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Leonard Turowski Jr., right, wife Vicki, and son Todd Turowski and Todd's wife Shelby gather for a photo at the Neely-Turowski Funeral Home. The business has been operating for 100 years. PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Turowskis mark a century in business

FAMILY-OWNED FUNERAL HOME COMPANY BEGAN IN 1919

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

It's not often a small business stays in the family for 100 years. It's also not often that four generations of family members decide to work in the same field.

But that's just the case for the Turowski family, who operates funeral homes across the western and northern suburbs of Detroit. The family is celebrating 100 years in business, one that began with Joseph F. Turowski opening a funeral home back in 1919 at 23rd and Myrtle in Detroit.

It was something many Polish immigrants did when they arrived to this country, said Todd Turowski, Joseph's great-grandson and fourth generation funeral director.

"In Poland, the funeral director was a dignitary," he said. "Because they were so popular and respected in Poland, they said, 'Well, I want to be the first one to be a funeral director here.' So in Detroit, there was a Polish funeral home on every corner."

Today, the family operates three funeral homes bearing their name and

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The Neely-Turowski Funeral Home sits at 30200 Five Mile in Livonia.

New charter school names principal

The top leadership position at Plymouth's soon-to-open Ivywood Classical Academy has been announced.

The new school's first principal is Stephanie Kooiker, who has served as

an educator since graduating with a bachelor of science degree in elementary education from Ferris State University.

Kooiker's resume includes working in High-

lands County, Florida, for 10 years. She spent the last two years teaching at Livingston Classical Academy in Whitmore Lake.

Kooiker

"I am honored to be a part of the Ivywood family and am excited for the school year to begin," Kooiker said in a release. "Ivywood is going to be a unique school that promotes excellence in education through a rich liberal arts curriculum."

Kooiker has gained experience teaching kindergarten, pre-first, first grade, third grade and special education. She has also served as a special education head.

In 2016, Kooiker was named the special education department teacher of the year by her school district and was recognized by the Florida Commissioner of Education in 2016 and 2017 for her outstanding performance and leadership.

She has been trained in the classical education practices by Barney Charter School Initiative and is currently a trainer.

"We are excited to have Stephanie lead Ivywood Classical Academy," said Tyler Horning, board president. "She has extensive knowledge of classical education and proven leadership abilities. Stephanie is the perfect fit for our school."

For the first year, Ivywood will serve students in kindergarten through fifth grade. The school, at 14356 Genoa Court in Plymouth, will have 10 classrooms, a library, a flex space and a cafeteria.

There is a green space next to the building and it backs up to a wooded area. As the school grows, it will expand to the second floor, adding more

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Blue Hat Coffee moves closer to opening in Farmington

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Downtown Farmington is one step closer to getting a new coffee shop.

Few hurdles remain for Coldwaterbased Blue Hat Coffee to complete the transition from its current home in southwest Michigan to the corner of Grand River and Farmington roads. The coffee company, launched five years ago, has worked on moving for several months to the Farmington Masonic Lodge at 23715 Farmington. The Farmington Planning Commission approved the final planned unit development site plan review at its June 10 meeting.

"We have a new coffee shop coming," chairman Kenneth Crutcher said during

the meeting. "Just one more step."

That approval means the coffee company needs one more final approval from the city, as well as the sign-off from the Oakland County health department, said Phillip Jewell, Blue Hat Coffee's chief operating officer and husband to its owner, Cathy Jewell.

"Everything is pretty much resolved," he said. "We have to present a plan to

the health department to show the layout of the kitchen and the serving area so they can approve that."

The business, which currently operates in a historic building in Coldwater, needed to find a new locale to keep producing top-quality coffee, Jewell

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After moving to another spot in Detroit near Joy and Evergreen, the Turowskis noticed the families they served began to move farther west into the suburbs.

They made the decision to move again, so the family closed its Detroit funeral home and moved to 9300 Middlebelt in Livonia in 1974.

'We've been part of the Livonia community 45 years," said Leonard A. Turowski, Todd's father and third generation owner. "It was just a slow progression, and you typically try to follow the families that you're serving."

The location on Five Mile between Middlebelt and Harrison was acquired in 1987, when the family purchased it from the Neely family.

Today, the funeral home runs the two in Livonia, as well as a location at 45100 Warren in Canton under the Neely-Turowski name.

In addition, the family has purchased several Oakland County funeral homes in the last few years, including Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in downtown Farmington and the Coats funeral homes in Waterford and Clarkston.

Technological limits and the need to be close to the business when a family would need their services meant youngsters hanging out in the halls of the family funeral home. That led many family members to stay in the business and learn the trade themselves, Todd Turowski said.

"You grow up in the business. My dad lived in the funeral home," Todd Turow-



Todd Turowski talks about the family's 100-year-old funeral home business. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

ski said. "It was a large investment, so a lot of times, you had to build your funeral home around your life."

The family estimates it has organized funerals for tens of thousands of people since it began 100 years ago. Several memorable funerals stick out in the family's mind, including a New Orleansstyle funeral that saw a horse-drawn carriage carry the casket of the deceased down Five Mile Road to Parkview Cemetery for interment.

Another may have been the biggest funeral ever done by the family: the funeral of former Livonia mayor and Wayne County executive Ed McNamara back in 2006.

Todd Turowski remembers driving at high rates of speed along Interstate 96 from the funeral at Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Corktown to Parkview Cemetery for the procession.

"I remember my dad calling on the phone saying, 'Remember this, because

you'll probably never experience thi again," Todd Turowski said. It's tha infrequent that it's going to happen

Changes

Funeral homes haven't been immune to the challenges of the economy the last 10 years. The Turowski family knows that and wants to provide its clients with services other funeral homes don't offer.

Between adding a catering company and offering private lounge areas for families during long days, the Turowskis have taken the traditional obituary and turned it on its head as a way for families to remember their loved ones.

Utilizing a program called Life Stories, it extends the traditional web obituary into a magazine article-length story of the deceased's life, as well as using multiple photos to create a digital memory of their loved one. It's a system, Todd Turowski said, that has gotten wonderful reviews from families looking for a unique way to remember.

Telling those life stories, he said, is the reason his family has stayed in the funeral business for 100 years. While many people wonder how they can handle dealing with death on a daily basis, the family prefers to look at their work as a celebration of life.

"We concentrate on the memories and the life of it." Todd Turowski said. "If there's a large funeral and a person's 90 years old, they're the reason all these people are here. They're the reason why. If their life didn't exist, they wouldn't have the five kids, the 14 grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

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A copy of the RFP will be available by email at cmurlick@charterschoolpartners.com on June 28, 2019. A mandatory pre-bid meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. at 17571 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI. Attendance is mandatory.

All proposals must be submitted no later than 10:00 a.m. on July 23, 2019. All proposals should be delivered in a sealed envelope and addressed to the Crescent Academy and be clearly marked: Food Service Vended Meal Proposal.

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A PUBLIC HEARING will be held in the auditorium at Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan on WEDNESDAY, July 17, 2019, at 7:00 P.M. on the Proposed Special Assessment Street Lighting Project for the Heritage Square Site Condominiums, located on the east of Newburgh Road, and south of Six Mile Road, in the Northwest ¼ of Section 17, in the City of Livonia, Wayne County, Michigan for the establishment of the assessment roll, pursuant to Chapter 08 of Title 3 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, entitled "Special Assessment Procedure Ordinance."

You are further notified that the City Engineer has filed with the City Clerk plans and specifications for the proposed improvement, together with a statement showing a description of the proposed district, the estimated cost of the improvement, ownership of parcels within such district, the assessed valuation of such parcels, his recommendation as to assessment for such improvement and other information required by Section 3.08.060 of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended, which statement is available for your examination in the office of the City Clerk.

