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Filing fees

The cost for starting a case in the Oakland County circuit and probate courts has increased, following changes to state law. The fees include a mandated \$25 electronic filing system fee.

For civil cases in circuit court, whether filing electronically or by paper, the previous filing fee of \$150 will now appear as \$175 without a jury demand and \$260 with a jury demand. In probate matters, except for actions filed under MCL 700.3982 or under the Mental Health Code, the fee to commence a case will be \$150 plus the \$25 electronic filing fee.

The electronic filing system fee also applies to cases filed with the state Supreme Court, Court of Appeals and the Court of Claims.

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Amid new developments, council debates environment, tax breaks

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

More developments are coming to the city, although council was split on a 31-home development and has concerns over the process which would bring a 90-unit condominium complex.

Councilman Andrew Mutch sarcastically complimented Hunter-Pasteur Homes just prior to council's split vote March 14 approving rezoning property and paving the way for the developer's plan to construct 31 homes at the corner of Eight Mile and Beck roads.

Mutch said the development company had accomplished what no other developer in the city has ever done — convincing the majority of council to approve more units than what the lot size is zoned for, as well as removing 80 percent of trees without having to pay into a tree fund.

"Not many people would look at this property with the potential pollution and land-filling and thought they could accomplish it, but they've managed to come in here and convince the council



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Pulte Homes is planning to build a 90-unit condo development at this site on 12 Mile Road near Dixon in Novi.

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WOMEN BEHIND BARS

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FILE PHOTO

Lakeshia Valdez appears in 17th District Court in Redford in 2012 during her murder trial.

Valdez on committing murder: 'I never expected it ...'

David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Throughout the halls of the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility, Lakeshia Valdez is known as inmate No. 855914.

That's the number she's been assigned while serving time for the murder of Redford resident Matthew Olivarez, whom Valdez stabbed and killed in 2011 during an argument at a house off Garfield Street, south of Six Mile, in Redford.

"We got into it. I grabbed the knife and I stabbed him," she said in an interview at the prison, located off U.S. 23 in Washtenaw County's Pittsfield Township. "He was talking to me. I stabbed him again. And I stabbed him again."

The house, along with Olivarez's remains, were later set on fire and several of his items were taken before Valdez left to go back home downstate. Some jewelry and other items were later recovered from a pawn shop in Toledo.

Valdez, 24, of Adrian, is serving 40-80

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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

In our first installment of Women Behind Bars, ex-school teacher Nancy Seaman reflected upon a marriage that ended in murder. Now we hear from Lakeshia Valdez, a young mother of two who was just 19 years old the day she repeatedly stabbed her former boyfriend, then set his body on fire with the intent of evading justice. Reporter David Veselenak, who covered the original crime, found a more hardened Valdez this time around.

INSIDE

- » Nancy Seaman case fits domestic abuse pattern
- » Battered woman defense gaining attention

Prison: A story of conflicting lives

Welcome to the DOC." These words greeted me as I completed paperwork earlier this winter to gain visitor access to the Women's Huron Valley Correctional Facility in Pittsfield Township. A guard at the desk uttered them to me as I completed the initial visitor paperwork, adding to the intimidation factor of being in a place containing the state's convicted female felons.

Nothing to make me feel better about my first trip visiting a prison.

I thought a lot about what a trip to the prison would be like for several weeks prior to actually going. What would the



David Veselenak

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Defendant creates trust fund for victims in Novi fire

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

The man accused of harboring five men who died in a fire in his basement has established a trust fund to help the victims' families.

Roger Tam, who along with his wife, Ada Mei Lei, was indicted by a grand jury Feb. 25 on six charges related to harboring undocumented workers, "insisted" on helping the families, his criminal defense attorney Ray Cassar said.

"It's good to be skeptical, but he is doing this for all the right reasons," said Cassar, who issued a press release March 17 about the fund. "He cared about these boys and they cared about him."

"These boys" are Brayan Medina Contreras, 16, Leonel Alvarado

Rodriguez, 18, Simeon Diaz Nunez, 18, Miguel Nunez Diaz, 23, and Pablo Alvaro Encino, 23, all Mexican nationals who died Jan. 31 in the basement of Tam's home on Mystic Court in a fire that investigators believe was caused by careless smoking. Smoke detectors had been disabled at the home. In 9-1-1 transcripts released in a grand jury investigation, it is revealed that Tam did not disclose there was anyone in the house during the initial emergency call nor a subsequent one.

All of the victims worked for Tam at his restaurant, Kim's Garden, which he reopened Feb. 20 after he and Lei were released on bond. Profits from sales at the restaurant from Feb. 29 through March 6 were directed to "The Victims of the Novi Fire Trust"

and those proceeds, as well as donations from the Chinese community, have amounted to about \$10,000 in the account, Cassar said. Donations can be made at any Chase Bank location.

Asked how business is, Cassar responded that Tam is working to rebuild his reputation in the community and it is "taking time" at the former "really popular" restaurant.

Common practice

Tam's attorney cited a hungerreport.org article using 2014 statistics in which it is noted, "Hundreds of thousands of undocumented immigrants work at chefs, dishwashers and busboys. Another study found that nearly 20 percent of restaurant cooks and 30 percent of dishwashers are undocumented immigrants. As with other industries, the proportion of unauthorized workers is likely larger than these studies indicate because of under reporting."

Cassar has asked some of his Mexican clients for their opinion of Tam's case and said they tell him they believe this is

an immigrant helping other immigrants.

"There are lots of jobs done by people that aren't legal," Cassar said. "There are a lot of people doing jobs that other people don't want to do or the business owner can't fill the position. I'm a big fan of immigration reform. We have to change this. We can't make everyone criminals for wanting to be here and wanting to work."

As the investigation continues, it is unknown, or not yet publicly revealed, when and how the five men who died in Tam's basement arrived in the U.S. Their remains were returned to Mexico and their families with help from the Mexican consulate in Detroit, Juan M. Solana, who said following the indictment that he is working with authorities to ensure justice for the families.

Cassar said Friday that trustees of the "Victims of the Novi Fire Trust," which include attorney John Herzog and Tam's nephew, Clinton Wong, expect to work with the Mexican consulate to get the money to the victims' families. He



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Kim's Garden restaurant in Novi reopened Feb. 20. The owner is charged on six counts related to five undocumented workers who died in a house fire at a home he owned. The owner created a trust fund for the victims' families.

did not know when this would occur and said they had not contacted Solana as of yet. Solana did not immediately return a request for comment.

"We will reach out to the Mexican consulate when Roger says we need to do something and have raised sufficient funds," said Cassar, an attorney for 31 years who has never had another client he's defended attempt to collect donations on behalf of those he has been accused of wronging.

"His heart is sincere. I was quite impressed. Many times he would weep when talking about these boys. The public always wants to know this is not a scam and this is not under Roger's control, it's under a trustee."

Novi police officials declined comment on the case, but said they were unaware of any similar instances where the defendant created a trust fund for victims.

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Felony charges for woman who fled Novi police

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Staff Writer

The 26-year-old Detroit woman who fled from Novi police earlier this month was arraigned March 17 on several charges.

A press release from Novi Chief of Police David Molloy stated that Chantell Lashay Sturdivant was arraigned before Magistrate Andra Richardson of the 52-1 District Court in Novi with one count of resisting and obstructing, a four-year felony; one count of fleeing and elud-



Sturdivant

ing fourth degree, a to-year felony; driving while license suspended, second offense; and reckless driving.

Sturdivant is being held in the Oakland County Jail on a \$500,000 bond.

Novi Assistant Chief of Police Erick Zinser said Sturdivant was stopped March 7 for disobeying a traffic signal on Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile. She had multiple

warrants out for her arrest. There were two children who appeared younger than 10 in the car with her. After Sturdivant was told she would be arrested, she said she wanted to get her cell-phone from her car to make arrangements for the children. Then, Zinser said, she refused to get back out of the car and started to drive away.

Dash cam footage showed the officer grabbed the woman through the open door as she started to drive away. He ran alongside the vehicle a short distance

before letting go and tumbling to the ground.

Sturdivant was arrested March 11 by the U.S. Marshals Service in Georgia after she was found inside a hotel room in Cobb County that she rented using an alias.

Novi police drove March 16 to Georgia to take custody of her and bring her back to Michigan.

She was scheduled for a probable cause conference Friday before 52-1 District Judge Travis Reeds.

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NOVI POLICE BRIEFS

Pot smokers blame McDonald's, potholes for poor driving

A woman who blamed eating McDonald's food for her erratic driving was ultimately arrested for marijuana possession.

A Novi police officer on patrol on West Pontiac Trail, east of Beck Road, stopped a vehicle crossing the double yellow line several times at about 2:30 a.m. March 15. The driver said that she knew she was driving over the double yellow line and

said she was trying to eat her McDonald's while driving and that was why she was swerving. She said she had not been drinking, nor was she under the influence of drugs.

The officer noted in a report he could smell marijuana coming from the vehicle. She reportedly said she was unaware of any drugs in the car, then admitted other individuals had marijuana in her vehicle earlier in the evening. There was a Sentry safe lock box on the floor behind the front passenger seat. When the

officer asked the driver what was in the box, she claimed to not know.

During a search of the vehicle, the officer found a wooden container in the center console that contained what appeared to be fresh marijuana. He also found a pipe with burned marijuana and the lock box had an odor of marijuana coming from it as well.

The driver admitted that the lock box was hers and there was marijuana and a couple of pipes in it. She was arrested for possession of marijuana and posses-

sion of drug paraphernalia.

Spartan on

A man who blamed his erratic driving on potholes along 10 Mile Road was ultimately arrested for pot possession.

A Novi police officer on patrol saw the man's vehicle swerving in its lane at 12:39 a.m. March 11 while traveling westbound on 10 Mile near Taft Road. He continued to watch as it crossed over the right fog line and center line before he stopped the vehicle on Napier at 10 Mile. The

driver said he was swerving to avoid all the potholes on 10 Mile. He said he hadn't been drinking, nor was there anything illegal in the vehicle.

During a search of the vehicle, a backpack was found. The driver said he was a Michigan State University student and the backpack was his. A marijuana smell was coming from it and the officer found a plastic baggie with marijuana inside the backpack as well as a grinder and pipe. He doesn't have a medical marijuana card. He was arrested for pos-

session of marijuana and paraphernalia.

Tool time

More than \$2,800 worth of tools was reported stolen from a trailer at a construction site on Dinsler during the overnight hours of March 14-15. The complainant was also the victim of larceny about two weeks prior. In this instance, a generator, air compressor, air guns, roofing and siding guns and DeWalt circular saws were taken. The case is open.

— By Susan Bromley

COUNCIL

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to go beyond 19 units and get 31 units," Mutch said. "The city will pay for and build a sidewalk across the property for \$175,000 and the developer only has to contribute \$75,000. You've gotten approval to remove 80 percent of trees and not have to pay into the tree fund, which no other applicant has ever been able to get from the city of Novi. The cost for cleanup is more than \$1 million and you will get that back through taxes that would have gone to the city and state. So congratulations, welcome to Novi. I won't be able to support this proposal for many reasons."

Mutch was joined by councilwomen Laura Marie Casey and Gwen Markham in voting no. That vote split mirrored a tentative approval for the rezoning in January, with Mayor Bob Gatt, Mayor Pro Tem David Staudt and councilmen Brian Burke and Wayne Wrobel voting yes.

A pass on woodlands ordinance

The Community Development Department staff recommended ap-

proval of most of Hunter-Pasteur's request, with the notable exception of a deviation from the woodlands ordinance, which was a sticking point for Casey, Markham and Mutch.

Hunter-Pasteur was exempted from the ordinance that would require it to plant — or pay into the city's tree fund the equivalent of — hundreds of required woodland replacement trees. According to a summary by the Community Development Department, "the applicant has stated that the cost to remedy the existing soil remediation issues is significant enough to negate the city's requirements to provide a Woodland Replacement Guarantee for the remaining trees that will not be planted. Staff does not support this deviation."

Council also split 4-3 on resolutions to resolve the property's brownfield, including authorizing the Oakland County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority to review of a brownfield plan proposal for the Dunhill Park Development, collecting various fees in connection with the proposal and adoption of a plan by the OCBRA utilizing tax increment financing for a period of 12 years ending no later than 2028.

Taxpayers bear cost of cleanup

Environmental cleanup of the property could cost as much as \$1.4 million in taxpayer money, Mutch noted, adding that the largest issue he had with the proposal is state policy.

"Frankly, I'm slightly amazed we allow polluters to walk away from damage they have done and the resolution is to use tax dollars to reimburse the full amount of that cleanup in terms of what is eligible to be paid for," he said. "In the case of Novi, we're looking at nine or 10 years before we see any new tax dollars from this development. Not only is the developer fully reimbursed for their eligible costs, the state is skimming in the neighborhood of \$300,000 to go to another brownfield fund. I'm not sure how that benefits Novi directly."

Staudt said Mutch was taking a "glass half-empty" approach, while he looks at it as a "glass half-full," with a developer willing to take on the project.

"Maybe the Legislature recognizes the inequities, but I doubt it," Staudt said. "I'm hopeful in the next four or five years we will see more of these projects. We will either support or let

those properties sit fallow. I not only support this, but I appreciate the efforts of developers taking on tough projects."

Condominium development

Council was more unified in its support of a condominium development, approving 6-1 a tentative agreement to rezone 22.36 acres on the east side of Dixon Road, north of 12 Mile Road, from residential acreage to two-family residential with a planned rezoning overlay. Pulte Homes is planning to construct a 90-unit single-family residential detached site condominium development.

This site will also involve environmental cleanup to rid it of arsenic, at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million. Pulte Homes is not seeking a tax break. The company originally sought to build 102 units, but has agreed to 90.

"Barb (McBeth, deputy director of community development) told us the city would appreciate single-family detached as opposed to multi-family," said Bob Halso of Pulte Homes. "We thought this would be a nice fit. ... This site had plans 10 years ago with a brownfield request and was denied. We developed a

plan with a park in the center at Barb's demand; the residents need something on-site, as well as the adjacent park ... Currently, within the city of Novi, similar product is in the high (\$400,000), with 1.5 kids per household, this is the type of housing they want — walkable and easy to maintain."

Staudt said it was good to see Pulte making a commitment to Novi again, while Mutch again expressed concern.

"I'm amazed you have buyers to pay \$500,000 to get houses that look like others in Novi," Mutch said. "If this is the housing design, at minimum you should get something new. We don't need neighborhoods of cookie-cutter houses. At that price point, I'm surprised we don't get something better than that."

Lastly, he worried that council was approving a development with lot sizes "much smaller" than what is contained in the master plan, allowing many more homes than the zoning ordinance permits.

"I'm concerned we are getting into a pattern of jamming as many homes as possible into a small area," Mutch said. "Let's have a discussion about where this density is appropriate. The staff keeps saying, 'There's a

need for this in the city.' Well, then, let's have that discussion."

Markham said she was not so concerned with density in this area of the city, especially on 12 Mile Road.

"I am not so concerned about lot sizes, because today's individuals don't want to mow big pieces of property and, as long as it's safe and meets fire codes, I lean toward smaller lot sizes and not digging into woodlands," she said. "My biggest issue is we are taking down over 600 trees, 83 percent of regulated woodlands. There is a lot of tree removal with developments and I don't think that's the intent with the woodlands ordinance. ... However, there are a lot of things I like about this development. You are doing cleanup and it can be made profitable by doing the cleanup yourself. I'm willing to look at higher density as the price."

She added that she agreed with Mutch that council should be consulted earlier in the process of approval for developments.

The council next meets at 7 p.m. Monday at the civic center, 45175 W. 10 Mile Road.

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Tips for raising a child who loves to read

Susan Bromley
 Staff Writer

March is Reading Month and a local literacy professional has tips for helping your children love to read.

It's never too early to develop a passion for reading in your child, nor is it ever too late.

"You can start even when they're in the womb; they hear your voice," said Diana Stotler, literacy instructional coach for the Novi Community Schools district. "It's never too late to turn them into a reader, either. You've got to find a niche and not give up."

With babies, Stotler encourages games like patty-cake, songs and nursery rhymes. Playing with words teaches children patterns, how to take apart and put sounds together and the foundation of oral language.

Books should be readily accessible to children in the home and for toddlers and preschoolers: picture books, as well as ones with which they can interact, such as pop-ups,



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
 Pooja Chavarkar works with her daughter Siya, 5, in a reading lesson at the Novi Public Library. The pair were going through a Junie B. Jones book, page by page.

books with texture, windows and pull-tabs.

Toddlers will find their favorite book and want it read to them a hundred times, Stotler noted, and obliging parents are helping their children as the beginning stage of learning to read is memorization.

Changing voice for characters and adding inflection adds to the fun, but she recommends also talking directly to kids while reading, asking questions about what is happening or having them point to different objects.

Development help

Reading to children daily for at least 20-30 minutes is crucial in their development and is also a bonding time, even when they are past being able to sit on a parent's lap.

"Children enjoy that connection, even if you think they are getting too old," Stotler said. "I think for some parents, they stop reading around second grade. For some, it's when their kids don't want to cuddle or sit on their lap anymore or they think they're too big. But when you read to kids, you expand their vocabulary and moist of them still enjoy being read to."

In third, fourth and fifth grades, kids are reading chapter books and independently but, even then, parents who read out loud to kids are modeling fluency and intonation and can have a conversation about comprehension, character traits, what might happen next.

Stotler also encourages a designated reading time in which family members may all

read independently, but perhaps in the same room, for 20-30 minutes, showing your child that you value reading.

Variety key

If after all this, a child still professes to not like reading, Stotler believes it's likely they just haven't yet found the right reading material or content. Expose kids to a variety of genres to find what interests them — fiction, non-fiction, fantasy, adventure, poetry, plays, science fiction. What subjects fascinate them? Stotler recommends exploring the great free resource of the library. Novi Library Director Julie Farkas concurs.

Farkas encourages all city residents to come in and get a library card and take advantage of all the free resources at the library. Story times occur daily and book clubs and programs celebrate reading. For details, go to www.novilibrary.org.

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Building relationships with caring teachers empowers students

Mrs. Harriger was my second-grade teacher. I remember three things about Mrs. Harriger. First, I was as tall as Mrs. Harriger. Even though I was just in second grade, I could look Mrs. Harriger in the eye. I remember how much she loved to joke with me that I was so tall and that she was so short.

Second, my dog Dixie loved Mrs. Harriger and Mrs. Harriger loved Dixie. I brought Dixie to show and tell one day. At the time, Dixie was my nine-year-old beagle. Dixie and Mrs. Harriger bonded during that 20 minutes. Every day after that, Mrs. Harriger made sure to ask me about Dixie and I was happy to provide Mrs. Harriger Dixie updates.

Third, Mrs. Harriger wanted to make sure I could read. I struggled a bit with reading, so Mrs. Harriger would, from time to time, call me to the reading table and work with me. She told me that I was going to be a reader by the time I left her classroom — and I was.



Steve Matthews
 SUPER TALK

What I am left with all these years later is a memory of Mrs. Harriger as someone who cared about me. She made me feel like I was important. She made me feel like I would be missed if I were not in school. She made me feel like my life

was interesting. She made me feel like it was important for me to have success in her classroom.

It is critically important for our students to find success in our Novi classrooms. Our teachers are passionate about creating a curriculum, planning assessments and honing their instructional skills. Our teachers understand that our students need to have classrooms that are challenging, focused and well-prepared.

Outcomes matter. Our Novi teachers understand that and take the time that is needed to ensure that our students will have positive outcomes.

But just as important is tending to the interpersonal experience of our students. James Comer, the Maurice

Falk Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine's Child Study Center, once said that no significant learning can occur without a significant relationship. Not only do I believe that, I have experienced that.

Mrs. Harriger took time to create a classroom environment where every student could feel safe, connected and valuable. She accomplished this by listening to students, paying attention to students, caring for students and, occasionally, letting a student's dog lick her face.

Teachers in Novi understand that we will be judged by how well our students learn the curriculum and demonstrate proficiency on local, state and national assessments. However,

Novi teachers build that opportunity for our students to be successful by creating classrooms that make students feel cared for, safe and empowered. Positive relationships help build successful environments in which students can learn.

I have fond memories of Mrs. Harriger. She not only taught me well, she also created a classroom that encouraged my success. My sense is that many of our current Novi students will have fond memories of their teachers for those same reasons.

