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County GOP hands out scholarships

The Oakland County Republican Party recently awarded \$2,500 to exceptional students as part of the 2017 Lincoln Scholarship Program.

» Molly Wagner, a 2017 graduate of Shrine Catholic High School in Royal Oak, was selected as the first-place \$1,000 Lincoln Scholarship winner.

» Aubreigh Wachowski, a 2017 summa cum laude graduate of Troy Athens High School, received the second-place \$500 Lincoln Scholarship award for her excellent submission.

» Cory Dubin's exceptionally written poem titled "The Great Fight" earned him the prestigious \$1,000 Pam Williams Memorial Award from the Oakland County Republican Party. Dubin, a graduate of Lakeland High School, plans to pursue a political science major at the University of Michigan.

Democrats to meet

The Democrats of West Oakland County host its next meeting Tuesday, July 18, at Novi United Methodist Church. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to www.dwoc.info or find the group on Facebook: Democrats of West Oakland County. Novi United Methodist Church is located at 41671 W. 10 Mile.

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Runestad announces candidacy

State representative will challenge for 15th District state Senate seat currently held by Mike Kowall

State Rep. Jim Runestad, R-Milford, announced his candidacy for the Michigan Senate, surrounded by supporters in his home following a march in the Milford Fourth of July parade.

"I ran for state representative to be a passionate advocate for freedom, justice and fiscal responsibility as a representative and chairman of the Judiciary Committee, I have

worked very hard to live up to voters' expectations and accomplish real reforms," Runestad said. "I would like to continue to do so in a larger capacity and, if elected to serve my Oakland County community in the Senate, I intend to keep doing what I've been doing and accomplish even more."

Runestad was first elected to the Michigan House in 2014. In a



Runestad

speech to supporters, he highlighted his various legislative accomplishments, including a recent law he authored to strip public officials convicted of corruption from their pensions, a bill to prohibit local governments from flouting immigration law and his role as Judiciary Committee chairman in advancing right-to-carry gun legislation.

"My foremost priority is

protecting and restoring the rights of citizens and ensuring that the force of government is never used to wrongfully separate people from their families, their livelihoods and their property," Runestad said.

The 15th District is presently represented by Sen. Mike Kowall, who cannot seek re-election due to term limits. The district includes Novi, South Lyon and Milford village and the townships of White Lake, Milford, Commerce, West Bloomfield, Lyon and Novi.



Two-year-old Adalyn and her 17-year-old mom Kennedy Griest share a kiss as they build Play-doh sculptures at their Green Oak Township home.

Trying to beat the odds as teen mom

Brighton girl, 17, goes through trials and tribulations after giving birth to her daughter as a 14-year-old high school freshman

Laura Colvin
Livingston Daily

The towheaded toddler plants one palm on each of her mother's cheeks. "This is my mama," the girl says, as if showing off her most prized possession.

For two hours, 2½-year-old Adalyn and her mom, 17-year-old Kennedy Griest, sit side-by-side making Play-doh sculptures while Kennedy talks candidly — spelling out words she deems unsuitable for small ears — about the shock of learning she was pregnant, about the classmates who bullied and harassed her and about the everyday trials and triumphs as she balances motherhood with high school.

She is determined to beat the odds and defy the statistics.

It was 2014, the summer leading up to her freshman year. Griest, then 14, was at a pool party with other popular kids from Scranton Middle

School in Brighton. Another girl snapped a photo, posted it to social media and added some commentary.

"She said, 'Oh my God, look. Kennedy's pregnant,'" Griest said. "People started asking and I was, like, 'No, I'm not. There's no way.'"

Griest and her then-boyfriend had been dating for more than a year. They began having sex when they were both 13. She knew how babies were made and says they were using condoms.

Still, as she remembers it, the risk of pregnancy never crossed her mind.

She didn't think she looked pregnant in the photo and she didn't feel pregnant — at least she didn't think she did. In hindsight, the symptoms seem clear.

Like during the eighth-grade trip to Washington, D.C., when she mistook morning sickness for the flu. Or the

missed menstrual cycles — nothing new for a young athlete. Or the bouts of crying and changes in her young body, which she and her mother both attributed to puberty.

"It was all normal girl changes, so I didn't even think of (pregnancy)," said Griest, who lives in Green Oak Township. "Then this girl posts this picture and my mom was, like, 'Is there any way you could be?' I (said), 'No. Well, I mean, I guess I could be, but we used protection.'"

Besides, she said, the timing was off. She and her boyfriend had broken up several months prior and she was seeing someone else. They'd done nothing more than kiss.

Three home pregnancy tests and a trip to the walk-in clinic proved what she couldn't have imagined just hours earlier.

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GM vehicles targeted in thefts

Four stolen within a four-day period

Matt Jachman
hometownlife.com

Auto thieves were busy in Novi during a four-day period late last month. At least four General Motors Corp. vehicles were reported stolen in the city June 24-28.

In one incident, a GMC Sierra pickup truck was reported stolen June 26 from a parking lot at the Ryder logistics facility on 13 Mile. Security video from the area showed people getting out of a white sport-utility vehicle shortly after 9 a.m. and gaining access to the Sierra, according to a Novi Police Department report. Both the SUV and the Sierra were then driven toward 13 Mile, the report said.

Police said, however, that the video was not clear enough to offer a description of the suspects.

In other reported vehicle thefts in Novi last month:

» Another GMC Sierra pickup was stolen from outside the Staples store on Grand River the morning of June 26. The complainant said he had stopped at Staples for a few minutes. He told police there were golf clubs and cash in the truck.

» A Chevrolet Yukon was stolen from an east side parking lot at the Suburban Collection Showplace on Grand River the afternoon of June 28. The complainant told police he parked the Yukon at about 2 p.m. and returned to the lot at about 4 p.m. to find it was gone.

» A Chevrolet Trailblazer was stolen June 24 from a lot near the package pickup area at the Sears store at Twelve Oaks Mall. The complainant said she had parked the Trailblazer at 9:30 a.m. and returned to the lot just before 7 p.m. to find it was gone.

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Novi Ice Arena's noon skate



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 Zenaida Richert (left) skates July 7 with her mom Andery at the Novi Ice Arena during its daily noon skate. The skate begins at noon and ends at 2 p.m. Cost is \$3 per skater.



Fire-ravaged South Lyon Hotel on track for mid-August reopening

LeAnne Rogers
 hometownlife.com

A year after fire that caused extensive damage, work is continuing on the new South Lyon Hotel with an expected reopening in mid-August. "We had a number of small delays — a day or two here and there with different contractors," said hotel owner Corry Bala. "We're shooting for mid-August to reopen, not late July."

The popular downtown restaurant — it hadn't been a hotel for a number of years — was heavily damaged by a fire that started on the second floor early June 23, 2016. The second floor had a roof collapse while the second floor had extensive water damage.

After investigating options for historic preservation credits, the hotel owners opted not to

rebuild. Instead, the remaining structure was demolished so the hotel could be rebuilt from the ground up.

Bala is a partner with the Baker family in the hotel ownership. The Bakers also own the Comeback Inn in Highland and Bakers of Milford. At the time of the fire, the South Lyon Hotel had about 40-50 employees.

Many South Lyon Hotel customers have been anxiously awaiting the reopening of the business.

"Once the walls went up, people saw the brick and figured the rest of work would be done in a couple of weeks," Bala said. "But that's when the real work begins. Then we can get back to doing what we do. There are a lot of people anxious to be there when we open. I'm scared of the open-



FILE PHOTO
 Early work on the new South Lyon Hotel is shown; the restaurant is expected to open in mid-August.

ing." When the hotel re-opens, it will join recent new development in the area. The Kensington Valley Area Chamber of Commerce and South Lyon recently hosted a series of ribbon-cutting

in one day highlighting new and expanded businesses, most located in the downtown area.

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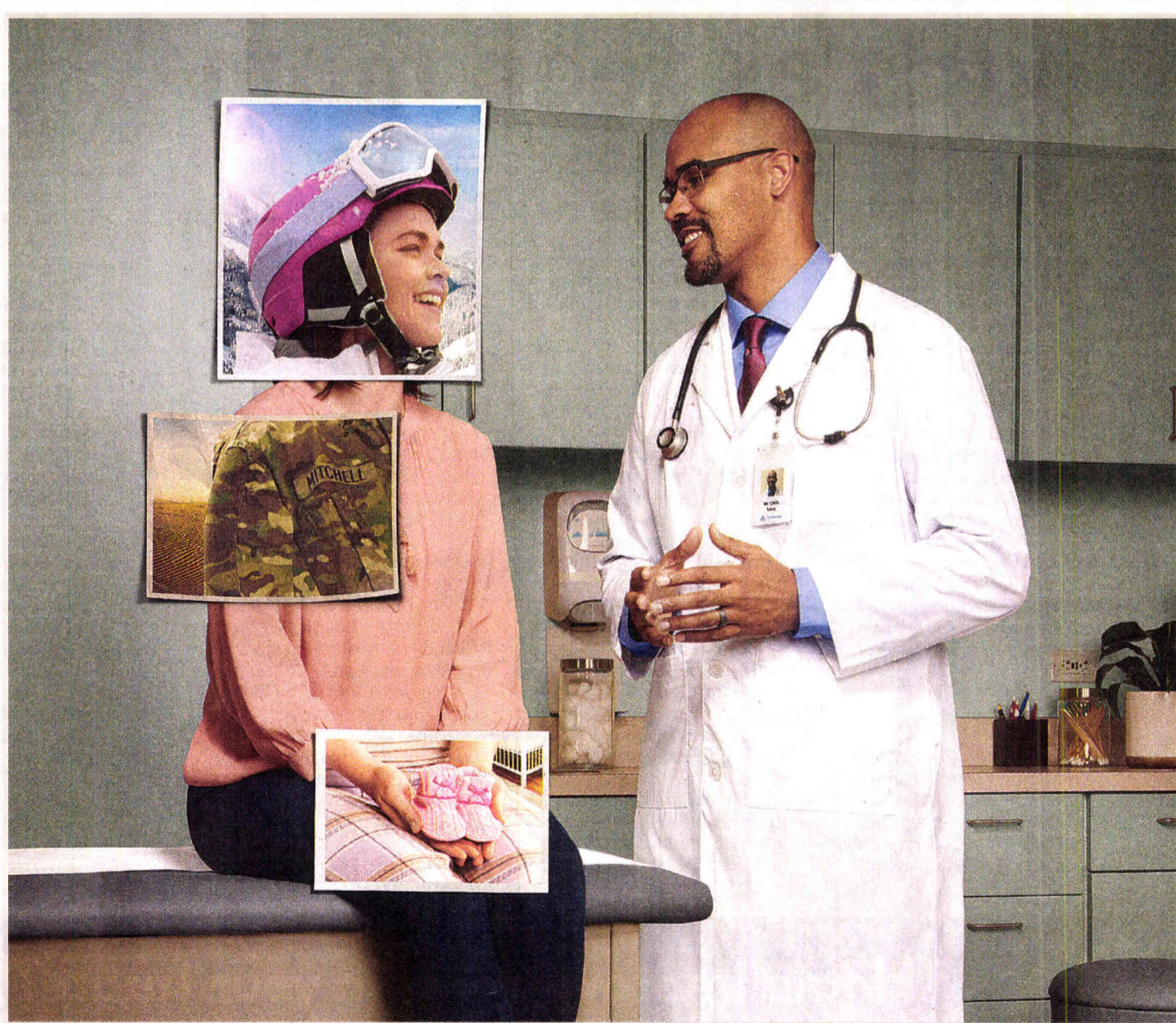
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Man reports Instagram scam cost him \$500

Livonia police get complaint from S.C.

David Veselenak
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A 25-year-old South Carolina man called the Livonia Police Department on July 2 to report he had been scammed by someone who picked up his money in Livonia.

The man said he was perusing Instagram when he came across a post that promised a way to provide up to \$10,000 cash. It had a phone number with a 313 area code attached to it. The man called the number and was told by the suspect he could provide the cash within the hour if the victim sent \$500 to his accountant in fees.

The victim then gathered up \$250 and went to a Western Union near him. He wired the money and waited. Soon, he was called by the suspect to say he had received the money and that he could send the other \$250. The victim did so, but did not receive any funds.

The next day, he spoke to the suspect over the phone, who told him he needed to send an additional \$2,000 for a processing fee on the cash. The man then realized the whole thing was a scam.

Three pieces of pricey artwork stolen from famous sculptor in Birmingham

Jay Grossman
hometownlife.com

A startling art heist involving three sculptures worth tens of thousands of dollars took place smack in the middle of a Birmingham neighborhood.

"We're heartbroken," Denise Kulak said. "One of the pieces was a cast bronze chair that weighed over 250 pounds and was over four feet tall. It took at least two people to carry it out."

Two of the sculptures were created by her husband, Gary Kulak, a nationally recognized sculptor and the head of the Fine Arts Department at Cranbrook Schools. The third piece is a work by Howard Fraker, an alumni of the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

All three pieces were stolen sometime June 15-17 from Kulak's backyard on Humphrey Avenue. At the time of the theft, Gary Kulak was working on a sculpture in Gramolazzo, Italy. Denise Kulak was traveling out of town for two days and discovered the pieces were stolen when she returned June 17.

"I had jumped out of bed that morning, pulled out the lawnmower and was mowing the backyard when I realized the pieces were missing," she said.

The largest piece, "Bark Back," was created circa 1987 at the University of Toledo, where Gary Kulak taught art. It was most recently exhibited in Adrian and was set to be included in a major exhibition at Phipps Conservatory in Pittsburgh.



GARY KULAK

Birmingham Police are trying to locate three sculptures that were stolen from a yard earlier this month. One of the sculptures, "Bark Back," stands over 4 feet tall and weighs over 250 pounds.

The second stolen piece, "Kiss," stands six foot tall and was created in 1979. It was part of Kulak's first exhibition at the former Lee Hoffman Gallery in Birmingham.

The third piece, "Rooster," created by Fraker, is a much smaller piece that stood near the home's garage in the

backyard.

"There was a vehicle in the driveway the whole time I was away, so I'm guessing that someone was watching the house and knew I wasn't there," Denise Kulak said. "It's not like someone stole a few pieces of lawn furniture from our yard ... they definitely needed some



GARY KULAK

The sculpture "Kiss" stands over 6 feet tall and is made of steel.

type of truck and at least two guys to load the pieces. There's no way you could fit these sculptures in a car."

Kulak filed a police report right away and said the detectives in charge of the case have done a thorough job interviewing neighbors and scoping out the scene.

Several houses in her neighborhood are being rebuilt or remodeled and Kulak believes it's possible the thieves took the pieces undetected because of all the construction activity. Humphrey runs east of Woodward Avenue, between 14 Mile Road and Lincoln Street.

"We're very private people," she said. "Very few people come to our house other than family." While she hopes the

pieces are still intact and that someone will recognize them, her fear is someone stole the work to sell for scrap metal, as the cast bronze contains a high percentage of copper. The other chair is made out of steel.

"Gary is still in Italy and returning home on Sunday," she said Wednesday. "We're just praying they're sitting somewhere and someone will recognize them. You never know."

Anyone with information about the missing sculptures is being asked to contact Birmingham Police Officer Casey Pedersen at 248-530-1773.

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Wednesday, July 26 **Northwest Activites Center**
6:00 p.m. 18100 Meyers Rd, Detroit, MI 48235

Thursday, August 3 **Caroline Kennedy Library**
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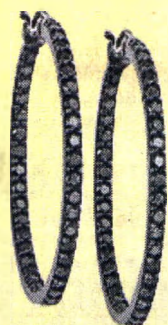
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Keenan-Smith

Elizabeth Audrey Keenan and Christof Chiu Smith will be married Saturday, July 15, in Northville at the New School Church in Mill Race Historical Village.

Keenan, originally from Northville, is a 2009 graduate of Northville High School and a 2013 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is currently a Ph.D. candidate in chemistry and a National Science Foundation graduate fellow at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

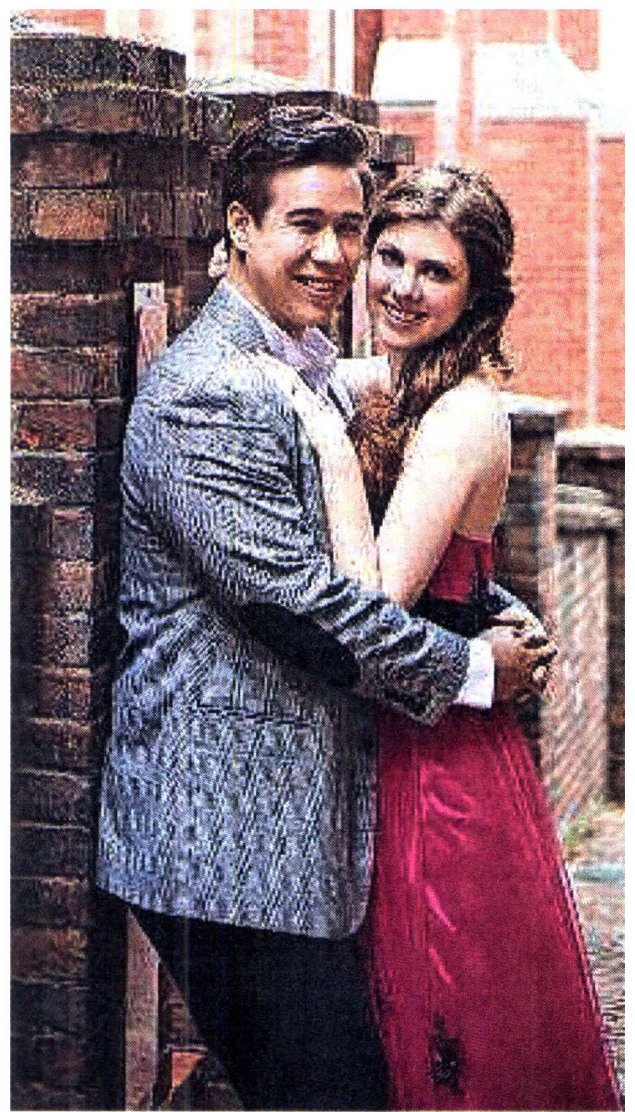
Smith, from Grand Rapids, also graduated from U-M in 2013. He is an M.D. and Ph.D. student, also at UNC-Chapel Hill.

She is the daughter of Lisa DiRado and John Keenan of Northville and has a sister, Emily Keenan.

He is the son of Alexia and Curtis Smith of Sacramento, Calif.

In January, the couple celebrated their engagement and upcoming wedding with extended family and friends at the Grand Hotel in Taipei, Taiwan. Keenan and her parents were introduced to the people, land and culture of her fiancée's childhood.

The two met as members of Alpha Chi Sigma,



Elizabeth Audrey Keenan and Christof Chiu Smith, pictured in Taipei, Taiwan, are to be married Saturday in Northville.

a professional chemistry fraternity at the Univer-

sity of Michigan.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Focus on quality of life

I read with interest your article about the Plymouth Township Hilltop Golf Course. It appears that the township board is considering selling the course because it is not making money. I was a trustee in Plymouth Township and we never considered the golf course as a money-making operation.

The golf course was constructed to provide for open space in the township and to provide recreation to our citizens. After all, the township is a not-for-profit organization and we pay township taxes to receive a good quality of life. The golf course is no different than the Township Park, Friendship Station and other parks in the township, which cost taxpayers money to construct and operate. After all, Plymouth Township's quality of life has attracted most of us who have lived here since the early '70s.

As residents of this township, we have enjoyed the open space and do not appreciate building homes on top of each others as being done in neighboring cities. Even though I have never been a golfer, I always enjoyed the open space Hilltop provides to our citizens and I believe that it is worth paying to have this amenity in our community.

I served on the Planning Commission and on the Board of Trustees for several terms and I always considered the quality of life to be outstanding in Plymouth Township. I sure hope that the present board does not ruin it by destroying all the good things that this township has and stood for.

Today, I received my summer tax bill and it is substantial. I would gladly pay it to continue the outstanding quality of life and our integrity. Destroying our community by selling all of our assets is not welcomed nor it is appreciated.

Abe A. Munfakh
Former Plymouth Township trustee

Hillside golf improvements

Some suggestions to improve Hilltop Golf Course for minimal cost:

1) The rough off the fairways is all one cut and too deep. My playing partner almost lost a club he dropped to mark a ball off the fairway. Grounds keepers found it for him. Have the grounds keepers drop the cutter lower approximately 10 yards either side of the fairway. Hitting your ball from a deep cut when hardly off the fairway takes the fun out of the game, especially if it is wet.

2) There are no big signs on Beck Road telling commuters that Hilltop is just down the dirt road. Maybe if signs each way were more visible, it would register with people going to work that there is a golf course there.

3) Hilltop is barely off M-14. Advertise more widely as it's easy to reach.

4) Keep the dirt road leading in smoother or pave it. It's a short road, but very rough.

Larry Schultz
Plymouth

Keep an eye on officials

In this letter, I speak of the city of Wayne, but it could be said of any American city.

I paraphrase Gov. Charles Hughes of New York with these remarks.

No one should try to wriggle out of responsibility. Citizens can only remedy things by paying attention and carrying their duties as citizens. You are not fit to solve national problems if you can't fix the things going on right at your front door.

Things around here have been left to run themselves for a long time and now it's got to be corrected. You must show your state and the country that you, the people, run your own city.

You must give thought and attention to those you select to represent you in municipal, county and state affairs as well. Keep an eye on them so they keep an eye on the ball and keep it moving. They need to carry out your ideas - you are not in their service.

In this way it doesn't matter who is on this side or that side at any given time because the people of our city will win. Popular ideas and the popular vote should direct

what is to be done.

We cannot have, and have not had for some time, the correct operation of our local elected government because the offices have been filled by persons who are playing games. They are not doing their pledged work.

They need to do their duty in accordance with the laws of our state.

Alfred Brock
Wayne

Salem antics

Another dysfunctional Salem Township Planning Commission meeting. Despite years of serving on the Planning Commission and chair for the last few years, Pam Merlo still doesn't understand the basic elements of her job. At the June 19 planning commission meeting, she had no clue as to why a public hearing was on the agenda. When reminded she was responsible for setting the agenda, she didn't know what to say. Eventually she apologized, but with no clear explanation of her blunder. The remainder of the Planning Commission members were like deer in the headlights. Commissioner Dan Vergari seems to have a bad habit of verbally lash out at the attending residents. This unprofessionalism is not an appropriate behavior for an appointed township official.

During these meetings, Salem Township Supervisor Gary Whittaker normally can be found hiding in the back corner, witnessing this dysfunctional behavior.

