote sarcastically on Twitter.

Miller time

Hannah Miller, a junior at Michigan State, will be competing in the ladies event.

Over the last few years, she has battled a sports hernia and an ankle injury.

"She's excited to be in Detroit," said Kirsten Miller-Zisholz, Hannah's aunt and longtime coach. "She's excited to be a hometown girl."

A top 10 performance is within reach — maybe even a top five.

"Anyone who is there is capable of top five," Miller said. "I believe there are 20 girls and they are outstanding competitors. I've competed against most for my life and I'm also good friends with a lot of them."

Mustangs

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quarter. The Marlins also missed their first six free throws of the game.

Mercy coach Gary Morris burned a pair of early timeouts to try to settle his team down.

"Like I said to the kids at the half and even during the timeout, I said, 'We're playing 150 miles an hour out there. You can't do that and you've got to slow it down,'" Morris said. "We were playing right into their hands. We were taking shots off-balance, awkward shots, and that's why we were missing a lot of shots. Sometimes we couldn't hit free throws, anything."

Marian, meanwhile, came out, red-hot making 10-of-18 first-quarter shots.

"We came out and we looked good," Cicerone said. "We got after it, finished well, defended well."

Marian also dominated on the defensive end by blocking nine Mercy shots on the night.

"They blocked a lot of shots and we kind of figured that," Morris said. "That happens to us and, unfortunately, we're not that tall. But we need to be smarter in those situations, not just trying to shoot through somebody."

Kennedy, who nailed one triple, made all three of her shot attempts during the final quarter as the Mustangs hit 7-of-8 as a team.



Marian's Shannon Kennedy, introduced before the game, was all smiles as she scored a game-high 23 points during a 60-41 win over Mercy. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"She just understands how to get to a spot to get a shot," Cicerone said. "She needs a left hand, but she's working on it. I wouldn't say she's the greatest passer or the greatest ball-handler, but she knows where to get to spots. She takes herself there or she cuts without the ball. That's what she's doing very well."

Marian senior forward Megan Kraus added 12 points, while senior guard Olivia Moore and junior guard Faith Mancini chipped in eight and seven, respectively.

"They're a tough team to guard," Morris said. "They have a lot of weapons and you know they're always going to de-

pend. So you put it all together and play like we did the first quarter, you dig yourself a hole — 18 points."

But despite the victory, there's always room for improvement in Cicerone's estimation. She is ever the perfectionist and, on the downside, the Mustangs committed 16 turnovers.

"We've got these little peaks and valleys," she said. "They don't have much of a killer instinct kind of thing. They do well, they get up OK. I like that I have a very good bench. I feel very comfortable putting them in. My first group is a little better, but I'm very happy with my second group that I can rotate people and



Mercy's Jill Smith (left) puts up a shot against Marian's Anna Herberholz during the Jan. 19 game. JOHN HEIDER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

we don't lose too much. I think we have a lot of talent. Sometimes, they make a lot of ding-dong mistakes that they shouldn't at times and my seniors, too, which just boggles my mind. Bad passes, missed shots, turnovers like that ... that's part of the game. But not boxing out on free throws, get a layup off a free throw ... I mean, the little things like that shouldn't happen."

Sophomore forward Ellie Tisko scored a team-high eight to lead Mercy. Sophomore guard Julia Bishop added seven, while senior guard Annie Treharne and sophomore guard Lindsay Lukomski contributed six apiece.

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Soucy

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located next door to the Westland gym on West Warren Road (between Middlebelt and Inkster), met Soucy when he was 15.

"It was the second gym that I ever went to," Phillips said. "At that time, it was the Livonia Boxing Club, so that was my introduction and, since then, (I've) followed him around until I was probably 25. I think he had four gyms after that at four different locations."

Phillips opened Dynamic in 2005 and it remains at staple in the neighborhood.

"Thirteen years ago, Paul was walking his dog in the neighborhood," Phillips said. "I bumped into him. I hadn't seen him in many years and, at that time, I had just acquired a building next to my landscaping company and right then we just started talking and had the idea to get a gym going and that's how Dynamic started 13 years ago and we've been going at it ever since."

The two have remained close and Phillips gives Soucy plenty of rope to run the gym the way he sees fit.