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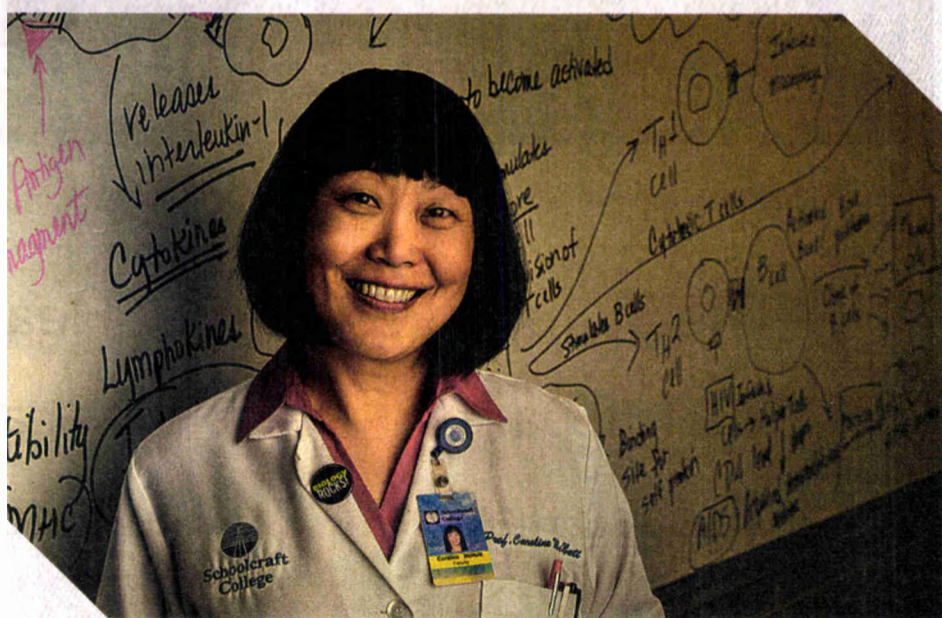
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Expert says Seaman case fits domestic abuse pattern

Aileen Wingblad
Staff Writer



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Nancy Seaman in Oakland County Circuit Court for her 2004 trial.

Some batterers take the physical route: pushing and shoving, pinching, hitting, kicking, slapping, punching, choking.

Some take the psychological route: intimidation, threats and other manipulative tactics.

Some use both — yet the goal is the same. “The batterer will do whatever works,” said Cara Lynch, LMSW.

Lynch calls it “intimate partner violence,” a form of abuse inflicted by one’s current or former spouse or partner. And as a therapist at HAVEN — Help Against Violent Encounters Now, which helps victims of

domestic violence and sexual assaults — Lynch deals with it every day. “This is controlling and/or assaultive behavior that one partner uses against another partner to have all the power and

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control in a relationship,” she said. The “low level” abuse, as Lynch calls it, is more common. Of course, it doesn’t always stay at that level. And the longer one remains in an abu-

sive relationship, the more likely the abuse will escalate, she noted. “That’s a very common pattern that we see,” she said.

Minimizing the abuse

Lynch calls the victims “survivors.” Whether they hide their suffering or seek help, they often share a similar response to the abuse: downplaying what has occurred.

When a battered woman, for example, reaches out to HAVEN, at her initial meeting with a crisis counselor she’ll often try to diminish what’s she’s gone through, Lynch said. She’ll attribute it to the batterer having too much

to drink or say “it really wasn’t that bad” or offer another excuse. Sometimes, it’s because the victim is embarrassed. But often, Lynch explained, minimization of the abuse is part of the acceptance pattern adopted as part of a survival mechanism. “It’s their thinking, ‘I accepted the reality of the situation, it really is this bad.’ That could mean they would then feel they would have to leave and they might be afraid to do so,” Lynch said. “But if they lessen (the problem) in their own mind, that keeps them going.”

And a survivor often loves the batterer, despite the suffering they’ve endured. “They

just want them to stop abusing,” Lynch said.

‘Common pattern’

That apparently was the story for Nancy Seaman, sentenced to life in prison for murdering her husband Bob in their Farmington Hills home in 2004. Lynch said she never met Seaman nor was she familiar with her case. But when told of Seaman’s claims during and since her murder trial, Lynch said those certainly are among the hallmarks of intimate partner abuse.

The same goes for Seaman’s portrayal of Bob, especially the positive traits that many knew of — and led them to

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years for second-degree murder after taking a plea deal in November 2012. At minimum, she’ll be locked up until 2051, when she will be 60 years old. If she serves the entire sentence, Valdez will be 100 by the time freedom beckons from beyond the prison walls.

She was originally charged in 2011 with first-degree murder, arson, larceny in a building and tampering with evidence after being picked up by police less than 24 hours after killing Olivarez. She remembers being at her Adrian apartment and being told police were arriving outside.

“The moment I looked out my window and they surrounded my house, I knew what it was,” she said.

A plea bargain

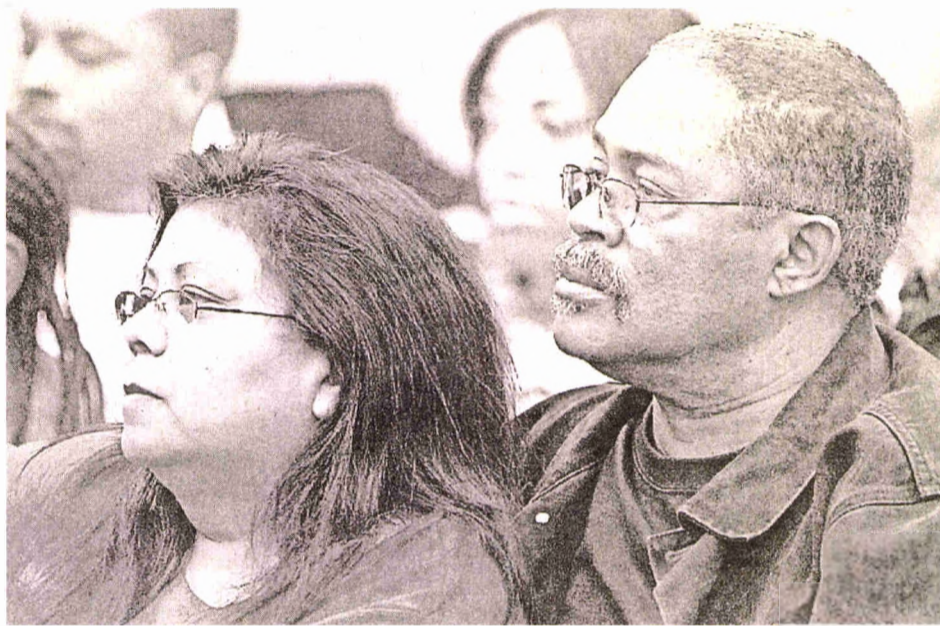
The legal system churned slowly — at one point Valdez’s roommate testified that Olivarez was killed so his belongings could be sold to help pay rent. Valdez and the roommate also both had children and Christmas was approaching, the roommate said.

The evidence against her was strong, advised her attorney, and the brutality of the crime would play a factor in court. Valdez turned down an initial plea offer of 45 years, believing it was too long. Facing mandatory life without possibility of parole, Valdez decided against risking a first-degree murder conviction and took a plea bargain before the trial began.

Olivarez, who was also from Adrian, was remembered by friends and family as a loving man.

“I just feel she should do life in prison for what she did,” Olivarez’s uncle, Frank Olivarez, said during the sentencing hearing in 2012. “He had two good boys. He was a good father.”

Valdez recently said the claim that she killed Olivarez for his items wasn’t accurate. She said



FILE PHOTO
Brenda Shead and her husband Louis Shead listen to testimony during the 2012 preliminary hearing of Lakeshia Valdez, who was later convicted of murder.



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Lakeshia Valdez, 24, of Adrian, is serving 40-80 years for second-degree murder.

they had been involved romantically, but she decided to break it off. They continued to sell drugs together after the relationship ended and she would sometimes spend the night with Olivarez in Redford. She said the murder weapon was in his room and they got into an argument, prompting her to grab the knife.

“That just never crossed my mind. I never expected it would go as far as it did,” she said. “I did kill him, that’s what it boiled down to.”

History of issues

Valdez, who lived in Adrian most her life, said she wasn’t always the best-behaved. She first got into trouble at age 11, when she was caught

stealing from a local JC Penney. She also faced other criminal charges in Lenawee County, including receiving and concealing stolen property, disorderly conduct and retail fraud, according to the Adrian Daily Telegram.

She admitted to being wild during her teenage years.

“I messed with guys, who gave me whatever I wanted,” she said. “I just had a good thing going.”

She got pregnant at 15, an experience she said calmed her lifestyle somewhat, though she still got into trouble.

She fled to San Antonio when she was in her mid-teens with her child, taking a bus south and planning on staying there. It was her mother,

a woman whom had never been in trouble a day in her life, who convinced her to come back to Michigan for Mother’s Day. Valdez decided to remain in Adrian and didn’t go back to Texas.

She gave birth to another child several years later and wanted to make sure they were cared for. The arrangement with Olivarez followed.

“I never wanted to be without. I just lived my life,” she said.

Prison life

Today, Valdez is one of about 2,200 women serving out their sentences at the facility in Washtenaw County. Classified as a Level II inmate, she shares a cell with a woman she originally met while in the Wayne County Jail during the year before her sentencing.

Serving time in jail, she said, was much worse than prison. Jail fights were more common in downtown Detroit, she said.

“I felt out of place in the Wayne County Jail,” she said. “Wayne County Jail is much worse than here.”

She has worked maintenance in prison, taking out the trash and removing snow, though that status was on hold in January due to a misconduct ticket issued by a guard. The job pays \$1 an hour.

Valdez also attends

school, with the intent of earning her GED this spring. She tries to stay active, only spending time in her cell during count or at night.

Keeping busy, she said, passes the time quickly.

“It’s nothing like the movies,” she said of prison life.

She doesn’t spend a lot of time dwelling on killing Olivarez. She sorted that out years ago in a series of dreams about Olivarez.

“It made me at peace with what I did,” she said, of those nights in Wayne County Jail.

At the sentencing, Olivarez’s mother, Brenda Shead, addressed Valdez, telling her she hoped her actions would resonate with her for the rest of her life.

“Just know that every time you close your eyes, it will be him you’ll see,” Shead said in 2012. “She deserves everything she gets — and then some.”

Shead said in a message to the Observer & Eccentric that the pain of running into people involved got to be too much in Adrian, a small town of about 21,000 just north of the Michigan/Ohio border. She moved out of state several years ago.

“We are forever changed; it affects a person deep inside,” she said. “And unless you have experienced it, you could never really understand.”

“As for me, my heart will forever be broken, but I continue to smile through the tears for the love of my son Matthew and the ones that he loved and left behind.”

Not likely to be released early

Valdez arrived at the prison in 2012 and was at first taken aback by the barbed wire, guard towers and correctional officers.

“I’m just like, ‘Damn, 40 years of this (expletive),’” she said. “For real?”

In all likelihood, she’ll be here at least another 36 years.

In 2013, the Michigan Court of Appeals rejected the merits of her appeal. Valdez has not ap-

pealed to the Michigan Supreme Court.

Because of truth-in-sentencing laws, approved in 1998, inmates who committed crimes after 2000 are required to serve at least their minimum sentence, eliminating good behavior and disciplinary credits. Valdez hopes to apply for a commutation of her sentence, something the governor can approve and allow for the minimum sentence to be changed to time served, allowing her to go before the parole board for a hearing for possible release.

That’s a route, Valdez said, she may take in several years after living straight in prison, including finishing her GED and other programs.

“I’ll get a certificate for everything I did,” she said. “I want to be a better person.”

Getting her sentence commuted is something that’s statistically not likely to happen. Since 1969, only 320 commutations have been granted by Michigan governors, according to the Department of Corrections. Since Gov. Rick Snyder took office, only five commutations have been granted, all for medical reasons.

A total of 2,581 inmates have applied to have their sentence commuted since Snyder began his first term in 2011; the rate of approval is 0.19 percent.

Valdez believes even convicted murders deserve a shot at redemption if they’re willing to work for it. One inmate she knew served 28 years and found two jobs after being released from prison, she said.

But that will have to wait. She’s got decades to serve behind the barbed wire fencing that separates prisoners from the rest of society.

And deep down, she knows she has to serve her time.

“At the end of the day, you did kill this man,” Valdez said.

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PRISON

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atmosphere be like? What would talking to someone convicted of murder really be like? How would I be treated?

Plenty of stereotypes exist surrounding prisons. Popular culture is riddled with references, be it movies such as “Escape from Alcatraz,” “The Shawshank Redemption” or, more recently, the Netflix series “Orange is the New Black.” Most people’s exposure to penitentiaries is strictly through their television sets.

So was mine until January. But with all those depictions fresh in my mind, I left the facility after my interview with a slightly different outlook.

From the outside

Prisons are isolated by nature. Some inmates never see the other side



DOC
The Women’s Huron Valley Correctional Facility is where Lakeshia Valdez has serving her sentence as a convicted murderer.

of the double chain-link fence once they get there. But I couldn’t help feeling the two worlds weren’t completely disconnected. After all, inmates walking the yard can see the staff’s vehicles parked just feet from the fence. I could envision some inmates looking at those cars and being in awe of their design, since some have been locked up for decades.

The visiting area at Huron Valley isn’t difficult to access, once clearing security. Two sliding doors controlled by a guard and another set of locked doors are all that separate inmates from the outside room.

There was a sense of normalcy that must have slipped through those doors into the prison. Save for my initial meeting with Lakeshia Valdez, the inmate I interviewed

for this series, I never felt horribly uncomfortable in the room filled with convicted felons. It was a feeling I didn’t expect to have throughout this experience. I saw smiles, heard laughter, even saw a mother reading a book to her young daughter who had come to visit her. Is that how it always is? I doubt it. But it certainly wasn’t what I expected.

The only difference this had from a hospital visiting area was the DOC guard watching the area from one side of the room. Despite any feelings of normalcy, there was always a lingering reminder that you were in prison with those who had lost their freedom. There was no escaping it.

Everyone has a story

Inmates are assigned a number upon arrival. Behind those numbers, I’ve learned, are stories. Valdez, who took a plea deal on a murder

charge where she stabbed and killed a Redford man in 2011, talked of her hope of being released early on a commutation of her sentence, a rarity. Only a few hundred inmates have received one the last 45 years.

Despite this normal interview, it was important to keep the facts straight: This is a story about a prisoner, a person who committed a crime so heinous that she’ll most likely never see freedom again. She spoke of missing her children, who are growing up without their biological mother.

It can be conflicting: How can one be so emotional about another person, when the reason they’re locked up is because they took away someone else’s child? There’s a reason people say two families suffer when someone is sent to prison for murder; not only is the family whose loved one died affected,

but the inmate’s family is affected, albeit in a different way.

At the end of our conversations, we said goodbye, knowing our paths probably wouldn’t cross again. I told her I hoped her time in prison was productive and reflective on the horrible thing that she had done. As I left the room, I thought about this prison experience and other interviews I’ve done in my career.

I’ve interviewed political leaders, business owners, and everyday people. I added “convicted felon” to that list earlier this year. It’s certainly not the most high-profile interview subject, but it is the only one I’ve done that required me to take off my shoes and socks.

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Battered woman defense gaining more attention

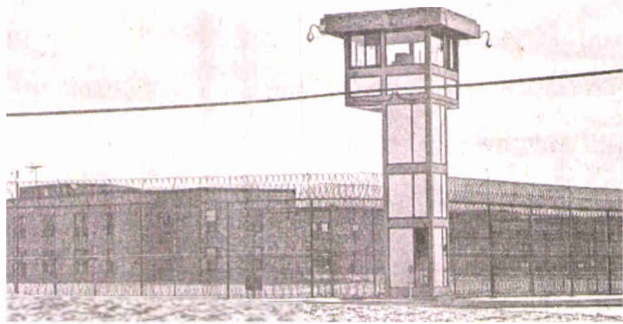
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When it comes to battered woman syndrome, Cindene Pezzell said it's important to know it doesn't just affect women.

In fact, the legal coordinator for the National Clearinghouse for the Defense of Battered Women said it can happen in any type of intimate relationship and affect anyone in an abusive relationship.

It's an area of legal study that seems to be gaining more attention in legal circles across the country, though Pezzell said there's still a lot of work to be done.

"We're seeing less push-back around it being an illegitimate field.



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"I can't understand the failing of the justice system. I can't understand how they can just let me die in here," Nancy Seaman said of her life sentence.

There's so much science and research," said Pezzell, a Philadelphia resident and Michigan native. "At least some of this stuff is getting in, when it wasn't before all the time."

The issue of battering

is brought up in court-houses across the country during cases where a defendant may have been the victim themselves against a domestic partner. In Michigan, typically expert witnesses can testify about signs

that could point to a victim as being battered or threatened by retaliation by a partner, though oftentimes cannot make direct connections between a defendant and that person showing signs of being battered, said Carol Jacobsen, a University of Michigan professor and director of the Michigan Women's Justice and Clemency Project.

This is the defense former Farmington Hills resident Nancy Seaman has claimed caused her to kill her husband more than 10 years ago. She's claimed in appeals her attorney did not do enough to show she was abused in the relationship that led to the confrontation. She was convicted of murder and

sentenced to life in prison, though she has appealed her case through state courts and eventually in federal courts. A U.S. Court of Appeals panel of judges ruled in 2012 that using a defense claiming she was battered was not "a defense under Michigan law."

Jacobsen said there's been an increase recently in the amount of testimony brought in by defense attorneys to show some defendants were acting in self-defense because of the fear of retaliation, compared to older cases dating back decades in Michigan.

"Especially those earlier people, they did not present much evidence," she said. "Even today, it's not presented effectively by defense

attorneys for the most part. It's really awful."

Each state different

Jacobsen hopes more state courts begin accepting fewer restrictions when it comes to testimony from experts, hoping for changes that would benefit women that show signs of being battered by partners.

"We felt, too, that Michigan's law is too restrictive on expert witnesses," Jacobsen said. "They do not get understood as acting in self-defense."