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Anna Bauman Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

Smokers can get free nicotine patches, gum or lozenges this summer from a state department urging Michiganders to ditch the habit.

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is offering the free products as part of a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention campaign aimed at educating people about smoking-related diseases.

Anyone can call the Michigan Tobacco Quitline at 800-QUIT-NOW, or 800-784-8669, to receive up to eight weeks of the free nicotine products through Sept. 30.

The Quitline, available 24/7, is staffed with English, Arabic and Spanish-speaking counselors and offers online coaching or text messaging.

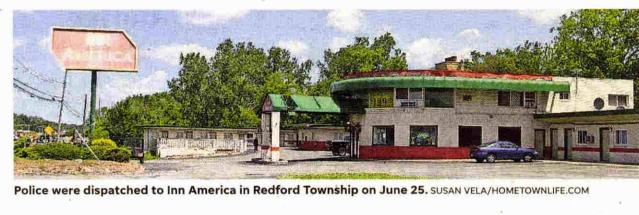
"As a physician and public health professional, I know all too well the terrible toll of smoking," said Joneigh Khaldun, the department's chief medical executive and chief deputy director for health. "MDHHS is committed to helping Michiganders quit tobacco products and reduce their risk of tobacco-related illnesses like cancer and heart disease."

Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the nation.

It kills about 480,000 people every year.

About 68 percent of smokers say they want to quit.

More information is available at Michigan.gov/



Two in custody after 5-year-old girl dies at Redford Twp. motel

Susan Vela Hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

A man and woman suspected of harming a 5-yearold girl at Inn America are in the custody of Redford Township police, Police Capt. Al DiPrima said Wednesday.

He said the girl's mother had been living at the 14300 Telegraph Road establishment.

The mother, her boyfriend, a 3-year-old boy, and the girl were in the room before police were dispatched around 9:30 a.m. Tuesday because the girl wasn't breathing.

DiPrima said first responders arrived to find the girl outside the motel with signs of physical injuries. She was transported to a local hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

An autopsy was scheduled but results were not yet available.

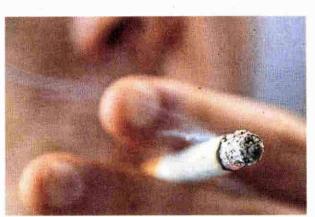
People can stay the entire week at Inn America for \$189.99, as advertised on the building. A person staying there said he did not know the girl and her family, who lived in the back of the building.

An employee declined to give his name but said the family had been there for "probably a week, maybe more."

The front desk called 9-1-1- when the girl stopped breathing, the employee said, when asked about rumors someone had run to the front desk and reported the emergency.

"We know as much as you know," he said. "The mother needs privacy. Her little daughter died. We don't know why. Leave her alone."

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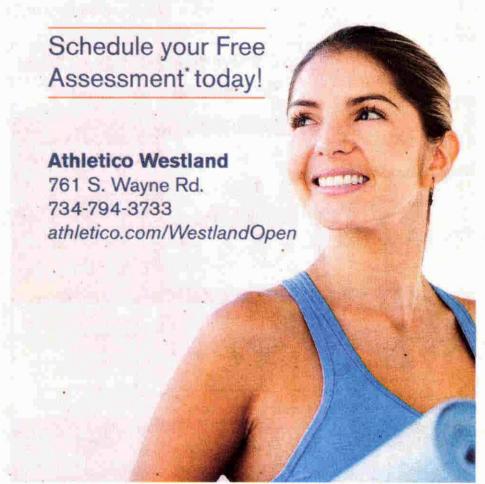


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They began working with their real estate agent and discovered some space in the Masonic Lodge was available. They decided it was the perfect spot to relocate the business.

In addition to the coffee roasting, the shop will also continue serving a line of sandwiches and other dishes, a feature the business will bring with it from Coldwater.

"We went into the coffee business, and we found we're actually in the restaurant business," Jewell said. "We'll probably add more of the sandwich line."

Such an addition would include a

pulled barbecue brisket sandwich, Jewell said.

The hope is to have the shop open sometime in the fall. It's an opening that, Jewell said, is greatly anticipated by customers who buy Blue Hat Coffee products every Saturday at the Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park.

"The first thing that comes up at the farmers market is, 'When are you opening?' "he said.

Once the final approvals are set, construction can begin inside. The couple is hoping to revamp the first floor and add some touches that will enhance the space.

"We're looking forward to getting into the building and starting the build out process," he said. "We're gonna drop in some interesting light fixtures and give it a real historical look."

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Ivywood staff members gather for a group photo. SUBMITTED

School

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classrooms and student spaces.

Ivywood Classical Academy was founded with the sole purpose of providing a free classical liberal arts education to students in the areas of Plymouth, Northville, Livonia and beyond.

"Ivywood will be a school that embodies the principles of moral character and civic virtue," Kooiker said. "All of our students will leave with the ability to seek truth, goodness and beauty in all that they encounter in the natural world."

Classical liberal arts education focuses on teaching the whole student with a concentrated focus on math, science, history and literature. Ivywood has partnered with the Barney Charter School Initiative for curriculum and teacher training. Open enrollment for the coming school year has begun.



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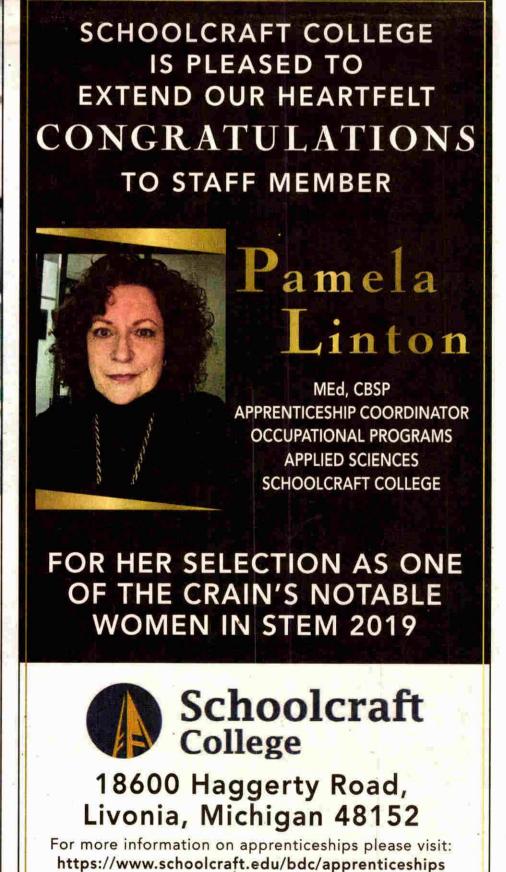
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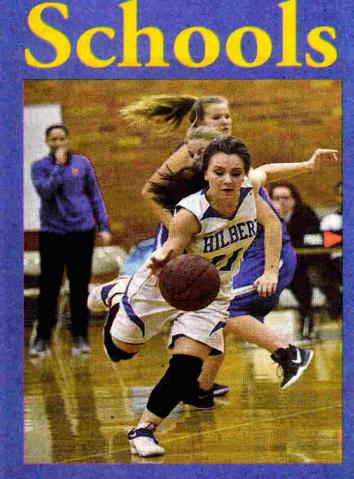
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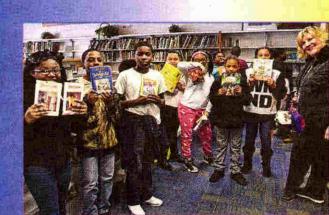
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When should I consider a reverse mortgage?



