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Canton Township dispatcher details night of alleged negligent 9-1-1 death

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Former Canton Township 9-1-1 dispatcher Joshua Choroba recalled in a November deposition the moment he realized the volume on the emergency-dispatch system was turned down as employees at Heartland Rehabilitation Center tried frantically to get help for patient Stephen Greene, who had stopped breathing on the morning of March 2, 2018.

Greene died that day from a massive heart attack. The Belleville resident was 69.

Both Choroba and colleague Rachel Rowell were disciplined by the township for negligence related to the muted volume, and the estate of Stephen Greene is suing Canton Township for \$6.9 million.

Members of Heartland's staff reportedly made as many as 70 9-1-1 calls to the Canton Township dispatch center —



Choroba

some from personal cell phones when the initial calls from the center's main line went unanswered.

Asked by Jonathan Marko, the attorney for Greene's estate, when he realized he had missed "a bunch of 9-1-1 calls" Choroba said, "I heard Rachel say, 'Oh my God! And then I looked over at the phone and I saw the abandoned (missed calls) tab, clicked it, there were calls stacked up and I just started calling them back."

Choroba said Rowell, who was also in charge of booking prisoners that morning, had been in the dispatch room "for 15 or 20 minutes, but I'm not sure ..." prior to her saying, "Oh my God!"

A deposition is the taking of an oral statement of a witness under oath before trial. Its purpose is to find out what witnesses know and to preserve their testimony.

The deposition also revealed that Choroba had been disciplined two other times — once before and once after Greene's death — for not making sure the system's volume was at a high enough level to be heard.

Choroba received a three-day suspension following the Greene incident, he told Marko.

Neither Choroba or Rowell were terminated by the township, but Rowell resigned during the internal investigation conducted following the March 2018 incident, Canton Township attorney Kristin Kolb confirmed.

Choroba resigned in November 2018, weeks after his third volume-related suspension.

During the deposition, Choroba also admitted that he visited his Facebook account while on duty and sometimes watched videos on the social-media platform with the volume on.

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CHILDREN SHARE THEIR LETTERS TO SANTA

Christmas Day is just a few days away, and the excitement is building. Hometown Life is giving Santa a helping hand by collecting a bunch of letters and compiling them for his reading pleasure. Here's what some local first graders offered, just as they wrote it.

Dear Santa

How are the reindeers? Could you please bring my mom necklace? Could you please bring my dad a new tool box? Could you please bring g-dad new phone? Could you please bring g-ma a stocking? Would you be able to bring dragon egg to me?

PS Please wake me when get here.

Sree Kishay Rajesh

Dear Santa

I want to have four mermaids, small I big. I want to have xBox white.

Brooklyn Espinosa

Dear Santa

Greeting. How is your shugr lev? Could you please brig a tine tree for mi mom? Would you be albe to bring me a nrf gun. Please hug rofeb. Say hi to rudof. Please wak me if you git her.

PS Be safe out there. Watch out for tres.

Sam Trapp

Dear Santa

How is your elfs doing? COuld you please bring my mom elf socks. Could you please bring my dad a pj. Could you please bring my aunt a ice cream. Could you please bring a car for my bro. Would you be able to bring me an Elsa doll. I've neem very good. Say hi to me.

PS Be safe out there.

your friend, Anna Saeed

Dear Santa

How are your reindeer? Could you please bring my mom a nekles? Can you bring my dad some noow soks plase? Can you bring my bog Coco Not a noow ball? Would you be able to bring me a basketball. I will leave you a cooccee.

Love, Avery Hood

PS. Wach out for the trees

Dear Santa

How is Rudolph dooen? Could you please bring me a toy? Please bring a new Bayblades to me.

PS Good luck.

Love your friend Nicholas Mench

Dear Santa

How is Mrs. Claus? Could you please bring Mason a toy gun. Could you please bring Jordan a toy air plane. Could you please bring my mom a necklace. Could you please bring my dad a basketball. Would you be able to bring me a Nintendo Switch. I've been very good. Have a safe trip. Please wake me when you here. I'll leave you cookies. Remember to buckle up!

Your friend Bryden Batayah

PS you can find me on Google maps

Dear Santa

How are your diabetes? Could you please bring mom sokxs and dad cloths? Could you be able to bring me v-buks pleas. I've been very good. Please hug my elf.

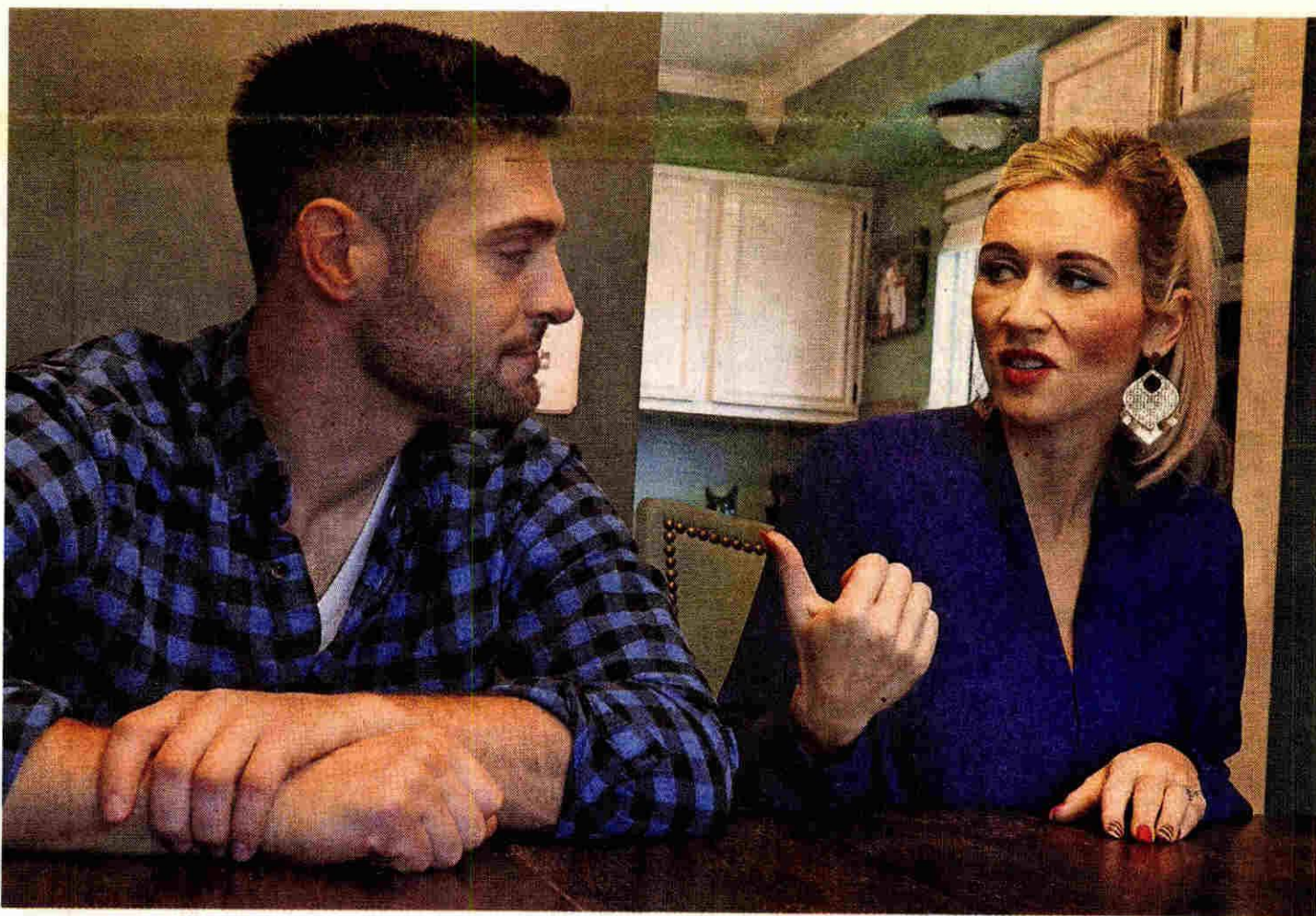
Your friend, Nolan Lazaro

Dear Santa

Hi! How are the elf's? I hope your making your toys for kids like me! I hope you have a safe ride! I am very excited for Cristmas!!! I have a pretty big wishlist this year! My mom would like a great pink dress. My dad would like a army suit. My brother would like a cool basketball. I would like a so cool boat. And an awsome no battery needed so cool train. I hope you have a Merry Cristmas! Tell the elves I said hi.

Sincerely, Zaid Abu Nayla

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Aaron Noble and his fiancée, Courtney Mathews, talk about meeting on set of the locally-made film "Christmas Coupon."

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Love on the silver screen led to the real thing for these local actors

Shelby Tankersley Hometownlife.com
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Courtney Mathews and Aaron Noble know all too well how art imitates life.

The couple, engaged to be married this spring, met on set of the locally-shot independent film "Christmas Coupon," where they play two people who find love.

"It's funny because our first scene ever was the wedding scene," Mathews

said. "It was awkward. And, we actually didn't like each other at first. We were annoyed by each other completely. So, it is funny how it ended up flipping the switch."

Director Daniel Knudsen asked the two to help co-write the film before it was shot around Livonia, Plymouth and Detroit last winter. Noble said they had a few creative differences.

"We're all very aggressive creative people," he said. "So, she has one idea, I have another idea, I obsess over char-

acter building, she says don't worry about the character building. So we're just constantly butting heads."

But, Noble and Mathews eventually forged a friendship and he hit it off well with her four children. They're now figuring out how to be a family of six.

On the screen, Mathew's character Alison Grant and Noble's character Ivan Hall don't have a story that simple.

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Dispatcher

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He said there is a Canton Township public safety building within a mile of Heartland, but he refused to estimate how long it would have taken for help to get to Heartland had the initial 9-1-1 calls been answered.

Choroba admitted that the system's volume had been turned down so that it could not be heard by dispatchers during the initial 9-1-1 calls from Heartland.

"And, again, that's a really, really bad thing?" Marko asked.

"Correct," Choroba answered.

"It endangers the lives of people, correct?" Marko continued.

"Correct," Choroba replied.

Marko stated in the deposition that just one month prior to the Greene incident, Canton Township Public Safety Dispatch Supervisor Chris DiStefano reiterated in an email to dispatchers the importance of making sure the volume was turned up.

"I do not remember ever reading that email," Choroba claimed.

When asked by Marko if he and Rowell talked immediately following the



Stephen and Dorothy Greene pictured in an undated photo. COURTESY OF MARKO LAW

Greene incident: "You know, did you ever say something like, 'How could this happen?' or anything like that?" Choroba said, "I don't remember."

According to Kolb, the township is self-insured, which is allowed by its contract with the Police Officers Association of Michigan and participates in a

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self-insurance liability pool through the Michigan Municipal Risk Management Authority.

