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Holiday Inn Northwest Detroit owner Syed Abbas checks out the dining room of the Laurel Park hotel's Johnny's Italian Steakhouse on Friday. The hotel has been operating since mid-December of last year but recently had its grand opening. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Holiday Inn, steakhouse in Livonia formally open

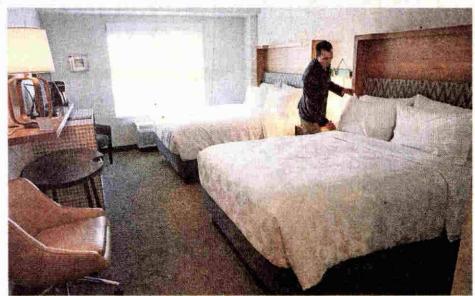
Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The grand opening of the new Holiday Inn in Livonia, along with its inhouse restaurant, was formally celebrated by staff and city officials last week.

The six-story full-service hotel at 17123 N. Laurel Park Drive is all new construction and features 141 rooms for guests, 5,800 square feet of banquet space and its own restaurant, Johnny's Italian Steak House.

Kenny Koza, president of Group 10 Management, said his company purchased the property four years ago with an eye on replacing an old Holiday Inn with a new development.

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Hotel general manager Travis Maschino fluffs the pillows in one of the rooms.

Lawyer: Fake university sting was entrapment

Niraj Warikoo Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

About 10 years ago, Phanideep Karnati immigrated from India to the U.S. on an H1-B visa in search of the American dream.

He became an IT engineer, was earning a master's degree at the University of Louisville in Kentucky and is today married with two sons, ages 2 and 9.

But Monday, the 35-year-old Kentucky man appeared in shackles and a prisoner's jumpsuit in a federal courtroom in Detroit, arraigned on charges of conspiracy to commit visa fraud and harboring aliens for profit as a recruiter for a fake university in Farmington Hills created by U.S. law enforcement. A not-guilty plea was entered for him by Magistrate Judge R. Steven Whalen, who ordered him released on a \$10,000 unsecured bond.

Karnati was one of five defendants who appeared Monday afternoon in U.S. District Court in Detroit, and one of eight foreign nationals charged with visa fraud.

Prosecutors allege the students recruited hundreds of other students to enroll at the University of Farmington as part of a "pay to stay" scheme where foreign students could remain in the U.S. while working. The university was created by Immigration and Customs Enforcement to lure in more than 600 students, of which 130 were arrested last week on civil immigration charges.

In a separate criminal case, eight immigrants were charged with being recruiters, taking kickbacks and cash in exchange for referring students to the University of Farmington.

Speaking after the arraignment, Karnati's attorney, John Brusstar, criticized the government's allegations and sting operation.

"It is unfair for the government to set up something like this to entrap people," Brusstar said.

Karnati's wife, two sons and other supporters were in the courtroom. She held her 2-year-old son as the attorney described how the family feels.

"They love this country, but are saddened by what happened," Brusstar said.

Six of the eight defendants were arrested in Michigan. Five appeared in court Monday and one, Prem

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Carbon monoxide kills woman in Wayne apartment

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A 65-year-old woman died Friday and her husband was flown to a hospital after they were poisoned by carbon monoxide in their Wayne apartment.

The deadly gas was found in exceedingly high levels in an additional 27

apartments at the Hickory Hollows Coop on Van Born, west of Merriman, after police and firefighters went door to door to check all 267 units at the complex.

Fire Chief Michael Stradtner said emergency responders were called to an apartment at the complex at 5757 W. Hickory Hollow St. at 7:30 p.m. Friday by the daughter of the victims. "The daughter takes the grandkids to visit their grandparents every Friday," Stradtner said. "She found the 65-yearold female unconscious and her 65year-old dad semi-conscious."

Upon firefighters' arrival, the woman was deceased and the man was in poor

ndition. "We realized something was seriously wrong," Stradtner continued, noting that an engine crew was called in to test carbon monoxide levels.

The results were over 300 parts per million.

A home should never test over zero, he added, with an acceptable level for a

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Puppy missing; cops seek vehicle caught on camera

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A Westland family has been missing their puppy since the middle of December and the moment of the dog's disappearance appears to have been caught on video.

Westland police are seeking the public's help in identifying the owner of that vehicle or any subjects who may have knowledge of the dog's whereabouts.

Video recorded at about 9 a.m. Dec. 12 shows a car stopping in front of the family's home along the 1600 block of Hanlon Street, where their puppy was sitting on the porch. Police say the vehi-

cle, a silver 2005 Chrysler Pacifica, was seen driving by the home twice before it approached for the third time and stopped.

Moments later, the dog, an all-white husky and German shepherd mix with blue eyes and weighing about 20 pounds, runs toward the vehicle, partially obscured by a bush, and is not seen again.

If you have any information regarding this incident or are able to identify the vehicle shown in the video, contact Detective Liess at 734-467-3189.

Contact Susan Bromley at sbromley@hometownlife.com. Follow her on Twitter: @SusanBromley10.



Above, Westland police seek the public's help in identifying the owner of this vehicle in connection with the disappearance of a husky/shepherd mix puppy in December, pictured at right, SUBMITTED PHOTOS



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Friends used book sale

The Friends of the Westland Public Library will conduct a used book sale Thursday through Sunday 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).

K. of C. euchre tourney

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

Cost is \$20 per player and includes euchre, pizza, pop, cash bar, 50/50 raffle and cash prizes. All proceeds go to 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. Professors will be on-hand to talk with prospective students about online offerings, degree requirements, program details and financial aid opportunities.

Those who apply for admission at the open house will have the application fee waived. RSVP at madonna.edu/admissions/graduate/open-house.

Citizens for Peace

The group Citizens for Peace will present "Practices for Living a Non-violent Life" at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. All are welcome to this free presentation. For more information, go to citizens4peace.com or call 734-425-0079.

3D Photography Club

The 3D Photography Club will hold its next meeting 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The program will be a presentation of 3D videos by John Hart. The meetings are free to attend. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. For more information, go to Detroit3D.org or call 248-398-3591.

Scrapbooking event

Ss. Simon & Jude Church, 32500 Palmer Road, in Westland will host a scrapbooking event from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Feb. 16. The event will include breakfast, lunch, dinner and snacks and beverages all day. There will also be a raffle and vendors on-site.

The cost is \$35 for full day or \$20 for half day per person. For more information, call 734-721-4867.

SouthernCare Hospice seeking volunteers

SouthernCare Hospice is seeking caring, compassionate volunteers to help with office tasks and serve as friendly visitors for its patients. Volunteers set their own schedules and typically donate about two hours of their time per week. The next volunteer orientation is scheduled for 10 a.m. Feb. 16 at 17900 Victor Parkway, in Livonia. For more information or to apply for an interview, call 734-522-0069.

Livonia Amateur Radio Club

The Livonia Amateur Radio Club will host its 49th annual amateur radio and electronics "Swap-n-Shop" from 8 a.m. to noon Feb. 17, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Amateur (ham) radio gear, electronics and computer equipment will be for sale or trade by dozens of vendors. Admission is \$5. For more information or to rent table space, go to livoniaarc. com/index.php?page=swapshop.



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BATL hits bull's-eye with ax-throwers

Sharon Dargay Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

At some point in your life, you'll want to throw an ax.

Aaron DuCharme can help you realize that dream with style and skill.

"I believe everyone wants to throw an ax. They just don't know it until they see it. When they stick their first ax, they get a big smile on their face," said Du-Charme, general manager of Backyard Axe Throwing League in Novi. "Axthrowing probably has been going on for centuries, but it hasn't been a thing until now, where you can go to a place and throw axes."

BATL, in Twelve Mile Crossing at Fountain Walk, is one of a handful of axthrowing venues in metro Detroit. One recent evening, it offered free lessons that drew a crowd to its 16 throwing lanes.

"We just thought it was cool and I thought it would be a stress-reliever," Hope Dailey, of Walled Lake, said after throwing for the first time.

Her friend, Kara Ferrebee, of Wolverine Lake, was surprised by the simplicity of the ax-throwing form.

"It was not as involved as I thought it would be," she said. "It's more about launching than throwing and you have to hold it lighter than you think. It's about trying to get it to have some momentum."

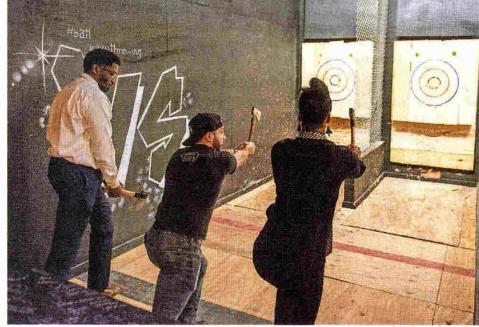
Darla Basom, of Romulus, managed to stick her ax into the wooden target on her fourth try, with help from a coach and her friend, Curtis Boyd, also from Romulus. Boyd had thrown an ax "up north back in the day."

"The first time I threw, I threw too hard and it bounced off. When I relaxed and threw, it was the best thing," he

Both said they'd visit BATL again. "It's something different," Basom said. "It's a great stress-reliever."

Started in Toronto

BATL, which opened in May, isn't the first ax-throwing venue to open in the Detroit area, but it claims to be the oldest. The company CEO started the sport in his backyard in 2006, moving it indoors 10 years ago and turning it into a



Coach Alex Stransky, center, teaches Jamaal Grant and Rachel Hudson of West Bloomfield how to throw an ax at BATL in Novi. BILL BRESLER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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Aaron DuCharme General manager, Backyard Axe Throwing League

business that is primarily based in Can-

The Novi location is BATL's third in the U.S., after venues in Tennessee and Illinois. Another is set to open next month in Scottsdale, Arizona.

All of the locations hold similar hours and follow the same safety procedures. Public walk-in sessions cost approximately \$20 and run 6-9 p.m. Friday, noon to 3 p.m. Saturday and 2-5 p.m. Sunday. Walk-ins share lanes and coaches. Private ax-throwing events for two to five people are an hour long and cost \$35.99 to \$42.99. They must be reserved in advance. Leagues run 6-9 p.m. Sunday and 7-10 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and cost \$135 for seven weeks of play and one week of playoffs. Names of playoff winners are posted on the "champions" wall in the Novi location.