I recently saw an article that said Detroit leads the nation in reverse mortgage foreclosures. Typically, a reverse mortgage foreclosure occurs when the homeowner fails to stay current on property taxes and/or insurance on their property.

Reverse mortgages can be a great tool for seniors who need extra money for living expenses or home improvements; however, if a reverse mortgage is not used correctly, it can cause severe hardship. If you are considering a reverse mortgage, you should make sure you are sold one that will work in your situation.

Typically, the way a reverse mortgage works is that the mortgage company allows you to borrow against the equity in your home. The loan is not due until eiwhen the home is sold.

If the senior sells their home during their lifetime, then the loan is discharged from the proceeds of the sale. If the homeowners live in their home until death, there are a couple options. The beneficiaries can choose to pay off the mortgage by refinancing or selling the home, or if the house is worth less than the outstanding mortgage balance, they can turn the home back over to the mortgage company.

One mistake many seniors make when they obtain a reverse mortgage is that they do not use the proceeds wisely. All too often, you see seniors using that money for frivolous purposes, to give or loan to family and friends, or even to invest the money. As far as I'm concerned, the aforementioned are not good uses for reverse mortgages.

From my perspective, the best use of money from a reverse mortgage is either to pay off high interest-rate debt, like

ther the homeowner passes away or charge card debt, or to use the proceeds to supplement your income. I've also recommended reverse mortgages to seniors to use the proceeds to pay off their first mortgage. The key is that the money should only be used for the direct benefit of the senior.

> Before a senior considers a reverse mortgage, they need to do the necessary homework to understand how reverse mortgages work. For example, if someone was telling me that they are going to move in the next year or two, I would tell them a reverse mortgage would not make sense. If someone told me they plan to be in their house for the rest of their life, a reverse mortgage would be something to consider.

> When obtaining a traditional mortgage, it is important to shop around. The same applies to reverse mortgage companies. You want to deal with one that you feel comfortable with.

> In addition, before you get a reverse mortgage, you need to decide exactly

what you are going to use the money for. You cannot treat this money as a bonus. The purpose of the reverse mortgage is to supplement your lifestyle, and that's what you need to focus on.

I would not take out a reverse mortgage and use the proceeds to loan to family and friends. I recognize it is sometimes difficult to say no to relatives; however, this is a time you have to think of yourself. After all, someone's home typically is their cushion, and you do not want to lose that cushion.

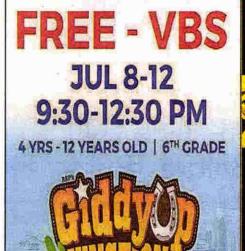
Therefore, for those of you who are considering a reverse mortgage, take your time, think it through, and before you sign for the mortgage, make sure that the reverse mortgage is needed to help improve your quality of life.

Good luck!

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

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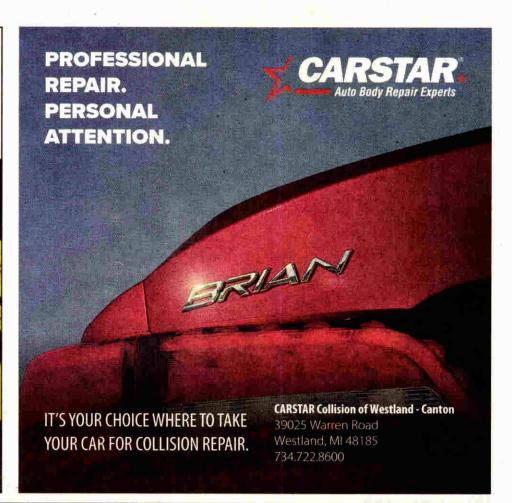
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Irene Knight

CANTON - Knight, Irene age 79 of Canton. Cherished mother of David, Kelli Knight (Robert Bargiel) and Becky (Craig) Duffy. Best Grammy to Mirian Reanie. Loving mom to her fur baby Charlie. Beloved daughter of Marvin and Anna Cousineau of Detroit MI. Dearest sister of Catherine Cousineau, Fred (Lena) Cousineau, Patricia (Fred) Chlubinski, Michael (Betsi) Cousineau, and Richard (Linda) Cousineau, and the late James Cousineau. Also survived by many other loving family and friends. Smart, sassy and sincere, Irene always opened her home for family. Outside she landscaped her lawn, trees and flowers; inside she created laughter, food and light. Funeral Services were June 25th. Please visit online guestbook Fredwoodfuneralhome.com





Roderick "Rod" Earl Norgren

LEESBURG, FL - Roderick "Rod" Earl Norgren, 83, of Leesburg FL; formerly of Plymouth MI died Thursday, June 20 2019 at home in Leesburg, FL. Survived by his wife of 63 years, Mary (Cleary); his children, Michael (Janie) of Carleton, MI; Cathy (Skip Straight) Norgren

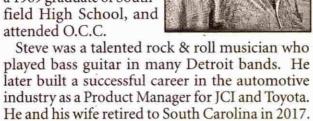


of Elmira, NY; and Jerry of Livonia, MI; 7 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, many other family and friends. Predeceased by parents, Henry and Charlotte; brother, Robert; sisters, Jean and Lois. Rod retired to Florida after 35 years as a conductor with C & O Railroad. Prior to the railroad, Rod served 8 years in the United States Air Force. Also spent many years as successful owner, driver and trainer in harness horse racing. Rod believed in living life to the fullest. He enjoyed golfing, motorcycling, Michigan sports, music, movies and reading. A private service will be held for family. In lieu of flowers, remembrances for Rod may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or American Heart Association.

Steven Vance Papp

SOUTHFIELD - Steven Vance Papp, aka "Pappy", 68, passed suddenly and peacefully into the hands of God on May 1st.

He was a native of Southfield, a long-time former member of Highland Park Baptist Church, a 1969 graduate of Southfield High School, and attended O.C.C.



Steve had a deep love for God, his family, and many friends. He had wide interests, many hob-

bies, and an outstanding sense of humor. Steve is survived by his wife Priscilla, brother Greg Papp, sister Mary Mack, 2 daughters, Stephanie Montney and Angela Ramos, and his lifelong friend Cass Haboian. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gregory Papp Sr. and Sophie Vance

Papp. A private "Celebration of Life" is planned for the family in South Carolina.

Hulda (Veach) Piercecchi

DETRIOT - Hulda (Veach) Piercecchi, June 20, 2019. She was born April 11, 1929 in Detroit,

On September 3, 1941. She married the late Dan Piercecchi. Dear mother of Janet Piercecchi-Kidd (Frank) and Mark (Elizabeth) Piercecchi. Dear Grandmotehr of Matt

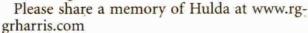


(Jennifer) Kidd, Nathan (Emily Nixon), Adam Piercecchi and the late Mark Kidd CPL Marine Corp.. Great grandmother of Rebekah Kidd and sister of Jerry Veach.

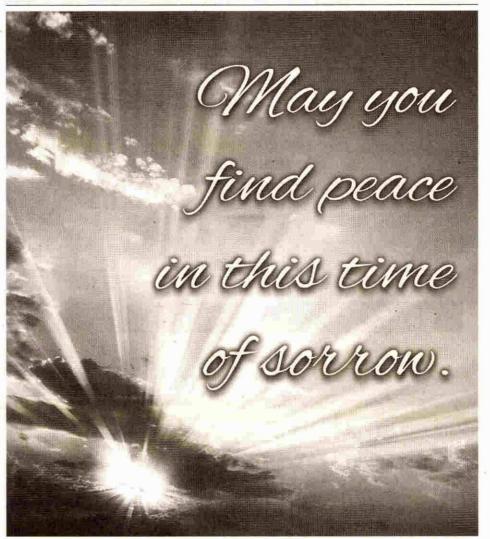
Hulda had a strong Christian faith and an advocate for Pro Life of Michigan, family first and SRW (Suburban Republican Women).