"What keeps it going is Paul Soucy," Phillips said. "That's what keeps it going. He's just an extremely genuine man and I like to call him the real deal. I know that was Evander Holyfield's fight name, but he's the real deal. His heart toward the craft and his heart toward helping others is just phenomenal. He's in there every day it's open. That's what really makes him unique, is his drive and his spirit."

Early years

Soucy grew up in New Hampshire and started his boxing career in 1957, when he was 19, in the Golden Gloves.

When he ran the Livonia Boxing Club back in the 1980s, Soucy coached several promising amateur and pro fighters, but he is best remembered for training one of boxing's greatest trivia questions.

It was there when Soucy coached an amateur heavyweight named Craig Payne, who defeated a then 16-year-old Mike Tyson for the National Golden Gloves title, along with Cuban legend and three-time Olympic gold medalist Teófilo Stevenson and 1984 Olympic Gold medalist Tyrell Biggs, whom Payne lost to on a controversial judges' decision to go to the L.A. Games during the finals of the U.S. Trials. (Payne died in May 2017.)

Fast forward to 2019 and Soucy is in another corner, along with fellow trainers Chad Jacquillard and Tony Colino, for the O'Quinn brothers — Ja'Rico, who sports a 10-0-1 record, and Robert, who is 3-0.

The 23-year-old Ja'Rico, a junior welterweight (118 pounds), will be facing Alex Rangel (17-8-4) of Sonora, Mexico, as part of a card Friday, Feb. 8, at the Motor City Casino.

Robert, 24, a junior welterweight (140 pounds), returns to the ring Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Dearborn Heights Performing Arts Center, where he faces Charles Johnson of St. Louis, Mo.

Additional work

When they're not sparring at Dynamic, the brothers can also be found twice a week at Pryde Athletics in Canton, where they do their strength and conditioning training under Colino, who is experienced with pro and amateur fighters alike.

Soucy discovered the O'Quinn brothers when they were 13- and 14-year-olds playing basketball at the O'Shea Recreation Center in Detroit, where Soucy and a few of the Dynamic coaches put on an exhibition.

"Paul actually boxed with my brother ... that's how I got started," Ja'Rico O'Quinn said. "I said I can fight and get paid for it. I was getting in trouble because I was fighting a lot in the streets, getting in fights at school, running around in gangs and stuff. That saved me. I figured that I could fight and not get in trouble, literally. When I stepped in the gym, it was, like, love at first sight. I fell in love with it and I haven't turned back since."

O'Quinn said Soucy has always been in his corner inside and outside the ring every step of the way.

"He saw the potential and took me places that I thought I'd never go," O'Quinn said. "I didn't have the money to go. My parents didn't have the money to take me and he looked out for us and we brought back championships. That's a blessing right there. I can't thank him enough."

Masters champion

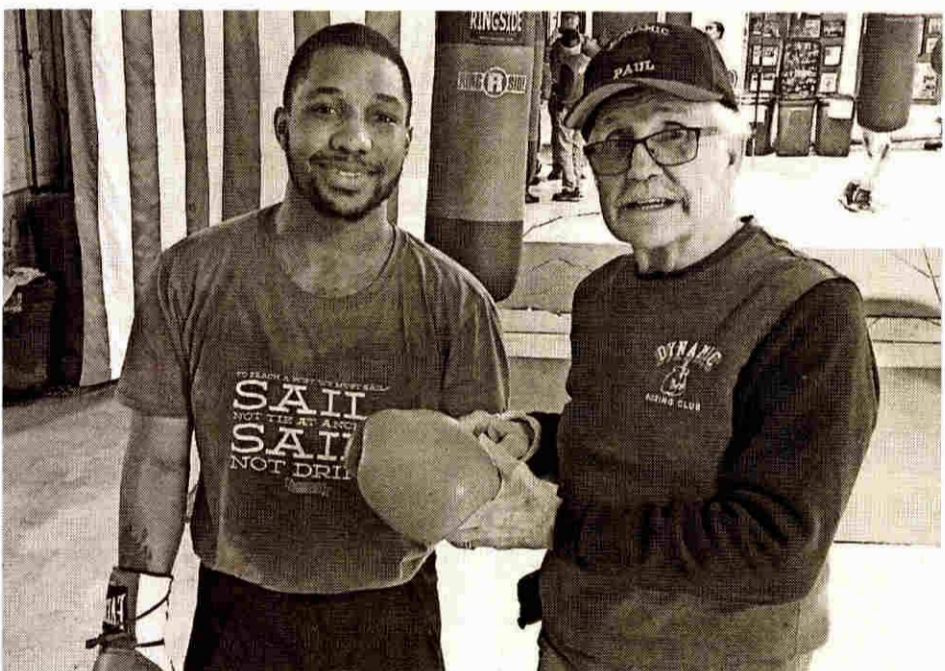
When he was 73, Soucy became a four-time Ringside World Champion in 2012, when he captured the 165-pound age division by defeating Bill Cruze, also



