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Wayne-Westland to close 1 school in 2020

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The Wayne-Westland Community School District knows it needs to close some schools as enrollment decreases. The district's leadership now hopes parents and teachers will provide feedback for how best to move forward.

Four meetings are scheduled to take

place this month around the possibility of closing one of the district's middle schools or upper elementary schools. The meetings will take place at the following dates and times:

■ 3:45 p.m. March 5 in the library at Marshall Upper Elementary School, 35100 Bayview in Westland

■ 3:15 p.m. March 13 in the library at Adams Upper Elementary School,

33475 Palmer in Westland

■ 6 p.m. March 13 in the library at Franklin Middle School, 33555 Annapolis in Wayne

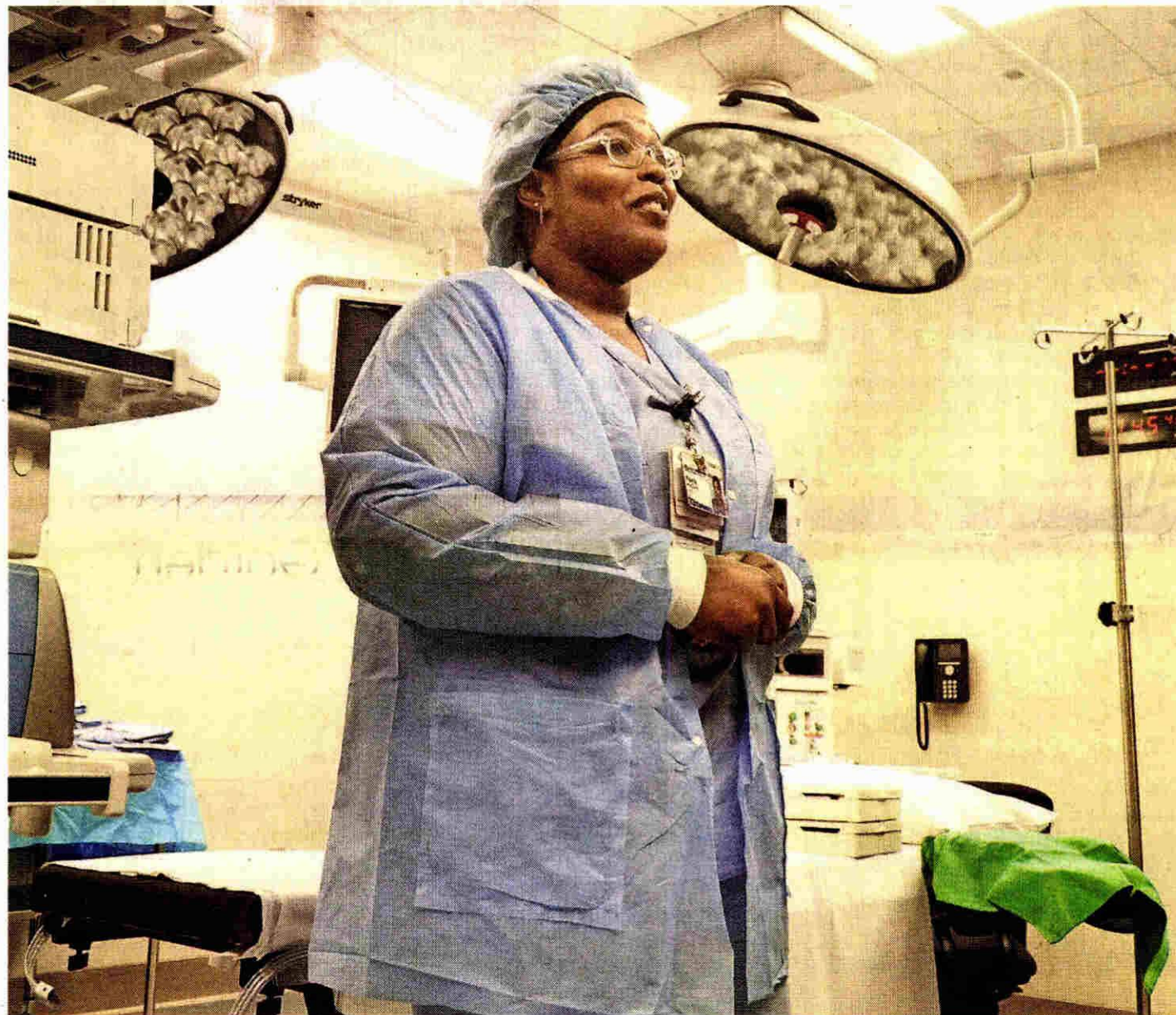
■ 7 p.m. March 14 in the library at Stevenson Middle School, 38501 Palmer in Westland

It's not a coincidence the meetings are taking place at those four schools: One of those schools will close at the

end of the 2019-2020 school year, said district spokeswoman Jenny Johnson. The district just wants to make sure it gathers feedback from those involved at those buildings.

A third-party facilitator will run the meetings and share information, including enrollment at the schools,

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Kayla McGuire, a Beaumont Hospital Farmington Hills surgical service assistant, talks about the amenities in the new operating suite at the expanded emergency center. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Beaumont Hospital expands to accommodate technology

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The new emergency center and surgical suite at Beaumont Hospital Farmington Hills is all about patient care.

That's what hospital President David Claeys said Wednesday morning during a preview event for the new wing of the hospital at 28050 Grand River in Farmington Hills.

"What it allows us to do is to provide state-of-the-art emergency services, as well as ICU services and intensive care as well as surgical services," he said. "It'll accommodate advanced technologies, advanced robotic technologies here in the center with all the latest and greatest in patient care."

The hospital will open the \$160 million expansion throughout the month. New amenities include:

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The hospital will open the \$160 million expansion throughout the month. City council approved the project in 2015, and ground was broken in 2016.

Gay clergy, same-sex marriage vote divides United Methodists

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On the brink of a historic vote regarding same-sex marriage and gay clergy in the United Methodist Church, South Lyon Pastor Mary McInnes sought to keep her congregation together last Sunday.

"Even if we disagree, no matter what (the vote is), some won't be able to manage that," she said. "If you find yourself in disappointment, let's have coffee."

"I choose love for all of you."

In her 23 years as a Methodist pastor, McInnes has had to turn away more than 20 same-sex couples who asked her to officiate at their weddings, in deference to the church's Book of Discipline, which forbids it and states "the practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching."

"It's heartbreaking and embarrassing," she said. "It's hard to come to terms with. How can they not get married by their youth pastor? It's horrible to say no and reject them."

The issue has been debated for four decades, and finally came to a head Tuesday at the United Methodist Church's General Conference after increasing rebellion by church pastors who have married same-sex couples.

The church formed a Commission on a Way Forward, composed of bishops, to study the issue after the last general conference could not decide, and they ultimately recommended the "One Church Plan," allowing each church to decide for themselves.

McInnes favored this plan, but ultimately would be disappointed.

Church stands by tradition, adds punishment

At the general conference, delegates voted 438-384 for the "Traditional Plan," which keeps the policy the same, with additional measures asking bishops to certify in written statements that they will not ordain gay clergy and suspending for one year without pay any clergy who preside over a same-sex wedding. A second offense could result in expulsion.

David Bard, bishop for the Michigan conference, attended the conference held Feb. 24-26 in St. Louis and said emotions were running high.

"Many of the observers were LGBTQ and that pain and hurt was

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Lawmakers take 1st step in pension tax repeal

Kathleen Gray Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

The tax on pensions wasn't popular when it passed in 2011 and only became more detested by senior citizens, Republicans and Democrats over the last eight years.

The House of Representatives on Thursday took the first of many steps to eliminate the tax, when the House Tax Policy Committee voted 14-1 to get rid of it on most pension incomes.

"Repealing the change in the 2011 pension tax has been a point of discussion for many years," said Rep. Joseph Bellino, R-Monroe, who sponsored the legislation.

The change, however, would mean a \$330 million hit to the state's budget, according to a House Fiscal Agency analysis of the bill, and some Democrats wondered whether there was anything identified in the proposed legislation to replace that revenue.



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Bellino said he thinks there's room to absorb the cut in a \$56 billion state budget that also includes a rainy day fund that exceeds \$1 billion.

Jeff Guilfoyle, deputy director of the state Treasury Department, told committee members that the measure had

significant budget implications and it was too soon to take a position on the bill until Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, who supports the pension tax elimination, presents her budget to the Legislature.

Whitmer's budget message comes at a time, however, when there are significant pressures on her to come up with money for her signature campaign promise to "fix the damn roads," and revenue coming into the state from a variety of taxes has been relatively flat.

The 2011 legislation pushed by former Gov. Rick Snyder right after he took office removed total and partial tax exemptions for income from public and private pensions. Snyder pushed through the pension tax and tied it to a business tax cut as a way to bring more fairness to the state's tax code.

It created a complicated three-tier system that phased in the tax depending on the year a taxpayer was born. The new bill gets rid of the three-tier system and allows pensioners to claim exemp-

tions on up to \$51,570 of pension income for single filers and up to \$103,140 for joint filers.

Although the pension tax was approved by a Republican-controlled Legislature and signed into law by Snyder, its repeal now has bipartisan support. Rep. Isaac Robinson, D-Detroit, was the only committee member to vote against the bill. He said he supports getting rid of the pension tax, but voted against the bill because he thinks it should go through the Appropriations committee's budgeting process.

Measures to repeal the tax have been introduced in nearly every legislative session since it was approved, but the bills have never gotten a vote.

Because Speaker of the House Lee Chatfield, R-Levering, has changed the way committees work, the bill — HB 4006 — now moves to the House Ways and Means committee for consideration before it moves to the full House of Representatives.

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average time students spend on the bus getting to school, and more.

The plan to close a school isn't unexpected: The school board voted last spring to reconfigure the buildings and the grades they hold, which would result in some school buildings shutting down. One of those buildings will close, and the other three will house middle school students starting in 2020.

"It's going to really really affect the communities of those four schools," Johnson said. "The other three buildings will be 6-8 buildings."

The configuration beginning in 2020 will move to a K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 model. Currently, the grade configuration is K-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-12.

After all the feedback is collected, a report will be made and presented to the board of education later this spring. The board is expected to review the proposals beginning at its April 26 meeting, Johnson said. A decision on what school

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Jenny Johnson
Spokeswoman, Wayne-Westland
Community School District

to close could come as early as that meeting and as late as June.

"Our goal is to have the decision made and be public by the time school gets out in June," she said.

The closure comes as enrollment continues to decline at the district, which includes Wayne and parts of Westland, Inkster, Romulus and Canton. Enrollment at the district is just under 11,000 students, which is 4,000 fewer than were enrolled a decade ago.

"Within the next five years, we're projected to be at the same enrollment we were at 50 years ago," Johnson said.

The closure would be the first in the district since 2008, when six elemen-

tary schools were closed.

More school closures coming

The closure of an upper elementary or middle school won't be the last stop for the district when it comes to closing schools. Two more elementary schools are expected to close by 2022, bringing the district's total to nine.

Discussions on which schools will close will not take place yet. Johnson said it was important to note that any of the \$158 million bond money approved by voters last fall will not be invested into the elementary schools until it's decided which ones will close in a few years.

"The elementary schools are in phase three," Johnson said. "Our elementary buildings would not see any of the bond renovations until 2022 anyways."

The elementary buildings will gain some students since they are adding a grade to the buildings for the next few years, but Johnson said each of the 11 buildings are still under capacity.

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MSP recommends expansion of program that tests drivers for pot

Kathleen Gray
Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

With a dramatic increase in marijuana use expected after retail sales of legal weed begin next year, Michigan State Police want to expand a pilot program to use oral swabs to test drivers for marijuana impairment.

The recommendation comes in a report that showed that of 92 people who were tested in five counties last year, 74 — or 80 percent — tested positive for THC, or tetrahydrocannabinol, the active ingredient in marijuana that produces the “high” for users.

When law enforcement sought to confirm those results with a blood test, 63 of the tests came back positive for THC.

The presence of marijuana was far higher than other controlled substances, including cocaine, methamphetamines, opiates and benzodiazepines.

The results come at a time when the state is preparing for an expected spike in marijuana use when the drug becomes commercially available for sale next year. While more than 294,000 Michiganders have medical marijuana cards that allow them to legally use weed, voters approved a ballot proposal Nov. 6 legalizing marijuana for recreational use for those

at least 21.