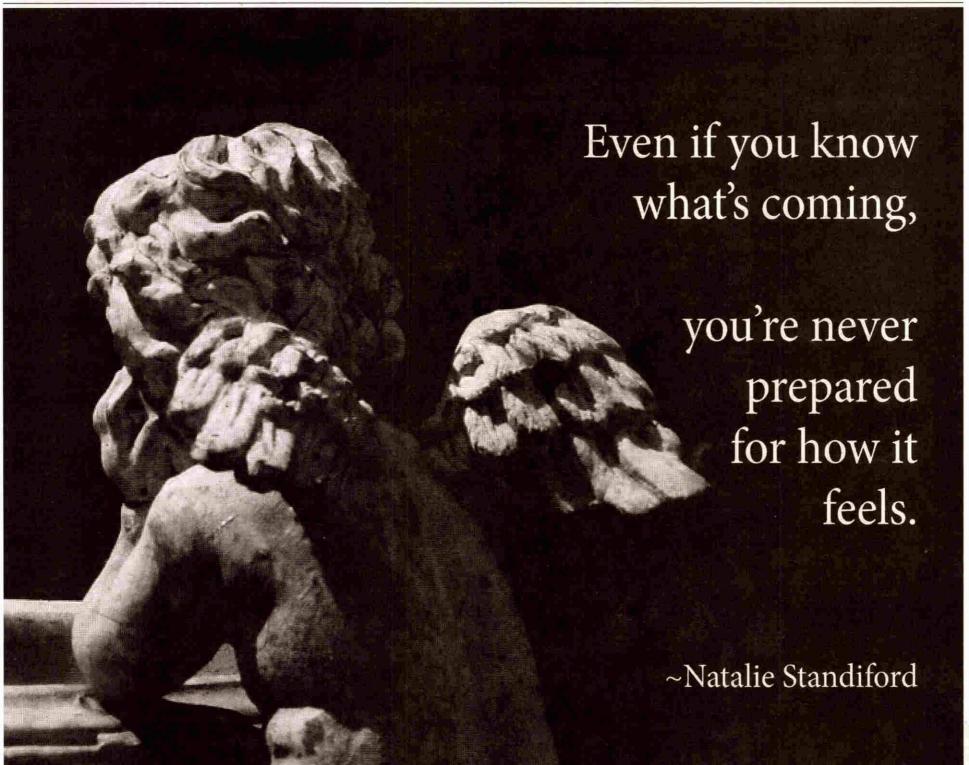
Funeral Service Thursday at 11:00 AM (Instate at 10:00 AM) at the R.G. & G.R. Harris Funeral Home, 15451 Farmington Rd, Livonia. Memorial Contribution may be directed to

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Holocaust lecture focuses on women

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

Lori Weisberg stands in front of the Nazi Germany-era boxcar in the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills with pride. The artifact people take in nearly every day in an effort to understand the Holocaust was donated by her in-laws, Alvin and Henrietta Weisberg.

Lori, a docent at the center, shares Henrietta's story on tours. The center recently hosted Phyllis Lassner for a lecture titled "Unspoken Truths: The Holocaust Through Women's Voices."

Henrietta's story continues to impact visitors after her death in April 2018. She was 15 years old when she, her parents, two brothers and sister Rachel were taken from the Warsaw ghetto in Poland to the Majdanek Concentration Camp.

Though their brothers and parents didn't survive, Henrietta and Rachel, who was 12 at the time, lived.

"Rachel was sent with their mother, and Henrietta screams and cries that her sister should stay with her," Lori said. "For some reason, the guard ... allowed Rachel to stay with Henrietta. In that instance, Henrietta saved her life."

From Majdanek, the two were taken to Skarzysko-Kamienna and then to Buchenwald, after which they were taken on a "death march," and then were ultimately liberated by Russian soldiers.

In between all of those transfers, they rode in a box car just like the one in the memorial center.

"This would have been in a train of perhaps 100, and each boxcar held 80 to about 100 people smashed in there," Lori said. "I think it really helps educate people about the Holocaust because they can tangibly see how horrific it would have been."

Lori uses the boxcar and a short video of Henrietta's story on tours.

"I always have my groups stand ... so they can peer in, and it's so dark in that boxcar," she said. "I can't believe how dark it is amidst windows and all of these lights."

After she and Rachel were separated from their family, Henrietta's life be-

came one of protecting her little sister.

"My mother-in-law became Rachel's protector," Lori said. "There was one instance when they were in Skarzysko-Kamienna ... and another female approached my mother-in-law and said, 'We're planning an escape, do you want to join us?' and my mother-in-law said 'Sure, but I need my sister.' They said 'She's too young, we don't want her,' and my mother-in-law said, 'Well then I'm not going.'

"If you think about it, they had to deal with a lot," Lori said. "There was a lot more sexual abuse against the women. ... Oftentimes the guards would just make the women stand in the nude just to look at them, which is so sick."

Lassner said other issues specific to women also could threaten the lives of prisoners in the concentration camp.

"All about women's biology worked against them," Lassner said. "So for example, menstruation was a problem. There was no water, there was no cloth or any kind of material for a napkin and yet ... if they were seen with blood dripping down their legs, they would be shot."

Lassner did not discount the stories of men who have impacted people all over the world, like Elie Wiesel or Oskar Schindler, but to "balance the narrative" by showing the unique circumstances women would have faced.

"This is not to denigrate any male author or Holocaust testimony, but simply to point out that there is a difference in how (women's) narratives complete the Holocaust picture," she said.

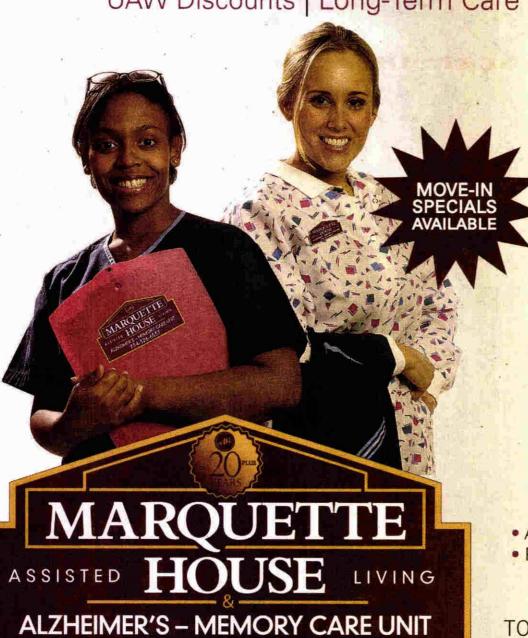
Lori, whose father escaped the Holocaust as a boy, agreed women have an important story to tell. Like Lori is inspired by Henrietta, Henrietta looked back at the strength her own mother displayed in what was likely one of her final days.

"She's with her mom and her sister and everyone is just standing in the boxcar and they're leaning against their mother," Lori explains. "And she says, 'How she had the strength, I don't know.'"