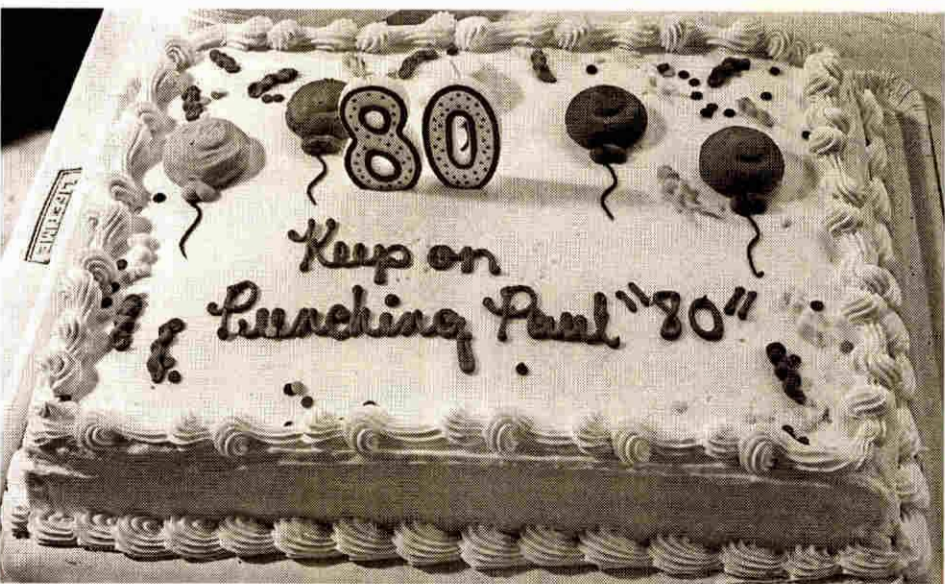
Dynamic Boxing Club trainer Paul Soucy (middle) will be in the corner for O'Quinn brothers Robert (left) and Ja'Rico for their upcoming cards. SCOTT SOUCY



Dynamic Boxing Club trainer Chad Jacquillard (right) works the mitts with 15-year-old Alejandro Mijes. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Dynamic Boxing Club trainer Paul Soucy laces up the gloves for 2016 Detroit Golden Gloves champ Robert Rivers during a recent training session. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Dynamic Boxing Club trainer Paul Soucy, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, still packs a punch. SCOTT SOUCY

73, in the third round. It was his fourth Ringside title after winning previously in 2005, 2006 and 2008.

It was an incredible feat considering

he had undergone quintuple bypass surgery, while also having metal plates in his ankle and neck.

Some may consider Soucy, who is

also a diabetic, the proverbial "Cat with Nine Lives."

"I haven't fought in a while, but I intend to one more time," Soucy said. "They have this big tournament for the masters division and, as far as I know, I'm one of the oldest guys who have ever fought in the masters division, but I want to make sure my record is not threatened, so if I go at 80, I don't think there's too many people fighting at that age."

Family ties

Soucy and his wife Rita raised five children, four sons and a daughter. They have nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

"The only one that doesn't think I shouldn't be doing this anymore is my wife (Rita) and I got to be careful what I say after 58 years of married life," Soucy said with a laugh. "I turned 80 a couple days ago and I'm still doing things the average person can't do. And if I ask my fighters to do something, it's going to be something I can do, too. I'm not going to ask them something that I can't do, so it keeps me shape."

Ja'Rico O'Quinn calls Soucy "a special guy."

"He's been here 10 years since I've been here and even longer than that and he still doesn't act like he's 80 years old," the Detroit pro said. "He's got heart monitors on his chest and stuff like that and he still wants in the ring because he's a true champion and that's what a true champion is."

Ring knowledge

Jacquillard, a Toledo native who works construction by day and trains fighters at night, just marvels at Soucy's staying power as a boxing trainer and coach.