"There is no unsupervised throwing here. If you are throwing, there is a coach in with you," DuCharme said. "Company-wide, over the last 18 months, we've probably had two million axes thrown with no major accidents. We run a tight ship. We have fun, but we also want people to be smart and safe.

"This is our focus. Yes, we have a bar, which a lot of people find helps them throw easier, but our focus definitely is on the throwing. We don't even have a kitchen on-site."

BATL has an arrangement with two nearby restaurants for food delivery. It also sells snacks.

Players share a set of lanes that are partially separated by fencing and must throw at approximately the same time and retrieve their axes at the same time for safety. Each match consists of 15 throws at the target in three rounds.

Highest score wins.

League players may use their own axes or BATL's equipment, which consists of a standard ax and "bigger ax." The standard has a head that weighs ½ pounds and has a wooden handle. The big ax has a longer handle and its head weighs ½ pounds. It's used in tie-breakers during league play.

DuCharme's personal ax is slightly lighter than standard equipment.

"Ace Hardware is where I found mine," he said. "The ax I use, a lot of people in the company like it. But it's whatever the thrower likes. Everyone throws differently. Our goal here is we want them to stick (on target) as quickly as they can and as much as they can while they are here. It's a thrill to stick an ax.

"It's the coach's job to figure out how each person does (things) differently. Maybe they need to be closer to the board. Maybe they need to be farther away. It's different for everyone. It's not a power game. Your foot placement is pretty critical to this game."

Arms overhead, lean, throw

Coach Alex Stransky instructed a first-time thrower to hold the ax handle in the left hand, wrapping the right hand over, near the bottom of the handle, while keeping the wrist straight.

"Come straight back with it overhead and then come straight forward," he said. "As you come forward, keep the wrist straight, lean in and follow through. You don't need to throw it super-hard."

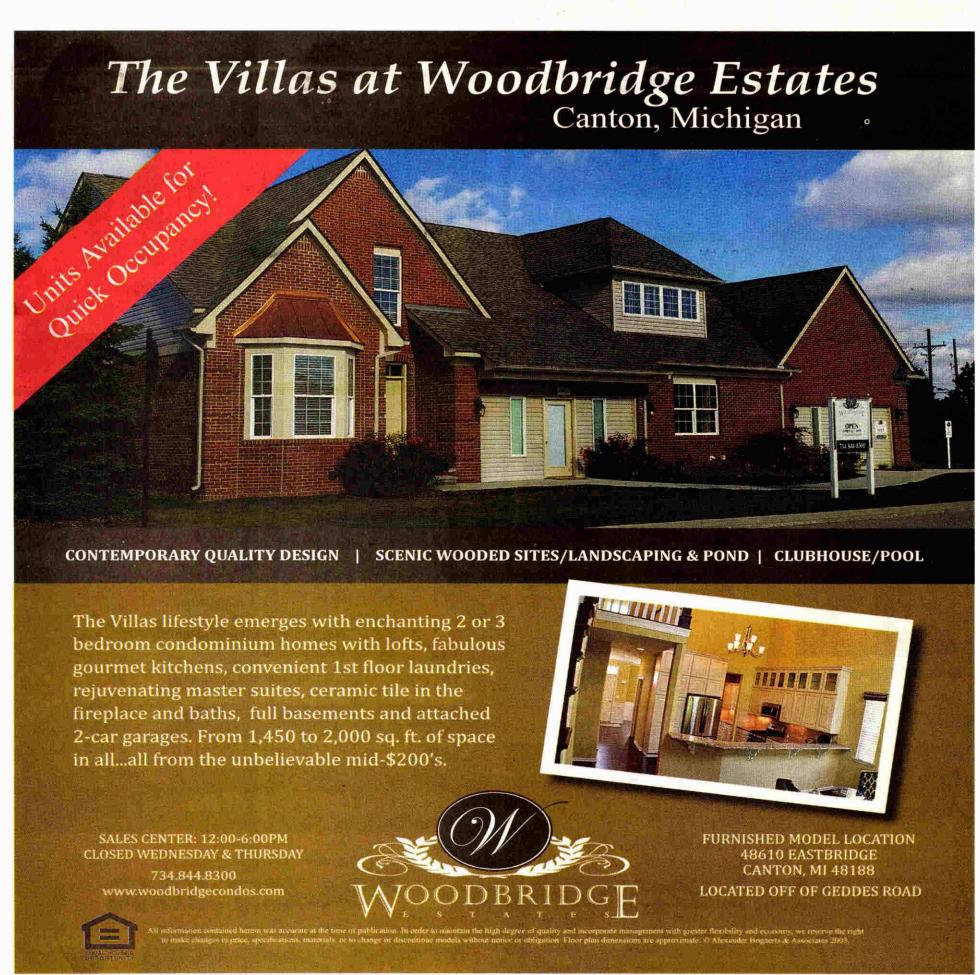
A player with good form will let go of the ax while leaning toward the target, not when hands are overhead.

It took Sandy Marcum of Ann Arbor an entire league season to improve her game. During her second season, she made the playoffs.

"Don't give up," she said. "It's not how hard you throw. It's leaning back, leaning forward, throwing with the proper rotation to stick it in. It really is an art form. It's fun."

Minimum age to throw is 16 at BATL. Look for another open house with free lessons this year.

Other local ax-throwing venues are Detroit Axe in Ferndale and HUB Stadium in Auburn Hills.



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factory setting only 10 parts per million.

Off-duty firefighters and off-duty police officers were called in to go door to door and check the carbon monoxide levels at all 267 apartments, which are located across multiple buildings at the property.

At units where no one answered the door, apartment maintenance workers granted access to the emergency responders.

"High levels" were found at 27 units, with most of those residents leaving to spend the night elsewhere.

Stradtner said the cause of the exceedingly high levels of carbon monoxide is believed to be condensation building up on chimney vents and freezing in the extreme weather before it could dissipate. On Friday night when firefighters responded to the emergency, it was still only 8 degrees, after subzero temperatures the previous two days.

Stradtner said this is the first time he can recall in his 24-year firefighting career seeing carbon monoxide poisoning attributed to condensation build-up in chimneys, but said the apartment maintenance workers and management were aware of the problem.

"Management knew what to do, they had been dealing with the problem for some time," he said. "Maintenance crews were on scene with a professional chim-

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Mike Buiten, engineering manager for Wayne, said the co-op apartments were built in 1971.

In 2007, the buildings were inspected by the City of Wayne as part of the process done when units are sold. At that time, Buiten said, carbon monoxide detectors were not required in the building or property maintenance code.

Carbon monoxide detectors were added to new build requirements in 2012, and in 2015, carbon dioxide detectors became another mandated layer of protection

Buiten said structures are built to current codes at the time and he did not know why the chimneys at the Hickory Hollow complex had an issue with condensation build-up when other buildings in the same weather did not.

"The investigation is currently ongoing," he said.
The co-op apartments are under Huntington
Management and are promoted on the Hickory Hollow website as newly-renovated town homes, "a development that offers its members the benefits of
home ownership in a friendly, comfortable, family
oriented setting."

A call for comment from Hickory Hollow Co-Op management was not immediately returned.

Stradtner was not aware of the current status of the male victim, who was airlifted Friday in poor condition to Promedica, a Toledo hospital, where he would receive hyperbaric oxygen chamber therapy.

The permissible exposure level for carbon monoxide set by the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) is 50 ppm averaged over an 8-hour period. Go above this and individuals display symptoms including headache, fatigue, and nausea. The colorless, odorless gas causes death within just a few hours at levels over 300 ppm, Stradtner said.

He plans to return to Hickory Hollow Co-Op with building officials and see the response to the issue.

"If they are responsible for each unit, we are assuming they will install carbon monoxide detectors," he said. "Every home should have a working smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector. This was very tragic, but it was preventable."

Entrapment

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Rampeesa, 26, of Charlotte, North Carolina, is requesting an interpreter and is scheduled to appear in court later this week.

In addition to Karnati, the others who appeared in court were: Santosh Sama, 28, of Fremont, California; Avinash Thakkallapally, 28, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania; and Aswanth Nune, 26, of Atlanta.

They all face similar charges, and Whalen entered not-guilty pleas for all of them.

Except for Karnati, who is on a work visa, the defendants will not be released from jail because they have immigration holds because they are undocumented since the U.S. revealed the university they were enrolled in was fake.

Their defense attorneys consented to their detention since they would face detention by immigration authorities.

Nune's attorney, Michael Rataj, said after the arraignment that Nune had moved to the U.S. in 2017 on a student visa. He had worked in technology for Samsung and a subsidiary or Sprint, Rataj said.

The students enrolled at the fake university with the intent to obtain jobs under a student visa program called CPT (Curricular Practical Training) that allows students to work in the U.S., prosecutors said.

Defense attorneys say such programs are legitimate and that the U.S. tricked the students in joining the University of Farmington.

The university had said it was legitimate and approved by the Department of Homeland Security. The department had listed the university as a legitimate place for foreign students, said immigration attorneys in contact with the students.

Like Karnati, many of the students who have been detained are from India. Of the 130 detained by ICE, 129 are from India and one is Palestinian. All of the 8 alleged recruiters are also from India.

India's government has urged the U.S. to release the 129 students arrested on immigration charges, noting that their cases are different from the eight criminally charged.











The Holiday Inn Northwest Detroit at 17123 Laurel Park Drive North has 141 rooms, a 5,400-square-foot ballroom, two meeting rooms and a steakhouse. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Holiday Inn

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He is excited for what he will now be able to offer residents as well as visitors to the area.

The city has been great to work with and helping us pursue what we are trying to accomplish," he said. "A lot of cities are not prone to new development, but we needed some oomph. You don't want to build a two-story. It's all about curb appeal and the wow factor - we're right off the highway, it's a gorgeous building, very visible. You get the whole package and experience."