"When the first lawsuit was filed (by Greene's estate) earlier this year, we submitted a claim to the MMRMA," Kolb said. "Coverage was denied as to Ms. Rowell because she had pleaded 'no contest' to a misdemeanor charge of Willful Neglect of Duty related to the March 2, 2018, incident."

"The adjuster at the MMRMA determined the township's liability policy contained an exception where a crime had been committed by the person seeking coverage, which is a standard exception in the insurance industry."

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Aaron Noble met his fiancée Courtney Mathews on the movie set.

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Love

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"They fell in love in high school and had plans that they were going to get married," Mathews said. "You know, they were going to spend their lives together. His character ended up leaving her a note, taking off and going to the NHL without telling her because he got drafted."

But Hall, who plays for the fictional NHL Flames, ends up back home after a knee injury and wins Grant back from her not-so-nice boyfriend.

"It's cute," Noble said. "It's got a lot of good mixes of romance, a lot of Hallmark-esque stuff. That's where it is."

Aside from the clean-cut Christmas love story, locals will recognize plenty of people and places. Livonia native 6-year-old Brooklyn Wojtyniak, who raises awareness for craniofacial syndrome, and Michigan country singer Drew Jacobs are

just two familiar faces that pop up.

"We went to downtown Milford and downtown Rochester, and those were our only two far away," Mathews said. "I would say 80 percent of the film is Livonia and Plymouth, and a little bit of Northville."

"Anybody who lives in Milford is going to recognize their home town," Noble added.

Knudsen and the two actors hope the film will give people something positive to watch during the holidays.

"I feel like it's hard in this day and age to find film that's clean, nice, something the whole family can watch but parents can also enjoy," Mathews said.

"Christmas Coupon" can be streamed on YouTube and Hulu or bought online from stores like Target and Walmart.

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Dear Santa
How are you? Are you getting all the toys ready for Christmas? I have a big wishlist this year. My mom would like a new beautiful dresser. My dad would like a new toothpaste. My brother would like new games. I want a new Nerf gun. I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas eve. I will leave milk and cookies for you.

Madhav Jayswal

Dear Santa
Hello! Are you excited for Christmas Eve? I am very excited for Christmas. I have a pretty big wish list this year. My mommy would like more money. My daddy would like more legos. My brothr would like all of the Lightning McQueen stuff. I would like beyblades. I hope you have a great marry Christmas. I hope you have a great trip to my house. I will give you cook-ies and milk.

Love, Colin Metcalf

Dear Santa
Hi! Are the elves bise for Christmas eve? I am very excited for Christmas! I have a pretty big wish list this year. My mom would like new pjannas. My dad would like now wrkowt shos. My sister would like the Rainbow Surprise Fashion DIY dolls and I would like a cutie eye stuffed animal. I cant wate to see what you bring me.

Love, Sofia Perino

Dear Santa
Hi! How are you? I am excited for Christmas. I have a pretty big wish list this year. My mom would like wrck shos. My sister would like Barbies. My bruthr would like a Nerf gun. I would like a new real dog. I hope you have a good chrip.

Love, Easton Richards

Dear Santa
Hi! Are you getting ready for Christmas Eve? Are the elf helping you? I am very excited for Christmas! I have a pretty big wish list this year. My mom would like a new fone. My dad would like a new blanket. My sistr would lik a new shopkin. I would like a new Mario toy. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Your Firend, Jawad Seblini

Dear Santa
Hi! Are you god? I am very excited for Chrismas! I have a pretty big wish list thes year. My mom would like a new set of art supplies. My dad would like a Hare Potter book. My buthr would like one million v-bucks. I would like a grocery gang. I hop



Kaleigh Swindell visits with Santa Claus. HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE PHOTO

you have a safe grne to all of the houses.

Love, Kayla Sveum

Dear Santa
How are you? Are you getting all the toys ready for Christmas? I have a big wish list this yeas. My mom would like a shirt and pants. My dad would like a hat. My brothr Moses would like a fake car. My brathr Noah would like a fake helicopter. My babby sister would like a hed band. I would like a fake motorcycle! I can't wait until you visit me on Christmas eve!

Love, Nathan Tewodros

Dear Santa
Hi! Are you getting ready for Christmas Eve? I am very excited for Christmas! I have a pretty big wish list this year. My mom would like a vacation. My dad wants to spend a lot of time with me. My sisters wruld like phones. My brother wants a fast car. I would like an iPhone 11. I will leave some milk and cookies for you.

Love, Willie Turner

Dear Santa
Hi. Are you getting ready for Christmas Eve? I have a pretty big wish list this year. My mom would like a pug mug. My dad would like sum black soxs. My bruthr would like Minecraft boxsis. I would like a baby pug. I will leave some milk and cook-ies for you.

Love, Myles Zuber

Eley would like a chewie toy. I would like a bader gun that the bilt comes out the side and it is a hunting gun.

I will leave cuces for you.

From Mason Brennan

Dear Santa
Hi Santa! Are the efves making so many toys and are you getting ready? I am excited for new year's eve. My mom would like a pair of red shirts. My dad would like a pair of blue slippers. My brother would like a ball. My sister would like makeup. I would like a bay blade set. Have a safe trip.

From, Kellan Szydowski

Dear Santa
Hi! How are the reindeer? Are you praird for the big trip? I am excited for Christmas. I have many wishes for my family. My mom would like some sliprs. My dad would like a game. My brother would like a Avegr set. I would like a bay blade set. Have a good trip!

From, Elijah Vicorio

Dear Santa
Hi! My name is Lacey. How are the reindeer doing? I am happe for Cmas. I have many wishes for my family. My mom would like a pair of green slippers. My dad would like a hot tub. My big ster would rely like a hot cocoa sand. I would like a baby brother. I love makeup! Have a good day.

From, Lacey Hutton

Dear Santa
Hi! I am so excited for you to visit my house on Christmas eve. Are you getting all the toys ready? I have a big list this year. Mom would like a new red bath robe. My dad would like a new wallet. My sister wants a big panda. I want a new phone.

Love, Alejandro

Dear Santa
Hi! I am so excited for you to visit my house on Christmas eve. Are you getting all the toys ready? I have a big wish list this year. My mom would like pink perfum. My dad would like a new jacket. My sister would like a gold chocay. My brother would like a phone. I would like an American Gril doll.

Love, Sandy Kamal

Dear Santa
Hi! I am so excited for you to visit on Christmas eve. Are you getting all the toys ready? I have a big list this year. My mom would like a new perfum. My dad would like new tools. I would like a Barbie doll. How is Mrs. Claus doing? Have a good trip!

Love, Thanh Tran



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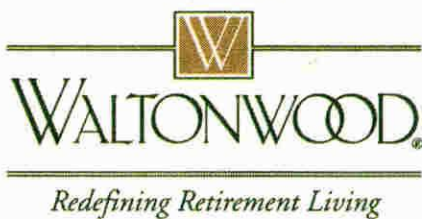
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Is it legal for condominium associations create 'separate but equal' policies?



Robert Meisner
Guest columnist

Q: I heard about a recent case where a condo association with many members of the same religion didn't want men and women seeing each other in swimming suits, so the condo association adopted rules that provided for segregated swimming times for men and women in the community pool.

What are your thoughts?

A: Yes, in *Curto v. A Country Place Condo Ass'n, Inc.* (921 F.3d 405), two residents fined by the association for allegedly violating the rules brought an action to challenge the scheduled swimming times under the Fair Hous-

ing Act, as well as the New Jersey State anti-discrimination laws. While the U.S. District Court judge ruled in favor of the association, the U.S. Third Circuit Court of Appeals reversed, stating that the swimming rules were discriminatory under the Fair Housing Act by limiting the "use of privileges, services, or facilities associated with a dwelling because of sex."

The court noted that the question of whether any and all sex-segregated swimming hours would violate the Fair Housing Act was not being considered by the court because the swimming schedule adopted in this case was plainly unequal in its allotment of favorable swimming times. That is, women were allowed to swim for only 3.5 hours after 5 p.m. on weeknights, compared to 16.5 hours for men. The

schedule left working women with regular jobs little access to the pool during the work week.

However, in a separate concurring opinion, Judge Fuentes went even further and wrote that such sex-segregated swimming hours are per se discriminatory, meaning that it is impossible to write them in such a way as to avoid discrimination. Judge Fuentes refers to the long-established rejection of "separate but equal" policies in the Supreme Court's decision in *Brown v. Board of Education* and notes that there can be no difference recognized here between discrimination based on race and discrimination based on sex.

If I were to advise an association considering a similar provision in their pool rules, I would strongly advise for-

getting it altogether in the face of this decision. If one exists currently, I would strongly recommend consulting with your experienced community association attorney to ensure that you are not faced with a significant uphill battle in litigation over enforcement of your rules.

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A murder-suicide apparently happened the morning of December 17 in the 1400 block of C Drive in Plymouth Township. GOOGLE MAPS

Plymouth Township investigating possible murder-suicide

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USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

An estranged couple still in litigation regarding child custody matters died Tuesday morning in Plymouth Township, according to police.

Township police said in a report the deceased are a white male, 46, and a female, 37.

Police were dispatched to the 1400 block of C Drive at about 6:45 a.m. because of reports of shots fired.

They found a deceased woman, with an apparent bullet wound to the head, in the driver's seat of a parked

and running minivan.

Police said they entered the home and found a deceased man with an "obvious" self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head.

The names of the deceased are not being released pending family notification.

Officers were treating the incident as a murder-suicide case. No other information was available.

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Law targeting 'Porch pirates' goes into effect

Ken Palmer Lansing State Journal
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LANSING - A new state law targeting porch pirates took effect on Monday, meaning it will be easier to prosecute thieves who raid mailboxes or pilfer packages from doorsteps.

Senate Bills 23 and 24, signed by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer last fall, make it a state-level crime to steal mail or packages delivered to homes.

A first offense for mail theft is now a state-court misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in jail. A repeat offense is a maximum 5-year felony.

Mail theft was already a federal crime, but backers said a state law was needed because federal authorities don't have the resources to investigate every mail theft complaint. In many cases, the stolen items didn't meet the value threshold set by federal prosecutors.

Until now, police at the local and state levels had little authority to prosecute mail theft complaints.

The new law takes effect just nine days before Christmas, a busy time for online shopping.

"I think it definitely will help to have this be a dedicated state law," East Lan-

sing Deputy Police Chief Steve Gonzalez said. "It's going to allow local officials the ability to prosecute this crime appropriately. Our ability to pursue these types of case will be greater."

Gonzalez said the law also should help local agencies track those types of crimes. Previously, mail theft complaints were recorded as larcenies, he said.

The enforcement arm of the U.S. Postal Service reported more than 1,350 cases involving mail theft in fiscal 2018, the Senate Fiscal Agency said in its final analysis of Senate Bills 23 and 24, now known as Public Acts 48 and 49 of 2019.

