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## Sinkhole Closes Square Lake When Main Breaks

Kurt Bovensiep, Public Works Director, explained what happened to close Square Lake Road last week from Beach to Adams.

The sinkhole on Square Lake was caused by a collapsed storm pipe, he reported to council. The 12" storm pipe routes storm water from the north side of Square Lake to the south side and was made from galvanized metal. The top of the pipe rusted and collapsed creating an opportunity for the road's base material to be washed out. This caused a sinkhole about 4' in diameter. The road did collapse but was caught by the Police Department with no accidents or injuries. The Streets and Drains Division replaced the entire length of pipe and replaced the road section that had to be removed for the replacement. This work caused the closure of Square Lake between Adams and Beach Road.

The city has over 500 miles of storm drains. We attempt to inspect these and repair before the failure of the pipe. Sinkholes are relatively uncommon in Troy as we have a good maintenance program and replacement program. Normally we replace these types of pipes with road projects. However, at this location, MDOT did the road repair when the I-75 bridge was replaced and the pipe was not included because it was not a city project.



THE TROY FIRE DEPARTMENT has selected Patrick Durham as its Firefighter of the Year. He was honored at the department's annual dinners. Pictured here (left to right) are Councilmember Ellen Hodorek, Councilmember Ed Pennington, Firefighter Lieutenant Patrick Durham, Councilmember Dave Henderson, City Manager Mark Miller, Mayor Dane Slater, Mayor Pro Tem Ethan Baker, Councilmember David Hamilton, Councilmember Edna Abraham. Photo by Cindy Stewart, City of Troy. See the full story on page 3.

## City of Troy Salutes Our Fallen Veterans

by CYNTHIA KMETT

It was a beautiful morning to remember and salute the men and women who gave their lives in the name of our country. The annual Memorial Day tribute was held on the Veteran's Memorial Plaza in Troy of Troy City Hall.

Welcoming visitors to the morning's events was Lt. Colonel Russel Harden, US Army, whose day job is as Lt. Russ Harden of the Troy Police Dept. Perhaps the surprise of the day was that

Mayor Pro Tem Ethan Baker can sing, quite well. He sang the National Anthem accompanied by the Heritage Concert Band and led the Pledge of Allegiance, while the Police Honor Guard raised the flag. Dr. Bob Cornwall, pastor of Central Woodward Christian Church, would provide the invocation.

The guest speaker on this day of reflection was Troy Resident Col. (ret.) James. E. Prescott, US Army. Col Prescott reminded us to

be a friend to all our veterans.

"I am convinced it is extremely important to educate our children on why we observe Memorial Day," he said. "This will ensure the sacrifice of those who served, who have given their all, will not be forgotten."

Combat had become much more lethal by the start of World War I, Col Prescott noted. But with today's all-volunteer armies, he said that "never before have so

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## Alpine Joins McClure in Battle Over Zoning

by CYNTHIA KMETT

Here's a zoning fight you can expect to continue, perhaps in court.

You may recall that when Tollbrook LLS and developer Safet Stafe wanted to build a new apartment complex on land just north of Big Beaver on McClure, the fight was on. To say residents resisted the idea would be an understatement.

They had about a 1,000 signatures on a petition opposing the rezoning. While the Troy Planning Commission had voted 7-0 to approve the plan, after many changes and lowering the building's height, with Planning Trustee Tom Krent excusing himself, things would be different at council, where the apartment building was turned down.

It was on to court for a decision. When Tollbrook lost the first round and before they appealed and were eventually told by the 6th Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati that Troy was within its right to reject the proposal, Tollbrook had submitted a new plan to the city.

The new plan was a bit different. The first time the company approached council they had a conditional rezoning for McClure. Last Tuesday the firm was asking for a straight rezoning.

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## End of School Bash for Troy Middle Schoolers

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## Traffic and Safety a Concern of New Development

ZONING, From page 1

Tollbrook's attorney said that this land was in the city's Master Plan to be part of Big Beaver Form-Based zoning. That's true, but Troy City Council never rezoned it BB, because the lots were small and go into residential neighborhoods.

The Master Plan was guided by the city's Big Beaver Corridor Study, which called for more people, higher density, mixed-use commercial, plus retail, restaurants, and cafes. They certainly have attracted the last three to Big Beaver. But the two plans recognized that there should be a transition in intensity, both in height and use, from those parcels directly on Big Beaver and neighborhoods. With all the single-story buildings now dotting Big Beaver from Rochester to Somerset Collection, the question becomes what to allow in the space between those on the frontage and the neighbors.

In BB zoning, what you might build is definitely not required for a simple rezoning request and there were no laws anywhere that call for a conditional rezoning of

land, pointed out Attorney Robert Carson. However, conditional rezoning is something Troy likes because they can see what you actually want to build and how it will impact the neighborhood, and the developer doesn't have a change-of-heart option to build something else.

Troy City Attorney Lori Grigg Bluhm assured that no one is required to submit conditional rezoning on any application.

