Holly water and sewer users could see refund of \$500

■Class action lawsuit attorneys say water and sewer capital charges are an unauthorized tax

By Vera Hogan

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If a village of Holly woman prevails in a class action lawsuit, she and a whole lot of other households in the village are going to be entitled to a refund of about \$500 if they have paid water and sewer capital charges for 12 months.

On March 8, Heidi Marie Gumbleton filed a class action lawsuit in the Oakland

County Circuit Court. Her suit claims that the defendant, which is the village of Holly never officially authorized by resolution, ordinance amendment or otherwise, a fee that she and every other user of the village of Holly water and sewer services are required to pay called a "water capital charge" and a

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LI have had several village residents complain to me about this over the years and I, too, have had to pay these charges since my law office is in the village. 77

Dale Smith

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Batter Up!

■Tigers' home opener is biggest unofficial holiday of the season

By David Troppens

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Matt Wilson knows what it is like to be married to a Detroit Tigers' fanatic.

The ex-Holly High School teacher and varsity boys and girls golf coach is married to one.

Spouse Pam W ilson has a bedroom dedicated to her love for the Detroit T igers. It includes everything from Tom Brookens' broken bats (her favorite Tiger of all time) to many bobblehead dolls to even a special ceiling fan.

So it's a given, when the Tgers play their homopener on Friday against the Boston Red Sox at 1:10 p.m. at Comerica Park in front of 40,000-plus fans, Wilson will bethere, and will be there plenty of hours early. She's been attending the home opener every year since 2005.

"It's just the atmosphere and there are so many people," Wilson said. "We leave at 7 in the morning and it's like a big See **BATTER UP!** on 5

Detroit Tigers home opener this Friday!

MARK CUNNINGHAM I DETROIT TIGERS

Just as Michiganders have done since 1901, Detroit Tiger fans jammed last season's home opener to what became a full capacity crowd. The Tigers' home opener at Comerica Park is Friday against the Boston Red Sox.

Davisburg man jailed after returning daughter



Brent Alan Owings is shown here with

■ Faces multiple charges including assault, burglary and domestic violence

By Sharon Stone

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A 3-year-old Holly Township girl who was reported missing Monday, April 3, was reunited with her mother early Tuesday morning. The childs father was arrested and is facing multiple charges.

Brent Alan Owings, 26, of Davisbug is lodged in the Oakland County Jail after he turned himself in to authorities at

Lot prices at Oakwood Cemetery could go up

■Increase would ensure perpetual maintenance fund

By Vera Hogan

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On Monday, April 10, the Fenton City Council will vote on whether to increase the cost of a lot at Oakwood Cemetery to \$600. The current rate is \$450.

At its Monday April 3 work session, the council discussed theOakwood Cemetery

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LSo disappointed with Debbie Stabenow and Gary Peters. I voted



for Debbie. They have already announced that they would not approve Neil Gorsuch for the U.S. Supreme Court. Trump won Michigan

and Michigan wants Gorsuch. They should be ashamed of themselves for voting party line. What cowards."

You don't like

all these kids being



born out of wedlock, and possibly paying for them, yet you don't want to fund

Planned Parenthood for free birth control. Make up your mind."



COMMENT OF THE WEEK

LAbraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy were the only two presidents who ever attempted to end the Federal Reserve Banking System, Hmmm, what else do they have in common? Coincidence? I think not. ""



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Fear the 'creepy lizard'

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politicians. 77

Jordan Smellie

Voters Not Politicians

■ Grassroots organization seeks to end gerrymandering with 2018 Michigan ballot

By Tim Jagielo

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Fenton — Grassroots or ganization Voters Not Politicians has a problem with the way congressional voter dis tricts are drawn.

"Right now, it's entirely controlled by state legislature," said Marketing Opera tions Manager Jordan Smellie. "They're the only ones that get any input, and they're the ones who directly benefit from the lines that they draw."

This was the crux of the town hall meeting held at the Fenton Community and Cultural Center on Wednesday, March 29.

More than 100 attended the town hall, which was run by V oters Not Politi cians. The or ganization spent the month of March holding 37 meetings across

the state to educate the public on redistrict ing, and most importantly gerrymandering.

Gerrymandering is the political manip ulation of legislative and congressional district maps.

The format for the meeting was simple. First, teach what gerrymandering is, see

ond talk about how it's being used for in the U.S., and then finally have a policy discussion to talk about what other states have done.

While Michigan allows congress to draw its own lines, there are several states such as California, Arizona, Iowa, Montana, Washington, Idaho and Alaska, which have independent commissions to choose their districts.

Audience members were urged to provide email addresses so they can answer survey questions.

The goal is to take all this feedback, and draft a question for the 2018 ballot to change the way Michigan changes its

districts every 10 years.

Canvassing director Jamie L yons-Eddy led the PowerPoint presentation, which was funny and clever in its delivery, and kept the crowd engaged.

The presentation began with the question, "C an a creepy lizard really eat democracy?" The creepy lizard is of course the "ger-

rymander," the 1812 political illustration for the first time this technique was used.

The new district loosely resembled a salamander to a local newspaper, which added wings, talons and teeth to the shape of the new district. The governor at the time was Elbridge Gerry, who signed off on the



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To illustrate gerrymandering to the audience, Jordan Smellie of Vers Not Politicans holds a Lego model of the 14th congressional district in Michigan, as Jamie Lyons-Eddy explains. There are places on the map that are slimmer than the room the crowd is in, she said.

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district. "Gerrymander" is a combination of his name and salamander

After the education portions of the meeting, came the policy discussion.

"The policy discussion at the Fenton town hall was lively and interesting, with many thought ful and informed comments and questions from an enthusiastic

crowd," said Lyons-Eddy, via email following the event.

Attorney Anne Linder of T yrone

Township sai d that the pr esentation helped her understand that this technique has been used by both Republicans and Democrats to entrench themselves in power in different places.

"I was particularly shocked to learn how much gerrymandering of districts has reduced our elected representatives' responsiveness to

our concerns," she said. For more information, go to

votersnotpoliticians.com.