The banquet space can be rented for weddings with up to 350 guests, as well as for rehearsal dinners, family reunions, birthday and anniversary parties and more. Businesses can also host 500-person classroom-style events in the room, or utilize two 600-square-foot meeting rooms.

Also open daily to guests and to the general public is Johnny's Italian Steak House, with menu items ranging from the restaurant's famous "steak deburgo" and popular bread stuffed with sausage, peppers, onion, mozzarella and Colby cheeses and marinara sauce to pasta and chicken dishes. All desserts

are made from scratch in-house.

Guests will find in their rooms a 49inch flat screen television, high-speed internet, quality mattresses and impeccable water pressure, Koza said, and they additionally have access to a fitness room and swimming pool.

"We make you feel you're at a resort, even though you are at a hotel in Livonia," he said. "This is a multi-million dollar investment."

Livonia Mayor Dennis Wright said the city welcomes the new development and if officials had known it was going to look as great as it does, would have done it decades before.

"It's first class, very tastefully done," he said. "The (prior) hotel was shorter and fatter and this one is taller and thinner. It's one more Livonia gem."

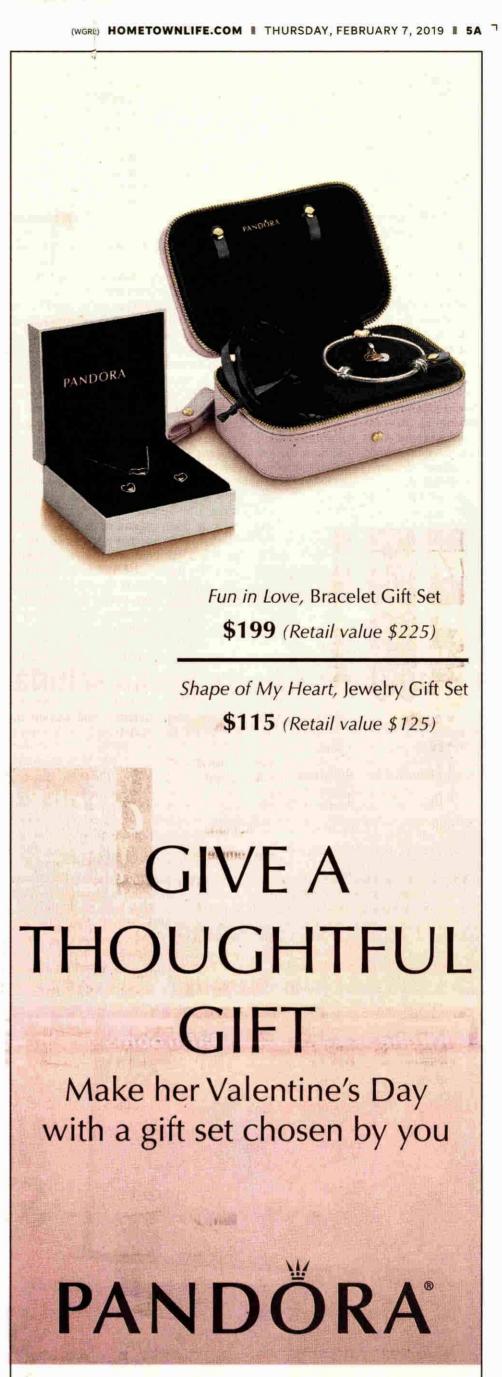
The Holiday Inn Detroit Northwest-Livonia, as it is officially known, is within about a 20-minute drive to the airport, he added, and is a great place for family and friends of area residents to stay, with "a terrific restaurant."

Koza said he is still planning the second phase of the project, with another five acres available on the property. He said he is looking for two businesses, perhaps restaurants, retail, or a combination of the two.

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Replace stages of grief with action



Our Mental Health L.J. McCullough

As the frequency of news about national disasters and school shootings rises, it seems timely to turn attention to the important, although uncomfortable, subject of death and dying and grief and grieving.

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross was a pioneer psychiatrist in the field of death and grieving. Her book, "On Death and Dying," made her one of the most respected authorities on the subject. She died in 2004.

Kubler-Ross identified five stages in the process of death: denial, anger, bargaining, depression and acceptance. Other workers came to identify these same stages as applicable to mourners—the loved ones left to live after the loss of another.

David Kessler wrote with Kubler-Ross. He also worked with thousands of mourners as well as the dying, including Mother Theresa, who by some is credited with beginning the hospice movement. Kessler recently published a book, "On Grief and Grieving."

When I met Kessler, he concisely

showed how the five stages of death and dying are indeed the five stages of grief and grieving for those of us who go on living after losses. Furthermore, he postulated a possible sixth stage, which could be termed "replacement." This is a highly adaptive and healthy stage of grieving whereby the mourner creatively recaptures the energy which was once confined to the loved one and invests it in a new person, activity, adventure, etc., which not only gives the death meaning, but allows other people to benefit from the loss. A good example of this is the founding of Mothers Against Drunk Driving by the mother of a daughter killed by a drunken driver.

It is important to know that these stages of grieving don't occur in any time frame or predictable order. A mourner can pass to and from the various stages over a long period of time. The object of mourning isn't to "get over the loss" as much as it is to "learn to live with the loss," preferably in a way that lets some good come to the world at large.

It is also important to realize the "tasks" of the mourning process. Other writers in the field of death and grieving note four basic "jobs" that must be done:

1) to accept the reality that the loved one is dead; 2) to express grief in all its vari-

ous forms; 3) to get used to the absence of the loved one and, finally; 4) to replace. I think this "task of replacement" can go on indefinitely. Also, I think that "stages" of grieving implies a passive participation for "going through a stage or phase." Whereas tasks are "an active job" of working through the mourning process.

The Red Cross mental health disaster specialists, firefighters, police officers, EMS workers and others will be dealing with survivors of recent disasters for a long time to come. The lines of mourners who are in need of help are very long. All need to know that there are stages to the process of grief, as well as tasks to be accomplished through the journey of mourning. Hopefully, this can replace some of the chaos with greater understanding for those tragically affected by loss and faced with the difficult, but healing, task of mourning.

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Westland man sentenced for fatally stabbing mother in 2017

Susan Bromley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Justin Paul, the Westland man who pleaded guilty to murdering his mother, was sentenced Jan. 29 to 18-60 years in prison.

Wayne County Circuit Judge Ulysses Boykin sentenced Paul according to a plea agreement in which he will serve no less than 18 years, but no more than 60.

The 23-year-old pleaded guilty but mentally ill to second-degree murder Jan. 15, in exchange for dropping of a first-degree murder charge.

Westland police officers discovered Jeannette Paul, 50, dead at her home along the 6100 block of North Walton the morning of Dec. 20, 2017, after a neighbor received "a terrifying voicemail."

Jeanette Paul had been stabbed in the throat and back multiple times.

Her son Justin Paul was identified as the suspect and area police departments were alerted to be on the lookout for him. That afternoon, he was spotted by a Livonia officer in the area of Joy Road and Donna Street on the Livonia-Westland border. When the officer approached, police said, a struggle ensued and Paul was shot in the thigh. The officer was not hurt.

Paul did not make any statement at his sentencing, nor did any family members speak.



Justin Paul, 23, pleaded guilty but mentally ill to second-degree murder. BILL BRESLER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Community Choice seeks scholarship applicants

The annual Community Choice Foundation Scholarship Program is accepting applications from any graduating high school senior in Michigan. Applicants must be accepted to a Michigan college or university and have a passion for community involvement. Eligible students may be awarded one of 20 \$5,000 scholarships.

Founded in 2009, the program has awarded \$100,000 each year to Michigan students. Inspired during the 2008 recession to encourage successful graduating high school students to pursue their post-secondary education in Michigan and keep their talents here, the program helps offset rising tuition costs for students and their families.

"We are committed to keeping our talent in the state, and encouraging families to stay together," said Robert Bava, president and CEO of Community Choice Credit Union. "This next generation of young professionals will play a significant role in the continued growth of our local and state economies, and we want to help in giving them all the opportunities available to advance their education and enhance their careers."

Caitlin Jodway, a graduate of Livonia Franklin, was a 2018 winner and now attends Alma College with the hope of attending dental school. She said the scholarship greatly reduced her firstyear education financing needs.

"This award from Community Choice

(helped) me offset the costs of my freshman year significantly," Jodway wrote in a letter. "It will help take just a little more pressure off and allow me to focus on my coursework."

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Lessons from the genealogy of Jesus



There's a passage of Scripture that I had never preached on or led a Bible study on until recently, because I thought it was unimportant. It is Jesus' genealogy from Matthew Chapter 1. "Abraham begat Isaac" and so on for 42 names. The most interesting thing about it is probably the four women who are listed. That was unusual at the time, because usually a genealogy in the 1st century only listed the male ancestors. Perhaps there's something God is trying

to show us by breaking protocol.

The four women are Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba (called "Uriah's wife"). These four women are a strikingly unconventional group to include in the pedigree of someone you're claiming is God's holy Messiah! By including these four women, Matthew seems to want to communicate something more than just a list.

Tamar was a Canaanite (a non-Jew) young woman who had a sexual relationship with her father-in-law, Judah, who impregnated her. Yes, that was Jesus' family. God used her in the line to bring his Messiah. Rahab (another Canaanite) was a prostitute in the town of Jericho. Yes, that is Jesus' family. She

saved a group of Jewish men, is mentioned in God's "Hall of Faith" in Hebrews II, and God used her in his plan.

Ruth was a young widow from Moab. The Moabites were a disgraced people who had had their inception in an incestuous relationship. That's where Ruth came from. But God found her a new husband, through whom would come King David and, eventually, Jesus. The fourth woman was Bathsheba, an Israelite woman who had renounced Israelite citizenship when she married a Hittite man. But King David had her husband murdered so he could take Bathsheba in adultery. Yes, that was Jesus' family.