On the agenda was a parcel currently zoned R-1B and the request was for BB zoning. Tollbrook did have to submit a concept plan for the site, which showed a three-story office building and a three-story apartment on the 2.55-acre site. While the concept is required by Troy, Stafa's application indicated that if approved they would do market research to see what kind of building(s) might work there. Residents seemed pretty sure the developer wants that original apartment building.

The first thing to make some Planners nervous was that BB zoning allows a six-story building. While the representatives of Tollbrook argue that the site's size

will dictate the use, Planners weren't so sure. You might, for example, build a parking deck into the building and then add offices or apartments above it to reach six stories.

The thing that worried residents the most seemed to be traffic and safety, especially for their children. They already have a lot of cut-through drivers who find the lights on southbound Crooks take too long and use their streets as a raceway. In addition, McClure is not a street with curbs or sidewalks and has a school and park at the far end where children walk or ride bikes to reach it.

There are two kinds of residents here. Those who've lived there for decades and those with young children who found the neighborhood with its large lots convenient for family activities and nearby schools. It was noted that the neighborhood has changed a lot since 2008 when the Master Plan was approved. In fact, on the once-large parcel to the west was supposed to be a very large, luxurious condo complex that was intended to help revitalize Big Beaver into an urban center. When the recession came, the Monarch project quickly disappeared and the Planned Unit Development zoning was changed. There is now a street right opposite the proposed site up for rezoning that has homes that cost a half million dollars and up.

If that wasn't enough for residents, Tollbrook is also proposing to rezone at the other end of their street on two lots totaling 1.66 acres on Alpine. Residents were out in protest here, too. They noted they wanted conditional rezoning because they could better know how they might be impacted. Resident Ann Bruteill asked the Planners to protect their neighborhood, which she called "a little gem."

Planners voted 5-3 to deny the rezoning on both sites, with Ollie Apahjidean, Karen Crusse, and Michael Hutson supporting change – saying the BB zoning rules are strong enough to guide development. But the Planning Commission doesn't have the final word; this will move on to Troy City Council for its decision. Should the residents collect the required signatures in opposition to the change in zoning, it will take five of the seven councilmembers to approve the zoning change.

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# Memorial Day Ceremonies a Time of Remembrance

MEMORIAL, From page 1

few been asked to do so much.”  
And remember their families, who also are being called on the



IN SALUTING THOSE military members who have passed, Colonel James Prescott also reminded everyone to remember to take care of all veterans’ needs in our communities as they, too, served. He’s pictured here with Mayor Pro Tem Ethan Baker, his wife Bethany and their children, Arden (12), Canaan (10), and Aven (7) at the Veterans Memorial. Photo courtesy of Cindy Stewart, City of Troy

make sacrifices. There are 200 Gold Star families in Michigan since 9-11; they deserve our support. In addition, Col. Prescott asked everyone to remember the MIAs and support the efforts to bring them home. Of the 1,600 still listed as Missing In Action from Vietnam, 48 are from Michigan. “They should not be forgotten.”

Col. Prescott would like all of

us to ask our leaders to improve care for all our veterans, and noted that they have many skills learned in the military that can be used by society. “They are our

of us,” he observed.

A Memorial Wreath was placed at the Veterans Monument by Col. Prescott and the Police Honor Guard, accompanied by a rifle salute by the Marine Corps League Rifle Squad and Taps by Dave Meinhard and the Heritage Concert Band.

Ethan Baker closed the program as he led the gathering in singing “God Bless America.”



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Troy police officers are investigating a fatal crash that killed a pedestrian on Friday, May 24, just before 9 a.m. in the north parking lot of 500 Kirts. The parking lot is for an office building that houses medical offices.

**JV Binkley**, 48, was a loving husband and father of two. He was walking through the parking lot to get supplies for his job as a vending machine supplier when he was hit by a car. He was transported to Royal Oak

Beaumont where he was pronounced dead.

The suspect is described as a black male, 30 to 40 years old, with a well-trimmed, short beard. It is unknown why he was in the parking lot.

**Troy officers** are reviewing surveillance video from the area and are asking anyone with information to call the Troy Police Department Safety Unit at 248-524-3477.

## If It Sounds Too Good To Be True, It Always Is

### POLICE PATROL



by CYNTHIA KMETT

#### ■ HOPE THIS WASN'T YOUR CHILD AT PLAY – Unknown

suspects were involved in a bit of malicious destruction of property at Firefighters Park on Square Lake one evening after dark. They slashed three window screens to the concession restroom building and destroyed the Library Book Exchange Box and several banners attached to the sign post.

■ **PLANNING A PARTY?** Kona Grill on Big Beaver reports unknown suspects entered a storage area outside the building a stole two empty kegs. The employee added that there have been at least 15 other kegs stolen in the past three to four months. Time to up their security, and locks. Where do you redeem a keg?

■ **WATCH OUT FOR THIS SCAM** – A Mary Ann Drive resident received a phone call from a subject identifying himself as an employee of Execare regarding her computer system virus protection plan. She was informed the business was closing and she was due a refund.

Her bank account numbers were requested for the refund which she provided. She later checked her bank account and noticed \$507 had been removed from the account and no money was refunded. When she attempted to contact the business back, her calls went unanswered.