When the state starts giving out business licenses for recreational sales of marijuana early next year, the number of people using marijuana, and possibly driving under its influence, has law enforcement officials gearing up for reliable and easy testing methods.

In Michigan, marijuana-related traffic crashes increased from 78 in 2013 to 169 in 2017, including 70 crashes that resulted in fatalities in 2013 and 131 in 2017, according to statistics from the Michigan State Police.

The MSP has used blood tests in the past to detect THC in a driver’s system, but the tests are more costly and time-consuming because blood has to be drawn by a medical professional, usually in a hospital setting. Getting back the test results can take up to several weeks, while the oral swab results are available within minutes.

In 2017, Sen. Tom Cas-



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person, R-Escanaba, cited a car crash in which a tractor-trailer driver high on marijuana ran into a car in the Upper Peninsula, killing the couple inside, when he introduced legislation allowing for oral swab drug testing. The bill was approved by the Legislature to authorize a one-year pilot program for testing in Berrien, Delta, Kent,

Washtenaw and St. Clair counties. Michigan State Police received \$626,000 in funding to complete the pilot, which ran from Nov. 8, 2017, to Nov. 8, 2018.

It was such a success that the MSP is requesting that the program be expanded to 55 counties across the state and extended for another year. The expansion would in-

clude additional training for police officers — or Drug Recognition Experts — in how to detect drivers impaired by controlled substances.

“Expansion of this pilot program will allow a greater number of police departments in Michigan to take advantage of the expertise of participating DREs to assist with traffic stops and drug-impaired driving investigations,” the MSP said in its report. “Arresting drug-impaired drivers can be expected to mitigate serious injury and fatal traffic crashes throughout Michigan.”

Of the arrests made during the drug testing pilot program, 62 were the result of stops because of some sort of traffic infraction or erratic driving and 27 came after vehicle crashes.

Colorado, the first state to legalize marijuana for adult recreational use, has grappled with the issue of testing and the Colorado State Patrol still primarily uses blood tests for marijuana users.

About 8 percent of the 880 traffic fatalities in 2016 had links to marijuana. Of those 77 fatalities, 51 of the drivers had levels that exceeded the state’s legal limit of 5 nanograms per milliliter of THC in their system.

The tests used by Colorado show the level of the primary compound in THC, which metabolizes quickly in the blood. As a result, the police are able to differentiate a person who has recently used pot to one who has imbibed hours, days or weeks prior to being stopped.

In the latest pilot program, the MSP required people have at least 1 nanogram per milliliter of THC in their blood to be considered a positive test. The equivalent positive drug test number for an oral swab was 44 nanograms per milliliter. The state is still setting the rules that will govern the marijuana industry, including the acceptable levels of THC in the blood and saliva.

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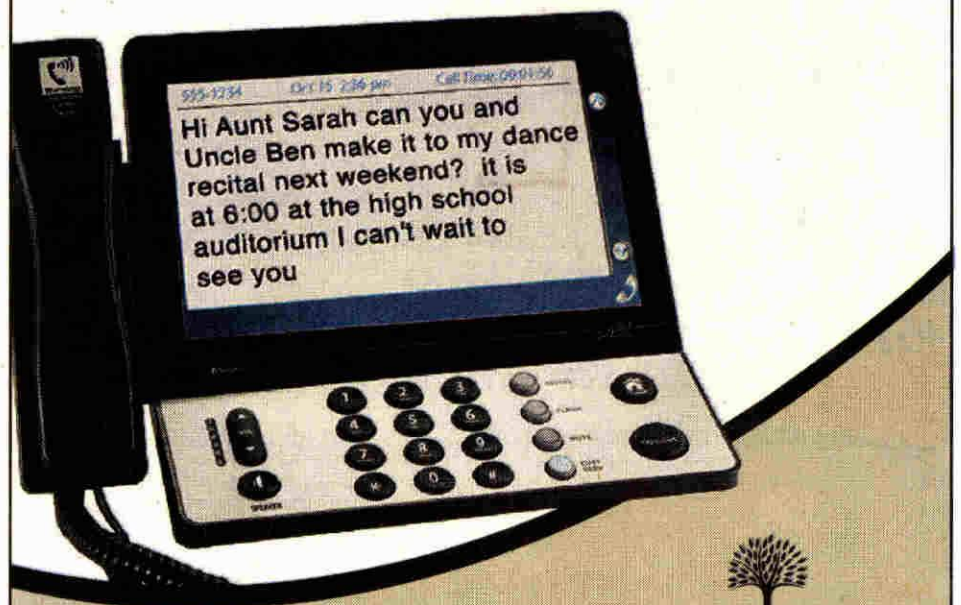
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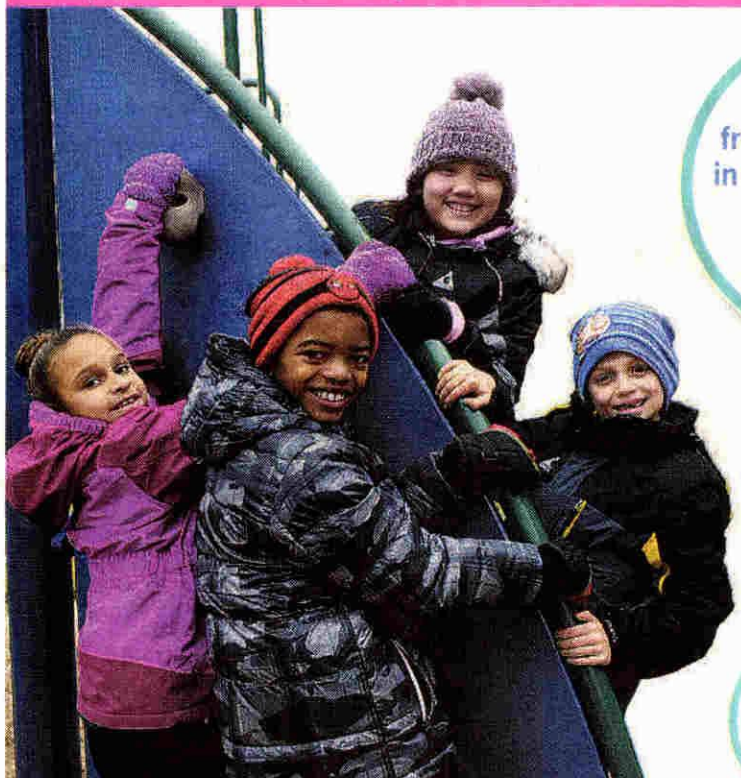


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Sculpting a legacy for an artist, baker

Fans aim to preserve artwork of Redford Township's Silvio Barile

John Monaghan
Special to Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

When news arrived Feb. 16 that 80-year-old baker and self-taught artist Silvio Barile had died at his Redford Township home, the community he loved and fed for decades felt the loss deeply.

For people like Bruce Marsalese, Silvio's death prompted nostalgic Facebook reflections about his bakery and pizzeria, which opened in 1960 and remained a Plymouth Road landmark for more than 40 years.

"A big part of my childhood was spent riding my bike to Silvio's for a Mountain Dew and a slice of pizza," Marsalese said.

However, another community — one of people who celebrate art created outside the mainstream — also took note of Silvio's passing.

The baker, Redford institution and artist stopped making pizza in 2001, but he continued to pursue his primary passion of creating art at a pair of dilapidated storefronts on Plymouth Road. Customers have long left Silvio's shop charmed and perhaps disturbed by its eccentric collection of dolls, posters, opera records, plastic tchotchkes and hand-lettered signs surrounding whimsical, painstakingly detailed concrete statues, which

combine human and abstract forms with etched surfaces and inlaid found objects.

But fans of art brut, or outsider art (work created by self-taught artists who have little contact with the mainstream art world), recognize Silvio as the real deal.

They visit the shop on a kind of art pilgrimage, through the cluttered space to the back patio, decorated with even larger statues, and then to the main attraction: "Silvio's American Forum," a wooded acre jammed with concrete constructions, some 20 feet tall.

What exactly will happen to Silvio's Italian-American Historical Artistic Museum in the wake of the artist's death is on the minds of the artist's family, his fans, the township and arts organizations that would like to see Silvio's vision remain standing.

Garden of delight

Encompassing both the side-by-side storefronts and the adjoining sculpture garden, Silvio's museum is a testament to the artist's immigrant experience concocted from etched concrete, curbside finds, Salvation Army purchases, and colorful marble and granite shards. These combine to reflect Silvio's dual love of his native Italy and his



Silvio Barile sits on his fabricated Apiantica Road at his Italian-American Artistic Historical Museum in Redford Township in 2011. DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

adopted home in the United States, where he has lived since 1954.

"This is a dramatic contrast because he definitely experienced bombing from the Allies during World War II," said Matt Cantu, who directed the 2002 documentary short "Silvio: A Story About Art & Pizza." "In the store, he actually has a piece of bomb-shell shrapnel he brought over with him."

According to Cantu, Silvio's work is in some ways an attempt to recreate the places he knew and loved in his youth.

One of his first pieces, the sculpture "Harmonia D'Infanzia," recalls his early farm life in the central Italian village of Ausonia, with images of the pigs and donkeys his family tended, and his

siblings playing various musical instruments. Silvio, who is depicted playing the saxophone, looks a lot like John F. Kennedy, a common character in his work.

"The Torch Unity and Spirit of America" is the artist's tribute to the American family. The Statue of Liberty is at the center flanked by two children, one in Native American headdress, the other sporting a Detroit Lions helmet. A man in the sculpture has the names of American presidents emblazoned across his chest.

Words ("Mama's Love," "Virtue," and "Honesty" in Italian or English) play an important role in the sculptures. They're etched in clearly printed block letters that flow through Silvio's creations.

Images of George Washington, Christopher Columbus, Julius Caesar,

Enrico Caruso, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Plato, Leonardo Da Vinci and Louis Armstrong can be seen in other parts of the sculpture garden. There are also more fanciful self-portraits.

"Lot of people think I'm some kind of clown," Silvio told the website roadsideamerica.com in 2011. "They say, 'This guy, he's just a crazy man.' But I think I make some of the greatest statues in America."

'Ay, Paisano!'

Whether you ate his pizza twice a week or walked through the door for the first time, Silvio's greeting was the same. He would regularly break into song, often accompanying himself on a battered guitar or with an opera record.

"As much time as I spent with him, I'm never sure I got to know the real

Silvio," Cantu said. "It was like he was always on, always in character."

At Silvio's viewing at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Redford Township, just down the road from his shop, former kids from the neighborhood swapped stories about the pizzeria in the 1970s and 1980s. Most remembered hopping the railroad tracks from nearby Thurston High School to make it to Silvio's during the lunch hour. They remember Silvio bouncing dough from the tip of his shoe like a soccer ball.

"My dad somehow knew exactly when Silvio's bread would be fresh out of the oven," said Pete Letkemann, of Livonia. "He would send me over to buy it. I must have been maybe 6 when I started. He was really angry when Silvio raised the price to 25 cents a loaf."

Everyone in the neighborhood knew Silvio's car, an ancient Buick hand-painted with the colors of the Italian and American flags.

Marie McNallen of Livonia, who began working at the pizzeria when she was 16, said she got a rare glimpse of Silvio's serious side.

"He would give me advice on everything from money to relationships," she recalled. "I learned a lot from him."

She was also there when he began creating art in the 1970s.

"He came back from a trip to Italy with all of these little plastic statues, some of which had gotten broken," McNallen said. "He would mold something out of dough and say, 'That looks pretty good,' and that would be the beginning of one of his pieces."

Silvio the Great

Detroit sculptor Sergio De Giusti met Silvio in the early 1960s. The two initially bonded over their upbringings in Italy. De Giusti was witness to Silvio's creative process, in

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which a basic concept for a sculpture would evolve into something personal. He even helped with lifting some of the heavier pieces during construction, a dangerous job that always fell to friends.

"We were both sculptors, but never once did he ask about my work," De Giusti remembered. "He was a megalomaniac, the omnipotent artist creator. He really thought he was the best artist in the world. No one else mattered."

De Giusti is one of the few people who had his own chair on the museum back patio, the words "Sergio's chair" painted on the back in yellow. Though Silvio's museum has always had a cult following, it was De Giusti who helped Silvio connect with other artists and admirers.

Fred Scruton, an Erie, Pennsylvania, photographer who specializes in documenting outsider art, has visited the museum three times since 2017.