Perhaps God included the four wom-

en because they were all non-Jews, to demonstrate that his love and salvation is for all people. Perhaps He included them because all were tinted by a background of sexual sin, to demonstrate not only his forgiveness, but also that He can and will use anyone willing to serve Him, no matter what their background. In the very next paragraph, Matthew records how another young unmarried woman would actually be the one to give birth to the Messiah.

You and I have heartaches and mistakes, but a new day of grace and His salvation has arrived.

The Rev. Dean Johnson is senior pastor at Lake Pointe Bible Church in Plymouth.

Use down time to get organized moving forward



Money Matters Rick Bloom Guest columnist

There is no doubt the last week reminded us what winter is like in Michigan. Like most, I was forced to stay home, and I took the opportunity to take care of some things around the house that have been piling up. I also took the opportunity to organize my 2018 tax records and set up a tax file for 2019. With the IRS now accepting 2018 tax returns, if you haven't done so, it's a great time to organize your records and make sure you have all the information you need.

The easiest way to determine if you have all the information you need to complete your return is to start with last year's return. Using last year's return as a guide should help you determine if you received all your W-2s from any jobs you worked and 1099s for other income you earned such as interest and dividends. If, for example, you have not received your W-2 or 1099, now is the time to contact the company and make sure you get the necessary paperwork. Unfortunately, too many people seem to think that if

they didn't receive a 1099, there's nothing to worry about. That's not the case. Remember, the IRS also gets a copy of the 1099 and, if you don't report the income, the IRS is going to contact you.

In organizing your records, it's not just 1099s and W-2s you need to be concerned with. If you are going to itemize your deductions this year and you make charitable contributions, it's important you have the proper documentation in order to take the deduction. An example of this is, if you contribute \$250 or more to a charity, you need a receipt from the charity and that receipt needs to indicate the amount of the gift and that you did not receive anything in return. If you have not received a receipt from the charity, now is the time to ask for it. If the IRS ever does contact you regarding that contribution, the receipt will be a necessity.

If you sold stocks or mutual funds in 2018, it is important that you report the transaction. In reporting the transaction, not only do you have to report the sale price, but also your cost basis. For many of you, your cost basis will be reported on a 1099-B. However, in many situations the cost basis will not be reported and you will need to provide it. It

is important to make sure you have the information regarding the sales price and the cost basis on all the sales you had in 2018. If your cost basis was not reported on a 1099-B it may take some time to recreate that number.

The bottom line is that the earlier you start doing your prep work for your 2018 tax return, the easier completing your return will be. It doesn't matter whether you're going to do your return yourself or hire a preparer; the more organized your records are, the faster it will be to complete your return, which means if you're hiring a preparer it should also save you money.

One question I'm always asked at tax time is whether it makes a difference when you file your tax return? I have always told people from an audit standpoint that it doesn't matter. Whether you file in February or file for an extension and don't complete your return until October, your audit risk is the same. What does increase your audit risk, no matter when you file, is if your return is inaccurate or sloppy. I believe that still

holds true today. However, over the last few years, it has become clear that there is a benefit to filing your return early. It has nothing to do with audit risk; it has to do with identity thieves stealing your refund. Over the last few years, it has become more and more of a problem where crooks file a return on your behalf and then get your refund. Unfortunately, you only find out about it after you file your legitimate return and your refund is denied. The sooner you file your return, the less risk you have of the identity thieves filing a return on your behalf.

Thankfully, the brutal weather is going to ease up, but it's still winter in Michigan. Therefore, it makes sense to organize your tax records as soon as possible and, if you have all the information you need, why not get your tax return prepared as soon as possible?

Good luck!

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

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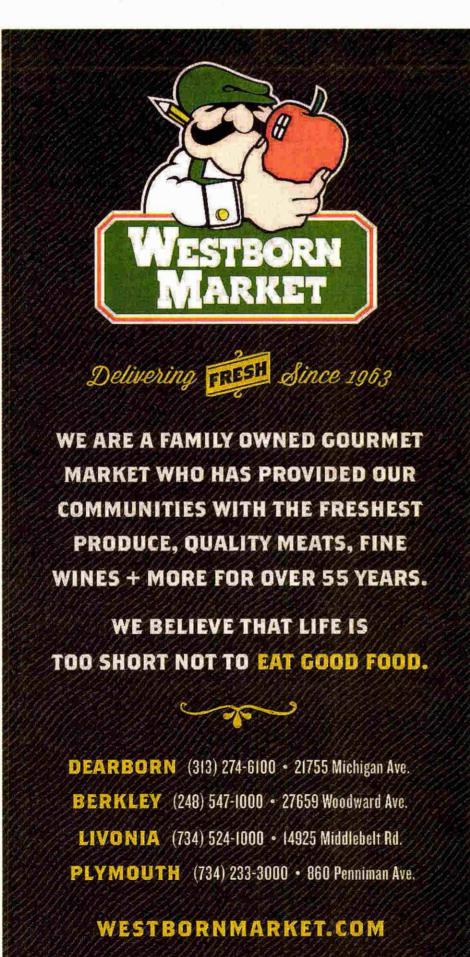
LIVONIA - David John Colling passed away on January 14, 2019. He was born on January 20, 1963 to Robert & Beatrice Colling both deceased. He was a graduate of Bentley High School Class of 1981.

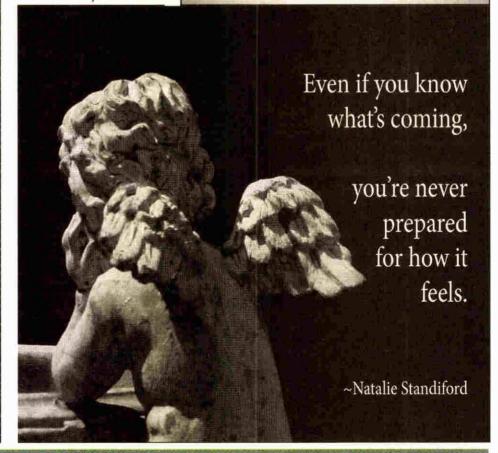
David is survived by his sons, Timothy & Nicholas; siblings, Gregory Colling, Marie (Stephen) Gerhart & Mark (Angela) Colling and his former spouse of 20 years, Joyce Colling.

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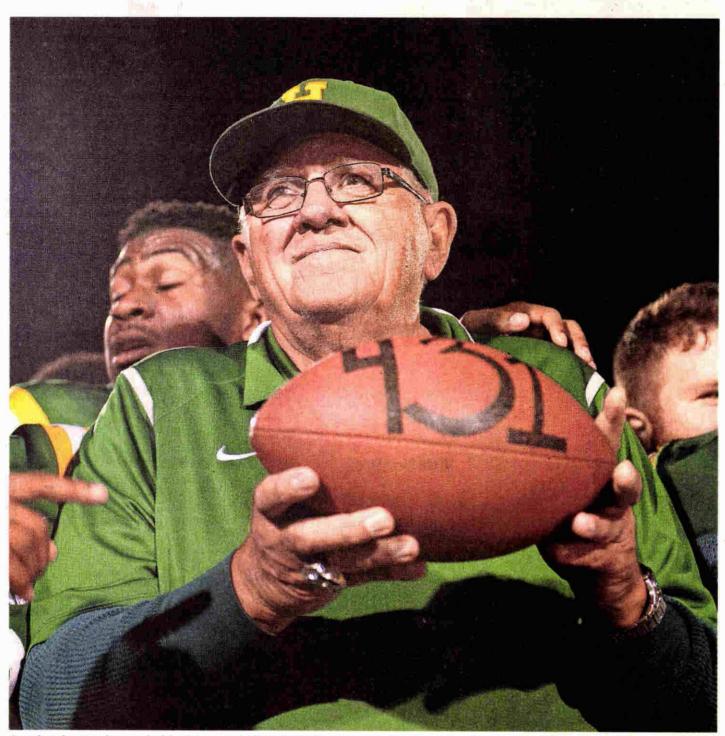
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Coach John Herrington holds the game ball with "431" written on it after defeating Oak Park in October 2017.
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Herrington's legacy goes beyond Harrison

Marty Budner hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

I've enjoyed the distinct privilege of covering two of the state's most iconic high school football coaches.

Al Fracassa, the legendary head coach at Brother Rice, retired following the 2014 season after a brilliant career that spanned 54 years and included 10 state championships. He was the state's winningest head coach with 430 victories when he finally called it quits.

Fracassa's tenure as the state's winningest coach lasted three years following retirement.

John Herrington, the only head coach in Farmington Harrison's epic 49-year history, became the new record holder in fall 2017.

Herrington finished his career a few weeks ago with 443 victories. He will not have the opportunity to extend those totals next year.

Fracassa, who recently turned 86, retired on his own terms. He still regularly attends Brother Rice football games.

Herrington, 77, was forced into retirement. He will not have the opportunity to follow Hawks football like Fracassa.

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Former Hometown Life sports editor Marty Budner stands with prep football legends Al Fracassa, left, and John Herrington.

"Coach Herrington is such a good guy and a great coach. He's a role model for guys to look up to. ... He's inspiring."

Brendan Flaherty Groves head coach



It was quite a ride in 41 years on the prep beat

No Friday night basketball game to cover the first week of February?

Strange feeling, indeed.

Maybe I'll start reading a novel, go out to dinner or catch a movie.

One thing, for sure, I won't be up until 3 in the morning writing up Friday night results and putting them on the world wide web.

I turned in my laptop Friday afternoon after 41 years on the high school sports beat, but now it's time to turn the page and start a new chapter in life.

I'm retiring. So what is it now? Fishing? Shuffleboard? Pickleball?

It seems like only yesterday when I covered my first game for this newspaper group.

I remember it like yesterday: A promising young 6-foot-10 sophomore basketball player at Clarkston named Tim McCormick going up against West Bloomfield. The next game, I saw a great athlete from Southfield High named Vince Bean, who later became a two-way track and football standout at Michigan.

One went to the NBA and the other to the NFL. Not a bad way to start.

I never covered a Super Bowl, but I covered, interviewed and watched some super athletes during my 41 years.

Some were Olympians, even gold medalists, along with others who carved out nice professional careers in the NHL, NFL, MLB and NBA.