■ **IT'S ALWAYS A SCAM** – This victim received a response from a subject interested in her rental property. The subject sent the victim a check for \$2,850.32, which was \$1,900 over the rental price. The subject then stated her moving expenses were accidentally included in the check and instructed the victim to send the overage to the “moving company” via Zelle Cash Transfer. The victim did as requested and later was informed by her bank that the check sent by the subject was fraudulent.

■ **WONDER IF SHE KNOWS THIS THIEF?** A Lyster Lane resident received a notice from Verizon Wireless and discovered unknown suspects used her identity to open a new Verizon Wireless account and ordered two new phones which were delivered to a Fed Ex Kiosk located at the Walgreens at 2932 E Long Lake Road. The victim did not give anyone permission to do such and does not know how her personal information was compromised. Wonder who owns that kiosk? But then, maybe her info was just scanned. If you don't get an RFID wallet or purse, you're

just asking for your identity to be stolen. You also might want to be vigilant anytime you're making a payment and the employee is taking your credit card to a different location.

■ **AND THESE THIEVES JUST KEEP TRYING** – A Locust Drive resident was notified by his credit monitoring service that unknown suspects attempted to open seven different credit cards in his name but were prevented by the service. The victim also received an American Express Credit Card in the mail in his name that he did not apply for. The victim did not give anyone permission to do such and does not know how his personal information was compromised.

■ **LOCK IT OR LOSE IT** – These residents were lucky, and sort of used good judgment in not having valuables in their vehicles. On Harris Drive one night, several unlocked vehicles were entered and rifled-through in the neighborhood but nothing appears to have been stolen. Entered were a gray 2005 GMC Denali Truck, a maroon 2011 Chevrolet Traverse, a white 2008 Chevrolet Colorado Pick-up Truck, a blue 2019 Chevrolet Silverado Pick-up Truck, and white 2011 Chevrolet Silverado Dump Truck.

■ **SOME OF THESE RESIDENTS WERE NOT SO LUCKY** – On Vanderpool the same night, one resident discovered unknown suspects entered her black 2015 Chevrolet Equinox while the vehicle was parked in her driveway, stealing a debit card from the console. The victim was able to cancel the card before it could be used fraudulently. Several other vehicles in the neighborhood had been entered as well, including a white 2019 GMC Sierra Pick-up Truck in which an Apple iPhone 7 was stolen, a red 2017 GMC Sierra Pick-up Truck in which a Coach Purse and a pair of sunglasses were stolen, a red 2011 Dodge Charger where nothing was taken, a gray 2014 Dodge Durango in which a vape pen and an iPhone charger were stolen from the vehicle's cup holder, and a black 2015 Chevrolet Equinox in which nothing was taken. Some vehicles were unlocked while others were believed to be locked, but there were no signs of forced entry.

**Note:** If you have any information on the crimes above, call the Troy Police Department at 248-524-3477. If you wish to remain anonymous, you may call 524-0777.

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## Patrick Durham Chosen as Troy Firefighter of the Year

Patrick Durham always knew he wanted to be a Firefighter, but just didn't know how to achieve this goal. So in 2006, at the suggestion of his wife Danielle, he checked out the volunteer Fire Department in Chesaning.

Chesaning is mostly farmland and also has a volunteer fire department and that's where Patrick first received his training to be a Firefighter. After serving on the Chesaning Fire Department for three years, Patrick's job took him and his family to Red Lion, Pennsylvania where he also joined their volunteer fire department.

In 2010, another job move brought him back to Michigan to work for BAE Systems. Patrick chose Troy for his family to live mainly because the community had a volunteer fire department. In September 2010, Patrick officially became a Troy Firefighter at Station 4. He now works for CSP in Auburn Hills.

"As an Advanced R&D Engineer, I spend a lot of my day at a desk," Patrick said. "Being a Troy firefighter gives me a chance to help others within our community and make a difference. I love the technical and mechanical side of firefighting as well as anything related to rescue."

During his first five years on the department, he received a number of service commendations and awards. In 2012 he received a Unit Commendation for an extrication incident requiring stabilization and lifting of a vehicle to free a victim on Coolidge Highway; in 2013 he received a Merit Award for his participation at a second alarm structure fire on Park Street; and a Merit Award in 2014 for Exemplary performance with the Canterbury Square structure fire.

"I enjoyed being a part of the new construction at Station 4," Patrick added. "It's a much nicer atmosphere for my fellow firefighters and our families who come to visit often. My kids love coming to the station." Patrick and his wife Danielle, who works at the State Nature Center, have five children, Abigail, Lillian, Griffin, Ryan, and Violet.

"Patrick always seeks to improve his knowledge and abilities in order to enhance the Troy Fire Department, and Station #4 in particular. We are proud that Patrick is our 2019 Firefighter of the Year," Fire Chief David Roberts said.

Patrick was promoted to Station Lieutenant in May of 2015 and in 2017 received two more

Departmental Unit Citations for helping to control and extinguish a rapidly spreading structure fire; and helping to control and extinguish a rapidly spreading multi-residential structure fire. Patrick recently attended "Incident Response to Terrorist Bombings Awareness" training, and will be providing that training to Troy Firefighters this year.