The King LIVES ON IN ROCK AND ROLL HISTORY

■Elvis Presley had a unique sound and style

By Vera Hogan

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Over the past 50 years, music has gone from doo-whoppers with nerdy glasses and suits, to the artists of today having almost complete freedom of expression. The message of music has changed significantly over the years. Fr om early r ock being based almost entirely upon love songs and the heartbreak that follows their demise, to

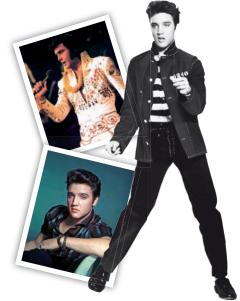
the anti-war ballads of the '60s, to the glorified excess that was the '80s, the reasons why people turn to music hasn' t changed, though the story of the tune hasMusic gives us something to feel, something to believe in, and that will pr obably never change. The styles may be differ ent, the fads that make the genr e important may pass, but good music is eternal and that is why it is considered the universal language.

The following is the first in a series about 50 years of music history . And what better place to start than with the legendary Elvis Presley.

In April of 1957, anyone with a ra dio was listening to Elvis Presley and his hit, "All Shook Up." A couple of months later it was "(Let me be your) Teddy Bear" from the "Loving You" album. Another favorite "Jailhouse Rock" came out later that year, as did "T reat Me Nice." Those were only a few of Elvis' many number one hits.

Other popular artists of the day were Pat Boone, Tab Hunter, Perry Como and Andy W illiams to name a few . Those popular "crooners" could not quite keep up with all the shakin' goin' on when Elvis performed, however, and he soon became known as the king of rock and roll, and later simply "The King."

Elvis' life story began when Elvis Aaron





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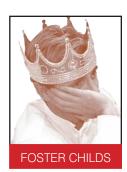
If I Were King...

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Seven questions to ask a liberal

O: How many people should we let into this country? Liberals want amnesty for the 12 million illegal aliens already living in America. Okay, done. Now what? America is the most desirable country on the planet. That means nearly all of the over 7 billion residents of earth would prefer to live in America. So here's my question: Exactly how many of these people should we let immigrate to our country?

Q: How can laws that are the same for every citizen be racist? Liberals say that everything, from the court system to education, is racist. They say voting laws that apply equally to all are somehow



discriminatory. If all laws are applied equally to all citizens, how can the system possibly be racist or unfair?

Q: How can laws that are advantageous to only one group of people not be discriminatory and racist? Affirmative Action set quotas only for minorities in hiring and college admissions. Obama's 'My Brother's Keeper' program gives funds and opportunities only to people of color. There are literally hundreds of liberal programs available exclusively to minorities. Do not disadvantaged white people deserve the same help?

Q: How does disarming the citizenry **protect their freedom?** The first 10 amendments of the U.S. Constitution are known as the Bill Of Rights. These rights were laid down by our founding fathers because they knew from experience that each one of the 10 was critical to a free society. The most critical, the second amendment, guarantees our right to keep and bear arms. It was created by our founding fathers for the sole purpose of ensuring that the citizenry could protect the other nine amendments.

Q: How will disarming law-abiding Americans make them safer? Every liberal-backed gun control law places arbitrary restrictions on the law-abiding citizens. These laws don't apply to criminals because criminals don't follow laws — they break them.

If someone is going to commit a murder or assault do you really think they give a \$#!+ if their weapon of choice is compliant with local ordinances? Only liberals would propose a law that puts the law-abiding citizens at the mercy of the armed criminals.

Q: How can it be legal, logical and humane to murder one million innocent unborn children each vear, but illegal, illogical and inhumane to execute adults convicted of premeditated murder? Why would we show mercy to thugs who murder their fellow citizens for monetary gain, while at the same time murder millions of defenseless, but inconvenient, babies? An abortion is murder for the sake of convenience — period.

Q: What sense does it make to do the same thing over and over and expect a different result? Without exception, every study ever done comes to the same conclusion with regard to welfare. The social safety net, which includes food stamps, Medicaid, and a smorgasboard of other 'entitlements,' does not in any way ever help any individual out of poverty. Quite the opposite effect actually, creating generation after generation of people that are completely dependent on government welfare that is funded by excessive taxation of the citizens who do work. Give them a job and dignity — not a check.

Opinions offered in If I Were King are the author's alone and do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the Tri-County Times or its staff. Email the King at king@tctimes.com. Some content adapted from the internet.

IT'S A RELIEF that the Republican healthcare bill flamed out. Don't worry, though. The Republicans will find some other way to reduce taxes on wealthy people. They are good at that.

MAN, THE RATIO of fat Republicans to Democrats is astounding. It's 5:1.

THE HOT LINE about pensions and millennials and seniors brought to mind the story of the three-legged stool. You can Google that. I'm fortunate enough that my program is a seven-legged stool. Problem is it's sitting on the same sinking swamp as the rest of the economy.

ALL THESETERMS. Obamacare, Trumpcare, pretty much clearly state that they don't care. Give them something to care about. Unemployment insurance.

SO MANY OF these Hot lines reek of racism. The book of John says you cannot love God unless you love your brother.

■■■
I SEE THE state of Michigan has stepped up to support the people of Flint in resolving the problems with their water pipes. I hope there's a plan for all the pipes in Michigan. Have our local municipalities tested the water at the point of use and reported publically how those are faring?

I DON'T LIKE fake Fox News so I don't watch fake Fox News.

IF YOU BELIEVE in man-made climate change and drive a car, you're a hypocrite. All the volcanoes in the world are going to bring a whole lot more pollution than Trump's coal plants ever will.

I'M ONE OF those uneducated demagogues who believes it's none of the government's business whether or not a women has an abortion. It is a matter for families and doctors to decide.

SO FOREIGNERS RAPE a young girl, all Republicans are up in arms. A Republican congressman gets caught trying to rape a young boy, silence from Republicans.

RIGHT-WING LOGIC. There are 100 people in a room, only one of them is a right-winger. The right-winger is the only one that has constitutional rights.

MY FAVORITE BUMPER sticker this week is 'How to annoy a liberal: get a

job, make a lot of money, be happy.' CLIMATE CHANGERS, ANSWER

this question: how much money is available to a scientist whose research proves no problem exists? Science only gets funded for new discoveries. The real consensus amongst the scientists you cite is they all want funding; supporting climate change is the quickest path to money.

LOTS OF BIG beautiful birds landing in the woods at the corner of North and Adelaide this Wednesday night. Nature is grand.

THANK YOU SO much to the two wonderful couples who purchased our dinner on Wednesday. I had just spent seven hours at the oncology center for treatment. They made my day. May God richly bless you. We will pass this kindness on.

LITTER — IT'S EVERYWHERE. Is everyone blind or is it simply beneath you to bend over and pick it up? What about when it is yours and it has blown across the road and is now stuck against the fence on North Road along U.S. 23? Time for a spring clean up.