A few months back, the Planning Commission had to cancel a public hearing on a simple rezoning because a resident pointed out that the applicant did not post signs on the property proposed to be rezoned. Not one of the Planning Commission members made sure this basic element of a rezoning was met and apparently not one of them even visited the site prior to the meeting. Merlo's comment was "we dropped the ball." How many balls need to be dropped until our supervisor realizes the incompetence of our Planning Commission? Consider this Planning

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Commission dealing with developers like Schostak. In actuality, Whittaker seems content with a Planning Commission which continues its disservice to Salem residents (similar to his fellow board members), as long as they continue to support his self-serving agenda.

O'Neil Muirhead
Salem Township

Supports ending Paris plan

Despite general left-wing hysteria, President Donald Trump did the courageous and correct thing by keeping his campaign promise to pull out of the Paris Climate Agreement.

As expected, Trump's decision was immediately criticized by climate zealot Al Gore, whose 2006 documentary "An Inconvenient Truth" should have been entitled "Inconvenient Errors" in retrospect. Gore predicted that the world would reach "a point of no return" in 10 years because of significantly rising temperatures (temperatures have not risen significantly in 11 years), the polar ice cap would melt (just the opposite, it has been growing), and there would be more violent hurricanes (just the opposite - not even one F3+ hurricane has made landfall in the U.S. since 2005).

Most citizens have no idea what the Paris Climate Agreement contains. In addition, it was never approved by Congress and for good reason.

Basically, it is just a thinly-veiled attempt by other countries to gain an economic advantage over the United States (China and India are not planning to do anything about the climate for at least

the next decade, if ever). It seeks to transfer \$100 billion in wealth to poor countries for "climate aid" by 2020 (watch the corruption). NERA Economic Consulting just completed a study which indicated that the Paris Climate Agreement would cost the U.S. economy almost \$3 trillion and more than 6 million jobs by 2040, primarily in the industrial and energy sectors.

This agreement was definitely not a good deal for the American people.

Randy Kniebes
Brighton

Free market health care myth

I'm tired of hearing from elected officials who believe that a free market works for health care. They say competition will lower prices.

Except for Medicare and Medicaid, we have a free market system; costs keep increasing. There is a man I know with diabetes. To control his glucose, his doctor changed his medication to a more expensive one. His insurance company caps the amount they will pay in a year, so in August he has to pay the full cost. He drives to Windsor and finds the same medication over the counter for less than a quarter of what he would pay in the U.S.

So why are drug prices less in Canada? They have price controls and everyone has health insurance through the government. Every developed country in the world except the U.S. provides these benefits to all of their citizens. The free market only works when people have a choice as to whether or not they will buy a product. If the price is too high, they go without. If the man with diabetes doesn't take his insulin, he dies.

Pharmaceutical companies are making prof-

its in price-controlled countries; prices were negotiated. In countries where there is insurance through the government, are people being well served? Yes. The World Health Organization analyzes and rates health care of nations. The United States ranks 37th. Thirty-five ranked higher have universal coverage.

The Affordable Health Care Act (Obamacare) is a combination of government and corporate insurance. Prices for corporate insurance and drugs keep increasing, because there are no price controls. Medicare is a government insurance program that has worked very well since 1965 for those 65 and older. Under part B, Medicare pays 80 percent of approved amounts for medical services and procedures. In essence the "approved amount" is a price control. People can pay the remaining 20 percent or purchase a Medigap policy. I bought a Medigap policy and the monthly premium has increased 53 percent in the last seven years.

Those in favor of The American Health Care legislation say it will reduce costs and be a better plan than Obamacare. Both have major flaws. What needs to be done is to expand Medicare so it covers everyone, and set price controls on prescription drugs, medical care and insurance premiums.

The free market works well in some areas, but not for medical care. Everyone needs health care, so let's view health insurance as a right, not a privilege.

Ann Abdoo
Livonia

Choosing license plates

Patrick Colbeck calls Gov. Snyder's recent veto "utterly disgraceful."

The veto put the kibosh on Colbeck's scheme to put that "Right to Life" groups propaganda on our license plates.

Colbeck, in my estimation, is the most ineffective lawmaker ever to serve our area. Pushing his religious beliefs on others is exactly what makes him so ineffective.

Now, he has aspirations of being governor. I would think he would be better suited to preach from a pulpit somewhere instead of the hallowed halls of the capital. Or, perhaps, move to D.C. and work for Mike Pence.

But who knows? With the likes of Bill Schuette and Brian Calley on the Republican primary ballot, maybe he has a shot at the nomination.

James Huddleston
Canton

More on religion

The Plymouth-Canton Interfaith Community Outreach tried to intimate that a letter from Leo Webber was an attempt to "push people toward divisiveness rather than inclusiveness." The Outreach claims his letter reveals a lack of understanding regarding Islam. He has a good understanding about militant Islam.

It claims that attributing violence to Muslim's shows ignorance. Who has been slaughtering Christians all though the Mideast and Europe? Where is the national and local outrage from the Muslim communities?

The Outreach says, "When you really know people you can't hate them." Does Plymouth Outreach help Muslims assimilate to America's laws and practices?

Regarding Hannah Donigan's comments on being vigilant by blaming President Donald Trump and his "Trumpsters" for being "masters of manipulating and managing

the news."

New York Times, Washington Post, CNN, MSNBC, NBC, CBS, ABC, Associated Press, Reuters, Facebook and Democrat Party all believed that Hillary Clinton was going to be elected president. However, the American people made their votes count. This freedom so infuriated these liberals they have vowed to disrupt Trump's agenda even if it is good for the country. Trump stated he wants to fix our infrastructure, economic problems, jobs, drain the D.C. swamp and make America great again. I agree; we must make our congressional representatives responsible for their non-actions. They have become our weakest links.

Alfred Brock wrote that immigration is a problem because "it hasn't been made clear for more than 50 years as what someone is supposed to do when they get here." The H-1B visa category is an expedient and lawful method to bring foreign-born professionals here temporarily and, therefore, the most widely sought after visa classifications for employment. To obtain an H-1B visa, there must be a job offer and an employer willing to sponsor a person by filing a petition with the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Service. In the early 1900s, all immigrants knew what they wanted. Most became U.S. citizens, worked hard and raised families. Many of their sons fought in World War II.

Further, Brock writes, "The strong man is not the aggressor but a protector." That is exactly what Trump wants to do protect Americans. Liberalism has caused many cities to become sanctuaries for illegals which is against federal laws.

In 1778, Alexander Hamilton wrote, "Let the

13 States, bound together in a strict and indissoluble Union, concur in erecting one great American system..." The Founding Fathers achieved that with the U.S. Constitution.

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Don't drop health care

Trump's latest tweet calls for repeal of the Affordable Health Care Act now and replacement later. According to the Congressional Budget Office, an arm of Congress, 32 million Americans would immediately be without health care with repeal only. This is up from the CBO scoring that 23 million would lose coverage under the U.S. House version of Trumpcare and but 22 million lose coverage under the Senate version.

The CBO is a bipartisan extension of Congress and the best official scoring of proposed legislation. The CBO works for Congress and to dispute their scoring of legislation is simply politically irresponsible and ridiculous.

The immediate impact would be felt in Medicaid recipients which I am sure Trump has no clue of the coverage. Medicaid and expanded Medicaid, provides health care to the working poor, poor kids, kids in foster care, the elderly, blind and handicapped not covered by Medicare, nursing home residents and pregnant women, to name but a few.

Trump's repeal only decision is grossly irresponsible and for the 32 million American who will be rendered without health coverage, is tantamount to domestic terrorism. I do not say this lightly, but can think of no other adequate descriptive terms.

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Brighton man wins with top prize for home brew

Judges pick top beers entered in Big Brew Day contest at River's Edge Brewing Co.

David Veselenak
hometownlife.com

It was just going to be another night June 28 at River's Edge Brewing Co. for patrons Jackie Pyles, her father Bob Pyles and her fiancé Ethan Krenning.

That was until they were offered several samples of home-brewed beer, brewed by participants during Big Brew Day back in May.

The first sample they tried was a black IPA. Jackie Pyles, who just bought a house in Milford with her fiancé, said it tasted pretty good.

"It was, like, citrusy, fruity," she said.

That night was the culmination of Big Brew Day, where patrons at the brewery, 125 S. Main St., in Milford, got a taste of the brewers' works. Fifteen beers were sampled by the crowd, which included a brew created by editorial members from hometownlife.com and coach Jeff Rankert, a cream ale with a coffee infusion.

Judging had taken place several days before by celebrity judges, including Rex Halfpenny from the Michigan Beer Guide and Bill Wamby, a brewer at River's Edge. Winners were announced June 28, with Brighton resident Gregg Gustafson taking the top prize for his saison.

He said he didn't have to look far to find a recipe: Gustafson said he decided to make the brew recommended by the American Homebrewers Association for the event.

With some inspiration from South Lyon home brewing supplies store Scrooge and Barley, he

picked up some different ingredients to brew the tasty drink.

"I actually made the beer that they inspired us to make," said Gustafson, who started homebrewing back in 2014. "What was different was, I used Scrooge and Barley for my supplies."

"And they recommended an Omega yeast I've never used before."

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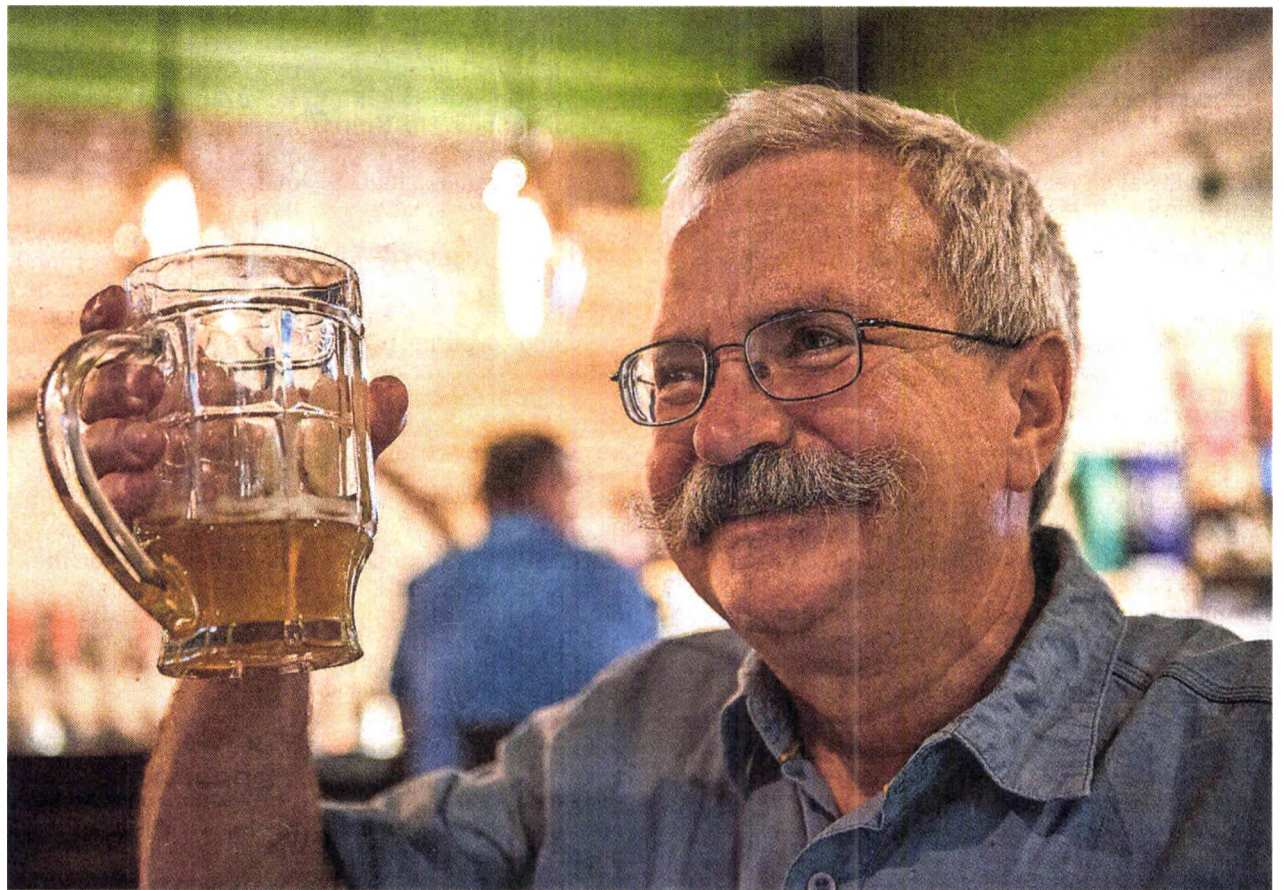
Big Brew Day is held the first Saturday in May each year and celebrates home brewing, a hobby that has taken off in the United States. The American Homebrewers Association estimates about 1.2 million people in the U.S. home brew, producing more than two million barrels of beer each year. That accounts for about 1 percent of all beer made in the U.S.

Gustafson's prize was one all local beer enthusiasts would clamor for: a mug club membership or renewal at four area breweries — River's Edge Brewing Co., Kickstand Brewing Co. in Commerce Township, Drafting Table Brewing Co. in Wixom and Draught Horse Brewery in Lyon Township.

He admitted two of those awards will go to renew an already-existing membership at a brewery.

"I think it's important for home brewers to support the local breweries that we have here," he said. "And the way to support them is through their mug club programs, so that you can invest in them so they can invest in you."

In addition to the judged beers, everyone



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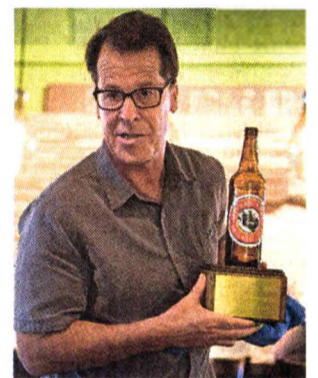
"It doesn't suck," says Jeff Rankert, brewing coach for hometownlife's team. Newshound Ale, a coffee-infused cream ale, was the product of the team's effort.



Dustin Cook offers samples of the competing brews.



Emcee Isaac Perry pours samples of the competing brews.



Greg Gustafson is the first-place winner.

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in the brewery that night had the option to vote for their favorite brew. That distinction went to Ferndale resident Bob Hart, whose American porter proved to be the crowd-pleaser.

He said he originally used a peanut butter toast malt in his brew, though it turned out to create a different ale than expected.

"I put a bunch of it in ... but the peanut butter

didn't come through," he said. "So it made it like an American porter."

He said the best advice he has for anyone looking to begin home brewing is simple: educate yourself on the tech-

niques and ingredients. "Do your research," he said.

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Charyl Stockwell Preparatory Academy - Class of 2017

Charyl Stockwell Preparatory High School in Brighton held its sixth graduation ceremony on Sunday, June 4 in Rackham Auditorium on the campus of the University of Michigan. Parents, families and community members gathered together to celebrate the students in Class of 2017 and their remarkable achievements which include:

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Huron Valley arts council seeks horse entries

The Highland Trail Riders Association is seeking entries for its ninth annual "It's All About the Horse" Art Competition and Exhibit in September at the Huron Valley Council for the Arts gallery in Highland.

Focus of each entry must be a horse or horses. Artwork done in 2-D mediums (such as oils, acrylics, watercolor, etc) and photography will be accepted. All entries must be framed or wrapped canvas, securely wired for gallery hanging. No sawtooth hangers accepted. Entry fee is \$30 per artist, two submissions allowed per entry fee.

Cash prizes will be awarded to first place in both categories, with ribbons to other notable entries. Youth entries (under 18) will be judged separately for ribbon awards.

Submissions will be accepted digitally to nbranyash2009@comcast.net beginning July 17. Deadline for submissions is Aug. 18. Entry fee checks (made out to Highland Trail Riders) must be mailed to: Vickie Banyash, 13890 French Lane, Davisburg, MI 48350 and received no later than Aug. 25.

Intake of all artwork will be 3-6 p.m. August 30 at the Huron Valley Council for the Arts, 205 W. Livingston, Highland.

The exhibit will be open to the public Sept. 5-30. An artists reception will be held at the gallery from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday Sept. 10, with an award presentation at 1 p.m.

Details and additional information can be found at Highlandtrailriders.com.

Barbecue event honors Ron Savage



The Savage Smokers take a break from the event to relax and have a little fun. CURTIS DROGMILLER



Rib competitor Perry Hiltzys shows off his fare. CURTIS DROGMILLER

Thousands turn out for inaugural benefit event to commemorate late television news broadcaster

Savage Smokers hoisted its banner and fired up the grill Saturday at Ribs on the River, Milford's new competitive barbecue event founded in honor of late WJBK-TV (Channel 2) newsmen Ron Savage.

"He was on a quest for the perfect ribs. He was never completely satisfied and was always looking to make a better rib," Mitzi Savage said. "My husband was a wonderful cook. He barbecued and loved trying new things. He didn't write anything down. He was one of those cooks who would try something one time and the next time would switch it up."

The Savage Smokers, the team led by one of Ron Savage's brothers, his son and wife, earned second place in the amateur division, just behind

first-place winner Detroit Fire, a team of Detroit firefighters. B&R Smoke won first place in the professional division.

Nineteen teams competed in the professional division and there were 13 amateur teams.

A handful of Milford residents created Ribs on the River as a way to honor Savage's memory and to raise money for some of the charities he supported. Approximately 35 teams were expected to compete for cash prizes and trophies in professional and amateur categories.

Bill Gailey, who coordinated the barbecue competition, said he was pleased with the turnout. He estimated nearly 5,000 people attended the event held in Central Park.

"We had people streaming into the beer

tent all day," Gailey said. "I bet we sold close to 2,000 cups of beer. The barbecue vendor had 20-30 people in line from 11 a.m. He sold out completely by 9 p.m. We were tickled with the turnout."

Savage died Feb. 25 after participating in a training exercise with other Milford firefighters. He planned to climb the stairs at the Renaissance Center in Detroit the following day, during the American Lung Association's annual Fight for Air Climb. The organization is among 10 charities supported by the Ron Savage Memorial Foundation.

Mitzi Savage said she and their son shared an interest in his work for charity, which included the Motorcycle Ride for Autism, Easter Seals, Thin Blue Line, Crime Stoppers, Mothers



Several restaurants competed in the first Ribs on the River barbecue event. CURTIS DROGMILLER

Against Drunk Driving, local veterans groups, Team Huron Valley Special Olympics, Mi Abilities, Inc., and Livingston County Humane Society.

The event featured a silent auction, goldfish races, bounce house, volleyball and basketball competition and sidewalk sales.

Live music was provided by Icemen Band, Bruno McSorley, Daniree and Motor City Cowboys throughout the day. Comedian Zak Martina also performed.

"I think everything went well," Gailey said. "We don't know the totals of how much was raised yet. We're still waiting for vendors to send us a final tally."



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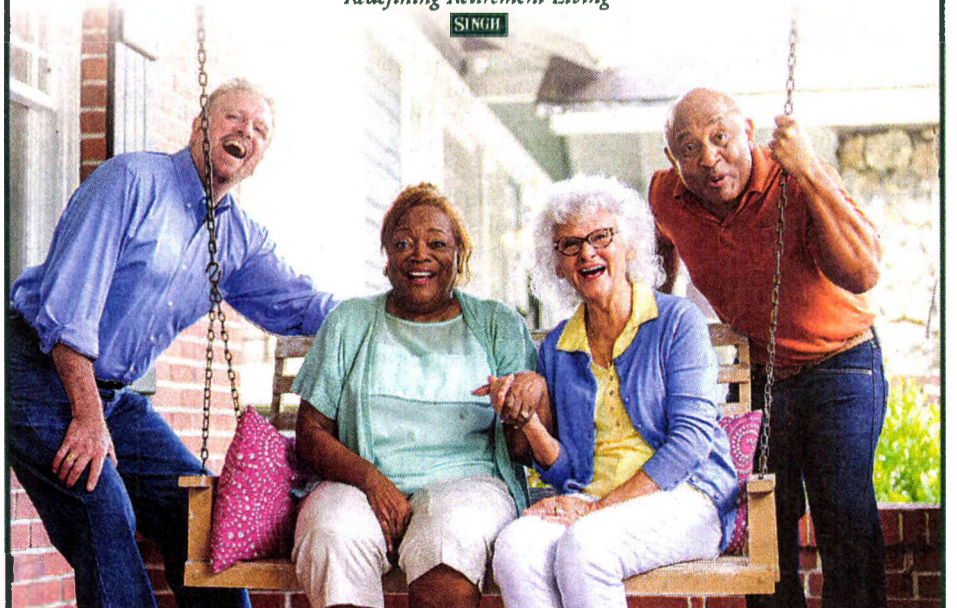
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In October 2014, she gave birth to a 6-pound, 9-ounce baby girl who wasted no time providing her 14-year-old mother with a welcome-to-parthenhood gift.

"They set her on my chest and, of course, I start crying right away," Griest said. "Then she pooped on me. She pooped right on my heart."

Play-doh in hand, she turns to her daughter.

"You pooped on my heart! Yeah, you did!"

Progress on teen pregnancy in Michigan

American teenagers are more than twice as likely to have a baby as those in Canada, four times more likely than teens in Germany or Norway and almost 10 times more likely than teens in Switzerland, according to the Michigan League for Public Policy.

But the organization also cites progress: In Michigan, the number of babies born to teen mothers has dropped significantly over the past 20 years, thanks to changes in public policy, access to birth control, sex education and funding for programs aimed at reducing teen pregnancy.

In 2014, Michigan teen mothers gave birth to 7,037 babies - including 69 to mothers ages 10-14. Adalyn was one of them.

Michigan Department of Health and Human Services data shows the numbers reflect an overall drop of nearly 60 percent from 1994, when 17,448 babies were born to teen mothers, including 397 ages 10-14.

Disparities persist, however. A much higher percentage of African-American and Hispanic teens give birth compared to white teens and teen pregnancy is more pervasive in low-income communities. Research shows most teen moms do not graduate from high school and live in poverty.

Griest's was not the typical teen pregnancy, nor is she the typical teen mother.

Today, she is an honors student at Mercy High School, an all-girls, Catholic college preparatory school in Farmington Hills.

"I want to go to college," she said. "I want to get a degree. I want to go work ... provide for my daughter and be the best mom I can possibly be."

Still, the past 2½ years haven't been what anyone would call easy.

Shock

Griest said she and her boyfriend weren't the only eighth-graders at her school having sex.

"As soon as parents started asking, once it came out that I was pregnant, everyone was saying, 'No, she's just the class whore,'" she said.

"But no. Everybody was doing it, everyone I was around. It wasn't like you would walk down a school hallway and talk about it, but it wasn't like you were ashamed for doing it. Everyone just was and everybody knew that."

