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Wild: Campaign won't affect duties

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

Westland residents won't notice any difference in city operations due to his recently announced candidacy for Wayne County Executive, Mayor William Wild said.

"The citizens can expect no drop-off in leadership and ser-

vices in the city," said Wild, who was reelected as mayor in November after running unopposed. "Nothing will change."

In kicking off his campaign last week, Wild described himself as a hands-on mayor who's on the job 24/7.

Campaigning will not be allowed to interfere with his

current duties as mayor, Wild said.

"What I'd expect is that if that changes (attention to city duties), the citizens will let me know," Wild said.

The first announced candidate in the race, Wild is running as a Democrat. Likely other candidates for the August Democratic primary include

State Rep. Phil Cavanaugh, D-Redford, and Wayne County Commissioner Kevin McNamara, D-Belleville.

Incumbent Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano, also a Democrat, hasn't announced whether he will seek reelection.

Westland has a number of municipal projects in progress — a new City Hall, a new fire

station number 1, the Farmers Market Pavilion, Central City Parkway and improvements to Tattan Park.

"All of the projects that we have started are to be done in 2014," Wild said.

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Jennifer Tigani of Westland shows off her posters that won first (at left) and second in the North American International Auto Show high school poster contest.

W-W trustees pick Walker to lead school board

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The Wayne-Westland Board of Education has picked Shawna Walker to serve as its president for 2014.

A member of the board since 2008, Walker replaces Carol Middel, who decided to step down. Walker was treasurer the past two years.

"This is a new seat for me. I'm sure I'll make some mistakes along the way," the Westland resident said during the board's organizational meeting last week. "Thank you for trusting me to lead you."



Walker

Middel, who indicated at the board's December meeting that she would not seek a third term as president, replaces John Goci as secretary.

"I served 2½ years as president. Some days were diamonds, some days were rocks," the Canton resident said in vacating the president's seat. "However, more days were diamonds."

The board also decided to keep Thomas Buckalew of Wayne as vice president and tapped Frederick Weaver of Westland as treasurer.

Trustee Charles "Trav" Griffin, who opted not to seek a board office, congratulated the new leadership team.

"We're here to work together, we're here to do that," he said. "I'm looking forward to working with the board and school officers for the betterment of this district."

Goci also congratulated the new officers, telling them, "you have a huge task ahead of you." Obviously disappointed after failing to win the president's seat, he and Trustee Sally Madison had cast dissenting votes for the four nominees.

The board also elected Middel to serve as its representative to the Wayne County Association of School Boards and Weaver to be the Michigan Association of School Boards representative.

Members also were unanimous in keeping Plante Moran as the district's auditing firm. Clark-Hill will remain the district's general counsel. Lusk & Albertson will handle special education and student discipline, Thrun Law Firm elections and Kelley Cawthorne governmental and legislative affairs.

The Observer is one of three local newspapers designated as the district's papers of record.

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W-W students score with auto show posters

By Sue Mason
Staff Writer

The graphics design program at Wayne-Westland's William D. Ford Career Technical Center is continuing its winning ways in the North American International Auto Show high school poster contest.

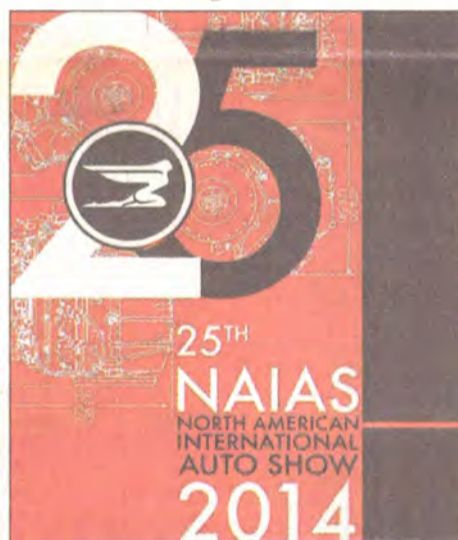
Three students at the center took home four of 16 awards given out in the annual contest, which drew a record 989 entries from 73 high schools from around the state.

The William D. Ford students swept the 12th-grade awards, taking first, second and third place. Jennifer Tigani, a senior at John Glenn High school, had a first for the contest, winning first and second place in the 12th-grade awards. She received \$750 in prize money. Ron Malmsten, a senior at the Tinkham Alternative Center, received \$100 after

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Veronica Peterson's winning poster has a contrasting color scheme against a black background. It was created in Adobe Illustrator and is completely vector art.



Ron Malmsten's poster plays off the numbers 2 and 5 for the auto show's 25th year and the NAIAS logo. It placed third in the 12th-grade awards.

Reactions mixed to Snyder's State of State address

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer

An optimistic message without much in the way of aid to struggling cities.

That's how Wayne Mayor Al Haidous described Gov. Rick Snyder's State of the State address.

"I think the governor financially has had some successes with the (budget) surplus," Haidous said. "The economy is doing better in Michigan. I hope he would be very sincere on the things he mentioned like the education system."

However, Haidous noted

the governor didn't really offer a solution for municipalities like Wayne that are under serious economic pressures.

"I have a few questions. It concerns me if he is ignoring local municipalities," Haidous said. "We need some action — not lots of philosophy and no action. We don't have time to wait for promises. In my city, we will be working on the budget in February. If we don't get any help, we will be making painful decisions."

While some parts of the state are seeing property value increases, Haidous said values are continuing to decline in Wayne.

Merging services

With the merger of the fire departments, emergency dispatching and parks and recreation departments, Haidous said Wayne and Westland are doing the consolidating of services that the governor has been pushing for from local communities.

Wayne is looking at a \$2 million deficit in its general fund budget. Due to restructuring and downsizing in recent years, Westland has gone from deficit projections to \$5.5 million in fund balance.

Westland Mayor William Wild noted Snyder's speech

focused on new ideas to keep Michigan's comeback in high gear. He also noted that over the past four years, Snyder and the Legislature focused on curbing tax increases, reducing government spending and years of out-of-control state government spending, much like his administration has done locally.

"When it comes to changing the trajectory of our state's economy, we need long-term solutions, not short-term gimmicks, to make our communities more affordable and attractive places to live and

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start a business — a rule we live by in Westland every single day," Wild said.

While encouraged by Snyder's push for tax reductions for families and improving the business climate, Wild said something still needs to be done about the costly unfunded mandates the state places on local governments.

"Our cities and townships are the economic engines, and the cycle of municipal decline needs to come to an end," Wild said. "People and businesses are leaving, causing tax revenues and quality of life to degrade in many of our communities."

Not a true picture

Wayne-Westland School Superintendent Greg Baracy declined to comment in the governor's speech specifics like the year-round schools. However, he did find that his remarks about education "failed to paint a true picture of school funding especially for individual school districts."

Of all districts in the state, Wayne-Westland has been the hardest

"People and businesses are leaving, causing tax revenues and quality of life to degrade..."

WILLIAM WILD,
Westland mayor

hit, losing \$970 per pupil in funding with the elimination of the Wayne-Westland language in the State School Aid Act three years ago.

"What district is receiving more than it received three years ago?" he said. "Expenses have outpaced the modest adjustments to the per-pupil amount we receive. School districts have been disproportionately hurt more in cuts to funding than most entities. Wayne-Westland is still getting \$970 less than it did three years ago."

Baracy has been working with lawmakers and the Governor's Office in hopes of recouping some, if not all, of the \$970 the district has lost in state school aid.

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Free legal help

Wayne County Neighborhood Legal Services of Michigan will provide a free legal presentation and assistance to all Wayne County residents, age 60 and older, at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 5, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis.

An expert legal staff will provide free legal assistance to seniors on most civil cases, including guardianship, conservatorship, wills, trusts, power of attorney, nursing homes, Medicare/Medicaid and much more.

Participants must preregister by Wednesday, Jan. 29, through Wayne Senior Services Office at 734-721-7460.

Euchre tournament

The Wayne Rotary Club is holding a euchre Tournament on Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Wayne Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis in Wayne.

The cost is \$20 per person. Check-in is at 6 p.m. and games start at 7 p.m. There will be prizes for the top three highest points, raffles and 50/50. Food, pop and beer also will be available. Players

AROUND WAYNE AND WESTLAND

must be 21 years and older. Preregister at R/J.G.Euchre@gmail.com.

Proceeds will benefit community projects of the Wayne Rotary Club and the Wayne-Westland Parks and Recreation.

Pasta dinner

The Dyer Senior Center in Westland will hold its monthly spaghetti dinner from 4-7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24. Enjoy spaghetti, salad and dessert for \$6.

The center also has euchre and bingo at 1 p.m. Wednesdays and pinocle at 1 p.m. Fridays. In February, the center will hold its game night at 6 p.m. Feb. 12 and its pasta dinner on Feb. 28.

The Dyer Center is at 36745 Marquette, east of Newburgh, in Westland. For more information, call 734-419-2020.

Gospel meetings

Ministers Matthew Jensen and Alijah McCormick are holding gospel meetings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesdays through Feb. 5, at the Wayne/Westland Community Center, 4635 Howe at Annapolis.

The meetings will emphasize the life and teachings of Jesus

Christ. The goal of these meetings is to inspire greater faith and commitment in Christ. No collections will be taken.

For more information, call 515-851-2939.

Open house

St. Damian Catholic School will hold an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26.

Take a guided tour, meet staff members, and talk with other parents and students. St. Damian offers a latchkey program, CYO sports, foreign language, music, computers, art and physical education with more than three acres of outdoor sports fields.

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The parochial school, located at 29891 Joy, west of Middlebelt, Westland, teaches preschool to eighth-grade.

For more information, call 734-427-1680 or visit www.stdamianschool.com.

License Plate Meet

The Southeast Michigan License Plate Meet will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at the Romanowski

VFW Post, 28945 Joy, east of Middlebelt, in Westland.

Tables are \$5 each or six for \$25. Vendors should bring in license plates through the post's back door.

For more information, contact Scott "Oshawkeye" Olson at 734-421-1599 or oshawkeye@yahoo.com or visit vfw6896.com/LicensePlateMeet.html.

Admission is \$5 per person and free for children under 12 years old and veterans with a VFW Membership card or VA hospital ID. Free coffee and donuts will be available.

All proceeds go to the veterans, including what is paid for Oshawkeye's license plates.

Kids Night Out

The Wayne Community Center will host a Kids Night Out from 6-10 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25. Bring a lined bathing suit, towel and lots of energy. Activities include swimming, arts and crafts, games, pizza, and pop.

The cost is \$13 for members/residents and \$16 for non-residents.

For more information on any event at the recreation center, call 734-721-7400.

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placing third in the 12th-grade awards. Veronica Peterson, a junior at John Glenn, received \$250 for her second-place finish in the 11th-grade awards.

"I was very happy with the entries we submitted this year," instructor Steve Paulsen said. "We submitted about 25 posters, all of which were well-designed and could have been winners. Many of the posters were also entered in Scholastic Art Awards and I'm sure they will do well as a strong addition to students' portfolios."

The NAIAS 2014 chairman Bob Shuman, a General Motors automotive designer, a College for Creative Studies instructor and a State Farm Insurance representative judged the posters. All

winning entries are posted on the official NAIAS website, naias.com, and are on display at the auto show at Cobo Hall in Detroit now through Jan. 26.

The prizes ranged from \$1,000 for the Chairman's Award, which went to Lindsey Simon, a 12th-grade student at Romeo Engineering and Technology Center in Washington, to \$100 honorable mentions at the 10th-, 11th- and 12th-grade levels. There also were awards for Designer's Best of Show-Digital, Designer's Best of Show-Traditional, Most Creative, Best Use of Color and Best Theme awards. Shuman selected the winning entry, which is in the official NAIAS program.

"The record number of entries speaks volumes about interest in NAIAS and global auto industry," Shuman said. "What is especially im-

portant is that these students exhibited the creative talent that is so critical to the success of this industry. We congratulate the winning artists."

'Visually pleasing'

Tigani's first-place poster displays the likeness of the auto show in a "colorful and simplistic yet visually pleasing way."

"The winning poster was really fun to create with the colors and alignment," the Westland resident said. "It took some time to perfect the idea I was trying to portray, but with a lot of work, the end result was very satisfying."

With the second poster, Tigani wanted to do something different from the "sleek and clean automotive posters" she has seen in the past. She decided to create a poster with a "real grungy look."

Tigani plans to pursue a career as professional graphic designer and

illustrator. She plans to apply to the College for Creative Studies in Detroit, as well as various other art and design schools.

"I want to work to improve my skills," she said. "I want to do something great with my art and be happy doing it."

As for the prize money, she plans to use it to either buy a better computer to do more graphic design work and digital art or add it to her college fund.

Paulsen works with students, making suggestions to improve their entries. According to Tigani, he advised her to experiment with color in her posters. He also worked with Peterson, guiding her through the technical process.

"I'm new to graphic design and still learning the software," Peterson said.

Her winning poster has a contrasting color scheme against the black background, making it attractive to the eye. It

was created in Adobe Illustrator and is completely vector art.

The Westland resident is hoping to attend a visual arts college for traditional illustration and graphic design "to help my talents grow and flourish."

"I want to be successful in the future while still doing what I love," she said, adding that she plans to give a portion of her prize money to her family and put the rest in her college fund.

Play on numbers

Malmsten's poster played off the numbers 2 and 5 for the 25th annual NAIAS and was paired with the show's logo. It was created using Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop. I grouped together the 2 and the 5.

"I used two raster technical drawings of an engine to add some detail in the background," the Belleville resident said. "I went through at least five different color studies and used the selected one out of popular outsider opinions."

He added that Paulsen provided a reference

image that he used for inspiration.

Malmsten hopes to start his own design and printing business. He wants to make and sell various objects from home, including clothes, posters, 3-D printed sculptures, as well as do client work.

The prize money, he said, he will "probably stuff it in a hole in a wall and seal it up for someone to discover sometime in the future when paper money may be obsolete."

Paulsen has had his students enter the contest pretty much from when it started. He has described it as the best contest there is for students of their age.

"The prize money is very generous and the recognition the students receive is a real ego-booster," he said. "I really want to express my gratitude to the Detroit Auto Dealers Association for sponsoring the contest."

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This man has been identified as a suspect in several Westland robberies.

Westland police seek information about robbery suspect

Westland Police are seeking the public's help identifying the suspect of robberies at local stores. The most recent robbery came at 7 p.m. Jan. 16 at the Dollar General Store, 8208 N. Merriman. According to police, the same suspect robbed Family Dollar Store, 31296 Michigan Ave., at 2:40 p.m. Jan. 15, and 7-Eleven, 1826 S. Merriman, at 10:30 p.m. Jan. 12. In each incident, the suspect was reported to have had a hand in his

pocket implying he had a gun. During two of the robberies, the suspect was reported to have fled in a black Jeep Wrangler with a soft top. The suspect is described as white male in his 20s-30s, 5-foot-9 to 6-feet tall with a medium build and scruffy facial hair. Police have released security camera photos of the suspect. Anyone with information about the suspect is asked to call Westland Police at 734-722-9600.

Wayne's Bill Sweeney heads up Stabenow's staff

By LeAnne Rogers
Staff Writer



Sweeney

Growing up in Wayne, Bill Sweeney got involved in his first political campaign as a student at Detroit Catholic Central High School. "It was for Al Haidous in his first city council campaign. I stuffed envelopes," Sweeney said. It was the start of a long career for Haidous, now Wayne mayor. It also turned out to be a career for Sweeney, recently appointed as Michigan Democratic Sen. Debbie Stabenow's chief of staff. "This is like a dream job. I'm really excited about it. I work for the State of Michigan and the people back home," Sweeney said.

Graduating from Catholic Central in 1994, Sweeney earned a degree in political science and public service from Albion College in 1998. He said he hadn't planned to get into politics. "I was planning to work for non-profits, and then I got connected with a campaign," he said. "It was like being in an episode of the West Wing. We drove all over the state. We lost in the primary." Sweeney ended up working on a Congressional reelection campaign for Tammy Baldwin, now a Democratic Senator from Wisconsin.