TO THE PERSON that thinks older people are getting every free government thing they can: Husband and I worked over 75 full-time years and paid into Social Security more than we will ever receive. We also pay for our Medicare, supplemental, dental and vision. We get no free government things — never have, never will. — Signed, two seniors

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Compiled by Tim Jagielo, media editor

What is your best Detroit Tigers memory?



"When they went 35-5 in '84, and nobody has done it since. They won the World Series."



"I moved to Fenton last year and my friends took me to a Tigers game for my birthday."



"A Miguel Cabrera home run, from two or three years ago."



"My husband and I went to Tigers Fest this year. I yelled 'my husband loves you' to Miguel Cabrera. He yelled 'tell your husband I love him too, back."

- Alexis Harris Attica Township



street talk

"Opening day, at least 20 years ago. We were in the center field bleachers and there was a blizzard for four innings. It was 32 degrees."

- Larry Moore Tyrone Township



- Derrick Julite

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Gerald Brady Fenton Township

Stocks for kids can help build solid financial future

A 22-year-

old who starts

investing \$50

per month will

have nearly

\$319,000

when he or

she turns 62.

■Before you start, know the pitfalls of managing a custodial account

By Vera Hogan

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If the idea of helping your child or grand child become a millionaire before they reach the age of retirement sounds appealing, it can be done.

Children can buy and sell stocks online in the same way as adults can. They can use E*TRADE, Charles Schwab Online, or many other companies offering online trading.

The only catch — for children under 18, the account must be set up as a custodial account, and unlike regular accounts, custodial accounts generally can't be opened online. Instead, you must request an account form (which you can do online) and then submit it by mail.

Custodial accounts are supposed to be man aged by the custodian, or the parent. Customer agreements state that only an account holder of

legal age will trade online. As a practical matter, however, once the online account is in place, there's no real mechanism to prevent the kids from doing their own trading.

A broker talking to an investor won't take an order from a minor, but the computer doesn't know the age of the person who' inputting the information.

It remains to be seen whether the industry will put any controls in place to prevent direct trad -

ing by minors. For example, what happens if your 12-year -old puts in an order to buy 10,000 shares of stock in his custodial account for \$1 million and then the price of the stock tumbles to half of what it was when the order was executed? Who's left holding the bag?

Without industry controls in place to prevent online trading by minors, it's up to you as a parent to monitor your child's activities.

A problem many parents fail to recognize is that custodial accounts have significant legal and tax implications. Here from marketwatch.com are the five most important things to understand.

1. That money isn't yours anymore

When funds are transferred into a minor child's custodial account at a financial institution or brokerage firm, the funds now irrevocably belong to that child. While the parent can, and usually does, function as the custodian (manager) of the account, the money can legally be used only for expenditures that benefit that child.

2. Your kid will gain control at a young age

A minor child's custodial account must be established under the state's Uniform Gifts to

Minors Act (UGMA) or Uniform T ransfers to Minors Act (UTMA). In most situations, transfer of custodial property mustoccur when the minorturns 18. However, the UMTA states that a transfer may delay the turnover date past 18 under certain conditions, but not later than the minor's 21st birthday.

Under applicable state law, your child will gain full legal control over the account once he or she ceases to be a minor.

3. Your child may have to file tax returns and pay taxes

Any income from your child's custodial account belongs to the child. If that income exceeds a certain amount, a separate federal income tax return generally must be filed for the child using Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ. The child will probablyowe some tax, and the Kiddie Tax rules may make it higher. A state income tax return may be required too.

4. The Kiddie Tax could bite

It would be terrific if children with substantial custodial accounts were allowed to

> pay the same tax rates on investment income as other unmarried individuals.

If that was allowed to happen, a child's ordinary income (\$1,050 for 2016) would typically be taxed at a federal rate of only 10 or 15 percent, and a 0-percent rate would typically apply to long-term capital gains and dividends.

However, Congress created the so-called Kiddie T ax to prevent such happy outcomes. Under the Kiddie Tax rules, a minor child's

investment income above \$2,100 (for 2016) may be taxed at the parent's higher rates. So the federal rate on a child's interest income could be as high as 39.6 percent, and long-term gains and dividends could be taxed at up to 20 percent. The Kiddie Tax is calculated on IRS Form 8615 (Tax for Certain Children Who Have Investment Income of More Than \$2,100) or on the aforementioned Form 8814 (when allowed).

5. There might be gift tax consequences

For 2016 and 2017, you can take advantage of the annual federal gift tax exclusion to move up to \$14,000 into a custodial account for each of your children. So can your spouse. You can do the same thing next year, and the year after that, and so on. Gifts up to the \$14,000 annual limit don't reduce your lifetime \$5.25 million federal gift tax exemption. If you transfer more than \$14,000, you must file a gift tax return on IRS Form 709 (United States Gift and Generation-Skipping T ransfer T ax Return). You probably won't actually owe any gift tax (thanks to the \$5.25 million exemption), but you still have to file the form.

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block party. We just go all over to see all of the different booths. ... Every game we get down there two hours early and enjoy everything that is going on."

Indeed, i f you a re a Michi gander, opening day at Comerica Park (prior to Comerica Park at Tiger Stadium) is one of the state's biggest unofficial holiday dates every year. Even if the game isn't truly the Tigers' first game of the season — it wasn't this year as the season began in Chicago on T uesday afternoon — it symbolizes the start of Detroit's season.

With it, it brings hope and excitement for the new season. It also represents the symbolic end of winter and the start of spring, even if the weather doesn't always cooperate. Remember, the Tigers' actual season-opening game at Chicago was rained out.

As of press time on Tuesday, it looks like Friday's game will be played but not under the most ideal of circumstances. The forecast is for clouds and wind with a 20 percent chance of rain. The expected high is 47 degrees. However, people like Wilson are life-long T igers fans, and will be there regardless what the weather is like.

"My dad played baseball when he was in school and was really good," Wilson said. "He'd put me and my sister in the backyard and hit balls to us. I just loved baseball. I'd sit at night and listen on the headphones."

Holly resident Dale Smith is a seasonticket holder and went to his first opening day game in 1972, the year the T igers won the American League East by onehalf game ahead of the Boston Red Sox. Forty-five years later, he's making what is only his second trip to opening day on Friday.

"I'm going with a friend," Smith said.
"Normally I don't go to the opener be cause it's more of a circus than it is about
the ball game. I know some people going
down there just to party, but I'll be there
to watch the game."