"I came kind of late to the party, but I recognized in Silvio something incredibly heartfelt and honest," he said. "He saw Italy as a moral center for his value system, this old-world Roman Catholic sense of what is right. ... Whether he truly believed this himself is open for interpretation."

"He didn't sell his work. He said art was too important for money. He did exactly what he wanted to do."

Silvio's attitude proved to be his downfall as a pizza maker. Even Silvio's biggest fans recognized that his old-world approach to food service was more about taste than cleanliness. When basic health department demands couldn't be met in 2001, Silvio switched off the pizza ovens, but kept the shop open for the occasional sale of olive oil or canned tomatoes, which were still on the shelves.

Though he was in and out of the hospital in recent years, Silvio still kept semi-regular business hours. Days would go by without a visitor, but then someone would stop by for a tour of the garden and Silvio would light up. The museum was again filled with song.

Interviewed this week, Michael Dennis, Redford Township's director of public services and community



Silvio Barile's sculptures stand behind his pizzeria. JUNFU HAN/DETROIT FREE PRESS

development, said Silvio's passing is a loss to the community.

When asked about the township's role in the preservation of Silvio's art, Dennis said: "It only makes sense to give back to someone who has given so much to the community. What happens next is really in the hands of the family."

Cementing Silvio's legacy

Silvio is survived by four children from two marriages, two siblings and six grandchildren. Son Silvio

Barile Jr. would like to see his father's art preserved but said "nothing is in cement" in terms of what will happen to it. Fans are already taking steps to preserve the large stone pieces.

More than a decade ago, De Giusti and others reached out to the Kohler Foundation, a nonprofit organization connected to the Wisconsin-based Kohler Co., which manufactures plumbing fixtures. It specializes in preserving works of outsider artists like Silvio, and its nearest preservation site is the Hartman Rock Garden in Springfield, Ohio.

"Of course, we know him," said Susan Kelly, project manager at the foundation when she was informed of Silvio's death. She said Kohler has a "modest interest" in working with the site, but there are hurdles.

The process works like this: Once enough interest is shown, Kohler hires an appraiser to gauge whether the site is worth preserving. The foundation must then secure the property, either through purchase or (preferably) gift before the heavy preservation work begins.

The project must also have the support of another organization, a museum or university typically, that can take control of the finished product.

"They must agree to care for the site into perpetuity," Kelly said.

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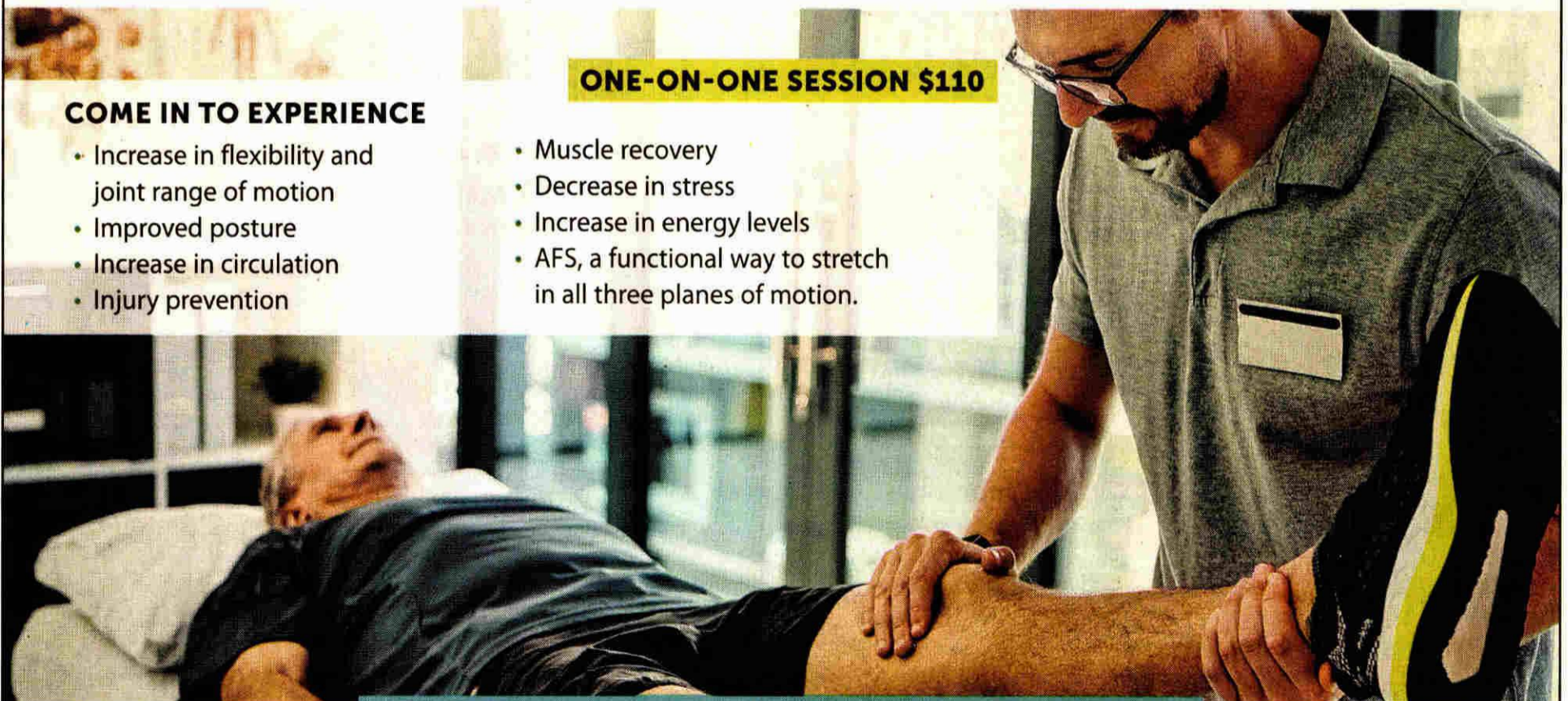
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Paying off charge card debt a priority



Money Matters
Rick Bloom
Guest columnist

Q. I am 60 years old, divorced and have never taken an active interest in my finances. I've never worried about saving for retirement, because I felt that when I retired, I'd be able to sell my business and that along with the inheritance I would receive from my parents, I would be in good shape. Unfortunately, I now realize that was a mistake. I was recently told that my business has virtually no value and that I won't be able to sell it. Also, I learned that my parents' finances are not nearly as good as I thought. Unbeknownst to me, they have been financially supporting my sister and as a result, any inheritance I receive will be minor at best. I have started to get my finances in order. In fact, I am thinking of selling my house and moving. Unfortunately, with my home equity loan and mortgage, I have very little, if any, equity in my house. Other than the home, the only real asset I

have is a Roth IRA worth about \$100,000, which I received during my divorce. My main issue for you is my charge card debt. When I added up all of my charge cards, I have over \$80,000 in debt, and I'm paying anywhere between 18½ percent to 21½ percent interest. What do you think is the best way to rid myself of my charge card debt? You should know I tried to transfer balances, but I was rejected.

— Stan
Dear Stan:

In reviewing your situation, I agree that paying off your charge cards should be your major financial goal. After all, the interest you are paying is substantial, and as far as I'm concerned there is no investment that you can make that would give you a better rate of return. After all, when you pay down a 21½ percent interest rate charge card, you're getting a 21½ percent return on your money, and I can assure you there's no investment that would give you that return. In addition, keep in mind it's an after-tax return, because the 21½ percent you pay is not tax deductible.

I see two options for you to pay off your charge card debt. The first is to in-

crease your monthly payments. Every dollar you pay above and beyond your minimum balance reduces the balance on your principal. That being said, it probably will take you a fair number of years to pay down the debt in total.

Another option is to use the money in your Roth IRA to pay off the charge card debt. Because you are 60, there are no tax implications for withdrawing money out of the Roth IRA to pay off the charge cards. Typically, I'm not a big fan of taking money out of retirement accounts to pay off debt; however, in the situation at hand, where the interest rate is so high, this is a viable alternative.

In reviewing the two options, my advice would be to use the money from the Roth IRA to pay off your charge cards. If nothing more, getting rid of that debt will substantially improve your finances.

However, I believe that there is something more you should commit yourself to. My recommendation is that the money that you would have used to make your monthly payment on your charge card, along with the money that you are saving by becoming more effi-

cient with your expenses, should be all invested for your retirement. Whether it's in a 401(k), traditional IRA or Roth IRA, you need to make sure that the money you are saving is put away for your retirement.

One issue that I constantly deal with people about is potential inheritances. What I always tell clients is that they should never depend upon inheritances. After all, things happen and you don't want to be in the position that you've depended upon an inheritance, and when you don't receive it, it derails your retirement. In today's world with people living longer and the cost of living increasing substantially, it becomes more of a gamble if someone is going to receive an inheritance or not.

One last note, and that is a reminder that charge card debt has a way of strangling you, and that is why it's so important to rid yourself of it wherever you can, whether it's making extra payments or using money from Roth IRAs.

Good luck!

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Lyon Township CVS liquor license suspended

Susan Bromley HometownLife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Don't plan on purchasing any alcoholic beverages at CVS Pharmacy in Lyon Township on St. Patrick's Day, nor any of the 16 days leading up to the holiday often celebrated with spirits.

The Michigan Liquor Control Commission has ordered the suspension of the liquor license and permit of the store located at 57090 10 Mile Road at the corner of Milford Road in Lyon from March 1-17.

Under state law, the commission is required to impose a suspension or revocation of the liquor license if a licensee is found liable for three or more violations of MCL 436.1801(2) — sales of alcohol to minors and sales of alcohol to

visibly intoxicated persons — on different occasions within a 24-month period.

The violations at the Lyon CVS Pharmacy occurred on Nov. 30, 2016, March 28, 2017, and July 23, 2018. The minors who were sold alcoholic beverages in the latter two incidents were both 19 years old.

Identification was requested by the store clerk in all incidents, but David Harns, communications manager for Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, said the clerk did not check the dates on the licenses and when the minors stated a birth date that made them over 21, the clerk completed the transactions.

The liquor control commission held a hearing last week during which records

and files were reviewed and at which the license holder for CVS Pharmacy, Woodward Detroit CVS, argued against having the store's license suspended, to no avail.

The Lyon CVS Pharmacy will serve the suspension from Friday, March 1 through Sunday, March 17.

"It is imperative that our licensees do not sell to minors in any circumstance," said MLCC Chairman Andy Deloney. "Our job is to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public."

"According to the state liquor control code, the commission is required to suspend or revoke a license in situations like these."

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After a trio of sales to minors, the liquor license of CVS Pharmacy in Lyon Township has been suspended.

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Westland, GC Hospital partner for program

Garden City Hospital and the City of Westland announced their partnership in the community health initiative, Passport to Good Health, on Feb. 27.

Passport to Good Health consists of challenges to encourage health and wellness in all areas, from fitness challenges, heart-healthy eating, mindfulness, to giving back to others.

Passport pages and a schedule of activities can be found on the Garden City Hospital website, gch.org/Passport-to-Good-Health or picked up at any Garden City Hospital location or at Westland City Hall, 26300 Warren.

To earn a "check" mark on their passport, participants must complete each month's challenge and submit their

completed passport page on the Garden City Hospital website or turn in a hard copy at Garden City Hospital or Westland City Hall. Each passport submission earns entry into a special prize aligned with the overall health theme. Participants are also encouraged to share their accomplishments through the Garden City Hospital and City of Westland social media pages to earn extra prize entries.

"As the lead hospital partner, we're happy to support an initiative that aligns with our mission, to ensure better health and well-being for our community. When creating these passport challenges, we wanted to incorporate all areas of health, from nutrition to safety

to giving back to those in need," said Saju George, CEO, Garden City Hospital - Michigan Region. "As advocates for better health, we've also created ways to involve our own staff, from our physicians and residents to nurses, so we can participate alongside you."

"Since 2011, the Passport to a Healthy City campaign has been one of my key initiatives" said Westland Mayor Bill Wild, "The campaign promotes healthy, active lifestyles for all of residents through the development of fun, convenient and innovative programs created as a result of strong public and private partnerships between the City of Westland, local businesses, and local residents. We are excited to be partnering

with Garden City Hospital this year and extending the program to Garden City and the surrounding communities"

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Passport to Good Health challenges will be announced every other month, February, April, June, August, October and December. Prize winners will be granted quarterly. Download or pick up this month's passport page and begin your journey to better health.