"The Troy Fire Department is very proud of Patrick and the skills he has brought to our community," Chief Roberts added.

## Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea to Open in Troy City Center

Troy will soon be home to Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea at 774 West Big Beaver Road near the Somerset Collection mall. The 1,700-square-foot café will offer a globally-inspired menu featuring premium coffees, teas, pastries, sandwiches, salads, and more.

They will open on Sunday, June 9 with a Friends & Family Event that's open to the public from Noon - 5 p.m. Enjoy free samples, music, and a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate. A portion of the sales will be donated to the Boys & Girls Club of Troy.

Franchisee owner, Stephanie Beck, was drawn to Sweetwaters' community focus and local Michigan base. "Sweetwaters began in Ann Arbor over 25 years ago and has developed deep roots here in Michigan," says Beck. "It is important for me to support a local company and give back to the community I grew up in."

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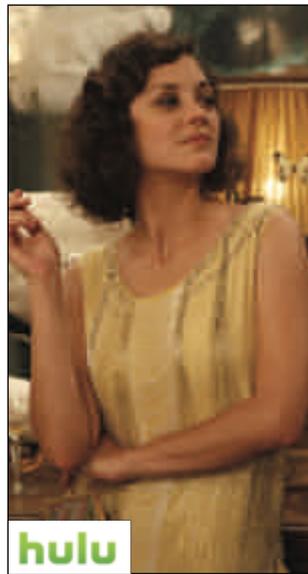
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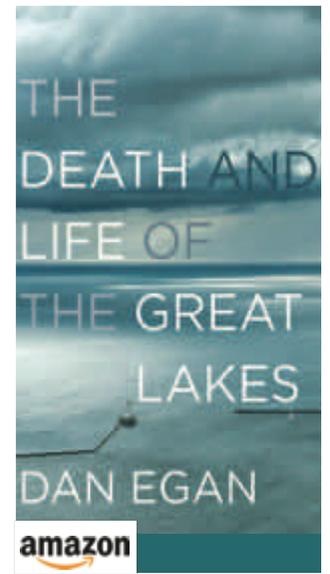
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## Music

**Gogol Bordello** Tuesday, June 4, 7 p.m. Royal Oak Music Theatre

**Mini Mansions** Thursday, June 6, 7 p.m. The Loving Touch, Ferndale

**DC/Marx Band** Friday, June 7, 7 p.m. Memorial Park, Utica

**Concert in the Park** Friday, June 7, 7 p.m. Village of Beverly Hills

**Brian Jones Rolling Stones Clones** Friday, June 7, 10 p.m. New Way Bar, Ferndale

**Lake Street Dive** Tuesday, June 11, 6 p.m. Royal Oak Music Theatre

**Buddy Guy and Kenny Wayne Shepherd Band** Thursday, June 13, 7:30 p.m. Meadow Brook Amphitheatre, Rochester Hills

## ON STAGE

**The IT Girl** Now thru June 23, Meadow Brook Theatre, Rochester

**Bill Bushart** Thursday, June 6, 7:30 p.m. Mark Ridley's Comedy Castle, Royal Oak

**Jim Gaffigan** Friday, June 7, 8 p.m. Fox Theatre, Detroit

## AROUND TOWN

**Summer Artists' Market** Monday, June 3, 3 p.m. Leon & Lulu, Clawson

**WINEworX** Thursday, June 6, 6:30 p.m. 360 E Maple Rd, Troy

**Female Founders on 5th Avenue** Friday, June 7, 7 p.m. Saks Fifth Avenue, Troy

**CEMA's 30th Annual Charity Car Show** Saturday, June 8, 9 a.m. Chrysler Employee Motorsport Association, Troy

**Pokéworks Troy Grand Opening** Saturday, June 8, 11 a.m. Pokéworks, Troy - Buy One, Get One Free Poke

**Frank Lloyd Wright Smith House Tours** Saturday, June 8, 11:30 a.m. Cranbrook Art Museum, Bloomfield Hills

**Rock 'n' Rides** June 20-23, Downtown Royal Oak

**River Days** June 21-23 West Riverfront Park, Detroit

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All events take place at the Troy Public Library, 510 W Big Beaver Rd, unless stated otherwise. To register, visit [Troypl.org](http://Troypl.org)

**Meet the Author: Mickey Lyons, "Wicked Detroit"** Monday, June 3, 7 p.m. Local historian and "Prohibition Detroit" blogger presents the colorful characters who shaped Detroit

**Spice of Life** Wednesday, June 5, 10 a.m. Discuss topics, ideas, films, and all things that are of interest to the group

**Bloom Investing: Will You Have Enough Money in Retirement?** Tuesday, June 11, 7 p.m. Financial Advisor and tax expert Ken Bloom will discuss the importance of proper financial planning

**Trivia & Brews: Parks & Recreation** Tuesday, June 11, 7 p.m. Hosted by the Library at Granite City Food & Brewery

**Take Awesome Photos with your Phone** Saturday, June 15, 1 p.m. University of Michigan photographer and video producer Jeffrey Smith will share tips for taking better photos with your smartphone

## KIDS & TEENS

All events take place at the Troy Public Library, unless stated otherwise.