Wendy Andrews was shocked to learn her daughter was pregnant. She never saw Kennedy

and her then-boyfriend get "all touchy feely" and never suspected the youngest in her brood of five was having sex.

"The way they behaved, I didn't even see it as a possibility," said Andrews, who shares her home with her daughter and granddaughter.

"We're as close as a mother and daughter can get, but I wasn't asking the right questions. I didn't think it was time to ask those questions."

Adalyn's father and his family declined to be interviewed for this story, citing privacy concerns.

When Andrews saw the positive home pregnancy test, the "world started to spin," she said.

Then came the grief over her daughter's lost youth, umbrage toward those who spewed hurtful words or urged Kennedy to get an abortion, gratitude for those who were supportive - and worry, about her own future.

At the time, Kennedy was "very immature and into herself," she said.

"I thought, 'How in the world is she going to be able to take care of a baby? I'm a 50-year-old single mom and I'm going to be raising baby No. 6. There's no way this selfish kid is going to get up in the night to take care of a child.'

"I couldn't sleep," she added. "I didn't want to leave my house or see people, because people would whisper and talk about us. It was definitely the most difficult time of my life."

Griest weighed the possibility of giving up her child for adoption. She encountered at least a few people who encouraged abortion. But she never considered terminating the pregnancy.

"I was scared out of my mind, but ... I knew I had to do what was best for this child," she said. "My mom raised me to value all life. Everyone is worth something. Everyone has value. To me, an abortion is killing. It's killing a human."

Homecoming

Hammered by condemnation, name-calling and mostly anonymous messages, Griest didn't go back to Brighton High School with her peers when school started that fall. Instead, she began taking classes online.

In October, she decided it was time to stop hiding. Her brother was on the homecoming court. If he was crowned king - and he was - she wanted to be there to see it.

In the school parking lot with an older sister and two friends, she sat in the car feeling nervous and sick to her stomach.

"I had this white shirt on and I had it tied over my stomach just to show, just to be very obvious about (the pregnancy) because I didn't want people to be, like, 'Oh my God, is she?' If I was going to come out, I thought I might as well be obvious about it."

As they entered the stadium, she made eye contact with a boy she knew from middle school, then kept her eyes on the ground as she walked toward the 50-yard line. She realized too late that she had to walk past her peers.

"I made eye contact with another kid," she said. "I saw him turn around and then almost



Kennedy Griest gave birth to daughter Adalyn when she was 14.

every head in that student section looked at me. It felt like the everyone went silent.

"Then, all of sudden, I hear someone yell, 'w-h-o-o-r-e!'" she said, spelling out the word to spare Addie's young ears.

The students, she said, continued to shout insults. Someone changed the words to a school chant and others joined in. Former friends and classmates hurled empty cups and wads of foil.

In the bottom row, she remembers, seniors turned and began shouting at the underclassmen.

"They were telling everyone to shut ... up and to stop because they were my brother's best friends. I was like a little sister to a lot of them," Griest said. "I felt like I was going to vomit right then and there."

Later, she realized it had been a definitive moment. She went off social media and locked her phone in the family safe.

"I'd been getting calls for a while, from blocked numbers, late at night," Griest said. "One night, I got over 60 messages ... each time saying I was a whore and I was going to hell, all these terrible things."

Brighton Area Schools Superintendent Greg Gray said the bullying and harassment were never reported to him. The district does everything in its power to keep it from happening, he said.

"Most of it happens outside of school and then gets brought into school," Gray said. "People need to monitor and report it. We track down every single situation that's brought to us and try to bring it to a resolution."

The district does not have a policy on pregnancy, he said. No district does, to his knowledge. But he said Griest's was not the first.

"We've had pregnant kids," he said. "Every school throughout the state and nation has pregnant kids."

The district follows the Michigan model for sex education, which includes "HIV/STD prevention and sexuality education (that) supports positive physical and mental health of youth," according to the Michigan Department of Education's website.

"All kids would get that - those are mandated classes unless a parent opts (students) out of it," Gray said.

Griest said she doesn't remember any sex education beyond a few days in fifth grade, when the boys went to one room

and the girls went to another.

Conversations are key, experts say

Parents should talk to children about sex and relationships "early and often" - and in age-appropriate terms - starting in preschool, said Shari Boley, executive director of the Pregnancy Help Center in Brighton.

"A lot of times, parents get concerned about having the talk and they delay it a little too long," she said, adding that parents should also equip themselves with knowledge about current teen trends, social media platforms and the pressures teens are facing - including the pressure to sext (texting sexually suggestive or explicit words or photos).

"Sometimes parents think teaching about the physical part of sexual decision-making as the most important part. But it's the social emotional intellectual parts that drive the decision. It all needs to be integrated."

"If you send a picture of a body part, it affects you intellectually," she added. "It affects you socially. You can't just act in one area."

Through ongoing conversations, parents can help teens see the big picture, Boley said.

Currently, the center is working on a seminar for adults about talking to teens about relationships and sex. It expects to begin offering it next year.

The center offers a teen mom support group, as well as parent mentoring and a baby boutique, where mothers can "earn" diapers, clothing and other baby necessities by meeting with a mentor and engaging in parent education programs.

Griest recently won an Outstanding Student Leadership award from the Farmington Hills Optimist Club, awarded each year to one junior at each of the area's high schools, along with a \$200 check to be given back to an organization in the community. She decided to give her money to the Brighton Pregnancy Help Clinic.

Livingston County, she said, doesn't have many organizations like it.

"I went there for a lot of help," she said. "I get clothes, I get diapers, furniture just for showing up. I'm giving it back because we don't have a lot of places like that here that are helpful. I think people just ignore teen pregnancy."

Support

Reeling in the shock of her pregnancy, Griest

was eager for her sister Mackenzie - who she calls Mackie - to return two days later from a trip to Africa, where she was studying as part of a program at Grand Valley State University.

"I just needed to talk to her," she said. "I needed to hear her say something, just anything, because she is my biggest role model ever. I love her and look up to her so much."

"When I told her ... she gave me a hug. She said, 'I love you so much, Boo.'"

"Boo" is a nickname her family gave her as a child, when she pretended to be Boo from the movie "Monsters, Inc."

After that, she had to tell her current boyfriend, also 14 at the time, that she was pregnant from her previous boyfriend.

He wanted to know how long she'd known and if she'd known when they began dating. She told him she found out two days prior.

"He goes, 'OK, well, it makes sense as to why you've been sick ... just know this doesn't change anything. I know we're young, but you're a great person and I want to be with you and I want to help you through this.'"

They're still together. "I understand adoption is good for some people and some situations," Griest said. "But I had a village of people around me and I knew the right people will support me and love me."

Andrews believes her daughter has "matured a lot" over the past several years and she couldn't be more proud.

"She's become more patient," Andrews said. "From the beginning, she was such an attentive mother. It amazed me how wonderful she was and how quickly it happened. She comes home from school and she's not on her phone, not watching TV, she's doing things with Addie. She's a mother first, always. She tells me that, she tells her friends that and she tells her boyfriend that: 'I'm a mother first, always.'"

She also knows the support her daughter gets - from her, from other family members, new friends and mentors - makes all the difference.

"It took some of the family members longer than others to get on board, but the important thing is that we're all on board now," she said. "Kennedy and Addie get so much love and support."

High school
These days, Griest stays up to study until about midnight during the school year. And every morning, she gets up at 6 a.m. and drives an hour to Mercy High School, where she maintains a grade-point average of 3.56 going into her senior year.

She leads the school's Pro-Life Club, was recently inducted into the National Honor Society and also serves on the school's Link Crew Team, where older students welcome and mentor younger pupils.

"I was a little bit nervous when she first applied for Link Crew, because I know what she's balancing outside school," said Trish Brown, a ninth-grade counselor who also serves as Link Crew

adviser. "I feel this is one of our most committed leadership positions at Mercy, but she has not let us down once ... she has her finger on the pulse of what our ninth-graders need. She has been stellar."

When Griest applied to the school after shadowing another student, she was not shunned for having had sex or for child-bearing outside wedlock, Brown said. Instead, she was listened to.

"When she came to us with her story about what happened in her previous district, we couldn't help but be merciful ... and provide the place for her," Brown said. "I don't know (that) we were 100-percent confident this would go well. But there was zero judgment whatsoever. We were instantly impressed."

Brown called Griest resilient, hard-working and inspiring.

"She doesn't share her story like she wants pity or in a manner to draw attention to herself," she said. "She speaks like any other mother would - proudly, of her daughter, and proud to be a mother. She shares her story to inspire other students that they, too, can overcome challenges and balance whatever life throws at them."

Addie attends preschool a few days each week and stays with Andrews the other days while her mom is at school or at work during the summer.

When Griest gets home, she takes Addie along as she earns money babysitting, driving kids to activities or doing other odd jobs. She takes Addie to dance class, where the toddler hams it up, and they spend afternoons, evenings and weekends together.

Other parents sometimes look at her funny, she said, or make comments about her youth, but she does her best to take it all in stride.

"I know it's not the ideal ... teenage life, but I wouldn't change it for a minute," Griest said.

"She is everything to me. I'm thankful for each day that I have and that everything turned out the way it did. I've seen people who have not been supported and I've seen things go differently for people. I ... don't take it for granted, how lucky I am."

She wants other teens to know they have "more than one option" when confronted with an unexpected pregnancy.

"It's not something that you should be shunned for," she said. "It's something everyone needs to be aware of, because it happens and, in most situations, girls aren't as lucky to have the perfect setup for all of this, the perfect family, the perfect support system."

One day, Griest said, she'd like to start an organization to help other pregnant teens and young mothers.

Andrews shares the sentiment - as well as the love for her granddaughter.

"There's no other love in the world," she said. "I'm enjoying it so much. Addie is the biggest blessing I could ask for. Sometimes it's a struggle, but I wouldn't have it any other way. She's the love of my life."

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HE STARTED A READING REVOLUTION

Wisconsin man brings neighbors together with his Little Free Libraries

MEG JONES
USA TODAY NETWORK

Each week, this USA Today series will introduce you to an exceptional American who unites, rather than divides, our communities. To read more about average Americans doing exceptional things, visit onenation.usatoday.com.

Todd Bol is changing lives one book at a time. What started as a project to recycle a garage door — by turning it into a small book repository in the shape of a one-room schoolhouse to honor his late mother — has morphed into a global phenomenon, scattering book-filled Little Free Libraries like literary dandelion seeds.

After noticing folks stopping at his garage sale spent more time checking out the library he installed in 2009 at the end of his Hudson, Wisconsin, driveway, Bol began thinking bigger, giving away 30 Little Free Libraries to friends and family.

Anyone can put up a Little Free Library anywhere and attach a small sign that says "Take a Book, Leave a Book." Anyone registering his or her library on the nonprofit's website gets a free "Little Free Library" sign in the mail, and the location is noted on an online map.

"The real key of the Little Free Libraries is people say they meet their neighbors through their libraries. It's an extension of their front porch."

When Little Free Library became a nonprofit in 2012, several hundred libraries had popped up in many states and a handful of countries. The goal was 2,510 libraries, one more than the number of Carnegie libraries. But Little Free Libraries exploded in popularity. Last November Bol attached the 50,000th Little Free Library sign to a library at a homeless shelter in Santa Ana, Calif.

Little Free Libraries are in every state in America and 70 countries.

Bol leads a staff of 14 in an office park in the western Wisconsin community where kits and libraries constructed by local craftsmen are sold online for \$225 to \$360. The nonprofit's Impact Fund helps provide no-cost libraries to communities. Construction plans are offered free online. Many people decide to make their



MARK HOFFMAN/USA TODAY NETWORK

Todd Bol

Location: Hudson, Wisconsin

Age: 61

Profession: Co-founder and executive director of Little Free Library

Mission: To build small boxes for books called Little Free Libraries throughout the globe

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own or donate their creations.

Bol travels frequently to spread the Little Free Library gospel. A few days after an interview, he flew to the Philippines for 2½ weeks to help with efforts to install thousands of libraries.

"Everybody deserves to read. I see Little Free Libraries as a movement to bring people together," said Bol.

Q&A WITH TODD BOL

What does it mean to you to be an American?

To me it's what you give back. I feel it's not what you accumulate and what you have but how you give back to society and culture. A very important thing for me is to ask the question — not it takes a village to raise a child but how am I part of that village?

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

What touched me to launch the Little Free Library was just how my neighborhood got so excited and thrilled. It was like a new baby or a new puppy. They were thrilled by it. It was something they had never seen. What we did is we put them out there across Wisconsin and Minnesota, and it took off. It's been in the media. It's delighted people around the world.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

There's an old saying that you don't think clearly with clenched fists. I believe too often in America right now we're angry and we're spending time and energy about where we disagree. What is wonderful about Little Free Libraries that gives me hope is it brings neighborhoods together. It brings a commonality of improving literacy within the neighborhood, and they connect. I see that people are more concerned about connecting and being together and building a strong community than I see dissension. I believe dissension is too often emphasized and it's not really who we are. Little Free Libraries are more about who we are, that is, connecting neighborhoods and making neighborhoods better and making every single child and adult better. I think Little Free Libraries push a ray of hope on us that is more representative of who we are.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

What I believe is that everybody has a right to read. You may not be able to change your city or your town, but you can change your neighborhood. What we're hoping is that Little Free Library acts as a spark in that neighborhood to step up, change your neighborhood, make it better ... It's starting that, and it's happening all across the globe. I just hope it accelerates more and more.

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Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority director placed on paid administrative leave

Christina Hall
Detroit Free Press

The director of the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority was placed on paid administrative leave pending an internal investigation, according to a memo sent to authority staff and obtained by the Free Press.

The memo, sent June 21, doesn't state the nature of the investigation involving director George Phifer.

Timothy McCarthy, chairman of the authority's seven-member board of commissioners, said: "we do not comment on personnel matters," and referred a reporter to Acting Director Michael Reese, who is the Metroparks chief of police. McCarthy had no further comment.

Reese said: "I can tell you that it is a policy of the park system not to comment on personnel issues."

Phifer, who worked as a police officer in Pontiac before coming to the authority in 2008 as police chief, could not be reached for comment. An automatic reply from his work email stated: "I am out of the office until further notice."

The memo from McCarthy states that staff may be asked to participate in the investigation and if so, the authority expects their "full and complete cooperation with investigators."

"Absent written authorization from me, staff members are prohibited from divulging the fact or details of the matter or investigation to the media or anyone else outside HCMA," the

memo states, referring any inquiries to Reese.

The authority board held a special meeting June 21 with a closed session to discuss attorney-client privileged communication.

Earlier this month, a photo went around the Internet of a fawn run down by a tractor at Stony Creek Metropark, triggering protest comments on Facebook and charges of wildlife abuse by animal welfare advocates.

Phifer said the fawn's death was the kind of "unfortunate accident" that he hoped to prevent with new maintenance methods.

But environmentalists, birders and others concerned about wildlife have been critical about excessive mowing at the parks -- a decision they say Phifer has made -- and the destruction of what they believe is good habitat for wildlife, such as the removal of trees.

For example, removing dead trees can hurt 33 species of birds in Michigan that nest in tree cavities, said Randy Baker, president of the Macomb Audubon Society, which sent a letter dated June 7 to the authority's board expressing its concerns.

"It seems like they're grooming the Metroparks like a golf course than a natural habitat," Baker said, adding that current practices are "not what I call good stewardship."

The society's letter states that if the Metroparks is "unable or unwilling to make changes to their management practices, we the Board Members of



HURON-CLINTON METROPARKS
Huron-Clinton Metroparks consists of 13 parks, covering more than 25,000 acres throughout five counties in southeast Michigan.

the Macomb Audubon Society would like to suggest that perhaps it is time to replace Mr. Phifer as Director of the Huron Clinton Metroparks. Our resources, both natural and fiscal are too precious to waste."

There also have been some questions about other proposed changes, such as the future of the golf course at Hudson Mills Metropark in Dexter, for which there is a meeting July 5 at the golf course.

As director, Phifer serves as the chief executive officer and is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the authority, according to its website. It states that he served as deputy director and chief operating officer before becoming director.

As deputy director, he was responsible for the overall administration and operation of the 13 Metroparks, which are scattered throughout five counties in metro

Detroit.

In 2010, he was appointed executive secretary to the board, serving as a staff officer of the agency while maintaining his responsibilities as police chief, according to his biography on the website.

Phifer worked for the Pontiac Police Department for nearly 20 years, retiring as a captain in 2004. He then worked as chief of security for the Pontiac School District and as director of security and safety for six Parkview Health Hospitals in Indiana.

Taxpayers in the five counties with Metroparks — Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Livingston and Washtenaw — pay a millage of 0.2146, that is expected to generate more than \$29 million in revenue this year for the authority, according to its 2017 budget.

That budget includes more than \$51 million in revenues and more than

\$62-million in expenses.

In March, the authority's board — two of whom are no longer serving — approved a \$21,000 raise for Phifer, bringing his salary to \$168,000.

Phifer's tenure has not been without controversy.

In 2012, numerous lawsuits against the authority and various officials were filed about hiring and promotion practices that some law enforcement officers claimed favored minority candidates over older white males. The lawsuits alleged age, race or sex discrimination but have since been settled.

In March 2015, the Michigan Court of Appeals upheld the dismissal of a lawsuit filed against the authority and Phifer that alleged civil rights violations.

Staff Writers Eric D. Lawrence and Bill Laitner and The Livingston Daily contributed to this report.

Bridge, lane closures set for U.S. 23

Jennifer Eberbach
Livingston Daily

Repairs to several bridges along U.S. 23 between Brighton and Fenton will require freeway and bridge lane closures.

The construction is part of \$2.2 million in bridge repairs and preventative maintenance along U.S. 23 in the county that began last year.

Northbound and southbound U.S. 23 at the Crouse Road bridge in Hartland Township were down to one lane this past weekend. Single lanes on both sides of the freeway will close again at 8 p.m. Friday, July 14, through 6 a.m. Monday, July 17.

The Faussett Road bridge at U.S. 23 in Tyronne Township was scheduled to completely close in both directions until 5 p.m. Friday, July 14. Traffic will be detoured to Old U.S. 23 and Center and Runyan Lake roads.

The White Lake road bridge over U.S. 23 in Tyone Township, just south of Fenton, was set to be down to one lane until 5 p.m. Friday, July 14.

The Lee Road bridge at U.S. 23 in Green Oak Township, just south of Brighton, is expected to completely close in both directions from 7 a.m. Monday, July 17, until 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 19. Traffic will be detoured to Fieldcrest Drive and Silver Lake and Whitmore Lake roads.

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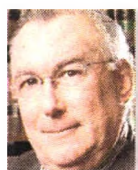
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Condo association can limit short-term leases



Robert Meisner
GUEST COLUMNIST

Q: Short-term rentals are becoming a big problem in our condominium association, especially during the holidays and summer, where leases may be for a week or less. Short-term tenants rarely follow the rules if they even happen to know about them in the first place, damage to the common elements is on the increase and we have no idea who is doing it, not to mention our property manager is pulling her hair out and is probably ready to

quit. The condominium's developer retained ownership of a few units and continually leases them out on a short-term basis. What can we do?

A: I am assuming that your governing documents contain no restrictions on short-term leasing, as it seems the developer specifically chose to draft them that way as part of a plan to retain ownership of some units and continually lease them on a short-term basis after control of the association's board of directors had transferred to the co-owners. Most other condominium bylaws will contain a restriction which states that leases have to contain a minimum initial

term such as 30 days, six months or a year.

However, it seems to me that your developer may be relying too heavily on an assumption that there will never be a restriction on short-term rentals. Section 90(2) of the Michigan Condominium Act provides that the bylaws may be amended by two-thirds of the co-owners and it doesn't matter if the developer drafted the bylaws requiring a higher fraction or percentage. Hopefully, the practice of short-term leasing is not so pervasive as to involve co-owners holding more than one-third of the voting power, who could be expected to oppose an amendment adding a restriction on short-term

rentals. Since this would be an amendment regarding leasing, you would also have to get two-thirds of the voting power of "mortgagees" (basically, the banks that provide mortgages on the units) to approve, but that tends to be an easy process with the guidance of an experienced condominium law firm.

While some co-owners may wish to go even further and prohibit all leasing, that may not be considered a reasonable restriction by the courts, even if you were to exempt current co-owners. But it would likely be acceptable to place a certain percentage cap on leased units with an exemption for current co-owners, perhaps

somewhere between 20-30 percent of all units, which is a common restriction in governing documents. This could be an additional proposed amendment.

Finally, note that you will also have to ensure that the new provisions have teeth. If the penalties for default under that provision or pursuant to your enforcement policy are not tough enough, the short-term lessors may decide that the penalties are an acceptable cost of doing business. Additionally, you need to ensure that your association will be able to recover the costs related to enforcement of the provision. An experienced condominium attorney would be sure to

review your enforcement provisions and draft any additional proposed amendments to same that may be needed.

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Survey: Not enough kids are getting proper physical activity

Perry A. Farrell
Detroit Free Press

Michigan kids need to get moving, according to a recently released study of youth sports.

The study found that while 85 percent of parents think their children would benefit from playing a sport or being active through play, only 13 percent of kids are getting the recommended daily hour of physical activity.

The results concluded that Michigan kids are at higher risk for obesity and other health problems.

The study, called the State of Play, was funded by the Ralph C. Wilson Jr. Foundation, which is hoping to create programming for low-income youths and others that is aimed at increasing physical activity.

The report was released by Tom Farrey, executive director of the Aspen Institute Sports & Society Program; Mariam Noland, president of the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan, and David O. Egner, president and CEO of the Wilson foundation.

"Our vision is to have a southeast Michigan community in which all children, regardless of ZIP code or ability, have the opportunity to be active through sports," Egner said. "The State of Play report identifies the challenges we face as a region, but more importantly, it also shares the opportunities that all of us in the community — parents, educators and leaders — can pursue for improvement."

The State of Play report focused on children and sports in Wayne,



STATE OF PLAY

State of Play in southeast Michigan isn't where it should be.

Oakland, Macomb, Washenaw, Livingston, Monroe and St. Clair counties.

The report cited factors that hindered participation in youth sports and other physical activities. For example, southeast Michigan's economic decline, exacerbated by the Great Recession, was cited as the reason behind a decline in community sports leagues and recreational programs.

In Detroit, many recreation centers closed in the

early 2000s and 50 parks were slated to close in 2013 before being saved by a public-private partnership. In addition, the long-term financial emergency of the city's public school district has resulted in the loss of many programs and closures of school buildings.

Researchers surveyed more than 150 youth-sport providers and other leaders in the region on how well they think adults were doing as far as get-

ting kids to be active through sports. The average grade was a C-plus.