Michigan Supreme Court suspends judge with pay

Kayla Daugherty Livingston Daily
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

The Michigan Supreme Court announced Wednesday its decision to suspend Livingston County Judge Theresa Brennan, effective immediately.

She will, however, continue to receive pay and benefits.

This decision comes less than a week before Brennan is set to appear in front of the state court following a report by the Judicial Tenure Commission's Special Master, retired Judge William Giovan.

Last week, two Tenure Commission examiners working on the misconduct investigation into Brennan asked the commission to remove her from office without pay. They also recommended she pay \$35,570.36 for witness fees, travel costs and the appointment of Giovan.

Brennan was removed from her caseload on June 13 by Livingston County Chief Judge Miriam Cavanaugh, one day after the commission released its formal complaint. She has continued to receive her salary of about \$138,000 as well as benefits.

In a separate case, she will return to a Flint courtroom on March 21 for a hearing on three felony charges brought by former Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette in December.

She is charged with perjury, tampering with evidence and common law offenses.

Cellphone at center of criminal case

The AG's office alleges Brennan lied about a cellphone during hearings in her divorce case and that she tampered with evidence in an official proceeding. It also said she committed misconduct



Former Livingston County Judge Theresa Brennan was removed from her caseload on June 13 by Livingston County Chief Judge Miriam Cavanaugh. FILE

by failing to recuse herself immediately from her own divorce case and used the delay to dispose of evidence.

Last fall, Brennan testified she had the cellphone restored to factory settings, contrary to her previous testimony in her 2016 divorce case. That phone

is currently in the custody of the state police.

The Livingston Daily reported in April 2017 that Brennan was under investigation by the Judicial Tenure Commission.

Transcripts from depositions in her

divorce from her now ex-husband, Don Root, raised questions about whether she was having an affair with now-former Michigan State Police Detective Sean Furlong during the murder trial for Jerome Kowalski.

Court documents show Brennan "made three extended" phone calls to Furlong during the Kowalski trial. In addition, records show 231 phone calls — representing 1,147 minutes — between Brennan and Furlong between November 2011 and December 2012.

JTC hearing last nine days

Giovan held an evidentiary hearing that spanned nine days in October and November, after the Judicial Tenure Commission issued its complaint in June.

In a 23-page report he said he found Brennan violated both the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct and, in certain instances, the Michigan Campaign Finance Act.

Giovan listed numerous examples of Brennan making false statements, in a seven-page appendix to his findings. Some were innocent mistakes, but others were "deliberate efforts to deceive," he said.

Murder conviction overturned

Following the release of Giovan's report, Kowalski's attorney Peter Van Hoek and Livingston County Prosecutor William Valliencourt requested Kowalski's murder convictions be overturned in December.

On Jan. 8, Shiawassee County Circuit Judge Matthew Stewart signed an order vacating Kowalski's convictions.

He will now be retried in the 2008 killings of his brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Brenda Kowalski.

Smartphone a gross 'mobile germ device'

Dalvin Brown USA TODAY

What's the one item that never leaves your side? It goes into the bathroom with you. You use it in the kitchen.

It's your smartphone, of course. And the tasks listed above are just some of the reasons it's a breeding ground for germs and a cesspool of bacteria.

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Fecal matter can be found on 1 out of every 6 smartphones, according to a 2011 study done by researchers at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine.

"Mobile phones have become veritable reservoirs of pathogens as they touch faces, ears, lips and hands of different users of different health conditions," researchers observed in a 2009 study of bacteria removed from personal calling devices.

A study by the University of Arizona found the typical worker's desk, which tends to be your smartphone's home for about 40 hours a week, has hundreds of times more bacteria per square inch than an office toilet seat.

Other studies have found serious pathogens on smartphones such as Streptococcus, MRSA — which is a type of bacteria that is resistant to several antibiotics — and even E. coli.

So, why exactly is your phone so nasty?

"We touch more surfaces than any generation in history, from ATM machines to self-checkout counters," said Dr. Charles Gerba, a professor of microbiology at the University of Arizona. "So, you're picking up germs all the time on

your hands and fingers, putting them on your cellphone and bringing them close to your nose, mouth or eyes."

These germs can make you, your family and anyone else you come in contact with sick. In fact, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 80 percent of all infections are transmitted by hands, and our smartphones have basically become an extension of that.

"Mobile phones are now mobile germ devices," Gerba said. "You get a germ on your hand, and you use your phone. Then you go wash your hands later, but the germs are still on your phone."

On average, Americans check their phone once every 12 minutes — burying their heads in their phones 80 times a day, according to global tech protection company Asurion. That's plenty of opportunities for microorganisms to migrate between your fingers and your phone.

The worst culprits are teenagers, according to Gerba, whose research found that people who work in the food service industry along with adults who work with children tend to get the most contamination on their hands.

Apple advises against using liquids or disinfectants on its devices. Instead, the iPhone maker offers a detailed list of how to clean your phone depending on the model that you have.

Motorola suggests using a microfiber cloth — the kind you might clean your glasses with — with a little water.

As for Google's Pixel phone, the company has given the OK to use household soap if necessary.

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Linda Mae Durante

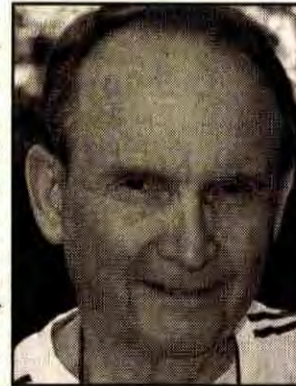
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■ A new critical care unit that includes 20 private rooms. The rooms will also accommodate family members needing to stay, along with more glass doors to increase visibility for hospital staff. The critical care unit will open March 7.

■ Nine new operating rooms with more space and improved technology. Each surgical suite will allow for surgeries of all kinds, which will help get patients surgeries faster. Equipment has been strategically placed throughout the center to be better utilized. Those operating rooms open March 13.

■ A new emergency center and Level II trauma center will include 39 private universal treatment rooms. It will also include three triage bays doctors will be able to move around easier in triage situations. The emergency center opens March 14.

The new facilities have been in the works for many years.

The approval for construction was granted by Farmington Hills City Council back in 2015, and ground was broken in 2016.

Farmington Hills Mayor Ken Massey said the project is a huge benefit, not only to the hospital, but to the city as well.

Having that additional technology and equipment means residents who need to come to the hospital have better access to the services they need.

"It really steps up the game," he said. "Seventy-five percent of what our fire department does is medical. And the vast majority of those calls are transported to this hospital."

More work coming

Work at the hospital isn't done yet. The new South Tower is expected to open later this summer with 80 private patient rooms, the hospital's new main entrance and reception area and nursing units for orthopedics, oncology, respiratory care, women's services and more. An additional 19 private medical observation rooms will open later this year that will provide care to patients with chest pain, heart failure and other issues.

Additionally, the area that holds the



Beaumont Hospital Farmington Hills nurse Karen Egan gives a tour of one of 20 private rooms in the new critical care unit. The critical care unit will open March 7. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

current emergency room and trauma center will be renovated for 58 new treatment rooms. Another 27 rooms for perioperative patients who are in the hospital for surgery, as well as a larger surgical waiting room, will also open next year.

The renovation is the hospital's first since Beaumont took over the hospital, formerly known as Botsford Hospital, in 2014. In fact, it's the first major renova-

tion to the hospital since 1993, said Dr. Sanford Vieder, the hospital's chair of emergency medicine, and emergency center medical director.

The new wing, Vieder said, brings the hospital closer to practicing medicine in an environment many patients demand to see.

"We were operating within a footprint that was truly designed in the '80s and trying to practice 2020 medicine in

a 1980 facility, privacy was an issue," he said. "It's important to remember in the 1980s, we didn't have a lot of the technology we have today."

"The space required in order to provide the care we do today is very demanding."

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pretty palpable, and it is important that be acknowledged," he said. "It's hard for the church. There are people who are very glad that the traditional plan was passed due to their belief in the Bible. They don't want to reject LGBTQ persons, but in honesty, LGBTQ feels this marginalizes them."

Katy Weeks, a member of Milford United Methodist Church, supports the traditional plan.

"I see both sides, the desire to show God's love to people of all persuasions," she said. "But I trust in what's biblical and don't see that we could change the Old Testament."

She added that she also sees that this topic is likely going to split the church, but she does not see a compromise.

"Those who believe in traditional ways don't think they need to allow LGBTQ weddings or clergy to show they love those people," Weeks said.

Rev. Sherry Foster, a deacon at Milford UMC and member of the church for 22 years, said the congregation is on edge.

"There are strong feelings both ways," she said. "I tend to be more biblically-oriented, meaning marriage is between one man and one woman. I don't think that precludes some kind of relationship between two women and two men. The sexual relationship is the part I have issues with because of the way we were created."

Bette Knedgen, another member of Milford United Methodist Church, said she thinks the church should accept everyone, as its motto of "open hearts, open minds, open doors" indicates, with the same opportunities for all.

"I can't be a part of a church that doesn't," she said. "I'll have to ask myself if I'm staying and I probably won't. To think about leaving is upsetting."

Out of the closet, out of the Methodist church

Jeff Lightfoot, 71, of Farmington, attended Sunday school as a child in Plymouth and knew he was gay

"Churches have an obligation to not just be rainbows and hearts. We have to wrestle with social issues. ... I have hope we will get it right, even if it's not this week. We have a mission to serve. We need a message of love, grace and comfort."

Mary McInnes
Pastor, South Lyon United Methodist Church

when he was 9 years old.

But prejudice against homosexuals and fear of losing his job teaching fifth grade in the Northville School District kept him in the closet.

When people started talking behind his back, he wed a woman to whom he remained married for 31 years and had two sons.

They raised their sons in the Northville Methodist Church, where Lightfoot also taught Bible classes. He hid his sexual orientation for years, noting that gays are shunned, disowned and urged into "reparative therapy." He never lost his faith in God, although he lost his respect for people in the church, particularly after coming out in 2007 following a deep depression in which he was suicidal.

"I believe in God, I talk to God, I've screamed at God a few times in my life," Lightfoot said.

He and his wife divorced within a year of his finally declaring his true sexual orientation, but he also left the Methodist church. Despite a supportive pastor who told him he was not the only gay member in the congregation that was part of a couple, other church members were gossiping.

"I didn't feel welcome anymore," Lightfoot said. "I sat down and felt they were staring. I never felt comfortable after that. Gossip is a vicious thing."

Lightfoot met his husband, Ron, in 2009 and the two wed in Florida in a non-religious ceremony in 2015, just a few months before same-sex marriage was legalized in Michigan. The pair wanted to make Ron

officially a stepfather prior to the weddings of their sons later that year.

Lightfoot said the past dozen years have been the sweetest of his life and he also has a place of worship that he feels fully supports him — the Metropolitan Community Church of Detroit, in Clawson, where he said the pastor will officiate at all weddings of two people who love each other.

Such a path is what he hopes the Methodist Church will take, regardless if they risk losing members.

"Churches are dying," he said. "For the survival of any church, they have to welcome everybody."

Hope for the future, by looking to the past

David Ascher has been a member of South Lyon UMC for 24 years with his wife, Kim. They have raised their two daughters, now 18 and 17, in the church. He and his family believe that LGBTQ people should have the right to be ordained ministers in the church and that same-sex couples should be able to be wed by a Methodist pastor.

The vote Tuesday means they will have a family discussion about whether to remain in the church, but Ascher holds hope that change will come, noting that generations ago, divorced ministers were not allowed, nor were female pastors, nor could blacks and whites worship together — all things that are now possible.

"I choose to see great hope for the future," Ascher said. "Churches have an obligation to not just be rainbows and hearts. We have to wrestle with social issues."

McInnes will be back in the pulpit with the same vision today, and the same message of love, despite her disappointment in the outcome of the vote.

"I have hope we will get it right, even if it's not this week," she said. "We have a mission to serve. We need a message of love, grace and comfort."

Robert Liebler said he would be back at Milford United Methodist Church with his wife of 68 years on Sunday regardless of the vote, but his take on the matter was simple:

"I can't dictate what others do, I have a hard enough time dictating what I do," he said.