Pezzell said each state is different in how it approaches the topic, either through court rulings or legislation. While there have been

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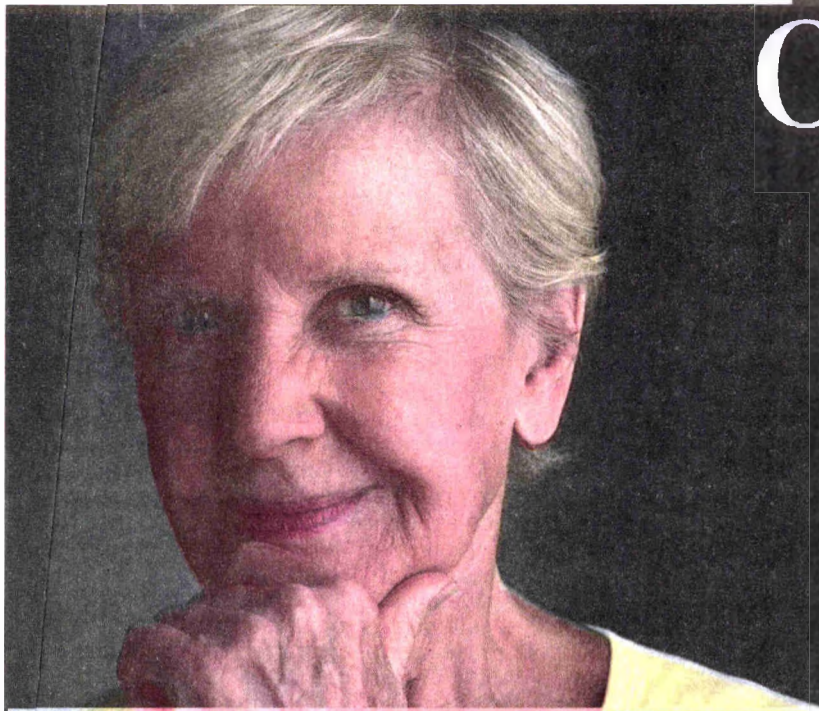
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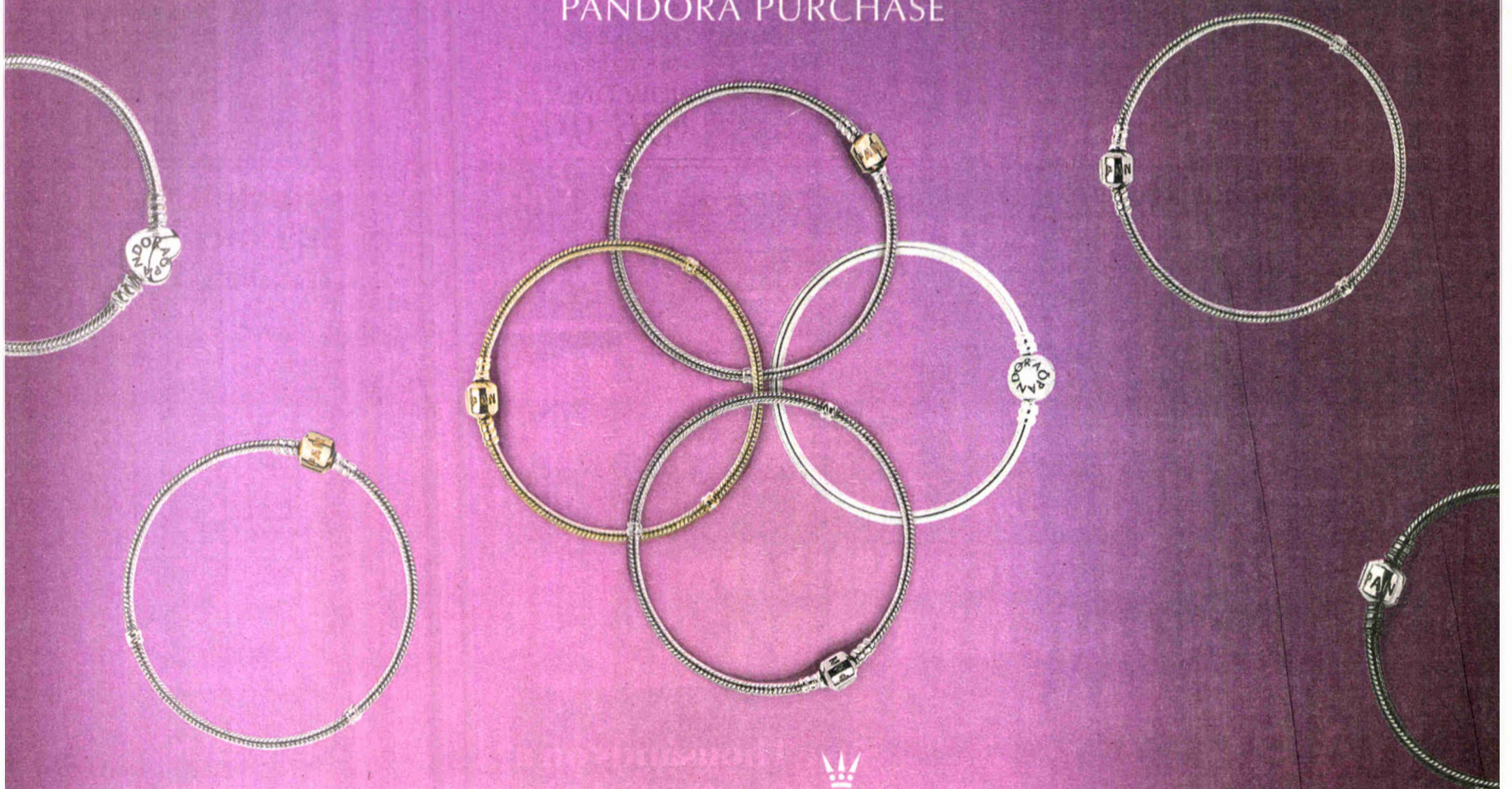
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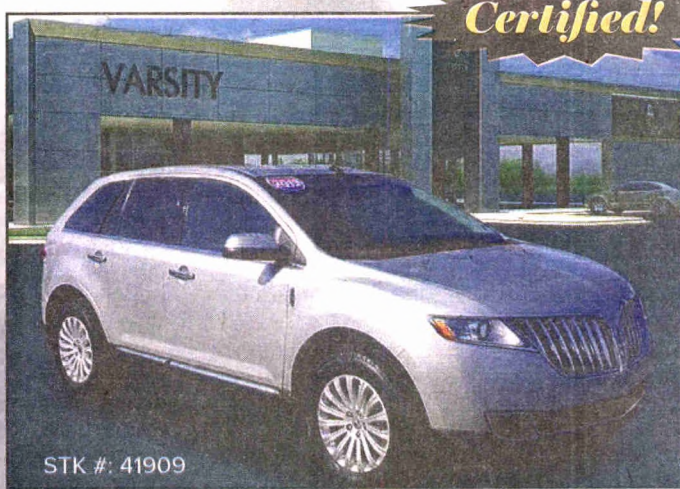
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BATTERED

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defenses mounted showing those on trial have been battered in courtrooms in all 50 states, Pezzell noted, she believes many places, including Michigan, don't need specific laws put into place to define battering.

Interpretation of current laws should be enough, she said, to protect those who have

been battered and are on trial. Adding specific regulations could make it more difficult to defend someone who has been battered.

"What we don't want to see is efforts to exclude people, rather than include," Pezzell said.

'More education required'

Those who argue against those cases where battering is introduced tend to want to show that the defendant

wasn't, in fact, battered, Pezzell said.

"The prosecutor can possibly argue that there's zero evidence that the person is battered," she said. "Sometimes the evidence is just too strong to do that."

If that doesn't work, she said prosecutors will work to show juries that the battering was not relevant or there was no imminent danger to the defendant at the time of the incident.

Jacobsen said teaching

more individuals about the effects of battering is an important step to take, so the issues can be more thoroughly discussed not only by the common public, but by those in the legal system.

"I think there's a lot more education required of judges and prosecutors and defense attorneys," she said. "It's an epidemic in this country."

Even with education, it can be difficult to relate to issues facing these individuals, Pezzell explained. It's easy for

someone to say they know what they would do in a similar situation, but actually experiencing and going through it can be difficult to understand.

"There's so many things about it that the average person on the street doesn't know," Pezzell said. "People think they know. People think they know what they would do in any given situation."

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SEAMAN

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doubt he was ever the violent, controlling bully that she said he could be behind closed doors.

"Charisma is a very common characteristic (among abusers)," Lynch said. "Often they are considered awesome on the job and among their friends and can appear to be good parents and good partners. That can really play into the power-control dynamic. And they tell (their victims), 'Nobody will believe, nobody will care.'"

Seaman's personality type also appears to be akin to some who endured abuse, possibly – and unwittingly – drawing abusers into their lives, Lynch said.

"In her case, it sounds like an abusive partner could exploit her," Lynch said. "We all probably have something someone could exploit, but a batterer really takes advantage of someone with a big heart, who doesn't believe in divorce, who ascribes to traditional gender roles, those kinds of things."

Lynch also noted she wasn't surprised to hear Seaman was reportedly planning to leave the marriage when the couple's final fight occurred. "It's a very, very common pattern," she said. "Sometimes, it's the actual leaving or, sometimes, the batterer just senses that he's losing control, that (the partner) is pulling away. That certainly can escalate the violence, as the abuser exercises his power to do something to make it stop."

A fateful choice

To this day, Seaman said she regrets the plan she had chosen to move from the home she shared with Bob and to start a new life on her own. She waited until she felt financially independent and until her sons were grown. Then – rather than leaving right away – she stayed in a pseudo husband-wife relationship, while secretly packing away her belongings and storing them elsewhere until her new condominium was ready.

Lynch said crisis counselors at HAVEN never tell someone when or if they should move out of their home, but offer a listening ear, support and other resources to help with whatever course of action they decide to take.

"I'm not here to tell someone what to do – I haven't lived their life. But you can bounce ideas here, to figure out what makes sense to you," Lynch said. "If you decide leaving is what you'll do, we can help you find the safest ways to go about this. And I will say, even though we want that perfect time to do something, there tends to never be a perfect time

for anything in life."

Seaman, however, doesn't hesitate when asked what she would say to someone suffering abuse at home: "You can't stay. The first time he lays a hand on you in anger, you have to leave. You can't let people talk you into staying, you can't be shamed into staying. You have to leave."

Over the years, Seaman said, she has regularly received mail from across the globe – letters from people who stand by her and say they hope that somehow, someday, she's successful in her appeal and is released from prison, plus letters from people who recount their own experiences as victims of domestic violence.

She answers them all, she said. And to those who are suffering the way she said she did during her 31-year marriage, her message is clear. "Don't do what I did, waiting and packing and staying," she said. "Looking back now, it was, 'What was I thinking?' Just go. You just have to go."

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Thornton Creek works to be waste-free

Danielle Alexander
Staff Writer

According to michigangreenschools.us, Michigan Green Schools is a nonprofit agency dedicated to assisting all Michigan schools achieve environmental goals. It was determined that the best way to help Michigan achieve environmental goals through its schools was to formulate 20 points of educational environmental activities.

Since Thornton Creek Elementary in Northville accomplished 15 of these points within an academic year both this and last year, it achieved official Michigan Green Schools Emerald status.



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Thornton Creek students, such as the one pictured here, are encouraged to bring as much of their lunch in re-useable containers as possible.

One way the school maintains this designation is through school-

wide participation in Waste Free Wednesdays. Beginning last school

year, Thornton Creek students have been encouraged to bring waste-free lunches each Wednesday; however, Green Team Leader and building recycling organizer Tammy Boomer said she has noticed a carry-over into other days of the week.

Although it can be difficult at times, Thornton Creek students said they try to be waste-free as much as possible because they want to help keep the Earth clean and healthy, save custodians from having more work and prevent the possibility of animals choking on waste.

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Veggies for life: Vegan pharmacist, dietician share nutrition strategies

Susan Bromley
Staff Writer

Pharmacist Paul Krause doles out medications daily to treat patients with high cholesterol, high blood pressure and other ailments, all while advocating a better, cheaper, drug-free way to stay healthy.

Most customers don't want to consider his alternative, however.

"People come in and I tell them, 'All you have to do is live a vegan lifestyle' and they say, 'No way, just give me the Lipitor.'" Krause said. "A lot of the disease states that occur are results from the way we live. If you switch to a vegetarian/vegan diet and exercise, 80 percent of cardiovascular diseases would go away, 95 percent of type 2 diabetes could be eliminated and a lot of specialists say 80 percent of cancers could be eliminated. Most of the diseases we incur and degenerative illnesses can be eliminated by adopting plant-based diets. ... Our whole health care system would be completely changed."

Krause isn't concerned about what such a change might mean for his business. He said he would happily close his store, The Medicine Cabinet in Southfield, if everyone switched to a vegan lifestyle.

The Troy resident, 69, made the change himself more than two decades ago after suffering chest pain. He was rushed to the hospital, where doctors wanted to perform an angioplasty after finding a cardiovascular blockage. Krause declined the surgical options and, after research, decided to pursue preventive measures to maintain his health.

Raised on pizza, chips, meat and dairy — or the standard American diet (SAD, as he likes to call it) — Krause set to work changing food habits and reversing the cumulative effects of lifetime consumption of animal products.

It worked.

Animal addiction

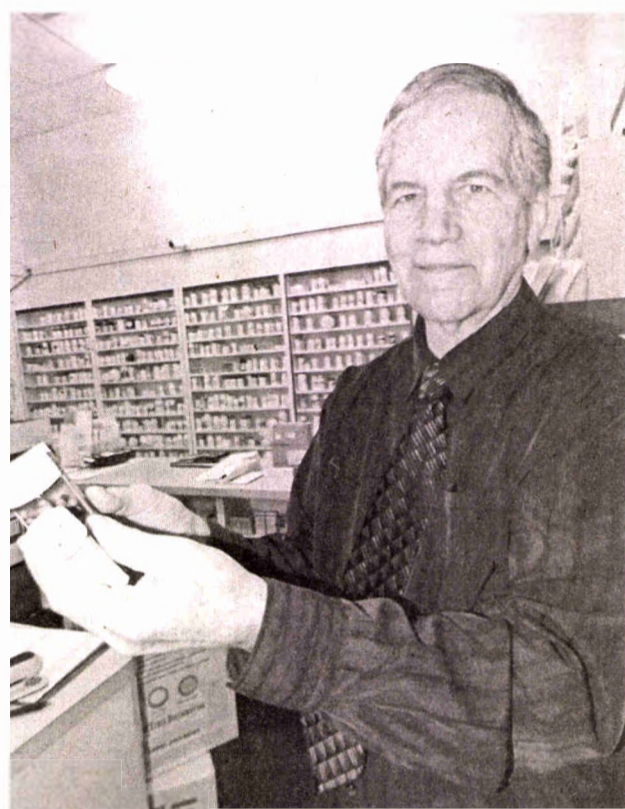
"You can be addicted to meat and dairy just as you can be addicted to cigarettes and alcohol," Krause said. "A lot of people learn to eat that way and that can all be changed. If you eat a well-rounded diet of fruits and vegetables that contains all the vitamins, minerals and antioxidants, (you get what) you would need, unless you have a specific deficiency diagnosed from a physician."

A Gallup poll from 2012 shows about 5 percent of Americans consider themselves to be vegetarians, although the survey did not define what that means. A vegetarian is commonly defined as someone who does not eat meat. A vegan takes it a step further and does not consume any animal products, including dairy.

Krause is president of VegMichigan, a nonprofit organization whose mission is "promoting awareness of the health, ethical and environmental benefits of a plant-based, vegan lifestyle."

The group is not radical, he emphasizes, but wants to educate the public on the positive aspects of veganism and vegetarianism, as well as the negative outcomes of factory farming.

The group will do that locally through a display April 1 at the Novi Public Library, as well as through VegFest Vegan Tastefest and Expo, planned for 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 24, at Suburban Collection Showplace, 46100 Grand River, in Novi. The event features celebrity presenters, including former Detroit Pistons player



SUSAN BROMLEY
Pharmacist Paul Krause, a vegan, said he believes most people could eliminate their need for medications by changing their diet.

SPROUTED MUNG BEAN SALAD

Recipe developed by Aarti Batavia MS, RDN, CLT, CFSP, IFMCP. PREP TIME: 15 MINUTES TOTAL TIME: 25 minutes SERVINGS: 2

Mung beans (green gram seeds) are commonly used in south-east Asian cooking — India, Thailand, China, Burma, Japan and Korea. It is an excellent source of protein and is almost free from flatulence-causing factors. Because of this, mung beans are preferred for feeding babies and those convalescing. The seeds contain a higher proportion of lysine than any other legume seeds. The seeds are processed and consumed as cooked whole beans or splits (daals), sprouts, immature seeds and flour and are used in various recipes.

You could sprout mung beans and use it in salads, stir fry them with vegetables or cook them as a vegetable or daal adding mustard seeds, tomatoes, turmeric and other spices with a dash of lemon. You can serve it with rice, chapattis or any millet tortilla. Mung bean vegetable soup can be consumed as a meal by itself.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup sprouted mung beans
- 1 small diced carrot
- 1 small diced cucumber
- ½ cup diced apple
- ½ cup halved grapes
- ½ cup blueberries
- 1 Tbsp. pumpkin seeds
- ¼ tsp black pepper powder
- ¼ tsp cumin powder
- ¼ tsp salt
- 2 Tbsp. lime juice
- 1 Tbsp. finely chopped cilantro (optional)

Method:

1. In a bowl add sprouted mung beans, diced carrots, cucumbers, apples and blueberries.
2. Add pumpkin seeds, black pepper powder, cumin powder, salt and add freshly squeezed lime juice.
3. Mix all the ingredients and garnish with cilantro.
4. Serve in a bowl and savor the flavor!

Variations:

- a. Add tomatoes and avocado.
- b. Instead of fruits, add onions, tomatoes, olives
- c. Add a variety of beans either sprouted or cooked or from a can (rinse canned beans)
- d. Add ¼ tsp chili powder if you enjoy spicy foods

well as samples from local restaurants and bakeries, exhibits with eco-friendly products, clothing, cookbooks, food demonstrations, children's activities and more.

More than 5,000 people are expected to attend VegFest, where everyone is welcome, particularly meat-eaters. Krause encourages even a decrease in meat consumption for those not prepared to commit to being a vegan or vegetarian.

"We have cooking demos there and people can get an idea of how to transition some of their cooking habits," Krause said. "It's funny how we'll go into surgery and do all these dramatic things to our body because of our lifestyle, but consider it drastic to change our eating habits. It's not a difficult transition anymore."

Food as medicine

As a registered dietician and founder of Nutrition and Wellness Consulting, LLC, in Novi, Aarti Batavia uses food as medicine to develop individualized plans for patients struggling with allergies, diabetes, weight management and cardiovascular, gastric, hormonal and neurological disorders.

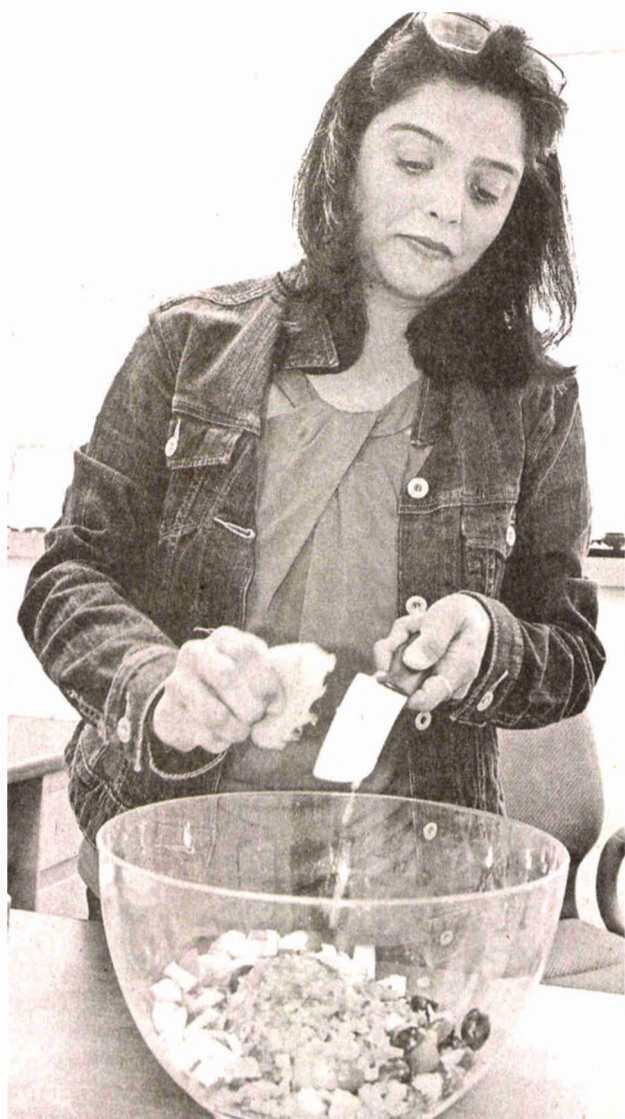
"I believe in food as medicine," Batavia said. "We are what we eat, drink, think and touch. Eating whole foods and consuming more plant-based foods provides

that we need to enjoy life. Food is not just calories. Food is information for your genes. It sends messages to your DNA, regulates hormones, your immune system, bacteria in the gut, neurotransmitters and even influences mood and behavior. ... Consuming clean, less processed and unadulterated food and water, relaxation, movement, clean air and light are crucial for optimal living."

Earlier this month, Batavia stood next to Novi Mayor Bob Gatt at a city council meeting as he read a proclamation declaring March as National Nutrition Month. The proclamation, she said, emphasizes the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits.

"Savor the Flavor of Eating Right," is this year's National Nutrition Month theme and Batavia is taking it as an opportunity to educate and encourage everyone to experiment with herbs and spices, which provide not only flavor, but also nutrients, antioxidants, minerals and vitamins, to enjoy food traditions and experiences and reduce sodium, sugar and saturated/trans fats.

Batavia believes the three biggest steps people can take to improve their nutrition are to eat mindfully, consuming whole foods, more vegetables and less processed foods while enjoying



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Registered dietician and nutritionist Aarti Batavia begins to prepare a vegan and gluten-free sprouted mung bean salad in her Novi Providence Park campus office March 18.

food flavors; knowing that food affects inflammation; and being aware that food speaks to genes.

The biggest mistakes people make in regards to food are thinking of it only in terms of calories; assuming that foods promoted as "low-fat" or as "diet" are healthy; eating quickly on the go without savoring food; and assuming that food is not related to mood.

Batavia is a vegetarian, but notes there is no one correct diet for everyone, as we all have individual preferences based on traditions, food availability and emotions.

"Eskimos have survived on raw fish/seafood in harsh winters, while the indigenous people of Africa have survived on root vegetables and little meat," she said. "You can be a vegan/vegetarian and still be eating French fries and ketchup, while some Paleo folks don't even consume two to three servings of vegetables."