There were 17,000 complaints of Amazon packages being stolen in Michigan in 2018, along with 168 prescription drug theft reports, 399 stolen check reports and 155 reports of mail tampering, according to testimony before the Senate judiciary committee, the fiscal agency said.

There are things you can do to prevent package theft, police say.

You can schedule deliveries for a time when you will be home or arrange for deliveries to be made in a secure way, Gonzalez said. Security cameras and video doorbells can make it easier to identify thieves, he said.

Livonia couple to face charges in daughter's death

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A Livonia couple faces charges of involuntary manslaughter and second-degree child abuse after the death of their 3-month-old daughter, according to Wayne County prosecutors.

Allen Abel, 46, and Kimberly Davidson, 40, are accused of creating an unsafe sleeping environment that led to the child's death.

Prosecutors have said Livonia police were dispatched to their residence in the 19300 block of Rensellor Street, near the intersection of Inkster and Seven Mile roads, at about 5:13 p.m. June 17 because of an unresponsive in-



Davidson

fant.

Upon arrival, they found the infant. Medics arrived and transported the child to a local hospital, where she was pronounced dead.

Prosecutors said Davidson turned herself in to police Tuesday and was arraigned on charges. Her bond was set at \$20,000 in Livonia's 16th District Court. She is scheduled to return to court on Dec. 26.

Abel was scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday. He is currently residing at a state prison because of an operating while intoxicated sentence.

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Abel



Glass bottles at Founders Brewing Co. average 40% recycled content. Founders and Bell's Brewery run neck and neck for the title of largest brewer based in Michigan; both are dedicated to increasing recycling rates. FOUNDERS BREWING CO.

Bills aim to expand the bottle deposit

Carol Thompson Lansing State Journal
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LANSING — Ten cents isn't what it used to be.

That may be why fewer bottles and cans are returned through Michigan's bottle deposit program, which charges consumers 10 cents per carbonated beverage container and repays the money when containers are returned.

In 2018, just 89% of containers purchased in Michigan were returned for cash deposits, the lowest rate since 1990, according to a Michigan Department of Treasury report. In 2008, 96.9% of beverage containers were returned.

On Wednesday, two Michigan legislators floated a plan to expand the deposit program to non-carbonated containers, a change that could keep more material out of landfills but remove material from community recycling streams and increase the burden on grocers who collect those containers.

On one hand, taking more glass bottles out of curbside recycling would be good, said Kerrin O'Brien, Executive Director of the Michigan Recycling Coalition. Glass bottles break in curbside bins, spreading shards where they don't belong and making bales of recycled materials less valuable.

But removing plastic water bottles and aluminum cans from community recycling streams means removing revenue, too.

"The recycling industry needs to look at how taking material out of the recycling stream and putting it through the bottle bill stream impacts recycling programs," she said. "I'm really interested in looking at ways that we can make the two systems really work well together to capture more material and reduce pollution overall."

The return rate is dropping, but that might be OK

Matt Flechter, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy recycling market development specialist, said there likely are three things causing the decline in the return rate: Inflation, which makes a 10-cent deposit less alluring; the time it takes to return containers; and the prevalence of curbside recycling.

Amy Drumm, vice president of governmental affairs for the Michigan Retailers Association, pointed to another possible cause in the drop-off: craft beer.

Grocers only have to accept containers from drinks they sell, so brands that aren't widespread, like Miller or Budweiser, have fewer options for returning containers.

"That makes it different with the craft beer and additional products in the market we didn't have in the '90s," Drumm said. "There's a lot more different beverage containers we have out there."

A lower return rate might not be a bad thing for the environment if those containers still get recycled, Flechter said. There is no evidence to show whether they are trashed or recycled.

"If people were littering their beverage containers and that was why the dimes weren't coming back, then absolutely that's a bad thing," he said. "If somebody's recycling their beverage container in their curbside bin, that's not a bad thing."

And when fewer bottles get returned, there is more cash for environmental programs partially funded with the leftovers.

Most of the money collected through the deposit program that isn't returned to consumers is sent to the Cleanup and Redevelopment Trust Fund. The rest, 25%, gets distributed to grocers who collect the cans and bottles.

That 25% "doesn't come anywhere close to covering their costs," Drumm said.

Thinking broadly about bottle return

The bills introduced Wednesday would reimburse grocers per bottle returned at their stores, as well as boost fraud enforcement and have larger stores accept all containers. The goal is to help the bottle deposit program keep up with the "explosion of single-use plastics," Rep. Jon Hoadley, D-Kalamazoo, said in a release.

Drumm said the Michigan Retailers Association, which represents state grocers, opposes expanding the state's bottle deposit law to non-carbonated drinks.

Grocers largely oppose the current law because bottle return machines are expensive — Drumm said they can run between \$12,000 and \$30,000 — and because of the space and work required to keep bottle return spaces clean and operational.

"The main concern for grocers is the issue with food safety," she said. "You're buying foods from these stores but you're bringing back dirty trash and containers ... It's a very difficult thing to keep those areas clean and keep consumers safe when they go and buy food at other parts of the store."

Instead, grocers would rather have the state's recycling efforts focused on community recycling centers and educating people about how to recycle properly. Drumm argued the deposit law takes some valuable material, like aluminum, out of the community recycling streams.

Bottles and cans returned to grocery stores are more consistently recycled than those tossed in curbside recycling bins or drop-off centers, Flechter said.

Sorting machines at stores keep the plastic, aluminum and glass clean and sorted, making the material easier to sell and reuse than the material collected through community recycling centers, which tends to be less sorted.

Contamination is a big factor in the ongoing problem with recycling in the United States. Items like lightbulbs and garden hoses that get into the recycling stream can "contaminate" bales of material and make them harder to sell.

Glass is a good example, Flechter said. When collected through a bottle deposit, glass is turned into new products like counter tops or construction materials.

If it's collected through a community recycling program, Flechter said "that's less likely because it's mixed with other materials, it's broken, it's got your bottle caps, your rubber bands, the other things that shouldn't be in your recycling bin."

Rather than falling into a grocer vs. environmentalist fight, O'Brien said it may be time to think more broadly about bottle return.

"Maybe there are ways to make recycling centers an easy place to take those back," she said. "Maybe there's a different way to provide redemption services that reduce that burden on both sides."

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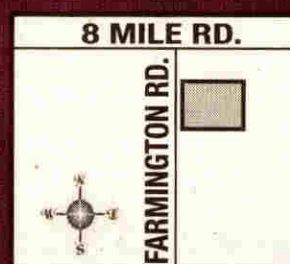
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Cedar Point to give away free admission for life as part of 150th anniversary

Frank Witsil Detroit Free Press
USA TODAY NETWORK

Cedar Point — the Sandusky, Ohio-based mecca for roller-coaster enthusiasts — has big plans for its 150th anniversary next year.

The celebration includes a new boat ride, Snake River Expedition; a cellphone information system that tells you the history of the spot where you're standing, and parades with interactive floats.

But the biggest news: The park said it would give away about 150 special tickets, one a day, starting in February. The tickets allow holders free admission and parking, along with three guests, for the rest of their lives.

It's a ticket you can't buy, the park said. The first one went to a Cedar Point employee through a random drawing.

However, there was no news of a 500-foot-tall roller coaster that had been rumored might be coming.

Park officials made the talk show-style announcement Wednesday in a live YouTube video broadcast inside the park's Hotel Breakers, as viewers typed in their own commentary and questions.

"It's going to be a really fun year," Cedar Point General Manager Jason McClure said. "There are all kinds of plans going on now to get ready for

next year."

Among them: new eateries, such as French Quarter Confections, with new treats; retro, fruit-shaped juice containers; limited edition commemorative merchandise, including collectible coins, Christmas ornaments, and free buttons that say: "I've been visiting Cedar Point since..."

The news comes 150 days ahead of Cedar Point's May 9 opening, but just in time for Santa to go online and buy advance tickets as stocking stuffers, and families to start making summer vacation plans.

The plans also seem aimed at capitalizing on the nostalgia of the Midwest destination, with nods to the park's long history and an appeal to visitors to upload Cedar memories — stories, photos and short videos — to the park's website.

The second-oldest operating amusement park in the United States, Cedar Point opened in 1870 near Sandusky, Ohio, and has long been considered the "roller coaster capital of the world." It showcases 18 roller coasters, some of which have claimed records when they opened.

New park features that already have been announced include more food items and souvenirs. The park's river expedition will be a reboot of its paddlewheel attraction, which it had before it closed in 2011, and will incorporate live entertainment.

"It's going to be a really fun year."

Jason McClure
Cedar Point general manager

Last August, the amusement park unveiled its gold pass for 2020, which offered unlimited visits for just \$99, or a \$19 initial payment and 10 more of just \$8. A pre-season ticket to the park is \$45.99, with \$20 for parking.

The platinum pass, which costs \$202, offers the benefits of the gold pass, plus entry to two other amusement parks: Michigan's Adventure in Muskegon and Kings Island in Mason, Ohio, which is north of Cincinnati.

Cedar Point is one of 11 amusement parks owned by Cedar Fair Entertainment Co., a publicly traded company based in Sandusky that goes by the ticker symbol FUN. In October, Cedar Fair reportedly rejected a \$4 billion cash-and-stock offer from Six Flags Entertainment.

Six Flags, which is based in Grand Prairie, Texas, has 26 amusement parks.

The nation's oldest amusement park is Lake Compounce, which opened in Connecticut in 1846 as a picnic area with swimming and con-

certs more than a decade before the Civil War and was developed to include roller coasters.

Cedar Point, as the story goes, started with an 1867 editorial in the local newspaper calling for "some enterprising person" to make use of the beach on a peninsula that jutted out into Lake Erie. Three years later, Louis Zistel opened a small beer garden, bathhouse and dance floor.

In 1892, the park's first roller coaster opened the Switchback Railway. It was, as the Cedar Point website describes it, "an amazing 25 feet tall and reached an unbelievable top speed of 10 mph."

Later, in 1899, the first hotel opened, and in 1911, it was announced a roadway would be built to the resort.

In 1970, Cedar Point's centennial year, the park continued to expand. In 2000, the park debuted the then-tallest, 310 feet, and fastest, 93 mph, roller coaster, Millennium Force; and three years later, it opened the even taller and faster, 420 feet and 120 mph, Top Thrill Dragster.

In 2013, the park opened GateKeeper, billed as the longest wing roller coaster in the world, and in 2015, the Rougarou, the park's first floorless roller coaster, and a year later, the Valravn, the tallest, fastest and longest dive roller coaster — 223 feet, 75 mph and 3,415 feet — in the world.