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN BASEBALL



University of Michigan starting pitcher Karl Kauffmann, a graduate of Brother Rice, walks to the dugout before a game against Texas Tech in the College World Series on June 15 in Omaha, Nebraska. STEVEN BRANSCOMBE/USA TODAY SPORTS

Brother Rice grad shines in College World Series

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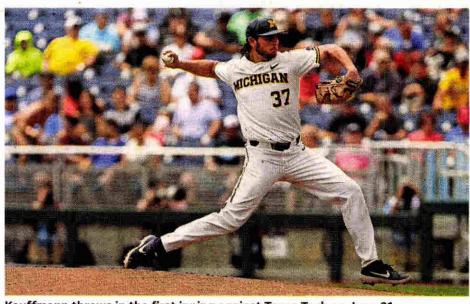
More than a decade ago, Michigan junior Karl Kauffmann attended a baseball camp at Brother Rice High School, during which he followed around DJ Le-Mahieu — the team's star player.

The young Kauffmann was enamored with LeMahieu and did his best to emulate the LSU-bound infielder. When LeMahieu won the national championship with the Tigers in 2009, Kauffmann and his father were there in Omaha, Nebraska, to watch.

Little did Kauffmann know that he would be in a position to win a national championship of his own 10 years later and would receive a good luck text from LeMahieu, who now plays for the New York Yankees.

Kauffmann, who graduated from Brother Rice in 2016, was expected to be Michigan's starting pitcher in Wednesday's winner-take-all game three of the College World Series finals against Vanderbilt. The Wolverines won game one, before falling to the Commodores in

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Kauffmann throws in the first inning against Texas Tech on June 21. BRUCE THORSON/USA TODAY SPORTS

"You knew right away as a coach that this guy was going to be a step above everyone else."

Bob Riker Brother Rice baseball coach, talking about Karl Kauffmann's freshman tryout

Schoolcraft, St. Joe's to **build Elite Sports Center**

Andrew Vailliencourt

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Schoolcraft College has announced it is expanding its partnership with Saint Joseph Mercy Health System with the construction of the St. Joe's Mercy Elite Sports Center on the Schoolcraft College campus.

The St. Joe's Mercy Elite Sports Center will be the western suburban home of the Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy, Detroit's premier volleyball development academy, featuring 74,000 square feet of multi-purpose space. The addition of Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy to the SC Elite Program brand expands the partners to Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, MercyElite Sports Performance, the Wolves and Hawks Soccer Club and the Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy. SC Elite is dedicated to the growth of youth and adult sports on the I-275 corridor of metro Detroit.

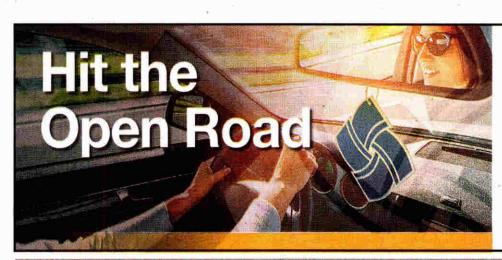
The St. Joe's Mercy Elite Sports Center will house eight volleyball courts, a running track, soccer training space, and fitness and rehabilitation space. Construction (groundbreaking) will begin in August, with completion and a grand opening event in the spring of 2020.

Schoolcraft College will deploy a state-of-the art fitness laboratory, classroom space and faculty offices for Schoolcraft College's associate degree program in fitness leadership. The fitness lab is designed to train students in performance testing, applied exercise physiology and other skills. The fitness leadership program will take advantage of Mercy Elite's presence on campus in the support of academic programs, job shadowing and internship opportunities. Schoolcraft will expand both youth and adult continuing education programs within this facility. The school's students, athletes, faculty and staff will also have expanded access to wellness and fitness components provided.

Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy will use the St. Joe's Mercy Elite Sports Center for daily training for their club teams (serving over 1,800 families), and to host local, regional and national youth volleyball tournaments. Combined with the St. Joe's Sports Dome, Schoolcraft can now host regional and national volleyball tournaments for 216 teams, bringing thousands of families to greater Detroit for these events.

Mercy Elite will grow their services on campus in the sports center to provide further sports performance and training programs and on-site sports medicine physician services. Physical therapy, strength and conditioning for athletes and fitness training for all levels will be available for interested schools, clubs, teams or individuals.

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System, its multi-specialty physician group partner IHA, and Schoolcraft College are collaborating in the development of a new 80,000-square-foot medical center on the Schoolcraft campus that will include primary, specialty and urgent care as well as imaging services. The health center will also support Schoolcraft College's Healthcare and Health Sciences programs with hands-on educational opportunities for students to prepare them for in-demand jobs in the growing health care fields.



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Livonia Franklin golfer signs with U-M Dearborn

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Livonia Franklin senior Sofia Cueva has signed with U-M Dearborn, where she will play on the school's first-ever women's golf team.

Cueva was a two-year captain for the Patriots and a three-time state qualifier for golf. She helped lead Franklin to a City and KLAA East Division championship and was awarded Academic all state individual for golf.

She signed her National Letter of Intent to play for the Wolverines on Jan.

Cueva is the first player to ever sign with the team and will certainly be a key member of the team as it builds into the future.

U-M Dearborn also added men's golf this year. It's the third straight year the school has added sports.

"The history and tradition of men's and women's golf through the conference and national level will bring tremendous opportunity and value to UM-Dearborn," UM-Dearborn Director of Athletics & Recreation Matt Beaudry said. "We firmly believe participation in sport provides student-athletes an opportunity to achieve valuable lessons for life upon graduation while supporting the educational community and the University's mission."

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Franklin's Sofia Cueva will compete on U-M Dearborn's first-ever women's golf team next year. COURTESY OF TOM MULLER

Michigan ball hockey league crowns champions

Andrew Vailliencourt

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The Junkyard Dogs swept the Nordiques to capture their second straight A League championship.

Led by sniper Mike Ruff and power forward Dave Majewski, the Junkyard Dogs swept the best of three series — a rematch of the winter season's championship.

Ryan McCullough, of Balls of Steel, led the A League with 12 goals and six assists during the regular season.

In the B League championship, the Whalers defeated La Boca Wild, 2-1, in the deciding game to give the Whalers their first title. Captain Deven Patel scored the game-winning goal with 9:07 to play in the third period to lift the Whalers to victory.

La Boca Wild's Jordan Martinez won the scoring title with 10 goals and eight assists.

The spring C League championship went to the Reds, who swept the Chiefs. John Kosiba, of the Reds, won the regular season scoring title with 27 goals and 29 assists.

The Michigan Ball Hockey League plays Sundays and Thursdays indoors at the Livonia Rec Center. Summer season action is underway. To learn more, join the Michigan Ball Hockey Facebook Group at facebook.com/groups/Michiganballhockey.

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The Junkyard Dogs repeated as champions of the Michigan Ball Hockey A League. Pictured are, in front, Josh Smith, Zach Nausley, Brian Mortlock and captain Mike Ruff. In back are Bart DeVos, TJ Ruff, Rob Birbeck, Dan Fialon and Dave Majewski. COURTESY OF MICHIGAN BALL HOCKEY LEAGUE

Baseball

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game two. Find results online at hometownlife.com.

It's been a fantastic season for the right-hander, and an even better post-season. In the NCAA Tournament, he is 4-0 with a 2.66 ERA. He's struck out 20 hitters in 30 innings with just eight walks.

"We're really fortunate to have a guy like him come through our baseball program," Brother Rice baseball coach Bob Riker said. "I coach for one reason, to give the kids an opportunity to maybe achieve the dreams and goals that they want to achieve and give them a taste of what I went through when I played in

college. ...

"It's one of the most gratifying things you can have as a coach. I'm excited for him, totally elated."

Riker played in the NCAA Tournament in the 1980s when he was at Central Michigan University.

He sent Kauffmann a text with a simple reminder: have fun. He reminded him that he's built for this type of moment, and to enjoy it.