"Then Debbie (Stabenow) was running (for senator) against (Republican) Spence Abraham," Sweeney said. "I was really excited to get back to Michigan." **Bit of everything** Joining Stabenow's staff in 1999 to ramp up for the 2000 election, Sweeney said he's done a bit of everything since then. "I started as the IT director when we needed to set up an office with computers and faxes," said Sweeney, 37. "I was always interested in writing. I help her (Stabenow) write speeches and come up with ideas." Over the years, Sweeney said his role transitioned to senior communications advisor and

then deputy chief of staff, which meant handling more administrative duties. When his predecessor needed to return to Michigan, Stabenow tapped Sweeney to move up to the chief of staff. "One of the cool things I do — Debbie talks to businesses all the time to look at Detroit. The workers are available and real estate is cheap," Sweeney said. "A lot of it is connecting the dots — it's all there." Sweeney is living in Washington, D.C., but said he makes it back to Michigan for visits with his father, also named Bill, who lives in Wayne and mother Marjane, who lives in Ann Arbor. *lr Rogers@hometownlife.com 313-222-5428*

Survey looks at how residents get school information

The Garden City School district is seeking input on how parents and the community access school-related information by conducting an online survey. Stanley Szczotka, director of student services, explained the purpose of the survey, which can be found on the district website www.gardencityschools.com. "The survey is being

used to learn more about how parents, students and local residents keep informed about all things related to the schools," he said. The world has quickly developed into "all things electronic" in terms of communication and the district is trying to grow with it and stay connected with students and families, he said. "We will be collecting data through the survey

through to spring," Szczotka said. "We will use what we learn to improve our future communication efforts and services." The district recognizes the busy lives families lead. "As such, the survey is designed to be brief and convenient," he said. "The survey is only four questions long, but will provide information vital to future planning."

"Any major changes to the district's communication efforts may be discussed during district policy meetings and certainly announced to the community through e-broadcasts, social media and the district website." For more information, contact Szczotka at szczotka@gardencityschools.com or 734-762-6342. *By Sue Buck*



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In this case, what's new is something old. Moreover, the innovation does not depend on the discovery of another drug, or a recent insight into what causes rheumatoid arthritis. Rather, this treatment takes medications already used in rheumatoid arthritis and arranges them in a different way.
At the moment, the usual standard for treating rheumatoid arthritis is to start with methotrexate and if that doesn't help enough, add an anti TNF medication such as Enbrel, Humira, Cimzia, Remicad, or Simponi. In most instances, methotrexate alone does not control joint inflammation, but in combination with an anti TNF works fine. Drawbacks to the regimen are 1) the cost is high, and 2) the risk exists of infection with unusual organisms such as tuberculosis, histoplasmosis, legionella and listeria.
The new regimen uses three old medications: hydroxychloroquine (Plaquenil), methotrexate and sulfasalazine (Azulfidine). The advantages of this regimen are 1) the low cost - a year of these drugs is less than the cost of one month of methotrexate plus an anti-TNF; and 2) the effect on the immune system is smaller than with an anti-TNF; there is no added risk of infection with tuberculosis, histoplasmosis, legionella or listeria.
The drawback is obtaining patient compliance. Taking hydroxychloroquine means 2 tablets a day, methotrexate requires the patient to take up to 8-10 tablets over a 24 hour period once a week (an injectable form exists), and the usual dose of sulfasalazine is 4-6 tablets daily. Quite literally that is a hard regimen to swallow.
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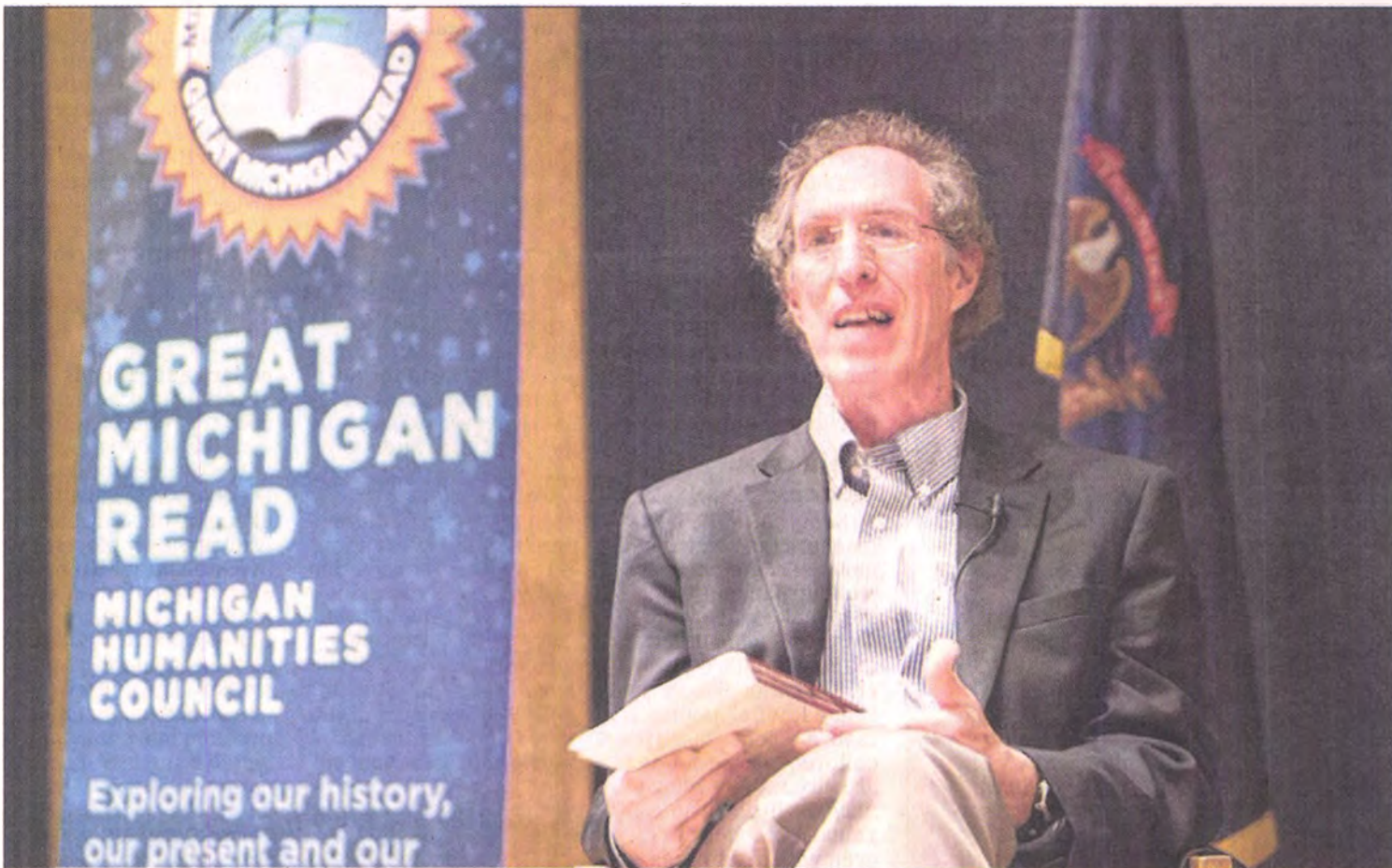
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Steve Luxenberg, the author of "Annie's Ghosts," will be at Schoolcraft College on Thursday, Jan. 30, as part of the Great Michigan Read project. DAVE TRUMPIE

Public schools are not the enemy

By Stanley Szcotka
Guest Columnist

This is the fourth article in the series. This article was written by GCPSS Student Services Director Stanley Szcotka. His article delves further into the value of public education and starts the conversation about accountability. In the first article, I referenced charter schools. Please keep in mind as you read the article below, charter schools are not held to the same standards of accountability as public schools. We hope these articles are helping you become more informed so you are able to determine fact over fiction when you are hearing or reading about the state of public education in Michigan or the United States.

Michelle Cline

Recent state and federal reforms to education, student assessment and teacher evaluation has brought negative public opinion about public schools and teachers, but this is largely unjustified. It is a function of government intervention into the practice of instruction, curriculum, assessment and evaluation. While proponents of assessment-based rating of students and teachers may have good intentions, the gains are potentially lost through implementation of these assessment-based platforms. Ultimately, recent government policies have limited the strength of the public school system which is fundamental to an educated and advancing society.

Educational assessment initiatives, such as No Child Left Behind, and more recently, Race to the Top, promote the use of student test scores to evaluate teacher and school effectiveness, yet

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Schoolcraft's Pageturners hosting author Luxenberg

Pageturners, Schoolcraft College's book discussion club, will host a special Meet the Author event, featuring the author of *Annie's Ghosts: A Journey into a Family Secret*, the book selected for the 2013-14 Great Michigan Read project.

Detroit native and associate editor of the *Washington Post*, Steve Luxenberg, will discuss *Annie's Ghosts*, what inspired the book and his insights into the writing process with students, faculty, staff and the community during his visit at 1:15 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, at the VisTaTech Center on the college's main campus on Haggerty, north of Six Mile, in Livonia.

Annie's Ghosts is part memoir, part detective story and part history. As the author tries to understand his mother's

reasons for hiding her sister's existence, Luxenberg takes readers on a journey into his mother's world of the 1930s and 1940s, where he explores how a poor immigrant family manages life with a child who has special needs.

Annie's Ghosts is a story about family secrets, personal journeys, genealogy, mental disability and illness, poverty and immigration. It is a story of re-framing one's self-understanding once a family secret is revealed, providing insight into how our identities are shaped by learning something shockingly new about our family history.

Two additional student-led book discussions will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, and at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, in the Bradner Library on the

main campus. Pageturners also will host a movie screening of *Stories We Tell* at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, in Liberal Arts on the main campus.

Stories We Tell is a documentary by Sarah Polley that explores her family's secrets – including one intimately related to Polley's own identity – and looks at the relationship between Polley's parents, including the revelation that the filmmaker was the product of an extramarital affair.

Upcoming Pageturners book discussions and events will focus on *The Great Gatsby* in February and *Picking Cotton* in March. All Pageturners events and activities are free and open to the public. Copies of the selected books are available at the Schoolcraft College bookstore

at a discounted price.

For more information about Pageturners, go online to sites.google.com/site/scpageturners/.

The Great Michigan Read is a biennial program of the Michigan Humanities Council that creates partnerships with schools, libraries, museums, religious organizations and other organizations in Michigan for a statewide reading discussion, focusing on a single literary title.

The program is intended for young adults to senior citizens with a broad goal of making literature more accessible and appealing while also encouraging residents to learn more about the state of Michigan, its history and future. Visit michiganhumanities.org/programs/tgmr/ for more information.



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Snyder announces initiative for driverless vehicles

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder is taking a hands-on approach to the concept of hands-off driving.

Appearing at the North American International Auto Show on Tuesday, the governor announced the state is entering into a partnership with the University of Michigan's Mobility Transformation Center to build a 32-acre simulated city on the U-M campus that will allow for the testing of driverless vehicles.

"The philosophy we need to get across to people is that it's about intelligent transportation systems," Snyder said. "It's about creating an infrastructure not just for today but for decades to come - and that it will be largely based here in Michigan. That's what this partnership will do."

The governor also brought the future with him: students from Southfield High School and the William Ford Career Technical Center in Wayne-Westland Schools were introduced at the press conference to demonstrate automated models they developed.

The students participate in a vocational engineering program developed and funded by the Square One Education Network that provides them with a wealth of materials, new technologies and hands-on experiences.

The goal of the program is to prepare a new generation of engineers, designers, builders and leaders.

Southfield High senior Jalen Smith, 17, participates in the Square One program. He's al-



Gov. Rick Snyder speaks at the Denso exhibit, flanked by Lamarn Johnson of Southfield High School and Austin Clute of the William Ford Tech Center in the Wayne-Westland Schools. Both students are involved in the tech race for autonomous vehicles. Johnson later spoke about his experience in the program, and personally, as a "car guy."

ready been accepted by Western University and Michigan Technological University and is planning to earn an engineering degree.

"I'm getting a lot of great experiences out of Square One that are preparing me for college," Smith said. "Most of all, I like to work with cars - and I like that I'm doing something to make driving safer."

Just fake it

Peter Sweatman, director of U-M's Transportation Research Institute, said by creating a fake urban environment, researchers can test autonomous and connected systems in real-time situations involving moving objects, mechanized pedestrians, traffic lights and building facades.

That research will ultimately lead to a safer driver experience. But to create that experience, mountains upon mountains of infrastructure must first be put into place.

"The new economy of mobility is going to be born right here in Michigan," Sweatman said at the press conference.

Construction on the simulated city is set to begin in the spring. Sweatman said he hopes to have it running by September, when the World Congress in Intelligent Transport Systems is set to hold its 2014 meeting in Detroit.

State Sen. Mike Kowall (R-White Lake) was also on hand Tuesday to discuss the autonomous vehicle legislation recently signed into law that makes Michigan one of the few states where the testing of driverless vehicles is permitted on public roads.

"This is going to be an exciting journey for everyone," Kowall said. "Both sides supported this - everyone in Lansing understands this will make Michigan a true leader in this new technology."

The announcement was made at the Denso exhibit at the NAIAS, and Snyder applauded the Southfield-based auto supplier for being a leader in developing new technologies that lead to safer driving.

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the state is using these scores as a means of limiting public funding. These test scores have not yet proven to be an indicator of quality teaching, and other factors have been ignored throughout the assessment initiatives. These factors include, but are not limited to: student effort, student attendance, student's family support and motivation for education success, and student disability or learning challenges.

Challenged students

Sometimes the best teachers take on the most learning challenged students, and although they make gains, the gains are not comparable to the unhindered learner. Educational historian Diane Ravitch points out that "a teacher of gifted children, whose scores are already sky-high, may see little or no gains. A teacher of children with disabilities may be thrilled to see students respond to instruction, even if their test scores don't go up. A teacher in a poor neighborhood may have high student turnover and poor attendance, and the scores will say nothing about teacher quality." Yet, schools are penalized for the advancement of some students, if the disparity between high and low achievers is too large.

Now, in the continued wrong-headed effort, this errant rating of teachers is also being used in decisions regarding employment. Good teachers with poorly rated students may now be removed from their jobs. Furthermore, this threat of job loss wrongly encourages teachers to teach to the test. What is ultimately compromised is the spirit of learning. We are left with a culture of curricu-

DARE TO CARE

Dare to Care about Public Education is a series of articles written by the educational community of Garden City Public Schools intended to bring attention and understanding to issues of concern surrounding public education.

lum benchmark standards without an appreciation for the process of learning which students ultimately need for advanced study.

I have already seen the effects of these initiatives in my tenure as a college professor. Although it is difficult to sum up this observation, it is sufficient to say that students are increasingly expecting to be told what they need to know and are less interested in the why or the how. Students are less interested in the discovery of learning necessary for advanced education.

Mismatched

This mismatch of sorts frustrates students, who are unprepared for

the expectations of college, and frustrates college teachers who are challenged to teach them. The result is the bad policy of the K-12 is evolving into colleges catering to the high school graduates they inherit. In some cases, new college students are assessed and placed in pre-100 level classes in order to build skills necessary for later classes. In other cases, the curriculum is shifting to accommodate a trend of less developed students.

At present, post-secondary education is not evaluated by the outcome of teaching efforts. Actually, the number of students attempting college and failing or dropping out is rising. And as the employability of a student with a bachelor degree is at an all-time low, it is fair to say that the problem is larger than the public school system. The enemy is one of bad policy and practice more than any single issue in K-12 education.

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Factor in goals, risk when investing short term

Q: Dear Rick: I just sold my condominium and, after everything, I have about \$100,000. I will need the money in about five or six months. I don't want to put it into the bank, because the bank isn't paying anything. I was thinking of buying some dividend-paying stocks and holding them for the next five or six months. The other alternative would be to buy an S&P 500 Fund like the Vanguard Index 500. I know you like that fund because you've recommended it in the past. What do you think - the dividend stock or the Vanguard Index 500?

A: I would not recommend either a dividend-paying stock or the Vanguard Index 500 Fund. Although I like the Vanguard Fund, it is not appropriate based upon your goals and objectives. I recommend either a money-market fund or a short-term CD. Although the returns are not very favorable, it is the appropriate investment for you.

I've always been a believer that a good investor is one who focuses on their individual goals and objectives. Your goal is five to six months down the road. When someone has a short-term goal, stocks or stock-based mutual funds like the Vanguard Index 500 are inappropriate. My reasoning is that markets are volatile and anything can happen over a short time frame. Keep in mind we have



Rick Bloom
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not had a 10-percent correction for nearly two years and it would not be surprising if we had one this year. Since you need your money over a short period of time, if the market did turn south, you may not have time to recoup your losses.

Although rates of return are low, I believe with a five- or six-month time frame, you need to consider CDs, money market accounts and saving accounts. Shop around to get a little higher rate of return. Look at using Internet banks or out-of-state banks. In addition, don't forget to check out a credit union. Many credit unions pay rates substantially higher than banks.

In shopping around for CDs and money market accounts, the key is to make sure that they are federally insured. Under no circumstances do you want to buy a CD from a non-federally insured institution. One very good website to shop rates is www.bankrate.com. All the rates it quotes are from federally insured institutions.

Good luck.

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.



Distinguished Young Women of Michigan's Class of 2014 include Cassidy Nugent (back row, from left), Kayla Fryz, Mianna Gonczar, Hailey Dottor, Caitlin Borke, Jordyn Boitos, Chineze Mbanugo, Alyse Blight and Stephanie Robinson and (seated, from left), Ashley Peper, Claire Martin, Alysha Ausmus, Tori Hubbell and Cionna Orr. Not pictured are Carly Petersen, Akshaya Rajkumar and Karyna Smith.