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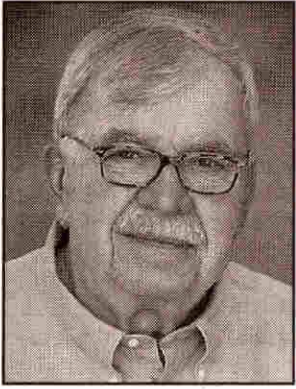
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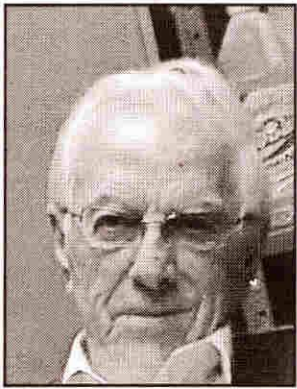
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Richard "Dick" Kirchhoff

Richard "Dick" Kirchhoff passed away on December 12, 2019. He was born on April 4, 1935 and grew up in Detroit and Plymouth. Dick was a great man and is survived by his wife of 57 years Rainy, daughter Krista Jewett (Mike) and granddaughter Charlotte. A Funeral Service will take place Friday 11AM at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Friends may visit Thursday 4-8 PM and Friday beginning at 10AM. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Richard Kirchhoff to the American Cancer Society and the Plymouth Historical Museum. To leave a condolence or memory visit www.schrader-howell.com



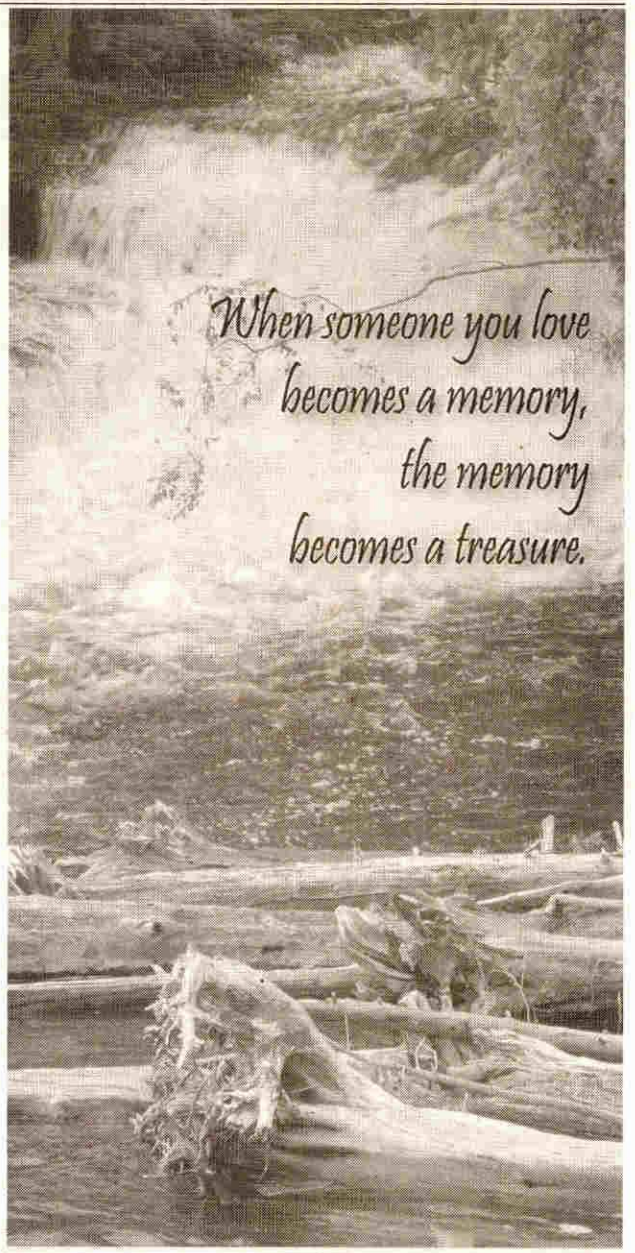
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December 12, 2019, age 92. Beloved husband of the late Jacqueline and Beryl. Loving father of Richard (Loree), Robert (Linda), Jane Moons (the late John) and the late Ronald (Connie) and Randall (Mary). Dear grandfather of 14 and great-grandfather of 15. Funeral Mass was celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Auburn Hills.

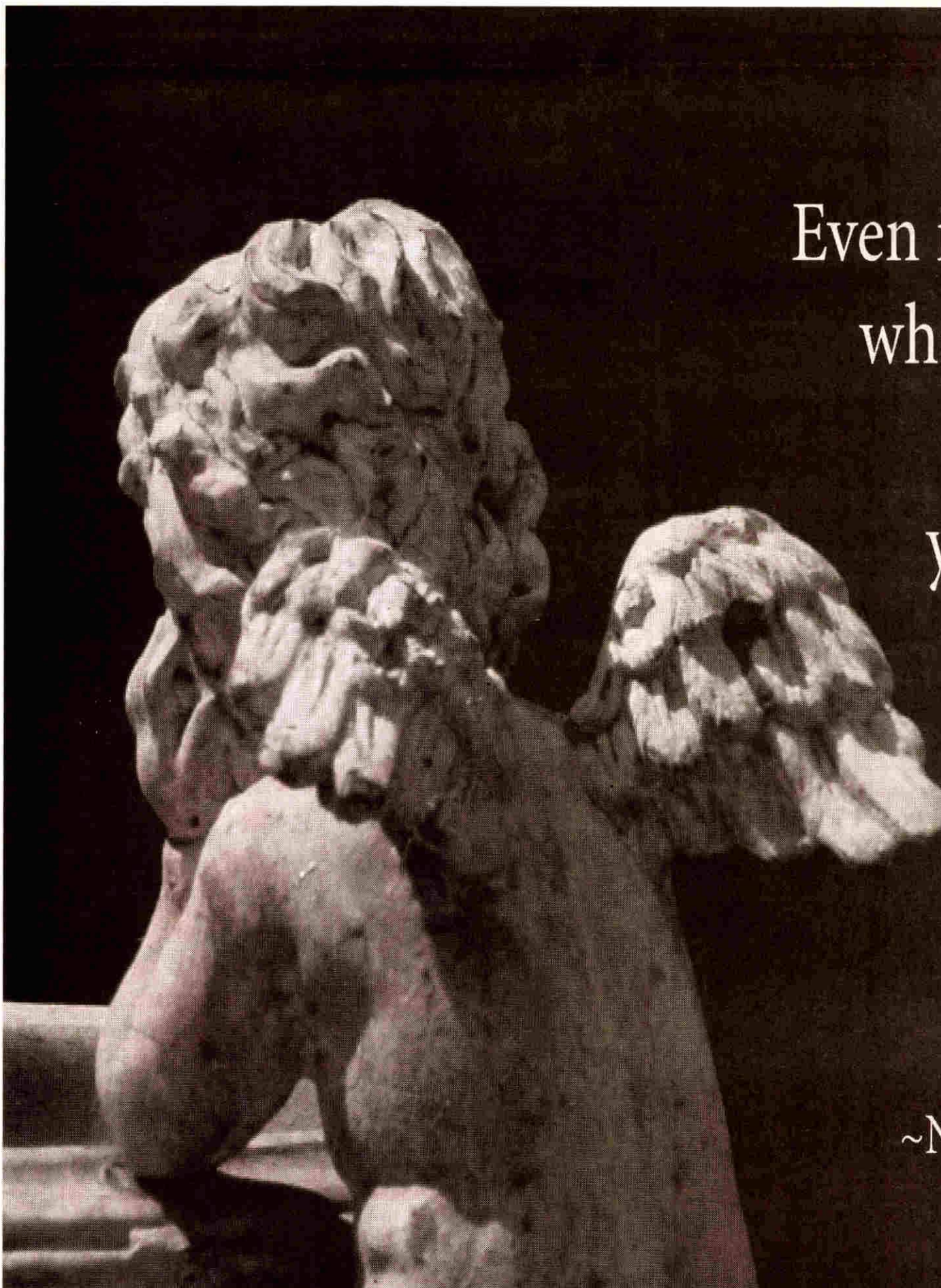
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Lucille Ladouceur

LIVONIA - Lucille Ladouceur (nee. Jugon) 90, of Livonia, MI passed away on December 14, 2019. She was born in Wilkes-Barre, PA and moved to Detroit in her teens. She graduated from Denby, '47. She and Harold "Hal" Ladouceur (deceased 2016) were married on August 24, 1950. They were married 66 years. They had one daughter Marcy (Jim) Hare. They spent many happy years at the cottage near Parry Sound, Ontario then their condo in Punta Gorda, FL. In addition, Lucille was a long-time member of PEO Chapter DZ. She was easy to talk to and made friends wherever she went. In addition to Marcy (Jim) she is survived by her granddaughters Melissa (Josh) Hansen and Jamie Hare (Jeremy McCulloch) and brother Donald Jugon. She was also excited about the arrival of a great-grandson, Jeremy James McCulloch in January. She is preceded in death by grandsons Gary and Thomas Hare and brother Michael Jugon. Visitation for Lucille will be held Thursday, December 19 from 3 - 8 PM at Manns Family Funeral Home, 17000 Middlebelt, Livonia 48154. In-State for Final Visiting on Friday, December 20 from 10 AM until Funeral Service at 11 AM at St. Paul Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile, Livonia, 48154. Memorial donations to the National Kidney Foundation, Michigan Chapter or to Muscular Dystrophy Association. www.mannsfuneralhome.com.



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Birmingham neurosurgeon loses federal appeal on 235-month prison sentence

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A Birmingham neurosurgeon's federal appeal failed, leaving him to serve nearly 20 years in prison because of his role in a \$2.8 million insurance fraud scheme involving unnecessary spinal surgeries.

Aria Sabit also must deal with a lifetime of supervision and pay nearly \$2 million in restitution because of the upheld sentence.

A three-judge U.S. Court of Appeals affirmed the 2017 sentence on Monday, Dec. 16.

"After recounting the facts underlying Sabit's conviction, the district court discussed the ... factors and then handed down the sentence," the opinion read. "That shows the district court took a holistic approach to justifying the sentence.

"And that holistic approach didn't lack an adequate explanation: the district court spoke at length about Sabit's 'horrible criminal acts upon vulnerable and defenseless human beings' and then explained why the sentence was necessary (1) to protect the public and (2) to deter other criminal conduct."

The 11-page opinion concludes by saying the lower district court did not commit "reversible" error during Sabit's criminal proceedings or when imposing his sentence.

"Thus, we affirm," the opinion concluded.

Prior to his guilty plea and sentencing, Sabit owned and operated the Michigan Brain and Spine Physicians Group with several metro Detroit locations.

Sabit admitted to convincing more than a dozen patients to undergo spinal fusion surgeries that he never performed, causing serious bodily harm in some cases.

"He told patients they needed spinal surgery," the just-released opinion detailed. "Sabit then operated on the patients and told them (falsely) that he had inserted the agreed-upon medical device."

"Sabit also falsified his operative reports to make the patients think he had put the spinal devices in place."

He then would submit — or cause oth-

ers to submit — bills to Medicaid or private insurers knowing the claims were false. He also prescribed a controlled substance without legitimate medical reasons.

Sabit pleaded guilty to four counts of health care fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and one count of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance.