"I think he'll be more than ready, he's even keel and he doesn't get too high or too low and goes about his business," Riker said. "He has a lot of faith in his pitching coach (Chris Fetter). He's on all cylinders against a very tough Vandy team. I think he's up to the challenge."

Kauffmann has always been a special talent. At Brother Rice, Riker half-joked and said all he had to do was give him the ball and say, "Go do what you do."

He remembers the team's tryouts during Kauffmann's freshman year, when more than 10 scouts showed up to watch him pitch – including a scout from U-M. After throwing 89 miles per hour as a 14-year old, Riker said, every scout left the ballpark saying they needed to get Kauffmann on their team.

"You knew right away as a coach that this guy was going to be a step above ev-

eryone else," Riker said.

Despite the interest from schools all over the country, Kauffmann wanted to stay local, and chose the University of

stay local, and chose the University of Michigan, where his dad went to school. "He's always wanted to be a Wolver-

Riker added that it wasn't just Kauffmann's talent on the baseball field that made him attractive to schools.

ine," Riker said.

"For as good of a talent as he is on the mound, he's 100 times better as a person," Riker said. "I have two daughters, if they brought home somebody like him, I'd be doing cartwheels. He's a great person and you can't really teach that, that's a tribute to his mom Denise and dad Ray."

A few weeks ago, Kauffmann was selected by the Colorado Rockies with the 77th overall pick in the MLB Draft. But before he worries about his next step, he had one more goal to accomplish – bring Michigan its first national championship since 1962.

"He's getting the chance to live his dream," Riker said.

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The diesel version of the 2020 Ram 1500 will be available in all models and likely will go on sale in the fourth quarter. FCA US LLC

New Ram 1500 offers EcoDiesel

Eric D. Lawrence

Detroit Free Press USA TODAY NETWORK

The new 2020 Ram 1500 will offer an EcoDiesel option.

A diesel engine was suggested but not announced when the new 2019 Ram 1500 was unveiled at the Detroit auto show last year.

The planned engine release follows the class-action legal settlement announced earlier this year for owners of about 100,000 2014-16 EcoDiesel Ram pickups and Jeep Grand Cherokees. FCA did not admit wrongdoing, but regulators said it had installed defeat devices that allowed the vehicles to cheat emissions testing.

In announcing the new engine, Reid Bigland, who heads the Ram brand, touted the third-generation 3.0-liter V6 EcoDiesel's fuel economy and torque

'The new Ram 1500 EcoDiesel is America's most powerful half-ton diesel pickup, following up on Ram's Heavy Duty torque leadership and achieving what no other manufacturer has, with up to 480 pound-feet of torque in a 3.0liter engine," Bigland said in a news release. "The all-new EcoDiesel engine and our eTorque mild-hybrid powertrain technologies deliver the highest available fuel efficiency for our Ram 1500 customers."

The diesel will be available in all models, including the Ram Rebel for the first time, and is slated to go on sale in the fourth quarter of this year. Pricing and fuel economy will be released closer to the sale date, FCA said in the

The engine is built at the FCA Cento plant in Ferrera, Italy.

'The 3.0-liter EcoDiesel V6 uses dual overhead camshafts (DOHC) with four valves per cylinder and a 60-degree angle between the cylinder banks. The block is cast with compacted graphite iron, which provides strength to dampen vibrations but weighs less than gray cast iron. A compacted graphite iron bedplate adds rigidity to the block," according to the release.

FCA noted that the 2019 Ram 1500 Classic - the older version of the Ram pickup - is available with a secondgeneration 3.0-liter EcoDiesel.

Headlights glaringly are in 'sorry shape' in many US vehicles

Mark Phelan **Detroit Free Press** USA TODAY NETWORK

Millions of Americans are driving around in the dark. That's not a metaphor; it's the state of U.S. headlight technology and maintenance compared with such places as Canada, Europe and Japan.

Only about half of 2018 model-year vehicles in the U.S. offered "adequate" headlights, and frequently only on expensive, option-laden models. That put good visibility out of sight for many American drivers, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, an industry group that tests and advocates for safety features.

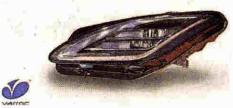
On top of that, experts say improper installation reduces the effectiveness of many advanced headlights, turning what should be safety aids into glaring annoyances for other drivers.

It's easy to recognize the problems if you've been on the wrong end of a bright headlight aimed into your eyes, but harder for people driving cars with misaligned lights or those with cloudy, fogged-over lenses. They don't know what they're missing until they're literally blindsided by an unexpected curve, construction zone or other obstacle their lights didn't illuminate.

"A lot of headlights are in pretty sorry shape," said John Bullough, director of transportation and safety lighting programs at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.

Focusing light where it's needed

Help is on the way, but there's no telling when. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which sets standards for vehicle safety, is working on rules for a new technology called adaptive driving beam, or ADB lights. Automakers and suppliers are waiting impatiently to offer the superior systems they already sell in much of



LED headlights are a building block for more accurate, ADB (adaptive driving beam) lights. VARROC

the world.

"Lighting technology has never accelerated like it is today," said Todd Morgan, senior vice president for global product development at lighting supplier Varroc, which has an engineering center in Plymouth, Michigan, just west of Detroit.

Like high-intensity and halogen headlights before them, LEDs initially were limited to luxury vehicles, but Morgan said, "LED lights are evolving and their cost is becoming reachable" for compact and subcompact cars and SUVs. Varroc's goal is to make them and other new lighting technologies affordable for massmarket brands and vehicles.

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'We're talking about a safety system with provable benefits," Morgan said. "We have reams of data from Europe, but we don't know when it'll be legal in the U.S. It's a huge shame.'

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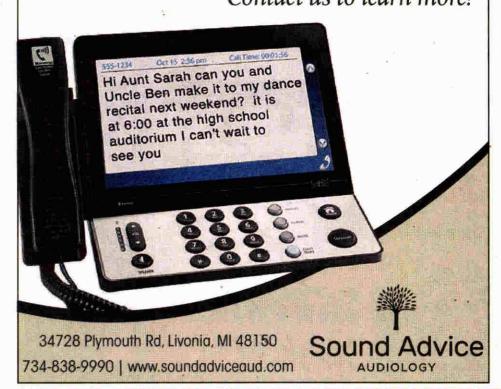


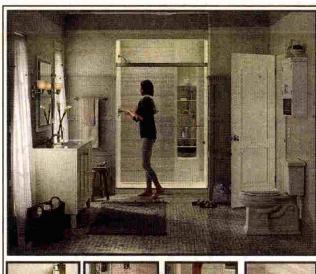
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Valued between \$4 million and \$6 million, the 1965 Aston Martin DB5 is most known for its role in "Goldfinger" alongside Sean Connery.

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Bond's Aston Martin is for sale, guns and all

Rebekah Tuchscherer

You won't need a license to kill – just a license to drive.

It's Bond, James Bond's 1965 Aston Martin DB5, to be exact.

And RM Sotheby's, the official auction house for Aston Martin, will be selling one of just three surviving "James Bond" cars – outfitted with M16 superspy guns and all – at a Monterey, California, sale in August.

With an estimated valued between \$4 million and \$6 million, only the most serious car collectors and Bond fans will bid on this piece of history.

"No other car in history has played a more important leading role on film and in pop culture," says Barney Ruprecht, a car specialist with RM Sotheby's.

The Aston Martin is most famous for its appearance alongside Sean Connery in "Goldfinger," the third movie in the James Bond series. All 13 of its Bond modifications are fully functioning, including a Browning .30 caliber machine gun in each fender, wheel-hub mounted tire-slashers, smoke screen dispensers, revolving license plates and more, says RM Sotheby's.