The study also found: » On the whole, few kids are active enough. The percentage of southeast Michigan youths getting one hour of daily, physical activity as recommended by the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention was just 15 percent of boys and 11 percent of girls. Broken down by ethnicity, 14 percent were black, 12 per-

cent were white and 8 percent were Hispanic.

» The average number of sports played in any form over 12 days in the past year hovered between 1.5 and 1.7.

» The most popular sport for boys and girls in both organized and unstructured settings was basketball, followed by gymnastics.

» Individuals have adequate access to opportunities for physical activity if they reside in a census block that is within a half-mile of a park or, in urban census blocks, within one mile of a recreational facility or in, a rural census block, within three miles of a recreational facility.

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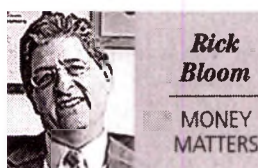
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Modern world presents many more challenges to investing



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

Last week, I read an article that looked at some of the financial issues that families faced 50 years ago and compared it to today. Obviously, there is a major difference in the issues we face today than we did 50 years ago. I thought I would give you my spin of some of the major differences and challenges we face today vs. 50 years ago.

One of the major challenges that we face to-

day that we didn't have 50 years ago is the explosion of information. Fifty years ago, the average American got their information from the newspaper, along with TV and radio. Any research on a subject would be done at the library. Fast forward to today: Americans are flooded with information, not only from newspapers, TV and radio, but also from the Internet and social media. At our fingertips we have access to an incredible amount of information. Unfortunately, that wealth of information doesn't mean it's all good information, because today we have to deal with an incredible amount of mis-

information. Even though in today's world we are flooded with information, it is becoming more and more difficult to find truly independent, factual information. To be successful in the financial world, you must rely on independent information.

Another change has been the availability of credit. If you go back 50 years, credit cards were brand new and obtaining credit was not easy. Fast forward to today: Charge cards and other forms of debt are readily available. In fact, with the explosion of the Internet, you no longer even have to talk to a person to get approved for credit.

Because credit is so readily available, it has led to severe financial problems for American families. It is essential to financial security that you always think twice before incurring debt and that you are constantly monitoring your debt situation. One sure way to strangle your finances is to be overly burdened by debt. Just because you can borrow money doesn't mean that you should.

Fifty years ago, we lived in an American economy. Companies like Ford, General Motors and McDonald's depended on the U.S. economy for their income and were just dipping their toes in foreign markets. Today, numer-

ous American companies depend upon foreign markets in order to remain in business. The international economy that we now live in has affected many things in our society, including our jobs and how we invest. Fifty years ago, it wasn't important for people to diversify their portfolio internationally; today, it is essential. No longer can you just have one international investment, you need a variety of them to totally diversify and protect your portfolio.

International investing has its own set of challenges. Foreign markets and economies are different than ours and sometimes operate on different cycles. That

being said, investors cannot afford to ignore foreign investments. If they do, it's sort of like playing football without a helmet — it just doesn't make sense.

There's no doubt that much has changed over the last 50 years when it comes to personal finance. Yes, there are more challenges and speed bumps in the road today, but the bottom line is, no matter what the challenges are, it is still our responsibility to take care of our personal finances.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com.

Madonna University students host Brain Awareness Day

Student members and the faculty adviser of the Madonna University Psychology Club presented Brain Awareness Day to some 80 third- and fourth-graders June 12 at Bartlett Elementary School in South Lyon. They were hosted by Sarah Thiel, a guest teacher for the South Lyon School District.

This annual service project combines aspects of psychology and biology and addresses the need for neuroscience education in primary schools. The dual-goal for Brain Awareness Day is for elementary students to receive a thorough introduction to the inner workings of their brains and for the college student mentors to gain experience developing effective and meaningful teaching strategies for extremely difficult topics.

The Madonna student mentors prepared dynamic and engaging lesson plans that highlighted the importance of the brain and brain research. At interactive brain stations, the children were able to see and touch real animal brains, play with plastic models of the human brain, play games to understand the function of the brain's neurons, experience optical illusions and play beach ball catch while



Kenneth Thiel, Madonna assistant professor of psychology, talks about the plastic model of a human brain, as Bartlett Elementary students touch animal brains, during the Brain Awareness Day in South Lyon.

wearing image-distortion goggles. The future neuroscientists also made brain neurons from pipe cleaners to take home.

"It was a lot of fun working with the kids and seeing how excited they were to learn about neuroscience," said Tiffany Gibbons, Madonna psychology student from South Lyon. "One student told me she wouldn't mind cutting into her recess to finish building her neuron!"

According to Kenneth Thiel, Ph.D., assistant professor of psychology at Madonna, the event is meant to spark scientific inquiry and to develop an interest in brain health in

young children. "I was really amazed with how quickly all of the students caught on to the lessons. Neuroscience is not an easy topic, even for college students, but by the end of the day, it seemed like the children had a pretty firm grasp on most of the brain terminology we were trying to teach," he said. "Equipping elementary students with knowledge about their brains is an important early step in helping them understand and optimize their own cognitive capacity, as well as preserve and promote their own neural health."

Schuette encourages meningitis victims to apply for part of \$40M

Victims of the 2012 multi-state fungal meningitis outbreak are encouraged to submit their claims to receive part of a \$40 million compensation fund.

The special victim compensation fund helps pay for certain out-of-pocket expenses incurred as a direct result of having received tainted injections manufactured and distributed by Massachusetts-based New England Compounding Center. The deadline for submitting an application form is Dec. 16.

"No amount of money could truly compensate for the fatalities and long-lasting health challenges that resulted from this gross oversight," Attorney General Bill Schuette said in a press release. "However, I encourage any Michigan citizens who were hurt by these injections to file a claim and secure at least some compensation for the loss they incurred."

Livingston County was one of the hardest hit areas, with a total of 15 people who received tainted steroid injections dying as a result of the infection. Many more were left to deal with painful and permanent side effects.

In all, the outbreak affected more than 700 victims in 23 states.

In December 2014, 14 individuals were indicted by federal prosecutors on 131 criminal acts in connection to the outbreak. These include a combined 25 counts of second-degree murder in Michigan, Tennessee,

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- » Received one of the NECC-produced lots 05212012@68, 06292012@26 or 08102012@51
- » Developed fungal meningitis or certain other fungal infections as a result of the injection(s)

If you believe you meet all of the criteria above, submit an application form to initiate a review for eligibility. However, if you are uncertain if you meet all of the criteria, you may still submit an application to initiate a review for eligibility. Survivors and/or dependents of a family member who meets or met the criteria may also file a claim for compensation to initiate a review for eligibility.

The Massachusetts Attorney General's Office is currently building the Massachusetts NECC Compensation Project within their Victim Compensation and Assistance Division. This project aims to be more responsive to the needs and interests of NECC victims, survivors and their families, while complying with state and federal rules related to Victims of Crime Compensation.

To submit an application electronically: Victims of New England Compounding Center, Application for Compensation

To submit an application in hard copy, you may request an application by calling 617-573-5375 (toll-free 844-315-0399) or emailing NECCAssistance@state.ma.us.

Indiana, Virginia, Maryland, Florida and North Carolina.

Most recently, pharmacy co-owner Barry Cadden was sentenced to nine years in prison for conspiracy and fraud charges. Cadden, who was acquitted of second-degree murder, reports to prison by Aug. 7.

The funds come from the federal Victims of Crime Act, and were granted to the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office for distribution by the Of-

fice for Victims of Crime of the U.S. Department of Justice. The fund will offer up to \$50,000 for individuals who were catastrophically injured or died from the contaminated injections, Schuette's office said. The money is intended to help pay for uninsured medical care and income lost because of an inability to work.

No victim has received compensation from this settlement yet.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING SOLID WASTE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT

Section 11510(2)(c) of Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended (Part 115) provides for a notice of application for a construction permit modification.

On June 23, 2016, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) received an application from Advanced Disposal Services Arbor Hills Landfill, Inc., for a construction permit modification at the Arbor Hills Landfill. The Director of the DEQ must either issue or deny the construction permit modification application by October 27, 2017.

The Arbor Hills Landfill is located at 10690 West Six Mile Road, Northville, Salem Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan. The facility presently operates a 337.24 acre landfill.

The landfill proposes the following:

- To alter the design of Cell 4 and Cell 6 in order to remove one of Cell 6's two proposed sumps.
- To alter the internal floor grading of Cell 4 and Cell 6 so that the amount of Arbor Hills East waste that would need to be removed is reduced.
- To alter the internal boundaries of Cell 4 and Cell 6 such that Cell 4 encompasses an area that had been designated as Cell 6.

Arbor Hills Landfill, is shown on the map below and is located in Section 13, T1S, R7E, Northville, Salem Township, Washtenaw County, Michigan.



Nearest Crossroads:
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Salem Township:
Section 13, T1S, R7E

The Department will hold a public hearing in the vicinity of the proposed facility, under the provisions of Section 11510(2)(c) of Part 115, if a request for such a hearing is submitted in writing by the applicant or the municipality involved, or if a petition containing a number of signatures equaling at least 10% of the registered voters of the municipality where the project is to be located who voted in the last gubernatorial election is submitted to the Department. Such a petition shall be validated by the Salem Township clerk or Northville Township clerk. Requests for public hearings must be submitted to the Department within 30 days.

The public comment period will close August 12, 2017.

The complete application package may be reviewed at the DEQ, WMRPD Jackson District Office, 301 E. Louis Glick Highway, Jackson, Michigan from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. weekdays. Copies of the complete application may be obtained from the WMRPD at the address listed above for the cost of reproduction.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Waste Management and Radiological Protection Division

CITY OF NORTHVILLE VACANCY ON PLANNING COMMISSION

The Northville City Council is accepting applications for consideration of an appointment to fill a vacancy on the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission is appointed by City Council and consists of nine members that serve three-year staggered terms. The Commission regularly meets at 7pm on the first and third Tuesday of each month.

The mission of the Planning Commission includes development of the Master Plan and Master Plan Updates, review and approve site plan developments, review and approve special land use requests, review and make recommendations to City Council on all rezoning requests, and review and recommend changes to the Zoning Ordinance.

If you are a registered voter in the City of Northville, a resident of the City for at least two years, and are interested in volunteering to serve, please submit an application to the City Clerk. Applications are available on the City's website www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to Government, Boards and Commissions) or at the City Clerk's Office, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167.

Applications will be accepted until the vacancy is filled. Applicants will be contacted by the City Clerk's Office regarding interview dates and times. Applications received after the vacancy is filled will be placed on file for future consideration.

Published: July 13, 2017

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing to receive public input on a request to permit a temporary office use on premises zoned R-2, Second Density Residential District, at 236 S. Center St., Northville, Michigan, 48167, parcel number 48-003-03216-000. The applicant is seeking approval from Section 25.04(e) of the Zoning Ordinance to use an existing residential structure as an office for twelve months.

The public hearing will be held on Wednesday August 2, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-449-9902. The purpose of the public hearing is to receive public comment on the variance request. The variance application is available for review at the City of Northville Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments pertaining to the proposed variance request will also be received at the above address.

DOMINIC SILVESTRI, CHAIRPERSON
BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Proposed closure of Hudson Mills golf course delayed

Some believe Metroparks officials haven't done enough to promote course

Jennifer Eberbach
Livingston Daily

A proposal to close the golf course in the Hudson Mills Metropark near Dexter is drawing enough criticism that a final decision has been delayed for several months.

Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority officials voted last month to postpone approving a master plan for Hudson Mills for 90 days in order to give the public more time to comment.

The proposed plan calls for shutting down the 18-hole, par-71 golf course at the close of this year's golf season and finding new uses for the land and clubhouse.

Operating a canoe livery on the land, which includes frontage on the Huron River, is on the table.

Other ideas have included opening a nature center and turning the land into prairies with wildflower areas, according to Metroparks Commissioner Steve Williams, who represents Livingston County on the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority board.

Williams said the golf course might not make enough money from golfing fees to justify keeping it open with taxpayer dollars. But he also said he would like more information on golf course usage before deciding if it should close.

"I believe it's costing us \$38,000 a year above what the course brings



The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority is considering closing Hudson Mills Metropark's golf course. A number of golf carts stand ready for service near the clubhouse recently.

in," he said.

He said keeping the course open could be worth it, "if there is enough interest."

"Public courses serve a purpose, because we're not in competition with private clubs," Williams said. "High school groups could use it on Saturdays," he said, also saying the course is a good choice for older people "because it's one of the few courses you can golf without a cart, because it's not hilly."

Pinckney resident Phil Jackson, who regularly uses the golf course, said he believes "mismanagement" by Metroparks



Reaching the 18th hole at Hudson Mills Metropark's golf course, like any other course, means the game is over. The game may be over in a larger sense for the course. The Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority is considering closing it.

administration has put the course in jeopardy.

"The course is in great shape, but they've done a less than adequate job of trying to promote it," Jackson said.

Williams said he agrees Metroparks administration should publicize and market golf courses better.

Canoe livery idea controversial

The development of a new business in Dexter has come to a halt, while Metropark officials ponder whether to use a portion of the golf course as a canoe livery.

Business partners

Nate Pound and Tyler Soja plan to open Mill Creek Outdoor Adventures, which would have a canoe and kayak livery and a beer garden, on Main Street on a creek that leads to the Huron River. The property was formerly the outdoor sports store Mill Creek Sports Center, which closed a few years ago.

Williams confirmed that the Metroparks authority is in negotiations with the business owners to allow them to use parkland for a place to take boats out of the water. However, he also said that agreement will depend on what happens with master planning for Hudson Mills.

"The big stink in Dexter is (the Metroparks) were trying to take away business from private companies," Jackson said. "The Metroparks basically said we're not going to honor that agreement and we're going to do canoe rentals. They had cleared the land and they were getting ready to build."

Dexter City Manager Courtney Nicholls said Mill Creek Outdoor Adventures is on hold while the owners and Metroparks officials negotiate.

"Although the city (Dexter) hasn't taken a formal stance, the mayor (Shawn Keough) has been speaking out against it (closing the course)," Nicholls said. "Most people want to keep the golf course open. ... It's a big deal to the community, which we have seen since they proposed closing it. There was someone passing out 'Save our golf course' fliers."

South Lyon FBI agent recognized for doctor investigation

South Lyon resident Bryan Drake was recently named a finalist for the Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Homeland Security and Law Enforcement Medal.

An FBI special agent, Drake played an instrumental role in the investigation and prosecution of Dr. Farid Fata, now serving a 45-year prison sentence for giving false diagnoses and unnecessary cancer treatment to hundreds of patients in order to steal millions from Medicare. Drake and his three colleagues, Department of Justice Special Agent Catherine Kuo Dick, IRS Special Agent Kevin Nalu, and Trial Attorney Abhijit Dixit, are one of only four teams selected from the entire federal government to be recognized as a finalist in this division.

The Samuel J. Heyman Service to America Homeland Security and Law Enforcement Medal recognizes a federal employee or team for a significant accomplishment in fields such as border and transportation security, civil rights, counterterrorism, emergency response, fraud prevention, and intelligence.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

All-American pick Diederich doesn't get short end of stick

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

Whether he's out in the field or inside the office, Dan Diederich can provide you with a good insurance policy.

During the school year, the 2015 Novi Detroit Catholic Central High grad excels for the Aquinas College men's lacrosse team, as he earned NA-IA second team All-America honors as a defensive midfielder while leading the Saints to their most successful season in school history.

Diederich admits he likes to golf and fish during the summer, but spends most of his time working as a licensed



Diederich

insurance agent for TDA Insurance & Financial in Novi.

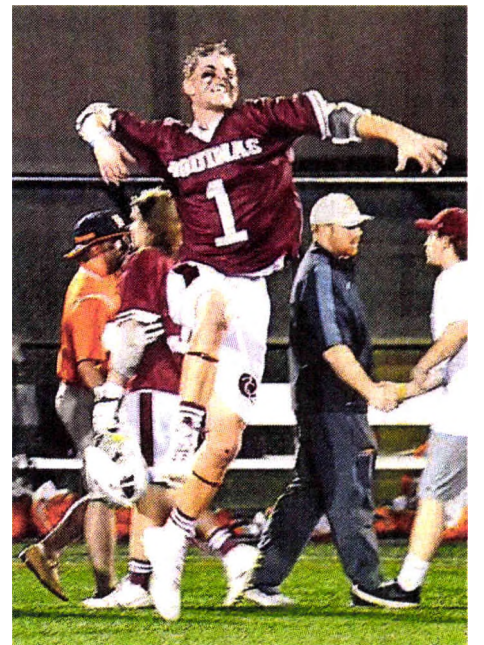
"I've worked at my parents' insurance agency the past five summers now and plan on taking it over," said Diederich, an associate who just recently earned three insurance industry scholarship awards. "I do a little bit of everything, just trying to get a grasp on how the agency runs, really, is what I've been doing. I'm a full-time producer, so I'm in a normal role of any employee, but I also work a lot of the renewals. So I just kind of hop

around and do as much stuff as I can to learn as much as I can when I'm young."

Diederich, who will be a junior this fall, is majoring in business administration and marketing and it appears he is already well ahead of the curve when it comes to his career path.

"It's something I enjoy doing and coming home to, especially having the family business thing," said Diederich, who made the dean's list at Aquinas. "It's been life-touching to me to take what my parents (Mark and Sherry) started and see my future with it. We

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Dan Diederich jumps for joy after Aquinas upset top seed Indiana Tech.

YOUTH FOOTBALL



RYAN DOYLE | VIDEO VISION 360

Former Catholic Central football standout Mike Martin instructs a young player at his 2016 football camp.

Former Shamrocks player Martin's camp about hope

Ex-Wolverines star hosts camp July 16 at Detroit Catholic Central

Mark Snyder
Detroit Free Press

Mike Martin remembers the limitations.

He had a comfortable childhood, but there was not a lot of wiggle room.

So now that the former Michigan defensive tackle has experienced professional success, playing four NFL seasons, he's extending hope to other kids.

Martin's summer football camp returns Sunday, July 16, but there will be a few changes as he shifts the focus. No longer in Ann Arbor, it will take place at his alma mater, Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

"Myself growing up in Detroit, near Belle Isle at Jefferson and Van Dyke, I never had the opportunity to go to any camps because we didn't have any money," he said. "All the money went towards feeding me and towards school, because I went to private Catholic school. There were no opportunities. So



RYAN DOYLE | VIDEO VISION 360

Former Wolverines player Mike Martin (left) will stage a youth football camp July 16 at Novi Detroit Catholic Central.

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LITTLE LEAGUE

South Farmington teams win district titles

Marty Budner
hometownlife.com

A pair of teams will proudly represent South Farmington Little League in state competition this weekend.

The SFLL Majors (12-under) will play in the girls softball state tournament starting Friday in St. Clair. Head coach Steve Dickson's squad earned the organization's first ever softball championship after sweeping Holly in a best-of-five series last week to capture the District 4 championship.

"It's definitely been an experience. I really wanted that banner," said Dickson, who has been involved in the South Farmington Little League for the past 15 years. "Of course, being the first one that was pretty special, needless to say."

In Junior Baseball (13-14) action, South Farmington's boys won the District 4 crown in dominating fashion last Saturday at Drake Park. Head coach Scott Johnson's team outscored its three opponents by a whopping 64-3 margin and now advances to a three-game sectional tournament scheduled to start Saturday at Harrison High School.

It marks the third straight year that South Farmington has captured the District 4 Junior championship.

"It's pretty amazing because we were actually thinking about getting out of Little League five years ago when I joined the board, but now we have three straight district championships," said Johnson, who serves as SFLL president. "And with the softball team winning this year, that actually makes four district championships."

The South Farmington softball team, known as the Lady Bombers, was led by the pitching tandem of Warner and Power middle school students Sophia Ramold and Jackie Hoerner.

The Lady Bombers got the tournament started in exciting fashion with a late-inning rally that produced a 3-2 victory. With Sammy Hoffer and Jackie Hoerner on second and third base in their final at-bat, Hannah Smith laid down a bunt that Holly misplayed and allowed both runners to score.

South Farmington won the second game, 10-8, with the help of extra-base hit production from Emily Dickson, Autumn Bartlett and Hoffer. Macee Babb, after being down 0-2 in the count, drew a walk with a 12-pitch at-bat which seemed to spark the Lady Bombers offense.

The Lady Bombers took the third game in decisive fashion, 15-3. It featured a home run from Ramold and a pair of doubles from Kendall Carr. Hoffer made a great defensive play in center field to end an inning.

"We played in a tournament with Holly, but we didn't get to play them and we got to see them play and they saw us play before we actually played each other," said Dickson, assisted by Jen Orow and Tom Hoerner. "I'm just so proud of these girls because they've really worked hard. It's a bit surreal, for sure, because we weren't sure we were going to have a team and it's just a

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PREP POM

South Lyon squad earns summer camp awards

Brad Emons
hometownlife.com

The 2017-18 South Lyon varsity came away with three awards, including a first place in original pompon routine, at the Mid American Pompon Summer Camp held June 22-25 at Davenport University in Grand Rapids.

South Lyon, coached by Katee Buddenborg and Emily Thomas, also earned awards for team unity and team showmanship out of 15 squads.

Meanwhile, the new freshman and sophomore team members competed in the intermediate division and

received a grand champions trophy for first place in speed learning, kick line and original routine.

Senior team members for South Lyon are Emma Campbell, Allison Havrilla, Danielle Havrilla, Katie Jakubik, Evelyn Keller, Bailey Papich and Jenna Potter.

Junior team members are Evelyn Arnold, Caroline Badrak, Ashley Cox, Nina Ravindran, Kamdyn Price, Bella Ruddy, Molly Thomas and Taylor Vitori.

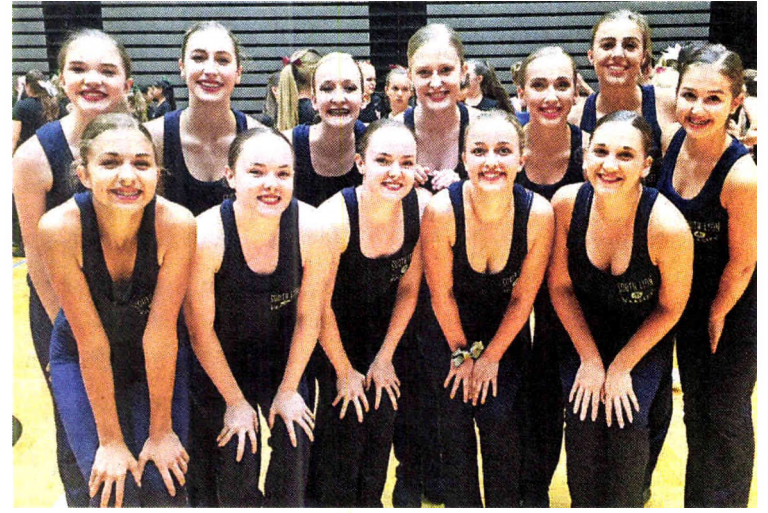
They are joined by sophomores Elyssa Haas, Emily Manriquez, Abbie Martin, Izzie Mckercher, Kennedy Niedbala, Morgan Rende, Shannon Richardson, Jenna

Stanfield, Lilliana Vangelov and Kim Wyman.