"Paul is just a great guy. He's been around the boxing game for 50 years, he's well-respected in the sport," Jacquillard said. "He has a lot of knowledge. He's 80 years old now and he doesn't move around like he used to, but his knowledge doesn't fade. He's always there and that's what make him so great, all the experience he's had with boxing."

Soucy is not ready to pull out his AARP card anytime soon.

"He's not slowing down," Jacquillard said. "Sometimes, I wish he would. He's stubborn and you can't tell him what to do. He works the mitts with guys. He hasn't been in the ring sparring for a while, but he said he's itching to get back in there, but we'll see."

Being at Dynamic, his home away from home, six days a week keeps Soucy young at heart.

"(Phillips) is a sweetheart, I just love him," Soucy said. "He lets me run the gym the way I want to run the gym. That's the way it's got to be. Chuck used to fight for me when he was a little guy and he worked his way up and I'm very thankful that when he needed somebody in that gym, that he called me up. And I'm very, very thankful and he's one heck of a nice guy. I'm appreciative that he remembers what I did for him when he was coming up the ranks and wanted to get into boxing. He could have called other boxing coaches, but he called me and that's loyalty."

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Showcase

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(Division 1) and Hartland (Division 2) will return, along with five state finalists and nine semifinalists who played in the 2018 Showcase.

Teams from the Upper Peninsula will be making the trek along with out-state teams Green Bay (Wis.) Notre Dame Academy and Cleveland (Ohio) St. Ignatius.

Meanwhile, several teams will be returning to the Showcase after an absence for a few years, including defending Division 3 state champion Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

"Detroit Country Day is really excited and honored to be back in the Showcase," coach Frank Novock said. "Having been involved in many facets, including playing, recruiting and now coaching in the MIHL Showcase, I have seen first-hand the tremendous opportunity these teams are presented. From the junior, college and NHL scouts that attend this awesome event, it gives these high school teams a chance to really show how good Michigan high school hockey continues to be and improve their on-ice product. I also can't fail to mention the amount of professionalism, organization and hard work that so many people put into this event to make it such a first-class stage to play on."

The MIHL Showcase also gives players exposure to Junior A and college scouts over the three-day period, which includes six games Thursday and 18 each on three different rinks Friday and Saturday at the Kennedy Rec Center.

At last year's Showcase, scouts representing every U.S. Hockey League and North American Hockey League team were on hand, as well as several NCAA Division III teams. Many of the leading NCAA Division I programs had one or two representatives in attendance and there were six NHL teams represented.

More than 100 volunteers will help stage the three-day Showcase.

"Eighteen years ago, the MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase was a very modest event and we are very proud of how it has developed," Weidenbach said. "The MIHL met its goals as a league and as a co-sponsor of the event. All teams, players and coaches of high school hockey in Michigan have benefited. The Showcase



Livonia Stevenson forward Josh Suzio moves the puck up ice against Salem during a KLAAs game. The Spartans will participate in the upcoming MIHL Showcase. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

is one of the results of our stated league mission."

Here is the schedule for the Showcase:

Thursday, Jan. 31 (at McInerney Arena): Allen Park vs. Howell, 6 p.m.; Brownstown Woodhaven vs. Salem, 8 p.m.; **(at Practice Rink):** Utica Eisenhower vs. Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett, 5:40 p.m.; Grosse Pointe North vs. Wyandotte, 7:40 p.m. **(at Teifer Rink):** Port Huron Northern vs. Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard, 5:20 p.m.; Saline vs. Macomb Dakota, 7:20 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 1 (at McInerney Arena): Flint Powers vs. Alpena, 9:30 a.m.; Grosse Pointe South vs. Brighton, 11:30 a.m.; Plymouth vs. University of Detroit-Jesuit, 1:30 p.m.; Cranbrook vs. Houghton, 4 p.m.; Novi Detroit Catholic Central vs. St. Ignatius, 6 p.m.; Trenton vs. Hartland, 8 p.m.; **(at Practice Rink):** Livonia Churchill vs. Traverse City Bay Reps, 10:10 a.m.; Hancock vs. Grand Rapids Christian, 12:10 p.m.; Porth Huron Northern vs. Wyandotte, 2:10 p.m.;