Smith has been fortunate to be able to go to two World Series games in his life. However, the first, he'd ratherforget. It was the 1968 W orld Series game 4 10-1 loss to the St. Louis Cardinals. The weather was poor that day as well. Of course, the Tigers were able to rebound from that loss and win the next three games, eventually capturing the 1968 World Series championship.

"I sent in for tickets. Amillion people sent in for tickets and I got lucky" Smith said. "I was only 14 years old and had to beg my brother to go there."

Opening day's pull is so strong, it attracts people who have moved from the state. Ex-Linden resident Brent Lange moved from the tri-county area about five years ago, and now lives in Cincinnati Reds' territory in Ohio, However, he's making the trek back to Comerica Park to enjoy Friday's game. He's gone to Comerica Park in the past to enjoy the festivities, but this marks the first time he's actually attending the game.

"It's a festive time and it seems people are more into it, are ready for the season and have a lot of anticipation for a good year," Lange said. "In the past I've en - joyed the celebration and then went to a local bar to watch the game. But this year being able to go to it will make it that much more special. It will be really neat."



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The law on recalls

Holding an elected public office is an awesome responsibility filled with many challenges, duties and hopefully achievements.

For those who have won their elections to these offices, I don't have to remind them that the pre-election period is called a 'campaign.' Campaigns can be very difficult. Indeed one dictionary definition of the word describes it as a type of military operation. Whether this definition fits all political campaigns is subject to debate, but after a winner is decided they have the right to serve out their terms with certain exceptions.

One of the exceptions is what is known as a recall. This is a procedure, which allows citizens to remove a public official before their term expires.

All states have recall laws. According to the National Conference of State Legislators, Michigan is one of 19 states, which allows for the recall of state officials and one of at least 29 states, which allows local officials to be recalled.

Eight states allow recalls based only on specific grounds. The procedures in each state vary, normally starting with a recall petition.

Michigan's recall statute was amended in 2012 to limit the reasons in the recall petition to those based upon the office holder's conduct during his or her current term of office. Additionally, there is a six-month or one-year period from the start of the term before a recall petition can be filed depending on the length of the term.

Before a recall petition can be circulated, either the State Board of Canvassers (for state officials) or the Board of County Election Commissioners (for local officials) must hold a hearing and determine if each reason for the recall is factual and of sufficient clarity.

If the petition is approved, it is valid for 180 days. During this period, circulators must obtain signatures from registered and qualified voters equal to not less than 25 percent of the votes for governor in the preceding election in the affected electoral district and then file the petition.

Very importantly, signatures older than 60 days from the date of filing are invalid. If the petition is deemed sufficient a recall election is held and there is an up or down vote.







LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

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Senate Bill 223: Create process for disclosing police firing to other agencies

To establish a process and liability exemption for a police agency disclosing information to another agency about a former officer who may have been fired. A separating officer could review the official record and make his written explanation a permanent part of it. Police job applicants would have to give prospective employers a waiver allowing them to get the separation records, and the former employer would be immune from liability for revealing this.

Passed 37 to 0 in the Senate	
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	X YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	X YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	X YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	X YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	X YES

Senate Bill 202: Exempt no-cash social media games from gambling ban

To establish that the state's laws against gambling do not apply to a "social media internet game" that rewards players with either a free play or an extended period of playing time as a result of chance or uncertain event. The bill excludes "fantasy sports" games from its provisions.

Passed 35 to 3 in the Senate	
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	X YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	X YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	X YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	X YES
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	X YES

Senate Bill 219: Revise concealed pistol permit details

To revise many details and procedures in the state's concealed pistol license law. Among other changes, if a license is denied based on one of the disqualifications specified in the law, the disqualification must appear in the State Police background check all applicants must undergo. The bill also repeals a state permit requirement to own an armored vehicle (one with guns would be subject to many other restrictions though).

Passed 27 to 10 in the Senate	
Sen. David Robertson (R-Dist. 14)	X YES
Sen. Mike Kowall (R-Dist. 15)	X YES
Sen. Joe Hune (R-Dist. 22)	X YES
Sen. Jim Ananich (D-Dist. 27)	\times NO
Sen. Ken Horn (R-Dist. 32)	X YES

House Bill 4167: Increase maximum length limit for agriculture equipment

To increase the maximum vehicle-and-trailer combination length transporting agricultural drainage tubing to 75 feet.

Passed 97 to 11 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)
Rep. Hank Vaupel (R-Dist. 47)

X YES

X YES

House Bill 4219: Leniency for young human trafficking victims

To ease restrictions on a court placing a young defendant who may be a human trafficking victim in a probation and deferral program that leaves them without a permanent criminal record.

Passed 108 to 0 in the House
Rep. Joe Graves (R-Dist. 51)
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X YES

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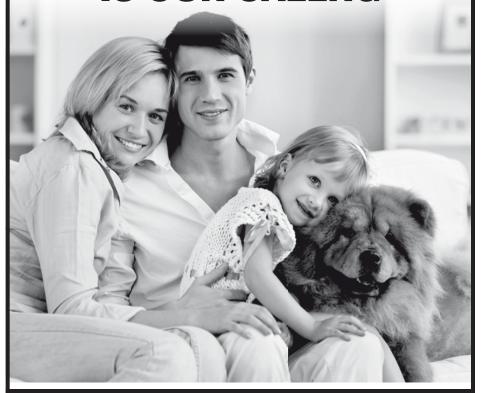
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Late goal leads Tigers past Linden, 1-0

By David Troppens

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The Fenton-Linden varsity girls soccer rivalry has already had one entertaining chapter played out this spring.

The two area rivals battled to a tight contest that looked ready to end in a scoreless draw. However, the T igers got a goal from Sophie Crews with two minutes left, earning Fenton the 1-0 non-league victory.

If anything it looked like Lin den was poised to break the score less draw most of the contest, outshooting Fenton 9-2. However, Fenton's Notre Dame Collegebound keeper Abby Quesnelle held strong between the pipes, earning her the clean sheet victo ry. Also aiding her was defensive

player Mar garet Berry . Crews' goal was assisted by Erin Conroy.

The win was the T igers' (1-2) of the season. They lost a 2-0 con test to Detroit Country Day and a 1-0 verdict against Swartz Creek earlier in the season. The contest was Linden's first game of the season. This game did not count toward the Flint Metro League

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Linden's Sam Hawkins (left) tries to keep the ball away from F enton's Kirsten Foor during

Fenton's 1-0 victory.

TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO Fenton's Logan Carter will play softball at Western Michigan University next school year.

Carter becoming a Bronco next fall

By David Troppens

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Sometimes Logan Carter probably feels like she suffers from a split personality when it comes to softball.

Sure, she's still a senior at Fenton High School and should be one of the Tigers' most potent bats on the softball field this spring, but no one can blame • her if she sometimes feels like a Bronco • as well.

"I made my decision (to play at Western Michigan University) so long ago, I've gotten used to it," Carter said. "I've gotten comfortable and I've been on

See CARTER on 9

So-so winter makes Elite 8 poll a challenge

By David Troppens

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The 2016-17 winter sports season ended with a big bang.

There were historical moments and long postseason tournament runs.

However, overall, it would be hard to consider this one of the best athletic sea sons we've ever had in the tri-county area. In fact, it was reasonably mediocre. Once we get beyond the elite performances, there wasn't great depth. This means it's going to be tough to rank squads in our 2016-17 T ri-County Elite Eight W inter Poll. However, it's time to give it a shot. In today's edition we'll present the bottom half of the poll.

No. 8 - Holly/Oxford boys ski: The Holly/Oxford co-op ski team had an outstanding season. The squad won the divisional and finished second in regionals, qualifying for the state meet. Those are the team's highlights. However, once at the state meet, the squad placed ninth out of nine teams. The team would still be rated higher than this if not for one other reason — it's a co-op involving a school outside the tri-county area. It's hard to place them any higher than this when the squad isn't a 100 percent tri-county squad.

No. 7 – Linden wrestling: The Eagles struggled through most of the season due to injuries and illness. However Linden hit the postseason, the Eagles displayed the type of team they could've been if they were healthier earlier . Linden captured a team district title, beating Fenton and Holly in the process. Linden eventually advanced to the regional final,





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(Above) The Linden varsity wrestling team captured a team district title and ended up becoming our No. 7 squad on our T ri-County Elite Eight Winter Poll. (Left) The Fenton/Linden girls ski team, led by Zoe Weinberg, placed fifth in our final poll.

finishing their season with a 14-16 overall mark. Patrick Kerr and Dawson Blank also qualified for the state meet with both placing.

No. 6 - Lake Fenton competitive **cheer:** The Blue Devils started the GAC season with a third-place finish at the first conference jamboree, but rebounded nicely by taking first at the GAC championship meet with a total team score of 632.001, about 45 points better than the

first meet. The Blue Devils also qualified for regionals by taking fourth at the dis trict meet. However, the season ended at the regional round by taking 1 1th out of 12 teams.

No. 5 – Fenton/Linden girls ski: The Fenton/Linden girls ski team dominated action at Mt. Holly for most of the winter, capturing a division title. However, with so few teams competing on the mountain,

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Fenton baseball sweeps Bobcats

By David Troppens

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The Fenton varsity baseball team had about as good a start to the season one could imagine possible.

The Tigers swept a doubleheader against Grand Blanc by scores of 10-0 and 10-1.

In the opening contest, Fenton scored five runs in the first inning and cruised to the win. Fenton col lected six hits and 11 walks. Chase Coselman and Brock Henson had doubles while Nolan Lawrence had three walks. Henson, Lawrence, Chase Coselman and Brandon Weaver scored two runs each while Coselman and David Pietryga had two RBI.

On the mound, Troy Smigielski tossed four innings of one-hit ball while striking out five batters en route to the win. Blake Garrison struck out two batters in the final two innings.

In the nightcap Fenton had 10 hits, led by Henson's 3-for-4 effort which included a double and three RBI. Garrison had two hits. On the mound, Brandon W eaver went the distance, tossing four innings of three-hit, one-walk ball. He struck out three batters.

Fenton returns to action on Monday in a doubleheader against Co runna.



TRI-COUNTY TIMES | FILE PHOTO

Fenton's Logan Carter (preparing to make the tag of the runner) will play softball at Western Michigan University next school year.

ELITE 8

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it's non-league stuf f that will really en hance the team's resume. Unfortunately, the girls were unable to advance to the state meet, by placing sixth at regionals. However, one huge bright spot was Zoe Weinberg. She did qualify as an individual and captured a state championship in the giant slalom. She also placed third in the slalom.

CARTER

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campus. It's just been me waiting for it to happen (for her to officially sign). And once I realized it was pretty close to com ing I was ready for it."

Carter made her verbal commitment about two years ago, but signed during late 2016. It's easy to see why W estern wanted Carter.

Carter was the 2016 T ri-County Softball Player of the Y ear a year ago after hitting .495 with power. She hit a teamhigh 11 home runs and drove in a teamhigh 48 runs while leading Fenton to another strong season. She also provided nine doubles and three triples. Defen sively, she's a strong catcher as well, catching five of eight runners trying to steal against her last season. Her num bers helped lead her to First-Team All-State honors as a junior . She's been on Fenton's varsity softball team ever since her freshman season.

"Logan is a confident player that keeps growing her game, and we are ex cited about seeing that in our program as well," W estern Michigan University

softball coach Katy Leitke said in a press release. "She has been a consistent force in the box and behind the plate. She has been a key part of her high school and travel teams that will continue to push her to higher performance standards. Logan prides herself on doing things well. and seems to keep upping her game at each level."

Initially, W estern had competition from Central Michigan University and Grand Valley State University.

"When I visited, talked to the coaches and talked to the team, I looked over all of the details and W estern was the right fit for me," Carter said.

Western is a Divison 1 school in the Mid-American Conference. Currently the squad is 13-17 overall and hold just a 1-5 MAC record. The squad has been about a .500 team ever since Leitke took over at the helm in 2001. Her best season came in 2006 when the Broncos went 34-14 and won the MAC regular season and MAC tournament championships.

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PREP REPORT

BOYS LACROSSE

► Grand Blanc 17, Fenton/Linden 2: The Fenton/Linden Wolves got goals from Luke White and Zach Eakes in the loss. White also had the team's only assist. Joseph Loria made 17 saves in net.

▶ Bishop Foley 11, Fenton/Linden 5: Derek DeLong led the Wolves with two goals while Bobby Temple and Tyler Bourassa had a goal each. Bourassa had two assists while Temple and De-Long had an assist each. Joesph Loria

had 14 saves in net.