**Toddler Storytime** Wednesday, June 5, 10:30 a.m.

**SAT/ACT Information Session** Wednesday, June 5, 6 p.m.

**Introduction to Scratch** Monday, June 17, 1 p.m. Learn how to code with Scratch (Ages 9+)

**Star Wars Lab for Kids** Tuesday, June 18, 11 a.m. Build a droid, fly a plane through the Death Star, and more (Ages 5+)

## SAVE THE DATE

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# Avon Players Keeping Fabulous “Company” with Latest Performance

## PLAY REVIEW

by  
SUZANNE ANGIO (member, American Theatre Critics Association) and  
GREG ANGIO (Member Emeritus, San Francisco Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle)

The dedicated volunteers that form the Avon Players, so generous with their time and talent, have done it again. Way up there in the hinterlands of Rochester, they have crafted another professional-quality show from one of the most challenging works in musical theatre – Stephen Sondheim’s brilliant musical comedy “Company.” These people truly love theatre, and it shows.

At its Broadway premiere in 1970, “Company” was the first of its kind – a so-called Concept Musical. Rather than following a linear storyline, the narrative emerges like the spokes of a wheel, fanning out from a central event – in this case, a birthday – and forming separate vignettes, almost like sketch comedy. If done right, the effect is electrifying, with ever-changing scenes and a dazzling array of sharp-witted, innovative songs that makes the time fly. The 1970 production of “Company,” with music and lyrics by Sondheim,

book by George Furth and direction by Hal Prince, received a record 14 Tony nominations, reaping a total of six awards, including Best Musical, Best Score and Best Lyrics. Later, Sondheim, Furth and Prince collaborated on a revised script to better align the subject matter with the changing times. The show saw many successful productions worldwide, and a number of revivals, one as recent as October 2018.

The setting is Manhattan in 1970. Robert, a likeable guy, is at a crossroads on his 35th birthday. He’s had lots of romances, but can’t get close enough to make the commitment he seems to long for. To make matters worse, all of his friends are couples, and they all have something to say, but no solutions. Meeting them all scene by scene, powered by musical numbers laced with acidic wit, humor and perception, makes this show a great pleasure.

Robert (“Bobby” to his friends) comes home and plays back messages from his answering machine, launching the show with one of its most entertaining moments and also gives a clever introduction to Robert and his friends. (Now, anyone over a certain age is bound to be thinking “Wait a minute! They didn’t have answering machines in 1970!” and

they’d be right. That’s because the Avon Players appear to be using a script revision from 1996, not the original 1970 script).

Before you know it, Bobby



Photo courtesy of Avon Players

(Matt Cason) finds himself surrounded by his friends at a surprise birthday party complete with a cake and candles that won’t blow out. Cason is superb as Bobby, the average guy battling indecision and fear of commitment, with strong vocals and stage presence.

The fun begins to unfold in a series of disjointed vignettes. Highlights include a visit with Sarah (Johanna Steinbrecher-Booker) and Harry (Clayton Hargrave), who clearly have unresolved issues with

food and booze and end up on the floor in a comical karate battle. Next up is Susan (Kirsten Renas) and Peter (Eric Rodman), who adore each other and can’t wait to get a divorce so they can be together; not exactly an inspiration for their friend Bobby. On the other hand, Jenny (Odera Office) and David (Patrick Daniels) are so mismatched they’re perfect together, and end up hilariously stoned with Bobby. In the next sketch, it’s the wedding day of Amy (Jenna Russel) and Paul (Nicholas Frederick), and in one of the best performances in the show, Russell’s frantic, machine-gun delivery of “Getting Married Today” brings down the house.

Other impressive performers include Veronica Dean as Marta, one of Bobby’s girlfriends, in “Another Hundred People.” She has a rich, powerful voice in this song describing life in the City of New York. Making wry observations from the sidelines is Joanne (Joy Oetjens), a cynical “woman of a certain age” on her third husband, the easy-going and very rich Larry (Jamie Maurer). Oetjens delivers a blistering tour-de-force turn in “The Ladies Who Lunch.”

There’s a notable ensemble

piece by Bobby’s three current lady friends: hipster Marta (Dean), small-town girl Kathy (Cheyenne Johnson) and stewardess April (Sarah Milano). They perform “You Could Drive a Person Crazy,” a show-stopping number that combines excellent choreography and vocals by all three. The standout, however, is Milano, who proves to be a real triple-threat artist with professional polish in every scene she’s in.

Lively direction by Ryan Moore ensures there’s never a dull moment, with the pacing fast and the energy high. Each vignette is crystal-clear, each character is vividly drawn. There is not one weak performance from the 15-member cast, not a flat note from the nine-piece orchestra led by conductor Matt Horn. Costumes (Tracy Murrell), set design (JD Deierlein, Brad Holoday) and lighting (also JD Deierlein) are all top-notch.