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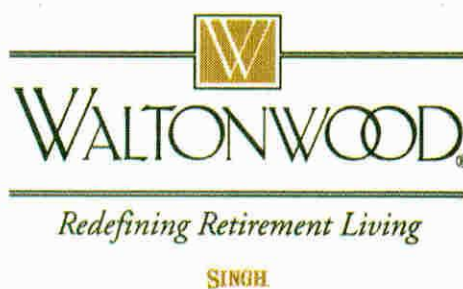
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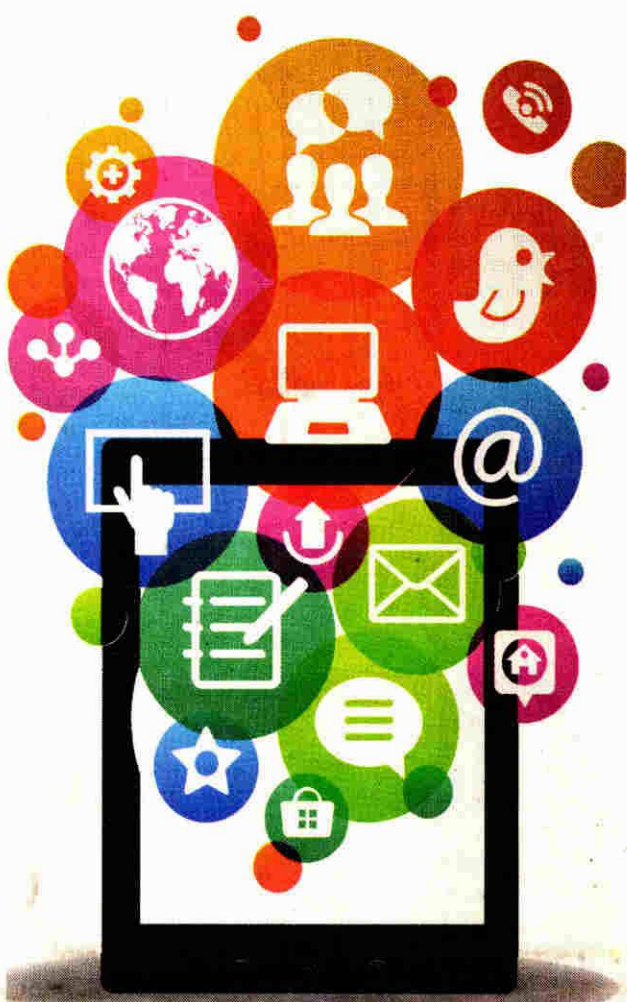


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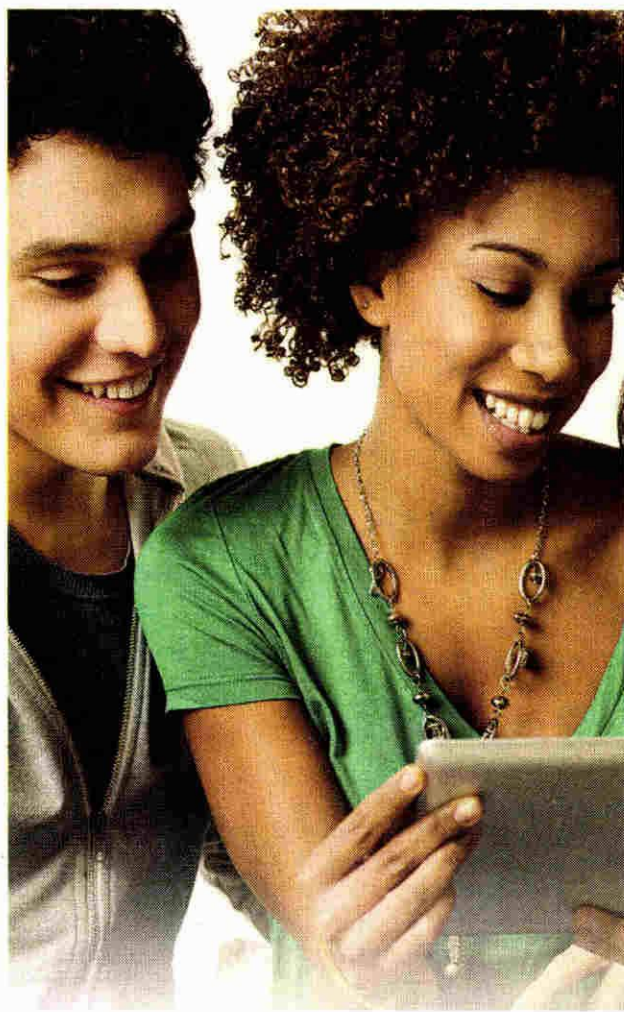
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BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

Catholic Central beats Farmington

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In a tightly contested game, it was the Detroit Catholic Central boys basketball team that held on for a 59-50 win over Farmington Wednesday night at Novi High School.

It was a close contest that didn't see either team pull away from the other until late in the second half.

Catholic Central's win set up a district final match-up with Northville, which won the first game of the night, beating North Farmington. That game was scheduled for Friday at Novi High School. Visit hometownlife.com for results from that game.

The Shamrocks improve to 15-6 with the win, while Farmington ends its solid season at 15-6.

Here are three takeaways from the game:

High tempo game

All game long, the Catholic Central coaching staff yelled for their players to bring the ball up the court quickly. They did just that — especially in the second half, when the Shamrocks started to pull away. Both teams moved the ball up and down the court with speed, with transition baskets playing a key factor for both squads.

"It was a strategy thing," Catholic Central coach Brandon Sinawi said. "We like to push whenever we can, but No. 33 for them (Bakayne Coly), we wanted to make him run up and down the court as much as possible to get him out of the game because he's a really good player. We wanted to control the pace."

Pounding the rock

Catholic Central emphasized its inside game all night, driving into the lane to make layups or draw fouls. It was effective, especially given the height advantage the Shamrocks had across the board.

By forcing Coly out of the game, it opened up the lane more for Catholic Central.

"We wanted to put the ball in the paint, give our bigs a chance to offensive rebound," Sinawi said. "That was a big part of it and it worked."

Farmington went the other way, focusing more on open three-point looks. The open shots were there, but for the latter three quarters, they didn't go down. That doomed the Falcons, who

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Catholic Central player Mike Harding, right, rips a rebound down in front of Farmington's Jallin Lee on Feb. 27. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

BOYS PREP BASKETBALL

Northville boys hoops beats North Farmington

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In the first of two games at Novi High School Wednesday night, the Northville Mustangs beat the North Farmington Raiders 48-39 in the District 18 semifinals.

Strong passing against a fierce Raider trap defense coupled with a 9-0 shut-out in the first quarter proved to be enough for the Mustangs to secure the victory.

"It is such a difficult defense to prepare for, because even though you know what's coming, when you have a tremendous group of coaches that have committed to that system for 30 or more years, you can't really simulate it on a few days preparation," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "You need to be smart, you need to space the floor well, you need to hit a few shots. They're looking to get more possessions, so you need to be smart and you can't be afraid to attack it."

Northville improves to 18-4 with the win, while North Farmington falls to 13-8 to end its season.

The Mustangs were scheduled to take on Detroit Catholic Central in Friday's district final after the Shamrocks defeated Farmington Wednesday night. Visit hometownlife.com for results from that game.

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Lopsided first quarter

It's safe to say the opening quarter didn't exactly go as planned for North Farmington. The Raiders came out cold, missing every shot and ending the quarter without a single point scored.

Meanwhile, their trap defense, which put extreme pressure on Northville's

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PREP HOCKEY



Canton senior Austin Woelke tries to get a hold of the puck in the Howell zone in the second period of Tuesday night's game. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Howell hockey tops Canton, advances in regional finals

Andrew Vaillencourt
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It was the Graham Hassan show Tuesday night in Farmington.

The Howell hockey senior forward scored three goals — all in the first period — to secure both a hat trick and the win, leading the Highlanders to a 6-2 win over Canton in the opening round of the state tournament.

With the victory, Howell improves to 14-12, while Canton falls to 14-12.

Canton's season is over.

"I'm proud of my team, we're an extremely young team," Canton coach John Bartle said. "We've got 11 sophomores compared to four seniors. The future looks good for us. My seniors are all great leaders and they're having a tough time right now, some of them are crying. But we'll get through it. Those guys have changed this program and they should be proud."


Howell advanced to the next round. The regional finals were scheduled for Saturday.

Here are three takeaways from the game:

Early penalty dooms Canton

On paper, it should've been a good match-up. However, an early first period five-minute major penalty on Canton sophomore Declan Ohare immediately put the Chiefs on their heels. Hassan scored his first goal of the game on this power-play, and Howell never looked


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GIRLS PREP BASKETBALL

Wayne beats Brighton for KLAA hoops title

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BRIGHTON — A scouting report reveals only so much.

To really get to know an opponent, nothing beats lining up face to face and battling in the heat of competition.

If, as expected, Brighton and Wayne Memorial meet in the regional girls basketball championship game in two weeks, they will have a better understanding of what to expect.

Both teams ended the regular season Tuesday night by playing for the Kensington Lakes Activities Association championship, a game Wayne won by a 61-48 score.

While winning a regular-season championship in a 16-team association is significant, the game that really counts could take place March 13 in the regional championship game at Ann Arbor Skyline.

"We don't get ahead of ourselves, but there is the potential to meet them down the road," Brighton coach Paul Ash said. "Of course, Jarvis (Mitchell, Wayne's coach) and I were joking about it. The reality is we've got to play four really good teams in order to get there. Our focus is Pinckney on Monday; that's our sole focus right now."

While Brighton and Wayne are members of the same league, they hadn't met since Feb. 22, 2011, when the current players were in elementary school.

The Bulldogs left an impression on Mitchell.

"Brighton's tough, Lord have mercy, they're tough," he said. "The worst thing about tape is you can't prepare for toughness. I don't care how much you watch, you can see they're moving fast, but not only do they move fast, but those girls are tough, man."

Whether 10th-ranked Brighton gets another crack at seventh-ranked Wayne (18-2) or another team of the Zebras' caliber later in the state tournament, the game provided valuable experience for the Bulldogs (18-2). Brighton had only five competitive games all season, winning the others by at least 19 points.

"They are an excellent team," Ash said. "It doesn't help that we don't play teams like that. You just don't play that type of athletic team. We added Okemos to our schedule, hoping we'd get to see a team kind of like that."

Between now and a possible rematch, Brighton will have to figure out a way to



Wayne Memorial's Jeanae Terry, who scored 16 points, puts up a shot in a 61-48 victory at Brighton.

slow down a Wayne attack that produced the highest point total against the Bulldogs in the last 79 games. Brighton hadn't yielded 60 points since losing 71-32 to Waterford Kettering on Dec. 17, 2015. The Bulldogs allowed 25.7 points per game before Tuesday.

"Now we'll look at film and study those things we need to do well," Ash said. "We had a few defensive breakdowns we've got to take care of and that type of thing. You want to play teams like that, no question."

Brighton got off to a fast start, taking a 13-3 lead before the Zebras responded with 10 straight points to tie the game.

"I don't know if they expected us to come out like that," said Brighton junior Sophie Dziekan, who scored 12 of her team-high 20 points in the first half. "We knew we had the edge as kind of like an underdog. Not a lot of people expected us to come out and play as hard as we were. I think that's what got us the lead. Once they understood they needed to actually put in more effort with us, that's when it evened out."

With Brighton leading 25-20 midway through the second quarter, Wayne scored eight straight points to take its first lead. The Zebras went ahead for good when Alanna Micheaux scored in the final minute of the first half to give them a 32-30 halftime lead.



Brighton's Elaine Halonen drives to the basket against Wayne Memorial's Jasmine Elder on Feb. 26. PHOTOS BY TIMOTHY ARRICK/FOR THE LIVINGSTON DAILY

Wayne built its lead to 51-38 with 6:38 left in the game. The Bulldogs cut it to 53-46 on a basket by Dziekan with 3:29 to go, but could get no closer.

"We know that basketball is a game of runs," said Wayne senior Sammiyah Hoskin, who went 12-for-14 from the line on her way to a game-high 21 points. "It's just the fact we were able to take their punch

and we punched back and they weren't able to take ours."

Wayne repeated as KLAA champion, winning its 30th straight game in league competition since losing to Hartland in the 2017 title game. Jeanae Terry had 16 points for the Zebras.

"It's definitely a big deal, but that's not our ultimate goal," Hoskin said.



Mustang Steven Morrissey, right, tries to out-compete North Farmington's Eddie Lenton III for a rebound. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Northville

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guards as they brought the ball up, was broken by excellent passing, allowing Northville to take a 9-0 into the second quarter.