Midland Dow vs. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central, 4:40 p.m.; University-Liggett vs. Traverse City West, 6:40 p.m.; Riverview Gabriel Richard vs. Grand Rapids Forest Hills Northern-Eastern, 8:40 p.m.; **(at Teifer Rink):** Howell vs. Grand Rapids Catholic Central, 9:50 a.m.; Warren DeLaSalle vs. Country Day, 11:50 a.m.; Orchard Lake St. Mary's vs. Notre Dame Academy, 1:50 p.m. Livonia Stevenson vs. Calumet, 4:20 p.m.; Birmingham Brother Rice vs. Saginaw Heritage, 6:20 p.m. East Grand Rapids vs. Allen Park, 8:20 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 2 (at McInerney Arena): DeLaSalle vs. Houghton, 8:40 a.m.; Alpena vs. Grand Rapids CC, 10:40 a.m.; U-D Jesuit vs. St. Ignatius, 12:40 p.m.; Cranbrook vs. Brighton, 3:10 p.m.; Salem vs. Grosse Pointe South, 5:10 p.m.; Stevenson vs. Trenton, 7:10 p.m.; **(at Practice Rink):** Churchill vs. Hancock, 8 a.m.; Grosse Pointe North vs. Traverse City West, 10 a.m.; Grand Rapids Christian vs. Flint Powers, noon; Bay Reps vs. Eisenhower, 2:30 p.m.; Forest Hills

Northern-Eastern vs. Dow, 4:30 p.m.; Dakota vs. East Grand Rapids, 6:30 p.m.; **(at Teifer Rink):** Hartland vs. Calumet, 8:20 a.m.; Detroit CC vs. Notre Dame Academy, 10:20 a.m.; Brother Rice vs. Country Day, 12:20 p.m. St. Mary's vs. Heritage, 2:50 p.m.; Plymouth vs. Forest Hills Central, 4:50 p.m.; Woodhaven vs. Saline, 6:50 p.m.

Tickets are available for \$6 (per day) or \$10 (three-day pass). Seniors and students tickets are \$5 (per day) or \$8 (three-day pass). Active duty military personnel and their families will receive free admission with uniform or military I.D. On-site parking is \$3 or \$8 (unlimited). Free shuttle service is also available.

For more information, go to <http://mihl.pointstreaksites.com/view/mihl/prep-showcase> or call Pat Ronayne at 248-225-1264. You can also email PJRonayne@comcast.net.

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Golf Course Maintenance

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Floral Avenue, Deering Avenue and Cardwell Avenue: Water Main Replacements

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City of Livonia - 12/17/18 1,863rd Regular Meeting Synopsis

Present: White, McIntyre, Meakin, Jolly, Kritzman, Bahr, and Toy. **Absent:** None.
#435-18 Approved minutes of the 1,862nd Regular Meeting of the Council held 12/03/18.
Audience Communication Residents spoke re: Planned Parenthood location on Farmington.

Several items were received and filed for the information of the Council.

- #436-18** Approved purchase of (7) marked patrol vehicles for Police Department.
- #437-18** Approved purchase of firewall for City Network requested by IS Department.
- #438-18** Approved additions to Local Street System for Act 51 computations.
- #439-18** Approved release of bonds for Cade Meadows Site Condominiums.
- #440-18** Approved E-payment Services Agreement to process credit/debit card transactions.
- #441-18** Approved purchase for webhosting and support as requested by IS Department.

First Reading was given to proposed Ordinance amending Section 6 of Zoning Map of Zoning Ordinance No. 543, as amended.

#442-18 Approved waiver use petition submitted by Comfort Care Senior Living for assisted living facility at 34020 Plymouth, subject to conditions. (Pet. 2018-08-02-18)

#443-18 Approved revocation of Commercial Rehabilitation Certificate for SREP Haggerty Road, LLC for development at 19700-19750 Haggerty.

Audience Communication A resident spoke re: Planned Parenthood location on Farmington.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

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

Susan M. Nash, Livonia City Clerk

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**CITY OF LIVONIA
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS
ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE
ANNUAL ACTION PLAN (2019-2020)
FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM (CDBG)**

The City of Livonia will hold two Public Hearings: Thursday, January 31, 2019, 5 p.m. and Thursday, February 28, 2019, 5 p.m. Both hearings will be held at the Livonia Housing Commission, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150. The purpose of this public hearing is to obtain the views of citizens, public agencies, and other interested parties regarding the preliminary 2019-2020 CDBG budget, identifying homeless and housing needs particularly as they relate to low- and moderate-income persons and households, while summarizing past performance programs. The hearing is required for the City of Livonia to receive Community Development Block Grant funds for the program year (July 1, 2019- June 30, 2020).