Decrease the meat, fish and eggs

Studies show that Americans tend to consume more animal proteins, Batavia noted, with

recent dietary guidelines the suggest decreasing the amount of meat, fish and eggs consumed. She suggests turning to beans and whole grains as protein sources rather than animal foods, which do have vitamins and minerals, but lack antioxidants, crucial in preventing free radical damage, which corrupts DNA and is often cited as causing cancer. Antioxidants are present in fruits and vegetables.

"If you are consuming animal-based proteins, be sure that it is antibiotic and hormone-free," she said. "The antibiotics used in animal farming do have an impact on our gut bacteria and the hormones can play as endocrine disruptors in our bodies."

Krause notes that there are products available now that are plant-based substitutes for meat that taste very similar, but without all the hormones, saturated fat, cholesterol, and antibiotics found in chicken, beef, and pork.

When people ask Krause what he eats, he finds it to be the easiest question — he eats the same as he did before he became a vegan, but

substitutes plant-based products where necessary. There is no chicken in his stir-fry, but there might be a plant-based chicken substitute.

There are even various plant-based milks now, he adds.

While he doesn't dispute veganism is a big change for anyone who has eaten animal products all their life, he notes the human species "is very adaptable" and the switch will also save the cost of purchasing expensive meat, as well as cut the astronomical costs of health care in the long run.

Challenges are more to be found in family members who aren't on board and restaurants where you may need to be more specific about your wants.

Helping smallest, pickiest eaters

Children's growth is not affected by being raised as vegans, Krause said, and, in fact, they have a "head start" on healthy habits over those who begin life with a traditional diet.

To help children, both omnivores and vegans, like vegetables, Batavia suggests taking them grocery shopping and allowing them to choose new fruits or vegetables; make their plate colorful and pattern it with foods; do not force them to eat, but create positive experiences around food; and be a good role model yourself.

"You can't ask your kids to eat fruits and veggies while you're sitting with a bag of chips watching the television," she said.

Krause admits although he is a vegan, he still eats "bad" when it comes to cookies, cake and even vegan ice cream. He finds himself wanting to lose about 10 pounds.

Batavia said there is no one best way to lose weight, as weight gain has multiple causes, including poor nutrition, hormones, toxins, inflammation, food addictions/sensitivities, gut health, lack of good bacteria, decreased physical activity, stress and more.

Both Batavia and Krause agree everyone can benefit from consuming more fruits and vegetables and choosing foods that help you not just survive, but thrive.

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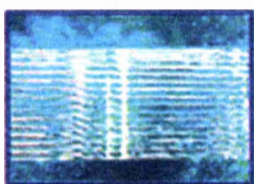


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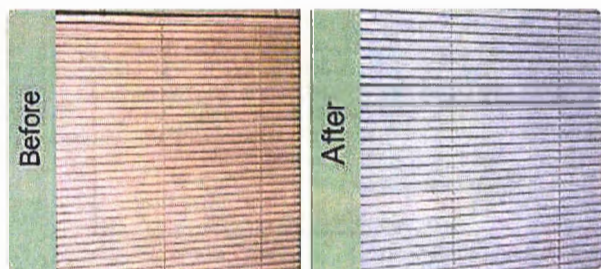
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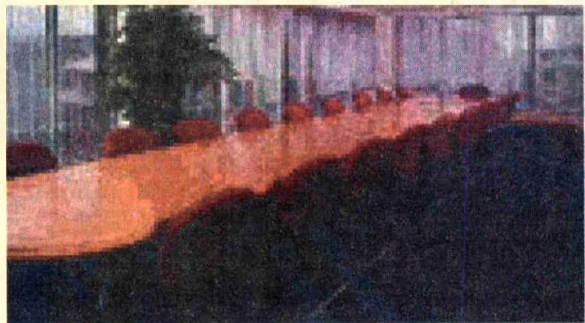
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OUR VIEW

Teen years tough: Parents, community can help

Parents know to take their children to the pediatrician for physical checkups, but mental health is as important as physical well-being.

A child's teenage years can seem stressful. Teenagers enter high school, where they must make new friends. Increased academic and athletic competition can make teens feel inadequate or overwhelmed, the American Academy of Pediatrics notes on its website.

Parents can help their teenagers navigate these difficult years. First, parents should ask their pediatrician to evaluate their teenager's mental well-being. Pediatricians develop close relationships with their patients, so teenagers might feel more comfortable discussing sensitive subjects, like depression, stress and sex, with their doctors instead of their parents.

Teenagers need a trusted adult to speak with,

whether that adult be parent, pediatrician, teacher or counselor. Make sure that your teenager knows that stress, sadness and anger are normal and that talking about her feelings can really help her cope. Remind her of the people who can help her and tell her that reaching out is a sign of strength, not weakness.

Second, parents should make sure that they're not putting too much pressure on their teenager. Too-high expectations can often become damaging, but parents should still make sure that their teenagers have strong support systems at home.

"Kids tend to live up, or down, to the expectations of their parents," says Dr. Renee Jenkins of the American Academy of Pediatrics. "Teens who understand what standards are expected of them stand a better chance of setting realistic goals for the future."

Third, parents should help their teenagers feel empowered to change circumstances for the better. If your teenager says that she feels stressed, help her to identify the source of her stress. Ask your teen to brainstorm about possible solutions to her situation.

Discuss the pros and cons of her suggested approaches, making sure to consider future ramifications. Decide on the best course of action. Parents can help teens learn from their mistakes, gain better judgment and develop stronger senses of identity — the tools that will help them through the rest of their lives.

For more information on children's and teens' mental health, go to the American Academy of Pediatrics' website at www.aap.org and search for "mental health tips."

LETTERS

Book stars

The Youth and Teen Services Department of the Novi Public Library would like to acknowledge and congratulate the 59 fifth- and sixth-grade Novi children who participated in our 13th annual Battle of the Books at the Novi Civic Center on March 12.

Ten teams participated, reading the same six books and coming together in a competition to answer questions about those books. We also celebrate the commitment of their parents and coaches who spent so many hours reading and preparing these youngsters for the competition. To us, every single one of these young students is a winner for



Winners of the Battle of the Books.

participating in our event.

The names of the teams and their members are as follows:

First place: Books Battalion: Pranavkumar Rajmohan, Aditya Senthil, Bala Abinaya Parivakkam, Racheet Shah, Krishanth Venka-

tachalam, Priyadarshini Moorthy. Team coach: Priya Kulandaivelu.

Second place: Book OPPS: Akash Rai, Ritvik Reddy Sudi, Meghana Sethi, Advika Raichur, Prathik Reddy Sudi, Krithika Muthuraman. Team coach: Sunitha Dida.

Third place: Super Readers: Ritij Jutur, Sanjana Jettipalle, Eshita Devang, Srimaan Kolana-kuduru, Vidit Tiwari, Pranav Loka. Team coach: Megha Gunda.

Participating teams in alphabetical order: Blazing Books — Sehaj Marok, Prajwal Kurapati, Chinmay Chouthai, Anand Brijesh, Shria

Mathur. Team coach: Sukhjeet Marok. The Falcons — Ish Patel, Olaf Dsouza, Aswin Mathanakumar, Aarav Contractor, Rishik Poosapati, Nathan Crasto. Team coach: Niyati Patel. Rapid Readers — Vishal Boyapati, Krithi Palakodati, Soumit Addanki, Grace Chacko, Nithin Jayaraju, Nikhil Daniel. Team coach: Karuna Boyapati. Reading Divas — Rashmita Raghunathan, Aditi Vishnubhatla, Nikita Talwar, Shrikha Atchutuni, Meghna Reddy, Sanvika Nandimandalam.

Team coach: Ranjani Shankar. Rockin' Readers — Anagha Jammalamadaka, Ruheen Qadeer, Gokul Sankar, Anvitha Ventrpragada, Abhishek Vangipuram, Jivesh Dandnaik. Team coach: Sridevi Jammalamadaka. Star Words — Vasu Banga, Arjun Sehgal, Navdeep Sirigiri, Ishan Desai, Dhroov Naphade, Pranay Yellapantula. Team coach: Anjali Sehgal.

Techno Tadpoles — Sidharth Mudigal, Tanush Pradhan, Scott Haaken-son, Vaishnavi Jagalur, Janhvi Mate, Ashna Ta-

lukder. Team coach: Anil Mudigal.

We thank the Friends of the Novi Public Library for their generosity in supporting this program, as well as Tony Sacco's Coal Oven Pizza, which was kind enough to donate coupons for a free pizza to each of our participants.

Activities like Battle of the Books, we believe, foster a love of reading in an entertaining manner, enriching not just the participants and their families, but the entire community.

Sincerely,

The Youth and Teen Services Staff
Novi Public Library

Political silver lining

As the saying goes "every cloud has a silver lining," right now Donald Trump is a cloud hanging over the GOP. One silver lining is the increase in voter turnout he has brought; it is always good for our country when more of us vote but usually bad for Republicans.

If Trump becomes the Republican nominee, we can expect a large voter

turnout.

Those inspired by the hate speech pushed by the Republican Party, they are the Trump supporters. They may not always vote but they wish to wreak havoc with our government, they will most likely not vote for other Republicans seeking other offices (another silver lining).

Regular Republicans who actually care about the country will either not vote or vote against Trump by voting Democrat no matter how much they dislike it.

Democrats should be out in large numbers and vote for candidates all down the ticket to keep the country moving forward for us all.

Trump is a cloud hanging over the Republicans but they must own it because they led the dumbing down of America and you can see from those supporting Trump that they have succeeded.

Party leaders might still make the cloud go away and with it will go "the silver linings."

Chuck Tindall
Novi

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Upcoming events

Lecture Series: Lewis and Clark Expedition: 7 p.m. March 30. No fee. Donations accepted. This lecture sponsored by the

Knickerbocker Group. Lecture Series sponsored by the Water Wheel Centre.

Vintage Jewelry Tea: 1-3:30 p.m. May 1. SOLD OUT

General Info

Website: www.millrace.northville.org

Volunteers: The Northville Historical Society at Mill Race Village accepts volunteers in many different areas. Contact the office for more details.

Rentals: Call or email the office to rent the Cady Inn or Church for a

wedding or party. Many dates are available. More information on the website.

Donations: Accepted only from 9 a.m. to noon each Tuesday.

Archives: The archives are open Monday and Tuesday.

Office: The office is open 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Wednesday. The office is closed when Northville Public Schools are closed due to inclement weather. All other times by appointment only. Call 248-348-1845 or email office@millrace.northville.org

Residents unload old electronics

JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Ron Pytel gets some help unloading a cathode-ray tube TV set March 19 at the Novi Civic Center during the city's e-waste day. Residents lined up in their cars beginning at 9 a.m. to unload their old TVs, computers and printers, instead of sending them to a landfill. The waste will be properly recycled by a firm based in Sterling Heights.



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Some of the electronic waste collected March 19 during the e-waste day at the Novi Civic Center.



SYNOPSIS MARCH 17, 2016 - REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, March 17, 2016

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Nix called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

PRESENT: Robert R. Nix II, Supervisor; Marv Gans, Trustee; Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk; Symantha Heath, Trustee; Marjorie F. Banner, Treasurer; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Fred Shadko, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas:**
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
 - Reappointment of Sue Hillebrand to Beautification - approved
 - Reappointment of Richard Brown to Seniors - approved
- Public Hearing: None**
- Brief Public Comments:** David Wilson from The Senior Alliance updated the board on the activities and work of the TSA on behalf of Northville Township Seniors.
- New Business:**
 - Pulte Development - Northville Enclave - approved
 - Wayne County Annual Permits - approved
 - Alliance of Rouge Communities Membership Dues - approved
 - The Senior Alliance - Annual Dues - approved
 - Building Safety Month Proclamation - approved
 - Temporary Sign Request - Township Building Department - approved
 - Temporary Sign Request - 7th Day Adventist Church - approved
 - Temporary Sign Request - Ward Church - approved
 - Board of Trustees - Salary Resolutions for new term 2016-2020:

Supervisor Annual Salary of \$35,000, Clerk Annual Salary of \$85,000, Treasurer Annual Salary of \$25,000, Trustees Annual Salary of \$11,000 - approved

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Ordinances: None

8. Check Registry: In the amount of \$1,491,705.49 for the period of 2/06/16 to 3/04/16 - approved.

9. Board Communication & Reports: Robert R. Nix, II, Sue Hillebrand, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Symantha Heath, Mindy Herrmann, Fred Shadko, and Chip Snider.

10. Any other business for the Board of Trustees: None

11. ADJOURN: Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

This is a synopsis, the draft minutes will be available March 29, 2016.

Sue A. Hillebrand, M.M.C.
Clerk

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LIBRARY LINES

The Northville Library will be closed Sunday, March 27, for Easter.

Used Books Special March Promotion

Time/Date: 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. and 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday in March

Details: Find great bargains on used books during March and get \$1 off a bag of adult fiction books (regularly \$7) in the Friends of the Library Used Book Cellar. Find us on the lower level in the rear of the library. (Promotion does not include non-fiction, children's or teen books).

Drop-In Spring Break Movies & Munchies for Kids

Time/Date: Noon to 1:45 p.m. Tuesday, March 29

Details: Bring your lunch to the library and enjoy the movie "HOME" (20th Century Fox, Rated PG, 95 minutes). Snacks and water bottles provided. All ages welcome. Children ages 4 and younger

must attend with a caregiver. We cannot accommodate special groups due to space limitations. Just drop in!

Drop-In Morning Storytime

Time/Date: 10:15-10:45 a.m. Thursday, March 31 through May 5

Details: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers! All ages welcome. Caregivers must accompany children 3 and younger. We cannot accommodate special groups due to space limitations. Just drop in!

Sustainable Landscaping

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, March 31

Details: Drew Lathin, general manager of Creating Sustainable Landscapes, describes core concepts of sustainable landscaping, and highlights the importance of using native plants and rain gardens.

Make Sushi with Ming for Adults

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Monday, April 4

Details: Chef Ming teaches about rolled sushi, from Urimaki to California rolls. Make

your own began roll and enjoy! Space is limited. Register at 248-349-3020 or online at www.northvillelibrary.org

Downloading eBooks & More with your Kindle Fire

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6
Details: Bring your Kindle Fire and learn how to download free eBooks, eMagazines and music from the Library. Amazon Appstore sign-in and library card required. Space is limited. Register.

Poem Journey with Poet Joyce Benvenuto

Time/Date: 7 p.m. Thursday, April 7
Details: Celebrate National Poetry Month with Poet Joyce Benvenuto who will share poems and stories from her new book "Poem Journey: More Poems & Prose from Along Old Grand River," about the generations who have lived on Grand River, both the river and the road.

CITY OF NOVI PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Zoning Board of Appeals for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on **Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Council Chambers Novi Civic Center 45175 Ten Mile Road to consider:

Sessions (PZ16-0008) 319 Elm Court, south of South Lake Drive and west of Novi Road, Parcel # 50-22-03-481-002. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5 to allow construction of a second floor addition and attached garage with reduced side yard setbacks (10 feet required, 5.9 feet proposed) and reduced front setback (30 feet required, 15.5 for existing home, 19.4 for proposed garage) for an existing nonconforming residence.

Riverbridge Condominium Home Owners Association (PZ16-0009) east of Novi Road and north of 8 Mile Road: multiple parcels. The applicant is requesting variances from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; 28-5(d).3 to allow installation of a (2) new neighborhood signs in and within 10 feet of the City Right of Way.

Ehlers (PZ16-0010) 1705 East Lake Drive, south of 14 Mile Road and west of Novi Road, Parcel # 50-22-02-357-015. The applicant is requesting variances from the City of Novi Zoning Ordinance Section 3.1.5.d to allow construction of a second floor addition to an existing nonconforming residence with reduced side yard setbacks (10 feet required, 4 feet and 8 feet proposed) and aggregate side yard setback (30 feet required, 12 feet proposed). The property is zoned R-4.

Primanti Bros (PZ16-0011) 43335 Crescent Blvd., east of Novi Road and north of Grand River Ave. Parcel #: 50-22-14-351-063. The applicant is requesting a variance from the CITY OF NOVI, CODE OF ORDINANCES; Section 28-5(3) and 28-1 to allow installation of (2) oversize wall signs of 139 and 132 Square feet where a single sign or 65 square feet is allowed by right.

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The Northville Art House will present an exhibition showcasing the work of Richard Rochon (1931-2009), who is well-known in the field of architecture for his masterful renderings of buildings throughout the world. This exhibition, which opens April 1, showcases Rochon's prolific personal work and examines his artistic influence on four generations of the Rochon family.

As owner and president of Rochon Associates, Inc., Rochon rendered building projects as diverse as Comerica Park in Detroit, New York's Madison Square Garden, NYU Law School, Naval Systems Command Center in Arlington, Va., The American University in Cairo, Egypt, Japanese



Rochon's work of the Piazza Della Rotonda in Rome. He used colored pencils on sandpaper.

American Museum in Los Angeles, Dubai Development, the U.S. Embassy in Lima, Peru, and

Pudong Hospital in Shanghai, China. His personal drawings in colored pencil are

sublime and he creates wonderful watercolor,



Richard Rochon's After The Rain in colored pencil.

and oil paintings that offer an atmospheric sense of place. He has illustrated three books: "Color Model Environments — Color and Light in Three-Dimensional Design," "Color in Archi-

tectural Illustration" and "Urban Reflections: Illustrated World Cities" with a forward by David Childs of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill. The exhibition will also include artwork in a variety of mediums by his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The exhibit opens with a reception at 6-9 p.m. Friday, April 1. The exhibit runs through April 30, during Art House hours, noon to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. Admission is free. The Northville Art House is at 215 W. Cady Street. For more information, call 248-344-0497 or go to www.northvillearthouse.org.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING April 20, 2016 – 7:00 P.M.

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for Wednesday, April 20, 2016 at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 145-6.F. and 145-7ance, Ground Signs, for a commercial property located at 16925 Haggerty Road (Parcel ID#77-049-01-0001-311).

Written comments regarding this request will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 P.M.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals
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Charter Township of Northville Notice to the Residents

Filing Deadline for Township Offices and Precinct Delegates

A candidate who wishes to seek a position on the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville must file a nominating petition and an Affidavit of Identity no later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 19, 2016**. A candidate who seeks a township office must file their petition at the township clerk's office, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. Withdrawal deadline elapses at 4:00 p.m. on April 22, 2016 (168.53).

Candidates who wish to run for **Precinct Delegate** and have their name placed on the Primary Election ballot, must complete and file an Affidavit of Identity no later than **4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 3, 2016** at the Wayne County Clerk's Office located at 207 Coleman A. Young Municipal Center in Detroit.

Affidavits for Precinct Delegates are accepted up to the close of the polls (8:00 p.m.) on Election Day at the elector's precinct.

Petition and affidavit forms are available at the Clerk's office during regular business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

A notice will be published and posted of the candidates, for township offices who have filed nominating petitions as they will appear on the official primary election ballot (MCL 168.554) and the same will become records open to public inspection. (MCL 168.555)

Sue A. Hillebrand, Clerk
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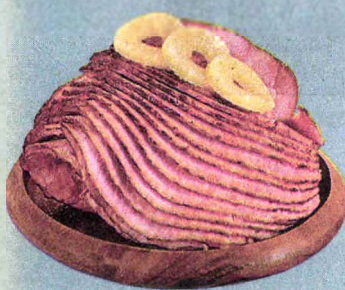
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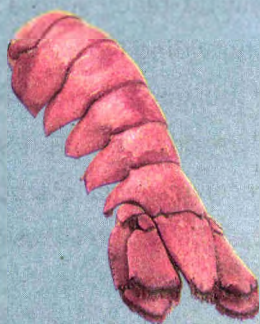
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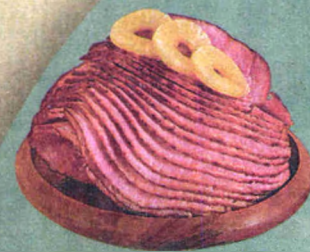
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BOYS LACROSSE PREVIEW

Shamrocks eye ultimate prize in Division 1 tourney

Northville returns veteran cast; Novi rebuilding with new coach

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Despite a limited preseason practice schedule, two-time MHSAA Division 1 boys lacrosse runner-up Novi Detroit Catholic Central hopes to literally hit the ground running for the 2016 season. The Shamrocks, who were scheduled to open the season Wednesday at home

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against Grosse Pointe South, made it all the way to the championship final last June only to fall to 11-time defending state champion and Catholic League rival Birmingham Brother Rice, 16-7. Catholic Central returns slew of veteran players, led by senior face-off specialist Alex Jarzembowski, who earned first team all-state and All-America honors last season as the

Shamrocks finished 16-6 overall. Jarzembowski has signed with the University of Detroit Mercy. Other first team All-Area returnees for the Shamrocks include senior attackers Rocco Mularoni (Hope College) and Justin Baker, along with junior midfielder Brennan Kamish and junior long stick Mike Molchan. Sophomore midfielder Peter Thompson earned second team All-Area honors, while senior long stick midfielder

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Catholic Central face-off specialist Alex Jarzembowski returns after earning All-America and first team all-state honors.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

PATRIOTS END MUSTANGS' RIDE IN QUARTERFINALS

Northville defeated, 41-29, ends season with 21-4 overall record

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Northville's count came up a little short Super Tuesday, March 15, as Kierra Fletcher and Warren Cousino took the winner-take-all Class A quarterfinal at Southfield High with a 41-29 victory.