"It's nice to pitch a shutout in the first quarter," Sander said. "They've got a lot of size, that's the biggest kid we've seen inside all year, so we had to account for him to take him away. They didn't shoot the ball real well from the outside so all of a sudden your defense looks a little better when the ball isn't going in the rim."

The Raiders first point didn't come until the 6:33 mark of the second quarter, and their first field goal didn't come until there was 5:45 left in the first half. Things did tighten up a little bit at the half, with Northville taking a 20-12 lead into the break.

Too little too late

North Farmington, despite the slow start, wouldn't go away. It battled back, coming within four points of the lead in the fourth quarter. Northville wasn't hit-

ting open shots, and the Raiders started knocking down theirs. Sophomore guard Deon Hayes was the leading scorer for the Raiders, scoring 14 points. He was held scoreless, though, in the final quarter. Junior Eddie Lenton III added nine points for North Farmington.

Balanced scoring attack

Northville did a nice job beating the trap defense, and solid passing was the key. Four different Northville players scored at least seven points. Senior Daniel McLaughlin led the way with 12 points, senior Ryan Pumper scored 11 points, senior Steven Morrissey added 10 and junior Zach Shoemaker pitched in seven points.

"Unselfish team basketball has kind of been a staple for us all season," Sander said. "Our senior group has played together for a long time, so their really familiar with each other. They trust one another. We've had balance all year."

"We've had the same starting lineup for all 22 games. Each of them has led us in scoring in one game or another during our run so far this season."

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Mustang Ryan Pumper, right, puts up a shot against North Farmington's Justus Clark during the teams' Feb. 27 meeting at Novi High for the MHSAA boys basketball district playoffs.

Hockey

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back.

"Graham is a good player, he's a natural goal scorer," Howell coach Eric Hirzel said. "He's been our leading goal scorer the last couple years. He's a senior, this means a lot to him. He's a competitor and he came out and led the team and that's what you expect out of your seniors."

Canton was able to muster only two shots on goal during the first period, and its offense never improved as the game went along, despite having several power-play opportunities.

Howell dominates puck possession

From the first drop of the puck, Howell controlled time of possession. The momentum from scoring first helped, but it was the team's second goal that really gave the Highlanders a boost. Canton junior Hugo Fonovic scored his team's first goal with 6:39 left in the opening period, but just 11 seconds later, Hassan scored his second goal of the game, giving the lead right back to Howell. The goal came on a tipped shot by junior Brandon Eoll, who

was credited with an assist on the play.

"The momentum turn was after their second goal," Bartle said. "We just never got back in it after that. We were short some guys today and Howell played a good game. We've always had tight games with these guys, this was by far the biggest goal differential we've had. I give them credit, they played a good game."

Four minutes later, Hassan scored his third goal, firing a shot past Canton goalie Jaxon Taylor right after winning a face-off.

"I think we had the momentum going the whole first period," Hirzel said. "I think we carried the game. Canton played us tough earlier, so we had to talk about that and make sure we played well in the third, but I thought we went out there and did what we had to do."

Piling On

It didn't get any better for Canton in the final two periods. Howell scored twice more in the second, and once more in the third to add to its goal total.

Just a minute and six seconds into the third period, Howell sophomore Steven Miller fired a shot into the net to give his team a 4-1 lead. Junior Jack Johnson got the assist.

Junior Stefan Frantti then added another goal for the Highlanders with 7:19 to



Canton Chief captain Austin Woelke brings the puck up ice against Howell on Feb. 26. Canton lost to the Highlanders 6-2. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

go in the period, with assists going to Hassan and junior Dominic Rossi.

Midway through the final period, senior Wes Smith scored his team's sixth goal of the night, making it 6-1. Canton would score the game's final goal though, as Ohare did his best to make up for his earlier penalty, pushing the puck past Howell senior goalie Ethan Ryan with just over five minutes left to play. Ryan himself played

well, allowing only two goals and making several nice saves in the final period.

"I think we needed to be a little more physical today," Bartle said. "We kind of laid back and let them take the play to us a little bit. When we were physical it seemed to work."

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Toward the end of the game, Farmington's Bakyne Coly, left, tries to rip a rebound out of the hands of CC's Brendan Downs. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Central

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needed those triples to stay in the game.

In his final game for Farmington, star senior Tariq Shepherd scored 16 points and grabbed four rebounds. Sophomore Jaden Akins added 17 points to go along with three boards.

Best team won

It was a valiant effort by the Falcons, but outside of Shepherd and Akins, they didn't have much offense, and open shots weren't falling. Catholic Central was much more balanced, better defensively and controlled the pace of the game.

For the Shamrocks, senior Brendan Downs scored 14 points and recorded six rebounds, senior Davis Lukomski had 12 points and five rebounds, senior Justin Rukat scored 11 points and grabbed sev-

en boards, senior Mike Harding notched 10 points and had six rebounds and senior Jacob Woebkenberg added eight points.

"Our defensive effort and rebounding was outstanding, Mike Harding was all over the place on the glass," Sinawi said. "We rebounded hard and we knew we had to. We knew they were going to pressure us."

The district final on Friday will truly be between the best two teams in the district bracket, as Northville proved to be the better team in the night's first game.

"(Northville is) similar to us, they're long, they play a great system, they're disciplined," Sinawi said. "It's been a great two games here this week, so I expect another competitive close game on Friday."

"We're happy to be where we're at. We still have a lot of work to do."

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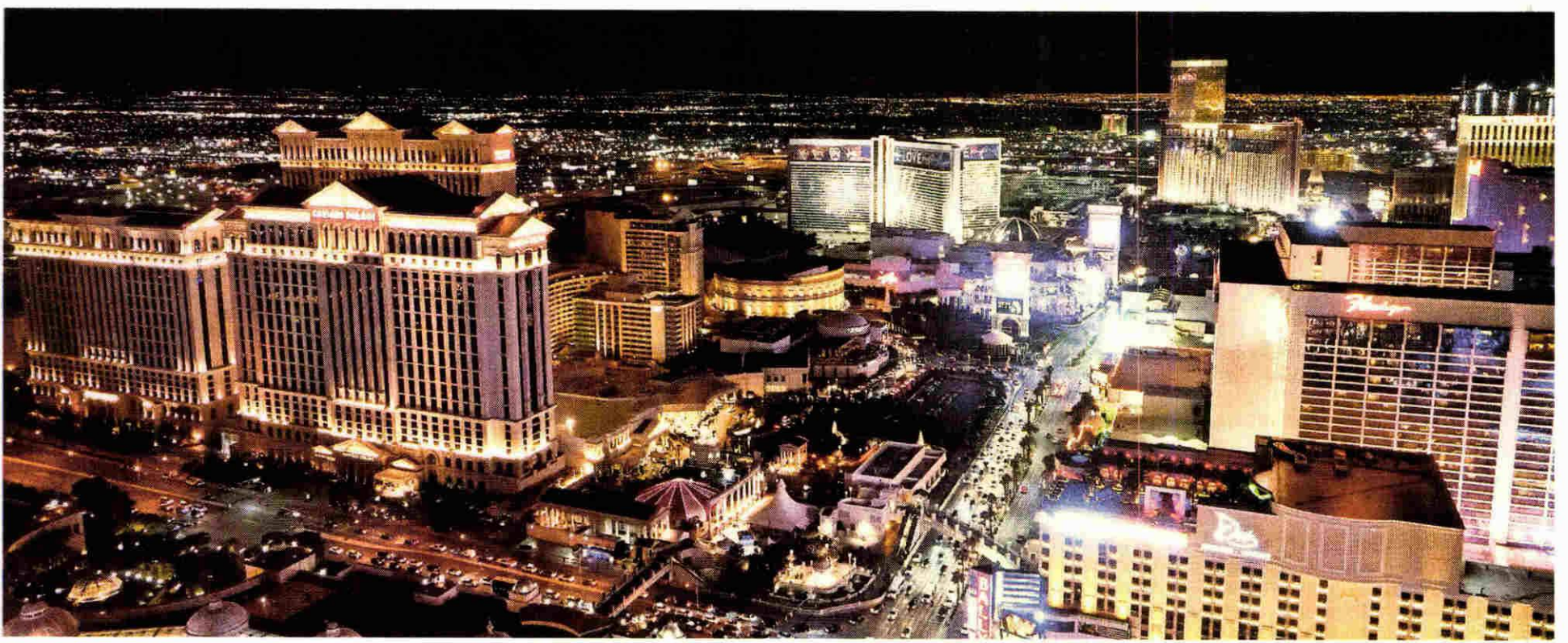


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Las Vegas Strip is picture-perfect at night

Here are tips on where to go for the best shot

Jefferson Graham
USA TODAY

LAS VEGAS – I'm standing on the eighth floor of the Hard Rock Hotel parking garage, in search of the definitive shot of the Strip skyline.

Urban legend says that the top floors of parking lots provide a great view to pick up all the casinos in a camera lens. They make a great panorama locale, a place to capture everything from Mandalay Bay in the south all the way to the Wynn and Encore up the road.

The roof is great for a time-lapse and seeing the colored lights turn on as day turns to night. But there are too many distractions in the way for the Hard Rock garage to be my top spot of choice.

Paid attractions

The usual suspects are the places that charge admission: The Observation

Desk of the Stratosphere Casino, Hotel & Tower (ticket prices start at \$20), the Eiffel Tower Experience at the Paris Las Vegas hotel (\$16) and the High Roller observation wheel (\$22).

■ The **Eiffel Tower Experience** is the best spot to see the Fountains of Bellagio show across the street. But it's through a cage and that's not good. It's very hard to shoot from up here, especially with a smartphone. There are several holes in the cage, and if you have a camera, you can stick your lens through and get something decent. Smartphone photos are more challenging.

■ The **Stratosphere Hotel** just off the north end of the Strip is more camera-friendly. It has an observation deck where you can snap away, looking south at the Strip with no blockage, just wide-open spaces.

Tip: Nighttime is best for photos. You also can indulge in thrill rides while up here.

■ The high-tech **High Roller** observation wheel is like a huge railroad car that happens to circle above the Strip. It's smooth and a fun ride. You'll be getting

good shots of the key portion of the Strip (the Bellagio, Caesars Palace and Flamingo Hotel) through a window. Tip: Put your camera as close to the window as possible to help eliminate reflections.

Bars

■ The **VooDoo Lounge** at the Rio, off Flamingo Road on the west side of Las Vegas, is a great spot to look back at the full Strip. It's up on the 51st floor and is an indoor/outdoor nightclub that doesn't open until 8 p.m. – which means you'll miss your sunset shot, unless you're there in the summer.

Other favorites include the **Hyde Bellagio Sunset Lounge** to get close-up shots of the outdoor water show and the **Foundation Room** at Mandalay Bay for shots up the Strip toward the Encore.

My hands-down favorite of all the locales is the Waldorf Astoria **Skybar**. It doesn't charge admission, opens at 4 p.m. and just asks that you buy a drink and perhaps a snack.

It has giant picture windows on the 23rd floor looking north at the Strip,

from the Aria on down, and is a great spot for shooting time-lapse.

Speaking of time-lapses: Timing is everything. You want to get the skyline shot in the so-called magic hour, from 30 minutes before sunset until 30 minutes afterward.

So plan your shoot accordingly. You'll need to have a tripod, as you'll want the camera to roll for 60 minutes straight, and hand-holding for such a long period of time isn't possible.

The Skybar was good about letting me put the tripod in front of the window, out of the way of guests.

Finally, there's one more option for a skyline shot, and it's one that probably more people try than any other: taking a photo from one of the many pedestrian bridges that dot the Strip, connecting travelers from one casino to another.

Unfortunately, the bridges are covered with dirty windows and barriers that make it a challenge to get the shot. However, each bridge usually has one opening, on the side, that will allow you to get an unobstructed photo of the Strip.

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You can improve your next trip by using the Six Sigma principles



On Travel
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USA TODAY

How do you make a good traveler even better? That's the question Kaj Ahlmann, owner of the Six Sigma Ranch in Northern California's Lake County, has contemplated most of his career.

With a name like that, you'd expect nothing less. After all, Six Sigma – a set of management techniques that improve business processes – is all about making things better. Ahlmann has applied them to winemaking, but when I visited his ranch recently, he said Six Sigma works for travel, too.