He was ordered to serve 235 months in prison, three years of supervised release on the healthcare-fraud counts, and a lifetime of supervised release on the controlled-substance count. He's supposed to pay \$1.98 million in restitution.

In his appeal, he claimed the lower U.S. District Court erred before his sentence was imposed by rejecting a plea agreement and contending that his right to speak during the sentencing wasn't respected.

Courts do not have to accept plea agreements between parties. In this case, the opinion said "(the judge) couldn't accept their agreement because the stipulated sentence did not 'adequately provide (him) with discretion to sentence given the facts of (Sabit's) case.'"

Also, "the district court did not 'chill' Sabit's right to speak. ... As the record shows, the district court imposed no restrictions on what Sabit could say or how long he could talk."

The appellate judges said a court transcript proved time and effort was given in choosing Sabit's sentence.

"The court heard testimony from victims (more than a dozen of them), listened to arguments from both parties, allowed Sabit to speak, responded to one of Sabit's arguments, and discussed the relevant factors when announcing the sentence. We are satisfied that the district court considered Sabit's mitigating arguments and offered an adequate explanation for its sentence," the opinion documented.

Arthur Weiss, an attorney who has been representing Sabit, declined to comment.

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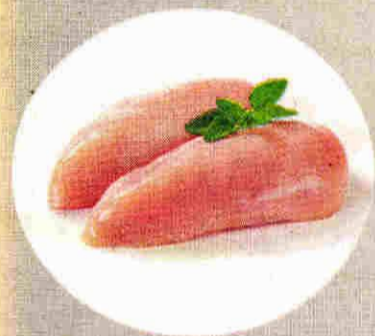
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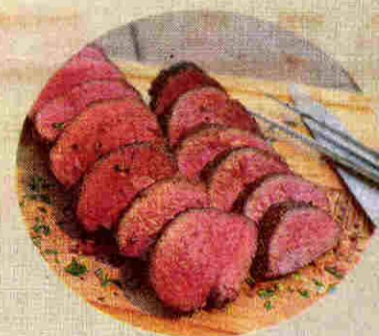


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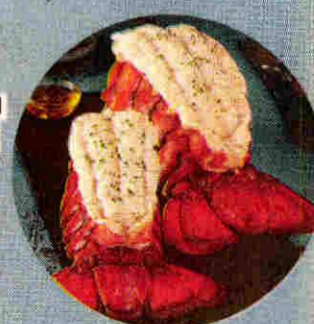
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Sports

Northville races past Livonia Stevenson

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For the third time in their last seven games dating back to last season, the Northville Mustangs met the Livonia Stevenson Spartans on the hardwood.

Just like each of the previous two games, it was Northville that came out victorious, shutting down the Spartans 52-41 Tuesday night at Northville High School.

The win moves Northville to 2-0 on the season, while Stevenson falls to 2-1.

"It's only our second game of the year," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "We've got a lot of guys that are relatively inexperienced at this level, so we're still figuring out who we are, but they bust their butts every day in practice. I thought we won the game on the defensive end tonight. Stevenson got very few easy or clean looks."

Here are three takeaways from the game:

The Shoemaker show

Northville senior forward Zach Shoemaker took a little while to warm up, but once he did, he took over offensively for the Mustangs.

He finished with 19 points to lead all scorers in the contest.

"He's our only returning starter from last year's team," Sander said. "He's the most battle-tested of the guys out there. He didn't have a great start tonight, I thought he was pressing a little early on maybe, but he settled in and took what came to him, he became a distributor at times and did a nice job of attacking their pressure."

Shoemaker scored eight first half points and started off the second half with a three-pointer to set the Mustangs on a 6-0 run to open the third quarter. That made it 29-18 Northville, which never looked back.

"Whenever we go to halftime, we want

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Stevenson's Evan Asante drives to the basket against Northville's Domenic Rodriguez. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Canton's defense shines against Ann Arbor Skyline

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After winning a high-scoring season opener against Ann Arbor Pioneer, the Canton boys basketball team played its brand of basketball in its home opener.

With the help of a stout defensive performance and an inside-out mentality offensively, the Chiefs (2-0) earned its second win of the season, defeating Ann Arbor Skyline (2-1), 57-41, Tuesday night.

Canton will look for its third win Dec. 27 when the Chiefs take on Troy at North Farmington.

Here are three takeaways from the game.

Defense becomes priority

Before the season started, Canton head coach Jimmy Reddy said the way the Chiefs are going to find success and win games is going to be through their defense and keeping opponents under 50 points.

After allowing 69 points in the season opener, the Canton defense shined, forcing contested midrange and three-point jumpers throughout the contest and keeping the ball out of the paint.

Other than a 7-0 run in the first quarter in which four of the seven points came from the free-throw line, Skyline failed to put any legitimate offensive runs together.

After allowing 15 first-quarter points, Canton limited Skyline to eight points in the second and fourth quarters.

In the open floor, Canton used speed to force turnovers, as the Chiefs recorded six fastbreak points off three steals in the first quarter alone, three of which came from senior guard Ben Stesiak.

"We forced turnovers and we took them the other way in transition and we were able to score and get to the rim," Stesiak said. "It seems like we were able to get to the rim kind of easy



Canton's Jake Vickers puts up a shot against Pioneer. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Brother Rice hockey earns redemption vs. Hartland

Colin Gay Hometownlife.com
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Redemption was on the mind of each Brother Rice hockey player Dec. 14.

While they had seen rival Detroit Catholic Central twice in the first seven games of the season, the Warriors had the KLA/MIHL Showcase circled on their calendar. Brother Rice had another chance to face Hartland: the team that beat the Warriors 6-2 in the 2019 state semifinal and went on to win the Division 2 state title.

DJ Dixon wanted to get the bad taste out of his mouth as quickly as he could. Thirty nine seconds in the game, the Brother Rice senior forward found the back of the net, giving the Warriors the quick lead.

With the momentum in favor of the Warriors after the quick first goal, Brother Rice prevailed through the physical, emotional and back-and-forth rematch, defeating Hartland, 4-2, at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

"We had revenge on our mind coming into this game," Dixon said. "We knew what happened last year. When we got

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Brother Rice celebrated one of its four goals against Hartland in the KLA/MIHL Showcase. TIM ARRICK

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Video of fight after Brother Rice-Catholic Central hockey game hits social media

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A video circulating on Twitter apparently shows a brawl breaking out between students at Birmingham Brother Rice and Detroit Catholic Central following a Dec. 7 hockey game between the two schools.

Catholic Central defeated Brother Rice, 4-0, in the contest, which took place at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Snapchat footage from a user going by the screen name Collin Babcock was reposted on Twitter, shows a group of students fighting, many wearing orange. Brother Rice's primary color is or-

ange; the video does not show any school names.

Catholic Central released a statement on the incident:

"We are aware of the incident after a hockey game in Plymouth during which two of our students were attacked by a group of individuals who do not attend our school. We are grateful to God that no one was seriously injured, and out of respect for the privacy of our students we do not have any further comment at this time."

Brother Rice officials declined to comment about the incident and did not comment on whether any students have been suspended.

The Catholic High School League released the following statement on

the fight:

"The Catholic High School League is aware of an altercation that took place recently between students of Brother Rice, an independent Catholic high school in Bloomfield Township run by the Christian Brothers, and Detroit Catholic Central, an independent Catholic high school in Novi run by the Congregation of St. Basil. The incident took place Dec. 7 in a parking lot outside the USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, following the 2019 CHSL Championship hockey game between the two schools.

"This unfortunate incident does not reflect the Catholic values upheld by both schools and the CHSL community at-large. CHSL leadership would like to express its relief that no one was badly

hurt. Administrations at both schools have been in close contact with CHSL and are fully cooperating in an investigation into the incident. The schools agree that students found to have engaged in wrongdoing will be disciplined accordingly, up to and including expulsion."

Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said the department is looking into the incident and interviewing witnesses to determine what happened.

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Canton Prep basketball enters season with new Coach Marek

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The Canton Prep basketball team is hoping to build on a solid 2018-19 season this year as the team moves forward with a new coach.

Michael Marek takes over as the program's second-ever coach, replacing Ronald Jackson who stepped down after last season. The team finished 11-7, losing to Ann Arbor Greenhills in the Division 3 district semifinals.

"Expectations are very high for our basketball team this year at Canton Prep," Marek said. "We expect to compete with every team on our schedule and leave no doubt what team played harder that night."

The program's main focus will be winning a league championship. Canton Prep plays in the Detroit Metro Athletic Conference (DMAC). Marek says from there, the next goal is to win a district championship. Canton Prep has not won a district game in the four years that the school has been open.

"Strengths of our team are playing together as one unit," Marek said. "Our team chemistry will be a huge part of our success. As a defense we will move together, communicating and always looking to help a teammate. Offensively we're going to play unselfish, looking to make the extra pass not caring who scores."

Before being hired at Canton Prep,



The Canton Prep basketball team will be coached by Michael Marek this season. MICHAEL MAREK

Marek was the head coach of the varsity boys basketball team at Frankel Academy in the Catholic League for two seasons from 2017-2019. From 2015-2017, he was an assistant on the varsity boys basketball team at Plymouth High School. Prior to that, he coached the varsity boys basketball team for four years at St. John Neumann Parish in Canton from 2010-2014.

Key games

- 12/12 vs. Ypsi Arbor Prep
- 1/9 vs. Detroit Jalen Rose
- 1/23 vs. Dearborn ATA
- 2/12 vs. Taylor Prep
- 2/22 DMAC Championship

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in the first half, so we kept doing that."

While size may have not been on the side of the Chiefs, losing their fair share of offensive rebounds in the paint, senior forward Jake Vickers said that speed and relentlessness on defense is what sets Canton apart.

"We hustled," Vickers said. "Coach preaches it all the time in practice: Hustle beats height all day."

Inside-out mentality

For much of the first half, Canton took control of the paint.

Whether it was from passing inside to Vickers or with dribble-drives by Stesiak in the open floor, Skyline had trouble defending from close range, which has been Reddy's goal from the start.

"We've been talking about playing inside-out, whether it's attacking the paint or passing it in the paint," Reddy said. "That allowed us to get some open shots in the first half."

From the start, the Canton offense took over.

After trading scores with Skyline, the Chiefs went on a 9-0 run in the first quarter. Canton started and ended the second quarter with offensive runs, ending it with another nine-point run that sent the Chiefs into halftime with a 34-23 lead.

Vickers credited Stesiak, saying the senior guard was able to "get what he wanted" in the first half, finding open lanes to find uncontested layups or kick-backs for wide-open three-point attempts.

"It's the way we are going to score this year," Vickers said. "It's working for us."



Northville's Zach Shoemaker takes it to the hoop against Stevenson's Ethan Young. TOM BEAUDOIN/SPECIAL TO HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Stesiak and Vickers tied for the team lead with 18 points each. Sophomore guard Lake McIntosh added seven points.