Written comments regarding proposed activities and past performance issues may be directed to the Livonia Housing Commission, 10800 Farmington Rd., Livonia, MI 48150. Copies of materials to be discussed during the public hearing are available for examination at the Housing Commission-Community Development Office during normal business hours. For additional information please contact the Housing Commission-Community Development Office at (734) 421-6450 ext. 103.

Brandie Isaacson, Housing Director
Dennis K. Wright, Mayor

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**CITY OF LIVONIA
PUBLIC NOTICE****AGENDA****Zoning Board of Appeals**

February 12, 2019 - 7:00 p.m.

**Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)
33000 Civic Center Drive
Livonia, MI
(734) 466 2259**

APPEAL CASE NO. 2018-12-52 (Tabled on December 11, 2018): Bradley Burns, north side of Six Mile (31226) between Merriman and Cross Winds, seeking to remove a detached garage and construct a new detached garage, while maintaining an attached garage and shed (144 sq. ft.), resulting in excess number of garages and garage area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2019-01-01: Justin Buck, north side of Indiana (32802) between Washington and Kentucky, seeking to store a commercial vehicle in the driveway upon residential property, which is not allowed. Commercial vehicles must be stored within the garage if stored on residential property.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2019-02-04: HF18, LLC (Sam Hammoud), 25896 Timber Trail, Dearborn Heights, MI 48127, seeking to erect a new gas station with convenience store on property located on the north side of Seven Mile (27430) between Inkster and Rensselaer, resulting in deficient lot area, deficient north side yard setback and deficient number of parking spaces.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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**LIVONIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS
15125 FARMINGTON ROAD
LIVONIA, MI 48154-5474
(734) 744-2500**

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

**Elementary Sound System Bid
(See Attached Specifications)**

Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2018-19 school year, Open Bids - Bond Project OR the SIGMA Website, www.michigan.gov/SIGMAVSS. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein. Funds for this project are paid for by 2013 Bond monies.

Sealed bids marked Elementary Sound System Bid will be received until 1:00 p.m. on the 5th day February, 2019, in the Operations Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

There is no pre-bid meeting, however, ALL questions must be submitted to Harry Lau on or before January 29, 2019.

The Bid Opening will take place at **1:00 p.m.** on the 5th day of **February, 2019**, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, Lower Level Board Room at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be opened. Oral, telephone, fax or electronic mail bids are invalid and will not receive consideration.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Phillip Francis, Director of Operations Livonia Public Schools
15125 Farmington Road
Livonia, MI 48154-5474

"Elementary Sound System Bid"

One (1) copy of the bid package should be retained for your files. Any questions regarding **bid specifications** should be referred to Harry Lau, Administrator of Facilities and Operations, hlaul@livoniapublicschools.org, 734.744.2511, between 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. EST. **All samples should be sent to Harry Lau, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48154.**

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Sealed bids marked Secondary Foods Rooms Appliance Replacement 2019 Bid will be received until 12:30 p.m. on the 5th day February, 2019, in the Operations Office at the Board of Education complex, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan. Mailed bids should be sent to the attention of: Phillip Francis, Director of Operations, Livonia Public Schools, 15125 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan, 48154. **Livonia Public Schools is not liable for any delivery or postal delays.**