Rounding out the squad are freshmen Bella Campbell, Delaney Chapuseaux, Erin Ellis, Leah Evangelista, Ally Furstenu, Jessica Genord, Alex Leonardo, Mackenzie Pagels, Ashley Pickl, Lacey Smith and Makayla Sullivan.

Among those trying out and earning Mid American All Star honors were Sullivan, Vangelov, Arnold, Ruddy, Thomas, Badrak, Furstenu, Allison Havrilla, Danielle Havrilla, Potter and Campbell.

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Twelve members of the South Lyon varsity earned Mid American Pompon Summer Camp All Star honors.



The South Farmington Little League's Lady Bombers squad captured its first district championship in history last week. Team members include Macee Babb, Autumn Bartlett, Kendall Carr, Emily Dickson, Cassidy Fenton, Desserre Glenn, Jackie Hoerner, Samantha Hoffer, Katie Kowalyk, Sela Lefler, Emily Luke, Anna Orow, Sophia Ramold and Hannah Smith.

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great group of girls."

South Farmington will play its first game at 12:30 p.m. Friday at Legacy Fields in St. Clair. Its next games are scheduled for 9 a.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

The Junior Baseball squad was led by three players who all batted over .500 in the three games — third baseman Vince Hardy, first baseman Jack Donehue and catcher/pitcher/infielder Tyler Johnson.

The pitching staff of Gabe Smith, Mike Crawley and Johnson was superb as it allowed just six hits combined in 13 total innings.

"I didn't actually expect to dominate the way we did," Johnson said. "We're not an overpowering team. We don't hit home runs every game, but we just put the ball in play every game and try to play a small-ball game."

"We just kept going. The kids were focused and the end result was there, I guess," he added. "We just got a lot of key hits when we had runners on. It was a total team effort, that's all I can say."



South Farmington Little League's Junior Baseball team won its third straight district championship. Team members include Danny Brenner, Ryan Angeliu, Jack Donehue, Zach Ivanac, Isaac Brendel, Gabe Smith, Steven Ihm, Peter Barraco, Tyler Johnson, Ian Width, Eoin Hubbard, Mike Crawley, Vince Hardy and Jonah Musial.

South Farmington's will play the Taylor Little League representative in a best-of-three section series, with the winner advancing to the eight-team state championship tournament. The teams will play a doubleheader at noon Saturday at Harrison and a third game,

if necessary, would be played at noon Sunday.

Johnson is confident his boys are ready for the sectional.

"With this team, they are pretty focused," Johnson said. "There was a celebration when we won the (district) banner,

but their focus is bigger and better than that. So as long as we keep that attitude, my gut tells me we are moving on to states.

"I'm sure it will be a hard battle, but this team definitely does not have any give-up," he added.

DIEDERICH

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sell home, auto, commercial, health, life. I'm licensed in everything, pretty much all types of insurance."

During his sophomore season at Aquinas, Diederich was second on the Saints squad with 59 ground balls and caused six turnovers as a defensive midfielder. He scored six goals and added 14 assists for 20 points, while also winning 11 face-offs en route to first team all-Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference honors.

Diederich was recruited out of CC as a defender, but his urge to play immediately during his first year with the Saints gave him the opportunity to switch to being a midfielder, something he hadn't done since the sixth grade.

"My freshman year, I came in as a long pole and they were returning three starters and I was just dying to get on the field, so I came to my coach and said I would play short stick 'd-middle,' which I had never done before," Diederich said. "It started just as a chance for me to get out on the field and maybe move back, but I actually fit in really well and I was able to use my athletic ability to be able to play both sides of the field more instead of being stuck down on defense, so it actually worked out pretty well."

The 6-foot-3, 180-pound Diederich, who also played basketball during his days at CC, was able to adapt fairly quickly.

"I don't think it was actually as much the position change as much as getting on the field and getting that chance to play," he said, "and once I got it, I just kind of ran with it and didn't want it give it up."

Aquinas finished 10-5 overall, including 4-3 in the WHAC. The Saints lost 13-6 in the WHAC championship final to Lourdes (Ohio) after upsetting top seed Indiana Tech in the semifinals, 18-17, in overtime.

"We won our first program conference playoff game (in school history), so that was a big step for us. And we got to the conference championship game and fell a little bit short of our goal, but to make that step as a program and get that first playoff win — and get over the hump — was something really special to me and all the guys on the team to be a part of that first playoff win."

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CAMP

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being able to give kids these opportunities that don't have it — and I know they don't have it — doing stuff like feeding them breakfast, you don't realize it."

This year's Youth Football Gauntlet event has a number of sponsors to keep the cost at \$25, with Meijer serving as presenting sponsor for the 300 participants.

The usual camp elements will be there: instruction from pro and college players (former Wolverines LaMarr Woodley and Brandon Graham among them), T-shirts, autographs, prizes.

But this year's camp has the larger goal for third- through ninth-graders, integrating kids from Detroit's east side communities and providing them with unique experiences: a BMX bike show with ramps and jumps and the Detroit Pistons Flight Crew and their aerial acrobatics.

"For them to see things like that and be in an environment that's nothing like where they're from," Martin said. "They don't have opportunities to see things like that. That in itself, you remember things like that. You may not remember someone talking at you, but the visuals, it just shows them what's possible. It shows them if I work hard in school, I can go to more stuff like this."

With UAW-Ford as a partner, there's transportation to Novi and some breakfast for the kids in Detroit before they leave from UAW headquarters.

That all may seem small, but as Martin found out from UAW vice president Jimmy Settles, it's a big deal.

"He told me this story: They were at King High School and giving out the breakfast bars," Martin said. "He said kids were fighting over the bars and stuffing them in their pockets. They didn't want them for themselves, they were stuffing them in their pockets to give back to their family when they got home, because they don't have food. So it's the little things you don't think about for kids who don't have

it, because we have it. Also, I want to provide that and give them the mindset that if you work hard, you can have what you want."

There still will be counselors taking time to share experiences — where they came from, where they ended up and how they got there. Many of those stories will relate to the camp attendees, which is Martin's goal. If he saves his for last, they'll be left with a zinger.

Martin played his four years in the NFL for the Tennessee Titans and was on the Philadelphia Eagles roster last year before being waylaid by a leg injury, sending him to the free-agency pile.

Now, he's trying to make

history by returning from a high tibial osteotomy, in which the bone is cut to relieve pressure on the knee. The procedure was performed by noted Chicago orthopedic surgeon Brian Cole.

"They're doing a documentary on it because I'm actually the first NFL player to have this done," said Martin, who is training and rehabbing at former U-M trainer Mike Barwis's Plymouth facility. "He's, like, 'I want to document this because you coming back from this is going to be a big deal.' That's my vision. I get back to kicking (butt) and they're talking on TV that this is the first guy to get something like this done. Pretty cool."

RUNNING

Road Runner Classic features Maybury Park scenery

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The 2017 Road Runner Classic Saturday, July 22 at historic Maybury State Park will provide participants a little bit everything and more.

The evening race, presented by the Northville Road Runners, will benefit the Friends of Maybury State Park.

It features an 8-kilometer run-walk, half on trail and half on pavement, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The new 5K run-walk, primarily on pavement, follows at 5:45 p.m.

The festivities for the family-style event kick off at 5 p.m. with the one-mile run-walk.

"We've been successful with this race for the last 14 years, so all we want to do is tweak it

every year, make it a little bit better and have a little more fun, get a little more people and put Maybury Park on the map," NRR president Gary Haf said.

Race fees (through July 20) are \$14 (fun run), \$36 (5K and 8K). Race day registration will be \$20 (fun run) and \$40 (5K and 8K).

There will also be a \$5 discount for all high school cross country runners.

"This year, we're kind of focusing in on having some cross country teams show up, let them come out here and let them duke it out, have some fun and share a little bit of the discount cost to them," Haf said. "And, hopefully, we'll see what happens."

All participants will receive a finisher medal, along with a

tech T-shirt.

Awards, donated by Running Fit, will go to the overall and masters male and female winners, along with the top three finishers in each of the 10-year age group divisions.

Post-race activities include music, pizza, homemade baked goods and beer. There will also be family activities for children at the Maybury Farm.

"This year, our numbers are looking really good and we're looking to have a record year, especially after last year that was the hottest year on record," Haf said. "And we've tuned into some things that our runners have told us they wanted. And this year, we're planning on having bigger medals, nicer shirts, farm animals for the kids. We're going to have a flat-out blast.

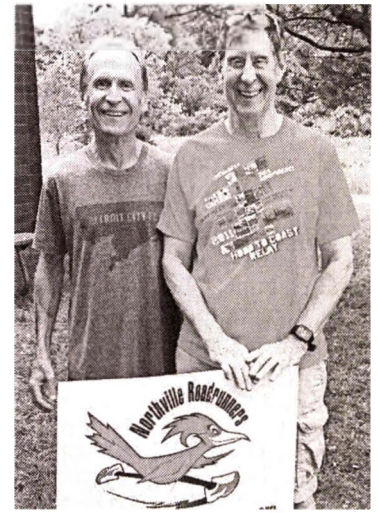
We hope everybody comes out and makes the classic special this year."

Maybury State Park is located off Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck. A state recreation passport is required; an annual Michigan passes can be purchased for \$11.

Packet pickup will be from noon to 3 p.m. Friday, July 22, at the Northville Running Fit store, 17783 Haggerty Road, just north of Six Mile, Livonia. Race day packet pickup starts at 3 p.m.

To register online, go to runsignup.com. For more information, go to northville-roadrunners.org.

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Top masters runner John Tarkowski (left) and Northville Road Runner president Gary Haf are promoting the NRR Classic on July 22 at Maybury State Park.

YOUTH WRESTLING



ROB WALKOWIAK
The South Lyon Matcats' Nathan Walkowiak (left) and Drake Pollins both earn medals in the USA Wrestling Kids Greco Roman & Freestyle Nationals in Atlanta, Ga.

Matcats medal at U.S. Kids Nationals

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South Lyon Matcats' members Nathan Walkowiak and Drake Pollins came away with medals at the USA Wrestling Kids Freestyle & Greco-Roman National Championships held June 27-29 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta.

Walkowiak became the Matcats' first-ever USA Wrestling national runner-up in Greco-Roman while also placing sixth

in the freestyle division.

Pollins, meanwhile, finished eighth in freestyle.

"Both wrestlers had extremely difficult brackets and a long road being required to compete and place at the state finals and Central Regional just for the opportunity to be able to compete in Atlanta," Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. "We're very proud of the season these two boys have had. South Lyon has a very bright wrestling future with Drake's and Nathan's leadership."

Walkowiak and Pollins were among only nine Michigan participants in USA Wrestling's Kids Triple Crown Wrestling Series, its largest event of the year.

"Both kids have worked extremely hard this season, competing nearly every weekend since late December for an opportunity to represent the Matcats and Michigan," Richardson said.

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YOUTH WRESTLING

Three Matcats members place first at AAU Eastern Grand Nationals

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The South Lyon Matcats came away with three individual titles last weekend at the AAU Eastern Grand Nationals held at the Wings Events Center in Kalamazoo.

The Matcats' Jonah Koilpillai seized titles in freestyle, Greco-Roman and folkstyle for his division, while also scoring the tournament's second fastest pin.

Aidan Meyers, a folkstyle specialist, not only captured the folkstyle championship in his age division, but also entered the age group above and came away with another crown.

Travis Richardson completed the Matcats' hat trick, winning his second consecutive triple crown in all three styles without a point being scored against him.

"This event is the oldest youth wrestling tournament in the country that always draws very competitive wrestlers from all over the country," Matcats coach Steve Richardson said. "While we don't



STEVE RICHARDSON
Earning AAU Eastern Grand National wrestling titles for the Matcats were (from left) Aidan Meyers, Travis Richardson and Jonah Koilpillai.

compete in AAU on a regular basis, we recognize them as a league with a rich wrestling tradition. The fact that their Grand Nationals was in Michigan this year was a reward to the hard work these kids have put in."

The Matcats continue their summer season July 13-16 at

the National United Wrestling Association for Youth Grand River Rumble in Lansing, a highly competitive tourney that includes 40 teams from around the county.

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PDL SOCCER

Tie secures first-place Bucks a playoff spot

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The Michigan Bucks found themselves in another hard-fought battle Saturday night, this time with the Cincinnati Dutch Lions, resulting in scoreless draw that had a playoff feel from beginning to end at Ultimate Soccer Arenas in Pontiac.

With the one point, the Bucks (8-1-3, 27 points) retain first place in the Great Lakes Division of the PDL Central Conference over Kitchener-Waterloo (Ontario) United, while extending their unbeaten streak to 12 dating back to their last loss in the second game of the PDL regular season in Dayton.

Cincinnati (5-5-2, 17 points), meanwhile, was officially eliminated from playoff contention with the tie, but played like a playoff team in one of the hardest matches the Bucks have played all season.

The Bucks have two remaining games left and a win from either would insure their 14th Great Lakes Division title and the top seed going into the Central Conference final four, with the venue to be determined for the July 21-22 tournament.

Bucks head coach Demir Muftari warned the team prior to the game to be prepared for exactly the type of match that transpired.

"Anytime you come off emotional back-to-back wins like we did against K-W last week, you are afraid of a letdown," he said. "Then you throw a good, scrappy squad that is fighting for their own playoff lives into the mix and you get a game that is probably going to be decided on one or two plays. That is exactly what happened tonight — except we did not make the play and their goalkeeper was outstanding, keeping us off the board."

The Bucks started the game attacking and put the Dutch Lions on their heels from the opening minutes. Captain Tom Owens nearly converted the closest opportunity in the eighth minute, when his free kick from 25 yards out hit the crossbar.

Jared Timmer (Butler) created most of the opportunities in the final third and was con-

stantly double-teamed as he kept the pressure on Cincinnati keeper Zeus de la Paz, who made four saves in the first half, two from point-blank range.

While forced to make only one first-half save, Bucks goalie Drew Shepherd (Western Michigan) continued his dominance. The Ann Arbor native registered his seventh shutout in 10 PDL matches and his 11th clean sheet of the season by turning away all four shots he faced.

The second half started out much like the first, with the Bucks attacking and the Dutch Lions doing what they had to do to contain the Bucks' second-half substitutions, Austin Ricci (Oakland) and Francis Atuahene (Michigan).

Midway through the second half, de la Paz was forced to make three outstanding saves from distance on shots from Ricci, Atuahene and Timmer, respectively.

The game went end to end for a 10-minute span and the Bucks got a call from the referee when Atuahene went by two defenders into the penalty area and was wrestled to the ground, giving the Bucks a penalty kick in the 77th minute.

Owens put his PK attempt low to the corner, but de la Paz guessed correctly and made a great diving save to keep the game scoreless.

The Bucks need one point from their final two games to clinch the Great Lakes title and a win in one of their final two matches will insure they are the top seed with a chance to host the Central Conference tournament.

In what could be their final home game, the defending North American PDL champions finish the regular season at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15, against the Derby City (Ky.) Rovers at Ultimate Soccer Arenas.

Tickets are available at the door for \$10 (adults) and \$5 (youths). Children 5-and-under are free.

For more ticket information, go to www.buckssoccer.com. You can also follow on Twitter: @MichiganBucks.

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JAY DUNWELL
Bucks captain Tom Owens was denied on a penalty kick in the 77th minute in a 0-0 tie with Cincinnati.

TRAVEL EXPERIENCES

Michigan's Au Sable is a holy spot for fishing

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SPECIAL FOR USA TODAY

LOVELLS TOWNSHIP, MICH. — For many trout anglers, the Au Sable is the lodestone trout fishing destination. The Au Sable rises northwest of Grayling, Mich., and, flowing eastward, eventually feeds Lake Huron. The entire river system is trouty, but the prime waters center on the main stem, which forms just west of Grayling, and the south and north branches, which join the main stem east of town. Grayling (population 1,838) is the unofficial epicenter.

The North Branch once was marked by two dams, which helped move the timber downstream. The dams have long since been removed. The native fish were grayling, from which the nearby town took its name. Brown trout were introduced in 1889, brook trout a year later. Rainbows were soon added.

All salmonids need clear, cold water but brook trout and grayling demand nearly pristine water and habitat conditions. While the grayling slowly vanished, almost certainly a victim of unregulated fishing pressure, the brook, brown and rainbow trout thrived. The creel limit at the turn of the 20th century for brook trout was 50 fish a day.

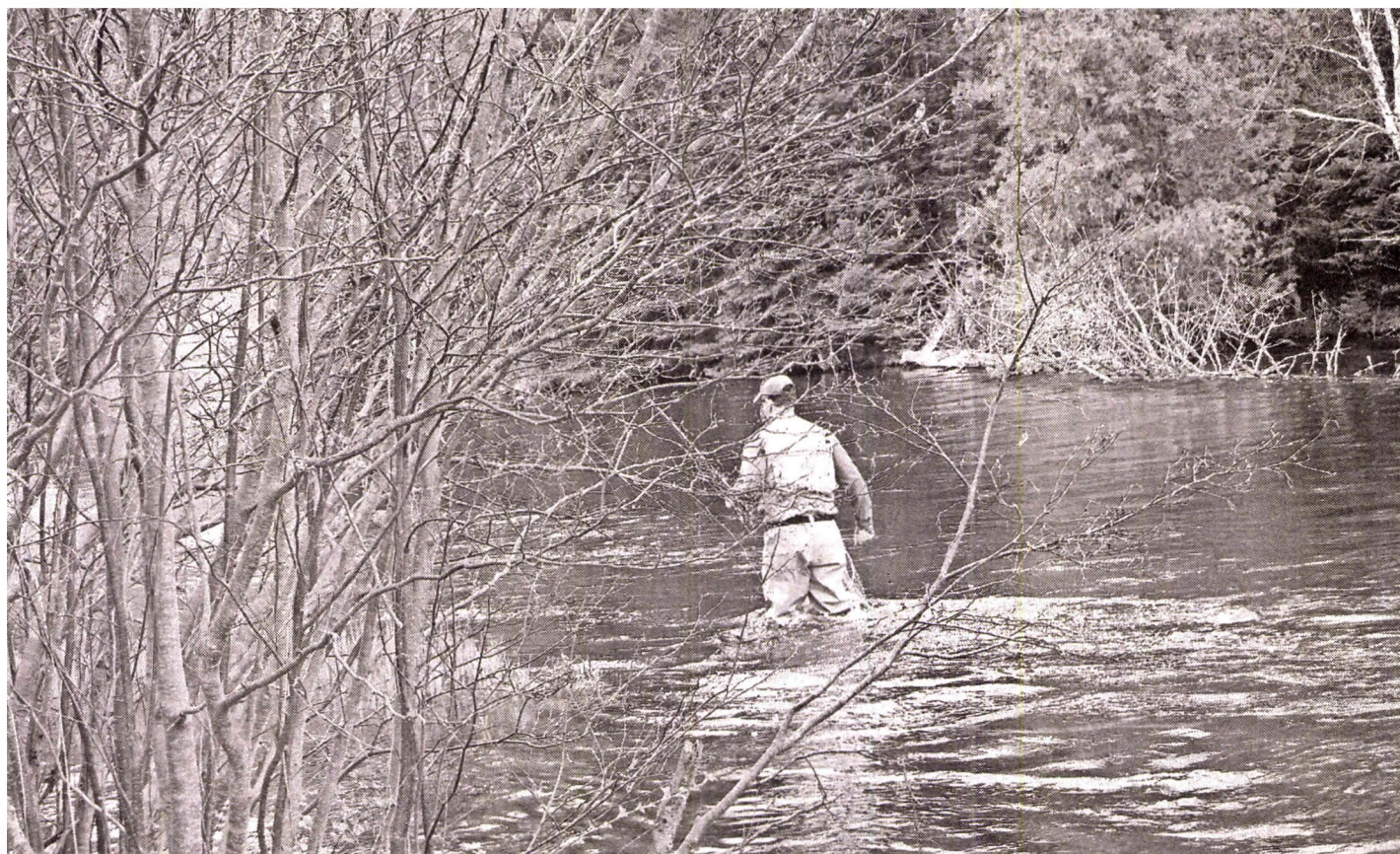
World-class waters

About 10 miles east of Grayling on the south bank of the main stem of the Au Sable, Josh Greenberg is seated at a desk in the cluttered corner of a building that resembles a barn but is in fact a storage building/garage/office. Checking his e-mail, Greenberg wants to get as much work as possible out of the way. He promised his son an evening fishing trip.

Greenberg is the owner/operator of Gates of Au Sable Lodge, a piece of real estate that arguably fronts one of the finest stretches of some of the best trout water in the world. Gates Lodge also is completely without pretense. It's comfortable and efficient, totally focused on the fishing, surprisingly affordable and extremely popular. The fly shop is superb. So is the restaurant. Make reservations early.

The lodge borders the Au Sable's "Holy Water," a stretch from Burton's Landing to the Wakeley Bridge, just upstream from where the south branch enters the main stem.

The Au Sable's Holy Water is catch-and-release, fly fishing only.



An angler enters the "Holy Water" section of the Au Sable. This stretch harbors an estimated 4,000 trout per mile.

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Greenberg says this stretch can harbor up to 4,000 fish per mile. Mostly brook and brown trout with a healthy population of rainbows, too. All wild fish.

Pressured, wild trout rarely give a fisherman a second chance on a missed strike or bungled cast.

"We have intense fishing pressure. We do," Greenberg acknowledges.

"It's also probably one of the best places to catch lots of wild trout."

The Au Sable is largely spring fed and while some stretches are accessible only by boat and others best fished by boat, much of the main stem including and surrounding the Holy Water and the north and south forks are wadeable. Public access is surprisingly good.

"There are fisherman trails along these banks that are 100 years old," Greenberg notes. "And they're shared by landowners. There's a sense of communal health. That, to me, is unique."

The Au Sable also produces tremen-

dous bug hatches. Dry fly fishing can be, and often is, phenomenal.

How good?

"For six months of the year the Au Sable is one of the very best dry-fly rivers in the country. That usually starts in (late) April and it really does go into October. A lot of our fly fishers don't bring anything with them but dry flies. And in June you can wade out and catch a trout on a dry fly 24 hours a day.

The other half of the year, many Au Sable anglers beef up both their tackle and approach, switching to large streamers and sinking tip line.