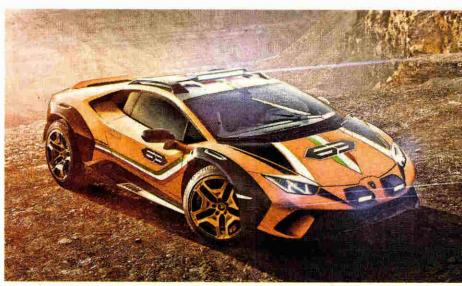
The car also is equipped with a telephone in the driver's side door and a hidden compartment that can store several weapons.

Offered for sale in 1969, the DB5 was originally purchased by collector Lord Anthony Bamford. The Smokey Mountain Car Museum in Tennessee then bought it and made the Bond car the museum's centerpiece for 35 years.

Switzerland-based Roos Engineering has fully restored the Aston Martin, chassis No. 2008/R.

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In more than 50 years, the car has had only three private owners.

The Bond DB5 will be displayed at RM Sotheby's in North America this summer before auction day in mid-Au-



The off-road light package includes a roof-mounted LED light bar and LED bumper lights with a flood function, the Italian carmaker says.

AUTOMOBILI LAMBORGHINI

Lamborghini can get down and dirty

Dalvin Brown

Not very many people would have the chutzpah (or the moola) to drive a \$300,000 sportscar through the mud. Still, Lamborghini created a lifted, dirt-ready luxury sports car just for the

occasion.

The Italian brand unveiled an intriguing new concept based on the Huracán EVO on Wednesday called the Sterrato, which is "dirt" in Italian. Drawing off-road inspiration from its new high-riding Urus SUV, Lamborghini says the dunes hopping Huracán "conquers new territory."

Sterrato features the same 5.2-liter naturally-aspirated engine as the EVO, but there are notable differences.

The one-off concept has bigger tires, wider fenders and more ground clearance to take on challenging environments compared with the \$260,000 standard EVO.

To get around on rougher terrain, Lamborghini raised the car by 1.85 inches, which the company says improves the approach angle by 1% and the departure angle by 6.5%. The front and rear tracks were also widened by 1.2 inches.

The pumped-up bodywork sits atop 22-inch "balloon" tires that are optimized to grip on loose ground. To protect the underbelly from rock damage, the ruggedized Sterrato is outfitted with underbody reinforcements, including a rear skid plate that acts as a diffuser.

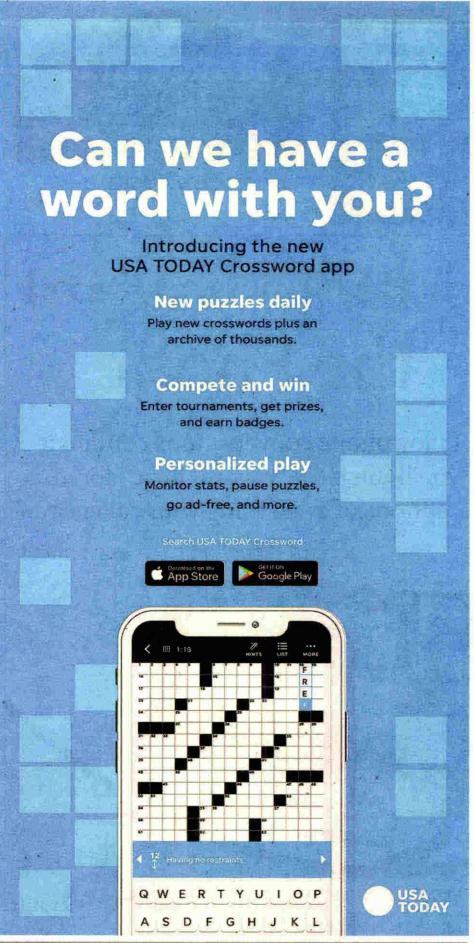
There's integrated stone-deflecting protection around the engine and air intakes and carbon fiber mudguards.

Lamborghini tuned the EVO's stability control system to maximize traction and acceleration for what the company calls "demanding environments."

The tweaked LDVI (Lamborghini Dinamica Veicolo Integrata) system includes four-wheel drive, four-wheel steering and torque vectoring for improved handling. The car also is built with predictive logic to anticipate the driver's next move.

And if things really go awry, the car is fitted with a titanium roll cage, carbon sports seats and a four-point harness to protect the driver. Also, inside the Huracán Sterrato, you'll specially-designed interior trim, four-point seat belts and aluminum floor panels.





CITY OF LIVONIA NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 4 of Act 207 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1921, as amended, the City Zoning Act (MSA 5.2934; MCLA 125.584) as well as Article XXIII of Ordinance No. 543, as amended, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, the Council has determined that a Public Hearing will take place before the Council of the City of Livonia on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 at 7:00 P.M., in the Auditorium at City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, with respect to the following item:

PETITION 2019-02-01-02 submitted by Etkin Management, L.L.C., to rezone the property located on the north side of Seven Mile Road between Newburgh Road and the I-275/96 Expressway (37640 Seven Mile Road) in the Southeast ¼ of Section 6, from R-U-F (Rural Urban Farm) to R-8 (High Rise Multiple Family Residential District Maximum four (4) Stories).

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Request for Proposal (RFP) documents can be obtained by going to the Building Connected website https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/55a1292ff1a96708004a19dc, at the Livonia Public School Website, www.livoniapublicschools.org under the section titled DISTRICT, Purchasing Bids, 2018-19 school year, Open Bids - Bond, OR the SIGMA Website, www. michigan.gov/SIGMAVSS. Please feel free to include additional pages of information if necessary. For bids to be considered they must meet or exceed all specifications herein.

Contract documents will be available electronically for examination and distribution on or after Friday June 21, 2019 by emailing: Lyndsay.johnson-lemieux@ bartonmalow.com There will be a pre-bid meeting at 15125 Farmington Road on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. All questions should be submitted by email address above by July 1, 2019.

The Bid Opening will take place at 1:00 p.m. on the 10th day of July, 2019, at the Livonia Public Schools Board of Education Complex, at which time all bids will be publicly opened and read. No bids will be accepted after the date and time specified and will not be

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

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

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

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

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NOTICE OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2019 CITY OF LIVONIA, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF LIVONIA:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that any qualified elector of the City of Livonia who is not already registered, may register to vote at the Office of the City Clerk; the Office of the Wayne County Clerk; any Secretary of State branch office; or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at mi.gov/vote and mailed to the Livonia City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at www.expressSOS.com.

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local Clerk is Monday,

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the Office of the City Clerk, located at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 3rd from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, August 6th from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Sample ballots can be viewed at www.ci.livonia.mi.us under the Clerk's "Vote Livonia" page or may be viewed at mi.gov/vote. Or, you may pick up a sample ballot in person at the Office of the City Clerk, Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154. Telephone:

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CITY OF LIVONIA PUBLIC NOTICE **AGENDA** ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS JULY 16, 2019 - 7:00 P.M. LIVONIA CITY HALL - AUDITORIUM (1ST FLOOR) 33000 CIVIC CENTER DRIVE LIVONIA, MI

(734) 466 2259 APPEAL CASE NO. 2019-07-28: RNDC-NWS, LLC, east side of Eckles (13009), between Amrhein and the CSX Railroad, seeking to erect a ground sign on industrial property, resulting in excess sign height and sign area.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2019-07-29: Lisa Harlow, south side of West Chicago (27501), between Cardwell and Inkster, seeking to erect a five-foot-tall open picket fence on residential property, resulting in excess fence height. The fence has a pointed top which is

APPEAL CASE NO. 2019-07-30: Courtney Provencher, west side of Antago (19201), between Seven Mile and Bridge, seeking to erect a four-foot-tall wood picket and four-foottall woven wire fence located in the front yard, which is not allowed. Four-foot-tall non sight obscuring fences cannot extend beyond the front line of the house towards the street. Woven wire fences of any height are not allowed.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2019-07-32: Krzysztof Sroka, north side of Greenland (30870), between Puritan and Henry Ruff, seeking to erect a steel storage building (garage) while maintaining an attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages and garage area.