You're probably already using the Six Sigma principles of continuous improvement in a limited way. But if you think about it, you can also start applying them to your planning and problem-solving efforts, to really upgrade your next business or leisure trip.

Already improving travel through Six Sigma

"Every intelligent person uses Six Sigma to some extent," Ahlmann told me.

Before he started making award-winning wines, Ahlmann served as a director of GE Capital Services. That's where he oversaw the introduction of Six Sigma methods of business transformation. This concept of constant improvement had strong applications in travel, he soon found.

"If you think of a trip as a set of processes, it's actually pretty easy," he says. "Think through all the steps. I leave my home, I go to the airport, I get on the plane, I arrive, I get on a train, I get to the hotel, I check in."

Thinking about the Six Sigma processes – define, measure, analyze, improve – before you leave can lead to a smoother trip.

Inexperienced travelers don't see these as connected processes, which gets them into trouble on the road. They aren't asking, "What's next?" so when they encounter a problem, they don't know what to do. They're a lot like a company with different divisions that don't operate as part of the whole.

And yes – Ahlmann says he missed a few flights before he understood that travel was a process rather than a single event.

"I was thinking in boxes. Then I got to the airport, and I wasn't thinking ahead," he concedes.

Remember, Six Sigma is a process

Ahlmann's view of travel has changed as Six Sigma has taken root in his own life. Too often, he sees fellow

travelers lack any kind of cohesive strategy when they go somewhere. Non-Six Sigma travelers speed down Northern California wine country's narrow, winding roads, only to miss their flights by a few minutes. And then there's the inevitable meltdown at the counter, where they demand to be let on the plane after the door closes.

"Many travelers feel that those few extra minutes matter," he says. "The time saved isn't worth the danger. Besides, there's always another flight. It's not the end of the world. Don't freak out."

When you think of the trip as a process, as opposed to a single event, then you can avoid the whole spectacle. Give yourself a little extra time. If you're stuck in traffic, see that there are multiple solutions (such as an alternate route or taking the next flight). Plus, there are ways to prevent the same outcome the next time (leave early or book a different airline with more convenient departures).

Perhaps the most significant benefit to applying Six Sigma to travel is that it improves future trips. Once you've made the process more efficient, your next trip will be even better. And Ahlmann has it down to a science, from a preferred seat on a plane to the ideal hotel. He usually flies commercial and likes boutique hotels, but sometimes, for the sake of efficiency, he'll take a Gulfstream or stay in a convention hotel. It depends on the occasion.

Patience and politeness above all

Because Six Sigma is a process, it can take time to get it right. And even when you get it right, there's always room for improvement. Ahlmann says some travelers lose their patience too quickly and try to negotiate themselves out of a mess.

It's the classic elite-level business traveler who plunks down the platinum card and declares, "Do you know who I am?"

"Don't plunk down your card," he says. "A smile means more than, 'Hmmp, I'm platinum!' Be nice. You'll feel a lot better yourself."

All processes – even the most efficient, time-tested ones – break down from time to time. When they do, being nice helps. Nice is a currency in the Six Sigma travel world, he says. Genuine kindness, as opposed to being a platinum-card wielding jerk, can open doors and can often turn a "no" into a "yes."

You don't have to know anything about Six Sigma or attend business school to use these principles to improve your next trip, Ahlmann adds. Just remember to think ahead, try not to repeat your mistakes and mind your manners out there.

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ASK THE CAPTAIN

What do airlines do with uneaten food?

John Cox
Special to USA TODAY

Question: I have always wondered about food and garbage on international flights. Since the import of fruits, vegetables and meats is restricted, what do airlines do with the garbage? Do they bring it back to the point of origin, or can they leave it in the foreign country?

– Lawrence Weiner, Toronto

Answer: International garbage is disposed of in accordance with local laws. Often it is burned. Specially trained ground personnel remove the garbage and then take it to the proper site for disposal.

You are correct about there being significant restrictions on bringing many types of food into countries.

Q: I was on an overseas flight that was canceled. What happened with the food that was on the menu? Was it wasted?

– TC RST

A: Usually, the food on a canceled flight no longer meets temperature requirements and is discarded.

Q: Can an airline prevent a passenger in coach from using a bathroom in first class? Often the restrooms at the back of the plane are blocked with food carts, etc. I don't understand how an airline can demand that you can't use a certain bathroom.

– John, Chicago

A: Each operator is different. Some operators and regulators view it as a security enhancement to require passengers to remain in their cabin class. You are required to comply with the instructions of the crew regarding the use of a lavatory. If they tell you that you must remain within your section of the cabin, it is mandatory.

Q: On every flight I take, I hear an announcement to raise my seat back and close my tray table (typically before landing). But I don't believe I ever heard an announcement that I may recline my seat and open my tray table. Why isn't that announced? When is it OK to recline my seat and open my tray table? Thanks, Captain Cox!

– Yehoshua, New York

A: For takeoff, once the airplane is airborne you may open your tray table and recline your seat.

For landing, tray tables must be stowed and seats in the upright position. This is normally done when the airplane is descending through 10,000 feet.

There is no requirement to open the tray table recline or so there are no announcements.

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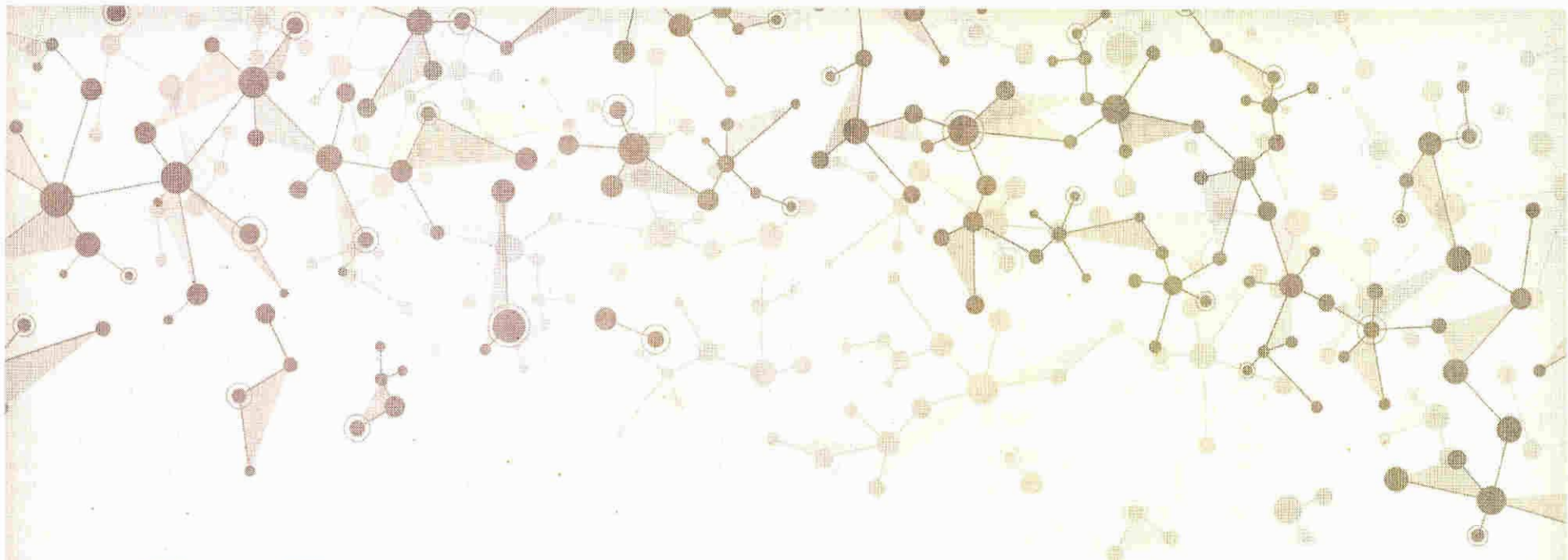
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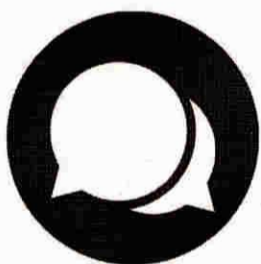
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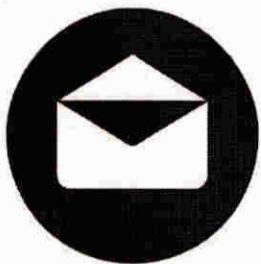
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These are the top stressful jobs one can have in 2019

Michael Hoon
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Stress at work happens to everyone — it comes and goes, no matter how much you love what you do. Its causes can range from something fleeting, like an unusually heavy workload one week, to something more serious, like a toxic managerial environment.

According to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, 40% of American workers say their job is very or extremely stressful.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics defines occupational stress by days missed from work caused by a reaction to stress (as opposed to illness or injury), and finds it is often highest in white collar industries and service industries.

So, working on an Alaskan oil rig can be physically dangerous and cause one kind of stress, while teaching first graders causes quite another.

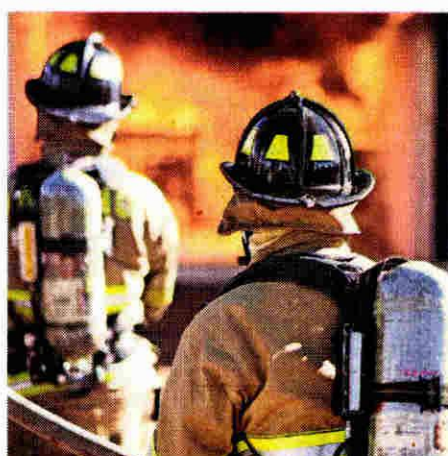
The most stressful jobs of 2019 are defined by their high stakes (life and death), public accountability, financial cost or the need for quick decision-making.

Surgeon

As nerve-racking it is for someone to go under the knife, it takes a steady and well-trained hand to perform the work.

With a median pay of around \$250,000 per year, surgeons are well compensated for their high-stakes job—and must be highly prepared to deal with its pressures.

The actual act of surgery often must be performed under intense scrutiny, can have life-altering effects for the patient, and can lead to potential litigation if something goes wrong.



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Politician/Political aide

If you're in the political business in 2019 at the federal or state level, the spotlight can be hectic, and the choices you make can have severe consequences for the public. Political division between parties, as well as protests, and contentious town hall meetings, have been on the rise. So while people in politics help shape policies that affect the lives of people in their communities, they may also face confrontation and criticism from an ever-divided public.

Reporter

Whether it's a newscaster who has to be on point for the camera or a writer facing a deadline, the fast pace, need for utmost accuracy, and highly public nature of the job makes this job anything but boring. From research, scooping the competition, to the continual need to create content amid the 24-hour news cycles, reporters can deal with a lot of stress, heavy workloads, and lots of

traveling and long hours. On top of all that, this is a job of passion—not huge paychecks. While newspaper reporters' median salary is around \$43,000, the broadcast news analyst's median salary is closer to around \$62,000.

Military personnel

The physical demands and life-threatening situations faced by soldiers are some of the highest stressors faced by workers the world over, with long-lasting repercussions from PTSD to physical injuries. In addition, no matter what department you are in, a military career has the potential to affect entire regions—a level of responsibility that is a burden to deal with on a daily basis. Other factors can also make the job stressful: constant travel, time away from family and a support network, and having to uproot family to move depending on assignments.

Firefighter

Wildfires in California have recently created public health and ecological disasters—and firefighters are the ones at the scene, controlling the action and dealing with its after effects. Firefighters can work at different levels. They can be employed to help evacuate buildings on fire locally, but also entire regions under threat. They're the ones running into danger whose main goal is to keep others safe, which requires a level-head and bravery in emergency situations, and can no doubt lead to stress.

PR director

Did someone mention putting out fires? The PR executive is often considered someone who handles public rela-

tions disasters—when an oil company spills billions of gallons into the ocean, for example. Fixing an organization's public image can take many stressful months (sometimes years). Cultivating media relations, monitoring PR campaigns, coordinating interviews, and being a spokesperson for a particular brand, may not seem as high-stakes as fixing an environmental disaster, but these tasks still come with a heavy workload.

Police officer

Police officers assess danger and threat, and often deal with the public in emergency situations. The fact that almost everyone now carries a small video camera around with them in their phone means the level of scrutiny and criticism the average police officer may face has also heightened over the past few years. This job responsible for public safety has high stakes and high importance — and high stress.