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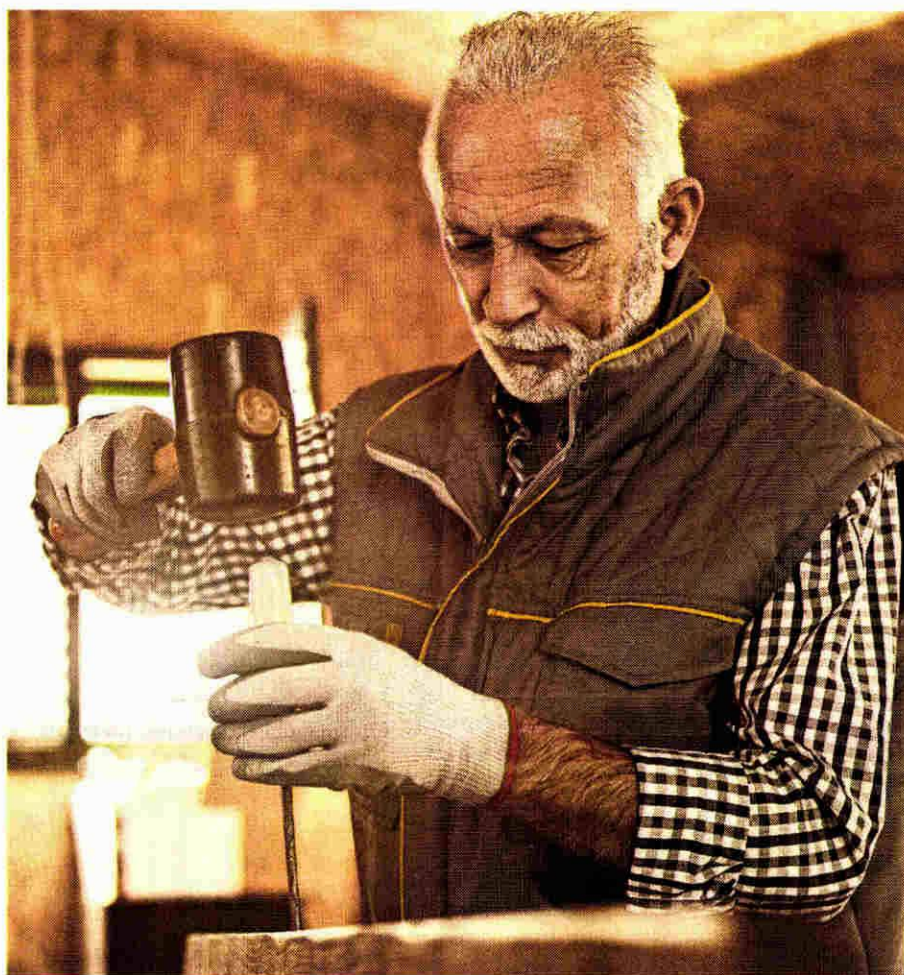
If you're one of the huge wave of Baby Boomers reaching (or already past) retirement age, you may be thinking a lot about the next phase of your life. For many, continuing to work is a financial necessity. For others, it's about staying professionally active without the same 9-to-5 grind. If you're looking for ways to stay active and stay earning, here are some second-stage careers to consider.

Teach what you know

One of the perks of coming to the end of your first career is that you have lots of expertise and experience built up. What better to do than share that expertise and get paid for it? Many local community colleges, continuing education programs, or online schools can always use qualified teachers who have flexible schedules. Or you could consider substitute teaching. Check with your local school district to see what their requirements are, but many states don't require substitute teachers to have a specific teaching degree.

Be a consultant

If you've got decades of experience in a particular field, consulting can be a way to transition from the full-time working world to one where you set your own schedule and salary. Many Baby Boomers find themselves in a position to do work for their former companies, and others expand their business to take on new clients. One of the biggest upsides of consulting is that it lets you take the skills and experience you have and use it to create a new business for yourself.



You may find that a hobby can now be a profitable side hustle. GETTY IMAGES

Build a business out of a hobby

If you find yourself with more time after retirement, you may find that what used to be a hobby can now be a profitable side hustle.

Now more than ever, people are seeking out unique or artisan goods, so it

may be time to ramp up that home woodworking shop or set up that Etsy store.

With a variety of ways to sell goods and services online, something you've always done for fun can make for a fulfilling and profitable next wave of your career.

Make the world a better place

After all, the Baby Boomers are the generation of Woodstock and '60s social justice. Working for a nonprofit can be a way to keep that social idealism going, while staying professionally active. Nonprofits come in all shapes and sizes, so there's likely one in your area that fits with your worldview and your priorities.

Many Baby Boomers also find that volunteering and giving back to the community is a way to create a new wave of productivity. Like consulting, volunteering capitalizes on your skills, experience, and time to help others.

Find a franchise

Owning a ready-made franchise can be a great way to build a business without building it from the ground up. Franchisees can often be as involved or hands-on as they want to be, directly managing the business or being the boss from a distance. It's also a way to learn new sides of a business, whether it's food service, a retail store, or other venture.

The existing branding and marketplace can ease the transition into a new field, making it ideal for someone looking for a next stage instead of a start-over.

Whatever your interests and strengths, there are plenty of options and opportunities for building a second income, developing skills, or filling the time after you've transitioned away from your first career.

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

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