The Mustangs, coming off the first girls basketball regional title in school history, couldn't overcome the 25-point game-high effort by Fletcher, a junior guard who made 7-of-18 shots from the floor and 11-of-16 free throws.

The Patriots (23-4) then went on to win the first state title in school history Saturday with a 67-65 win over Detroit King following a 60-45 semifinal win Friday over Hudsonville at Michigan State University's Breslin Center.

The performance by Fletcher was presidential-like and reminiscent of Cousino's 2014 Northville Holiday Tournament win over the host Mustangs, when she scored a game-high 30 in a 57-44 victory.

"Fletcher is a just a pain and she's a kid who gets into the paint for her shot, so she's real close to the rim, so she's one step away and her length is tough to deal with," Northville coach Todd Gudith said.

Northville (21-4) trailed by as many as nine points in the second quarter and by nine again with 3:28 remaining in the third, 28-19, when Fletcher split a pair of free throws after junior forward Jessica Moorman, the team's top scorer, picked up her fourth foul.

But the Mustangs closed the third quarter with a mini 6-0 run, capped by Brook Adams' basket with 55 seconds left to close the gap to 28-25 heading into the fourth.

Fletcher started the fourth with a basket. The big shot of the night came with only 4:19 left, when freshman Kate McArthur, who had gone 1-of-9 from the field up until that point, nailed a triple to put the Patriots up by seven, 33-26.

"She's got the green light. She's got ice water in her veins, she was meant to play basketball, she was born with a basketball in her hand and you'd never know she's a freshman," Cousino coach Mike Lee said of McArthur, who fin-



Northville's Jessica Moorman (right) goes in for the layup against Cousino defender Kate McArthur.

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GIRLS SOCCER PREVIEW

Novi, N'ville boast strong lineups once again in '16

Pheiffer takes over full-time duties for Wildcats, replacing O'Leary

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

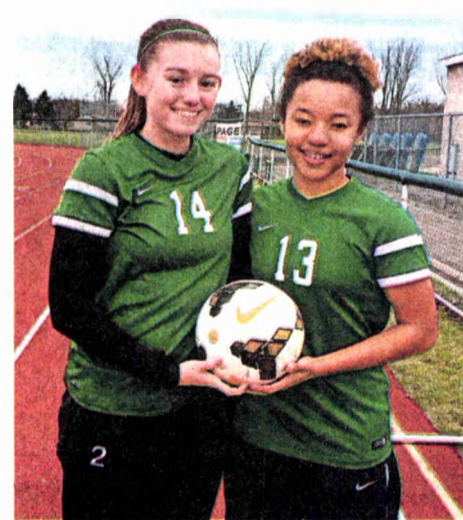
When Todd Pheiffer was offered the Novi varsity girls soccer position in February, he already knew what the expectations would be.

Pheiffer, who served as interim head coach last season after Brian O'Leary took a medical leave, is now full time after leading the Wildcats to a 9-4-4 overall record and a co-title in the KLA's Central Division with Northville.

"It is big shoes to fill," said Pheiffer, who also guided Ann Arbor Huron to an MHSAA Division 1 state crown in 2008. "You walk into our home field and there's six (state championship) banners in front of the press box. And that's one thing these girls know, that when you come to Novi, there are expectations coming in just because of the great things coach O'Leary did when he was here and the players from

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Novi returns first team All-Area seniors Megan Riley (left) and Chloe Allen.

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GIRLS LACROSSE PREVIEW

Mustangs hope to build upon banner campaign

Salemi leads Novi contingent that's small in varsity numbers

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

After a breakthrough 2015 season, the Northville girls lacrosse team hopes to parlay even more success entering its Tuesday, April 5, opener at Plymouth.

The Mustangs were truly a Cinderella story a year ago, going 16-2 and winning the KLAA's Kensington Conference title after finishing the previous season with a 1-13 record.

Second-year coach Amanda Asher knows the Mustangs won't be able to sneak up on their opponents season, despite after losing six key starters to graduation.

The biggest losses included three first team All-Area picks in Audrey Tatge (Stetson University), a center-midfielder who had 38 goals and 15 assists; Grace Guibord, an attacker who had a team-high 53 goals and 13 assists; and defender Shayla Croteau.

"We'll look a bit different in 2016, as 13 seniors (including six starters) graduated from last year's team," said Asher, whose team was ousted in last year's Division 1 regional opener by state semifinalist Ann Arbor Pioneer, 17-12. "But we'll reload with a talented group of underclassmen, including eight sophomores and two freshmen. The blend of key returnees and influx of skilled newcomers gives us hope for the 2016 season."

The Mustangs' top returning scorer is junior midfielder Emma Dietrich, a first team All-Area selection who had 35 goals and five assists. She will be joined by midfield holdovers Sarah Chase, a junior, and Charlotte Beaudoin, a sophomore.

Returning attackers for the Mus-



Northville's Emma Dietrich (left) earned first team All-Area honors last year after scoring 35 goals.

tangs include junior Ally Blough and senior Erin Scott, while sophomore Brianna Carr and junior Anastasia Heath-Sheppard will anchor the defense.

Junior Madison Caffee takes over in goal for the graduated Gabby Goree.

Novi outlook

The Wildcats (12-5-1) will be a lean, but hopefully a mean, fighting machine this spring in the KLAA's Kensington Conference.

"We graduated a lot of talent, primarily Alanna Clark," second-year coach Amy Kilgore said of the 42-goal scorer and first team All-Area selec-

tion. "She could have played lacrosse and had a lot of different college options, but chose to go to U-M and focus on school."

Morgan Statetzny, a first team All-Area midfielder who also registered 49 goals, graduated as well, but the Wildcats retain senior attacker Gina Salemi, a LaSalle (Pa.) University signee who played last summer for the Under-19 Israeli National Team.

Salemi, a first team All-Area pick and Division 1 honorable mention all-state choice, was Novi's top scorer last season with 57 goals.

"She'll be a huge leader and one of our captains, along with Lauren Chap-



Among the top returnees for the Novi girls lacrosse team are (from left) Rachel Bayer, Cecilia Hong, Mya Brown, Gina Salemi, Mariah Smythe and Katie McMaster.

man," Kilgore said. "Our junior captains are Mariah Smythe and Katie McMaster."

Smythe returns in goal after making first team All-Area and all-KLAA.

But with only 15 varsity players to open the season — scheduled for Thursday at home against Ann Arbor Huron — depth is a concern.

"It's going to be a small squad, which will give everybody a lot of playing time and a lot of time to develop," Kilgore said. "Obviously, you're concerned about injuries, but right now we're healthy and that's great. I think we'll improve much more rapidly than if we had a large squad, because they'll have a lot of time to work and have a lot of individual attention. The concern is just having subs and being healthy."

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Northville senior attack Brennan Sweeney scored 27 goals and added 33 assists last season.

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Andrew Caris and junior midfielder Nicholas Capatina also return.

"We'll only have three days of practices before the first game, so we'll have a lot to put in," CC coach Dave Wilson said. "I think our offense seemingly right now has high lacrosse IQ and they're pretty skilled. Hopefully, they'll share the ball and take care of business on that end. Defensively, we lost two seniors, but I think we'll be able to fill that area hopefully better than we have the past two years. That's kind of our question mark."

Northville loaded

The Mustangs (14-7) are coming off a KLAA Kensington Conference title and reached the Division 1 regional final before losing last June to Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

The biggest loss will be replacing Division 1 all-state and All-America choice Alec Melucci, who finished his senior year with 79 goals and 40 assists.

This Northville team will feature a more balanced scoring attack, led by first team All-Area midfielder Harry Dyson (26 goals, six assists), along with second team All-Area twins Brennan and Connor Sweeney, a pair of senior attackers who combined for 54 goals and 63 assists.

"Last year, we were more of a one-man offense, who would create and feed," Northville coach Greg Durham said. "This year, we're really team offensive oriented."

Senior Connor Wright, who also made second team All-Area, finished with 60 ground balls and 22 takeaways and will lead the defense.

Five Northville players have committed to play college lacrosse next season, including Dyson (Ohio Wesleyan), senior defender Antonio Corsi (Albion), the Sweeney twins (Guilford College, N.C.) and speedy senior midfielder Josh Bentley (Madonna University).

Durham has also revamped his coaching staff, giving the offensive coordinator job to Dylan Gelven, a 2011 Northville alum who was a two-time

NCAA Division II All-American at Seton Hill (Pa.). Gelven still holds the Northville single-season record for points with 120.

"I gave Dylan autonomy and he can run any offense he wants," Durham said. "He's running his old college offense. Dylan has a practice plan and the kids are buying in. It's great. A lot of construction, a lot of building."

Meanwhile, Pat McPartlin, who played at LeMoyné (Tenn.) University, where he won a couple of NCAA Division II titles as a player, is the new defensive coordinator. Also helping out is new Madonna coach Mike Walter.

"I couldn't ask for a better staff," Durham said. "We have a tough non-conference schedule. Our goal is to get to the regional final and win, which we've never done before."

New Novi coach

After spending two years as an assistant, Chris Johnson takes over the varsity coaching reins at Novi after Eric Hoffman was not retained following the 2015 season.

The Wildcats finished 12-6 last year, taking second behind Northville in the KLAA's Kensington Conference, while losing several key players to graduation.

Johnson, a 1997 Novi grad, played on the team's first state championship team (prior to the MHSAA tourney) in 1995.

He was able to get a sneak peak at his team during a scrimmage held Saturday and came away positive.

"We played four half-hour running clock games in Plymouth and we played some of the best teams in the state," Johnson said. "We played Birmingham (United) and Plymouth and what I saw was very encouraging. We came out really quick. For being the first time on the field as a team, we came out flying and looked like a team right away. I was really impressed."

The Wildcats, who were scheduled open their season Wednesday at Saline, will be led by junior midfielder Ian Patterson, along with senior attacker Griffin Sparling. Seniors Peter Miner and Kendrick Scherer will contest for the goalie position.

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BOYS LACROSSE TEAM CAPSULES

DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL

Head coach: Dave Wilson, 11th year.
League: Catholic League.
Last year's record: 16-6.
Titles won last year: Division 1 regional (state runner-up).
Notable losses to graduation: Zack Crawford (first team All-Area), Wyatt Engle, Dan Diederich.
Leading returnees: Alex Jarzembowski, Sr. Fogo (first team All-Area); Rocco Mularoni, Sr. attack (first team All-Area); Justin Baker, Sr. attack (first team All-Area); Mike Molchan, Jr. LS (first team All-Area); Brennan Kamish, Jr. MF (first team All-Area); Peter Thompson, Soph. MF (second team All-Area); Andrew Caris, Sr. LSM; Hunter Braun, Jr. G; Nicholas Capatina, Jr. MF.
Promising newcomers: To be determined.
Wilson's outlook: "We'll only have three days of practices before the first game, so we'll have a lot to put in. I think our offense seemingly right now has high lacrosse IQ and they're pretty skilled. Hopefully, they'll share the ball and take care of business on that end. Defensively, we lost two seniors, but I think we'll be able to fill that area hopefully better than we have the past two years. That's kind of our question mark. We have an absolutely brutal schedule with our regular conference foes, then add (Detroit) Country Day, Brighton, Upper Arlington (Ohio), New Trier (Ill.) and Loyola (Ill.) and St. Michael's (Ontario)... I may have gone overboard. All were factored in to challenge our team to make a deep run into the playoffs."



New Novi boys lacrosse coach Chris Johnson (middle) will rely on junior Ian Patterson (left) and Griffin Sparling.

be good and South Lyon (Unified) will be good, but I think we have the tools. Practices are so competitive. I told guys at the beginning of the year I don't know who's starting week-to-week. It could change. That's what makes practice great. We have a little rivalry between the offense and defense. It's awesome and fun to watch."

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Greg Durham, 14th year.
League: KLAA (Kensington Conference).
Last year's record: 14-7.
Titles won last year: Kensington Conference.
Notable losses to graduation: Alec Melucci (All-Area Player of the Year), Daniel Baldwin (second team All-Area), David Morrissey (second team All-Area), Alex Justice.
Leading returnees: Harry Dyson, Sr. MF (first team All-Area; 26 goals, six assists; captain); Brennan Sweeney, Sr. attack (second team All-Area; 27 goals, 33 assists; captain); Connor Sweeney, Sr. attack (second team All-Area; 60 ground balls, 22 takeaways); Josh Bentley, Sr. MF; Spencer Gonda, Jr. Fogo; Brendan Hicks, Sr. MF; Gabe Hoffman, Sr. Def.; Ty Kilar, Jr. attack (captain); Nate Holloway, Jr. Fogo; Antonio Corsi, Sr. Def.; Mason Williams, Sr. Def.; Abe Khoury, Soph. Def.; Anthony Salomone, Soph. attack; Zach Tardich, Jr. attack; Jacob Accardo, Sr. MF; Kyle Conditto, Jr. LSM.
Promising newcomers: Jeff Varner, Fr. G; Vaughn Browder, Sr. G; Max Schultz, Soph. Fogo-MF; Jacob Murphy, Jr. MF-attack; Ryan Paddock, Jr. Def.; Connor McKee, Jr. LSM; Nate Czarnota, Jr. MF; Ryan Figueroa, Soph. MF.
Durham's outlook: "I think we have a great staff, have great kids, they're all buying in. They're really a tight-knit group. With 19 to 20 kids returning from last year, they all know what they have to do. I think we could win the KLAA; that's our big goal. On the other side, there's Brighton, there's Hartland, to win the whole thing. But on our side, we should be able to do that. I'm not saying, 'no problem,' but I think we have a team that can get through there. I think Canton will

GIRLS LACROSSE TEAM CAPSULES

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Amanda Asher, second year.
League: KLAA (Kensington Conference).
Last year's record: 16-2.
Titles won last year: Kensington Conference.
Notable losses to graduation: Audrey Tatge (first team All-Area), Grace Guibord (first team All-Area); Shayla Croteau (first team All-Area), Liz Hansell, Paige Chapman, Gabby Goree.
Leading returnees: Emma Dietrich, Jr. MF (first team All-Area; 35 goals, five assists); Sarah Chase, Jr. MF; Charlotte Beaudoin, Soph. MF; Ally Blough, Jr. attack; Erin Scott, Sr. attack; Brianna Carr, Soph. Def.; Kelly Leary, Sr. Def.; Shannon Leary, Sr. attack; Anastasia Heath-Sheppard, Jr. Def.; Madison Caffee, Jr. G.
Promising newcomers: Kendall Wasik, Fr. attack; Alexandria Weissert, Jr. G; Jessica Tardich, Fr. attack; Sheldon Reese, Soph. attack; Stacie Shaw, Soph. attack; Amanda Malpede, Soph. MF; Olivia Lesh, Soph. Def.; Hana Koipilla; Anna Def.; Annabelle Lawrence, Jr. MF; Gillian Croteau; Soph. attack.
Asher's outlook: "The 2016 team will look to build on the most successful season in school history last year, which culminated in being crowned Kensington Conference champions. We'll be led by a strong midfielder of Emma Dietrich, Sarah Chase and Charlotte Beaudoin and also return two starting attack players, Ally Blough and Erin Scott, along with two starting defenders, Brianna Carr and Anastasia Heath-Sheppard."



Northville's Charlotte Beaudoin (left), a sophomore, returns in the midfield.

as well as the national level. Our goalie (Mariah Smythe) brings a lot of experience, plays year-round and brings a lot of leadership and is one of our junior captains. I brought up some girls from JV that have a wicked shot, girls like Emma Hixson and Hannah Richardson, and I really think Gina will be a prolific goal scorer for us this year."

THE WEEK AHEAD

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Monday, March 28
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BOYS LACROSSE
Saturday, March 26

Novi at Troy, noon.
Wednesday, March 30
CC at E. Grand Rapids, 5:30 p.m.
GIRLS LACROSSE
Thursday, March 24
A.A. Huron at Novi, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, March 28
Novi at Troy Athens, 7 p.m.
Wednesday, March 30
Novi at A.A. Skyline, 7 p.m.
GIRLS TENNIS
Wednesday, March 30
Saline at Novi, 4 p.m.

ALL-AREA WRESTLING

CC's Morland puts himself ahead of the curve

Division 1 171-pound state champ a cut above for Shamrocks' squad

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

As a sophomore last season, Tyler Morland found himself on the podium at the MHSAA Division 1 Individual Wrestling Championships as a third-place finisher at The Palace of Auburn Hills.

Morland, back in his customary 171-pound weight class as a junior, made the podium once again, but this time he was standing at the top as the 2016 champion with a 6-2 decision over Lapeer's Devon Pingel in the finals.

The triumph by Morland, who dominated his four state matches en route to a 45-1 record, avenged his only defeat of the season back in January to Pingel at the CC Invitational.

"Ty Morland is a fantastic individual who deserved to win a state title," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "He took the tough route and made a choice to go 171 to avenge his only loss on the year. In a day and age where student-athletes take the easy route to success, he defied that and took the more challenging route, which is impressive."

Morland, who went 27-2 his junior year, showed his versatility all season by moving up a weight class when needed as demonstrated by capturing the Oakland County championship this season at 189.

The junior captain was also an integral part of CC reaching the Division 1 team semifinals.

"He embodies the kind of person Catholic Central wishes to produce on and off the mats," Hancock said. "He carries 4.0 GPA and is an excellent classmate, humble scholar and positive representative of our community."

First team

Nick Jenkins, Sr., Detroit CC (285): After placing sixth as a junior, Jenkins became one of five CC wrestlers to win an individual state title with a 5-1 win over Dearborn Heights Crestwood's unbeaten Ali Wahab in the finals.

Wahab came in at 60-0 and had beaten Jenkins in three previous meetings. Jenkins was also regional runner-up, third at the district and third at Oakland County en route to a 39-10 record.

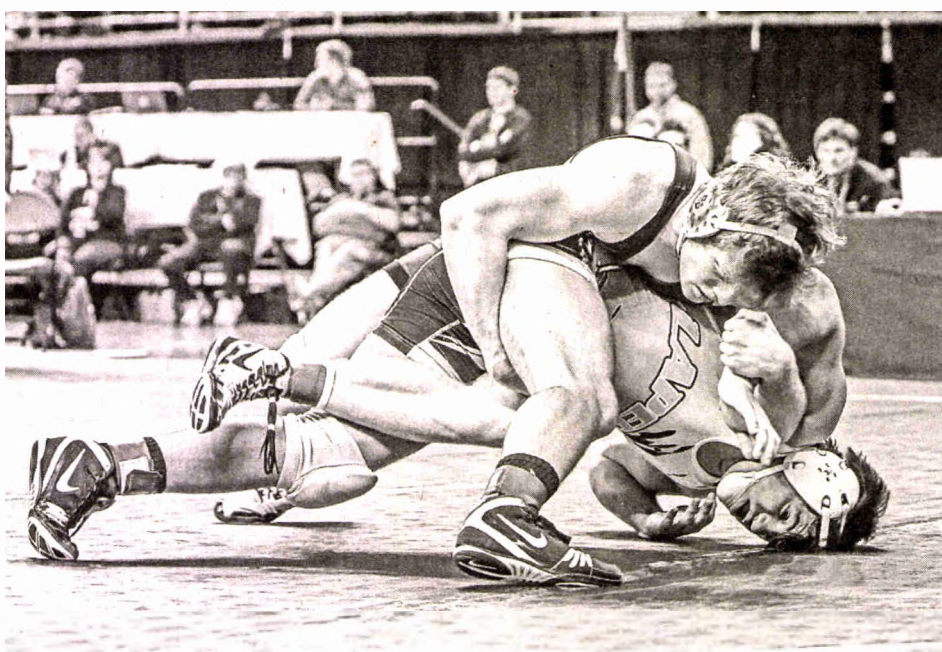
"Nick is a very committed, humble and hard-working individual," Hancock said. "Nick was in the perfect David vs. Goliath situation. Nick is a perfect example of why you never surrender a belief, a goal and an opportunity for success. He continues to carry the cross with him through his journey and has made us all proud in doing so."