GIRLS LACROSSE

► Gabriel Richard 14, Fenton/Linden **10:** The Fenton/Linden co-op lacrosse team led 10-6 at halftime, but were outscored 8-0 in the second half, resulting in the loss. Ellie Reuschlein led the co-op with seven goals while Kelly Kemp had two goals. Skylar Parks had a goal and two assists. Sarah Reushlein had two assists while Lilly McKee had one

DAVID'S 2017 **DETROIT TIGERS** FORECAST

The Good &



The bad





GOOD

It appears to be a solid

rotation, led by Justin Verlander and Michael Fulmer. Lefty Daniel Norris should be solid.

Francisco Rodriguez returns as the closer so that's a positive right there. Alex Wilson should be solid.

> Infield looks reasonably well with Miguel Cabrera and Ian Kinsler around. Nick Castellanos looked good this spring.

J.D. Martinez is a star and expect Justin Upton to post a strong offensive season. He struggled most of last season but still hit 31 dingers.

If everything goes right, this team can win 88 games, but it won't. Read the other side.

Jordan Zimmerman is being expected to bounce back which is a big if. Matt Boyd's progress will be key. Not much after the first five.

BAD

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Starting

Pitching

The rest of the pen isn't inspiring, starting with set-up man Bruce Rondon. This isn't Detroit's worst pen in recent years, though.

Catching/ Infield

Jose Iglesias is the weak starter among this group. Alex Avila is back? Can anyone say nepotism?

Outfield/ DH

J.D. Martinez is already on the DL and JaCoby Jones has to prove himself in center. Victor Martinez is due to regress.

Season outlook

It's hard to define what this team is. There are too many holes to think the Tigers can win the division. We're expecting 80 to 82 wins.



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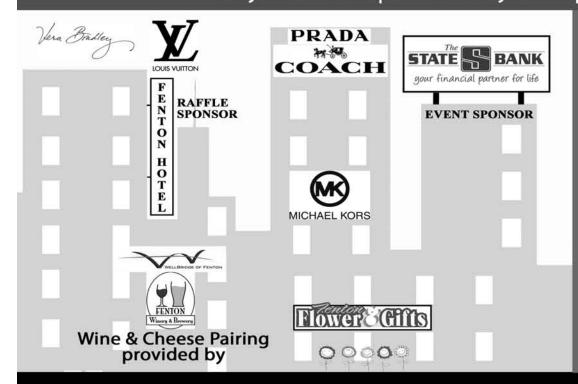


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"sewer capital charge."

Gumbleton's suit further states that at all times, she has received and paid for water and sewer services from the village of Holly, the water capital char ge has varied but it presently \$17.93 per month, and that the sewer capital char ge has varied but is presently \$24.75 per month.

Her suit claims that these charges are mandatory and failure to pay them will cause the village of Holly to disconnect her water and sewer service.

The suit claims that the water and sewer capital charges are really a tax that has not been authorized by a vote of the citizens of the village of Holly in violation of Article 9, Section 31 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, commonly known as the Headlee Amendment.

According to Gumbleton's attorney, Dale Smith, who is representing her in

SUMMARY

Class action lawsuit

claims that the village

of Holly is charging a

tax through monthly

claim are a violation

water and sewer

capital charges, something lawyers

of the Headlee

this case with attorney Peter Michael Deahl, sometime in 2007 or 2008, the village insti tuted water and sewer capital charges and started billing all users of the village water and sewer system for these charges about that same time.

Presently, these users are billed at \$42.68 per month, Smith said.

Amendment. "Despite examining the village ordinances online, neither my co-counsel nor I have been able to find any authority for these charges via ordinance amendment, resolution or otherwise.

'Under the *Bolt* case (Bolt v. city of Lansing), there are three criteria used to determine whether these charges are really fees and not a tax," he added.

"The first criterion is that a user fee must serve a regulatory purpose rather than a revenue-raising purpose. Second, the user fees must be proportionate to the necessary costs of the service. Third, the payment of the fee must be voluntary.

'Under the Headlee amendment, the citizens should have been allowed to vote on this since it really is a tax,"

Smith added.

"I have had several village residents complain to me about this over the years and I, too, have had to pay these charges since my law office is in the village.

"While I was (Holly) township supervi sor, I simply referred their complaints to village personnel. But since I am solely a

The village has retained Miller Canfield to defend this action and they are, at this point (based upon the answer filed) denying any liability said Smith. "Howevermy co-counsel and I have reason to believe that these 'charges' are not only not a fee but a tax and that the monies received from these charges have been applied to payment of costs other than anything related to the providing of water and sewer services.

"Ms. Gumbleton lives in the village and pays for these charges. This has been filed a class action so I can make sure that

> everyone entitled to a refund will get one," said Smith.

Under the statute, refunds may only be paid for the one year preceding the filing of this court action.

The next steps will involve sending discovery to defen dant's counsel in an attempt to clarify the village's position on this. "I will also soon be filing a motion to certify the class which would then allow

me to give notice to all of the users that they may be entitled to a refund," he said.

"These types of suits are pretty com mon right now, several communities in Oakland County have been or are going through them," said Holly Village Manager Jerry Walker.

"The ironic thing is the two attorneys that filed the case, Peter Deahl and Dale Smith on behalf of Ms. Gumbleton, are all water customers and are in essence suing themselves," Walker added. "In the end the case will be litigated, be costly to the residents and we feel the costs assessed are in line with costs to operate the system. It truly is anunfortunate situation."

private practice attorney again, I felt it was important to bring this issue to a head."

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MAN JAILED

Continued from Front Page 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 4.

On April 2, at approximately 4 a.m., Michigan State Police Metro North troop ers assigned to the Groveland Detachment received information regarding a missing 3-year-old girl from Holly T ownship. Investigators had reason to believe that the toddler was with her father, Owings, after he failed to return her to her mother.

A Missing Endangered Alert was is sued for the missing child.

Tuesday morning around 3:30 a.m., Owings contacted the MSP's dispatch center and told them that his 3-year -old daughter had been returned to the childs grandfather's house in Clarkston.

Troopers arrived at the Clarkston ad dress and could see that the child was unharmed. Shortly after troopers arrived, the child's mother arrived at the homeand was reunited with her child.

Owings agreed to turn himself in. He met with troopers at HollyPolice Department where he arrived with his mother and was taken into custody without incident. He is lodged at the Oakland County Jail pending his arraignment.

Owings was sought for questioning regarding an assault that was reported in Holly T ownship. He was arrested on a three-count arrest warrant, which included the char ge of bur glary/forced entry, assault by strangulation, and do mestic violence third offense.