This show is a must-see, but it has a short run and there are only a couple of performances left, so don’t miss it!

Company is playing now through June 1. Tickets start at \$20 and can be purchased at [Avonplayers.org/](http://Avonplayers.org/).

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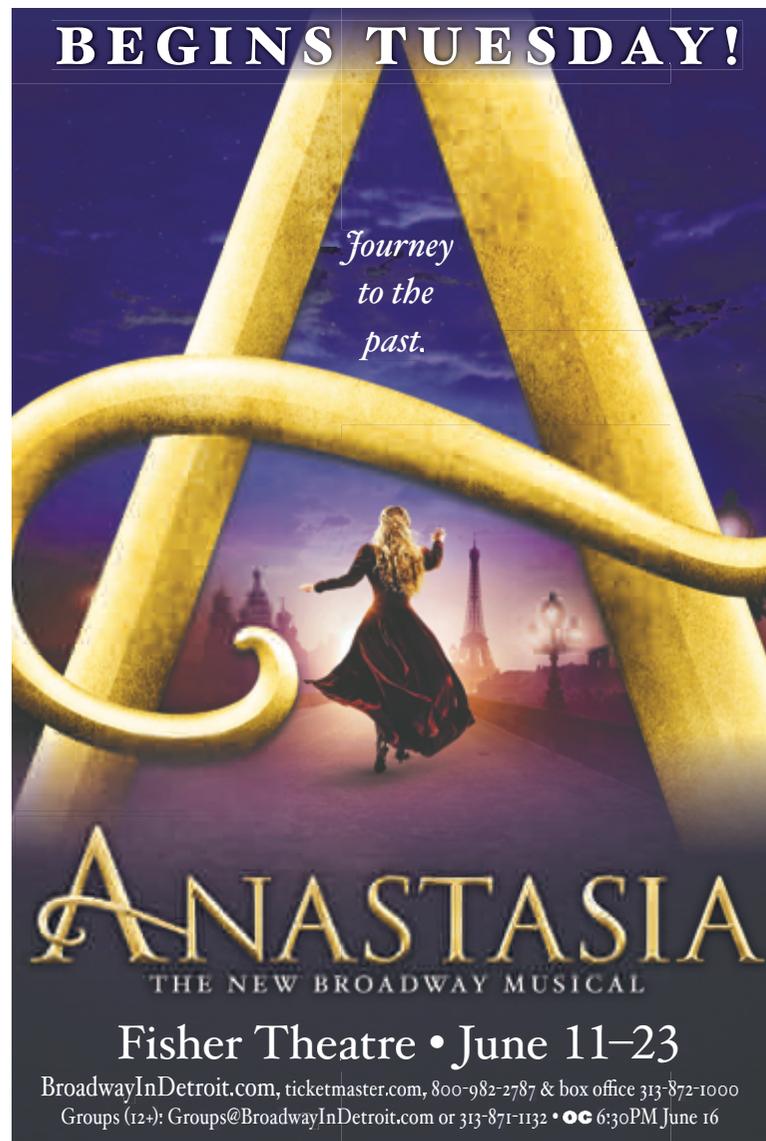
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# Gemini: Success is a Good Thing, Maybe Sit Back and Enjoy It for Once?

## YOUR JUNE HOROSCOPE

by PAULA LYNDE

**♊ GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Prepare to be busy this month, Gemini. It is likely that you are trying new things right now and constantly adding items to your agenda. Life is a whirlwind, and you are loving every minute of your newfound (ordered) chaos. Why? You feel more accomplished and fulfilled than ever and there is just no stopping your forward momentum. Just remember to pause briefly every now and then to enjoy your victories – you have earned the right to bask in the glow of your success.

**♋ CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Things may get a little topsy-turvy with your love life this month, Cancer. And this could be good news or bad news, depending on your situation. For example, if things seem great, you may suddenly notice something that gives you second thoughts

about the stability of your relationship. Or, if you had nearly given up on a person or situation, a sudden, silver lining might cause a spark that ignites a new passion. Either way, take heart, because everything will work out alright in the end.

**♌ LEO (July 23-Aug 22):** Now is a great time to add a new skill to your repertoire, Leo. Your mind is open and ready to learn, and there is a good chance that investing a little time – and possibly a little money – will yield positive results down the road. So, go ahead and take that class that might lead to a promotion at work or even a new career path. Or, pick up a hobby that appeals to you. Even if it does not lead to monetary gain, this hobby will likely enrich your life, provide opportunities for exercise, or help you make friends.

**♍ VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22):** There is likely something your life that is causing unnecessary negativity and stress, Virgo. And now is the time to walk away. This could be a situation, a job, a relationship, a habit, or something else, but it is consuming too much of your

mental space and energy. So, make plans to cut ties this month, even if it involves making a difficult decision. After getting over a temporary rough patch, you should feel an incredible sense of relief, inner peace, and renewed energy.

**♎ LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22):** Let's be honest for a moment, Libra. Sometimes you take on a little too much – too many responsibilities at work, too many projects at home, and too many social obligations. In all fairness, your intentions are always but, but the resulting stress is not. However, this month, for you, there is no such thing as too much. Extreme multitasking is easy and even fun right now, so take advantage of your new and improved juggling skills to tackle your ever-growing to-do list.