17 vie for Young Woman honor

A group of women from throughout Michigan will be in Saline this week to compete in the 56th annual Distinguished Young Women of Michigan Scholarship Program.

The program will be at 6 p.m. at Saline High School. The 17 contestants will compete for more than \$8,000 in college scholarships and the chance to represent Michigan at local events throughout the state and at the national finals in Mobile, Ala., in June. The scholarship program is based on academic scholastics, leadership, physical fitness and talent.

At the state program, contestants will perform an opening number and

compete in a performing arts talent routine, a physical fitness routine and self-expression. Contestants are also evaluated based on academic scholastics and interviews.

A final performance by the current Distinguished Young Women of Michigan, Anna Dai, also will be part of the event. Dai was selected as the top five talent and scholastic winner at the Distinguished Young Woman of America national program in last year's national program.

"This is one of the largest and most talented group of contestants that we have had and we are so excited for the public to come and support these ac-

complished young women" said Angela Bobo, Distinguished Young Women of Michigan state director.

Competing this year are: Jordyn Boitos and Hailey Dottor from Wayne-Westland; Kayla Fryz and Chineze Mbanugo from Plymouth-Canton; Tori Hubbell, Alysha Ausmus and Carly Petersen from Irish Hills; Cassidy Nugent from Washtenaw County; Karyna Smith from Inkster; Caitlin Borke from Alpena; Akshaya Rajkumar from Oakland County; Claire Martin from Huron County; Ashley Peper from Northville; Alyse Blight from Wyandotte; Mianna Gonczar from Romeo; Cionna Orr from

Flint; and Stephanie Robinson from Detroit.

Tickets are \$18 and can be purchased at Saline High School the day of the event or by contacting the Michigan State Committee by email Michigan@distinguisheddyw.org. All proceeds go toward scholarship awards.

The Michigan State Program is part of the Distinguished Young Women of America, the largest and oldest scholarship program for high school seniors in the country. Since it began in 1958, more than \$90 million in college scholarships have been awarded. For more information on the scholarship program, visit distinguisheddyw.org.



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DIA director talks bankruptcy, museum changes

By David Veselenak
Staff Writer

Detroit Institute of Arts Director Graham W.J. Beal told Livonia Town Hall members Wednesday morning of a story of a famous painting that was taken down for examination last year. It appeared workers picked the wrong day to take it down.



Beal

Beal said the painting was to be examined with some new technology the museum had. The only problem was, it was the same day it was determined the DIA could be forced to sell some of its collection to help pay Detroit's debt as a result of the city's bankruptcy filing.

"The day that it was announced that the collection was under threat because of the bankruptcy, we had some new digital photography and some new equipment," he said. "People said, 'Oh my goodness, they're already selling (the art).'"

Beal spoke to several hundred people as a part of the Livonia Town Hall series at St. Mary's Orthodox Church. It was the third forum for the series, which brings in prominent speakers to talk about issues.

In addition to touching on the issues the DIA has had with the bankruptcy case, Beal spoke about the efforts the museum has made to make the

facility more friendly to those who are not as well-versed in art.

One effort, Beal said he employed, was to get more than just the curators involved in placing artwork around the museum to provide a different perspective.

"Rather than opening doors for people, we were actually putting up a screen for most people," he said. "I put together teams, drawn from across the whole staff and for 18 months, in addition to their day jobs, people from PR development worked with curators and educators to learn about each collection and to draw out the stories of interest to them, not what was interesting to the curator."

Hearing more about the museum re-inforced Pat Gransee's feelings that the DIA is a very important part of southeast Michigan and should be kept around no matter what happens with the bankruptcy case in Detroit.

The Novi resident said she had confidence area residents will rally behind the museum and do what they can to protect it.

"I think people will be in uproar," she said. "I think people will come back to support it."

The museum began looking at alternate ways of funding its projects several years ago after much of its state aid was cut. It was decided to ask metro Detroit voters for a millage to support the DIA. The millage was



The crowd listens to Detroit Institute of Arts Director Graham Beal at Livonia Town Hall. PHOTOS BY BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

approved in 2012 by citizens in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties. That millage provides roughly \$23 million a year to the institution for operational costs. "That makes us stable," Beal said. "Most

American museums get that much from their own unrestricted endowment and that's what we're aiming for."

Beal, who came to the DIA in 1999 after serving at other museum in Los Angeles, San Francisco

and Omaha, said he wanted to get patrons out of the habit of something he calls "gliding," something museum visitors do that gets them through the museum but only touches on the artwork's surface.

"After 45 minutes, you basically have 'done' the DIA," he said. "You haven't actually seen anything. You haven't actually likely experienced any sort of important feeling."

Livonia resident Helen Galindo said she could identify with Beal's description of how patrons walk through the facility. The most recent time she visited the museum, however, she was unable to walk as much, allowing her to take in more of the artwork on a detailed level that she hadn't before.

"I was laughing at his description of the museum shuffle, because that's always been the way it's been for me," she said. "For the first time, I was just able to sit and enjoy certain things that I hadn't had time to focus on while I was there."

"It was a wonderful experience."

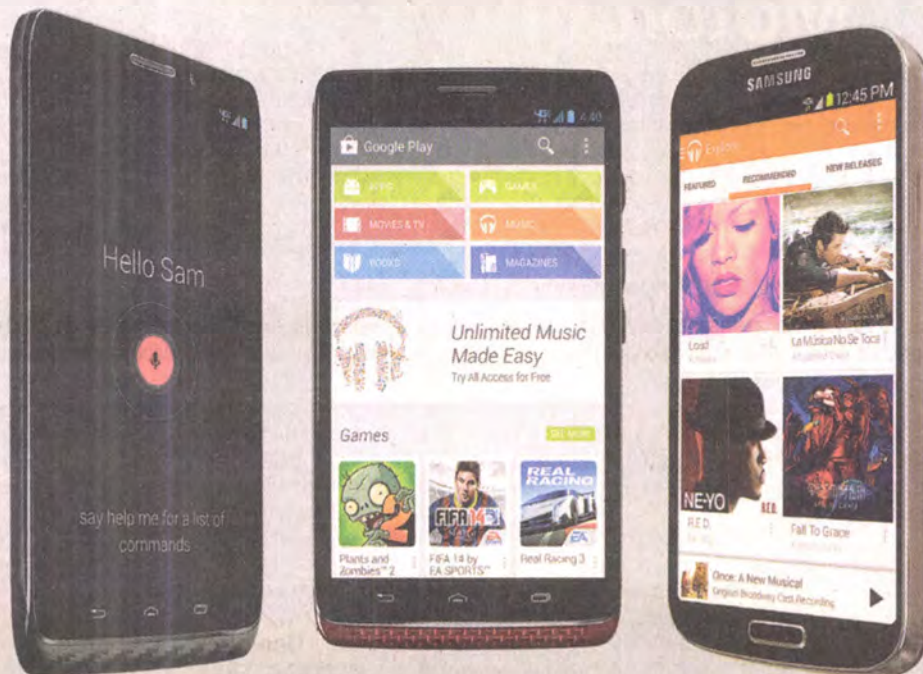
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Demmer Ford proud to be a partner

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Jack Demmer Ford is right across the street from the Michigan Assembly Plant, in the heart of Ford country.

"We're in a perfect location," General Sales Manager Bob Faust said. "There are so many hard-working people at that plant and we're just proud of everything they've done for Ford Motor and this area."

Located at 37300 Michigan Ave., the dealership has been part of the Wayne-Westland community for over 60 years. Heading into 2014, Faust sees a bright future.

"We've had increases every year the last four years in a row – and the momentum is still going," he said. "Ford has a tremendous product lineup ... we've got a newly designed Mustang coming out in 2015 ... we've got the 2015 F-150 that's going to have an aluminum body."

"Six of our models have aggressive sign-and-drive leases: we've got the Fusion, the Focus,



The all-new Mustang was on display at the Detroit auto show. DAVID BLOOM

the Edge, Escape, F-150 and the Taurus. We also have an 'early bird program' between now and May 31 in which we'll pay the last three lease payments on selected models."

It's turning into another banner year for the entire auto industry. Faust said the fact that Ford Motor managed to make it through the tough times on its own makes the recovery even

better. "Obviously they've been in a position where they didn't have to have the government bail them out," he said. "Mr. Mulally has done a tremendous job turning the

company around – that's helped to hire a lot of people across the street. "The biggest problems we faced in this area are unemployment and people moving out of state, and that seems to have to

come to a halt. Unemployment is gradually inching downward and people are no longer leaving to relocate elsewhere. I only see good things – there's no reason to think we're going to go backward."

As for the success of Jack Demmer Ford over the past six decades, Faust said the answer is found in the staff and the products.

"We've got an incredible amount of experience in sales and service," he said. "Our average seniority on the sales floor is 17 years, and because of that we get a ton of repeat business and a ton of referral business. We're a President's Award Winner – that's the highest honor Ford Motor can bestow on a dealership for service and customer satisfaction."

"But most of all, we have a real family environment here, and everyone who comes here is treated like family."

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Detroit Lions' Joique Bell wows the fans at auto show

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

With apologies to Joe Biden, it was Detroit Lions running back Joique Bell who stole the spotlight at the North American International Auto Show on Thursday.

Appearing at a Comcast business reception, Bell signed autographs for a crowd of fans, took photographs and talked about his future with the team.

"I'm a hometown guy and I love playing in Detroit. I think we have the best fans around in the league," said Bell, who played his college ball at Wayne State University and bounced around the NFL for several years before joining the Lions in 2012.

He's now one of the top production players on the team. Heading into restricted free agency, Bell said it's his desire to stay with the Lions.

"We really have some talent on the roster. I think we can go a long way," he said, adding the team needs to cut down on penalties if it wants to take that next step into the playoffs.

Bell, 27, who was born in Benton Harbor, was signed by the Buffalo Bills as an undrafted free agent in 2010. While in college, he earned extra money working as a security guard for the Lions.

"I'd watch the other players coming into practice and told myself one day that's going to be me," he said. "And here I am."

That rags-to-football story had a positive impact on Bell. He's a



Lions running back Joique Bell hopes to return with the team in 2014.

hard-nosed player on the field, but a regular guy when the game is over. On Thursday, he was joking with the fans and practically begging them to ask him more questions.

He's looking forward to the upcoming season and is familiar with new Lions coach Jim Caldwell, having played for him in Indianapolis.

His least favorite place to play is Green Bay, and he's picking Seattle over Denver to win the Super Bowl this year.

He thinks the team's secondary will play much better next year, providing the players can stay healthy. His all-time favorite running back is the legendary Walter Payton.

Bell said he'll always appreciate former coach Jim Schwartz for believing in him and giving him a chance to run the ball.

"It's an emotional time seeing him go because he's the one who brought me in," he said. "But he wished us the best and said he'll be cheering for us – unless he's across the sidelines."

Time-traveling DeLorean on display at auto show

Film buffs heading to the North American International Auto Show will want to check out the iconic 1981 DeLorean DMC-12 that was used in the movies *Back to the Future* and Russell Brand's *Arthur*.

The car is completely restored and on loan from Universal Studios.

It's making a first appearance at an auto show and is located at the Covisint display along the front lobby of Cobo Hall.



"Back to the Future" is here at the auto show.

Fans will want look for the famous "flux capacitor" on the car, which we now know is the key to time travel.

Comcast connects to industry

By Jay Grossman
Staff Writer

Mobility is king when it comes to communications, and nobody knows that better than Comcast.

"We're growing tremendously and we're really expanding the product set, both from a voice perspective and from a data perspective," said Jim Tyrrell, executive director of voice product management for Comcast. "We're building out a complete Wi-Fi network – having fast Internet speed in an office is great, but again a lot of people are going to be mobile."

Comcast hosted several receptions at the North American International Auto Show throughout Industry Week to tout its ever-growing presence in the business community. Comcast Business reported about \$2.4 billion in revenue last year, up from \$256 million in 2006.

"Comcast Business has over 5,000 employees today. We grew in seven years from nothing to 5,000 workers – that's a pretty big commitment to the business segment," said Tyrrell, who flew in Thursday from Philadelphia to spend the day at the auto show and meet with customers.

Faster speeds, more data

Tim Collins is the senior vice president of the company's Heartland Region that serves 1.7 million customers in Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky and Arkansas. The headquarters are in Plymouth.

"Comcast Business is the focal point of our presence here at the auto show," said Collins, a former Northville resident who now lives in Birmingham. "It's the fastest-growing party of Comcast, yet most people just consider us a residential TV company. We're so much more than that."



Jim Tyrrell, executive director of Voice Product Management for Comcast, talks about the cable industry at the Detroit auto show.

Consider these three markets that Comcast is targeting:

» The automotive industry, which Collins describes as incredibly "data-centric" in how it operates. "The industry is a very complex network of manufacturers, designers, vendors and dealerships – there's a lot of linkage together and data is what links it all together. That's really the key."

» Governmental, universities and colleges: "Again, generally far-flung facilities that they need to stitch together with data pipes and video services."

» The medical industry: "Every hospital has doctor offices all over," said Collins. "And now they're getting into remote medicine where an X-ray diagnostic technician might be sitting in New York somewhere. You have an intense image that you need to send."

Along those same lines, there's the Affordable Care Act which has a mountain of requirements for doctors in terms of record-keeping.

The Plymouth headquarters has around 550 employees and another

200 technicians that are staged out of the building. Comcast also recently opened a retail store in Plymouth where customers can check out the latest gadgets.

"This gives our customers a hands-on experience with our latest products," said Collins. "These are things people want to see and feel – they're not going to make a decision over the phone."

The future is here

"By the end of the year there are going to be more mobile devices than there are people in the world," said Tyrrell. "I've heard from some analysts there are actually more mobile devices connected to the Internet than there are toothbrushes in the world."

As for the future, Tyrrell believes the data bandwidth is "going to continue to explode." He anticipates there will be a lot more connectivity from machine-to-machine, especially with cars.

He also believes there will be much more targeted advertising in the future, where customers will walk into stores and products will "recognize" them based on their mobile device.

Collins said the company sees itself as "standing between the intersection of media and technology ... and it's dramatically changing the way we communicate and relate to each other."

He also said companies need to understand the difference between one generation and the next.

"Consider the Millennial generation," he said. "Ten years ago if you saw someone in an office wearing headphones and listening to music while they were working, you'd throw them out of the office. You try doing that today and you're going to lose every Millennial you have in the building."

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Denso plans \$10M expansion to Southfield headquarters

By Nathan Mueller
Staff Writer

Japanese automotive supplier Denso confirmed its commitment to North America with the announcement Tuesday at the North American International Auto Show of a \$10 million expansion to its North American headquarters in Southfield.

The investment, which also calls for the creation of 176 new jobs, includes the purchase of an 81,000-square-foot office building on its current campus that will increase the company's research and development operations.

It was just last year that Denso used the North American International Auto Show to announce plans to invest more than \$150 million in facilities and add more than 400 new jobs to the state.

"As you can see, we are committed to the North American market, the most competitive and challenging market in

the world," said Terry Helgesen, senior vice president of industry and government affairs for Denso. "No one would have said this five years ago, but it is a great time to be in the automotive industry."

It is apparently a great time to be Denso as well, as they are exceeding expectations when it comes to the four-year plan of investing \$1 billion and creating 2,000 jobs in North America, including 1,200 in the United States.

In fact, they have already created more than 1,100 of the 1,200 jobs with 425 of them in Michigan.

The Southfield expansion will help with the development of next-generation technologies focused on improving fuel economy and safety, and will also support the development of components for electric hybrid vehicles, gasoline direct injection systems, high output alternators and infotainment and connectivity products.

"The city of Southfield has gone through some difficult economic times in the last five years, however, we are beginning to see some positive indicators of a strong economic comeback," said Mayor Brenda Lawrence.

"We are so pleased that Denso has their North American headquarters in Southfield, as they continue to grow with a \$10 million investment and expansion in the city."

"As we celebrate the auto industry resurgence and the 2014 North American International Auto Show, I am so very proud, excited and energized by Denso's continued growth which will help to fuel the economic comeback of the entire region."

Making cars safer

The company also has formed the Advanced Human Factors Evaluator for Automotive Distraction Consortium with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology

AgeLab and Touchstone Evaluations to "develop new perspectives and methodologies for a holistic approach to measure driver demand," said Justin McBride, senior manager of body control systems.

Initial partners include Honda and Subaru research and development, and Jaguar Land Rover.

Addressing safety issues as it pertains to teenage drivers is one of Denso's top priorities.

And instead of just asking drivers, they are studying them.

"We watch their eyes, we measure their heart rate, we measure their skin conductance and then we build a model around that understanding," he said.

The ultimate goal is to create a Human Machine Interface that will "manage and connect all the sensors and hardware in the vehicle while know what impacts the driver inside and outside the vehicle."

Bells and whistles: Luxury rides rule at auto show

Most people go to auto shows to look at vehicles they might be inclined to buy one day.