Catching a magic moment

Late afternoon and upstream from the Thendara Road access, the Au Sable is dimpling as though being tattered with raindrops.

Only it's not raining. The dimples are fish rising to a fog-like insect hatch. Likely Hendrickson spinners, according to the clerk at the fly shop.

I tie on the smallest Adams in my

box; a generic, general-use dry fly imitator and a pattern that came out of Michigan nearly a century ago. A size 18.

Two casts. Two fish. Both brook trout. One about the size of a TV remote control. One about that big plus a couple of inches.

I wade upstream cautiously, staying close to the south shore and lobbing roll casts upstream, toward the heart of the river.

It's not a fish every cast or every other cast, but action is steady. Then the bugs vanish nearly as quickly as they appeared and it becomes cast, cast, cast, cast ... occasional strike. Then the bugs reappear. You take what the river gives you.

I later relay this to Greenberg, who nods knowingly.

"There's a river full of trout that's hard to catch. And in order to catch them, you have to learn the ways of the river."

TRAVEL: 10 BEST

AMERICA BEYOND THE BORDERS

This Fourth of July, think outside the 50 states. American presence is found across the globe in territories, commonwealths and independent lands that were once part of the country, says travel writer **Doug Mack**, author of *The Not-Quite States of America* (Norton, \$26.95). "These are places that we forgot about. They helped make the USA a global power." He shares some far-flung sites that have surprising American heritage with **Larry Bleiberg** for USA TODAY.

AMERICAN SAMOA

This Pacific outpost provides a startling blend of Polynesian and American traditions. For example, most residents live in villages, where property is communally owned, but they shop at grocery stores selling Tex-Mex foods because so many residents have lived in California and the Southwest. The territory's home to the only national park south of the equator, and has the highest rate of military enlistment of any state or territory. "People really do have a sense of patriotism, and pride," Mack says. americansamoa.gov

PUERTO RICO

This Caribbean island has been linked with the territory since the Spanish-American War. Now in the middle of an economic crisis, citizens voted in a non-binding referendum earlier this month to become the 51st state, an unlikely scenario that would require Congressional approval. Politics aside, Mack says it's a great place to visit. "My favorite part of Puerto Rico is up in the mountains, where there are lots of really cool small towns with beautiful historic architecture," he says. seepuertorico.com

U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Most territories came as the spoils of war, but the USA flat-out purchased the Virgin Islands from Denmark 100 years ago during the First World War. While the three major islands, St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John, had strategic value, they're also beautiful, Mack says. "People there are very proud to be Americans." visitusvi.com

GUAM

With malls, amusement parks and a huge U.S. Air Force base, visitors can tell immediately that this Pacific island



The Pacific outpost of American Samoa includes incredible tropical wildlife and diving opportunities, along with a startling blend of Polynesian and American traditions.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

territory is part of the homeland. "I'm convinced it's one of the best barbecue regions in the U.S.," Mack says. "Guam looks and feels pretty American. Asian tourists come to get a taste of the United States and to do some shopping." visitguam.com

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

This area played a major role in the Second World War, and officially joined the USA as a commonwealth in 1976. It was once the world's business airfield, and served as the staging area for the missions that dropped atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Now, it's a quiet, contemplative place, Mack says. "There are these old Japanese and American military buildings and abandoned runways." mymarianas.com

PANAMA CANAL ZONE

Although the zone longer exists, the USA controlled the canal and a narrow adjoining strip of land for much of the 20th century before returning control to Panama in 1979. If the 2008 election had played out differently, it also could have claimed to have produced a presi-

dent since it's where the Republican candidate, U.S. Sen. John McCain, was born. visitpanama.com

MARSHALL ISLANDS

Even though it's a member of the United Nations, this Pacific country still has strong U.S. connections, dating to the days when the military conducted nuclear tests in places like Bikini Atoll. Mack calls it a de facto territory. "They use a lot of U.S. services, like the post office. They even have their own Zip Code, but the stamps themselves are Marshall Island." Located in the heart of Micronesia, it's among the world's least-visited countries. rmiembassy.org

PHILIPPINES

Acquired as part of Spanish American War, the Philippines was never keen to join the USA, and gained sovereignty after the Second World War. "There's still a pretty strong relationship between the countries," Mack says. For a while the nation even celebrated its independence day on July 4, but moved it to June 12.

experiencephilippines.org

PALAU

The U.S. briefly ruled this former Japanese colony after the Second World War. Although now a freestanding republic, U.S. government departments like the Federal Emergency Management Agency still operate there today. "They are particularly well known for ecotourism and environmental stewardship," Mack says. "It has hundreds of limestone islands and in 2009, they created the world's first shark sanctuary." pristineparadisepalau.com

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

Once home to the Japanese navy's largest South Pacific base, the U.S. briefly controlled this now independent nation. Today divers around the world visit to explore one of the biggest ship graveyards in the world. Others come to marvel at the mysterious abandoned coral reef city of Nan Madol. "It's listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places, even though it's not officially part of the USA," Mack says. visit-micronesia.fm



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STICK TO YOUR VACATION BUDGET

VERONICA RAMIREZ NERDWALLET

If there's a time to indulge, it's during vacation. Whether it's a Michelin-star dinner or the full resort spa package, this is when you should treat yourself. But what if that seaweed body wrap stretches the limits of your budget? It's possible to pamper yourself without overspending if you know when to make trade-offs. Not every meal has to come with white truffle shavings. Find the parts of your vacation where you can compromise, and spend your money on what matters to you.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO MOVE AROUND.

Staying in one place may be convenient, but changing accommodations during your stay can yield savings. Hotels in some cities, such as New York City, revolve around business trips on weekdays, leaving weekends open for tourists.

"It's a lot easier to find a hotel for \$200 per night in Manhattan on the weekend than in Brooklyn," says travel writer Kristin Luna. The opposite is true in tourist-heavy destinations; hotels may give you a better rate if you check in on a weekday than on a Saturday.

SIGHTSEE FOR FREE. Monuments like the National Mall and

Notre Dame cost nothing. Many museums, like New York's Guggenheim and American Museum of Natural History, offer free hours every week or are donation-based. Consider stuffing your itinerary with famous and free attractions. Skip paying for a guided tour by downloading maps to your phone and using the Wi-Fi at your hotel to research attractions before you head out for the day.

GO GROCERY SHOPPING.

For road trips, Luna says she and her husband prepare coolers full of meals to avoid fast food on the road. Food from home comes in handy at theme parks, where a small bite can cost as much as a full meal. Just check beforehand to make sure outside food is al-



lowed. For bigger trips, visit local markets for snacks instead of eating out every time you get a little hungry. It's similar to a technique you may use at home: Eat cheaply to save for special occasions. But unlike at home, your occasion may be once every day.

GET AROUND LIKE A LOCAL.

Taxis and rental cars can be expensive. Take public transportation if you can, especially in big cities like London, Tokyo and New York. Research your options to see if there's a stop near where you're staying. And while you're at it, find out the transit system's peak times so you can avoid the stress of rush hour.

OTHER STEPS

Of course, there are several other steps you can take to reduce vacation costs:

- » Check out international phone options, such as prepaid phones or going Wi-Fi-only
- » Find your in-network ATM locations
- » Read up on exchange fees if necessary, and find the cheapest places to exchange currency
- » Give your bank a heads-up about your travel so it doesn't freeze your accounts unexpectedly
- » If you have a rewards card, use points for eligible flights and hotels

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Modern financial problems have fixes

WENDY CONNICK
THE MOTLEY FOOL

CREDIT CARD DEBT

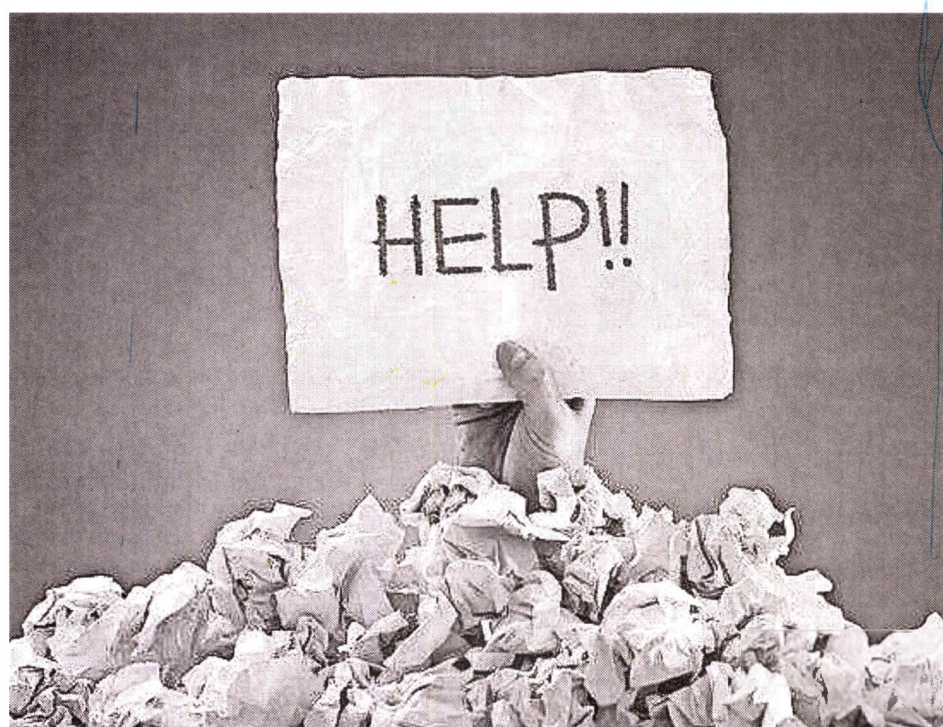
The first general-purpose credit card, the BankAmericard (now known as Visa), appeared on the scene in 1966. In the years since, credit cards have proliferated to the point where the average American now holds 2.6 credit cards — and \$8,377 in credit card debt.

How to fix it: Temporarily cutting back on non-essential expenses can help a lot, because the faster you pay off that debt, the less interest you'll pay and therefore the less money you'll need to pay off the whole thing.

SAVING FOR RETIREMENT

Once upon a time, everyone worked for the same company their whole working lives, and at the end of their career they retired with a fat pension. Today, only 32% of retirees have any pension at all, and that number is trending steeply downward as employer pensions continue to vanish. That means the responsibility for financing a worker's retirement falls almost entirely on the worker.

How to fix it: The earlier you start saving for retirement, the easier it will be. If you didn't start saving right away, though, your case is not hopeless. Work-



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ers today have access to powerful tax-advantaged retirement accounts, like 401(k)s and IRAs, that can help maximize whatever savings they manage to accrue.

IDENTITY THEFT

While identity theft in one form or another is probably as old as mankind, it didn't become a significant issue until

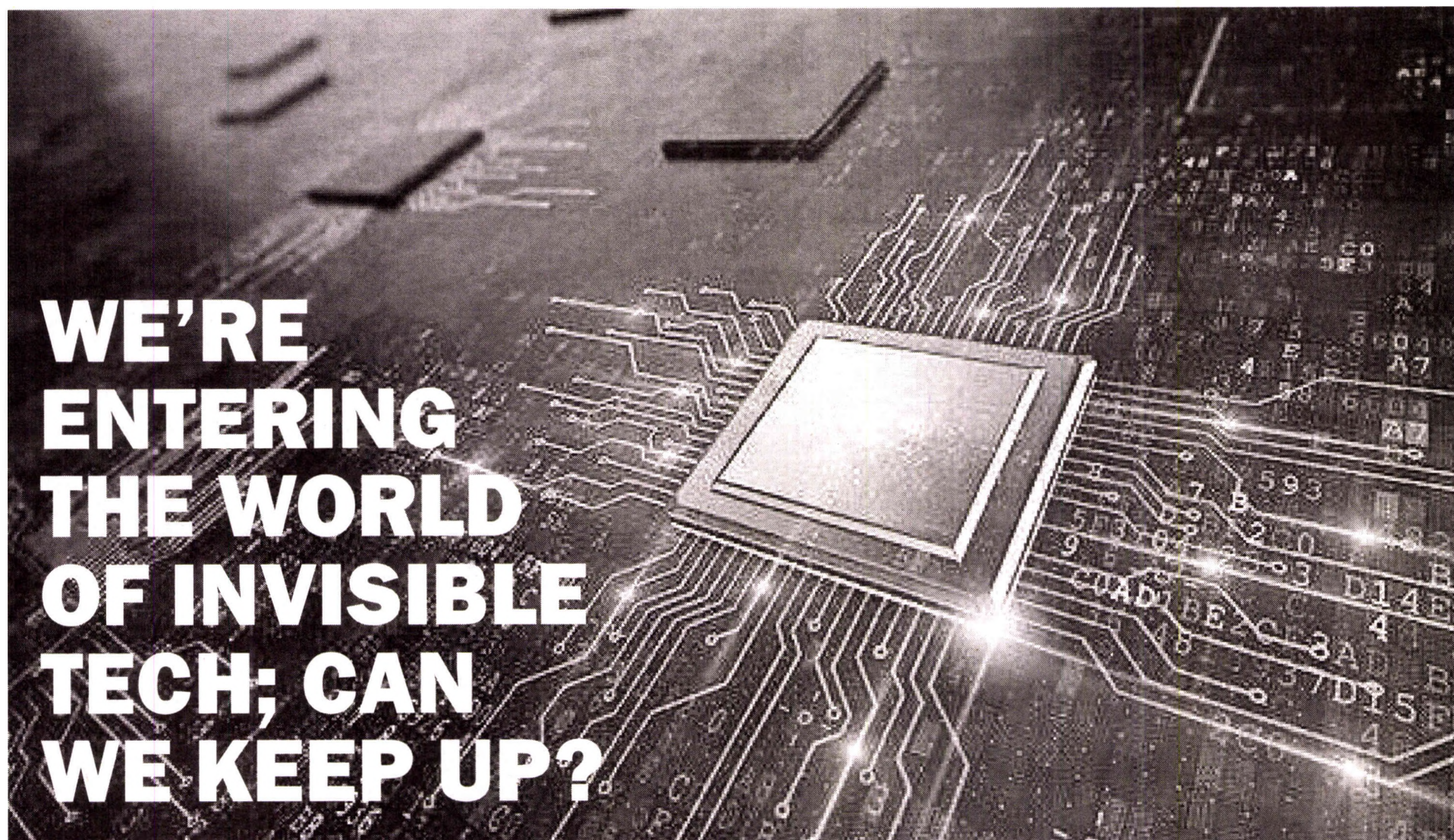
fairly recently. For example, the rise of credit cards meant that fraudsters could simply steal someone's wallet and go on a spending spree with their cards. And computers and the Internet provide fraudsters with unprecedented access to sensitive financial information.

How to fix it: The first step in preventing identity theft is making it hard for people to get at your financial information. Checking your credit report on a regular basis can also help you catch fraud early on.

HIGH HEALTH CARE COSTS

The health care industry has made huge scientific advances in the past 50 years, but all that work has come at a very literal cost. In 1967, Americans spent \$43.5 billion on health care expenses. In 2016, we spent \$3.4 trillion, which adds up to about \$10,350 per person.

How to fix it: Health insurance is a financial necessity; virtually no one can pay such high costs unassisted. You can save on insurance premiums by picking up a high-deductible plan paired with an HSA, then putting enough in the HSA to cover at least one year's deductible. That way, you'll have enough saved up to pay for any medical expenses until insurance kicks in.



WE'RE ENTERING THE WORLD OF INVISIBLE TECH; CAN WE KEEP UP?

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Some of the most interesting innovations aren't likely to be as visible as many of our high-tech gadgets and friendly apps have been. That may make it harder for people to adapt to them.

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FOSTER CITY, CALIF. It's a well-proven fact in the tech world that timing is everything.

Indeed, the history of the tech industry is littered with examples of companies who had great ideas but brought them to market too early or without enough context for them to really register with the buying public.

Apple Newton anyone? Or how about Microsoft's first Windows XP-based Tablet PC?

At the midpoint of 2017, we're about to enter an era of technological development in which some of the most interesting innovations aren't likely to be as visible as many of our high-tech gadgets and friendly apps have been. The real magic of many of these new tech advances will be nearly invisible.

Artificial intelligence, voice and gesture-driven computing and autonomous driving all provide different ways to interact with many of the devices and products we already know. In some cases, they'll lead to new products — such as Amazon's popular Echo line of smart speakers equipped with the Alexa digital assistant — but in others, there likely won't be much or any physical manifestations of these developments. Instead, if these techs work as intended, they'll start to disappear into the workings of the world and devices already around us.

Ironically, while it might seem easier to adapt to these new technologies because of their more invisible nature, I think it's going to be a lot harder. As a result, timing for tech products and services is going to be more challenging than ever.

An easy example: autonomous driving. Cars that feature assisted and au-

Tech companies would be foolish to ignore the fact that people don't always progress or evolve as fast as technology does.

Autonomous driving capabilities is an exciting development many people are looking forward to, but a large percentage are concerned about this tech advancement.

Most of this fear is of the unknown, and a few studies have started to show that once people get some experience in cars that include these autonomous or assisted-driving features, those concerns often get replaced with enthusiasm.

We're also going to see a lot of software and services that use artificial in-

telligence or deep learning to improve the usefulness of existing experiences — making better recommendations for music, movies, restaurants and even friends.

At the end of the day, it's a question of trust. Once people come to trust a technology, they're much more likely to use it. But when much of that technology is essentially invisible, it's going to be a lot harder to earn that trust.

Tech companies would be foolish to ignore the fact that people don't always progress or evolve as fast as technology does. Yes, there are some incredibly exciting developments just over the horizon, but unless enough people are ready for them, their success is far from guaranteed.

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DIGITAL DOLLARS

Ready to leave digital universe?

You can't remove everything, but you can remove a lot of online information

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Data breaches. Identity theft. Bank fraud. Every week, we read about cybercrime.

Maybe you've considered the unthinkable: removing yourself from the Internet.

Well, there's bad news and good news. You can't erase yourself completely from the digital universe. Courts and government agencies have been posting public records online since the mid-1990s. Your motor vehicle records, voter files, property tax assessments, professional licenses, and court files are all on the digital books, and they're not going anywhere.

The good news: You can remove a lot of online information and significantly reduce your digital footprint. Here's how:

DELETE ONLINE ACCOUNTS

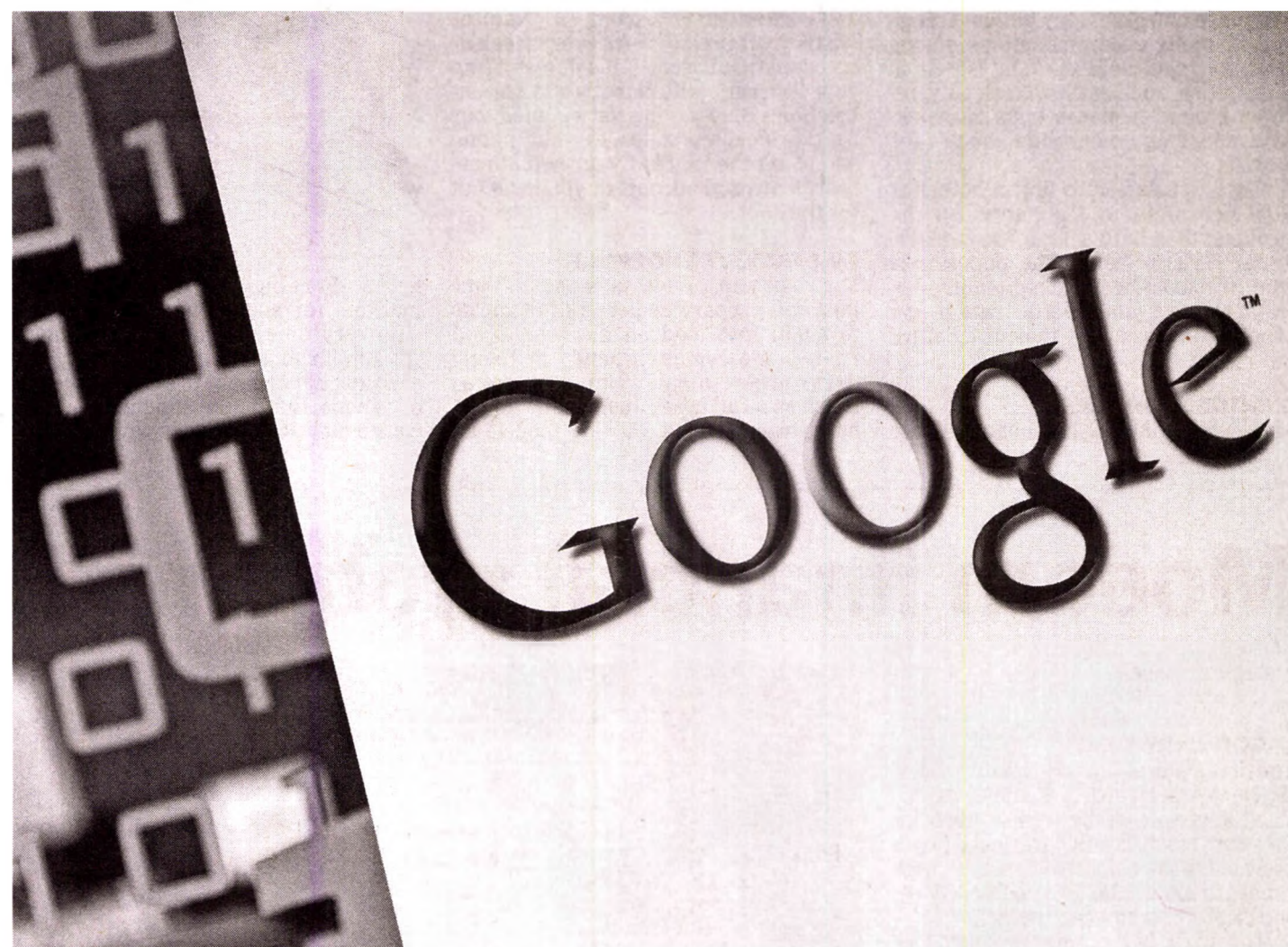
You probably have more online accounts than you realize — most of us do. We sign up for all sorts of services, from Netflix and Amazon to Groupon and Twitter. Even if you haven't downloaded an app in years, Apple, Facebook or Google still possess a lot of private information, along with many other services. If you really want to terminate your Internet presence, you'll want to eliminate these accounts, especially the ones you don't use anymore.

The easiest way to do this is Account Killer, a website that provides links to your most popular accounts and instructions on how to wipe the slate clean.