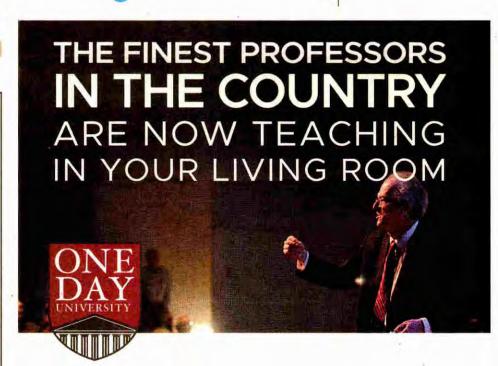
APPEAL CASE NO. 2019-07-33: Bradley Smock, west side of Gillman (20201), between Norfolk and Long, seeking to maintain a six foot tall wood privacy fence erected without a permit, which replaces a four-foot-tall chain link fence, on a triple frontage lot, resulting in deficient rear yard setback.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2019-07-34: Livonia Hotel Group, 31100 Stephenson Hwy., Madison Heights, MI 48071, seeking to construct a six story hotel building on property located on the west side of Victor Parkway (19265), between Pembroke and Seven Mile, resulting in deficient north and south side yard setback, also, deficient number of parking spaces.

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Saying 'no' and other work productivity hacks

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In today's nonstop, hectic work culture, the lines between our professional and personal lives are blurred and intertwined like never before, which often means that we're always operating at breakneck speeds to complete everything we need to get done in a given day. No one likes to end a day with the sense that they didn't add enough checkmarks to their to-do lists. And since no one has figured out a way to add more hours to the day yet, we must compensate by maximizing our work productivity.

Particularly at work, staying on top of responsibilities is mission-critical for a variety of reasons—not only does failing to handle assigned tasks on schedule reflect poorly on you, but it can also have long-term consequences on your career and future opportunities. Delayed projects can adversely affect the workflow of your colleagues. Plus, the negative impact of falling behind at work can include added stress, anxiety, depression, loss of sleep, and a host of other unwanted mental and physical effects.

There are ways to make what may feel like a maelstrom of daily tasks a little more manageable. Consider utilizing the following foolproof work hacks to help you stay on top of things.

First, get organized

Don't expect to be able to allocate your time, energy, and resources to tackling your daily to-dos effectively if you don't have a good handle on them and what you need to get done each day. You'll have to get organized.

There's no "one size fits all" approach



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to organizing—use whatever tools work best for you for keeping track of and staying on top of everything you need to get done. There is a wealth of organization tools available to check out-including apps, software, and good oldfashioned notebooks and paper. Feel free to use the trial and error approach until you devise a system that works for you, but don't fall prey to thinking that you can juggle it all in your head-that's a recipe for disaster. Consider the time you spend building a good organization system a real investment in your productivity-one that will surely pay off in the long run.

Take the time to prioritize

Are you the sort of person who looks at a long list of tasks and, overwhelmed by its sheer size, chooses to turn away and put it all off for later instead? Breathe — and consider a better ap-

proach.

When faced with an imposing to-do list that threatens to decimate your productivity, fight back by taking a few minutes to prioritize every item. If you're unsure of what should come first and what can wait, it's fine to ask your manager—you are taking proactive steps to get your work done in the most helpful way possible. Once you've prioritized, you can narrow your focus on the most important tasks first. As your list shrinks, you'll have the bandwidth to tackle those less critical tasks later, with a renewed sense that everything is going to be okay.

Break down complex tasks

We all know what it's like to face a complex, multi-faceted task with multiple sub-tasks and interconnected dependencies — it can often seem downright impossible to complete. A simple

approach to keep these toughest to-dos from halting your work productivity is to break them down into smaller, more manageable tasks. Tackle them methodically, one by one. Breaking a big to-do into smaller to-dos has the net effect of chipping away at previously insurmountable projects and keeping your work productivity high.

Use the secret weapons

When it comes to being productive, you have two "secret weapons" at your disposal that are often underused, but can make a big difference — getting help and saying no.

When faced with an enormous task, one where it makes more sense to utilize the capabilities and energy of other folks, don't hesitate to ask for help. People often view asking for help as a sign of weakness, but in fact, it's the opposite. Asking a team member for assistance is a strategic use of available resources to maximize work productivity and complete a task.

Another underused strategy for staying productive is to avoid taking on more than you can handle at any given time by simply saying "no." True, this can be misused and abused in the face of tasks you simply don't want to do, but when used responsibly and appropriately, saying that you simply don't have the time to tackle a task at the moment can help keep you focused, on track, and at the peak of your productive potential. Be polite, and make sure you back up your "no" with reasons why focusing on the unwanted task will make you less productive for other things on your list.

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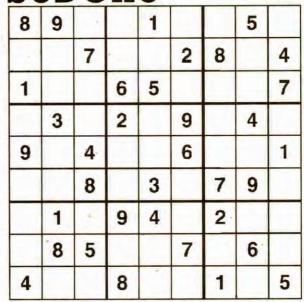
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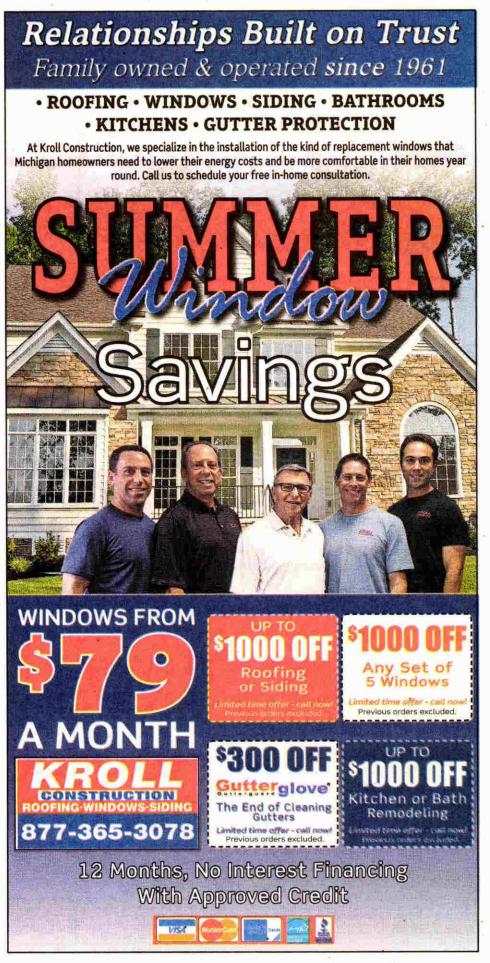


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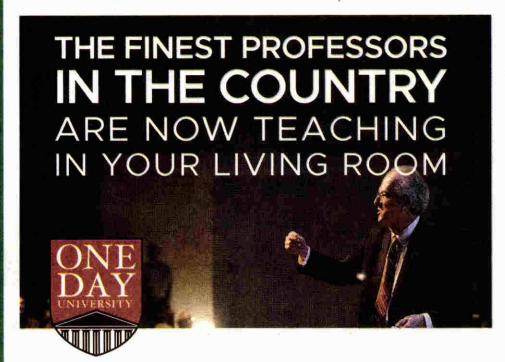
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