Not me. I like to sit in cars I can't afford. And that's exactly what I did Wednesday while walking around the North American International Auto Show. Pass on the Civic, show me the Bentley.

I started with the 2014 Lincoln MKS, which tops out at around \$55,000. It boasts a great stereo, quiet interior, all the latest technology, a terrific suspension system and a relatively new featured called the Lincoln Drive Control.

If the MKS is true luxury, the Ford F-350 King Ranch is all muscle and leather. The pickup truck offers plenty of leg room, second-row seating for three people and a stampee of amenities. It sells for around \$65,000. I don't need a pickup to cart my laptop, but I'll gladly cruise Woodward in the King Ranch.

From there, I hopped over to the 2014 Mazda 6 Grand Touring sedan that sells for around \$33,000. Very expensive looking, lots of detail, a very fine ride.

"It has all the bells and whistles of a luxury car," a company spokesman said. "The only thing it doesn't have is a luxury price."

Well, too bad, mister. I'm looking for a luxury price. I kept moving.

Then I came upon Jaguar. They know what I'm talking about when I say "luxury equals big price tag." I was shown the Jaguar XJR, the company's flagship sedan that sells for around \$116,000.

The Jaguar spokeswoman started naming all the features, from supercharged engines to really nice tires. I felt like I had been there/done that - until she



Jay Grossman

spoke two magic words: massage seats.

Yes, the seats give you a massage while you're driving. Or just sitting in your driveway, alone and happy. The family can wait, I need a massage first.

I left the XJR promising to return one day. Fickle me, I never gave Jaguar another thought as I came upon the 2014 Corvette Stingray, a.k.a. the North American Car of the Year.

It sells loaded for around \$74,000. Instead of me describing the car, here's what a woman standing nearby had to say about the Stingray: "People smile when they sit in that car. They feel hot. Their testosterone is going."

You want to feel hot? You want your testosterone to get going? Keep your massage seats, friend. I want the Corvette.

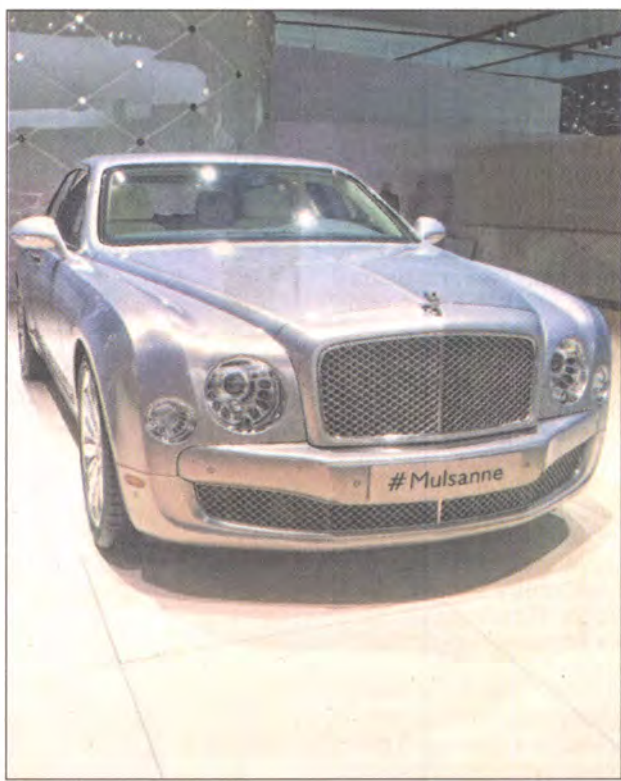
A rare Lexus LFA was on display nearby. The car sells for \$375,000 and only 500 were made. Jay Leno has the only convertible Lexus LFA ever built, while Paris Hilton owns a pink one.

I asked who owned the Lexus LFA on display, but they wouldn't give me a name. I asked if this unknown person would mind if I sat in their car and they said yes, the person would mind. I moved on.

I saw (but couldn't touch) the Porsche Panamera Turbo S executive series that sells for \$229,610. Same for the new Mercedes S Class Coupe that sells for around \$220,000 and the Bentley Mulsanne that sells for a smooth \$300,000 - look but don't touch.



The new Mercedes Benz S-Class Coupe



Everybody loves a Bentley.

I checked out the Chrysler 300C John Varvatos Luxury Edition that starts at \$41,415 and was impressed with the "dark mocha wood interior accents." Actually, anything that makes me think of hot chocolate is impressive.

I wanted to end the day in old-school style and I found it in the all-new 2015 Escalade that comes out in October and will sell for upward of \$65,000.

Painted black, the Escalade felt fabulous in every way possible. All the gears are easily adjustable; the console doesn't overwhelm you with gadgets and the digital dashboard can bring up a 3-D GPS navigation system.

It's a four-wheeled cruise ship for the rich and famous. I just want to come along for the ride.

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If you're stuck on what to make or wonder how to get started on that hearty meal, the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland can help you with our cookbook and magazine collections.

Soup is a wonderful winter meal. The longer it sits after making, the better it tastes. It's also a wonderful way to get your daily vegetable requirements. *Ultimate Soup Cookbook*, *Louise Parks' Mason Jar Soup to Nuts Cookbook* and *Penny Stone's Crazy About Crockpots!* are titles you may want to look at for ideas.

Slow cookers have gained popularity in recent years due to the convenience of having your meal cooking while you're at work or out of the house. Just throw in some key ingredients, set the slow cooker to low, and when you get home you have a meal ready to eat. Books include *Phyllis Good's Fix-It and Forget-It* cookbooks, *Jonny Bowden's 150 Healthiest Slow Cooker Recipes on Earth*, *Linda Larsen's \$7 a Meal Slow Cooker Cookbook: Better Than Mom's Slow Cooker Recipes*,

Judith Finlayson's *Diabetes Slow Cooker Recipes and Healthy Slow Cooker* and *Sandra Lee's Semi-Homemade Slow Cooker Recipes 2*.

Everyone has a favorite meal which just makes them happy. If you haven't found your favorite comfort food, maybe one of these books might have your new family favorite: *Complete Allergy-Free Comfort Foods Cookbook* by Elizabeth Gordon, *Quick and Easy Low-Cal Vegan Comfort Food* by Alicia Simpson, *Betty Crocker Comfort Food*, *Low-Carb Comfort Food Cookbook* by Mary Dan Eades and *Comfort Food by Better Homes and Gardens*.

After playing in or shoveling snow a nice hot drink is a wonderful treat. If you are tired of plain old hot chocolate or coffee, try some ideas from these books: *Hot Drinks* by Mary Lou Heiss and *Making Your Own Gourmet Chocolate Drinks* by Mathew Tekulsky.

The Internet is full of foodie websites. Some great websites to get recipes for all types of dishes include: Allrecipes.com, foodnetwork.com, food.com and cookinglight.com. If you don't have a computer at home, you can always use one of the library's public computers.

If you would rather flip through a magazine to get ideas, the library has some that are dedicated to food: *Bon Appetit*, *Cooking Light*, *Every Day with Rachael Ray*, *Food Network*, *Food &*

Wine, *Southern Living*, *Vegetarian Times* and *Woman's Day*.

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Highlighted Activities

Internet Special Topics Program: Internet Questions & Answers, 2 p.m. Jan. 22 — Got questions about the Internet? We've got answers! Bring your questions and Katie (our librarian and advanced Internet user) will provide information or find solutions to your common problems. Any topic related to the Internet is fair game. Prerequisite: Internet Basics or some experience using an internet browser. Register in advance at the Reference Desk.

Academic Enrichment, 3:30-5 p.m. Jan. 22 (and Every Wednesday), Grades 5 and up — Bring your assignments for free homework help and study help. Geared toward grades 5 and up. No advanced registration needed, however, parents must sign a waiver upon arrival in order for child or teen to participate.

NEW! Tween Writing Workshop, 7:30 p.m. Jan. 22, Grades 5-8 — Do you like to write? If you're in grades 5-8, come to our New Tween Writing Workshop. Each month, we'll explore different

genres, play writing games, and, of course, write! January's topic is Re-imagined Fairytales. Let your imagination run wild as you craft your own altered fairytale. Sign up at the Youth Department.

Adult Literacy Tutor Information Night, 7 p.m. Jan. 22 — In the United States there are 30 million adults who can't read well enough to understand a newspaper article at the eighth-grade level or fill out a job application. Currently more than 100,000 adults are on wait lists to get paired with a literacy tutor. Find out how you can get involved and share your love of reading with an adult in need. We'll go over how tutor training works (15 hours — 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. March 1, 8 and 15) and what's necessary to become a tutor — just two hours a week. No formal training in education is required and you don't have to make any commitments right away. Just show up and find out what adult literacy is all about. If you are unable to attend this information session, give us a call or stop by the Reference desk and ask for Liz or Tara.

Middle School Book Club, 6 p.m. Jan. 23 — We will be discussing *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer. Sign up for book club at the reference desk. The first five people to sign up will receive a free copy of the book.

Open Mic, 7 p.m. Jan. 23 — Let your muse run wild, coffee shop-style, with singer-songwriter, Mark Jewett as your emcee. Writers, poets, singers/rappers, bands, performers of all sorts are welcome. Sign up at westlandlibrary.org/events to receive a re-

minder email or just show up ready to perform! See video from past Open Mics at www.youtube.com/user/WestlandPubLib

High School Book Club, 7 p.m. Jan. 23 — We will discuss *Every Day* by David Levithan. Sign up for book club at the reference desk. The first five people to sign up will receive a free copy of the book.

Friday Night Movies, 7 p.m. Jan. 24 — Come join us for some of the best recently released DVDs as part of our Friday Night Movies series. Tonight's movie, *The Spectacular Now*. "A hard-partying high school senior's philosophy on life changes when he meets the not-so-typical nice girl!" (imdb.com). This movie is rated R. Trivia and prizes. Snacks and refreshments. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

1st and 2nd Grade Book Club, 1 p.m. Jan. 25 — The First and Second Grade Book Club meets once a month to discuss books, have a light snack, and engage in other fun activities. The book for January is *Poppleton in Winter* by Cynthia Rylant. Registration continues online or at the Youth Reference Desk. Please indicate any food allergies your child may have when signing up.

five minutes of the start time to guarantee your spot.

Beginners Drop-in Computer Lab, 2-4 p.m. Jan. 25 — During this two-hour drop-in lab, we will provide guided activities and librarian assistance to help you become computer literate for today's digital world. Topics include using a mouse and keyboard; selecting, copying and pasting; navigating the internet; learning what you can do with email; and getting acquainted with Microsoft Office.

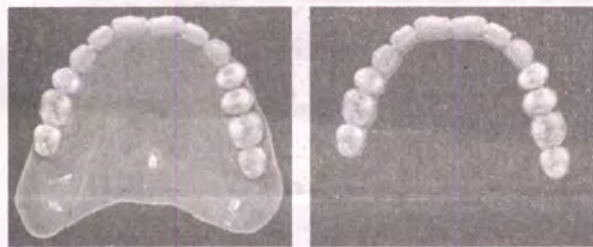
Yoga for People with Arthritis, 2-3 p.m. or 7-8 p.m. Jan. 27 — As part of our Geek Fitness Month, join Lois Gannon, a yoga instructor with over 10 years of experience, as she talks about the benefits of yoga for people suffering from arthritis. She will conclude the program with a half-hour yoga workout that can be done from your chair.

Teen Advisory Board, 6:30 p.m. Jan. 27, ages 12-18 — here's your chance to have a say in how the library runs. Give your opinion on what you'd like to see and do at the library. Pizza is served at every meeting.

Writers Club, 7 p.m. Jan. 27 — Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Westland Library Writer's Club. Sign up by phone at 734-326-6123 or online at westlandlibrary.org/events.

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The City of Westland will not consider or accept qualifications after the date and time specified for submission in the advertisement.

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The City of Westland has adopted and implemented a local policy that gives a preference to a City of Westland-based business in awarding a contract under this section. The policy may provide for a preference based on the status of the primary contractor as a City of Westland-based business or based on the status of 1 or more subcontractors of the primary contractor as Westland-based businesses, or both. A policy adopted under this subsection shall be consistent with federal statutes and regulations and shall not be applied to a contract that is to be paid with federal funds.

The City of Westland may require this project to be Prevailing Wage. Please familiarize yourself with the Bid Specifications and Prevailing Wage and Benefits section of the City of Westland's Ordinance.

Request for Qualifications documents can be obtained by contacting Eric Dumont, by e-mail at eric.dumont@plantemoran.com or can be downloaded at: <https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=873f424f57224b758a8597172f968184>

In order to be considered, construction firms must be able to meet the following minimum qualifications:

- The vendor must be able to adhere to all requirements listed in the access control technical systems specification — Attachment A
- The vendor of the product specified in this section shall have a minimum of three (3) years documented experience installing and servicing access control systems.
- Have an EMR less than 1.0
- Become familiar with the City of Westland's Bid specifications and Prevailing Wage Ordinance (attached as part of the RFQ)

Qualifications must be submitted using the format and forms provided by Plante Moran Cresa for the "Security Contractor Statement of Qualification for City of Westland New City Hall Project" It is anticipated that formal Request for Proposals will be sent only to pre-qualified contractors in mid February 2014.

The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all proposals in whole or in part and waive any irregularities therein.

W-W offers in-district Schools of Choice

Wayne-Westland Community Schools will offer district residents a Schools of Choice program for the 2014-15 year for students in kindergarten through 12th grade.

The Schools of Choice program provides parents the opportunity to move their child from one school to another within the boundaries of the school district provided there is room available in the school. Transportation to and from the school of choice must be provided by the parent or legal guardian.

School district residents who would like their child to attend an elementary, middle or high school other than their school of residency must submit a 2014-15 Schools of Choice appli-

cation, which will be available in every Wayne-Westland school by Friday, Jan. 31. The applications will be accepted in the Pupil Accounting Office at the Board of Education, 36745 Marquette, Westland, between Jan. 31 and March 3.

Applications received according to the time lines will permit, if space is available, selected students to begin the 2014-15 year in their school of choice. If more students apply for a grade/building than there are openings, a random selection process will be used to select students. The names of students not selected will be placed on a waiting list for the 2014-15 year.

Current Schools of

Choice students must reapply to remain eligible for the program next year.

After the deadlines, Schools of Choice applications will be accepted until Aug. 28 at the elementary or middle school the parent/guardian would like the child to attend. These names will be added to the 2014-15 school year waiting lists on a first-come, first-served basis. Building principals will use the waiting lists to notify qualified students of an opening.

Building principals will be allowed to place Schools of Choice students only through Sept. 19. No Schools of Choice placements will be made after this date.

QUALIFICATIONS for IT DATA CONTRACTOR SERVICES

The City of Westland is pre-qualifying Contractors for IT Data Contractor services for the:

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW CITY HALL PROJECT

Request for Qualifications are due by 2:00 p.m., local time, January 30, 2014. The RFQ document (and attachments) must be e-mailed directly to Westland-City_Hall_IT_Data_SUBMIT@docs.e-builder.net

The City of Westland will not consider or accept qualifications after the date and time specified for submission in the advertisement.

Qualifications shall be accompanied by a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the owner and any employee of the company and the City of Westland.

The City of Westland will not consider or accept qualifications that does not include this sworn and notarized disclosure statement.

The City of Westland has adopted and implemented a local policy that gives a preference to a City of Westland-based business in awarding a contract under this section. The policy may provide for a preference based on the status of the primary contractor as a City of Westland-based business or based on the status of 1 or more subcontractors of the primary contractor as Westland-based businesses, or both. A policy adopted under this subsection shall be consistent with federal statutes and regulations and shall not be applied to a contract that is to be paid with federal funds.

The City of Westland may require this project to be Prevailing Wage. Please familiarize yourself with the Bid Specifications and Prevailing Wage and Benefits section of the City of Westland's Ordinance.

Request for Qualifications documents can be obtained by contacting Eric Dumont, by e-mail at eric.dumont@plantemoran.com or can be downloaded at: <https://app.e-builder.net/public/publicLanding.aspx?QS=f06d57f40cca4ae8a5166404172425fc>

In order to be considered, construction firms must be able to meet the following minimum qualifications:

- The vendor must be able to adhere to all requirements listed in the specification- Attachment A
- Have an EMR less than 1.0
- Become familiar with the City of Westland's Bid specifications and Prevailing Wage Ordinance (attached as part of the RFQ)

Qualifications must be submitted using the format and forms provided by Plante Moran Cresa for the "IT Data Contractor Statement of Qualification for City of Westland New City Hall Project"

It is anticipated that formal Request for Proposals will be sent only to pre-qualified contractors in mid February 2014.