GET OFF DATA BROKER SITES

You'll probably find this creepy. Are you sitting down? OK: Almost anyone can learn your phone number, home address and criminal record. All they have to do is pay a little money to a "data broker," also known as a "people-search site." Often, the information is free.

Primary data brokers like Intelius collect information from public records. Secondary data brokers, like Sno-



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Remove yourself from the Internet? It's not totally possible, but you can start by deleting your search history.

There are several ways to delete yourself from the Internet

keo, aggregate information from primary brokers and usually add data collected from social networks and other online sources.

If you want to have your information removed from data broker sites, you need to contact them and request to opt out.

CLOSE EMAIL ACCOUNTS

This is a very big step. Email is still the most popular method of communica-

tion in the world, and email addresses are used for all kinds of digital transactions, including online banking.

It's not enough to just stop using email. If you leave an account open and fail to monitor it, your account could get hacked without you even realizing.

Gmail is the most popular service out there, with more than 1 billion users. Before you close your account, make sure you've downloaded and saved all of your old data, because you never know when it might become important.

Login and visit the "Account Preferences" page, then Delete Products, then hit Gmail. Follow the instructions, and finally hit "Delete Gmail."

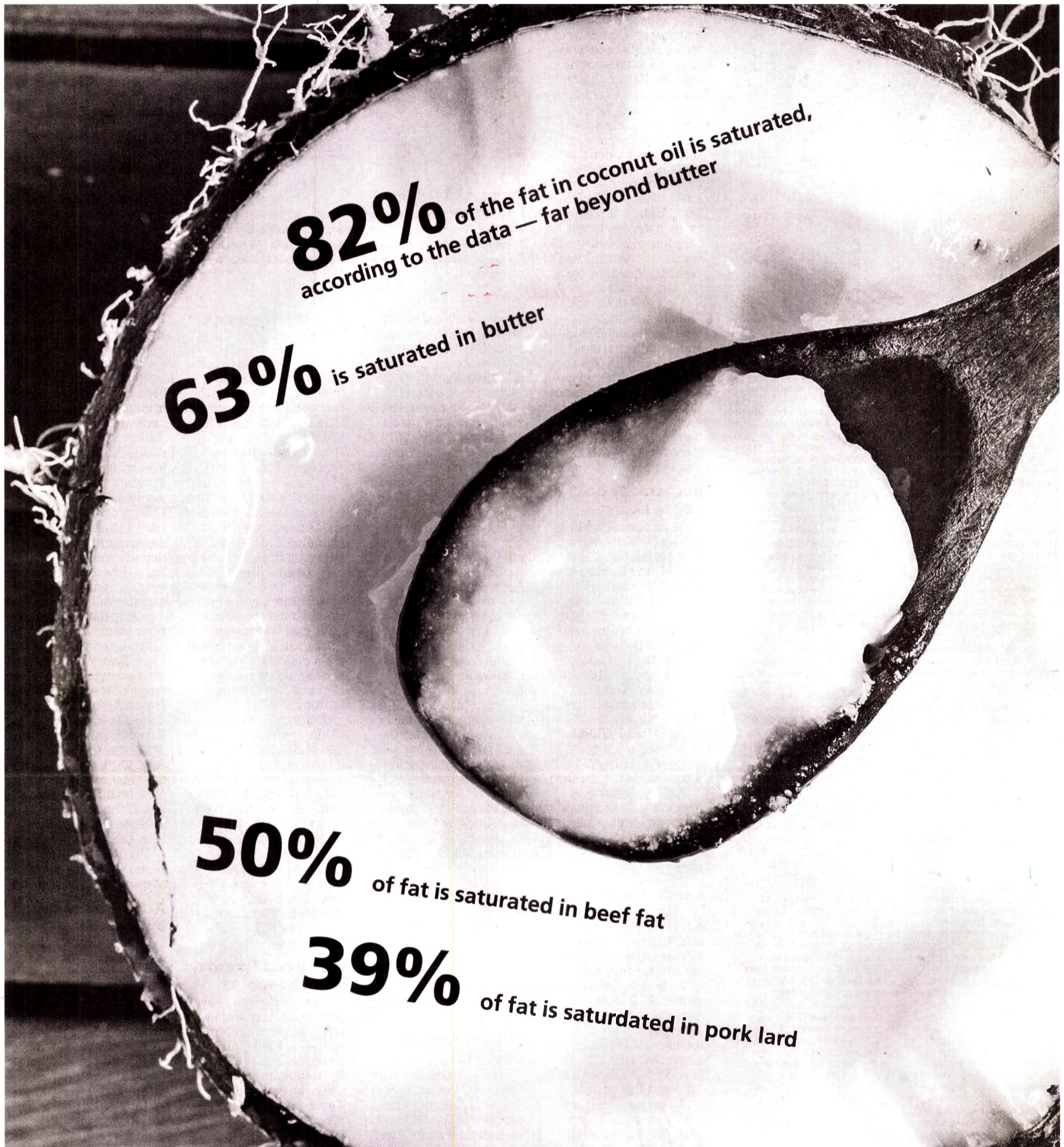
Yahoo is still a popular choice, despite widespread data breaches. Go to

the "Terminating your Yahoo account" page. Confirm your password. Click Terminate this Account. But remember, if you do close your Yahoo account, you will not be able to use services associated with it, such as Flickr and Tumblr.

USE A VPN

So if you're not ready to end your virtual activities, you can make your browsing a lot more private, thanks to a "virtual private network," or VPN. You can use this secure network to encrypt your connection, making it difficult to hack. In the business world, VPNs let employees working remotely create an encrypted connection with the company network so they can work safely. But others can use VPNs too.

Experts say coconut oil's benefits are a myth



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The American Heart Association recently released a report advising against the use of coconut oil.

The Dietary Fats and Cardiovascular Disease advisory reviewed existing data on saturated fat, showing coconut oil increased LDL ("bad") cholesterol in seven out of seven controlled trials. Researchers didn't see a difference between coconut oil and other oils high in saturated fat, like butter, beef fat and palm oil. In fact, 82% of the fat in coconut oil is saturated, according to the data — far beyond butter (63%), beef fat (50%) and pork lard (39%).

"Because coconut oil increases LDL cholesterol, a cause of CVD (cardiovascular disease), and has no

known offsetting favorable effects, we advise against the use of coconut oil," the American Heart Association said in the advisory.

Frank Sacks, lead author on the report, said he has no idea why people think coconut oil is healthy. It's almost 100% fat. Past weight-loss studies might be responsible.

"The reason coconut oil is so popular for weight loss is partly due to my research on medium chain triglycerides," Marie-Pierre St-Onge, associate professor of nutritional medicine at Columbia University Medical Center, told *Time* in April.

"Coconut oil has a higher proportion of medium-chain triglycerides than most other fats or oils, and my research showed eating medium-chain triglycerides may increase the rate of metabolism more than eating long-chain triglycerides."

The problem is St-Onge's research used a "designer oil" packed with 100% MCTs. Traditional coconut oil only contains about 13 to 15%. Another study she published showed small-

er doses of MCTs doesn't help with weight loss in overweight adolescents.

The AHA recommends eating no more than 6% of saturated fat as part of total daily calories.

Before you trash your coconut oil, know that saturated fat is a loaded term. While the AHA warns against it, people who cut saturated fat out of their diet might not necessarily lower their heart disease risk, a 2015 *BMJ* review suggested. That's because some people fill the void with sugar, white flour and empty calories. Also, some fat is important to help the body absorb nutrients from other foods. Many have said butter has gotten a bad reputation.

Still, it might not be a bad idea to opt for vegetable oils or olive oil, Sacks said.

Plus, coconut oil can still be an effective moisturizer or hair conditioner.

"You can put it on your body, but don't put it in your body," Sacks said.

AREA EVENTS

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Democrats to meeting

The Democrats of West Oakland County will hold a meeting Tuesday, July 18, at the Novi United Methodist Church, 41671 W. 10 Mile. Social hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the meeting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, go to

www.dwoc.info or on Facebook: Democrats of West Oakland County.

Summer concerts

The Northville Summer Friday Night Concert Series – presented by Tom Holzer Ford – brings the music of some of the finest local musicians to downtown Northville's outdoor stage in Town Square (located on Main Street across from the Marquis

Theatre) 7-9 p.m. each Friday through Aug. 25. The schedule features everything from jazz to blues to rock 'n' roll. For more information, including a full schedule of performances, contact the Northville Chamber at 248-349-7640 or go to www.northville.org.

Medical equipment drive

St. George's Episcopal Church, 801 E. Commerce St., Milford, is partnering with World Medical Relief as a drop-off site for your unused medical equipment. Donate your clean, gently used walkers wheelchairs, commodes, shower chairs, crutches, canes, splints, medical boots, adult briefs and pads, sealed C-Pap equipment and sealed medication (no narcotics). We are also collecting for hygiene kits: towels, wash clothes, sample sizes of shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, soap and toothbrushes. We cannot accept glasses, hearing aids or electric wheelchairs.

Drop-off times are from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and Sunday mornings through Aug 15. We suggest you call first to ensure someone is available to take your donation during the week. For more information, go to stgeorgesmilford.org or call 248-684-0495.

Runestad to host coffee hours

State Rep. Jim Runestad of White Lake will host coffee hours Friday, July 14, and Friday, Aug. 18, in White Lake, Highland and Milford. The coffee hours are at the following locations and times for both dates:

- » 8-9 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 6845 Highland Road, White Lake
- » 10-11 a.m. at Colasanti's Market, 468 S. Milford Road, Highland
- » Noon to 1 p.m. at Baker's of Milford, 2025 S. Milford Road, Milford

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Runestad at 517-373-2616 or JimRunestad@house.mi.gov.

Health care lectures

Providence Park Hospital is offering two free health care lectures.

Normal Aging or Time for Intervention?
Judy Ahn-Ewing, director, St. John Providence Neuroscience Services will offer this lecture 6:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at the Novi Public Library, 10 Mile and Taft roads.

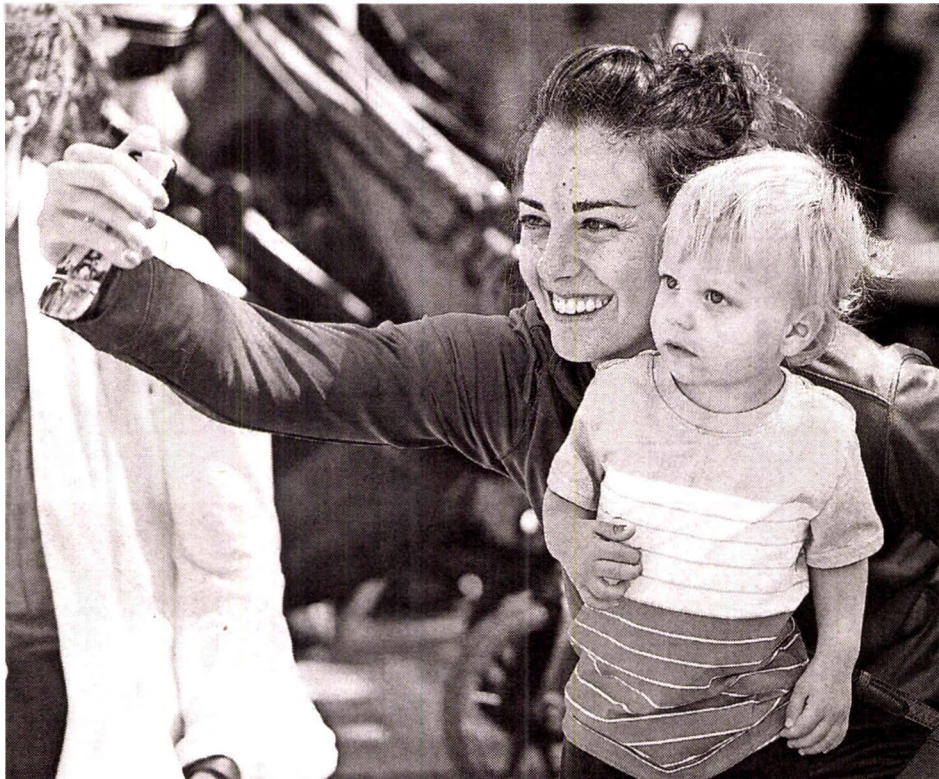
As we get older, we notice changes in our body: eyesight deteriorates, hair is getting gray, the bones are a little more creaky and we develop those dreaded wrinkles. But there are times when we look at our loved one and wonder: is this just forgetfulness, or are these signs of dementia? Are reaction times to a traffic light slowing down or is traffic becoming overwhelming? When is it time to look for help? Learn about signs to watch for with balance, driving, memory and more as well as how to access services for a family member, friend or yourself.

For more information or to register, call 888-751-5465.

Do You Know What You're Really Eating?

Emily Schwartz will offer this lecture 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 15, at Providence Park Hospital, Novi Campus, Conference Room A & B, outpatient building.

It is no secret that a healthy diet helps reduce the risk of developing heart disease, type 2 diabetes and obesity. But how do you go about it? Picking up any item in a supermarket, chances are you're overwhelmed



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Tunes on Tuesday

Lindsey Coratti snaps a selfie of herself and her son Angelo, 2, during the June 27 Tunes on Tuesday at Northville's Town Square. The kid-friendly weekly musical acts will occur each Tuesday through mid-August. They're free and the square is located on Main Street between Center and Dunlap. That week's act was Janet Marie and d'Archibald of the Children's Theatre of Michigan.

Register for teen camp

Novi Youth Assistance announces that registration has begun for the Summer Teen Center. Camp runs until Aug. 3 and is held at the Novi High School cafeteria.

Registration fee is \$175 for seven weeks of camp. Students in grades 6-10 may attend. There are 13 field trips this year. Zap Zone, Paradise Park, AirTime, BonaVenture, Detroit Tiger game, Detroit Zoo, C.J. Barrymore's, Emagine, Novi Bowl, Kensington Park, Red Oaks Water Park. There will also be trips to the Novi Police Station, Novi Fire Station, Novi DPS and Novi Public Library.

Daily activities include, sports, games, arts and crafts, learning activities and tutoring. Summer Teen Center has been around for more than 30 years. This is an affordable day camp teens can come to during the day open from noon to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Call Novi Youth Assistance for more information or to register at 248-347-0410.

Preregister for this free event at wixomlibrary.org call 248-624-2512 or stop by the library at 49015 Pontiac Trail.

Better Made in Michigan
Metro Detroit author Karen Dybis is going to present a colorful PowerPoint about the history of Detroit's snack food industry 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 19, at the Wixom Public Library.

More than 40 local chip companies once operated in the Detroit area and Better Made is the one company still making potato chips. Dybis will explain the origins of Better Made, how its chips are made today. She is the author of "Better Made in Michigan: the Salty Story of Detroit's Best Chip" and we will have books available for purchase and autographing.

Friday and Saturday Night Hangouts

The Living and Learning Center in downtown Northville is a center that specializes in helping teens and adults that are on the autism spectrum learn job and social skills. This center provides a program 6-9 p.m. each Friday and Saturday night that allows their clients to partake in games, art, and creating friendships with their fellow peers and mentors.

Each week, teens and adults learn essential social skills (introducing themselves, carrying a conversation, etc.) while also having a fun night out of the house.

To learn more about this program or to reserve your spot in the program, call 248-308-3592 or go to www.livingandlearningllc@gmail.com.

Build A Better World!

The Northville District Library's youth summer reading program runs through Aug. 12. Open to the littlest ones up through 2017 grads – join the Summer Reading or Teen Summer Reading Program and enjoy exciting free activities, crafts, storytimes, reading games, weekly prizes and more. Parents, read to young ones, and help your students maintain – and improve – important reading skills to prevent summer slide. Go to northvillelibrary.org for details.

SL Rec Authority

South Lyon Area Recreation Authority board meetings are held at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month. Call the South Lyon Area Recreation office at 248-437-8105 for directions and confirmation of meeting location. To register for upcoming classes, call or go to www.slrec.net.

Huron Valley Ambulance's Camp 9-1-1

Registration is open for Camp 9-1-1 a free, interactive, two-day camp put on by Huron Valley Ambulance for children ages 8-12. Activities include: learning CPR and first-aid with paramedics; exploring emergency vehicles; touring local emergency departments and fire departments; and engaging in interactive presentations from local police and specialty teams.

Camp dates and locations (camp runs 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day): July 13-14, Eastern Michigan University; July 24-25, St. Joseph Mercy Chelsea Hospital; Aug. 2-3, Van Buren Township Fire Department; Aug. 14-15, Milan Community House; Aug. 17-18, Glaab Individual Financial Planning, New Boston; and Aug. 23-24, Huron Valley Ambulance Headquarters, Ann Arbor.

Pre-registration is required. Register online at www.camp911.org.

Active Faith golf outing

Active Faith Community Services is in the planning stages of its 20th annual golf outing, an event that raises funds to help those in the community that are struggling to provide food for their family, scheduled for Monday, July 17, at Salem Hills Golf Course.

Interested golfers and corporate sponsors are needed to make the day a success. Contact Active Faith at 248-437-9790 for more information and to register.

4-H Family & Alumni Hoedown

The Oakland County Fair and 4-H are partnering to host its inaugural public hoedown to honor 4-H Alumni in Oakland County.

The event will take place 8-10:30 p.m. Saturday, July 15, during the Oakland County Fair in the Meijer Pavilion located in Springfield Oaks County Park, 12451 Andersonville Road, Davisburg. Parking is \$12. This event is open to all ages.

No preregistration is necessary. For more information, go to www.oakfair.org, www.oakgov.com/msu/4h, www.facebook.com/4hinoc or contact Mary Blumka at blumkama@anr.msu.edu or 248-858-0890.

4-H is a youth development program for ages 5-19 that uses projects like robotics, archery and animal science to teach life skills like leadership, record keeping and communication.

The Oakland County Fair runs through July 16.

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Caswell

Margaret Kathleen, age 88, a longtime resident of Highland and Milford, went to be with the Lord July 9, 2017. Margaret was born on April 1, 1929 at home on Crystal Street in Milford, Michigan, the eldest child of Glenn and Florence Colby. Following graduation from Milford High School, Margaret was the first person to work in accounts receivable at the long tenured Highland business, "Numatics." Margaret was an accomplished bowler in her youth, scoring several 300 games, was an avid participant in her church choir and enjoyed watching her favorite television shows, The Young and the Restless and the Andy Griffith Show. Most of all, Margaret loved and cherished her family. The young Margaret married her lifelong friend, David Caswell, in 1955 in the Milford United Methodist Church. Together they enjoyed fifty six years of marriage and were blessed with their three children. She will be fondly remembered for her kind, light hearted nature, silly sense of humor and her love, compassion and generosity for her family. She was preceded in death by her husband, David Caswell in 2011 and is survived by her daughters, Cynthia (the late James), Tamara (Mark) and son, David (Barbara), grandchildren, James (Angela), Jennifer (Jeffery), Jacob (Christine), Joanna (Joshua), Daniel (Jessica), Gregory, Robert (Kelli), Chelsie (Jason), Kyle, Garrett; great-grandchildren, James Colby, Emma, Kaylyn, Gabriella, Isaiah, Eric, Zachary, Nicholas, Christopher, Alexandria and Mackenzie; step-great-grandchildren, Guy, Quentin, Darin, Logan, Kiersten, Mathew; great-great-granddaughter, Adeline; brother, Glenn William Colby and many extended family and friends. Funeral Service to be held at Cornerstone Church, 4995 N. Hickory Ridge Rd., Highland, on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at 10:00 AM with visitation beginning at 9 AM. Pastor Tim Forsthoft to officiate. Burial at Oak Grove Cemetery. Contributions encouraged to Cornerstone Church of Highland. For further information please phone Lynch & Sons, Milford at 248-684-6645 or visit www.LynchandSonsMilford.com

Earehart

Jean Ann, age 83, passed away July 10, 2017. She was born August 29, 1933, daughter of the late Andrew and Ernestine (Wolfe) Hann. She was the beloved wife of the late Albert "Lefty" Earehart who preceded her in death in 2003. She was the loving mother of Andrew Harry (Michelle) Earehart of Texas; Charles (Maureen) Earehart of New Hudson, Mary (Roy) Hildebrandt of Durand, and Albert "Al" (Pattie) Earehart of South Lyon. Jean is also survived by her sister Judy (Ron) Wilson of Kalkaska; 10 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; 28 great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her siblings: Andrew "Sonny" Hann, Gerald "Jerry" Hann, Donna Richards and Deanna Russell. Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 15 from 10:00AM until the time of the funeral service at 11:00AM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.phillipsfuneral.com

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Gross

Martha A., age 97, longtime resident of Northville, passed away peacefully on July 5, 2017. She was born on October 17, 1919 in Detroit, Michigan; daughter of Charles and Lennie (Beemer) Williams. She attended Northville High School; Class of 1937. Martha was united in marriage to Peter J. Gross, II on August 14, 1937; they spent 59 loving years together until his death on August 31, 1996. Martha worked as a Payroll Clerk for the City of Northville; retiring after many years. She was a devoted homemaker and cherished taking care of her family. Martha was an avid bowler. She enjoyed doing jigsaw puzzles, dancing, eating sweets, and attending hockey games at The Olympia. She also enjoyed gambling and watching Harness Racing at Northville Downs. Martha loved to travel; she traveled extensively throughout North America often with her grandchildren. She was very social; she liked to entertain and host card games. Everyone was always welcome, she never turned anyone away. Martha will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Martha is survived by her loving son, Charles "Chuck" (Gale) Gross; her daughter-in-law, Janet Gross; her sister, Nancy Gazley; her grandchildren, Pete (Penny) Gross, Garry (Danette) Gross, Jim Gross, Tom (Mindy) Gross, Mary Beth (Jim) Maxwell, Kenny Gross, and Chaz (Michelle) Gross; 13 great grandchildren and 14 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, her son Peter J. Gross, III, her parents, and her brother Jack Williams. Visitation will be held Thursday, July 13, 2017 from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. with a Funeral Service at 2:00 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. Share online condolences at www.casterlinefuneralhome.com

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Huber

Elsie E. age 94, passed away July 9, 2017. She was born July 1, 1923 in Baltic, Michigan, daughter of the late Abel and Sara Luukkonen. Since she was a child, Elsie enjoyed her summers at her cottage in the Upper Peninsula. She would spend many hours collecting rocks on the shoreline of Lake Superior and never missed the chance to watch the sunset. She was a devoted, longstanding member of Cross of Christ Lutheran Church and will always be remembered as a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Elsie resided for the last two years at The Willows at Howell. She was proud of the fact that she was their first resident and she greatly appreciated the care and concern she received from the staff there and cherished the friendships she made with her fellow residents. She is survived by her children: Frank Jr. (Luann), Jeffrey, Jerry, and Tamara Bishop; three grandchildren: Brooke, Frank III, and Michael. Visitation was held on Wednesday, July 12 from 4:00PM-8:00PM at PHILLIPS FUNERAL HOME, 122 W. Lake St., South Lyon. A funeral service will be held on Thursday, July 13 at 11:00AM at Cross of Christ Lutheran Church, 24155 Griswold Road, South Lyon. Elsie will be laid to rest beside her husband in South Lyon Cemetery.