HOT LINE CONTINUED

BOTH OF OUR Senators, Peters and Stabenow, plan to vote against Neil Gorsuch for the U.S. Supreme Court, a qualified candidate if there ever was one. I bet if Jesus were nominated to the court they'd vote against him. Remember in 2018 when Stabenow goes up for reelection. I will be working to get her defeated.

TRUMP HAS MOVED on to changing the tax code to benefit the 1 percent and corporations. Shouldn't he release his own tax records before tampering with the nation's tax code, especially since any changes made by the GOP will benefit him?

ПТ I HOPE THE court has mercy on Michael LaJoice. Doctors must know that his mind was not right. I'm sure

he's no threat to anyone.

LOT PRICES

Continued from Front Page "Perpetual Care Fund."

Currently, according to Department of Public Works (DPW) Director Dan Czar-necki, 20 percent of the revenue received from cemetery lot sales goes into the Perpetual Care Fund. The interestearned on the fund is to be used toward the maintenance of the cemetery. At its current rate of \$450 per lot, \$90 goes into the fund from each sale.

"There is about \$164,000 in the fund at this time," said Czarneckin a memo to City Manager Lynn Markland.

"According to our computer records there are 1,400 grave spaces currently avail able at Oakwood Cemetery."

The Oakwood Cemetery Board has been discussing options to bring the fund to a level that would sustain the maintenance of the cemetery into the future.

"At this time, the maintenance costs for mowing, raking of leaves, trimming bushes and tree limbs, filling of settled areas and general routine maintenance is \$31,200," said Czarnecki. "This work is contracted out to TNT Outdoor Services for the current year."

At the current rate of sales, it is estimated the cemetery would be full in about 30 years, at which time there would be no additional money being placed into the fund due to lot sales.

The Oakwood Cemetery Board proposed to the Fenton City Council raising the cost to \$500 and also to start imposing a Perpetual Care Fund fee of \$100 per lot, for a total of \$600.

"This would raise the amount going into the fund to \$200 for every lot sale," said Czarnecki. "The proposed rate structure would bring in \$280,000 to the Perpetual Care Fund by the time all the lots are sold."



TRI-COUNTY TIMES I FILE PHOTO On Monday, April 10, the F enton City Council will consider a recommendation to increase grave lots from \$450 to \$500, plus charge another \$100 to go into a Perpetual Care Fund for a total of \$600, a \$150 increase.

Czarnecki said Fenton Cemetery Service, the agent for selling lots, earns 20 percent from every lot sale. Currently they are earning \$90 to cover the cost of their service to sell the lots to customers.

"Raising the rate to \$500 will bring their earnings to \$100 per lot sale," he said. "Setting up a Perpetual Care Fund fee will help maximize the dollar amount going into the fund."

With the proposed lot sales rate and fund fee, at the time the cemetery is full there should be at least \$444,000 in the fund to earn interest.

"If the fund can earn at least 7.1-percent interest, there should be enough gained through interest to cover the current cost of maintenance at Oakwood Cemetery in the future, at the current maintenance costs," he said.

Increasing the number of lots at Oak - wood Cemetery would help to increase the Perpetual Care Fund, however, there is not much land available. The additional of columbariums for cremation sales may be discussed at a future date.

'THE KING'

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Presley was born to Vernon and Gladys Presley in a two-room house in Tupelo, Mississippi, on Jan. 8, 1935, according to elvis.com. His twin brother , Jessie Garon, was stillborn, leaving Elvis to grow up as an only child. He and his parents moved to Memphis, T ennessee, in 1948, and Elvis graduated from Humes High School there in 1953.

Elvis' musical influences were the pop and country music of the time, the gospel music he heard in church and at the all-night gospel sings he frequently attended, and the black R&B he ab sorbed on historic Beale Street as a Memphis teenager.

In 1954, Elvis began his singing career with the legendary Sun Records label in Memphis. In late 1955, his recording contract was sold to RCA Victor. By 1956, he was an international sensation. With a sound and style that uniquely combined his diverse musical influences and blurred and challenged the social and racial barriers of the time, he ushered in a whole new era of American music and popular culture.

He starred in 33 successful films, made history with his television appearances and specials, and knew great acclaim through his many, often record-breaking, live concert per-

formances on tour and in Las V egas. Globally, he has sold over one billion records, more than any other artist.

His American sales have earned him gold, platinum or multi-platinum awards. Without any of the special privileges, his celebrity status might have afforded him, he honorably served his country in the U.S. Army.

His talent, good looks, sensuality charisma, and good humor endeared

him to millions, as did the humil ity and human kindness he
demonstrated throughout

his life. Known the world over by his first name, he is regarded as one of the most important figures of 20th century popular culture. Elvis died at his Memphis home, Graceland, on Aug. 16, 1977.

day when Elvis Presley could only be filmed from the waist up, now many photographers only video tape Britney Spears from the waist down.

Sun Records on CMT

Starting on Feb. 23, a chapter of rock and roll history featuring Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash and others started playing out on primetime television.

CMT's (Country Music Channel) new limited-run series "Sun Records" airs Thursdays at 9 p.m. Spectrum (Charter) customers locally can find it on channel 40.

The eight-part series follows Chad Michael Murray as Sun Records founder Sam Phillips and a group of future music legends who famously crossed paths in Memphis.

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age 87, of Holly, died April 3, 2017. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Friday, April 7, 2017 at the Dryer Funeral Home with Garth Crider officiating. Military honors and burial will be at Lakeside Cemetery in Holly. Visitation will be on Thursday, April 6, 2017 from 2-8 PM. Fred is survived by his son, Dennis (Renee) Smalley of Holly, daughter, Cindy (Jim) Alexander of Holly; four grandchildren, Sarah (Todd) Angevine of Chicago, Mathew (Heather) Smalley of Fenton, Cara (Eric) Dovre of Holly and Èmma Alexander of Holly; two great-grandchildren, Nora and Lincoln Dovre; sisters, Margaret Dunrimes ning of Plymouth and Beth

Obituaries

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by his wife, Doris; brother,

John "Bud" Smalley; and

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of Grand Blanc after 38

sister, Mable Smalley. Fred

years. He was an Air Force

veteran and a member of

Holly Moose Lodge and

founding member of HVA.