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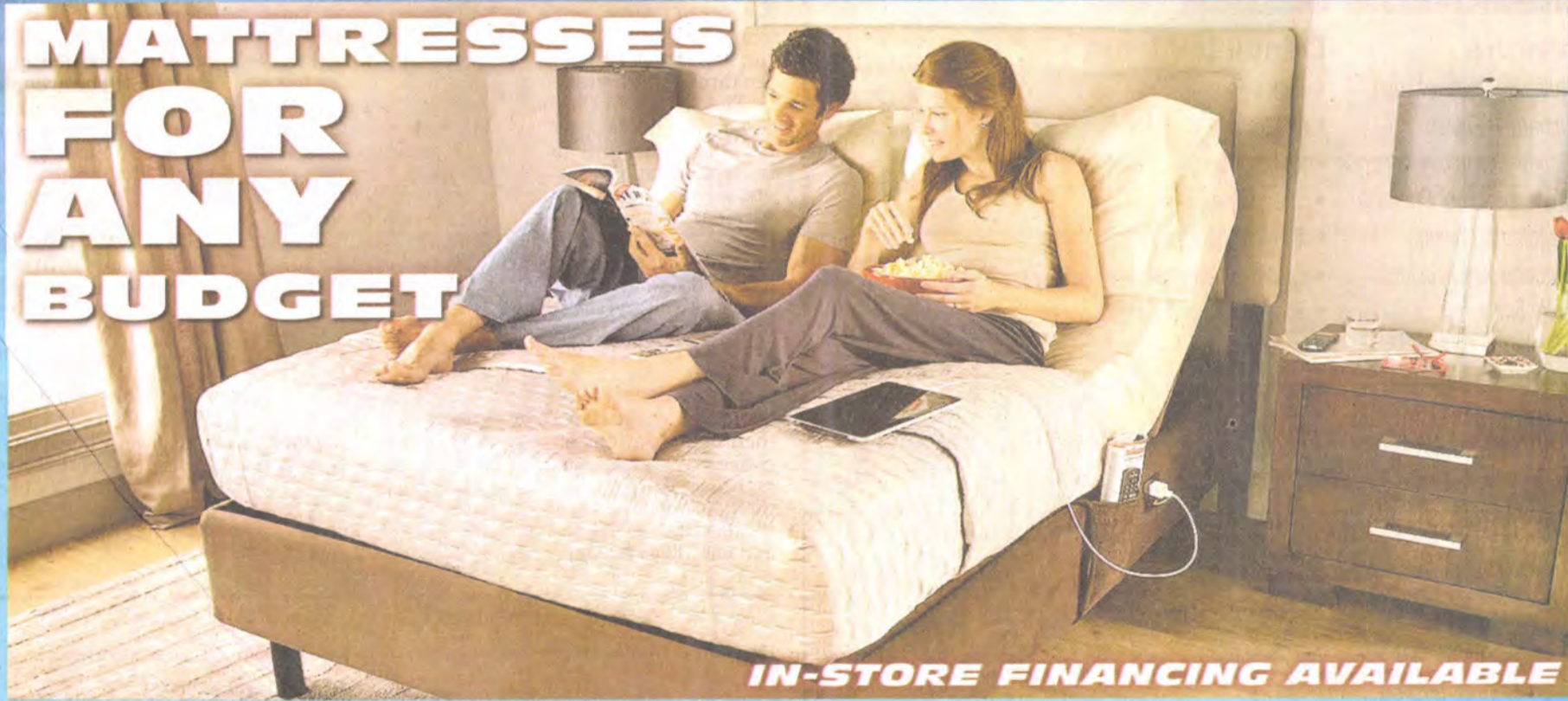
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PREP BOYS HOCKEY

Irvine's goal goes viral in Stevenson win



Stevenson's Tyler Irvine (middle), shadowed by Churchill's Nick Misiak, had a goal and five assists in the Spartans' 8-0 win Wednesday at Edgar Arena. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Churchill falls 8-0 in game stopped after two periods

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Stevenson's Tyler Irvine would be the first to tell you he gets more joy out of setting up goals than scoring them.

That was no more evident than in Stevenson's 8-0 two-period mercy rule triumph Wednesday night at Edgar Arena over rival Churchill as the senior right winger recorded five assists.

But his only goal of the night with 43.8 seconds left in the second period proved to be a thing of beauty as he knifed through the Chargers' defense and put a slick backhand past goaltender Chris Adams to make it 7-0.

Cole Christie's shot from the point off assists from Michael Sinclair and Stephen Olschanski then ended the game with 22 seconds left as the de-

fending Division 2 state champions improved to 14-1 on the year.

Irvine tried to downplay his highlight reel goal – which made both ESPN Sports Center's Top 10 along with Fox SportsOne – which was set up by linemates Dominic Lutz and Devin Kelly.

The trio have combined for an astounding 60 goals and 93 assists (153 total points) on the season in just 15 games.

"It started in the defensive zone and Dom moved it up and it went from there," Irvine said. "I tried to get it in the zone, made one good move, deked to the backhand and luckily it went in."

Even Stevenson coach David Mitchell had a hard time explaining Irvine's shifty last-minute second-period move.

"I'd like to take credit for it, but I can't," Mitchell said. "The work ethic of that kid. He's always just handling a puck and off the ice he's just so dedicated. It's something that's not taught, it's developed. He's developed it and all the credit goes to Tyler Irvine. He's a

special player and he's one of those guys you look forward to seeing at the next level."

Lutz, the senior left winger who now has 32 goals and 25 assists on the year, scored the Spartans' first three goals during the first 11:18 of the opening period.

Kelly, the senior center, and Irvine each drew an assist on all three of Lutz's goals.

"That whole line is unbelievable," Mitchell said. "Lutz finishes and Irvine is magical with the puck and can do some great things. And with Devin Kelly, the chemistry between the three is outstanding. They're really clicking right now."

Stephen Olschanski's power-play goal from Jon McDonald and Ray Chartier Jr. made it 4-0 with 3:54 left in the opening period.

That's when Churchill (4-9-2) made a goaltender change, putting in Chris

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Jeremy Langford (right) of MSU runs past Jordan Richards (8) of Stanford and into the end zone for a touchdown early in the 2nd quarter of the 2014 Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. KEVIN W. FOWLER | LANSING STATE JOURNAL

Langford wants more for 2014

Glenn grad puts MSU into national limelight

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Jeremy Langford isn't one to rest on his laurels.

Coming off Michigan State's best football season in decades, the running back from Westland John Glenn thirsts for more.

"I know I want to be better than what I did last year, both as a team and individually," said the 6-foot-1, 206-pound Langford, who rushed for a team-best 1,422 yards. "I have to get better at starting games early and continue to work the game for four quarters, and break longer runs."

After being tried out at defensive back and wide receiver, Langford found his niche carrying the football again during his red-shirt junior

season as the Spartans captured the Big Ten championship and Rose Bowl en route to a 13-1 season.

He rushed for over 100 yards in eight straight games, including a 128-yard effort and fourth-quarter TD to seal the victory over then No. 2-ranked and unbeaten Ohio State (Dec. 7 in Indianapolis).



Langford

And Langford would be the first to tell you that MSU's success came from good old-fashioned hard work.

Little things

"I attribute it to the workouts in the off season and just doing the extra things we've been doing all season," he said. "Just doing more reps and doing that little bit extra as a team and as a group, and knowing it's not going to be easy. The coaches are always harping at 'do one more rep' or do something extra, and do something differ-

ent, something more than the other teams are doing."

Langford rushed for a hard-earned 84 yards on 23 carries and a TD in the Spartans' 24-20 New Year's Day victory over Stanford.

That Rose Bowl victory proved to be icing on the cake, but the win to end the Buckeyes' 24-game winning streak in the Big Ten Championship game left an indelible mark.

"That was one of our goals and it just led to another goal of ours, which was to win the Rose Bowl," Langford said. "If we hadn't beaten Ohio State we wouldn't have known if we'd be in the Rose Bowl, but we did, and it was the same feeling. Finishing that game and winning that game was really satisfying."

Langford had plenty of support in Pasadena. His parents and grandmother, along with his two younger brothers were there to share in the glorious moment.

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Wayne thumps Patriots, 67-43

Carter's 24 power Zebras to KLAA South Division win

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Wayne Memorial delivered an early knockout punch and KLAA South Division boys basketball foe Livonia Franklin spent the rest of the night reeling.

The host Zebras sprinted out to a 24-5 first-quarter advantage and never looked back while posting a convincing 67-43 win.

Wayne upped its overall record to 2-6 and 1-2 in the KLAA South, while Franklin slipped to 1-8 and 0-3.

"We just played hard," said Wayne senior guard DeAndre Carter, who pumped in a career-high 24 points. "Everybody played together. We played as a team. The press messed them up and they couldn't get out of the press. That was the biggest thing for us."

Franklin missed its first 11 shots and committed six turnovers against Wayne's relentless pressure. The Patriots went 1-for-13 shooting during the first eight minutes.

"I think DeAndre said it best,"

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Wayne's Jackie Muhammad (right) hangs in the air defended by Franklin's David Milican. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK



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Elks free-throw champ



Nick Vanderveen, an eighth-grader at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Livonia, placed first in Boys 12-13 age group at the Elks Hoop Shoot district competition Jan. 11 in Flat Rock. Vanderveen, who captured the Livonia Elks event Dec. 7 at the Livonia Community Recreation Center, has advanced to the state finals Feb. 22 in Grand Rapids. AELENE VANDERVEEN

THE WEEK AHEAD

BOYS BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 20
 Huron Valley at Steiner, 8 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 21
 Churchill at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Canton, 7 p.m.
 Plymouth at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Stevenson at Novi, 7 p.m.
 Clarenceville at Annapolis, 7 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Parkway, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Greenhills, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 23
 Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24
 Luth. Westland at Luth. South, 6 p.m.
 Baptist Park at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
 Churchill at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
 Wayne at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Canton, 7 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL
Monday, Jan. 20
 Huron Valley at Steiner, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 21
 Wayne at Churchill, 5:30 p.m.
 Canton at Franklin, 7 p.m.
 John Glenn at Plymouth, 7 p.m.
 Novi at Stevenson, 7 p.m.
 Annapolis at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at Parkway, 7 p.m.
 Greenhills at Huron Valley, 7 p.m.
 Cabrini at Ladywood, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 22
 Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 23
 Stevenson at South Lyon, 7 p.m.
 Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Oak Christian at Luth. Westland, 7 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24
 Plymouth at Churchill, 7 p.m.
 Franklin at Wayne, 7 p.m.
 Canton at John Glenn, 7 p.m.
 Sacred Heart at Clarenceville, 7 p.m.
 Huron Valley at Baptist Park, 7 p.m.
 Luth. Westland at

Luth. South, 7:30 p.m.
 Ladywood at Marian, 7:30 p.m.
PREP HOCKEY
Tuesday, Jan. 21
 Ladywood vs. Canton at Arctic Edge, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 22
 Stevenson vs. Trenton at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
 Franklin vs. South Lyon at Kensington Valley I.H., 8 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 23
 Churchill vs. Howell at Grand Oaks Arena, 6:50 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24
 Stevenson vs. Brighton at Edgar Arena, 6 p.m.
COMPETITIVE CHEER
Saturday, Jan. 25
 Churchill vs. Country Day Southfield Civic Arena, 7 p.m.
(Mich. Metro Girls Showcase)
 Ladywood vs. Northville at City Ice Arena, 11:30 a.m.
PREP WRESTLING
Wednesday, Jan. 22
 Churchill Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 Novi Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 Wayne Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 Brighton Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 Garden City Quad, 5:30 p.m.
 RU, Harper Wds., Crestwood at Lutheran Westland, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25
 Observerland Invitational at Churchill H.S., 9 a.m.
 Annapolis Team Tourney, 10 a.m.
BOYS SWIMMING
Thursday, Jan. 23
 Plymouth at Churchill, 6:30 p.m.
 Franklin, 6:30 p.m.
 Wayne at Canton, 6:30 p.m.
 Stevenson at S.L. East, 6:30 p.m.
GIRLS GYMNASTICS
Monday, Jan. 20
 Livonia Blue vs. Livonia Red at Churchill H.S., 6:30 p.m.
PREP BOWLING
Tuesday, Jan. 21
 John Glenn vs. Northville at Novi Bowl, 3:30 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Marian at Oak Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 22
 Clarenceville vs. Wyandotte

at Merri-Bowl Lanes, 3 p.m.
 John Glenn vs. Novi, Wayne vs. Salem at Vision Lanes, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 23
 Wayne at Novi (Bowl), 3:30 p.m.
 Ladywood vs. Divine Child at Drakeshire Lanes, 3:45 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 24
 John Glenn vs. Hartland, Wayne vs. Hartland at Town 'N Country, 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25
 Tri-County Tournament at Five Star Lanes, 10 a.m.
COMPETITIVE CHEER
Wednesday, Jan. 22
 MIAC Competition at Parkway, 6 p.m.
 Plymouth Quad, 6 p.m.
 Stevenson Quad, 6 p.m.
 Wayne at John Glenn, 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25
 W.L. Western Invitational, 1 p.m.
 Lake Orion Invitational, 3 p.m.
 Northville Invitational, TBA.
PREP SKIING
Wednesday, Jan. 22
 Ladywood Slalom Race at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.
Thursday, Jan. 23
 Ladywood Giant Slalom at Alpine Valley, 3:30 p.m.
MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Monday, Jan. 20
 Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 22
 Flint Mott at Schoolcraft, 7:30 p.m.
 Madonna at Lourdes (Ohio), 8 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25
 Marygrove at Madonna, 3 p.m.
 Schoolcraft at Kirtland, 3 p.m.
WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS
Monday, Jan. 20
 Schoolcraft at St. Clair, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 22
 Madonna at Lourdes (Ohio), 6 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 25
 Marygrove at Madonna, 1 p.m.
 TBA - time to be announced.

PREP WRESTLING

Clarenceville grapplers split

Livonia Clarenceville divided a pair of Western Wayne Athletic Conference wrestling matches in a quad meet at Redford Union. The Trojans, now 6-11 overall in duals, won all but three matches in defeating the host Panthers, 57-24, while falling to Dearborn Fordson, 40-35. Seth Soto (125 pounds), Joey Walker (140), Alan

Baumgardner (145), Domanick Slagle (152), Cameron Fyffe (160), James Ascott (189) and David Curvin (215) all went 2-0 on the night for Clarenceville, which is 1-3 in the WWAC's Red Division.

DUAL MATCH RESULTS
NOVI 39, LIVONIA STEVENSON 30
Jan. 15 at Stevenson
103 pounds: Chris Silva (N) won by void; 112: W. Jackson (N) pinned Jacob Oesterwind, 1:59;

119: Marco Lytwyn (LS) p. Matt George, 1:13; **125:** William Eckerle (LS) p. L. Cleary, 4:48; **130:** Tarik Alcodray (LS) won by major decision over Brent George, 9-1; **135:** Evan Davic (N) dec. Trevor Demers, 2-1; **140:** Sandro Lytwyn (LS) won by void; **145:** K. Benkowski (N) p. Jacob Tennis, 2:54; **152:** Ben Wright (N) dec. Hajdi Hatem, 7-5; **160:** John Hood (N) p. Justice Betke, 3:27; **171:** Connor Vaughan (LS) won by technical fall over George Freeman, 16-0; **189:** Cooper Smith (N) p. Franklin Mettvier, 4-0; **215:** D. Haney (N) dec. Brad Scott, 4-2 (overtime); **285:** Tyler Denski (LS) dec. Steven Davis, 5-3 (OT).
Stevenson's dual match record: 10-10 overall, 1-2 KLAAs Central Division.

PREP BOWLING

Glenn girls bowlers remain undefeated

Westland John Glenn remains on a roll in girls bowling. The Rockets' latest win came Wednesday with a 29-1 victory over Northville at Super Bowl Lanes in Canton. Individual high game scorers for Glenn, now 7-0 overall and 5-0 in the KLAAs Central

Division, included Emily Dietz (206), Olivia Cabildo (203), Jessica Pate (197) and Julia Huren (190). Glenn coach Ralph Cabildo also lauded the efforts this season of Ashley Kolb. "Ashley's average has increased over 20 pins from last year and she is consistently getting better," Cabildo said. "I am very fortunate to have girls that have worked so hard on their game during the off season."

The loss drops Northville to 2-5 overall and 1-3 in the Central.

SPORTS ROUNDUP

Top slap shot

On Dec. 29, Joe Alcantara, a 15-year-old sophomore at Livonia Stevenson High School, finished first among 5,000 contestants to win the fastest slap shot contest sponsored by Bridgestone Tire at the Fan Zone outside of Comerica Park in Detroit. Alcantara, who earned a \$250 gift card from NHL.com, was clocked at 79 mph, the fastest among all 17-and-under contestants.

MU softball camp

Madonna University women's softball coach Jerry Abraham will stage a fundamentals camp from 8:30-11:30 a.m. and a pitching camp (all ages) from noon to 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at the MU Activities Center. The cost is \$25 per session or \$50 for both. You can register at the door. For more information, email Abraham at jabraham@madonna.edu or call

734-432-5612.