Teacher

Teaching comes with lots of hidden stressors. Teachers can make a lifelong impact on their students, which is a huge responsibility. Lesson planning and grading can have teachers working late nights. Teachers in low-income communities in particular, who have less support in technology or school supplies in the classroom, have an added stress in helping students reach learning goals.

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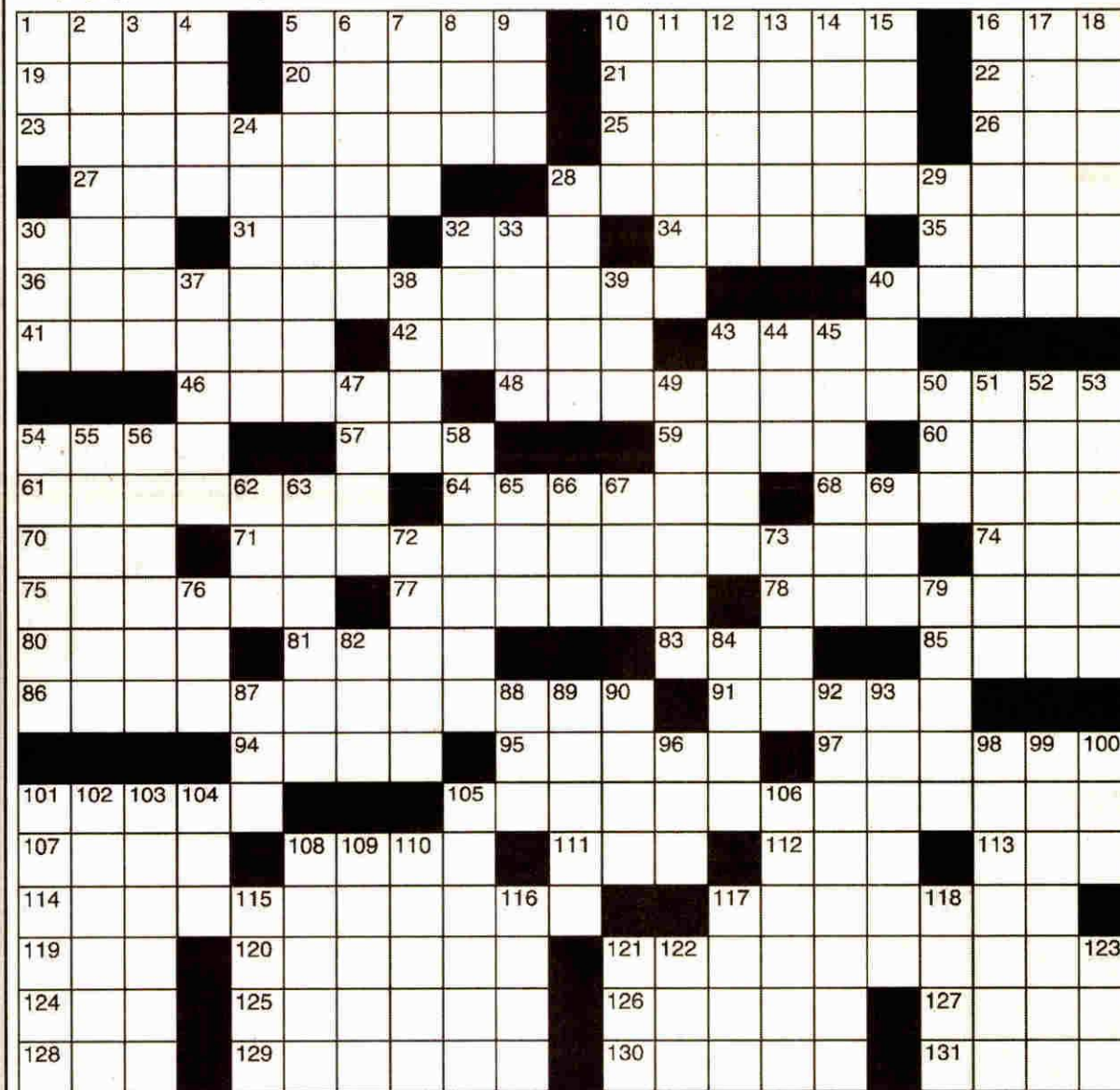
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 - 5 Sing like Bing
 - 10 Pampers product
 - 16 Mensa stats
 - 19 Scheme
 - 20 Big artery
 - 21 Flowery
 - 22 Almond, e.g.
 - 23 31-day period honoring TV's Joy? [actor]
 - 25 Greek letters
 - 26 With 47-Down, Christmas evergreen
 - 27 Fall back into illness
 - 28 Place with a lot of refuse-disposal chambers? [swimmer]
 - 30 Old space station
 - 31 Slash
 - 32 Ovine noise
 - 34 And others, in a list
 - 35 Brutes of fantasy
 - 36 Smears gunk on rugged mountain ranges? [hockey player]
 - 40 Shows up
 - 41 Sequence in heredity
 - 42 Robber, e.g.
 - 43 Bat hangout
 - 46 Finals, e.g.
 - 48 Seven-figure income earned in a Nebraska city? [actor]
 - 54 Scheme
 - 57 DVD- —
 - 59 Little barks
 - 60 "The King —"
 - 61 Guilty feeling
 - 64 One doing penance
 - 68 Olympic speed skater
 - 70 Ethyl ender
 - 71 Prohibition of quick insights? [investor]
 - 74 Suffix with journal
 - 75 Item in a file cabinet
 - 77 Ideal conditions
 - 78 Imply
 - 80 Field of study
 - 81 Sikorsky of aviation
 - 83 Dir. from N.D. to La.
 - 85 "Not — goes by ..."
 - 86 Promise to marry a cute marsupial? [painter]
 - 91 Novelist Hermann
 - 94 Waikiki necklaces
 - 95 Rene of "Get Shorty"
 - 97 Poland's Lech
 - 101 Sounded like a kitten
 - 105 Pale-colored wall paneling for a room? [writer]
 - 107 Final, e.g.
 - 108 2004 Chevy debut
 - 111 Storm center
 - 112 Demolition stuff
 - 113 — -cone (icy treat)
 - 114 Products applied to back-of-the-neck sunburns? [actor]
 - 117 City in north-central California
 - 119 Adding result
 - 120 "Finally!"
 - 121 "C" grade ... or what eight answers in this puzzle have?
 - 124 Draw upon
 - 125 Fix, as Fido
 - 126 Less-played half of a 45
 - 127 Morales of movies
 - 128 As stated in
 - 129 Lorne of "Bonanza"
 - 130 A bit off
 - 131 Old-time comic Ed
 - 28 Ricochet
 - 29 Animal park
 - 30 Soup enhancer
 - 32 Apiary insect
 - 33 Guthrie with a guitar
 - 37 Saying
 - 38 In that case
 - 39 "Mr. St. Nick" actress Ortiz
 - 40 Animator's frame
 - 43 — terrier
 - 44 Roadie's tote
 - 45 Hindu trinity member
 - 47 See
 - 26-Across
 - 49 Wolflike carnivores
 - 50 China's Chou En- —
 - 51 "And how!"
 - 52 Ukrainian port city
 - 53 Fifteen times six
 - 54 Quick-to-build home
 - 55 Poe maiden
 - 56 Brunch fare
 - 58 Line of Apple computers
 - 62 Actress — Dawn Chong
 - 63 Elfish sort
 - 65 "Tsk tsk!"
 - 66 Kabuki sash
 - 67 "Platoon" site, in brief
 - 69 Ovum
 - 72 Black crows
 - 73 "Point taken"
 - 76 Patriotic women's gp.
 - 79 Some Scots
 - 82 F followers
 - 84 Program
 - 87 Unoriginal
 - 88 Actress Meyers
 - 89 Swift sleds
 - 90 Pale-faced
 - 92 Hoodwinks
 - 93 South Carolina river
 - 96 Holy Mlle.
 - 98 Euphoria
 - 99 Desert of the southwest U.S.
 - 100 — -Z (total)
 - 101 Botch the job
 - 102 Pretext
 - 103 Not as cold
 - 104 Big bird
 - 105 Relax
 - 106 Disagreeing
 - 108 Following
 - 109 Think a lot of
 - 110 Tickle pink
 - 115 Snake tooth
 - 116 To be, to Voltaire
 - 117 1,502, in old Rome
 - 118 Duck variety
 - 121 Exec's deg.
 - 122 Suffix with journal
 - 123 Cousin



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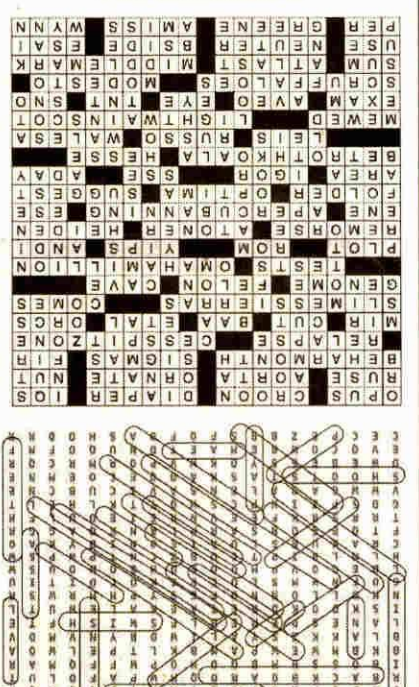
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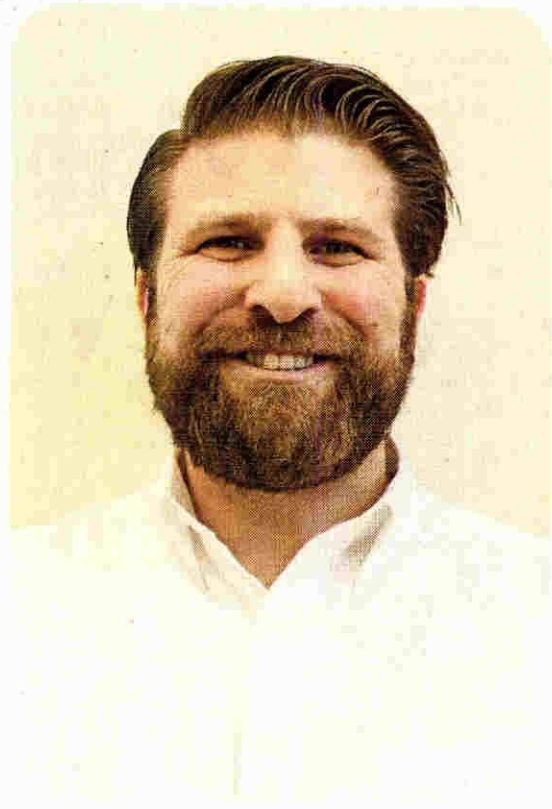
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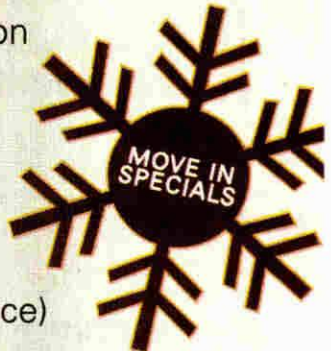
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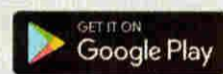
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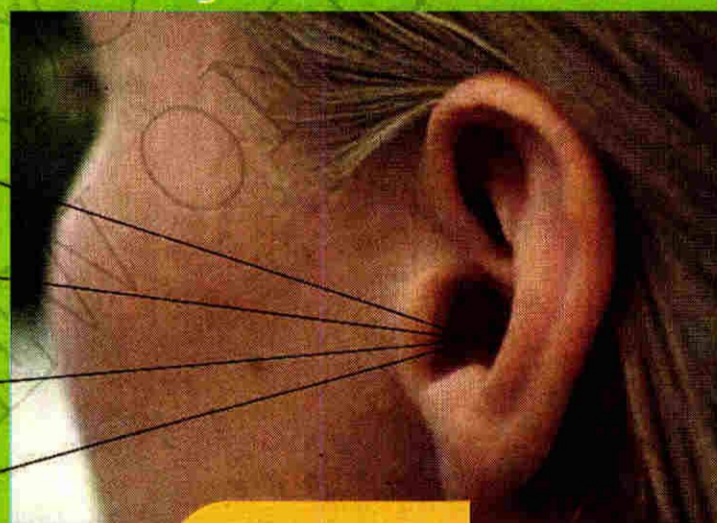
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