Ben Kamali, Soph., Detroit CC (103): The transfer from East Lansing, who became eligible second semester, finished the year 20-1, capped by a state title at 103 pounds with a 10-8 overtime win over Ann Arbor Pioneer's Rayvon Foley.

Kamali was also regional runner-up and first-place finisher at the district.

"Ben is a complete pleasure to coach and interact with on a daily basis," Hancock said. "His work ethic in the room is contagious and his smile warms the cold days of Michigan winters. Ben executed a perfect game plan against Foley, who entered undefeated, with a previous win over Ben."

"Ben believed he was going to win



SCOTT CONFER

Catholic Central's Tyler Morland (top) was the Division 1 state champion at 171 pounds and was named All-Area Wrestler of the Year.

and wanted to do so for his family and his father, who is currently serving our country overseas in the U.S. Army. Ben wasn't able to share his match with his dad until the Monday after states, which brought tears of joy to the family."

Kevon Davenport, Fr., Detroit CC (119): He finished the season 47-3 overall, with first-place finishes at the district, regional and state finals.

Davenport's final victory came in an 8-2 decision over Davison's A.J. Facundo. Davenport was also the Oakland County champion at 125 pounds.

"I don't know if I've ever seen a more confident, poised and intellectual wrestler at this young of an age," Hancock said. "Kevon works very hard and takes this sport very seriously. He makes those around him better. He believes in his support system, his abilities and in Jesus Christ our Savior, which allows him to enter onto the mat with so much confidence. His willingness to move up a weight and wrestle quality competition says a lot about him as a teammate. Kevon has a passion for life and quality relationships, which is admirable."

Cameron Amine, Fr., Detroit CC (125): Amine wound up 39-9 overall, capped by a 6-0 win in the Division 1 finals over Southgate's Donte Rivera-Garcia.

Amine, the fourth CC freshman to win a state title, outscored his four opponents at The Palace, 14-0.

"Cameron, in my mind, if awarded, would've been handed the most outstanding wrestler award at the state tournament," Hancock said. "He knocked off quality wrestler after quality wrestler en route to winning the 125-pound state title. His ability to focus and his intensity levels are unmatched as a freshman. Cam never once complained about his state draw or bumping up weight classes to wrestle tougher competition; he used it as motivation."

He took first in the district and third at the regional, while also placing first at 130 at the Oakland County tournament.

"Cameron is a phenomenal teammate, with incredible leadership qualities, that are rare amongst student-athletes at his age," Hancock said. "He

is well-respected by his fellow classmates and teachers, which speaks volumes to his character and the humble way in which he carries himself."

Jackson Ross, Jr., Detroit CC (215): The captain finished 37-13 after taking sixth in the Division 1 finals following a runner-up finish at the district and third-place finish at the regional.

Ross also placed fifth at Oakland County.

"What a remarkable young man, who embodies the characteristics of Shamrock student-athlete," Hancock said. "Jack is passionate about CC, loves competition and is very committed to his brothers here at school. It's a complete honor to sit in his corner and watch the modest ways in which he carries himself. Jack had a fantastic season and capped it off by earning all-state honors. Jack is my favorite to win the state title next year at 215."

Stone Moscovic, Soph., Detroit CC (112): He placed sixth at the Division 1 finals after taking fourth at the regional and first in the district.

Moscovic, who finished 33-18 overall, also took runner-up honors at Oakland County.

"I'm very proud of Stone and all he's accomplished this season," Hancock said. "Stone had a season filled with hurdles of adversity and he overcame a lot, including injuries and other setbacks. He maintained his passion to compete, his work ethic increased as the year went on and he dug deep when it counted. Stone has the ability to win multiple state titles and I look forward to sitting in his corner over the next two years."

Aaron Rehfeldt, Sr., Detroit CC (130): The captain closed his career with a seventh-place finish in Division 1 after placing first at the district and second at the regional.

Rehfeldt, who went 33-18 overall, also placed third at 135 pounds at the Oakland County tournament.

"Aaron is a coach's dream," Hancock said. "He is a very humble, quiet and leader by example. While Aaron isn't your strongest or most athletic wrestler in the state, he makes up for it through his passion for the sport and improvement. Aaron is one of the hardest, quietest workers to step on the practice mats at CC. He doesn't need

ALL-AREA WRESTLING

WRESTLER OF THE YEAR
Tyler Morland, Jr., Detroit CC

FIRST TEAM

- Nick Jenkins, Sr., Detroit CC (285)
- Ben Kamali, Soph., Detroit CC (103)
- Kevon Davenport, Fr., Detroit CC (119)
- Cameron Amine, Fr., Detroit CC (125)
- Jackson Ross, Jr., Detroit CC (215)
- Stone Moscovic, Soph., Detroit CC (112)
- Aaron Rehfeldt, Sr., Detroit CC (130)
- Nolan Klavec, Jr., Lakeland (112)
- Willie Jackson, Sr., Novi (135)
- Aidan Wagh, Soph., Detroit CC (140)

HONORABLE MENTION

- Detroit CC:** Davis Rastigue, Jr. (112); Connor Cox, Sr. (160); Rhett Newton, Fr. (103); Tyler Johnson, Sr. (145); **Novi:** Cooper Smith, Sr. (189); Neil Haakenson, Sr. (160); Chris Silva, Jr. (103); Eric Wright, Soph. (130); Brent George, Sr. (152); **Northville:** Adam Lewis, Fr. (103); Omar Lahbiki, Soph. (119); **South Lyon:** Tanner Bryan, Fr. (125); Dawson Moll, Jr. (160); John Lay, Sr. (285); Derek Allen, Sr. (171); Dylan Theileman, Jr. (112); Travis Starr, Sr. (130); **South Lyon East:** Shane Patterson, Jr. (189); Max Hoorn, Soph. (103); Ian Clark, Sr. (160); **Lakeland:** Kameron Carter, Fr. (171); Michael Jacobs, Jr. (152); Bryant Thickstun, Sr. (189); **Milford:** Josh Wojcik, Jr. (171).

recognition, press or affirmation. He loves to compete and challenge himself. Aaron has made a lasting impression on our program that will be felt for many years to come."

Nolan Klavec, Jr., Lakeland (112): He finished the year 42-5 overall, highlighted by a victory in the Oakland County tournament.

Klavec was a state qualifier, going 1-2 after placing runner-up at the Division 1 regional and first in the district.

"He had a great year," Lakeland coach James Tippin said. "Didn't do exactly what we wanted him to do at the state meet, but there's no doubt he'll be back next year and we expect great things next year."

Willie Jackson, Sr., Novi (135): He was a state qualifier after taking fourth at the Division 1 regional and second at the district.

Jackson, who also took seventh in the KLAA tournament, finished 30-17 overall.

"Willie is a very gifted young man," Novi coach Joel Smith said. "He has worked hard this year, at the same time, carrying a very heavy load in the classroom."

Aidan Wagh, Soph., Detroit CC (140): He qualified for the Division 1 finals and finished the year 31-18 overall.

Wagh was also runner-up at the district, fourth at the regional and fifth in Oakland County (at 152 pounds).

"Aidan had a remarkable season for a sophomore," Hancock said. "He was tested all year and responded with positivity, focus and a determination to help the team. Aidan enjoys being in the room and working toward a goal with his teammates. He is very responsive and determined to be successful on and off the mats. We look forward to working with him and helping him accomplish his goals over the next two years."

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GIRLS SOCCER TEAM CAPSULES

NORTHVILLE

Head coach: Eric Brucker, seventh year.
League: KLAA Kensington (Central Division).
Last year's record: 16-4-5.
Titles won last year: Central Division (tied); Kensington Conference, KLAA Association and Division 1 district.
Notable losses to graduation: Emily Maresh (Player of Year); Tara Pawloski (first team All-Area); Kelly McHugh (first team All-Area); Morgan Gozdor (second team All-Area); Jenna Baughman, Erica Gumkowski.
Leading returnees: Maddy Westenberg, Sr. MF (first team All-Area, five goals); Sydney Schembri, Jr. F (three goals, four assists); Kendall Dillon, Soph. MF (second team All-Area); Alissa Moore Sr. MF (second team All-Area, four goals); Emily Boss, Sr. D; Kelsey Estes, Sr. MF; Abby Henzi, Sr. MF; Ryan Kearney, Sr. MF; Sarah Park, Sr. MF; Megan Williams, Jr. MF; Megan Krygier, Soph. MF; Nikki Skinner, Soph. D.
Promising newcomers: Nikki Buie, Jr. MF; Sam Rutkowski, Jr. D; Lauren Sibley, Jr. F; Ashley Troup, Jr. D; Carlie Castiglione, Soph. GK; Chelsea Edgar, Soph. F; Morgan Osaer, Soph. D; Roan Haines, Soph. MF; Nina Ciment, Fr. D; Jenna Lauderback, Fr. D.
Brucker's outlook: "We have a good mix of seasoned veterans and fresh new faces. Carlie Castiglione has big shoes to fill, replacing four-year letterman and all-state keeper Emily Maresh, but I know she is up to the challenge."
"We'll have a good understanding of how good we are within the first two weeks of the season, with opening games against Brighton, Canton, Walled Lake Northern and Novi. I feel this group of athletes will allow for a lot of flexibility in lineups and formations. This team will be in contention to defend their Central Division, Kensington Conference and Association championship titles."

NOVI

Head coach: Todd Pfeiffer, second year.
League: KLAA Kensington Conference (Central Division).
Last year's record: 9-4-4.
Titles won last year: Central Division (tied).
Notable losses to graduation: Amanda Minissale (first team All-Area); Christina MacMillan (first team All-Area); Devon Powers (second team All-Area).
Leading returnees: Chloe Allen, Sr. F (first team All-Area, 12 goals, five assists); Megan Riley, Sr. MF (first team All-Area, seven goals, five assists); Riley Schultz, Soph. D (second team All-Area); Aastha Dharria, Sr. GK; Jaclyn Schubring, Jr. Del.; Celine Roest, Sr. F; Jessica Halmaghi, Sr. F; Alex McAleer, Sr. F; Summer Mitchell, Sr. MF; Gracie Backus, Jr. MF; Annie Fischer, Jr. F; Bela Schultz, Jr. MF; Laine Fenchel, Soph. F; Mikayla Lynch, Soph. D.
Promising newcomers: Katrina Koomen, Sr. D; Jessica Bandyk, Fr. MF; Emmie Takada, Soph. MF; Lauren Calhoun, Fr. D.
Pfeiffer's outlook: "One thing I've learned is that there's a lot of potential. We have 15 returning players, half of them were starters last year, and then we had a great group of incoming freshmen and then some sophomores who didn't play last year because they're club (players). We've got actually four freshmen on the team, so we have a big roster this year and I'm looking to have as deep a bench as we can get. What's going to benefit us come playoff time is having a deep bench and plug people in at any time. What hurt us at the end of last year was a couple key players were out with injuries and we weren't as deep last year. It should be a good year. I'm super-excited about the potential of this team."

SOCCER

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before." Pfeiffer, who returns 15 players, spent five years as an assistant under O'Leary, who stepped down permanently from both the boys and girls positions over the winter.

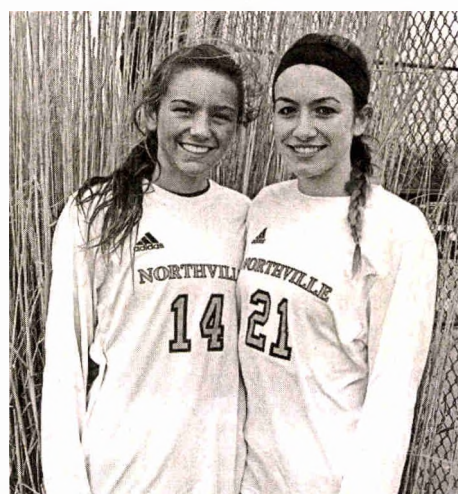
O'Leary guided Novi to five MHSAA Division 1 girls state crowns in 14 years and also had a boys state crown as well.

"It's hard enough to win one state championship, let alone six and three of them back-to-back," Pfeiffer said. "There's a lot of success this program has had. I know there's a lot of expectations in not only soccer, but every sport. This is a mecca of successful sports teams at Novi. And I'm a Novi alum, so I grew up here, so I know what it's all about. My family went through here."

It should be a seamless transition for the Wildcats, who boast four players who have already earned college scholarships, led by first team All-Area players Chloe Allen (Akron University) and Megan Riley (Central Michigan).

"We've got a lot of talent and the upperclassmen will lead the way," Pfeiffer said.

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BRAD EMONS

Two key returnees for the Northville girls soccer team are Alissa Moore (left) and Sydney Schembri.

League player Katrina Koomen (College of Charleston), a senior, also returns after a year's absence from the high school ranks and will help solidify the defense, which also includes returning starting senior goalkeeper Aastha Dharria and junior defender Riely Schultz, a second team All-Area pick.

Other key returnees include junior

defender Jacalyn Schubring, junior midfielder Gracie Backus and senior forward Alex McAleer (Schoolcraft College).

"One thing I was appreciative of being with coach O'Leary is that we had the same philosophies and ideas and beliefs," Pfeiffer said. "We have two state championships together when we were co-coaching (2010 and 2011). I think it's going to be a good transition for the team. I know what the expectations are here and they know the expectations are here."

Northville outlook

The Mustangs (16-4-5) rode the hot goalkeeping last year of Emily Maresh, who earned All-Area Player of the Year honors after allowing just 10 goals and recording 15 shutouts.

Maresh, who posted a career record to 50-6-5 with only 23 goals against and 41 shutouts, went on to star on Grand Valley State University's 2015 NCAA Division II national championship team.

Maresh's heir apparent is sophomore Carlie Castiglione.

"Castiglione has big shoes to fill, replacing four-year letterman and all-state keeper Emily Maresh, but I know she is up to the challenge," said seventh-year Northville coach Eric Brucker-

er, who guided the Mustangs to an undefeated 2014 state championship season.

Northville will defend its KLAA Central, Kensington Conference and Division 1 district titles with a capable cast that made it to the regional semifinal before being ousted by Grand Blanc.

Among the key returnees is first team All-Area midfielder Maddy Westenberg, a three-year varsity performer who had five goals and one assist.

Westenberg, a senior, is joined by second team All-Area picks Kendall Dillon, a sophomore midfielder, Alissa Moore, a senior midfielder, and Sydney Schembri, a senior forward.

The Mustangs will have a challenging early season schedule, facing Brighton, Canton, Walled Lake Northern and Novi, all contending teams in the KLAA.

"We have a good mix of seasoned veterans and fresh new faces," Brucker said. "I feel this group of athletes will allow for a lot of flexibility in lineups and formations. This team will be in contention to defend their Central Division, Kensington Conference and Association championship titles."

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ALL-AREA BOYS HOCKEY

CC's Mancinelli helped fuel state title run

Shamrocks forward named
All-Area Player of the Year

Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Joseph Mancinelli proved to be a valuable asset once again this season on Novi Detroit Catholic Central's forward line.

The senior, named All-Area Hockey Player of the Year, paced the MHSAA Division 1 state champions (24-7) in scoring with a team-high 21 goals to go along with 18 assists after tallying 16 goals and 13 assists as a junior.



Mancinelli

"He's obviously very offensively gifted," first-year CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said of the first team all-Catholic and Division 1 all-stater. "He scored some big goals for us also year and was our leading goal scorer."

Although small in stature, Mancinelli, nicknamed JoJo, played his best hockey on the biggest stages during his two-year CC career, which culminated in a pair of state championships. (His brother Domenic, now a standout golfer at Grand Valley State, was also member of CC's state championship hockey team in 2013-14.)

"He could create; he's a quick guy," Kaleniecki said. "Not the biggest guy, but he had a knack to kind of score. He found a way to get himself in good position. He was able to kind of create a lot of offense for our team and he created some opportunities for himself."

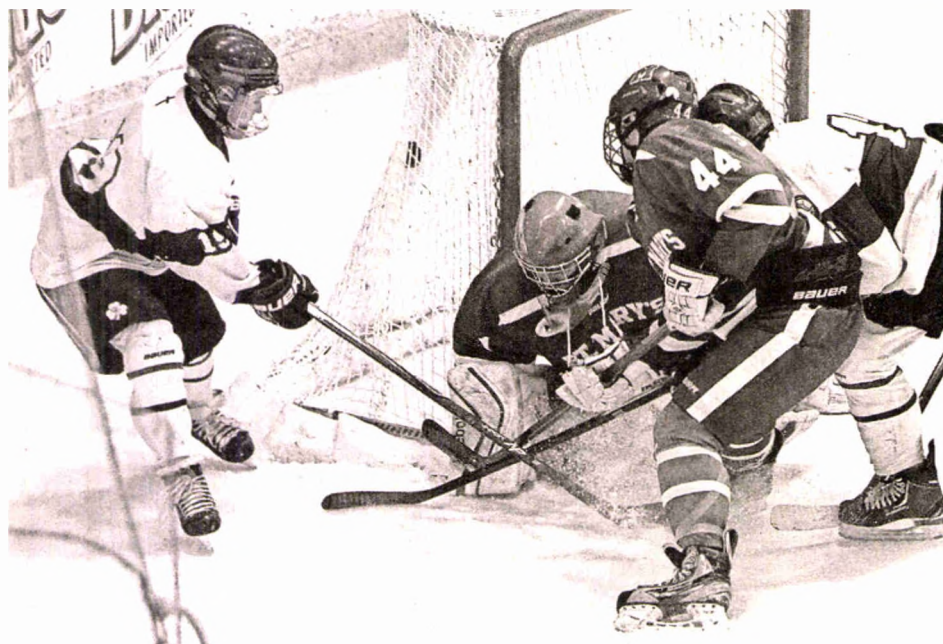
It was a bittersweet ending to Mancinelli's career, as he had to exit CC's 3-0 state championship victory over Brighton prematurely in the second period with a concussion.

"I'm sure he was disappointed with what happened, but he was able to join us after in the celebration," Kaleniecki said.

First team

Brett Miller, Jr. G, Northville: He posted a .917 save percentage and had a 2.30 goals-against average with two shutouts en route to all-KLAA and second team Division 1 all-state honors.

"When he played, we knew we'd be competitive. He had some real big games for us," Northville interim coach Jon Gates said. "The team really respected him the way he worked, the way he played. He could lift the team around him at times."



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Detroit Catholic Central's JoJo Mancinelli (left) was named Player of the Year after scoring a team-high 21 goals and adding 18 assists for the Division 1 state champions.

Alex Kreutzer, Sr. D, Detroit CC: He was the Shamrocks' top point-getter on defense with two goals and 18 assists while earning first team Division 1 all-state honors.

"Alex was a real solid defenseman and made real good decisions with the puck, which led to a pretty good offensive season," Kaleniecki said. "When he was on the blue line, he always got his shot through and created opportunities for other guys to score."

Brennan Martin, Sr. D, Novi: The team MVP, he was a two-time honorable mention Division 2 all-state selection who finished his season with seven goals and 14 assists.

"He's a three-year player, a captain and everyone respects him," Novi coach Mark Vellucci said. "I honestly wish I had another year with him with the guys we have coming back next year. He wants to go to the next level. He's done everything the right way and never caused any problems. He is what a high school student-athlete is all about, good grade-point average and a great young man."

Kyle Mulka, Sr. F, Detroit CC: He made second team Division 1 all-state after posting 30 points with 10 goals and 20 assists.

"Kyle is another one of our smaller forwards, a little bit kind of a water bug," Kaleniecki said. "He moved the puck, he works hard and he's really

skilled when he gets the puck. He played a lot with JoJo and, between them, they can make some nice plays. He always gave us something when we needed it."

J.P. Lafferty, Sr. F, Detroit CC: He was a second team Division 1 all-stater after ranking second on the team in points (31) with 11 goals and 20 assists.

"He's more of a north-south guy, has a very hard shot, great release," Kaleniecki said. "And he could be a real strong fore-checker. When he was moving his feet, he was strong on pucks and could create turnovers and a lot of offense. He's a strong skater, very effective on the PK. He could put teams under a lot of pressure."

Kyle Dann, Sr. F, Northville: He made all-KLAA and second team Division 1 all-state after finishing the year with 13 goals and 10 assists.