I've interviewed well-known boxers, auto racers, gymnasts, swimmers. I once did an interview with a player competing at Wimbledon, and yet another who won the final stage race in the Tour de France.

I got to rub shoulders with some famous people, too, along the way.

There was the one-on-one interview in the Clarenceville High School gymnasium with Joe Paterno, while he was waiting for Tim Shaw to get out of class. I had breakfast with Lloyd Carr and dinner with Rollie Massimino. And in the middle of the basketball court at Schoolcraft College, I learned how you defend the pick-and-roll from Tony and Dick Bennett. I interviewed Joe Montana, who had a bad cold, at the Townsend Hotel.

I watched the UCLA football team practice at Schoolcraft College without using goal posts the day before they played Michigan.

I once wrote a story about the Bob Lanier-Dick Vitale Basketball Camp when "Dickie V" himself personally walked out to his car and gave me a camp T-shirt.

Another time I got to play one game — and thank goodness, one game only — when Bobby Riggs was staging an exhibition match in Bloomfield Hills. Of course, the cagey Riggs threw in a couple of spinning drop shots on me for good measure to make me look silly, even though I was a collegiate tennis player.

As a newspaper colleague, I used to sit in the press box at Michigan football games alongside with the one and only W.W. "Eddie" Edgar, better known

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Perseverance pays off for Plymouth's Berger

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

On Friday night, a year removed from a season consumed by major minutes on the Plymouth boys basketball team's bench, senior Ryan Berger again occupied one of the sideline folding chairs that line the Wildcats' court.

Unlike last year, however, Berger glistened with high-effort sweat as he sat during a 30-second timeout in the third quarter of the Wildcats' game against Salem — and his seating arrangement was brief ... 30 seconds, to be exact.

Powered by perseverance and a willingness to learn, Berger has emerged from last season's garbage-time shadows to become not only a huge-minutes starter for Plymouth, but one of the most potent two-way big men in the area.

The 6-foot-7 senior has routinely posted double-digit scoring nights while gobbling up nearly as many rebounds — and his shot-blocking skills have made some dribble-driving guards think twice about entering the paint.

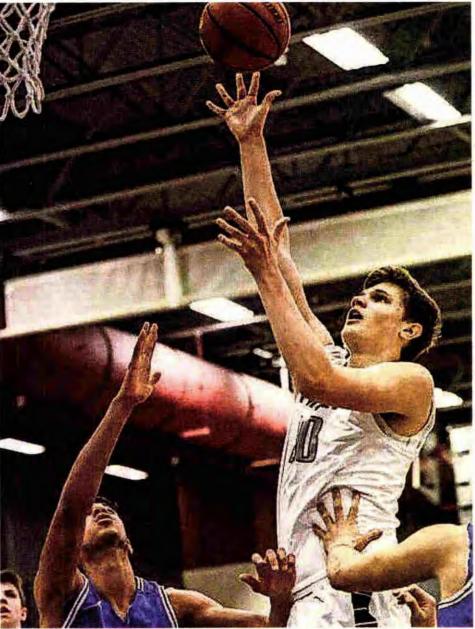
"We've kind of tailored some things for Ryan this year after slowly moving in that direction late last season," said Plymouth coach Mike Soukup. "Looking back, I wish I would have went to him sooner (last year). I'm 10 years in (as the Wildcats' head coach) and I'm still learning lessons. I felt we needed a change and I didn't go with it soon enough. I'm glad I did this year."

Admittedly "a little frustrated" by last year's minimal playing time, Berger never stopped working.

"During the summer league before my junior year, I was getting a lot of minutes, so I was optimistic about playing more than I did," Berger said. "Even though I didn't get a lot of playing time during the regular season, I got a lot of work in practice. Now, this year, I feel the work I did in practice last year has paid off."

Berger praised seniors from last year's squad and Soukup for getting him ready for his senior-season emergence.

"The seniors I played with last season did a great job of leading," he said. "They



Plymouth's Ryan Berger lays in two points during last week's game against Salem. MICHAEL VASILNEK/VASILNEK IMAGES

provided a good example of what it takes if you want more playing time. I was going up against really good players like Jeff Davis and Anthony Crump, which definitely helped.

"Coach Soukup has been a big help, too. This year one of the main things we do in practice is split up the bigs from the guards so we can work on specific skills. I've learned a lot more post moves that have carried over to the games."

The Wildcats' modest 6-8 record (following their 13-point win over the Rocks on Feb. 1) is not entirely indicative of how well they've played as their loss ledger includes a pair of two-point

losses and one one-point heartbreaker.

In Plymouth's 52-50 setback at Brighton on Jan. 29, Berger broke out with 23 points and 12 rebounds as the Wildcats nearly pulled off a huge road win.

win.

"I was running the court pretty well that night and my teammates were finding me," he said.

Berger said his rising confidence has been a pivotal component throughout his productive senior season.

"We scrimmaged a lot of really good teams last summer, which showed us what a good team looks like," Berger said. "I started feeling comfortable probably our second or third game this season. We beat Allen Park and we played a great team game. Playing like that against a good opponent helped our confidence."

Chemistry is not an issue with the Wildcats, whose roster is populated by several players who grew up playing together on travel teams.

The on-court bond is especially tight between Wildcat senior point guard Devon Wisniewski and Berger, who turned four Wisniewski passes into easy buckets against Salem.

"Devon and I have been playing together for awhile, so he's great at reading my slips ... and we screen-and-roll, stuff like that. We definitely have a good chemistry together."

An outstanding student with a 3.6 grade-point average, Berger has his sights set on attending Michigan State University in the fall.

Although, the way he's been getting it done on the hardwood, don't rule out an extension of his hoops career at a school looking for an on-the-rise big man.

What advice would Berger offer a player who was in his proverbial shoes last season?

"I would tell them to keep working and continue to put a lot of effort in at practice," he said. "If you can prove to your coach that you will work hard and that you can excel in the moment, eventually you'll start getting more minutes."

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as "The Stroller," who chronicled Joe Louis during his boxing career.

I covered countless state championship games; some I remember like yesterday.

And I watched my fair share of crazy games.

The most infamous was one sunny Saturday afternoon football game in 1992 at Dearborn Fordson when a riot erupted in — of all places — the press box. With haymakers being thrown literally left and right, I scurried out the front window of the press box for my own safety.

Wayne Memorial won that day, 20-3, but the game never stopped while the action in the press box continued for a good five minutes before the Dearborn police arrived to break it up.

I always enjoyed the change of sports seasons from fall to winter to spring.

However, I used to call spring the "silly season" with the unpredictable weather, senior proms, senior skip day, honors nights and graduation ceremonies. It was about 20 years ago when I decided to adopt my own spring "60-degree rule." If it wasn't 60 or warmer and no press box available, I wasn't covering

I met so many great coaches over the years and there are too many to name. They obviously don't get paid a lot and they do it as a labor of love. I always appreciated the time they took out of their busy schedules to give me all the information I needed to keep me informed.

Two coaches, however, I consider special and I consider great friends — former Westland John Glenn football coach Chuck Gordon, who occasionally comes out of hibernation from Central Lake, and Sue Tatro, my (former) running buddy who coached cross country and track at Churchill. (And now she thinks she's a basketball coach.)

And I can't thank enough all the athletic directors who helped me along the way. They work long hours and aren't always appreciated. Livonia Stevenson's Roger Frayer, who I played summer recreation ball for as a youth, helped steer me in the right direction during my early days and always kept me in the loop.

And then that torch was passed over to Churchill's Marc Hage, who became my "go-to guy" whenever certain prep



Detroit Catholic Central Director of Athletics Aaron Babicz, right, honors Hometownlife.com sports reporter Brad Emons during halftime with a plaque commemorating his 41 years covering local high school sports and for his years of providing coverage of the Shamrocks when they were in Redford and Novi. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

sports issues came up.

It's people like them and many others that made the job so enjoyable.

In 1978, I got my first taste of the high school big-time when I covered the Class D boys basketball semifinal between Orchard Lake St. Mary's and Mio Au Sable at Michigan State's Jenison Fieldhouse. I was sitting in the crow's nest high above the court, sitting along side the Swami himself, Hal Schram of the Free Press.

Little did I know then that I would strike up a great friendship with one of Schram's young proteges at the time, none other than Mick McCabe, who somehow became the "Son of Swami."

Even though we were at competing newspapers, Mick and I shared intel, laughed and made inside jokes for all of those 41 years. Our most infamous saying would come during March Madness, when we borrowed a line from one of my former O&E colleagues, the late Doug Funke: "They're dropping like flies!"

And we still talk about when they served shrimp in the press box at Lansing Everett during the state football semifinals.

And speaking of colleagues, I worked with so many great people over the years.

I'd like to thank my boss, Dan Dean, a great photographer, too, who is taking the early retirement offer as well. He understood sports and gave me plenty of rope. We covered that last Farmington Harrison football game together and that was historic.

And I also want thank my most recent sports colleagues, Dan O'Meara, Marty Budner and Tim Smith, for their efforts, along with Bill Bresler, one of the best photographers in the business.

As you know, the newspaper business has changed dramatically over the years and prep sports has been hit hard. The metrics and analytics tell us covering things the traditional way doesn't get the numbers anymore.



Emons, left, stands with former Livonia Stevenson High and Xavier University player Jalen Reynolds, who now plays in Russia. SUBMITTED

It was about 20 years ago when I decided to adopt my own spring "60-degree rule." If it wasn't 60 or warmer and no press box available, I wasn't covering it.

I did my best and adapted to the everchanging 24-hour news cycle. Never thought I would take photos, even videos, but I did! I never considered myself a gifted writer, but I prided myself on being fair, honest and accurate. I hope I created some scrapbooks with many memories for schools, kids and their parents.

The ever-changing world of technology is a challenge, for sure. Even as I was writing this final column, the VPN connection went down.

Maybe they are trying to send me a message that it's time to move on, but it was a great 41 years and I wouldn't have had it any other way.

Time flies when you're having fun, but now it's a wrap.