**♏ SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 21):** For better or for worse, relationships are all about surprises this month, Scorpio. For example, if you are single and recently experienced a bad date, the individual whom you have probably written off may reappear in a much more appealing light. Conversely, that new friend whom

you immediately liked may reveal a side of themselves that isn't so charming. Luckily, these unexpected revelations will ultimately make your life easier by allowing you to only devote energy to the relationships that are likely to last.

**♐ SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22-Dec 21):** Good news, Sagittarius. It looks like travel and adventure are on the horizon. June, in fact, may take you out of state or even out of the country. But even if you stay within just a few miles of your home, you will likely have opportunities to explore and discover new things. You will also have some time to devote to building new relationships or rekindling existing connections. Take advantage of these opportunities because even the most independent Sagittarius sometimes needs a travel buddy.

**♑ CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19):** Uh-oh, Capricorn, indecision has allowed a situation at work or at home get out of hand. Naturally, you have delayed potential actions to preserve the feelings of someone else or several other people, but your feelings and goals matter too. So, suffer in silence no more. Instead, take a deep breath and make your move. Initially, you may step on some toes. But, when the smoke clears, everything should start to settle down, and the situation will likely be resolved before the end of the month.

**♒ AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 18):** Here is the good news, Aquarius: It is likely that a big opportunity has presented itself. However, the bad news is that seizing this opportunity may require some uncomfortable life changes. In addition, certain obstacles in your path may challenge your stamina. But don't be deterred. You have more strength and resiliency than you

realize. And if you tackle your obstacles and problems head-on to meet your goals and take advantage of this opportunity, you will be a much happier Aquarian down the road.

**♓ PISCES (Feb 19-March 20):** Right now, Pisces, there is a good chance that friends, coworkers, and family members are offering you unsolicited help and advice. And, while you know they mean well, a large part of you is taken aback by their gestures. After all, you are a strong and capable individual who doesn't need anyone's help to meet goals and meet the daily challenges of living. Yet, you must remember that there is no shame in accepting assistance, especially when it comes from wise and experienced individuals who have your best interests at heart.

**♈ ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Right now, you may be getting a strong urge to be your own boss, Aries. This urge could inspire your entrepreneurial spirit enough to make take the first steps toward starting your own business. Or, you may find that it is enough to speak out more at your existing job, finding your voice and creating better opportunities for yourself. Another possibility is that this take-charge attitude will lead you to take back control and power in a relationship that was previously one-sided.

**♉ TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** At some point this month, Taurus, you will likely determine that you cannot fix every person, situation, or relationship. At some point, something must give, and it should not be your sanity. Now is the time to remove toxicity from your life. This realization may lead you to make some tough decisions. However, taking these actions to eliminate negativity will pay off in the end.

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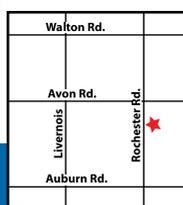
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restore The Hall to its former glory. With the Lost Painting Project fundraiser (which creates replicas of the "lost paintings" and conserves the original art still in the collection) more than half funded, guests will have the chance to see some of the completed works.

Presentation times are Monday, June 10 at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday, June 11 at 6 p.m., both taking place in the ballroom. This event is limited to the first 100 guests. Doors open a half hour prior to the start of the lecture.

# Health & Wellness

## Measles is Spreading: Here's What You Need to Know

### FAMILY PRACTICE

by  
DR. NEIL JADDOU & DR. DHARA PATEL (MEDICAL EXTERN)



Michigan is one of the many states experiencing a measles outbreak. How is a virus that was once considered eradicated in the United States back and spreading like wildfire? More and more, families are opting to not get vaccinated due to misguided fears that vaccines cause autism, which is untrue. As a result, a highly contagious virus is infecting unsuspecting individuals. Vaccination doesn't just help you avoid the measles—it helps stop the spread of the disease, thanks to herd immunity. This means that if everyone who can get vaccinated does, it also protects infants and those with a poor immune system.

**What is measles?** Measles is a virus that can live in the air for up to two hours. Once contracted, it multiplies in our lungs and causes runny nose, inflamed eyes, cough, and a fever of 101 degrees or higher. Patients can also develop white spots in their mouth. A few days later, a rash, starting at the hairline, spreads down the rest of the body. The rash begins as discrete spots that soon merge.

What happens next? Approximately 30% of measles patients will have complications,

such as pneumonia, ear infections, or diarrhea. These complications can result in death. For every 1,000 cases of measles, there is one case of life-threatening brain infection and two to three deaths.

**When should my child get the vaccine?** The MMR (measles, mumps, and rubella) vaccine is routinely recommended for all children at 12 months with a second dose before starting school. In the midst of this current outbreak, it may be beneficial to receive the second dose sooner. Talk to your pediatrician about this. Also, for infants 6-11 months travelling outside the country, it's a good idea to get an extra MMR vaccine before travel.