Free-throw contest

The annual Knights of Columbus Youth Free Throw Championship for boys and girls ages 9-14 will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 19, at St. Thomas a'Becket Church, 555 S. Lilley, Canton. Registration begins at 1:30 p.m. and the contest is free. For more information, call David Lengel at 734-516-4930.

Future Stars camp

The eighth annual Franklin High School Future Stars spring baseball camp will be from 9-11:30 a.m. (Session 1) and from 12:15-2:45 p.m. (Session 2) on Saturday, Feb. 22, at the high school fieldhouse, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia. The cost is \$30 per session or \$50 for both. Campers must bring a glove, bat and athletic shoes. Each camper will bring a sack lunch for lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. if attending both sessions. For more information, call

Franklin coach Matt Fournier at 734-968-0499; or email mfournie2@livoniapublicschools.org.

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KLAA BOYS BASKETBALL

Upset: Upstart Churchill tops Chiefs, 56-44

Soup's on: Campbell's 36 saves Stevenson vs. Lions

By Brad Emons
Staff Writer

Livonia Churchill made a strong statement in Friday's 56-44 boys basketball win over Canton.

Senior guard Donte Jackson scored 14 points and sophomore forward Joan Andoni added 13 as the Chargers put themselves right in the thick of the KLAA South Division race by upending the Chiefs.

Churchill, now 4-5 overall and 3-1 in the division, roared out to a 20-9 first quarter lead before Canton cut the deficit to 20-20 at halftime.

But the Chargers took control with an 18-7 run and never looked back as junior guard Brett Bonarek came through with all 12 of his points, to go along with five rebounds, in the second half.

Sophomore forward Joan Andoni chipped in with 13 points for the victorious Chargers, who went 6-of-9 from the foul line.

"We came in the first quarter and we executed our offense and our guards really took control of the game both offensively and defensively," Churchill coach Jim Solak said. "We wanted to change the defense up and keep pressure on them. I'm extremely proud of the way the guys played tonight."

Davon Taylor and Jordan Nobles scored 20 and 13 points, respectively, for the Chiefs (7-2, 2-2) who made 7-of-9 free throws.

"Canton's good and they're going to be there at the end of the year," Solak said. "This is a huge win for us. All six of our guards stepped up tonight and just got it done. It was a lot of fun to watch."

STEVENSON 67, SOUTH LYON 65: Noah Campbell was "m-m-m, m-m-m good" Thursday night as the 6-foot-1 junior

guard tallied game-high 36 points as Livonia Stevenson (2-6, 1-2) outlasted host South Lyon (5-4, 2-1) KLAA South Division game.

Stevenson jumped out to a 40-20 halftime lead, only to see the Lions roar back with a 29-7 third-quarter run to take a 49-47 advantage entering the final quarter.

South Lyon then went up by as many as eight in the final quarter, only to have the Spartans rally for the victory.

Campbell connected on nine 3-pointers and made 7-of-11 free throws. Junior point guard Jailen Webber chipped in with 14 points.

"Noah was just sensational," Stevenson coach Brandon Sinawi said. "They (South Lyon) took him out in the third quarter, but guys were finding him because he had the hot hand. He was feeling it. And Jailen was a good complement. He got him the ball."

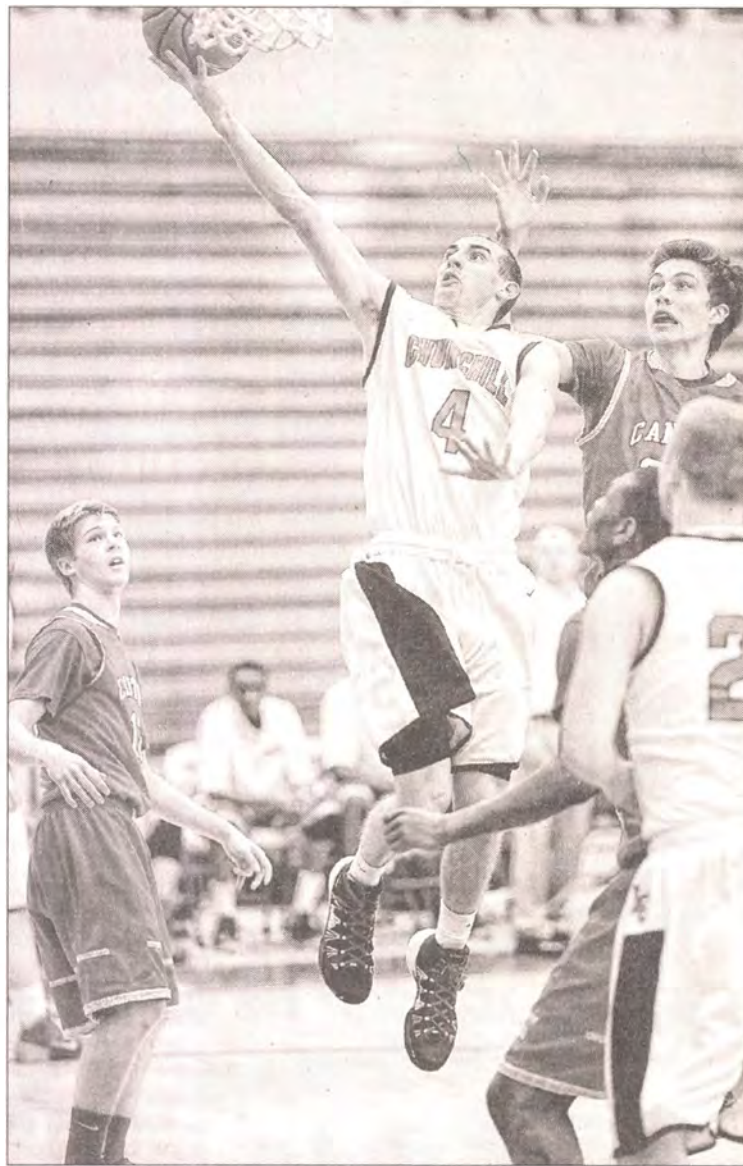
Carter Drazga scored 23 of his team-high 27 points in the second half for South Lyon, which made only 8-of-20 foul shots on the night.

Tommy Averill also chipped in with 14 for the Lions, who missed a chance to tie or win at the buzzer after Stevenson's Devin Kelly split a pair of free throws with eight seconds left followed by a Spartan turnover.

"It was a nice road win," said Sinawi, whose team made 15-of-21 free throws. "It's a tough place to win and I'm proud of the effort."

JOHN GLENN 79, FRANKLIN 37: Senior forward Isaac Everette led a balanced scoring attack with 18 points as KLAA South Division leader Westland John Glenn (6-4, 4-0) cruised victory Friday over host Livonia Franklin (1-9, 0-4).

Mychael Edwards and Jamie Melchor chipped in with 12 and 10 points, respectively, for the Rockets, who led 41-17 at halftime. James Pruitt added nine.



Churchill's Jon Hovermale (No. 4) goes in for two in Friday's 56-44 upset win over Canton. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

Adam Monroe scored a game-high 19 points, while Alex Perelli added 11 for the Patriots.

PLYMOUTH 60, WAYNE 55: On Friday, the host Wildcats (5-4, 2-2) rallied from a 42-35 third-quarter deficit to beat Wayne Memorial (2-7, 1-3) in a KLAA South Division encounter.

Deji Adebisi, who scored 21 points and grabbed eight rebounds, helped orchestrate the

fourth-quarter 25-13 comeback by going 8-for-8 from the foul line.

Three other Plymouth players scored in double figures, including Randall Aikins (15), Brent Davis (11) and Josh Reynolds (10), the latter who made a pair of triples to help spark the fourth-quarter rally.

Wayne got a team-high 16 points from Brian Williams, while DeAndre Carter and Jackie Muhammad added 11

and 10, respectively. Wayne made 8-of-12 free throws, while Plymouth was 18-of-26.

STEVENSON 47, S.L. EAST 43: Junior guards Jailen Webber and Noah Campbell scored 16 and 14 points, respectively, lifting Livonia Stevenson (3-6, 2-2) to a KLAA Central Division win Friday over visiting South Lyon (1-8, 0-4).

The Spartans trailed 25-19 at halftime before going on a 16-8 third-quarter run.

Dorian Watson paced the Cougars with 10 points.

Stevenson was 10-of-14 from the foul line, while East made 7-of-15.

GREENHILLS 67, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 40: A.J. Seltz was the only player to score in double figures Friday with 11 points as host Lutheran High Westland (4-2, 2-2) fell to Ann Arbor Greenhills (6-0, 4-0) in a Michigan Independent Athletic League Red Division game.

Andrew Diehl scored a game-high 18 points for the Gryphons, who pulling away in the third quarter with a 24-13 run after leading 28-20 at halftime.

Rawson Scheinberg and Emmet Kulka added 16 and 13, respectively, for Greenhills, which made 16-of-24 foul shots.

"They really wore us down tonight, mentally and physically," Lutheran Westland coach Jim Hoefl said. "Greenhills really took care of the ball and they just keep coming at you with their pressure defense. They have multiple guys that can handle the ball. They are a well-coached, disciplined team."

Jake Davenport grabbed 11 rebounds in the loss. The Warriors shot only 16-of-52 from the floor (31 percent) and only 7-of-16 from the foul stripe.

"The second half, we couldn't really get much going offensively," Hoefl said. "Yes, the shots weren't falling, but we had a tough time with their full court pressure."

PREP HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Churchill's power play thrives in 5-2 win against South Lyon

Livonia Churchill's power play was clicking on all cylinders Friday night at Edgar Arena as the Chargers scored five times with the man advantage in a 6-3 KLAA Kensington Conference boys hockey victory over visiting South Lyon Unified.

Derek Klisz recorded a pair of power-play goals, while Drew Puihes contributed an unassisted even-strength goal and three assists as the Chargers improved to 5-9-2 overall and 4-3-1 in the KLAA's South Division.

Andrew Sparks, Justin Reinholtz and C.J. Cromie also tallied power-play goals for the Chargers, who outscored South Lyon 5-2 in the second period after being tied 1-1 after 17 minutes.

Nick Misiak chipped in with two assists, while Parker Hodges, Dan Hudy and Cromie each had one.

Dylan Cordes tallied a power play and short-handed goal, while C.J. Myers had the other goal for South Lyon

(1-13, 0-7 KLAA Central). David Turel (18 saves) was in goal for the Chargers, while Justin Zabinski (33 saves) was in goal for South Lyon.

Each team took 10 penalties, including a misconduct.

STEVENSON 5, T.C. CENTRAL 2: Dante Seychel scored twice Friday as No. 1-ranked Livonia Stevenson (15-1) skated past host Traverse City Central in the North-South Showcase at Centre Ice Arena.

The Spartans, who led 3-0 after one period and 4-2 after 34 minutes, also got goals from Dominic Lutz (his 33rd), Ryan Frazer and Alec Allen.

It was also Lutz's 100th career goal for the senior winger.

Goaltender Andrew Rozenbaum stopped 25-of-27 by the Trojans.

NORTHVILLE 6, FRANKLIN 0: Kellan Flayer tallied a pair of goals and goalie Jeremy Onofrio made 24 saves for the shutout Friday as the host Mustangs (10-3-2, 5-2-1) bested Livonia Franklin (2-10, 0-8) in

a Kensington Conference crossover at Novi Ice Arena.

Other multiple point producers for Northville, which led 3-0 after one period, included Buster White (two goals, one assist); Cam LaBurn (one goal, one assist); and Tim Els (two assists).

Franklin goalie Matt Monendo made 16 saves.

"Our guys battled hard and their coach said it wasn't a 6-0 game," Franklin coach Dennis Gagnon said. "We didn't have much puck luck, but the guys continue to battle and good things are still to come."

G.P. NORTH 5, LADYWOOD 3: On Wednesday, Livonia Ladywood (2-8, 2-8) fell to Grosse Pointe North (4-4, 4-4) in a Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League game at Plymouth's Arctic Pond.

Freshman Cristina Rotondo notched two goals and an assist in a losing cause. Jackie Kristofik also had a goal and assist for the Blazers. Other assists went to freshmen Katie Hayward and Devon Kelly,

COLLEGE MEN'S BASKETBALL

Behind Naubert, MU fends off Indiana Tech

It wasn't easy, but the Madonna University men's basketball team chalked up another Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference victory Wednesday night with a hard-fought 78-73 win over visiting Indiana Tech.

Senior NAIA All-America point guard Bobby Naubert (Livonia Stevenson) once again led the Crusaders with 27 points and nine assists.

The 5-foot-10 Naubert made 9-of-12 shots from the floor and 8-of-10 free throws as MU improved to 13-6 overall and 9-2 in the WHAC.

Fellow senior guard Travis Schuba chipped in with 16 points, including 4-of-6 from 3-point range, to become the Crusaders' fifth all-time career leader in points. His two free throws with only six seconds remaining secured the win.

Senior forward Derek Lenen also contributed 13 points off the bench as MU shot 53.1 percent from the floor (26-of-49) and 8-of-14 from beyond the arc.

Indiana Tech (11-8, 6-5), which trailed 35-26 at halftime, got a team-high 27 points from

Jeff Hoskins, while Tanner Watkins and John Cooksey added 11 and 10, respectively.

Ocelots win again

Terrell Sewell (Canton) scored 22 points, while Terrence Coles (Redford Thurston) posted a double-double off the bench with 19 points and 13 rebounds as Schoolcraft College (10-4, 3-1) rallied for an MCCA Eastern Conference win, 91-79, Wednesday over visiting Alpena CC (3-9, 2-3).

The Ocelots, who overcame a 48-42 halftime deficit, also got 13 points and 12 assists from point guard Devonta Riley.

Olushakin Cole (Livonia Franklin) and Joshua Campbell (Livonia Stevenson) chipped in with 12 and 11 points, respectively.

Schoolcraft shot a blistering 53.6 percent from the floor (37-of-69) en route to the win.

Kharri Dailey and Travon Howard scored 23 and 22 points, respectively, for the Lumberjacks. The two also combined for 16 rebounds, while Scott Hicks III added 10 points.

WAYNE

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Wayne coach Mike Schuette said. "I think the pressure got to them a little bit. We were helping one another. We were trapping when we could trap. We took good shots. We had that extra pass for the shot. And we made a couple 'and-ones.' When all the cylinders are going the way they should, good things can happen."

Wayne made 9-of-18 shots from the floor during the opening quarter as Carter scored 10 points, while teammate Brian Williams tallied nine of his 15 on the night.

In the second quarter, Wayne outscored the Patriots 18-14 to take a commanding 42-19 halftime lead.

Many of Wayne's points came as a result of either offensive rebounds or off Patriot turnovers

"Our coach told us to crash the boards and we were going to get rebounds," Carter said. "And we got rebounds over

them." Franklin coach Jeremy Rheault, minus two injured senior starters, lamented his team's play on the boards.

"I heard it was 18-4 (rebounds) the first half," he said. "We couldn't stop them from getting a second shot, a third shot. That's what killed us."

The Patriots also committed 15 first-half turnovers as well.

"Every turnover was key again basically," Rheault said. Things evened out some during the second half, but Franklin never got closer than 17 points.

Charles Keith and Jake Mushinski each scored nine points for the Patriots, who made only 16-of-59 shots from the field (27.1 percent).

"We have major injuries," Rheault said. "I have two seniors, Nick Guest and Nick Mardeusz, sitting out. I moved up two more sophomores. We're very, very young. Skill, height, athleticism ... we're working on that."

"We're young and hopefully our seniors come together with them, and we'll put it together

hopefully."

The only downside to Wayne's victory were the high number of turnovers. The Zebras actually committed more than the Patriots, 27-24.

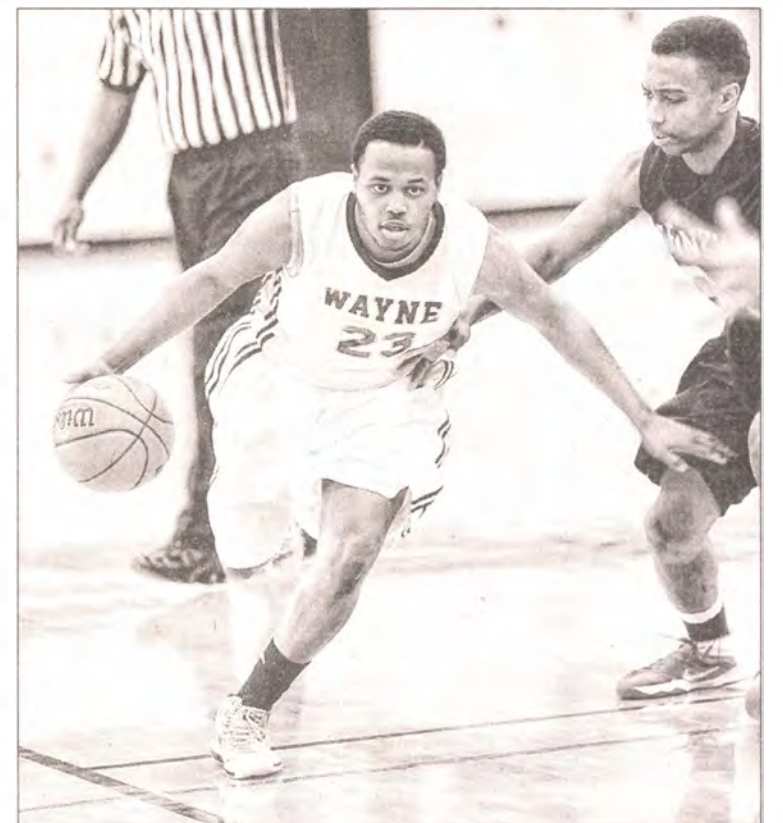
"When we play with intensity like that we're going to make some mistakes," Schuette said. "But I give Franklin credit, they never quit. They forced a lot of the turnovers."