And, as former Lutheran High Westland athletic director Mike Unger would always end his emails: "Blessings."

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Herrington

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The Farmington Public Schools district decided nearly three years ago to close Harrison High School — the youngest of the district's three schools — following the 2018-19 academic year. That decision signaled the end of Harrison, bringing the nationally-renowned football program to its end.

The end is real and Herrington is left with the memories of a storied run that included an MHSAA-record 28 state playoff appearances with a record 13 state championships, not to mention 28 league championships.

'No reason' for closing Harrison

It is still a bitter pill to swallow for all of Hawks nation.

"It's very bitter. There's no reason for it," Herrington said. "I told them — and I don't mind not holding back — I don't know why they would close the newest school and the one with the best facilities and kind of a namesake athletic program in football.

"It's a brand name in Farmington and around the state and, I hate to brag, around the country. They all know about Farmington Harrison," he added. "It's the most diverse school and, because some accounting firm decided it would be a good one to close and the administration went along with it, it makes no sense to me."

The football numbers are impressive and the success unprecedented. But the Herrington era is about more than numbers

Herrington literally helped build the two-story high school, located south of 12 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and MIddlebelt roads. Harrison has been his pride and passion ever since.

Make no mistake about it, Herrington bleeds Harrison green and gold.

Herrington not only influenced his athletes as both the school's football and baseball head coach, but touched all students as a longtime history teacher and a driver's education instructor.

It is all about the legacy

It's all those collective memories which Herrington will both cherish and miss

Herrington, like Fracassa, touched youngsters in a manner only coaches can do.

They'll both tell you that the on-field numbers and successes are great, but not the major reason why they spent to much time along the sidelines. They will tell you without question the most satisfying part of their careers is the relationships they've built and maintained with students and their parents over the

That's what really stands out in their

"When I think of Al (Fracassa), I don't think of how many wins he had, I think about how his players reacted to his coaching and how they still react to him all the time," Herrington said during an interview last season. "I hope I'm remembered the same way once my career is over. The wins are nice, no question about it. But it's what your players

think about you that is most important."

Joe Pesci is one of those former Harrison players who holds Herrington in high regard.

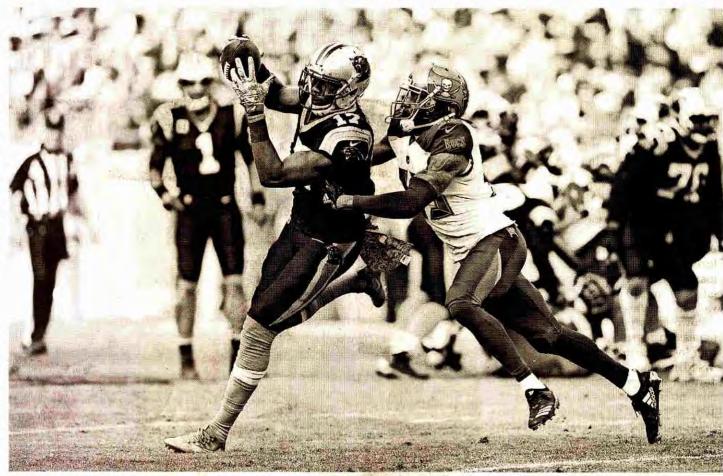
A quarterback on Harrison's 1993 state championship team, Pesci has followed in Herrington's footsteps as a head coach. Pesci now leads the South Lyon East High School football program and said Herrington had a great influence on his career.

Pesci, a 1994 Harrison grad who is 14th on the school's all-time passing leaders list, began his coaching career with the Hawks after graduating from Albion College. He is thankful for that opportunity.

"As I was fortunate that coach Herrington offered me a coaching position when I got out of college," said Pesci, the middle of three brothers who played for Harrison. "That's where I learned how to coach and I was able to see coach Herrington and (assistant) coach (Bob) Sutter and what they did from week to week from that coaching side and not so much from the players' side. That was eye-opening to me.

"I was very fortunate to be part of that program, both as a player and as I coach. I learned how to communicate with the players and build that relationship with them. What was most eye-opening is the amount of preparation that coach Herrington and his staff did prior to game week.

"Our offense (at East) is kind of patterned right after (Harrison's). For 50 years, he's been running that same offense," he added. "It's sad that (Harrison) has to close. There's so much tradition that's there and for him to have to go out that way — he always wanted to



Carolina Panthers wide receiver and former Harrison player Devin Funchess. BOB DONNAN | USA TODAY SPORTS

go out on his own terms. It's tough for him and it's tough for the alumni."

On to the pros

Eight former Hawks have gone on to play pro ball.

Devin Funchess, a 2012 Harrison grad who was on Harrison's last state championship team in 2010, is a member of that elite group. Funchess, now a receiver for the Carolina Panthers, will always remember the impact Herrington and Harrison had on his career.

"He just taught me about strength, toughness and pride," Funchess said after a recent game against the Detroit Lions at Ford Field. "They just taught me how to deal with adversity and move past it. That's what they taught me. It's always next game.

"It's sad that something like (Harrison closing) is happening in this great state. We got another powerhouse going to waste because of population," he added. "But I have nothing but good memories. It's just a blessing I get to be where I'm at right now because of Harrison High School. I just wish (Herrington) good luck and stay healthy."

It's not only former players and students who have gained Herrington's respect. It's coaching colleagues as well.

A mentor to other coaches

The 2018 football season was kind of a Herrington farewell tour.

It started with the preseason Oakland Activities Association football media day at Rochester High School. League coaches to a man, some longer than others, lauded Herrington for what he has meant to the conference, the game and their own careers. Many of them called Herrington their role model.

West Bloomfield High School head coach Ron Bellamy, a former Detroit Lions player and a Louisiana native, befriended Herrington through one of Harrison's all-time leading players, Drew Stanton.

Bellamy thanked Herrington for all he has done for him and what he has

meant to the OAA over the years.

"Even before I coached high school football, (Herrington) coached one of my best friends, Drew Stanton, and I got a chance to be around coach Herrington's program and it reminded me a lot of my high school coach in New Orleans," Bellamy said to Herrington and the other players, coaches and media members gathered back in early August. "And some of the same principles that you preach to your kids — your kids are 40 years old now, 30 years old, they are fathers, husbands, it's the same we should do with you.

"This man is a wonderful person, a wonderful human being. You developed this landscape here in the OAA. You set the standard for the coaches that we're all chasing. And ever since I've been here at West Bloomfield, I've always looked up to you.

"I've always wanted to have the same successes that you've had," he added. "I've always leaned on you and I'm forever grateful for all the opportunities and experiences you have given me."

Groves head coach Brendan Flaherty has enjoyed his share of success lately against Herrington. Flaherty said the victories over Harrison helped vault Groves into its current status as one of Oakland County's premier programs.

Flaherty reflected on Herrington's legacy following his Division 2 state semifinal loss to Warren De La Salle.

"John Herrington is just one of those icons you can't replace," Flaherty said. "I think for us, we just have so much respect for coach Herrington and Harrison. We really feel our program, the past five years, has jump-started because we've had so much success against Harrison.

"Coach Herrington is such a good guy and a great coach. He's a role model for guys to look up to," he added. "I'd like to be more like him. He's inspiring."

The numbers don't lie

The on-field numbers are simply amazing.

A combination of consistency and stability by a hard-working coaching staff have fueled Harrison's success.

Dedicated and loyal assistants like Sutter, Dave Thorne, Bob Sallow, John Witkowski, Jon Herstein, Ron Brown and Paul Degebien heavily influenced Herrington's decision-making, scouting reports and film sessions over the years. Former players like Mill Coleman, Mike Ciceri and Billy Slobin also have played key roles in Harrison's good fortunes.

Herrington's final record as a head coach is an astonishing 443-112-1, a .796 winning percentage.

In his 49 years, the Hawks finished with at least 10 victories 27 times. They posted nine undefeated seasons, including back-to-back 14-0 records in 2000-01. During an amazing five-season run from 1997 to 2001, when they won five straight state titles, the Hawks registered an unbelievable 64-4 record, which included four undefeated seasons.

He's only had five seasons with a losing record, the worst at 3-6 in 1972.

"I never thought about records. I would just think about one year after the other," Herrington said. "And then that one stretch where we won five state championships in a row, I look back at it and can't believe it. It almost got to be like it was expected. Even this year, I thought we had a good chance at it."

Three losses that stung the most

Herrington recalls many of those seasons and games.

Wins over Westland John Glenn (7-6 for Herrington's 200th victory in 1993), Saginaw Arthur Hill (34-18 in 1989 season opener), DeWitt (28-27 in 1989 state championship game) and Dearborn Fordson (17-14 in double OT on Dave Blackmer's memorable winning field goal for 1982 state title), quickly come to his mind as highlights.

However, three stinging defeats still haunt Herrington — the ones he calls his most disappointing losses:

■ The 1983 regular-season loss to Livonia Churchill. The 13-12 defeat not only ruined a perfect season during which Harrison won eight games — six via shutout — but also deprived the Hawks of a state playoff berth in an era when one loss resulted in postseason wanting.

■ The 1984 loss to Dearborn Fordson in the Class A state semifinal game at Pontiac's Wisner Stadium. In John Miller's senior season, Harrison had won 10 straight games and was seeking its third state title in a four-year span. The Hawks fell, 9-7.

■ The 2014 loss to Muskegon Mona Shores in the Division 2 state semifinal game. Herrington felt his team was on the bad end of a few flags. The Hawks lost 25-24 in a controversial battle.

"As far as wins, I guess all the state championship games are something special and all of our other big games," Herrington said. "I probably remember our three worst losses more than anything. They just stick out."

Stability from the start

So time has flown by for Herrington, who started the program in 1970 from the ground up with great support from his late wife Fran.

Herrington founded the booster club, picked the mottos, picked the uniforms, picked the first Hawks mascot and even suggested the green and gold color scheme — which eventually was voted on by the student body and won over purple and gold — partly because of his love for the Green Bay Packers.

After 556 games, it's all over. The end came Nov. 9 in the Division 4 regional championship game with a 21-14 loss to Chelsea. It's a career he's going to miss.