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Making your resume ATS-friendly

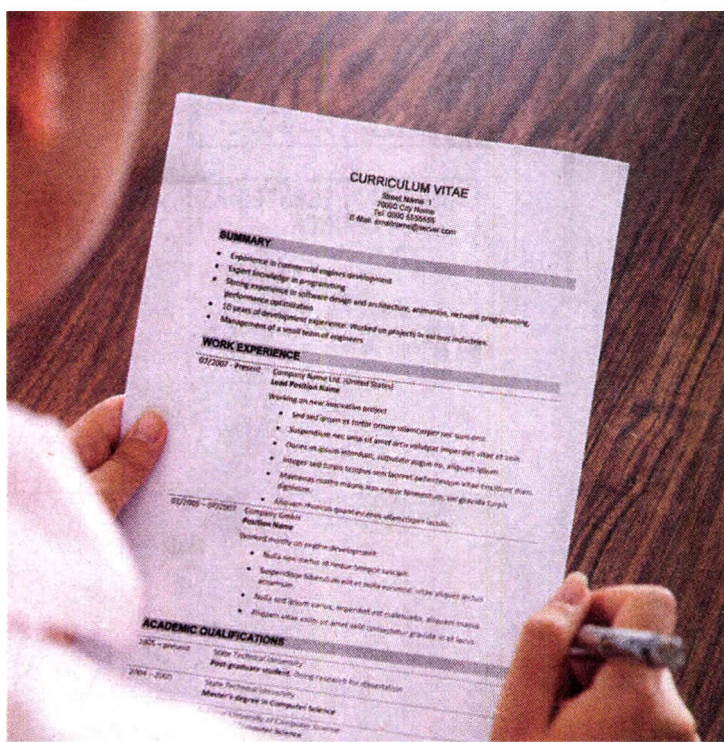
BY MATT TARPEY
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When looking for candidates to potentially fill an open position, the majority of employers use something called an applicant tracking system (ATS) to find, collect, organize and screen all of the applications they receive. This means your resume will likely need to pass through an ATS before ever reaching human eyes. Here are a few essential tips to make sure your resume is ATS-friendly.

Simplify contact information

Many job seekers are so focused on the professional information included in their resumes that they overlook even more basic information – their contact info. When optimizing your resume for an ATS, make sure that the system will have no problem identifying your name, email address and phone number.

"Do not put your point of contact information in the headers – some... ATS software doesn't know where to put this information when they convert the resume from the Word doc. (or PDF) into a 'text' parsing into their database," says Dawn Boyer, CEO of Boyer Consulting. "Many ATSs will simply dump the header



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and footer because the system doesn't know where to put header info. It also takes up way too much white space and page space on pages two and three (or four)."

Use keywords

ATSs are continually growing in sophistication, but keyword identification will always be an essential component. Employers don't have time to carefully read every single resume they receive, and keywords help them quickly identify resumes that deserve a closer look.

"Recruiters and hiring managers are busy and many rely on applicant tracking systems or databases to search through resumes based on Boolean searching," says Sarah Connors, principal staffing manager at recruiting firm WinterWyman. "You might think it's obvious that as a salesperson you cold called companies, closed deals, followed up and so forth. However, if those tasks aren't listed on your resume, companies might assume you haven't done them. Moreover, you won't come up in recruit-

ers' keyword searches."

Wendi M. Weiner, an attorney, certified executive resume writer and career coach, suggests using the employer's description of the open position to identify keywords you should be using.

"Look to the job posting and highlight the keywords that stand out and include those keywords in your resume," says Weiner. "At the same time, avoid keyword stuffing, which means just throwing in as many keywords as possible, including ones that may not match your skill set."

Use simple formatting

While you might think that a unique or unusual resume layout will help it stand out from the pack, it may actually make your resume more difficult for an ATS to make sense of, and hurt your chances of getting hired.

"Applicant tracking systems cannot decipher graphs, charts, columns or even text boxes. Therefore, make sure your resume does not contain those items," says Weiner.

Use a standard font

Even the font you choose can impact the ATS's ability to read your resume, so stick with a very basic, standard font.

"Use one font throughout the resume – preferably a font

that easily converts to text in the parsing process," says Boyer. "I recommend Arial or Times New Roman, but as a recruiter, my preference is Arial on the original resume."

"Plainer [font] eliminates issues with the parsing engine and makes it easier for the recruiter to read the important parts without the visual interference," adds Boyer.

Complete the application

Some online application processes require you to manually enter some information that may also appear on your resume. While this may seem unnecessary or redundant, do not skip over these steps.

"When filling out online applications, make sure to complete all portions of online submission forms," says Valerie Streif, senior advisor at The Mentat. "Answer all the filtering questions thoroughly and don't leave anything blank. The ATS could automatically eliminate resumes that leave portions of the forms blank, guaranteeing that your resume won't be seen by any live human."

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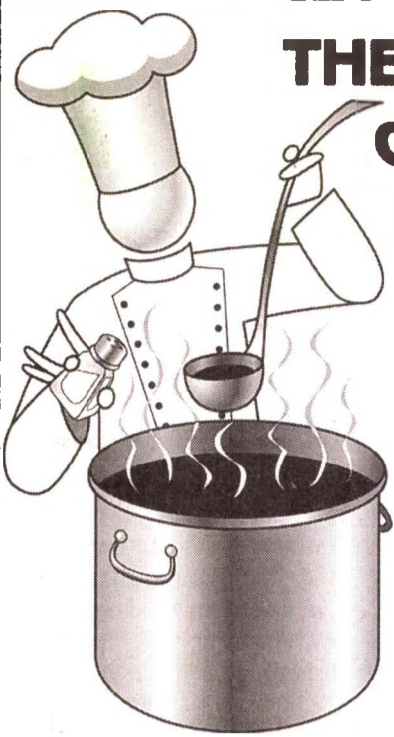
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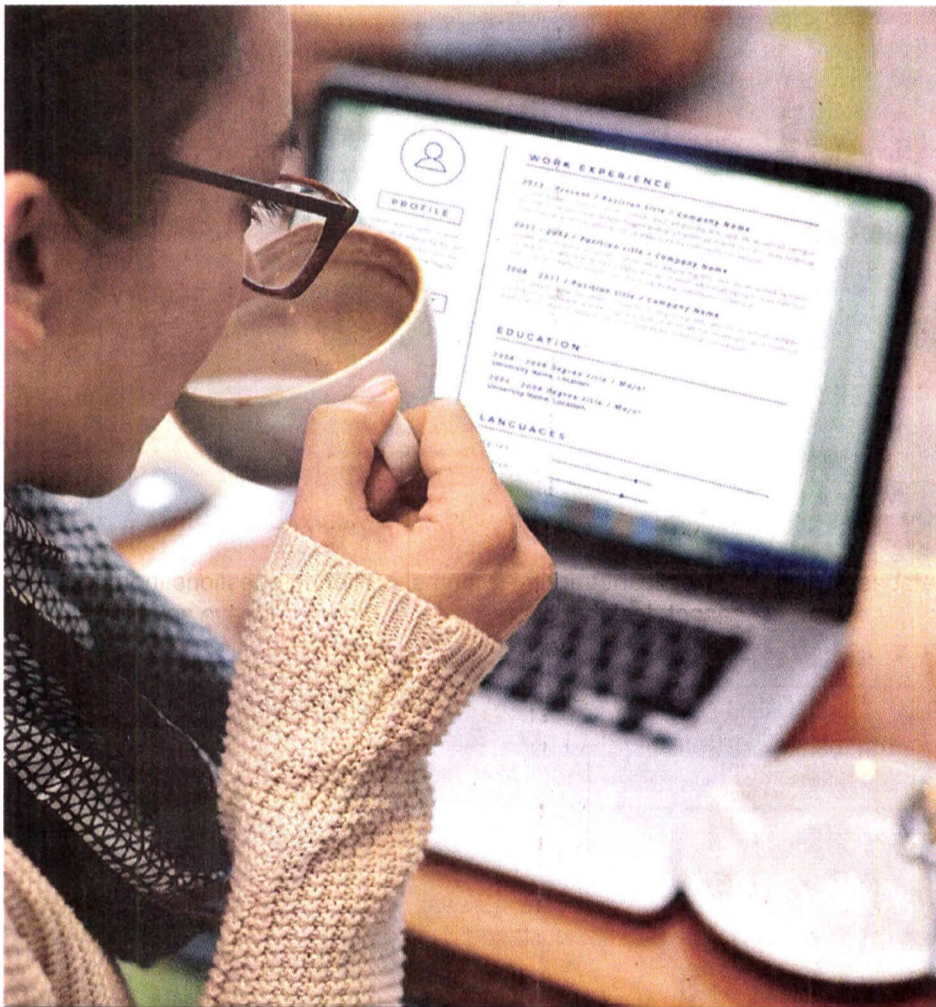
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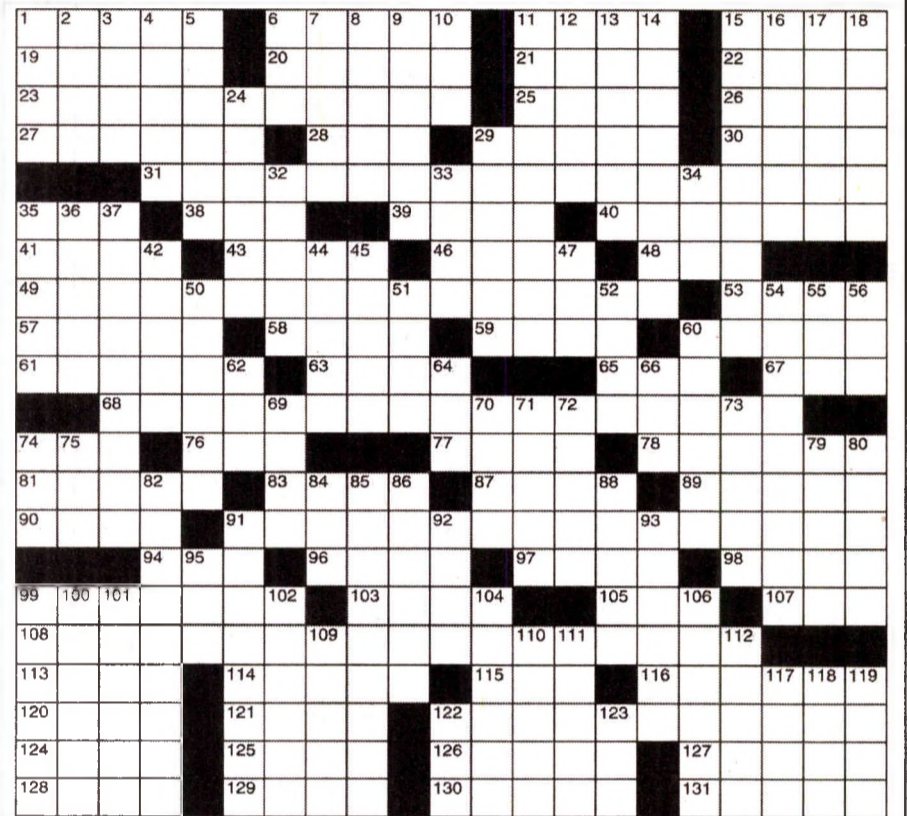
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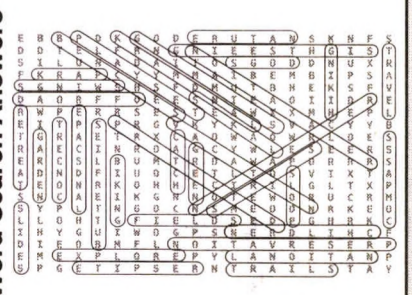
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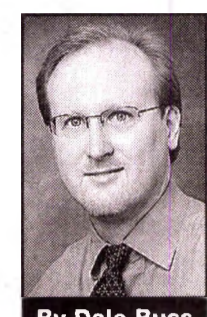
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Word Search Answers



Car Report

MERCEDES-BENZ EXTENDS ITS LEAD IN U.S. LUXURY SALES WITH TIMELY NEW PRODUCTS, OPPORTUNISTIC MARKETING



By Dale Buss

Mercedes-Benz took the top U.S. luxury-sales spot from BMW last year and, so far this year, has extended its lead in the American market.

But at a time when analysts are saying the general U.S. auto market finally will level off this year after a seven-year boom, Mercedes-Benz's grip on the premium pinnacle in America may be tested.

Mercedes will continue to enjoy an advantage with a fleet of utility vehicles that it has been overhauling at a time when luxury buyers are turning to that segment more than ever.

And one way Mercedes is responding

to an affier market is to move even more determinedly upscale with its ultra-expensive AMG sub-brand. The company continually celebrates AMG's success in motorsports, for example.

And Mercedes just launched its biggest digital and social media campaign of the year, to promote the AMG high-performance division. Its "Join the Obsessed" campaign celebrates AMG's 50th anniversary by highlighting innovations, including in a mobile video that was developed in tandem with Facebook's Creative Shop.

Drew Slaven is vice president of marketing for Mercedes-Benz USA, and I talked with him about marketing the sterling Mercedes-Benz brand in the US.

Q: Why is your sales lead over other luxury brands lengthening in the US?

Drew Slaven: It always comes



And I have to give our design team a lot of credit too.

down to product. As much as we'd like to say it's brilliant marketing communications, in every category [product] reigns supreme. Mercedes-Benz has put some real focused effort into this. Years back when the financial crises hit the world, companies realized there would be a drop in purchases. Many, many companies cut costs and that choked development of product. Mercedes did a pretty bold and courageous thing: put our foot down and invest heavily in product during those years, and that continues to pay tremendous dividends during a multi-year product offensive.

You can see this at auto shows where we show up and other competitors don't have press conferences because they don't have products to introduce. We have to cherry pick which products we do introduce. We're rolling out 40 products over an eight-year period that began in 2015 and 2016.

And I have to give our design team

a lot of credit too. Mercedes-Benz really has leapfrogged in a space that hasn't always been the lead for us, in the design-style space. The cars today in design have leapfrogged the competition to take a lead in this very important attribute for an American car-buying public. They're expressions of people's personality in the luxury space and now you have this very expressive design from a brand that previously was known for reliability and [comfort].

Q: How is marketing taking advantage of the edge Mercedes has in crossovers and SUVs vs. the competition?

Slaven: We can tell a bit more of a brand story rather than just bear down and ramble off a list of features and price. That's a great place for a company to be. I'd point to a spot last winter called "Snow Date" in which a young kid is going on his first date and there is this catastrophic blizzard, but

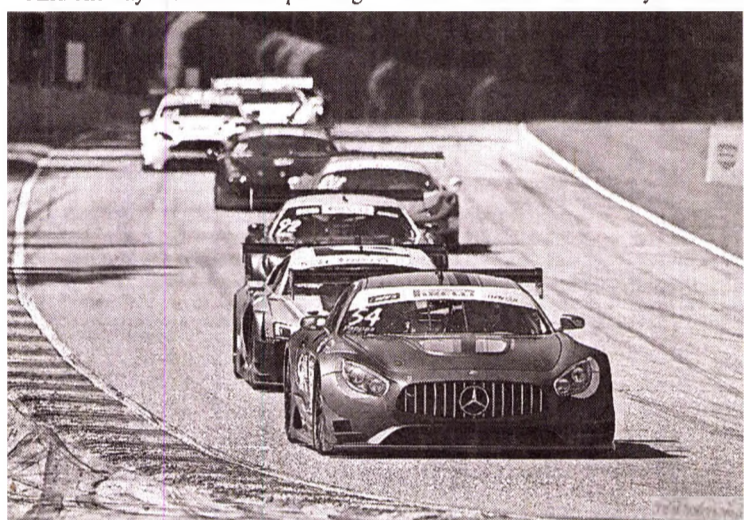
he drives his parents' Mercedes-Benz and arrives there. And we see that the girl does show up because her parents, too, drive a Mercedes. It was a clearly understood message that you can do when you're in a position of strength: paying back into your brand bank.

We've got a great arsenal of SUV products and the only thing that is of concern for us is to be sure to balance against sedans given the fact that we have a real [heritage there]. We would love more SUVs than we're able to build. The demand is there so you don't have to throttle down on strong SUV messaging right now because inherently we have such an advantage.

Q: Speaking of customer experience, how is your relationship with your dealers evolving? I read that they get more advertising leeway now. What does that reflect?

Slaven: We believe what our dealers do well is deliver the best automotive experience. To our dealers we deliver an ease of experience. [Mercedes-Benz USA CEO] Dietmar [Exler] wanted to make doing business with Mercedes-Benz as easy and uncomplicated as possible with our dealers so they can improve that customer experience.

For example, for many years inside automotive category, OEMs have provided funds to dealers to use those funds specifically to market new cars. What was uncommon was our move to tell dealers to use those funds however you see fit, and in whatever priority you want. Each individual dealer knows what brings traffic into their dealership and they don't need a factory telling them about the specifics.



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Novi, Moving Sale, 24428 Salem Ct, Thur: 7/13 9-4, Fri: 7/14 9-4, Household items, small furniture, paintings/pictures, garage stuff, etc. Dir: Greenwood Oaks subdivision, 10 Mile and Beck

2 DAYS ONLY

Plymouth, We're Back!, 9275 McClumpha Rd, Michigan, 48170 Thur: 9-2, Fri: 9-2, Kids (Matilda Jane) and adult clothes, name brand bags, toys and household items.

Garage-Tag Sale

Ply Twp, HUGE Sub Sale, 11076 Pinehurst Rd, TH/F 9-4, (7/13-14) Elliptical, IKEA, Snow Blower - Off Napier Brwn AA Rd + N. Terr!

South Lyon, SUB GARAGE SALE, Thurs-Sat, July 13-15, 9-5, 61820 Topfield Ln, Silver Lk Rd + Pontiac Tr.

Multi-Family YARD SALE

Tent Sale, 24356 Carlisle St. Dbn., July 15-20 & 22-27 Mon-Thru, Sat/Sun: 10am-4pm & Sun: 10am-4pm 7/16 Bedroom furniture, Clothes, Medical Equipment, House ware, Fishing, Hunting equipment, and Patio Furniture.

MOVING SALE

Westland, Yard Sale, 34450 Bayview St., Michigan, 48186 Sat. 7/8: 10am-4pm, Sun 7/9: 10am-4pm, Sat/7/15 10am-4pm & Sun: 10am-4pm 7/16 Bedroom furniture, Clothes, Medical Equipment, House ware, Fishing, Hunting equipment, and Patio Furniture.

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LOW COST VET VACCINE WELLNESS CLINIC TSC (WHITMORE LAKE) 6850 Whitmore Lake Saturday, July 8th, 10am-2pm DHPP Lepto CV BDT \$51, 3 year Rabies \$17, Heartworm Test \$19 MUST BRING AD. Skin, Ear & Eye Exams Available. 313-686-5701

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- *This home features five bedrooms and three and half bathrooms
- *Dream kitchen with center island, granite counter tops, breakfast nook and formal dining room
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Gorgeous Ranch in the Village of Milford!

- *This adorable four bedroom, three bathrooms, Ranch home
- *Updated kitchen with granite counters, built in buffet and cabinet lighting
- *Master bedroom with plantation shutters
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Peaceful Ranch on 1.5 Acres!

- *This gorgeous Ranch has three bedrooms and two bathrooms
- *Updated kitchen with patterned granite, refinished cabinets and hardwood flooring
- *Dining room with arched opening and cathedral ceiling
- *Finished walkout with family room, rec room and work out area

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Custom Built Home in Desirable Westacres!

- *This five bedroom, four and half bathroom, cozy cottage home has amazing lake views
- *Kitchen features a sub-zero refrigerator, high end range with steamer and hickory cabinets
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- *Oversized three car garage with direct access to the basement and outside

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Beautiful Ranch

- *This Ranch features three bedrooms, two and half bathrooms, located on 1.12 acres with lake access
- *Updated kitchen with large Island, wood flooring and two sided fireplace
- *Living room with natural fireplace leading to the office
- *First floor laundry and pool

MLS 217048351 248.684.1065 \$345,000



Picturesque Ranch!

- *This home features three bedrooms and two bathrooms on 1.12 acres
- *Watch nature with your family from your heated pool
- *Endless updates including granite countertops, finished basement and crown molding
- *Insulated heated garage and river rock fireplace.

MLS 217053803 248.684.1065 \$325,000



Gorgeous Cape Cod in Desirable Lake Oaks!

- *This home features four bedrooms, three and half bathrooms on 1.86 acres
- *Gourmet kitchen with granite counters, hardwood flooring and desk area
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- *Full finished basement with kitchenette, full bath, rec room and laundry

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- *This gorgeous, three bedroom, two and half bathroom colonial is a must see
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- *First floor laundry, finished lower level
- *Private backyard with large deck is perfect for entertaining

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Exquisite One of Kind Lake Sherwood Home!

- *This lake front home features five bedrooms, four and half bathrooms with amazing view throughout
- *Updated kitchen with delightful breakfast nook and barn wood accent wall
- *First floor master suite with lakefront views, jetted tub and custom walk in shower
- *Spacious finished basement with bedroom and plenty of for entertaining

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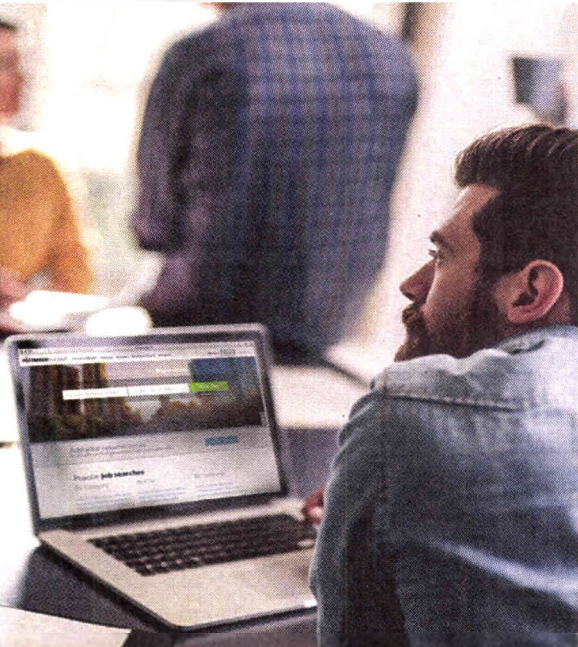


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