"It wasn't that we just threw them away. They did a nice job in that respect."

Meanwhile, Schuette hopes his team's up-tempo style can lead to better results in the future.

"We always try to do this," Schuette said of his team's constant full-court pressure. "That's our main objective because we're not tall. We don't have the 6-8 or 6-7, but we are quick. I think tonight a bit of confidence has seeped in. They feel they can go up and down the floor 84 feet and still maintain composure and play hard."

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Wayne's Carlos Pernell (left) takes Franklin's Charles Keith off the dribble in Thursday's KLAA South clash. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Indiana Tech stops MU women in shootout, 94-93



Schoolcraft's Alexis Smith (23), a Livonia Franklin High grad, turns the corner in Wednesday's win over Alpena. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Ulyssia Richmond was on the mark Wednesday night.

The 5-foot-9 senior guard poured in a game-high 37 points Wednesday night as Indiana Tech outgunned Madonna University, 94-93, in a Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference women's basketball game.

Richmond had 20 of her 37 points during the first half as the Warriors trailed by a point, 52-51. The Temple Hills, Md., native connected on 13-of-16 shots from the floor, including 7-of-9 from 3-point range.

Senior forward Chelsea Carradine (Redford Thurston) also did her part with 23 points and 12 boards. The 5-9 Carradine was 9-of-14 from the field and 5-of-6 from the foul line as

Indiana Tech improved to 10-9 overall and 7-4 in the WHAC.

Madonna (7-11, 5-6) got a team-high 27 points from Chelsea Williams (Livonia Franklin). The junior also grabbed nine rebounds.

Lizzy Otten added 25 points, including 6-of-7 from beyond the arc, while Tori Duffey contributed 18 points.

Rachel Melcher, despite foul issues, finished with eight points, 13 rebounds and seven assists.

MU played for the final shot and the win, but Molly Knoph (Livonia Stevenson) couldn't convert with only four seconds remaining.

Schoolcraft rolls

Sophomore guard Alexis Smith (Livonia Franklin) scored 21 points Wednesday night to help power host Schoolcraft College (6-8, 2-2) to an MCCA Eastern Conference victory, 76-52, over Alpena CC (4-7, 1-3).

Tabitha Mann (Salem) contributed a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds. Jessica Parry added 10 points and dished out six assists along with teammate Sara Gammons.

Schoolcraft led 38-29 at halftime and outrebounded the Lady Lumberjacks, 46-31.

Whitney Frazier paced Alpena with 17 points and 10 rebounds.

KLAA GIRLS BASKETBALL

John Glenn zips past Pats

Stevenson rallies for division win over Lions

Westland John Glenn got its fast break going during the middle two quarters and rolled to a 77-34 KLAA South Division girls basketball victory Friday night over host Livonia Franklin.

The Rockets, who improved to 4-6 overall and 3-1 in the division, got a game-high 21 points from senior guard Kaira Barnes, while R'Mani Garrard and Victoria McCloud contributed 18 apiece.

Sierra Mosley also added 10 as Glenn led 19-10 after one quarter before going on a 29-13 second-quarter run followed by a 21-1 third-quarter surge.

"We finally got out and ran the second and third quarters," Glenn first-year coach Derrick Jordan said.

The only downside to the Rockets' victory was free-throw shooting (21-of-41).

"Fifty percent from the line isn't going to cut it," Jordan said.

Franklin (0-9, 0-3), which made only 11-of-21 free throws, got nine points from Amanda Sanders and seven from Stephanie Evans.

STEVENSON 55, S.L. EAST 51: Seniors led the way as Livonia Stevenson (6-2, 3-1) rallied in the fourth quarter

for a KLAA Central Division win Friday at South Lyon East (6-4, 2-2).

Rachel Wilkinson scored a game-high 18 points, while Charlesann Roy chipped in with 17. Kyra Johnson added a double-double with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

The Spartans trailed 39-36 after three quarters before outscoring the Cougars 19-12 in the pivotal fourth.

"I liked the way we played, we showed a lot of maturity in a back-and-forth game," said Stevenson coach Jen Knoph, whose team made 12-of-20 free throws.

Gabi Bird and Sydney Jones tallied 16 and 12 points, respectively, for East, which connected on 12-of-18 foul shots.

PLYMOUTH 87, WAYNE 31: Eleven of 12 players scored Friday as the visiting Wildcats (8-2, 4-1) romped past Wayne Memorial (0-9, 0-3) in a KLAA South Division clash.

Kylie Robb scored nine of her 13 points in the opening quarter to lead Plymouth, which led 26-9.

Shelby Cheston and Jada Woody each added 12, while Brooke Senkbeil and Patti Begoske chipped in with 10 apiece.

Senior guard Ashley Bland scored 17 and Shukeina Willis added 10 for the Churras.

CANTON 54, CHURCHILL 9: Rachel Winters tallied 15

points and Paige Aresco chipped in with 12 Friday as the host Chiefs (7-3, 4-0) romped to a KLAA South Division triumph over Livonia Churchill (4-5, 1-3).

Canton led 16-4 after one quarter and busted it wide open with a 19-0 second-quarter run.

Canton was 5-of-9 from the foul line, while Churchill made 4-of-7.

STEVENSON 49, SOUTH LYON 33: Rachel Wilkinson scored 15 points and Amy Freed gave Livonia Stevenson (5-2, 2-1) a spark offensively and defensively Thursday as the host Spartans downed the Lions (2-7, 0-3) in a KLAA Central Division clash.

Stevenson led 28-23 at halftime before outscoring South Lyon 14-2 in the third quarter thanks to a full-court press.

Freed, who scored nine points and grabbed 10 rebounds, helped put the clamps on South Lyon's top scorer Jessica Mehr, who finished with 12 (all in the first half).

"Amy did a great job defensively," Stevenson coach Jen Knoph. "Mehr is a very good player and she (Freed) shut her down in the second half."

Stevenson made only 7-of-18 free throws, while South Lyon was 0-for-1.

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Trojans cruise by Thurston in WWAC Red

Livonia Clarenceville stayed atop the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division with a 41-23 girls basketball victory Friday at Redford Thurston.

Senior center Ayanna Buckley scored 17 points and added five blocks as the Trojans captured their fourth straight to improve to 6-4 overall and 4-0 in the WWAC Red.

Mikala Kieling, meanwhile, was money from beyond the arc connecting for five 3-pointers en route to 15 points.

Thurston (0-9, 0-5), which trailed 23-14 at halftime and 37-17 after three quarters, got 13 points from Megan Abena.

Both teams struggled at the foul line with Clarenceville going 5-for-15, while the Eagles made just 5-of-20.

LUTHERAN WESTLAND 31, GREENHILLS 27: Vivian Quitmeyer and Leah Refenes tallied 12 and 11 points, respectively, propelling Lutheran High Westland (3-6, 2-2) to a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference win Friday at home over Ann Arbor Greenhills (3-2 MIAC Red).

The Warriors, who trailed 17-15 at halftime, rallied in the second half.

"It feels good to get a win," Warriors coach Sandi Wade said. "We've been working really hard at practice to improve on handling pressure. Tonight it showed and it helped us get the

lead at the end and pull off the win."

MERCY 58, LADYWOOD 28: Zora Pullen had nine points and Taylor Jones added eight as state-ranked Farmington Hills Mercy (9-1, 2-1) rolled to a Catholic League Central Division victory Friday over visiting Livonia Ladywood (1-9, 0-4).

The Marlins jumped out to a 17-3 first quarter lead and extended their advantage to 39-10 at halftime.

Ladywood, which dressed only seven players because of injuries, got six points apiece from Amber Riethmiller and Jessica Haseneau.

Mercy made 14-of-23 free throws, while Ladywood hit only 9-of-21. "Mercy is a very good team," Ladywood coach Amber Culloty said. "We're trying to get a little bit better every day, but we're not quite there yet."

LADYWOOD 47, LIVINGSTON CHRISTIAN 15: It took a while, but Amber Culloty notched her first victory as Livonia Ladywood coach Thursday night as the Blazers (1-9) rolled to a non-league victory at Pinckney Livingston Christian.

The Blazers jumped out to a 19-0 first-quarter lead and never look back.

Sophomore Erika Selakowski paced a balanced attack with 10 points for the Blazers.

The host Falcons went 0-for-8 from the line.

PREP BOYS BASKETBALL

Clarenceville's Dooley pours in 35 in victory vs. Thurston

By Ed Wright
Staff Writer

Kimani Dooley was a one-man wrecking crew for Livonia Clarenceville's boys basketball team Friday night against visiting Redford Thurston.

The 6-foot-3 senior forward torched the nets - and the Eagles - for 35 points in the Trojans' 64-55 triumph.

The victory evened Clarenceville's record at 5-5 overall and 2-2 in the Western Wayne Athletic Conference's Red Division. Thurston slipped to 5-3 and 2-2, respectively.

The contest was nip-and-tuck throughout as the Eagles owned a slim 29-27 halftime advantage before the hosts carried a 44-43 lead into the final quarter. Clarenceville outscored Thurston 20-12 down

the stretch.

"We stepped up defensively for the first time in a while," said Clarenceville head coach Justin Johnson. "We played hard for four quarters and we had a good start. It wasn't a great start, but it was a good start defensively."

Dooley's big night helped offset a tremendous performance by Thurston senior post player Otis Kemutambah, who

racked up 22 points and 15 rebounds. Xavier Crofford (10 points) was the only other Eagle to score in double figures.

"We were up in the first quarter, but they went on a roll after that," said Thurston head coach Brian Bates. "They deserved to win tonight, without a doubt. They out-worked us, out-hustled us, out-shot us. They were the better team. We have some work to do."

Dooley's offensive explosion didn't diminish the contributions of several other Trojans, most notably Jermell Johnson (11 points) and Carlon Davis, who scored 10.

Johnson hailed the trio of Jalen Bryant, Jake Kubiak and Brad Davis for their inspired rebounding.

"Dooley just killed us tonight," Bates said. "We couldn't stop him."

IRVINE

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Adams in favor of starter David Turel.

But the Spartans didn't stop coming as Kelly tallied his first goal of the night from Irvine with only 22.5 seconds remaining to make it 5-0 heading into the first intermission.

Adams, meanwhile, kept Stevenson off the board for the first 15:50 of the second period before Chartier scored from the point, with Irvine again drawing the assist, to make it 6-0.

Stevenson added two more in the final minute to ice the victory and improve to 9-0 in the KLAA's Central Division.

It was Stevenson's second straight 8-0 victory over the Chargers, who could get only six shots on goal against Spartans goaltender Andrew Rozenbaum.

"We talked about being prepared and bringing energy," said Mitchell, whose team is ranked No. 1 in Division 2 heading into this weekend's two-game set in Traverse City. "We knew Churchill has been playing really well as of late, so we knew we had to be prepared for this one. And give our guys credit, they were."

Meanwhile, the loss dropped Churchill to 3-3-1 in the KLAA South.

"Really, tonight was more



Stevenson's Alex Hunt (left) fends off Churchill's Andrew Sparks in Wednesday's game at Edgar Arena. DOUGLAS BARGERSTOCK

about mental toughness," Churchill coach Jason Reynolds said. "Stevenson had it tonight and we lost it early on and everything seemed to trickle down from there."

"We put a couple of great games together and beat some very credible teams."

"To come in and put together a performance like this is disappointing, so we have our work cut out to battle back and get a couple of wins this weekend."

The Chargers had no answers for Stevenson's Production Line of Irvine, Lutz and Kelly, who were teammates on the '96 Livonia Hockey Associ-

ation Knights and have known each other since kindergarten.

"It's the chemistry," Irvine said. "I always like giving people goals more than receiving. As long as the team is winning, I'm fine with that. Lutz has a hell of a shot, so does Devin ... try to find them open and it's in the back of the net."

Irvine, however, doesn't shy away from scoring a few himself.

"I love doing that, too," he said. "Either one is fine with me as long as we're winning."

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LANGFORD

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Family support

"My dad (Jeff), said I did a good job," Jeremy said. "He said I earned it and I worked hard for it. He said, 'Don't be satisfied, keep working. Stay healthy and next year be even better. Start early, never be satisfied, stay hungry.'"

Jeremy's younger brothers Deston, a freshman in high school, and Kobe, 12, also have become armchair quarterbackers.

"Deston always is giving me tips," Jeremy said with a laugh. "Every time I see him after the game he's giving me tips. He and my little brother. It seems like they're playing college football, but they help me out a lot. They're going to be honest with me."

Eighteen of Langford's 19 touchdowns came on the ground. He averaged 4.9 yards per carry and proved to be a capable receiver out of the backfield as he finished with 28 catches for 157 yards.

Looking ahead

Langford said thinking about a career in the NFL is premature. He stays focused on playing for the Green &

White.

"Not right now, just got to stay healthy and stay positive," Langford said. "All I'm thinking about is finishing my college career strong and be a little bit better than we were last year. We're satisfied with what we did this year, but next year we want to come out and be better and stronger."

"We want the same attitude. Relentless, hungry and play with a chip on our shoulder. Play for the people who believe in us and even those who don't believe in us. We can play for each other, and as long as we have each others' backs, we'll be good. We'll play hard and be relentless for four quarters."

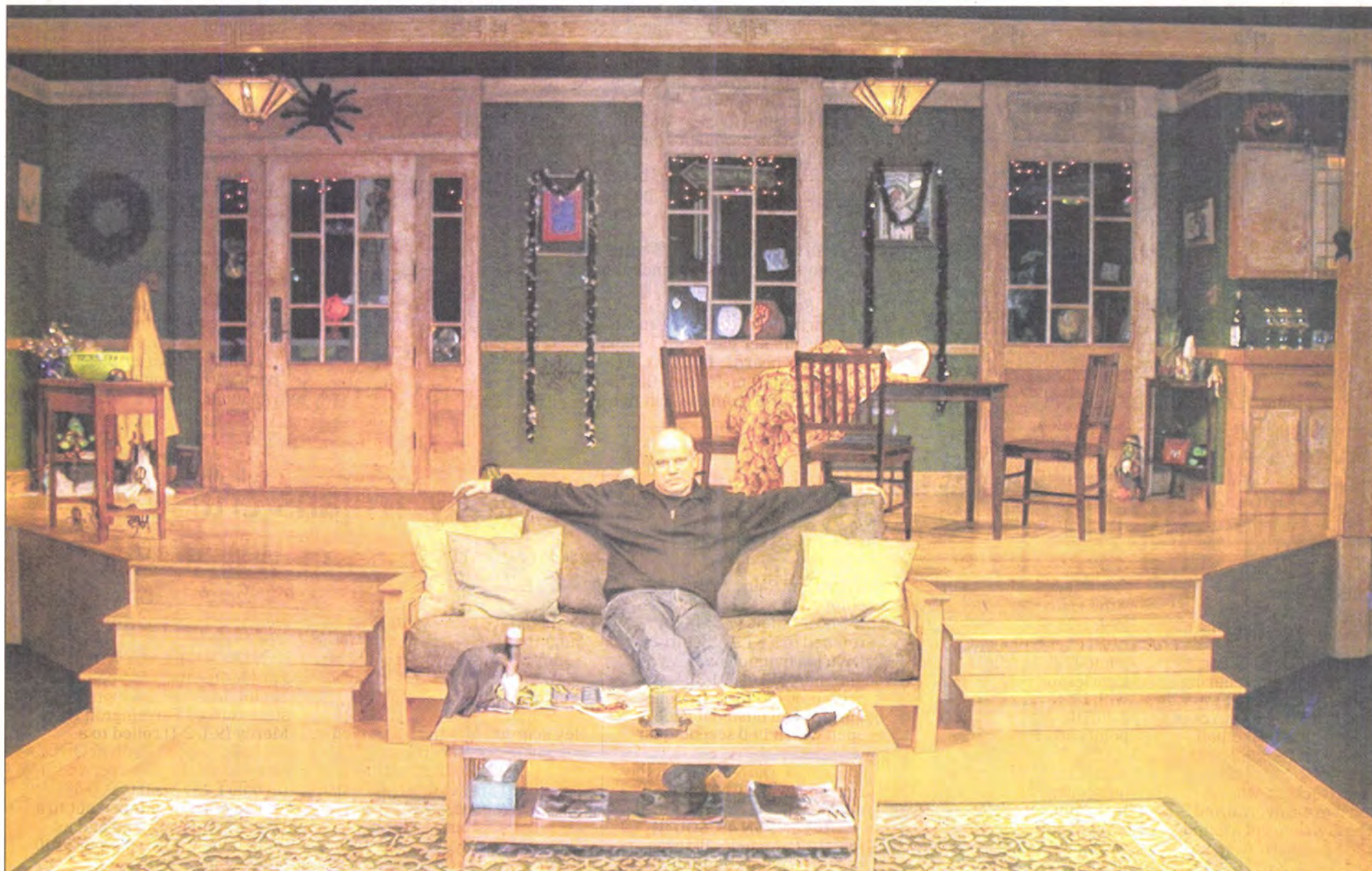
After a couple of weeks off, workouts began again on Thursday and Langford was back in the weight room.