"It's been a fantastic career. When I started, I was age 30 and came over from North Farmington and I was excited about it," Herrington said. "I never felt like it was a job. It was always fun. We just got a program going that people bought into.

"Really, to get a winning program going, you to have to win. In 1974, we won eight games and in '76 we went to the finals and then we just continued to win. You can go on ... about all the great players we've had and the coaches.

"But I think if you have stability and build a good program and stick to your guns and believe in what you're doing, then you can be successful," he added. "But I never thought it would get to the level we did. But I really just believed in the next game and the next season. I really enjoyed molding a team and see what we have. And that's something that bothers me now. We have no next season."

Thank you for the memories, coach

The head coaching part of Herrington's career is history.

He's slowing cleaning out the football room at Harrison and will continue his duties as president of the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association. But Herrington's sentiments for Harrison, like a Hail Mary pass, run too deep and are too personal for him to take over another school's program.

It's that innate passion and pride that galvanized Herrington's legacy at Harrison. It just wouldn't be the same at another school. The bittersweet ending will always resonate.

Like Herrington consistently reiterated prior to Harrison's closing: "You can celebrate our (football) legacy, but not the closing of our school."

"Harrison is just in my blood and that's why I really couldn't go and coach as a head coach at another school," Herrington said. "Harrison is everything to me. And it wasn't just football. Coaching at Harrison was something I just really enjoyed. It made life great for me."

Those emotions were on display at Harrison's final team banquet.

Herrington choked up a bit when he addressed the team, thanking them for sacrificing their last season with a lameduck program, reminding them of the STP (strength, toughness, pride) values they learned and instructing them to never let go of their high school experience.

Once a Hawk, always a Hawk.

Green and gold forever.

Coach, the sport will miss you. Your kind and gentle manner, your bustling laugh and the willingness to give of your time will never be forgotten.

But the Harrison family, which you

molded, will always be there for you.

It was an absolute pleasure. Thanks for the memories.

Plymouth sweeps Salem in boys hoops

Ed Wright Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Just three weeks after Plymouth's boys basketball team edged Salem 45-44 on a buzzer-beating, three-point dagger delivered by Curtis Moore, the two Plymouth-Canton Educational Park rivals were at it again Friday night at Plymouth.

Fueled by senior guard Bryce Amison's 14-point night and a double-double from senior center Ryan Berger (Il points, 13 rebounds) the Wildcats held off a late Rocks' charge to post a 55-42 victory.

Nothing like a 22-4 blitz to find your mojo

Trailing 13-10 after the first quarter, the Wildcats owned the second stanza, outscoring their guests 22-4 thanks to a nine-point flurry by first-man-off-thebench Matt MacLellan and five points each from Moore and reserve guard Ethan Farrugia.

"We didn't turn the ball over; that was the key to the run," said Plymouth coach Mike Soukup.

Angelo Crespo, who tallied a teamhigh 13 points, scored the Rocks' only four points during the eight-minute stretch.

The 'bigs' made quite an impression

Both squads' big men — Salem's 6foot-3 forward Ben Dierker and Plymouth's Berger, a 6-8 senior center, made their presence felt.

Dierker scored 12 points and snatched 12 rebounds while Berger was a mainstay at both ends of the court.

Longtime AAU teammates for a variety of Plymouth-Canton-based teams, the duo battled toe-to-toe in the paint in what turned out to be a dead-heat draw, looking at the post-game stat sheet.

Dierker was also active on the perimeter, piling up three steals while knocking down a triple in the fourth quarter when he scored eight of his points, while Berger ran the court like a guard and set screens to create open shots for teammates.



Plymouth's Devon Wisniewski splits a pair of Salem defenders on the way to the basket. MICHAEL VASILNEK/VASILNEK IMAGES

A dish (or 11) to pass

Plymouth senior point guard Devon Wisniewski pulled off a pretty sweet Steve Nash impersonation by distributing 11 assists — an eye-popping total in high school basketball.

Four of the unselfish Wisniewski's dimes went to Berger. The crafty 5-11 pass-first maestro also found Amison alone near the basket for two other crowd-pleasing helpers.

Size doesn't matter for Rock duo

Although standing at least three inches south of the 6-foot mark, Salem

senior guards Julius Nelson and Crespo made a big impact on the outcome.

Nelson ignited the Rocks' impressive first quarter with four points and a couple of steals, while Crespo's contributions were evenly divided throughout the contest.

One or both of the diminutive duo seemed to be in the mix — whether securing a key rebound, igniting a fastbreak or providing an emotional spark — during crucial moments of the game.

Final quarter worth price of admission

Just when it appeared the Wildcats

were on their way to a comfortable triumph, leading 42-31 with eight minutes to play, the Rocks ramped up their effort and cut the deficit to 46-42 on a leftwing trey from Dierker with 4:40 left.

The Wildcats seemed more locked-in following a timeout from Soukup and closed out the game on a 9-0 run.

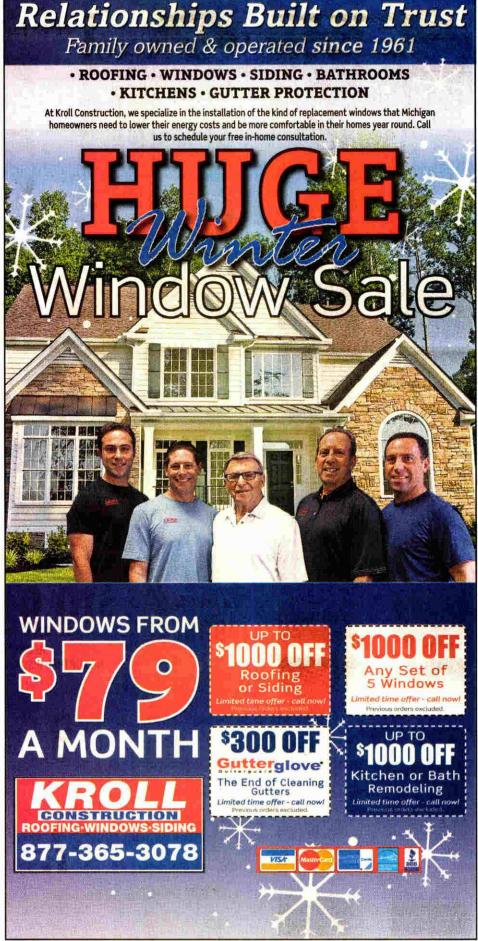
Salem slipped to 3-10 overall while Plymouth improved to 6-7.

In the wake of the KLAA's divisional realignment, Friday marked the first time the two PCEP teams have squared off in two regular-season games.

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Dramatic finish keeps Franklin's Swirple unbeaten

Bill Khan Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Jake Swirple refused to give up. Not when he was nearly pinned in the first minute of the match.

Not when he laid on the floor in pain, having been thrown off the wrestling

And not when he trailed by two points in the final 20 seconds of his match with Dearborn Fordson's Mahdi Hazime.

By the conclusion of the match, the final one of a long day, the crowd at Howell High School was chanting "Swirple ... Swirple" after the Livonia Franklin junior staged a dramatic 7-6 victory in a clash between two of the top 285-pounders in the state.

Hazime, ranked fifth in Division 1, was nursing a 6-4 lead when he was called for stalling. Swirple was awarded a point, then got a takedown with six seconds remaining to win the KLAA heavyweight title and stay unbeaten.

"I just kept shooting and shooting," said Swirple, who is ranked No. 3 at 285. "I've got that motor that when the third period hits, it's go time for me. I've just got to keep going. I knew that was what I had to do."

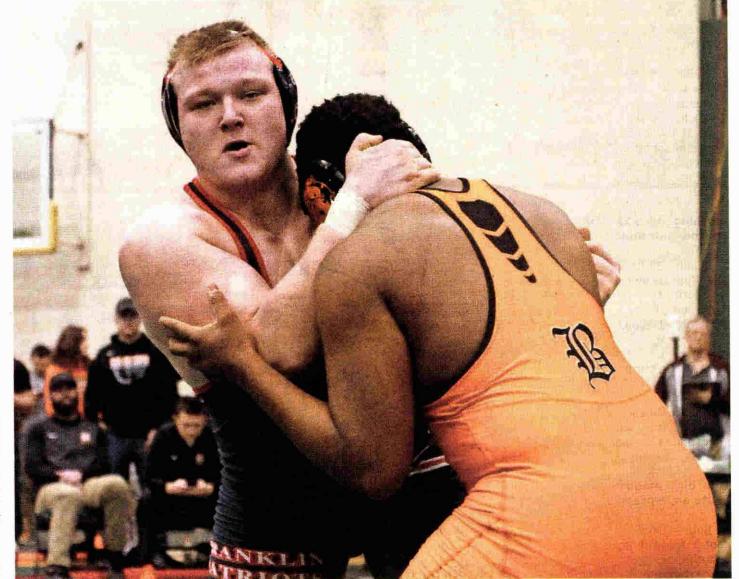
Swirple was able to escape a near fall in the first minute, but he fell behind 5-0 against a wrestler he beat 4-1 on Dec. 15 and 3-1 on Dec. 29. All three of Hazime's losses have been to Swirple.

Swirple's chances of coming back appeared to be in jeopardy when he was thrown out of bounds and couldn't get up immediately with 1:32 left in the second period.

After a lengthy delay, during which a wrestler on the adjacent mat knelt in prayer for Swirple, he got up and was able to continue the match.

"I kind of hit my neck and my back a little bit and my head," Swirple said. "I just came up. I wanted to get back out there. I love wrestling. I love going out there. I fought through the pain. That was about my toughest match all year so far. He wrestled great. I just had to battle back"

Swirple also had to beat a stateranked wrestler in the semifinals, win-



Livonia Franklin's Jake Swirple, left, left, defeated Brighton's Colby Ford in a semifinal match at the KLAA wrestling tournament Saturday at Howell. BILL KHAN/LIVINGSTON DAILY

ning 15-3 over ninth-ranked Colby Ford of Brighton.