Stesiak leads way

After Canton's second win of the season, Reddy praised Stesiak for his work on both sides of the ball.

He said the senior guard was tough to guard in the first half, saying that the Skyline defense could not keep him out of the paint. The Canton head coach said Stesiak "created havoc" defensively, deflecting multiple passes and causing turnovers.

However, none of this surprised Reddy, as this is how Stesiak plays on a regular basis.

"It's been his motor," Reddy said.

"Number one, he's an ultra-competitive kid. Number two, he's a skilled kid, so he can make stuff happen."

While the offense showed what it is capable of in the first game of the season, scoring 74 points on the road, Stesiak knows that defense is going to be Canton's calling card.

And with the performance the Chiefs showed against the Eagles, Stesiak is comfortable with it being the team's calling card moving forward.

"Holding teams under 46, that's what Coach Reddy says," Stesiak said. "That's what we are going to live and die by."

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on the power play early, we knew we wanted to get a quick one, and I was glad I was able to do that."

Holding the 1-0 lead into the second period, Hartland nearly mirrored Brother Rice's first score of the game.

Forty seconds into the second period, Hartland forward Kieran Carlisle raced toward the Warrior goal, flipping over a couple Brother Rice defenders and watching the puck go into the back right corner of the net to tie the game.

Dylan McNulty did not allow Hartland to keep the lead for very long, recording a slap shot off many deflected opportunities to give Brother Rice the lead in the second period.

With Brother Rice seemingly cruising to a one-goal victory, Dixon was called for a two-minute trip to the penalty box after a tripping call. It was one of five penalties from Brother Rice in the game, compared to Hartland's nine.

The Eagles responded with the tying goal 24 seconds later.

But Brother Rice senior forward Max Brown found daylight off a miss from senior defender Nick Dippre, giving the Warriors the lead and the eventual win with 5:19 to go in the game, putting the exclamation point on the win with a power-play goal with 53 seconds left by senior Nick Marone.

Eight games into the season, Brother Rice head coach Ken Chaput said he is still figuring out which players excel in certain situations. With the schedule that the Warriors have played so far, Chaput's team, which is filled with a lot of new members, has had to learn quickly.

"What I have learned from our team is that they are very good when they play well and they play to the details," Chaput said.

But that is part of the advantage of having a top-heavy schedule, Chaput said, allowing Brother Rice to see where it stands against some of the top teams in the state.

For many of the returning members of the state semifinal team from the 2018-19 season, they were ready for what the early-season schedule brought.

"We knew a lot of games would be tough, physical games that would be one or two goals. We were excited for that and up for the challenge," Dixon said. "We've risen to the occasion."

Other than a 4-4 tie to Livonia Stevenson and a 4-0 loss to Detroit Catholic Central in the Catholic High School League tournament championship game, the Warriors have won each of its games by at least two goals.

These victories are helping create a mindset for March in the Brother Rice locker room.

"A few big wins here gives us the mindset that we can win a state championship at the end of the year," Dixon said. "These wins are nice and they give us confidence, but our goal is to win a state championship."

Brother Rice will look for its seventh win of the season when it takes on Orchard Lake St. Mary's at home Dec. 21.

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MSU FB delivers 'a typical class' for 2020

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EAST LANSING — It will be a familiar scene Wednesday.

Mark Dantonio will stand behind the podium, the hats of various high schools from across the country spread out in front of him. Words like "high motor" and "tremendous upside" and "chip on his shoulder" will be used to describe the anticipated 20 members of Michigan State football's 2020 recruiting class.

In other words, more of what the Spartans have come to expect in Dantonio's first 13 seasons.

"I'd probably say half of those guys are upper-echelon, three-star, top-level players," ESPN recruiting analyst Tom Luginbill said on a conference call Monday. "But I don't see verbal commitments from four-star players just yet. That might happen as they round out their class either now or the first Wednesday in February. But to me, it's a typical class."

MSU enters the early signing period with all of its commitments labeled as three-star prospects, according to 247Sports.com's composite ranking sys-

tem that averages all of the recruiting services' grades. The Spartans' class ranks No. 39 nationally and No. 11 in the Big Ten, according to the website.

Luginbill said the notion that MSU only builds around low-ranked recruits is untrue, but he did add that some of the Spartans' struggles in recruiting recently could be tied to both their downturn on the field — they are 26-24 since the start of the 2016 season — and questions about Dantonio's coaching future as MSU (6-6) prepares for Wake Forest in the Dec. 27 Pinstripe Bowl.

"They're a player-development program. It's not to take on a negative connotation," Luginbill said. "I think what's held them back a little bit this fall is just the disappointing season on the field. A lot of the negative publicity in regards to the coaching staff and what they're going to be offensively and where do things stand with Mark Dantonio."

"That's not going to change his approach. They know what they are. They know who they're not. They know the type and caliber of player they're going to target it."

Dantonio and his staff picked up prospects from 10 different states, but

MSU struggled to keep players at home. Only three Spartans who are expected to sign letters of intent — offensive lineman Dallas Fincher, tight end Tommy Guajardo and wide receiver Ian Stewart — are from Michigan. None of them rank among the state's top 13 players, according to 247Sports.

As his program has in the past, Dantonio dipped into Ohio, picking up six commitments highlighted by cornerback Angelo Grose and linebacker Devin Hightower. MSU picked up two legacy commitments in Fincher and defensive back/linebacker Darius Snow, whose father Eric played basketball and whose uncle Percy was a football star for the Spartans. And after loading up on offensive linemen — , three of whom became immediate contributors — in its 2019 class, MSU made clear what its needs are by picking up pledges from five wide receivers to give speed in space and five defensive ends to help add pressure on defense.

Luginbill made special note of Snow, running back Jordon Simmons from Georgia and linebacker Cal Haladay from Pennsylvania

"So I like this class," he said. "I just don't

think it has maybe as many upper-echelon kids we've seen in the past. And that may be as a result of the results on the field."

The Spartans remain in on a few other players who could sign this week or wait until the traditional signing period begins Feb. 5. They also could explore the transfer portal or graduate transfer market in the interim to fill gaps.

But even still, Luginbill said he has not seen "a shift in philosophy" from MSU and does not expect Dantonio to deviate from what he looks for in a prospect.

"It's not as if, all of a sudden, they've targeted a different body type or they've gone after a different type of player in terms of what they're asking the guy to do," he said. "I think it's been pretty much status quo. They're going to be a physical, run-the-football, play-well-up-front type of team that's going to have complementary players on the perimeter. And that's kind of who they are and have always been."

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Northville

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to win the first four minutes coming out in the third quarter," Sander said. "We gave away a couple chances, they switched their defense to start the second half which took us a couple minutes to figure out and we got a little discombobulated near the end of the quarter and let them back in the game."

Northville closed out Stevenson with a 14-5 run to open the fourth quarter that included a couple baskets by Shoemaker.

"He had it all," Livonia Stevenson coach Kareem Smartt said. "That's the first time in a couple years that I've seen a guy that can shoot the three, handle the ball, rebound, play defense. It was an adjustment for us because we've never really seen a guy quite like that. We thought we prepared well for him, but he still managed to get shots off."

Defense dominates

Entering the game, Stevenson's offense had been one of the bigger stories of the young season. The Spartans put up 78 on South Lyon and 66 on Rochester Adams, both wins.

Northville limited Stevenson to a season low 41 and had a lead big enough that both teams pulled their starters with just under three minutes to play.

Stevenson's leading scorer coming into the game was senior forward Evan Bradford. He was held to just four points.

"They're a physical team, we did a good job on help defense and were good on closing out," Shoemaker said. "No. 21 their best player, Evan Bradford, he is a great player and was limited to four points, so that helped. We matched their physicality."

Bradford struggled to get open shots and was completely shut out in the second half.

"He's a really good player, he's going to have a great season this year," Sander

said. "He certainly was a focus for us coming into the game. We tried to throw different looks at him, but I thought we made it very difficult to where he had to work for everything that he got."

Stevenson instead was led on offense by junior guard Evan Asante, who scored 12 points to pace the Spartans. He was able to do his best work by driving into the paint.

Only one other Stevenson player had more than four points: junior Devin Way, who had seven.

On the Northville side, senior Max Barnes scored 11 points and senior Grant Mathiesen had seven.

"It's huge, they're a good team over there, they were undefeated coming in and beat a good South Lyon team and Rochester Adams," Shoemaker said. "They're a high-scoring team so to limit them to 40 points is huge for us."

Physical rivalry

After meeting in KLAA crossovers and

then again in the playoffs, it's safe to say these two programs are becoming quite familiar with each other and it showed with how physical the game was played.

"We're in different divisions, but they've certainly turned into a rival of ours," Sander said. "Coach Smartt does a great job over there. This is the third time in the last seven games that we've played them dating back to last year, so we've had a couple battles."

Northville seemed to come out with an extra boost of intensity that caught Stevenson off guard. The Spartans will have to match that should the two squads meet again later this season.

"I don't think we did a good job of matching their intensity," Smartt said. "From the get-go they were more physical and hungry, they wanted it more. We came out too lax, two game winning streak, I think the kids maybe got a little bit too big of a head about it."

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Detroit fans have suffered this long. So what's another football season?



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You're angry. Most of you are anyway, and for good reason. The team you love doesn't love you back. And showed that again Tuesday by announcing Bob Quinn and Matt Patricia would be back for another go-round.

That's what you're feeling and thinking as you consider the Detroit Lions and their history.

Or maybe you've convinced yourself you'll be indifferent and stop going to games or stop watching on television or stop giving this cursed and incompetent organization another ounce of thought, let alone another dime.

Yeah, that's it: apathy.

Except it isn't, because you're not truly apathetic, not if you're praying that Martha Ford sells the team. And you are. And that's OK, too.

What's not OK?

That Patricia runs it back with the same demeanor and staff. That Quinn keeps looking for culture-fit guys instead of guys who can make a difference. If they don't seek a new voice on defense. The decision to hire Darrell Bevell as offensive coordinator is still the best move either of them has made.

Whether they promised any changes to owner Martha Ford, vice chair Sheila Ford Hamp and team president Rod Wood is not known. But they should've. Because while injuries haven't helped the situation, they are not the reason this team began the season 3-4-1.

Their "Patriot way" plan is, along with the defense.

In general, two years is not enough for a coach to change an organization. For that reason, Patricia getting one more chance isn't unreasonable ... in a vacuum. The problem is unpacking the 3-10-1 record and decoding what has really happened on the field the past 14 games.

Both the Fords and Wood thought they saw enough improvement the first eight



Detroit Lions owner Martha Ford talks to general manager Bob Quinn and vice chair Sheila Ford Hamp before the game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers at Ford Field, Decener 15. TIM FULLER/USA TODAY SPORTS

games of the season to give Patricia and Quinn another shot. They're right. There was improvement.

You saw it, too, even if you've forgotten. Think back to that Monday night game against Green Bay when a couple of bad calls cost the Lions the game, and how upset you were because it looked as if the Lions were actually a decent team.