"Kyle was a third-year player for us, a senior captain who was always working hard, always moving his feet," Gates said. "He's real big and strong, a physical presence more than he had been the last two years. He competed really hard and, because of that, had a really good senior year."

Second team

Alec Calvaruso, Sr. G, Detroit CC: An honorable mention Division 1 all-stater, he finished the year with a 20-6 record with eight shutouts and a 1.51

2016 ALL-AREA BOYS HOCKEY

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

JoJo Mancinelli, Sr. F, Detroit CC

FIRST TEAM

Brett Miller, Jr. G, Northville
Alex Kreutzer, Sr. D, Detroit CC
Brennan Martin, Sr. D, Novi
Kyle Mulka, Sr. F, Detroit CC
J.P. Lafferty, Sr. F, Detroit CC
Kyle Dann, Sr. F, Northville

SECOND TEAM

Alec Calvaruso, Sr. G, Detroit CC
Nick Williams, Sr. D, Northville
Luc Krasicky, Sr. D, Detroit CC
Blake Kocsis, Sr. F, Lakeland
Riley Brass, Sr. F, Northville
Nick Langley, Sr. F, Lakeland

HONORABLE MENTION

Catholic Central: Nick Macari, Sr. F; Brian Kearns, Sr. F; Sheldon Wasik, Sr. F; **Northville:** Zac Osaer, Sr. D; Jack Sargent, Soph. D; **Novi:** Jake Cyr, Sr. F; Brandon Kour, Jr. F; **Lakeland:** Austin Gogola, Jr. G; Bryant Cohen, Sr. F; Ricky Rayner, Jr. F; **South Lyon Unified:** Nathan Smith, Sr. F; Jared Paugh, Sr. G; Sean Millane, Jr. F; Evan Tasker, Sr. D; Garrett Weyh, Jr. F; **Milford:** Vinnie Szerlag, Sr. G; Dillon Tierney, Sr. F; Jake Pobur, Sr. F; Chase Spadoni, Sr. F; Michael Osinski, Jr. D.

goals-against average to go along with a .920 save percentage.

Nick Williams, Sr. D, Northville: He made all-KLAA and honorable mention Division 1 all-state while finishing with six goals and 10 assists.

Luc Krasicky, Sr. D, Detroit CC: An honorable mention Division 1 all-state selection, he was the backbone of the Shamrocks' blue line, finishing with two goals and 13 assists.

Blake Kocsis, Sr. F, Lakeland: He led the Eagles with 44 points on 24 goals and 20 assists en route to all-KLAA honors. Kocsis also had two power-play and two short-handed goals.

Riley Brass, Sr. F, Northville: An all-KLAA selection, he helped the Mustangs to a top 10 ranking in Division 1 while scoring nine goals and adding 16 assists.

Nick Langley, Sr. F, Lakeland: He made all-KLAA, scoring 10 goals and adding 27 assists, while taking just eight minutes in penalties.

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USA HOCKEY

Short-handed goal by Phantoms edges U.S. NTDP U18s

Tim Smith
Staff Writer

Sunday afternoon's USHL game featured an untimely momentum shift for the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 squad.

Just 19 seconds after Youngstown's James Winkler received a major penalty and game misconduct for slamming U.S. defenseman Luke Martin into the boards from behind, the Phantoms snapped a 1-1 tie on a short-handed goal.

The perfect shot taken by Noah Lalonde flew over the blocker of U18 goaltender Joseph Woll at 12:33 of the final period, putting Youngstown up 2-1. That's how the contest ended, to the dismay of about 1,100 fans at USA Hockey Arena.

"It was a bad turnover and we didn't support the puck very well," U.S. head coach Danton Cole said. "You know what, we got a little lackadaisical and we paid for it."

"Then we just couldn't get the next goal. Sometimes, you get what you deserve."

Team USA did have the remaining 4:41 of Winkler's penalty to do some-

thing on the power play, but the home team could not muster much of an attack.

In the meantime, the Phantoms nearly cashed in a second short-handed goal when Alex Esposito crossed the U.S. blue line and had a clear cut path to Woll.

But out of nowhere, forward Clayton Keller dove to knock the puck off of Esposito's stick.

On the doorstep

In the final minute, Keller — who scored the lone U.S. goal of the day — nearly had the equalizer.

He took a sharp-angle shot from the left side of the Youngstown net that goalie Ryan Bednard got a piece of. The puck got behind Bednard and slid close to the goal line before the play was whistled down.

"Their goalie just had it smothered up; we thought it was loose," Keller said. "But I guess it's just how it goes. They just played harder than us."

Bednard stopped all 14 shots he faced in the final period, including a glove stop on U.S. forward Kieffer Bellows that looked headed for the back of

the Youngstown net.

Earlier in the third, defenseman Adam Fox wheeled in from the half-wall and clanked a shot off the crossbar.

On the board

Keller and his linemates Bellows and Joey Anderson did display plenty of tic-tac-toe passing during the contest.

A prime example of that resulted in the U.S. goal, at 8:52 of the middle period to tie the score at 1-1.

Bellows backhanded a centering pass from the right corner that Keller chipped in for his 12th USHL goal of the season. Also assisting was Anderson.

"Our 'D' made a good (play) at the red line," Keller said. "And then Joey had a nice chip to Kieffer and he threw it to the net and I got lucky. It hit off the side of my shin pad."

Youngstown opened the scoring at 4:18 of the second period, just six seconds into a power play.

Off the face-off, forward Yushiroh Hirano snapped a shot from the right point that linemate Chase Pearson tipped past Woll (26 saves).

The game was the U18s first in nearly two months at USA Hockey Arena

and the team has one more home game (March 31 against Muskegon) before going to Grand Forks, N.D., for the 2016 IIHF World U18 Championships.

"We haven't lost many games here. Usually, we play real well," Cole said. "I thought we were OK, we weren't great and then you leave the game up to chance."

They'll be ready

Despite Sunday's loss, Keller said he and his teammates are gearing up for the U18 tournament, which will end the group's two-year stint together.

In the NTDP, players are brought in for the U17s and remain together the following year before moving on to college teams and other programs.

"I think we're getting better every day," Keller said. "We struggled a little bit over in Finland and we're just starting to get out of that."

"We're playing better and more simple and we'll be ready. It's a big tournament and something that we work for here in our two years. Everyone will be fired up for that."

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ished with eight points. "She hates when I tell her when it's layups only, but she's got the green light until the bitter end."

Northville sophomore guard Kendall Dillon, however, answered with a triple 31 seconds later to cut the deficit to 33-29, but the Mustangs would not score the rest of the way as Fletcher scored six of Cousino's last eight points to seal the win.

"They hit a big triple to go up six and we hit a big triple to take it to four and just when you think you're close and we're within striking distance, a possession we give up when we should have had it," Gudith said.

Only four players scored for the Patriots, who shot only 12-of-41 from the field (29.2 percent). But Cousino made up for its shooting woes by going 15-of-22 from the free-throw line led by Fletcher's 11-of-16 effort.

Fletcher also demonstrated that she's not only a proven scorer, but she can delegate as well.

"Coach (Lee) has always told me to play my game," Fletcher said. "He doesn't want to try and adapt my game to them. He wants them to adapt to me and I think that's the big part about it. So when they collapsed on me, I got it



JOHN STORMZAND | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Northville's Lindsey Rathsbull chases after a loose ball during the Class A quarterfinal against Warren Cousino.

out to my shooters or got it into the blocks and that's how we kept getting easy layups or 3-pointers for Kate (McArthur)."

After Northville cut it to four mid-

way through the final quarter, Lee called a strategic timeout.

"He was just telling me to keep being aggressive and try and take the game over, because I was kind of playing a little soft," Fletcher said. "He wanted me to start being more aggressive and getting to the foul line, so we could ice the game."

Northville started out the game a bit shaky, but trailed only 10-9 after one quarter.

"Early on, part of it is nerves," Gudith said. "We were shooting foul shots against their crowd and I think it got in our kids' head a little bit. We had a couple of shots at the rim early on that we just didn't finish. I'm not saying it would have made the difference, but it certainly would have given us that boost we needed to jump-start the game."

The 6-foot Moorman, who helps bring the ball up against the press, went to the bench late in the first quarter after picking up two quick fouls.

"We couldn't be as aggressive," Gudith said. "We had a couple of our better defenders in foul trouble and those are the ones we wanted to put on Fletcher so, obviously, they were a little more hesitant. We wanted to sag off of her early in the game, because we knew she wasn't a 3-point shooter. We just wanted to make sure we stopped her getting to the lane. Late in the game, the last quarter-and-a-half, we had to

start putting on a little more pressure and get the ball out of her hands and kids were a little hesitant because they didn't want to come off the floor, so that's what we were dealing with."

Adams, a junior center, finished with a team-high 14 points, while Moorman added five. Northville's three other starters combined for just six. Jasmin Prince contributed four off the bench.

Northville went 11-of-32 from the floor (34.3 percent) and only 4-of-11 from the foul stripe (36.3 percent). The Mustangs also committed 18 turnovers to Cousino's 12.

Despite the disappointing setback, it will go down as the most successful girls basketball season in Northville school history. And four of the team's five starters will return next year with Lindsey Rathsbull, a starter, and Julia Calderon, a reserve, being the team's only graduating seniors.

"It's awesome," Gudith said of playing in a quarterfinal. "Like we told the kids in the locker room after the game, we'll ride with those 13 girls all the time. We'll take them every year. It was a great experience and the chemistry is what really was the big difference this year. It was a joy to come to practice every day. It's a group that really cares about each other and that showed throughout the year."

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Rise and Shine

The Northville Chamber of Commerce will host a networking event 8-9 a.m. Wednesday, April 6, at Trust and Obey Paw-sitive Dog Training, 43145 W. Seven Mile Road, Northville. Join chamber members for morning networking and light refreshments. The event is free, but RSVP to tracincoc@northville.org or 248-349-7640, ext. 22.

Joins firm

Maddin, Hauser, Roth & Heller, P.C., has announced the addition of Associate Vanessa L. Bailey of Northville to the firm's Consumer Finance/Regulatory Compliance and Real Property Litigation practice group.

The announcement was made by the firm's president and CEO, Steven D. Sallen. "The addition of Vanessa Bailey to our growing firm further enhances our ability to provide highly responsive, cost-effective solutions for our clients in the Consumer Finance/Regulatory Compliance and Real Property Litigation area," he said.

Bailey earned her bachelor of business administration from the University of Hawaii with dual majors in finance and international business. During her junior year of high school, Bailey was recruited by the University of Hawaii women's soccer team and received a full, four-year athletic scholarship.

In 2014, Bailey received her law degree from Wayne State University Law School. While in law school, she served as a legal intern to

Judge Colleen O'Brien, who was appointed to the Michigan Court of Appeals Second District in October 2015.

New optical center

SVS Vision has opened two new optical centers, one in Northville the other in Sterling Heights. The Northville office is located at 18835 Traditions Drive.

The Northville office is the first SVS Vision location in Northville. As part of its continued expansion, SVS Vision is scheduled to open several additional offices in 2016. Currently, SVS Vision has 67 optical centers across the Midwest, with 48 locations in Michigan.

"We're continuing with our aggressive expansion plan," said Lisa Stann, executive vice president and chief operating officer of SVS Vi-

sion. "Our plan is to continue opening new optical centers, most of them within Michigan. We'll continue to hire new employees for our retail offices and our Michigan-based manufacturing, and corporate operations."

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Level One Bank, a member of the Northville Chamber of Commerce has received an A-plus national financial health rating from DepositAccounts.com, which places it in the highest tier - 10 percent - of the approximately 13,000 federally insured banks and credit unions nationwide, in terms of financial health. The rating signifies Level One Bank's outstanding performance in achieving exceptional fiduciary standing.

New brewery opening this weekend in Wixom

Philip Allmen
Staff Writer

There will be another choice for craft beer aficionados starting this weekend.

Drafting Table Brewing Co. announces its grand opening, planned for noon to midnight Saturday.

Eight different beers will be on tap for the event. The brewery highlights four brews it calls on its website its flagship beers. Rezolute IPA is a west coast-style India pale ale. Kommon Kolsch is a German ale. Porter is an English-style beer with chocolate, coffee and toasted biscuit flavors. Witty Yank is an American wheat ale brewed with oats and dry hopped with grapefruit and orange zest.

The brewery does not serve food. Instead, its owners encourage patrons to order takeout and bring the food into the brewery while enjoying a cold one.

"We are so glad to finally be opening our doors after almost a year of construction and government approvals," owner and head brewer Aaron Rzeznik said. "We will have quite a variety of

beer styles and plan to start with some of my favorite recipes, such as a saison, IPA, stout and Imperial IPA, to name a few. We have been brewing day and night to make sure that we will have plenty of beer on tap."

The pub side of the operation was designed by Aaron's wife and co-owner, Kristin Rzeznik, who also works professionally as an interior designer.

"We created a blend of an industrial and natural interior by using an assortment of materials, including wood, concrete, brick and metal," she said.

"We incorporated some unique design elements, including a bar top that is a mix of live-edge wood and concrete, a drafting table top wall to house the mugs for members, hand-crafted tables, brick walls and wall art made up of drafting tools, blue prints and sketches. The space is warm and inviting, due to a blend of paint colors, brick and creative lighting."

Drafting Table Brewing Co. is located at 49438 Pontiac Trail in Wixom. Call 248-956-7279 or go to www.draftingtablebeer.com.

Primanti Bros. restaurant chain to open new location in Novi Town Center

Management of Novi Town Center announced that a Primanti Bros. restaurant is expected to open in the center in late summer 2016.

Founded in 1933 in Pittsburgh, Pa., Primanti Bros. restaurants are well known for their "Almost Famous" sandwiches, pizza, beer and

wings. The new restaurant will be located at 43335 Crescent Crescent Blvd. For more information, go to www.primantibros.com

"With their reputation for great food that's well-priced and served in casual and fun surroundings, we're excited to announce Primanti Bros.

is coming to Novi Town Center," general manager Jim Clear said. "The new Primanti Bros. will add still another unique dining experience at the center."

Primanti Bros. has 31 locations, mostly in Pennsylvania. Five more locations are expected to open this year, including

spots in Novi and Taylor, the first forays into Michigan for the chain.

Novi Town Center is a multi-tenant, lifestyle center located at 12 Mile and Novi roads in Novi. Go to www.novitowncenter.com or contact Clear at 248-347-3830 for more information about the center.

Family foundation supports Children's Hospital research

Every year, 40,000 American children are born with a congenital heart defect, affecting approximately one among 120 babies. Jacob Dougherty, son of Mike and Erin Dougherty of Novi, was born with a congenital heart defect and underwent successful surgery at Children's Hospital of Michigan.

The Doughertys wanted to help other families whose children face life-threatening cardiac defects. They established The Heart of a Child, a nonprofit foundation, to raise funds for congenital heart defect research and treatment. The 2016

Heart of a Child Dinner and Silent Auction, held in January 2016, raised \$36,000 for Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation. Since its inception, The Heart of a Child (theheartofachild.net) has donated more than \$300,000 for research to improve cardiovascular surgery outcomes for children.

"We are very grateful for this support to expand what we know about congenital heart defects and to improve pediatric cardiac care. The Heart of a Child provides a great service for future patients and their families," said Tony Werner,

president and CEO of Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation.

Established in 2003, the Children's Hospital of Michigan Foundation is dedicated to advancing the health and healthcare of the children of Michigan. This is accomplished through philanthropic support for pediatric medical education, research, and community benefit programs. The foundation granted \$5.7 million in 2014 for vital pediatric health initiatives. The foundation is an independent public charity governed by a community board of 27 directors, and is a 501(c)3

charitable organization. Learn more at www.chmfoundation.org.

Are you ready to retire? Howell author helps answer question

Noe Hernandez
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Do you know your options if you lose money during retirement?

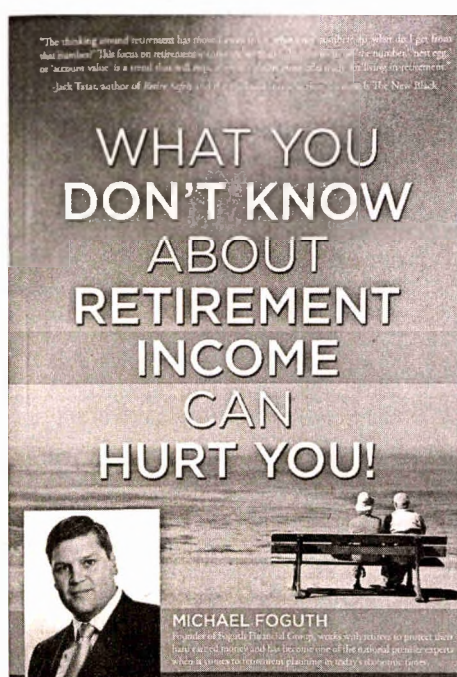
If you don't, a Howell resident's latest book might have the answers you need.

Michael Foguth, owner of Foguth Financial Group, 213 E. Grand River Ave. in Howell, co-wrote "What You Don't Know About Retirement Income Can Hurt You," his second financial planning book in the past 18 months. The book was published Jan. 25.

"You have two choices when you lose money in retirement: go back to work or reduce your income and nobody wants to do either one of those," Foguth said last week from his downtown office. "My goal is to build my clients a retirement plan that can withstand anything that happens during their life."

In his newest book, Foguth advises soon-to-be retirees to include a yearly cost-of-living increase in their retirement plan and know where their guaranteed money is coming from before they quit working for good. He also suggests having a crisis plan if they haven't given themselves enough time to plan for retirement.

In addition, his book also provides many other suggestions for an effective retirement plan.



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Foguth's first book, "Successonomics," which he co-wrote with Steve Forbes, was published in September 2014.

Foguth is a member of the Independent Excellence Group, a wealth management and financial planning organization that represents the top quarter of 1 percent of all independent advisers.

Foguth, 34, and his wife Brooke moved to Howell in 2008. Their four daughters attended Cornerstone Christian School in Brighton Township. They have a fifth child on the way.

He has a general business degree from Central Michigan University. He

coaches the T-ball and soccer teams of three of his four daughters.

Foguth, a 2000 Fenton High School graduate, plans on moving his business to Brighton by June 1 and hopes to move his family there in about two years.

"I love this area," he said. "I love the community feel. I love the fact that you can go to the store and bump into clients, classmates, friends and parents."

Foguth Financial Group is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to order a book, go to foguthfinancial.com or call 517-618-7207.

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DATE: March 24, 2016
PROJECT: Novi Community School District
BP10 - High School Auditorium Upgrades / IDS Project No. 14207-1000 BP10
Novi, Michigan
OWNER: Novi Community School District
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Novi, Michigan 48374
ENGINEERING/ TECHNOLOGY DESIGNER: Integrated Design Solutions, LLC
Architecture, Engineering, Interiors & Technology
1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200
Troy, MI 48098
(248) 823-2100 Fax (248) 823-2200
BIDS RECEIVED: Until 3:00 pm local time on April 14, 2016, the Owner will receive sealed Bids for the work as set forth in the Bidding Documents at: Attention: Steve Barr, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations
Novi Community School District
Educational Services Building
25345 Taft Road
Novi, Michigan 48374

At which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. A bid tabulation summary will be available.

The Bidding Documents will be on file on and after March 24, 2016, and may be examined at the following location during regular business hours, Monday through Friday: The offices of Integrated Design Solutions, LLC, 1441 W. Long Lake, Suite 200, Troy, MI 48098, (248) 823-2100

The Engineering/Technology Designer will furnish electronic documents to the Bidders. The documents may be downloaded from: <http://cloud.ids-troy.com/bids/bids/novi/hsauditorium>. Bidders are responsible to check the website from time to time to verify they have all addenda, requests for information and other documents related to the Bid.

A pre-bid conference and walk-thru is scheduled for March 31, 2016, at 3:00 pm local time. Bidders shall meet at Novi High School, 24062 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48375. Additional building walk-thrus, if required, shall be coordinated with the Engineer/Technology Designer.
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A pre-bid conference and walk-thru is scheduled for March 31, 2016, at 2:00 pm local time. All bidders are responsible for attendance at the pre-bid conference and walk-thrus. Bidders shall meet at the Educational Services Building (ESB), 25345 Taft Road, Novi, Michigan 48374. Additional building walk-thrus, if required, shall be coordinated with the Engineer/Technology Designer.
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A growing share of home buyers are millennials, and more of them are purchasing single-family homes outside of urban areas, according to a study.