Swirple's championship was one of only three that weren't won by state powers Brighton and Hartland. Franklin's Christian Gerber was the 112-pound champions, while Westland John Glenn's Brenten Polk won at 145.

John Glenn's Caleb Meekins, ranked No. 2 at 125, lost a 3-2 decision to topranked Eddie Homrock of Brighton.

Brighton won the tournament and

season championships after going 9-0 in duals and outscoring Hartland, 287 to 252.5. John Glenn was third with 147.5 points, while Howell was fourth with

"The last couple of weeks, it's almost like everyone's ready for the postseason," Brighton coach Tony Greathouse said. "It's been a little bit of a challenge to keep everybody's intensity up. I thought we did a good job, especially in the last round, of responding."

KLAA championship matches

103 – Quaylon Newton (Brighton) d. Zach Phifer (Howell) 5-1; Tl2 – Christian Gerber (Livonia Franklin) d. Ty Cowen (Westland John Glenn) 4-1; Tl9 – Sam Freeman (Brighton) d. Wyatt Nault (Hartland) 6-1; Tl25 – Eddie Homrock (Brighton) d. Caleb Meekins (Westland John Glenn) 3-2; Tl30 – Kyle Kantola (Hartland) d. Aaron Garcia (Dearborn) 3:17; Tl35 – Corey Cavanaugh (Hartland) d. Zach Johnson (Brighton) 14-5; Tl40 – Rhett Newton (Brighton) d. Bryce Cheney (Hartland) 10-5; Tl45 – Brenten Polk (Westland John Glenn) d. Ryan Heur (Novi) 5:05; Tl52 – Victor Grabowski (Brighton) d. Avery Dickerson (Hartland) :47; Tl60 – Reece Potter (Hartland) d. Blake Williams (Belleville) 9-5; Tr1 – River Shettler (Brighton) d. Tanner Culver (Hartland) 5:42; Tl89 – Greyson Stevens (Brighton) d. Dean Elder (Dearborn) 2:35; Zl5 – Luke Stanton (Brighton) d. Logan Kozarian (Howell) :52; 285 – Jake Swirple (Livonia Franklin) d. Mahdi Hazime (Dearborn Fordson)



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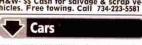




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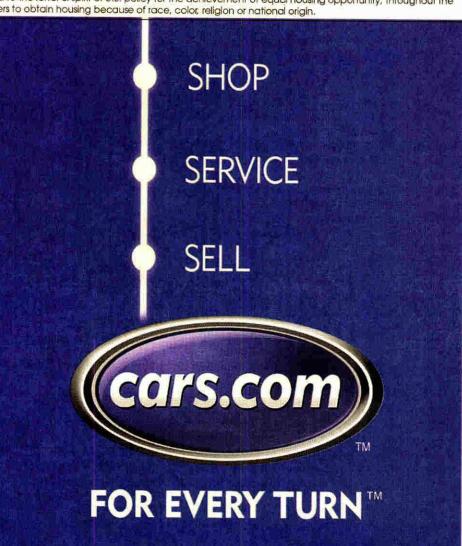
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64 Actress Perlman 65 Women's wear encircling a magazine? 28 Model of iPod 71 Tooth filler

72 See 49-Across 73 Abbr. of fair hiring

74 Go bonkers 76 Beach where everyone dons athletic wear? 80 Do a tally of

82 Abbr. in personal ads 83 Sir Andrew Webber 84 "- Day Will Come"

85 Be in debt to 86 Writer Joyce 88 Frequently, to DOWN

a poet 89 Pull sharply 90 Waist wear inscribed with images of sun-orbiting bodies?

94 Castle trench 96 ERA or RBI 97 Sit as a

model 98 Outerwear with huge pockets to hold LPs? 102 Verbal gems

104 9-to-5er's relieved cry 108 Telegraphic code creator 109 Slave away 110 Inside info 111 Pro at taking

dictation 112 Frozen spike 114 Summer wear depicting cartoon

scenes? 117 Weasels 118 Looked scornfully 119 Messenger of

the gods 120 Rains cold pellets 121 Mean rulers

122 Big bother

41 Paperless

deeply

68 Jon who

played

Napoleon

Dynamite

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70 Studio prop

76 "I'm Real"

77 Pixie

singer's

78 Deteriorate

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79 Kiss go-with,

nickname

1 Boulders 2 Oven brand 42 Turkic 3 Sherpa land 4 Deep fissure 5 An Amerind 6 Brit. mil. fliers

7 Get - of 45 Curved line (obtain) 8 Implements 47 Quick trip 9 Closing parts 10 Homer

11 Rusty color 12 Avenged 13 Singer -Marie 14 Sheep's call suddenly 15 "Rum Punch"

novelist Leonard 16 "Yeah, makes sense" 61 A bit drunk 17 Nick of film 63 Plaintiff 66 Regretted

18 Heartache 19 Scorches 24 "Angie" star Davis 29 "Tommy" actor

Simpson cry

32 E-I linkup 33 Royal flush card 34 They're shot from air

rifles 36 Modest reply to kudos 37 Comical sort 39 Scots' toppers 40 Many Apples

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80 Stupefy novel, e.g. 81 Seal schools 85 Mel who

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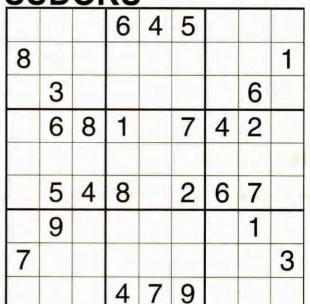
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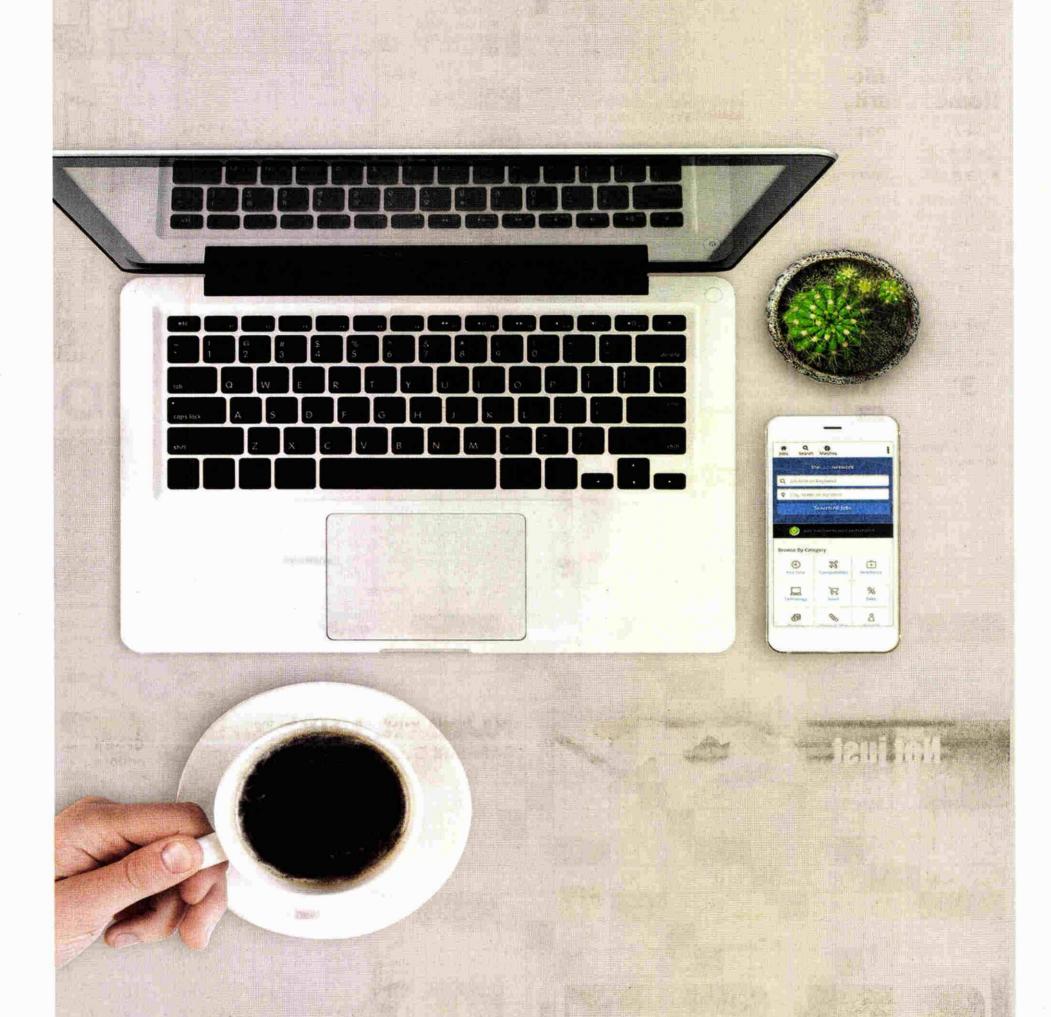
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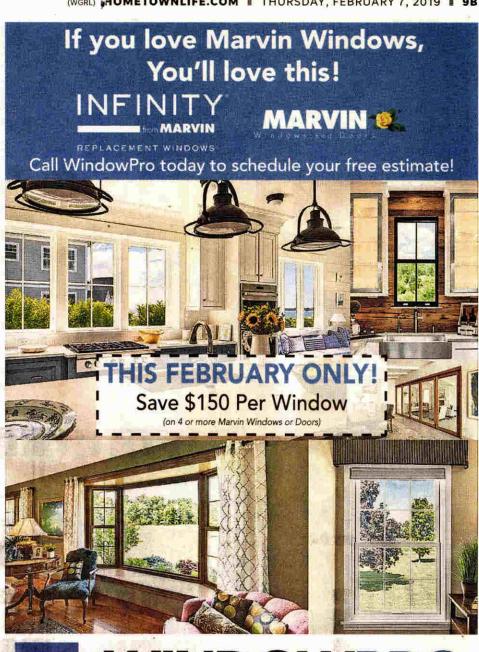




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