That's why it hurt. There was something at stake. Win that game and the Lions would've been 3-1-1.

Yet it wasn't just the record. Matthew Stafford was playing his best football in years. Receivers got open and made tough catches.

The offensive line was protecting. The running game wasn't consistent, but Bevell ran the ball enough to keep defenses from keying on the passing game.

It looked as if Bevell had a plan. The Lions played as if they had a plan. Crisp and confident and, dare I say, efficient.

And while it may have been Bevell's

show, it was Patricia who hired him. Quinn signed off on the hire. They deserve credit for making a move that led to real change.

The Fords saw this. So did Wood. They know losing Stafford to injury gutted the offense.

Yes, it's Quinn's responsibility to make sure the roster has a solid backup quarterback. He deserves criticism for that failure.

Assuming Stafford heals and most of the offense returns — and can stay healthy — the Fords and Wood know the Lions will field a playoff-level offense next season.

They are gambling that Patricia and Quinn can fix the defense. I'm not sure I'd make that bet, certainly not based on this season.

But they are.

Really, though, what is the gamble?

They aren't selling the team. They know fans will keep showing up. They know they can clean out the front office

and coaching staff and replace everyone in a minute.

Then what?

There is no guarantee another regime will fare better. Not with this franchise's track record.

So in a sense, Ford and Ford Hamp and Wood aren't gambling at all. Though that doesn't mean they took the easy path in retaining Quinn and Patricia.

They knew they would get ripped.

"(Changing coaches) would have been the popular choice, the popular decision, and we knew that," Ford Hamp said. "But as I say, we're doing what is right for the organization."

The trio told reporters Tuesday that injuries interrupted the building process this season. On its face, this is true. Injuries matter.

And it's true that the injuries went beyond Stafford; the Lions were missing a couple of key linemen to begin the season.

But again, this can't just be about injuries.

The defense is where Quinn and Patricia stashed many of their Patriot-way players. Culture-fit guys, as they might say.

This hasn't worked.

Quinn needs to find talent, period. And Patricia needs to consider doing for the defense what he did for the offense: find a new voice — and personality — who can do what Bevell did.

Do that, and who knows?

Even though the past two years give little reason to believe Quinn and Patricia can turn this around, there is no guarantee they will fail, either.

This team did show some life in September. Apparently, that was enough for ownership, and enough for them to stay the course and absorb the blowback they knew was coming.

If it doesn't work?

Well, what's gonna change? It's been this way for a half-century.

So why not give Quinn and Patricia one more shot?

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A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2229C, Final Plan Approval for Proposed Perrinville Residential Condominium Development, Parcel #013-02-0001-000, North of Ann Arbor Trail, South Side of Joy Road, east of Hines Drive, West of Farmington, Infinity Homes & CO. LLC (Rino Soave).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public meeting of the City of Westland Planning Commission will be held at City Hall, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, Michigan at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2020.

Written comments may be submitted to the Planning Commission before 5:00 p.m. one (1) day prior to the scheduled meeting.

Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF WESTLAND

INVITATION TO BID

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **January 8th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

FIRE STATION DOOR ACCESS SYSTEM

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at www.CityofWestland.com. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams
City Controller

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CITY OF GARDEN CITY

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Garden City Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. or soon thereafter, in the Council Chambers, at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan. At the hearing, all interested persons shall have an opportunity to be heard.

The purpose of the Public Hearing is to solicit public comments on a request to establish a restaurant with drive-through facilities at the property located at 31051 Ford Road (Parcel ID#s 35-017-02-0473-000, 35-017-02-0474-000, 35-017-02-0475-000, 35-017-02-0476-000). Restaurants with drive-through facilities are special land uses in the C-2, Community Business zoning district.

Written comments may be submitted prior to the public hearing and should be addressed to: The Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135.

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CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #2182C, Public Hearing for Special Land Use for a Proposed Microbrewery, 38409 Joy Rd., Parcel #022-99-0009-003, Joseph R. Walters, South of Joy Road, West side of N. Hix.

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Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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CITY OF LIVONIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

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APPEAL CASE NO. 2020-01-01: Ann Arbor Crossroads Plaza, LLC, 14520 Stephens Road, Warren, MI 48089, seeking to replace a ground sign damaged by vehicle collision and maintain an existing ground sign on property located on the **south side of Ann Arbor Road (38047), between Ann Arbor Trail and West Chicago**, resulting in excess sign height and area for the proposed and existing ground signs. This also results in excess number of ground signs. A proposed electronic message center on the proposed ground sign (14 sq. ft.) is requested, but not allowed because of nonconformity based on sign(s) height, area and number of ground signs.

APPEAL CASE NO. 2020-01-02: Merply, LLC, 216 South Street, Rochester, MI 48307, on behalf of Lessee, Kirk's Auto Care, 31390 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150, seeking to construct an addition to a nonconforming building on property located on the **north side of Plymouth (31390), between Merriman and Sears Avenue**. Nonconformity is based on the existing building setback from Merriman Road (the side yard) of 25 feet where 60 feet is required.

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

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CITY OF WESTLAND

NOTICE OF MEETING

A petition has been presented to the Planning Commission of the City of Westland, Wayne County, Michigan:

Case #1896C, Site Plan Approval for Proposed Site Modifications to accommodate U.S. Ice Manufacturing, 35500 Central City Parkway, Parcel #020-99-0007-710, North side of Central City Parkway, Between Nankin Boulevard and Wayne Road. Jacob Isaac & Marcus LLC.

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Kenneth B. Sharp, Chairman
Westland Planning Commission

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Wayne-Westland Community Schools

Westland, MI

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Sealed bids for the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, 2018 Bond Issue, **Bid Package #2**, consisting of:

WAYNE MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL ADDITION & REMODELING PROJECT

will be received until **1:30 P.M. on THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020** at Wayne-Westland Community School's Administration Offices located at:

36745 Marquette
Westland, MI 48185
ATTN: Ms. Kimberly Markey, Purchasing

Bids received after this time and date will not be considered or accepted and will be returned to the bidder unopened.

Faxed and/or E-mail proposals will not be accepted.

Bids will be publicly opened, read aloud and tabulated, beginning at approx. 1:35 p.m. on January 9, 2020.

This Bid Package will consist of separate sealed bids for the following Bid Divisions:

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103: Selective Demolition	104: Concrete Footings & Foundations
105: Interior Concrete Flatwork	106: Masonry
107: Steel	108: Carpentry / General Trades
109: Roofing / Sheetmetal	114: Aluminum Entrances / Storefront / Glass & Glazing
115: Metal Stud / Drywall	116: Hard Tile
117: Acoustical Treatments	118: Carpet / Resilient Tile Flooring
120: Painting	125: Toilet Partitions
126: Metal Lockers	128: Prefabricated Casework
130: Window Treatments	131: Gymnasium Equipment
136: Telescoping Gym Bleachers	137: Food Service Equipment
140: Plumbing	141: Fire Protection
142: HVAC	143: Electrical

Bidding documents prepared by **TMP Architecture, Inc.** will be available for public inspection at the main office of the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, 24317 Indoplex Circle, Farmington Hills, MI 48335; the FW Dodge Plan Room; the Construction Association of Michigan Plan Room, Bloomfield Hills; and the Builder's Exchange, Lansing.

Bidding Documents will be available beginning at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 3, 2019 via the following:

- Bidders may obtain one (1) set of 1/2 size bidding documents by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400.
- Bidders may download Bid Documents from Gradebeam.com free of charge by contacting the Construction Manager, **McCarthy & Smith, Inc.**, at (248) 427-8400 to obtain log in information for access to the Project documents.

There will be a **Pre-Bid Meeting on Thursday, December 19, 2019 at 2:45 p.m. at Wayne Memorial High School Cafeteria, located at 3001 Fourth St., Wayne, MI 48184.** The purpose of the meeting will be to review the project bid documents & schedule, and to answer any questions bidders may have. Following the meeting, the bidders will have the opportunity to visit the project site. The pre-bid meeting is not a mandatory meeting however, bidders are strongly encouraged to attend.

All bids should include 2 copies (1 original, 1 copy) of the Proposal Pricing Form (Section 004126), Proposal Execution Form (Section 004200), the Familial Disclosure Affidavit (Section 004205), the Iran Linked Business Affidavit (Section 004210), and the Criminal Background Check Affidavit (Section 004220).

All Bids **must** be accompanied by a Bid Security, in either the form of a bid bond or certified bank check, in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the Bid, payable to Wayne-Westland Community Schools, as a guarantee that if the Bid is accepted, the School District is secured from loss or damage by reason of the withdrawal of the Bid or failure of the Bidder to enter a Contract for performance. Further, the Bidder will execute the Contract, provide the required insurance certificate(s) and file the required bonds within ten (10) days after notice of award of Contract but prior to Work commencing.

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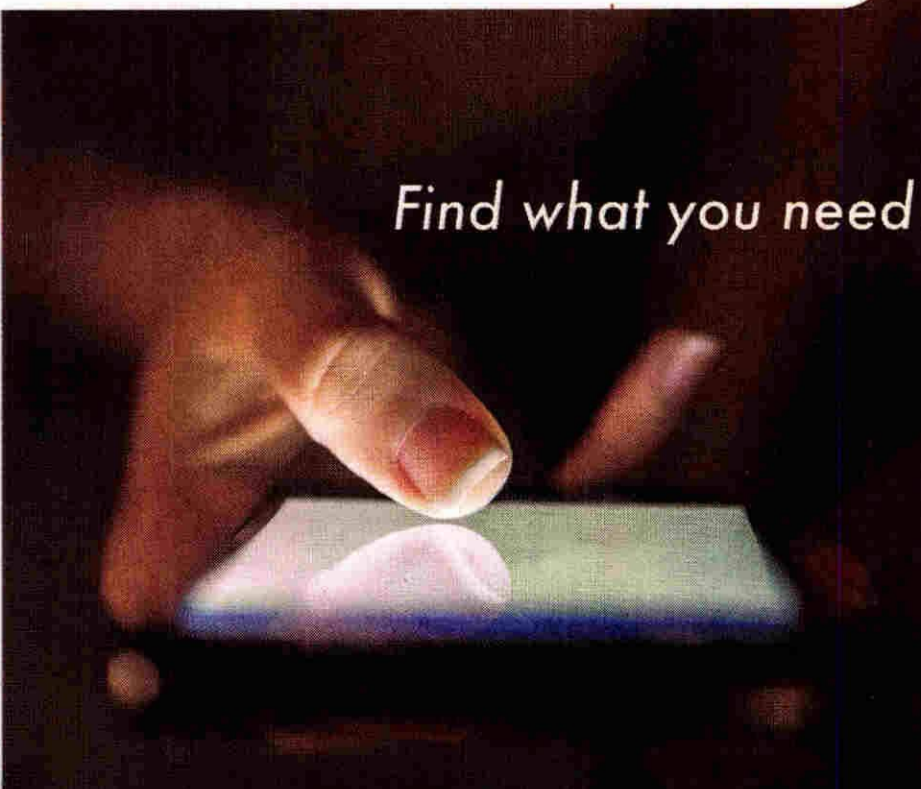
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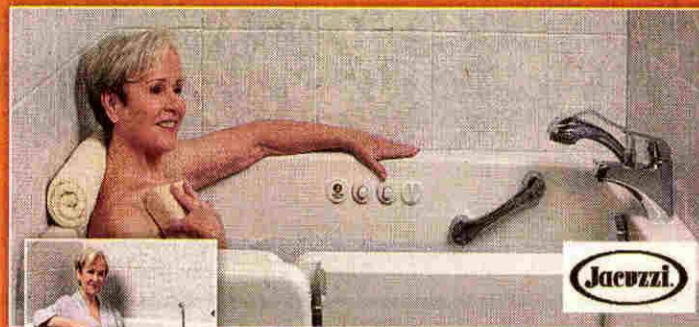
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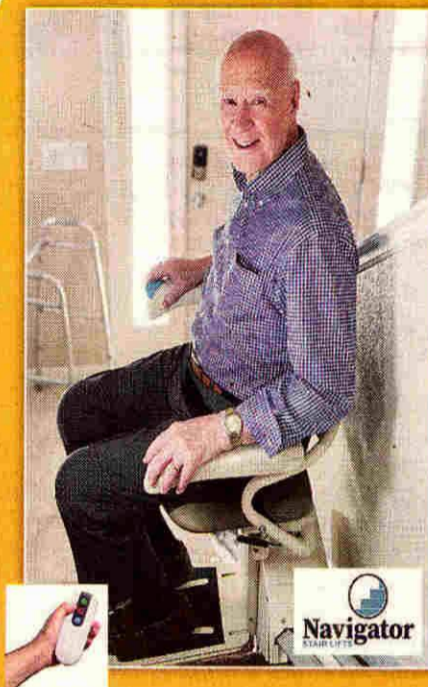
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Writing a strong cover letter when changing careers