Millennials often buy single-family home, study finds

A growing share of home buyers are millennials, and more of them are purchasing single-family homes outside of urban areas, according to the 2016 National Association of Realtors Home Buyer and Seller Generational Trends study, which evaluates the generational differences of recent home buyers and sellers. The survey additionally found that although student loan debt is more prevalent among millennial buyers, they aren't the generation with the largest student debt balances.

The share of millennials buying in an urban or central city area decreased to 17 percent (21 percent a year ago) in this year's survey, and fewer of them (10 percent) purchased a multifamily home compared to a year ago (15 percent). Overall, the majority of buyers in all generations continue to purchase a single-family home in a suburban area, and the younger the buyer, the older the home they purchased.

Lawrence Yun, NAR chief economist, says while millennials may choose to live in an urban area as renters, the survey reveals that most aren't staying once they're ready to buy. "The median age of a millennial home buyer is 30 years old, which typically is the time in life where one settles down to marry and raise a family," he said. "Even if an urban setting is where they'd like to buy their first home, the need for more space at an affordable price is for the most part pushing their search further out."

Added Yun, "Furthermore, limited inventory in millennials' price range, minimal entry-level condo construction and affordability pressures make buying in the city extremely difficult for most young households."

For the third straight year, the largest group of recent buyers were millennials, who composed 35 percent of all buyers (32 percent in 2014), more than the combined amount of younger and older boomers (31 percent). Generation X were 26 percent of buyers, and the Silent Generation made up 9 percent.

Financing the purchase

This year's survey underlined the challenges debt had

on some buyers' ability to purchase a home. While debt delayed saving for a down payment for a median of four years for all buyers, the number of years postponed increased from three years for millennials to six years for older boomers.

Among the share of buyers who said saving for a down payment was the most difficult task, millennials were most likely to cite student debt (53 percent) as the debt that delayed saving, while credit card debt was indicated more by Gen X (44 percent) and younger boomers (36 percent).

According to Yun, student debt is likely impacting more than just the millennial generation's ability to buy a home.

"Whether it's from financing their own education or borrowed for their children, it's somewhat surprising to see a higher median amount of student debt among Gen X (\$28,000) and younger boomer buyers (\$29,100) compared to millennials (\$25,000)," Yun said. "One of the many reasons housing supply has been subdued in recent years may be because a segment of homeowners have decided to delay trading up or moving down in order to pay down their debt, including from student loans."

This year's study found that 86 percent of all buyers in the past year financed their purchase (88 percent a year ago). Younger buyers who financed their home purchase most often relied on savings for their down payment, whereas older buyers were more likely to use proceeds from the sale of a primary residence.

Overall, the median down payment ranged from 7 percent for millennial buyers to 21 percent for older boomers and the Silent Generation. Nearly a quarter (23 percent) of millennials cited a gift from a relative or friend — typically their parents — as a source of their down payment.

Characteristics of buyers

The median income of millennial home buyers in this year's survey was \$77,400 (\$76,900 in 2014), and they typically bought a 1,720-square-foot home costing \$187,400 (\$180,900 a year ago). The typical Gen X buyer was 42 years old, had a median

income of \$104,700 (\$104,600 a year ago) and typically purchased the largest home compared to other generations (2,200 square feet), costing \$263,200 (\$250,000 last year).

Generation X buyers (71 percent) were the most likely to be married, younger boomers had the highest share of single female buyers (20 percent), and 12 percent of millennial buyers were an unmarried couple.

This year's survey found that the millennial generation's desire to own a home of their own as the primary reason for their purchase is increasing, up to 48 percent (39 percent a year ago). The desire for a larger home was the highest among Gen X buyers (16 percent), and older boomers (at 20 percent) were the most likely to buy because of retirement.

Searching for and buying a home

Nearly all buyers predominantly used the Internet and a real estate agent during the home search process. Eighty-seven percent of millennials and Gen X buyers used an agent, and they were also the most likely to use mobile or tablet applications and mobile or tablet search engines during their search. Gen X buyers were the most likely to visit an open house.

NAR President Tom Salomone, broker-owner of Real Estate II Inc. in Coral Springs, Florida, says buyers of all ages continue to seek the advice and guidance of Realtors. "Supply shortages, strong competition and rising home prices in today's market can make buying a home very stressful," he said. "While the Internet is the initial go-to destination to search for available listings, consumers want the expertise and insights of a Realtor® to help them find the right home within their budget."

Gen X buyers represented the largest share of single-family home buyers at 89 percent (85 percent a year ago), and younger boomers were the most likely to purchase a townhouse or row house (9 percent). A combined 3 percent of millennial buyers bought an apartment, condo or duplex in a building with two or more units (7 percent a year ago).

Among the biggest factors influencing neighborhood choice, millennials were most

influenced by the quality of the neighborhood (63 percent) and convenience to jobs (60 percent); convenience to schools was most desired by Gen X buyers, and proximity to friends and family by the Silent Generation.

Characteristics of sellers

Those more likely to be trading up (Gen X homeowners) or trading down (older boomers) represented the largest share of sellers in the past year, at 25 percent and 24 percent, respectively. Millennials — also likely to be move-up buyers — stayed in their home the shortest amount of time before selling (five years).

Even though younger sellers were more likely to need a larger home or move because of job relocation, older boomers were far more likely to move further away. Sellers overall moved a median distance of 20 miles, with older boomers traveling the furthest at 75 miles.

Across every generation at 88 percent or above, sellers overwhelmingly used a real estate agent or broker to sell their home. When asked what sellers wanted most from their real estate agent, younger sellers were more likely to want their agent to help price their home competitively or sell within a specific time frame, whereas help finding a buyer was desired more by younger and older boomers.

In July 2015, NAR mailed out a 128-question survey using a random sample weighted to be representative of sales on a geographic basis to 94,971 recent home buyers. The recent home buyers had to have purchased a primary residence home between July 2014 and June 2015. A total of 6,406 responses were received from primary residence buyers. After accounting for undeliverable questionnaires, the survey had an adjusted response rate of 6.7 percent. All information is characteristic of the 12-month period ending in June 2015 with the exception of income data, which are for 2014.

Condo amenity provides for garage storage

Q: I read somewhere about a car garage condominium. What can you tell me about it?

A: The concept is interesting in that it provides for you to store your car in a garage area where it can be taken out and run on a test track with, presumably, other amenities in the condominium. Almost anything can be condominiumized, and the notion here is that people will put their specialized vehicles in a garage facility so they can take them on a test track. Of course, as in any condominium, the rules and restrictions will have to be tailored to this type of condominium development and, as is the case with any type of commercial condominium, there must be cooperation among the owners and the administration on the condominium project to ensure that the goals of the condominium are met.

Q: I have a business on a thoroughfare that has had a temporary loss-of-access and which someone has referred to as "mere circuitry in travel." Do you think I have a basis for compensation?

A: There is much litigation regarding what is commonly referred to as "orange barrel litigation." For example, if a construction project forces cars to travel an additional distance through a detour to visit a particular business, it has imposed what is called a circuitry of travel. However, the courts have said that merely causing patrons to travel the additional distance does not constitute a taking as the Fifth Amendment of the U.S. Constitution discusses which means that in the case of a taking, you would be entitled to due compensation. Simply stated, if a business is unaffected by the fact that its patrons have to take a circuitous route to the shop, then the business has generally been deemed to have not suffered an injury, much less a pecuniary or substantial injury. However, if as a result of the fact that the only route to the business is circuitous, and customers stop patronizing a store, then the store has clearly suffered an injury. You are best advised to talk to an attorney who specializes in this form of real estate law.

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A late career change may be worth the risk

BY MARY LORENZ
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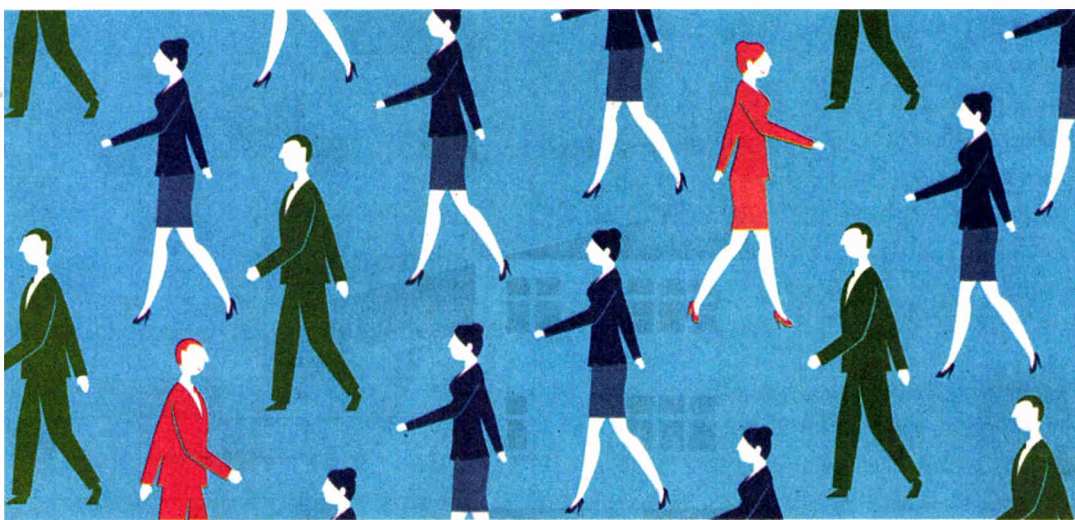
Ever dreamed of leaving it all behind to open a bed-and-breakfast in Vermont? Got a hunch you'd make one heck of a Hollywood screenwriter? Many of us fantasize about quitting our jobs to pursue passion projects, but the idea of starting from scratch in a completely new career can be terrifying — particularly if you have already been in the workforce for years.

Changing careers later in life, however, is not uncommon. And as many people can attest, the risks of actually going for something you have always dreamed about are well worth the rewards.

Whether you've lost that loving feeling for your current job or just can't shake the idea that there's something else out there for you, it's never too late to change careers. Consider these tips before you do.

Find your motivation.

Before you decide to change careers, ask yourself what is motivating your decision. "When job seekers are just running away from a bad career or work situation without understanding their motivation for the next role, they not only set themselves up for being in the same situation in



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a few years, but their lack of enthusiasm will come through in the interview process," says Leila Hock, a career strategy coach and founder of Alignment Coaching.

Be flexible.

"Many employers are reticent to hire 'older workers' — and particularly those who do not have the experience in their particular field — for a full-time job," says Art Koff, founder of RetiredBrains, an information resource for seniors. He suggests seeking work on a project basis, part time or seasonally. Starting small is a good way to get in the door and gain experience while still leaving time to enjoy the benefits of retirement.

Do your homework.

The only way to truly know if a career change is right for you is to actually do it. But the next best thing is talking to those who have gone before you. Tap into your personal and professional contacts to "network like crazy," says Lynne Sarikas, director of the Graduate Career Center at Northeastern University in Boston. "This is a great way to learn how others have made similar career transitions and to learn about the various roles in your desired field and the key skills (necessary) for success."

Recognize your deal-breakers.

Switching careers often

means making compromises. Ask yourself what you are willing to give up to make your dreams possible, advises Whitney Johnson, author of "Disrupt Yourself: Putting the Power of Disruptive Innovation to Work." For example, are you willing to work part time or on a contract or freelance basis? Are you willing to start from the bottom? Can you afford to take a pay cut? Are you willing to take classes to gain necessary skills? "Identify where you might make the change you want on terms that would work for you," Johnson says.

Don't sell yourself short.

Switching to a career in a field in which you have little to no experience can be tough,

and it's easy to get discouraged. But as someone new to the field, you have a lot to offer that is unique, so use that to your advantage.

"Focus on your transferrable skills," Sarikas says. "Don't focus on the part of the job description you haven't done before. ... Focus on your passion for the work and the skills and experience you bring to the table. Sell the hiring manager on the unique strengths and perspectives you bring to the position."

Concentrate on the rewards, not the risks.

"When you are later in your career, it can be scary to try to make a change and start over again," Hock says. Instead of focusing on what you might lose, concentrate on everything you will gain, from increased satisfaction to new experiences. Most importantly, remember that you've already proven you have what it takes to succeed in one career. "Focus on what has helped you succeed thus far and how that will propel you in your next career," she says.

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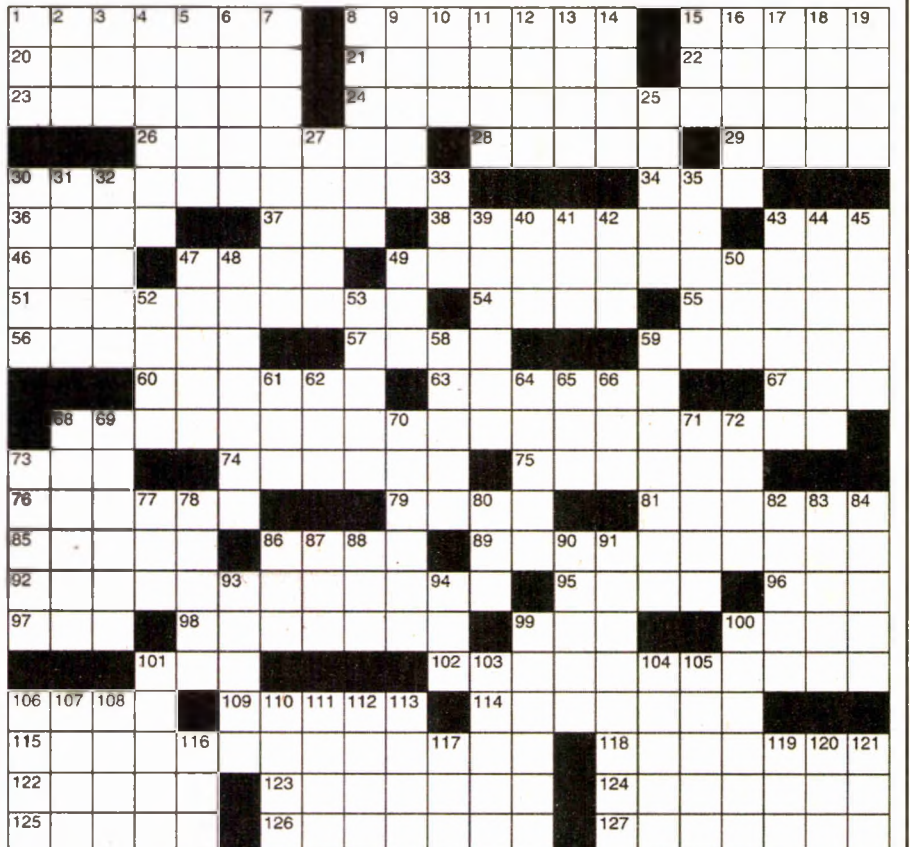
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Car Report

As New Serial One Campaign Demonstrates, Honda May Be Industry's Most Social Media-Savvy Brand



By Dale Buss

Honda is in the midst of launching one of its sleekest-styled and most interesting of its newest vehicles, the coupe version of the Honda Civic. But it's also starting a new social-media campaign that goes way back to the very beginnings of the brand's presence in the U.S. market.

Now Honda is following the restoration of Serial One, the initial version of the N600



which was the very first Honda that was sold in America, in 1969. Consumers can follow the progress of the restoration with weekly updates as N600 mechanic Tim Mings brings the vehicle back to life.

It's just 122 inches long and could actually fit between the wheels of some full-size vehicles

in the U.S., with an alloy engine that could reach only 81 mph -- but it was very fuel-efficient.

"We're so proud to bring the story of Honda's roots in the US to life through the restoration of this vehicle," Alicia Jones, social-media manager for American Honda, said in a release. It "really embodies the Honda Spirit."

Mings owns an N600 and has restored more than 1,000. Serial One had collected dust in a "junk pile" for almost 50 years. Honda said, but a "twist of fate" has helped bring it alive in this series.

Jones talked with me about Serial One and Honda's social-media strategy:

Of all the things that you could have done to boost the brand socially at this point, why Serial One?

Alicia Jones: We've been wanting to bring this to light for almost two years. We found the right time and the right moment and felt like it was a great opportunity to tell another Honda "Power of Dreams" [the current marketing campaign] story because there is such a tight connection between Tim's story and the car and the brand.

Compare and contrast this effort to other parts of the "Power

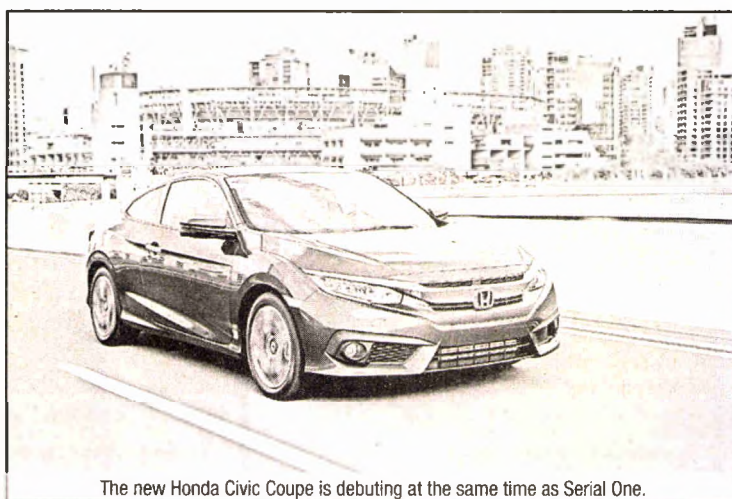
of Dreams" campaign, like that award-winning, two-minute TV ad, "Paper," which uses paper art to tell the history of Honda.

Jones: This gives us the opportunity to have content that lives for a long period of time, in iterative stages. Restoring a car takes quite a while and we've been capturing content along the way and will be showing it for 34 weeks via our social channels. So this is a social media-led campaign, and our intention is to tell the longer, emotionally driven, personal story of Tim and his vehicle, through all these different pieces of content we're going to create through a video series, GIFs and a Serial One site.

It gives us an opportunity to drive engagement. There are a lot of passionate people who love the brand, and this is an opportunity to instill that passion.

Of all auto brands, you're definitely a leader in the variety and depth of social-media marketing that you do. Are you trying to make it a differentiator for Honda?

Jones: It's all very strategically driven; it's definitely not by accident. We work really hard to create social content on an ongoing basis that is primarily driving engagement and wanting



The new Honda Civic Coupe is debuting at the same time as Serial One.

people to comment and share. That's ongoing. But then we have these greater opportunities and we seek out these greater storytelling opportunities, that's why we seem to do things differently.

Every year, we're looking for a great story-telling-based opportunity to talk about the brand. It's a hard thing to try to communicate brand meaning, or a deeper meaning to a brand, in a 30-second spot. But this story with the personal connection that Tim has is a hook that puts people in a more emotional place with the brand.

Is this a luxury given that you've got some important immediate needs, like ramping up Civic?

Jones: We are doing social-

media support for Civic. This [N600 campaign] is intended to support the brand as a whole. It gets to the roots of what social is all about -- our opportunity to have a direct, one-to-one relationship with customers instead of relying on them to take their Honda into a service bay.

What do you think is Honda's greatest overall need right now: to reflect on the brand or to promote some of your great new products like Civic and Ridgeline?

Jones: New product goes hand in hand with what people think about the brand. But we're in a great place with lots of fabulous new vehicles being released right now, and we've also had these great storytelling opportunities in social. You can't separate them.

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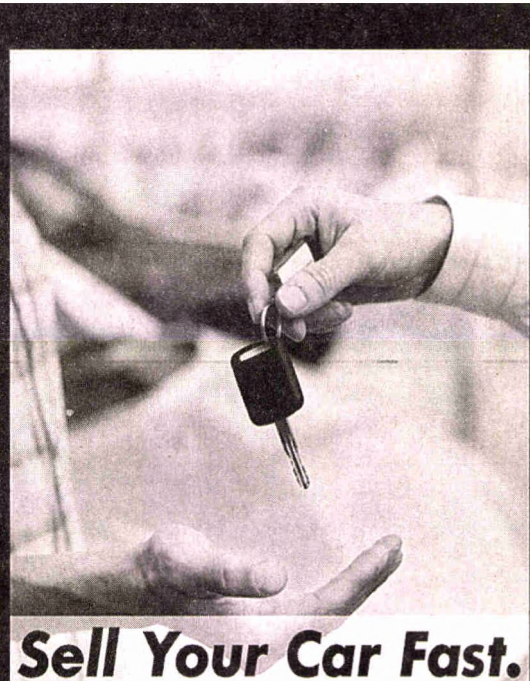
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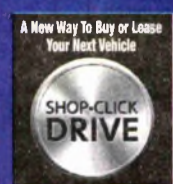
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