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Polpourri: Donald Rumsfeld's book omits one West Michigan detail

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In his new autobiography, "Known and Unknown," former Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld does not refer to his family's cottage at Castle Park, the Lake Michigan resort south of Holland.

GOP activist Peter Secchia said Rumsfeld's low-profile visits there were more frequent when he did not hold office in Washington. Secchia said he occasionally dined with Rumsfeld in Saugatuck. Rumsfeld sold the place several years ago, Secchia said.

Otherwise, West Michigan references abound as Rumsfeld's recalls his early years as an aide to U.S. Sen. Robert

Griffin and his time in Congress and the White House with Gerald R. Ford. **Rumsfeld will be at the Ford Presidential Museum for a private book-signing Monday.**

Amash 'present' votes lauded in libertarian circles

U.S. Rep. Justin Amash's willingness to vote independently of even his conservative Republican colleagues continues to win him kudos in libertarian circles.

"Amash sounds like a representative trying to take his obligations seriously," the Cato Institute's John Samples **wrote last week** in response to Politico reports about Amash voting "present" when he hasn't had reasonable time to read legislation.

"Apparently he feels he owes his constituents his best judgment ... and, absent enough time, he refuses to delegate his judgment to party elders or to mere caprice. It says something about the culture of the capital that Amash's sense of fidelity to those who elected him occasions complaint."



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Former U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld speaks during an event to kick off his "Known and Unknown" book tour last month in Philadelphia.

'War Against Planned Parenthood'

"The War Against Planned Parenthood" is the topic March 16 when the Progressive Women's Alliance meets at the Women's City Club.

Sarah Scranton, executive director of Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan, will talk about last month's House vote to defund the nonprofit. Social hour is at 5:30 p.m. and the program at 6:30. The event is open to the public. Tickets: \$15 (\$5 for students with ID.) Details: **progressivewomensalliance.org**.

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