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be made to the Michigan

the Holly American Legion,



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Rosemary Phillips

1938-2017 Rosemary Phillips - age 79, of Fenton, went to be with the Lord, surrounded by her family at home on April 2, 2017. In addition to Gene, her beloved husband of nearly 60 years, Rosemary is survived by her daughters, Kathy (Fred Miller) Milhizer and Donna Phillips; her son, David (Kim) Phillips; grandchildren, Steven Houck, Scott (Shelby) Ruggles, Angela (Thomas) Norris, Courtney (Ted) Palen, Lauren and David Phillips II; greatgrandchildren, Logan and Lainey; brother, Helmut (Joan) Linden and sisterin-law, Marian (the late Wilfred) Linden. Mass of the Resurrection at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 600 N. Adelaide St., Fenton on Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 11 AM with gathering to begin the hour prior at 10 AM. The Rev. Fr. Robert Copeland to officiate. Burial St. John Catholic Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Alzheimer's Association - Greater Michigan Chapter, 25200

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

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HOROSCOPES

ARIES (March 21 to April 19)

Be careful about doing someone a favor when you don't know the full story behind the request. Don't rely on someone's unsubstantiated assurances. Insist on all the facts before you act.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)

That workplace problem still needs your attention before you finally can close the book on it. Meanwhile, a long-anticipated reunion gets closer to becoming a happy reality.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)

You might be demanding more from others than they can give. Best advice: Have a long and frank talk to determine what the facts are. Tensions should abate as the week winds down.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22)

Aspects are favorable throughout this week for making contacts that could be important to your career plans. Meanwhile, an old friend offers the advice you're seeking.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)

It's time to stop licking your wounds from past mistakes. Get up and get going toward your future. Loyal friends will be there to help the Lion get back into rip-roaring shape.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Take time out to go over what's expected of you before you begin your new project. Otherwise, you run the risk of pushing yourself harder than you need to.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

An unusual request could put you in an awkward position. Best advice: Deal with it immediately. The longer you delay, the more difficult it will be to get out of it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You should feel recharged and ready for whatever your workaday world holds for you. The same positive energy spills over into your personal relationships.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

A prospect might be less than it appears to be. Like the Archer in your sign, you always aim for the truth. And this is no time to settle for less than full disclosure.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

Start doing some serious thinking about a career move that could entail more than just changing job sites. Some lifestyle changes also might be involved.

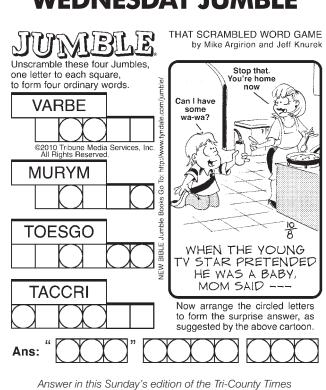
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

With tensions easing at the workplace, a more positive environment once again encourages the free flow of ideas so typical of the alwaysinnovative Aquarian.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)

Show some of that usually hidden steel-strong Piscean backbone, and stand up for yourself if you hope to make a case for that promotion you know you deserve.

WEDNESDAY JUMBLE



DVD RELEASES



Henry (Jason Sudeikis) is an introverted architect. After his wife Penny (Jessica Biel) is killed in a car accident, he sets out to help Millie (Maisie Williams), a homeless teen, build à raft to sail

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ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY

standalone films, "Rogue One: A Star Wars Story," an all-new epic adventure. In a time of conflict, a group of unlikely heroes band together on a mission to steal the plans to the Death Star, the Empire's ultimate weapon of destruction. This key event in the Star Wars

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Why virtual bariatric surgery is better

This is the best long term weight loss option

Bariatric surgery seems like the perfect solution. And it might be, if it weren't for the failure rate. Importantly, according to an NIH study, lapband surgery only has a 65 percent success rate.

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Side effects are the problem. According to Pharmacy Times, approximately 40 percent of bariatric patients develop "Dumping Syndrome." During or immediately after a meal, patients report nausea, bloating, cramping, diarrhea, dizziness and then vomiting.

Other problems include fecal incon-



tinence. More than a third develop gallstones. Alarmingly, according to the New York Times, one study calculated suicide rates for patients at five times more than normal.

Virtual Bariatric Surgery, is different. Clients go into hypnotic trance and have imaginary bariatric surgery. Once out of trance, they eat like they've had the surgery, but with zero side effects. And the cost is tiny by comparison to the real surgery. But insurance does not cover it. The great news is this: It has a 74 percent success rate.

Dr. Tomlinson, certified in the procedure, believes hypnosis allows clients to do more. Weight problems are psychological. As such, his eight- week program helps clients with the deep-seated issues that keep clients from losing weight.

Diets fail due to defiance. If we're told we have to - we don't want to. If told we can't, we want it more. Tomlinson Medical Hypnotherapy does it differently: Biochemically, bodies make extra fat four ways. When clients stop, they can easily lose 1-2 pounds per week.

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Diets only work on the outside. But all the scientific research shows that what goes on in your mind is far more determinate in your ultimate success than what you eat. Remember, it's much easier to change your mind and have that change your body than to try and change your body and hope that it changes your mind.



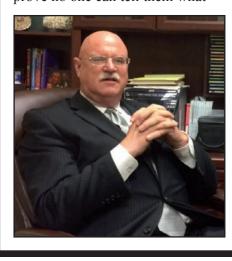
\$100 off all hypnotherapy programs in the month of April

The best way to stop smoking

The Surgeon General says 90 percent of smokers start between the ages of 12 and 19. They start for reasons of defiance.

Rigidly over-controlled teens get sick of being told what to do and take a stand. They do this by adopting one or more of six defiant behaviors they're told never to do — smoking, drinking, drugs, sex, crime and overeating.

Medical professionals, as wonderful as they are, just don't get it. Telling smokers to stop doing the very thing they started doing to prove no one can tell them what



to do doesn't work. The more they feel pressured, the more they'll subconsciously dig in their heels.

According to published reports, going cold turkey has a 3.5 percent success rate, the patch/gum has a 7 percent success rate and Chantex has a 14 percent success rate. Nationally, four sessions of hypnosis has a 74 percent success rate.

Even better, Tomlinson Medical Hypnotherapy has a 90 percent success rate. Dr. Tomlinson is successful because he helps win the war in their head. The problem isn't that you lack willpower—it's because you're way too stubborn. With hypnosis, smokers can win the war and save a significant amount of money in the process.

Bottom line — if you want to stop, you can. Einstein said, "The definition of insanity is doing the same thing the same way over and over and expecting a different result." The old ways just don't work. Hypnosis is not perfect, but it's the best there is. Remember, the patch can't help win the war in your head.