Once a person has had the measles disease, they are immune for life and protected against measles. People born before 1957 can also be considered immune because most have been exposed to the disease.

**Do I need to get revaccinated?** No. If you are born in 1957 or later, you only need to have one documented dose of the MMR vaccine.

As of May 3, there have been 764 measles cases in the U.S. this year alone. If you are showing symptoms, it is important to call the doctor's office or hospital ahead of time, so appropriate protective measures can be taken.

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## Talk with Your Family About Kidney Health

(NAPSI) Family reunions are a great way to reconnect with loved ones, celebrate your family's heritage and make new memories. Family reunions are also an opportunity to talk about family health history.

You may have family members who have diabetes, high blood pressure or both. These are conditions that often run in families and are risk factors for kidney disease. It's important to talk to your family about risk factors for kidney disease and how to get tested.

**Kidney disease** is a serious and common health problem, affecting an estimated 30 million adults in the United States. Kidney disease means your kidneys are damaged and can't filter blood the way they should. Kidney disease can often get worse over time and may lead to kidney failure. If your kidneys fail, you will need dialysis or a kidney transplant to maintain your health.

To get you started talking with your family about kidney health, the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK), a part of the National Institutes of Health, created the Family Reunion Health Guide. This guide offers basic information

about kidney disease and suggests approaches you can take to connect with your family about kidney health.

**Diabetes and high blood pressure** are the two leading causes of kidney disease. You are also at risk if you have a family history of kidney failure or have heart disease. Many people with kidney disease don't know they have the disease until their kidneys begin to fail. This is because you can have kidney disease without any symptoms. The good news is that when kidney disease is found early, there are ways to protect your kidneys by managing your blood pressure, eating a healthy diet and being active.

There is no cure for kidney failure, but dialysis or a kidney transplant can help you live longer and feel better.

You can reduce your risk for developing kidney disease by taking steps to live a healthy lifestyle. Diagnosing and treating the disease early can slow or prevent the progression of kidney disease.

**To access the Family Reunion Health Guide, visit the NIDDK website at [Niddk.nih.gov/](http://Niddk.nih.gov/).**

## Rhinoplasty: Both Art and Science

by ANDREW COMPTON, MD; SUZANNE FORMAN, DO



When many people think of rhinoplasty or nose job they think of the overdone, fake-appearing, Hollywood noses. With modern rhinoplasty, however, this is an exception and not the rule.

Rhinoplasty is a surgery that can be done to improve both the appearance as well as the function of the nose. Did you know that nasal deformities can make it almost impossible for some people to breathe out of their noses? A nose job can actually help you look and breathe better.

What is a Cosmetic Rhinoplasty?

A cosmetic rhinoplasty is a surgery to improve the appearance of the nose. A poorly proportioned or crooked nose may be the first thing someone sees when they look in the mirror or at a picture of themselves. A skilled Rhinoplasty surgeon can create a nose that looks natural and breathes great. This is the art of a good rhinoplasty.

**What problems can be addressed with a cosmetic rhinoplasty?**

Rhinoplasty can address many cosmetic problems including asymmetries, bumps, fractures, big noses, and nasal tip issues. The most commonly requested

cosmetic changes are to reduce a bump on the bridge, and nasal tip changes. The interplay of the nasal structures and the airway is delicate and complicated, so every maneuver must be precisely controlled. This requires the rhinoplasty surgeon to be a structural engineer, aerospace engineer, sculptural artist and of course a psychologist. This is where the expertise of someone who does this surgery frequently is critical.

**What about Rhinoplasty for breathing?**

The nose is for breathing and the mouth is for eating. In a healthy person, the only reason they would breathe through the mouth is for heavy exercise. If this is a shock to you, then you should consider an evaluation by an ENT.

There are multiple reasons you may not be able to breathe well through the nose – many of which can be corrected with less-invasive techniques, so professional evaluation is critical. For patients that require correction of the outside and inside of the nose, a septo-rhinoplasty is the comprehensive solution. Often, insurance will pay for breathing part of the surgery.

Get your nasal breathing restored and give your lungs the clean, healthy air they need.

**How is a rhinoplasty performed?**

Rhinoplasty is most often performed in the operating room while you are asleep (general anesthetic). The nasal structure is changed and reinforced to improve the nasal appearance and breathing. This surgery usually

takes 2-3 hours depending on the complexity.

**How long does it take to recover from rhinoplasty?**

Most patients will return to work in 7-10 days, though often computer work can be restarted in 48 hours. Mild to moderate pain generally lasts 24-48 hours, with mild nasal bleeding for a few days. Bruising and swelling can last up to 2 weeks, though there will be mild swelling present for 3-5 months.

**How do I out if I'm a candidate and how do I find a surgeon?**

Rhinoplasty is one of the most complicated surgeries performed, so it is very important to find a surgeon who specializes in rhinoplasty. You should evaluate each surgeon's before and after photos to ensure there are enough patients and different views to get a feel for their aesthetic. Not all rhinoplasty surgeons are the same and the techniques can vary widely. In general, an ENT who is also a facial plastic surgeon has the most training and expertise in nasal surgery.

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