Kate Lopaze
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Changing careers can be seriously challenging. Once you've made the already tough decision to go for something new, you will likely then have new realities staring you in the face, like a lack of experience or hard skills. But rather than fall prey to the biggest catch-22 of job seeking (you need experience to get a job, and you need a job to get experience), there are plenty of things you can do with your application package to position yourself better.

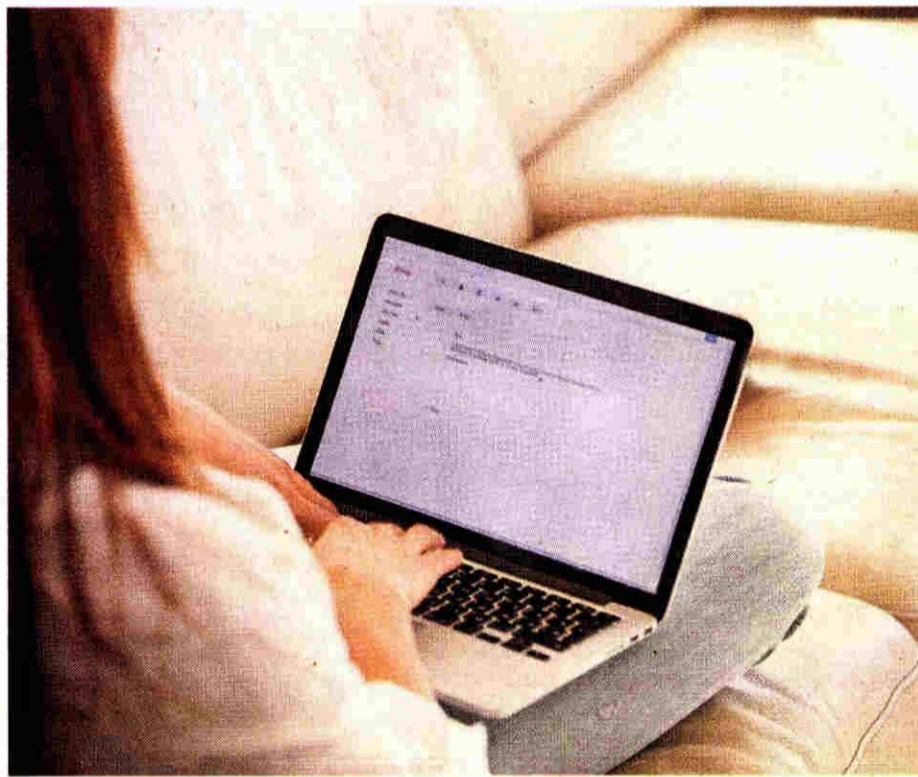
Your resume is, basically, what it is. You'll group your skills and experience in a way that matches the job description. But the cover letter is your chance to set the narrative tone to let readers know who you are and what you bring.

Let's look at how to construct an ideal letter to let future employers know what you have to offer.

The opening: Avoid clichés

Your cover letter is valuable real estate — most recruiters spend mere seconds scanning a letter before they decide to keep going or ignore. A reader's eyes are going to start glazing over the moment they see something like, "I'm the perfect person for this job," or "I am pleased for the opportunity to apply for this position."

Instead, catch their attention fast. Start with a question ("What do you do when you realize that you've been on the wrong career path all along?") or an interesting bit of information about you ("As a lifelong fan of the mime arts, I have decided it's high time to follow my passion."). It doesn't have to be anything crazy but should be something that makes the reader want to keep going.



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The pitch: Talk about yourself

Introduce yourself, but make sure to keep it short and sweet. What are the most essential facts about yourself or your career that apply to the job you want? This is not where you go into a detailed history of your career. Because you're changing your career, you want to emphasize what relevant qualities you're bringing to this job.

You should also include a few sentences about why you're changing careers. You don't need to avoid the subject — remember, you're trying to give context for your resume, which may not

have a wealth of experience. Instead, embrace it. Were you a marketer who always wanted to teach art? Did your surfing hobby make you want to manage a beachfront beach wax emporium? This is your chance to open up about your personal connection to the job you're seeking. But again, remember — keep it short and to the point.

And don't apologize. If you're lacking in experience because you're new to the field, apologizing or calling attention to your lack of experience sets an insecure tone. Talking about why you've decided to change, and what you're bringing with you, sets a better tone.

The wind-down: Emphasize your skills

Once you've covered your experience (or your personal origin story as it pertains to your career change), it's time to emphasize the skills you most want the recruiter or hiring manager to see. This is a good place to highlight the soft skills that you're porting over from your past or current career (such as leadership, creativity, or problem-solving). Turn those skills into a bullet-pointed narrative that the reader will consider as they read your resume, making sure to discuss how each is relevant to the new job you seek.

The closing: Finish strong

Your closing should reiterate what you bring to this job. Instead of emphasizing that it would be a learning experience for you as a newbie on your changed career path, remind the reader what you already have.

For example, "I look forward to talking with you about how my passion and long experience as an innovator can benefit your team."

Your overall letter should be about a page, tops. Remember: you're trying to catch someone's attention, but also get them to keep reading. Long blocks of unbroken text make the latter unlikely. An upbeat tone, concise writing, and a focus on what you bring to this new job should help you smooth over any concerns about your experience or newness. Good luck!

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

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 - 21 Wrongful act, legally
 - 22 Of the ear
 - 23 Grabs hold of a fish?
 - 25 Give a fish medication?
 - 27 Choose (to)
 - 28 Baseball stat
 - 29 Like spoiled cooking oil
 - 30 Clamor
 - 31 Fish smeared with black gunk?
 - 34 Cheeky
 - 37 Have bills
 - 38 Mineo of "Giant"
 - 39 Suffix for an enzyme
 - 40 Not as cruel
 - 41 Turn liquid
 - 44 Old horse
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 - 50 Actor Stiller
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 - 53 Hoppy quaff
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 - 55 Fish covered with more grit?
 - 59 Modifies
 - 64 Conceal
 - 65 Fake ID
 - 66 1,051, in old Rome
 - 68 Larch, e.g.
 - 69 Makes a fish more softhearted?
 - 71 Honey-colored fish?
 - 74 Score — with (impress)
 - 75 It's south of Can.
 - 76 Eye parts with irises
 - 77 Splits
 - 78 Triplets of adjacent nucleotides
 - 80 Cures a fish by salting and drying?
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 - 87 Hide — hair
 - 88 Actress
 - 89 Ending for Bronx
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 - 97 For fear that
 - 98 Runner Bolt
 - 99 "Botch- —" (Rosemary Clooney hit)
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 - 6 Unclothed
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 - 8 Holy tables
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 - 10 Perfumery oil
 - 11 Bards' A.M.
 - 12 On-the-nose
 - 13 Furniture finishers
 - 14 Went unused
 - 15 Palette part
 - 16 Erté's style
 - 17 Seafarer
 - 18 Hyundai compact
 - 24 Crock-Pot meal
 - 26 Grid stats
 - 29 Puts more ammo in
 - 32 AI — (pasta preference)
 - 33 Seafarer
 - 35 Long side up
 - 36 Max. or min.
 - 39 "I'll second that"
 - 41 Samantha Bee's station
 - 42 Expulsion
 - 43 Earthworm, e.g.
 - 45 2009 "Star Trek" director
 - 46 Seepage of methane, e.g.
 - 48 Heavyweight great
 - 49 Put on TV again
 - 51 Suffers
 - 52 Dog part
 - 56 "I'll second that"
 - 57 Informer
 - 58 Envoy's building
 - 60 Just clear of the bottom, as an anchor
 - 61 Boarding school student, informally
 - 62 Some china ensembles
 - 63 Divinity sch.
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 - 73 Cheese type
 - 76 Hubbubs
 - 79 Not a soul
 - 81 As to
 - 82 Old man
 - 83 Baseball Hall of Famer
 - 84 On Soc. Sec., often
 - 86 Operated on smaller than a national level
 - 90 Transforms, as larvae
 - 91 In general
 - 92 Sleeveless casual shirt
 - 93 Free (of)
 - 94 Lovingly, in music
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 - 109 Got along
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 - 119 Stephen of "Utopia"
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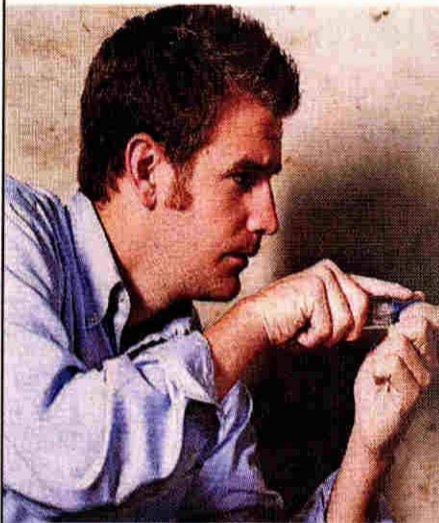
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