His thirst for success is far from quenched. Focus on the task at hand.

"That's the first thing coach 'D' (Mark Dantonio) talked about," Langford said. "It's the first thing he talked about in the first meeting - don't become complacent. We're happy with our season, but we're not satisfied. Stay hungry and put Michigan State on the map, and be one of the elite teams in college football."

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FROM PLAY TO FILM

David MacGregor on the set of *Vino Veritas* at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea.

Livonia native's movie screens at festivals, on-demand

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

David MacGregor steadily built his writing career over 36 years, working his way up from features editor for the Bentley High School newspaper, the *Echo*, to screenwriter and producer of the 2013 feature film, *Vino Veritas*.

"Writing is a compulsion. A lot of times people ask me, 'Do you have any advice? I want to be a writer.' I tell them unless it's a compulsion, don't bother because you need something to drive you through, because you'll get a lot of negativity along the way."

"You put in the time and one thing leads to another. It's a domino effect. Writing is a solitary profession and you want the work to stand on its own. But that is only part of the battle. You've got to get it in front of people who want to do it. That's where relationships come in."

The Livonia native, who now lives in Hartland with his family, found his way into the filmmaking business by way of the stage. MacGregor is the artist in residence at the Purple Rose Theatre in Chelsea, where his play, *Vino Veritas*, debuted in 2008. The story focuses on two couples who get together for a few drinks before an annual Halloween party. The Peruvian wine they down is made from

the skins of blue dart tree frogs and acts as a kind of truth serum. The couples, dressed in costumes, never make it to the party, but reveal truths as they talk and take photos of each other.

When the Nebraska Repertory Theatre performed the play the following year, it caught the eye of a film director's mother. She sent the script to her daughter, who in turn, contacted MacGregor.

"I talked to the director (Sarah Knight) and we hit it off," MacGregor said. He was charged with adapting the play for film, a challenge because the stage version was set in one room.

"What happens is people look at a play and think this is a good story with good characters and it will be economic to shoot. That's all a plus but the negative is that it's a play and takes place in one location. You want to retain everything that's good as a play, but then there's stuff you have to lose and change to make it more filmic."

He watched movies that were based on plays and asked for photos of the house in Lincoln, Neb., where the film shoot was set.

"I was able to go through the play and think how I could move the characters from room to room, and out to the front porch."



Macgregor

From writer to producer

MacGregor served as a producer on the film, which was shot in 12 days in July 2011.

"When you produce, that puts you in a whole different ballpark. Now you're responsible for the financial side of the film. It's a lot of contracts and accountants, stuff I don't have to deal with (as a writer)," he said. "I would do it again. I know a lot more than what I did before."

Vino Veritas has screened in numerous festivals since its premiere last July in Cape Cod, Mass. Last week, it became available on video-on-demand

platforms, including iTunes, Dish Network and Xfinity, among others.

Meanwhile, MacGregor is working on several other projects, including a film adaptation of his recent holiday play, *Scrooge Macbeth*, and a collaboration with Knight on a romantic drama set in Iceland.

Short stories, plays

MacGregor, who also teaches at Wayne State University, has always juggled work and writing projects.

He graduated from Bentley in 1977 and took film and psychology classes at Michigan State University. After college, he worked at various jobs,

including landscaping, jackhammer and computer operator, while also writing short stories for magazines.

"I happened to see an ad for a one-act play festival at the Livonia-Redford Theater Guild. I thought, I could try that. I did, and I kept going from there."

He continued to write plays for festivals and even assembled a book for Arcadia Publishing on a photographic history of Livonia.

"There's not a lot of writing. The books are photogenic. I scoured the planet for photos, posted notices at the senior center, went to city hall, to Greenmead."

The book was published in 2005, a year before the Purple Rose staged his play *The Late Great Henry Boyle*. Someone at the theater had heard about the play, after it debuted in Sacramento, Calif.

The Purple Rose produced three more of MacGregor's scripts: *Vino Veritas* in 2008, *Gravity* in 2010 and *Consider the Oyster* in 2011. He accepted the artist in residence title in 2010.

MacGregor hopes film goers will see a "a part of themselves" in *Vino Veritas*.

"When people saw the play, and during previews, they said, 'it's like you were listening at the living room window.'"

OUR MENTAL HEALTH

Beware of too much work in the New Year

In Greek mythology, the character Sisyphus was portrayed as having been condemned for eternity to work.

His job was to push a large, heavy ball of clay up a steep hill. No matter how close he came to the top, he would always backslide and have to start over again — forever. In our work lives we may feel like Sisyphus, never "finishing" our work.

In days past, it was different. Our grandfathers generally were employed (except for the farmers) where the "9 to 5" workday was the rule. Now, for us, the rules have changed. Expectations have changed. Taking work home for the evenings and weekends seems to be the status quo.

To some extent, advances in technology share partial



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blame. It seems that the cell phones, computers, and electronic tablets which partly were intended to let us work faster and less, have bitten us from behind and result in us working faster and more. More has become synonymous with faster. This seems true in most fields of work, including the "farmer's fields" with mechanized technological advancements.

The problem is that all this extra work time and pressure to produce causes stress. And stress kills. Whether it is heart attack, stroke, ulcer, broken family, or mental illness, stress

is the No. 1 killer.

Rewarding or oppressive?

One way to look at whether one's work is excessive and stress-related or not, is to consider the degree of satisfaction and reward one gets from work vs. finding one's job a necessity and debilitating.

Sigmund Freud said that mental health is the result of successful satisfaction in the worlds of work and love. To work 70 hours per week at a hated job is one thing, at loved work is another. Is what you do the majority of your working hours your "work" or your "job"?

If you think you are a "workaholic" in a way which is detrimental to your personal health, family time, and happiness, then you probably are.

And you are paying a high price, much more than your paycheck and benefits, for this behavioral pattern. Furthermore, as with any "addiction," the primary symptom is typically denial.

Changing behavior

Consider antidotes. Re-evaluate your priorities, reassess financial needs and desires, plan structured mini-breaks into your day, meditate and practice relaxation. Try just a couple minutes per hour of quiet deep breathing. Decide when you can say "no, enough is enough" and devote time to self, family, exercise, proper eating, rest, and vacations. You are not the "Energizer Bunny," and we all need time to recharge. No one is going to relax for us.

These suggestions, I know,

are easier said than done, but you have to start somewhere. Think about change, talk about modifications in work time, and when feasible, implement changes.

No one ever put on their tombstone nor muttered on their deathbed words such as "If only I had been able to work a couple more hours." As an easy reading resource, consider *Meditations For Men and Women Who Do Too Much*.

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Thought hats were just for little pups? Roxie the great dane takes a snooze in her knitted cap.



Sammy, one of Stacy Karafotis' dogs, looks pretty in pink.

Keep your dog's head warm with a crocheted hat

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Don't be surprised if you notice more than a few fashionable dogs this winter in Garden City.

Stacy Karafotis, owner of Lucky Dog Luxury Daycare and Boarding, began stocking handmade crocheted hats at the "little store" inside her Garden City business last month — and they have been flying off the shelf ever since.

A client, Tracy Milligan of Dearborn Heights, crochets the hats in a variety of colors, topping each with a pom-pom, and adding holes for the dogs' ears.

"We look for locally made products," said Karafotis, a trained veterinary technician who opened her doggy day care last November. "The hats are adorable and handmade. The first lady that bought one came in with a shih tzu that was wearing a pink coat." The woman bought a pink crocheted hat to match.

Karafotis posts photos of dogs wearing the hats on Facebook, which helps spur sales. Hats are available in the day care or by order.

Milligan has crocheted "on and off" since she was a youngster. When one of her friends asked her to make a dog hat, she found a pattern online and then went to work. She ended up making an additional 20 hats for a craft show last month at St. Thomas a'Becket in Canton.

"They sold like hotcakes. Everybody stopped by saying, 'Oh, those are so cute,'" Milligan said. "When Lucky Dog opened I told her about the hats and she said to bring them in."

She made one size for the craft show, but has since created hats to fit small, medium and large dogs.

"Each dog is going to be different. She (Karafotis) has called me to say, 'This dog has a flatter head, or the ears on that dog are lower.' She has helped me to tweak them."

The hats cost \$10. Visit Lucky Dog at 5921 Middlebelt or call 734-261-PETS.

Check out Lucky Dog's website at luckydoggardencity.com. Karafotis takes pride in her staff as well as her facility that offers more than 10,000 square feet of play room, toys, play equipment, resting areas and access to an outdoor area landscaped with artificial turf.

Save the date

Guardian Angel Animal Rescue will hold a bowling event, 1 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 16, at Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Road, Novi.

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For more information, call Sandy at 734-788-6857 or Lisa at 248-705-4751. Or email to guardian_angel_rescue@hotmail.com.

Visit www.gaarmichigan.org.



Annual, online events draw support for Heidelberg Project

By Julie Yolles
Social Scene Columnist

On the night of the Heidelberg Project's fourth annual Fundraiser, "Encore in the D," supporters had already heard the tragic news that a fire had destroyed part of the outdoor art display in Detroit.

The blaze earlier that day had consumed the Penny House, one of several structures in the Project that was started by artist Tyree Guyton 26 years ago.

The fire on Nov. 21, 2013, was one of several last fall that claimed portions of the Project. The OJ House was destroyed in October and House of Soul (aka the Record House) went down in early November. On Thanksgiving morning, fire ravaged the War Room House and Dec. 8, 2013, marked the loss of the Clock House.

"(The Heidelberg Project) is a sacred battleground that must be protected," said Jenne Whitfield, Guyton's wife and Heidelberg Project executive director. "We can't be afraid of defiance or evil."

The fundraiser was held, for the second year, at the Fine Arts Theater in Detroit.

"We need your help and support to believe in the vision of this project. How many of you believe you can change the world?" Guyton asked event attendees. "Damn it, I want to change the world in the city of Detroit."

On the night of the annual Fundraiser, Guyton and Whitfield established an emergency fundraiser, "Art from Ashes: Securing a Legacy" to raise money for improved lighting around the remaining Heidelberg Project houses in Detroit, surveillance cameras and nightly security patrols. By Dec. 21, the online fundraising campaign at Indiegogo.com



Jolia Hill of Farmington Hills (left) and Laura Bassett of West Bloomfield
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Eric Beasley of Bloomfield Hills (left) and Richard Brown of Plymouth



Tunisia Leonard of Detroit (left) and Lanier Alfaro of Canton

ended, raising \$54,280 with matching funds from the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation.

"We're going to do it bigger and better than before," said Guyton. "Together we will secure, rebuild and take this thing to the moon."

With that, look for the for-

mal announcement of a three-year \$3 million capital campaign in the next few months. www.heidelberg.org.

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JUSTIN THOMAS ALEXANDER

Justin Thomas Alexander was born Dec. 9, 2013, at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. Proud parents are Todd and Kim Alexander of Commerce Township.

Grandparents are Tom and Peggy Dubay of Westland, and Carolyn Alexander of Mercer, Pa. Great-grandmother is Mary Jane Wirick of Farmington Hills.



Justin Thomas Alexander

ENGAGEMENT

LYNCH-LINDGREN

Kathleen "Katie" Denise Lynch, formerly of Farmington, and Adam Alexander Lindgren, formerly of Brainerd, Minn., announce their engagement. Adam and Katie met on Venice Beach in California and have been close friends since 2002. While Katie finished college and Adam started his own fossil operation, they decided to pursue a more serious relationship with each other.

Three years later, they settled in southwestern Wyoming where they own and operate two businesses. Katie runs a photography company and Adam, a commercial paleontology company. Katie's parents are George and Denise Lynch of Holyoke Mass. Adam is the son of Thomas Lindgren from Tucson, Ariz., and Janet Bowers, also of Brainerd. They plan a wedding in October in the Detroit area.



Kathleen Denise Lynch and Adam Alexander Lindgren

ENGAGEMENT

STRATTON-FIRMAN

Jessica Stratton and Jeff Firman announce their engagement. The bride-to-be, daughter of David and Wendy Stratton of Garden City, is a 2003 graduate of Garden City High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Detroit Mercy. She graduated from Wayne State University with a master's degree in physician assistant studies and is employed

by the Henry Ford Health System. Her fiancé, son of Bobbi Fedricks of Rochester Hills, is a 2003 graduate of Rochester High School and a decorated Marine who served three tours of Afghanistan. Upon his return to the U.S., he completed a degree in criminal justice at Oakland Community College and is employed as a police officer in Rochester. A September 2014 wedding is planned.



Jeff Firman and Jessica Stratton

Musician to talk about health and performing

Jon Batiste, musician and artist in residence for Athletes and the Arts, will perform and talk about wellness, 6-8 p.m. Monday, Jan. 20, in the South Auditorium at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia.

Athletes and the Arts is an initiative that encourages performing artists to invest time into personal wellness to enhance and prolong careers. Performing artists and athletes are similar in that they practice or perform almost every day with little to no time off, often playing through pain. Batiste, who is in Detroit as part of his first world tour, and Dr. Steven Karageanes, D.O., medical director of sports medicine at St. Mary Mercy and founding member of Athletes and the

Arts, will talk about the link between performing arts and athleticism as well as the importance of health and wellness.

Batiste, a Juilliard graduate, is the founder and leader of Stay Human, an ensemble noted for its world-class music. The members have coined their musical style "social music" for its ability to appeal to people from all walks of life. Batiste also is the artistic director at The National Jazz Museum in Harlem, where he has programmed yearlong educational workshops for hundreds of students.

Admission is free, although registration is required. Call 734-655-2661. St. Mary Mercy is at Five Mile and Levan.



Jon Batiste (second from left) is founder and leader of the band, Stay Human. Batiste will talk about health for performing artists and will perform Monday, Jan. 20, at St. Mary Mercy Hospital.

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Age 78, January 1, 2014. Loving father of Kathryn Lynn Charlton, Jennifer Ann Berz, Elizabeth Margaret May Kaip, Theodore Erik Berz, and Carolyn Marie Parker. Proud grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of five. Dear brother to the late Milton Berz, Julia Logan, Emily Siwula, and the late George Berz. Treasured friend to June and Bob Beers, Bob Carla, and many more. He lived his life to the fullest and will be sadly missed. Theodore Berz specialized in the field of aviation during his entire life from his first flight as a child in the back of his mother's Aeronca tube-and-fabric tailwheel aircraft to flying sleek corporate jets. Over the years Ted provided extraordinary flight training to individuals seeking basic to advanced certificates/ratings. He was passionate about the safety of flight and went above and beyond to ensure student comprehension, meticulous performance to standards and attention to detail in each and every flight. He won trophies in several flight races. He enjoyed playing hockey in his younger years and also enjoyed playing golf. He was a Master Gardener, member of the Experimental Aviation Association Chapter 908 and volunteered in the Sheriff's "Citizens on Patrol" Program. Ted will be remembered as a fine gentleman who genuinely cared about people. He devoted his final years in South Florida to continuing the learning process, volunteerism and giving back to the community. You may view his online memorial site at <http://www.allcountryside.com/book-of-memories/1763611/Berz-Theodore/obituary.php>. In lieu of flowers, etc. donations to Treasure Coast Hospice in memory of Theodore "Ted" Berz are welcome. <https://www.tchospice.org/give-online>. A private Memorial Service will be held in Florida.



CHAPMAN, BETTY ELLEN "BOBBIE"

Passed away in her home in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan on Monday, January 13, 2014, with her children and pets nearby. Bobbie was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 25, 1922 - to Irene and Jack Boydell, and adopted daughter of Art Hoffman, one of the owners of the Detroit Lions, and granddaughter of the owner of Detroit's first 24-hour drug store, Edward Kinsel. Raised in Detroit, Bobbie graduated from Miss Neumanns, and attended the University of Liggett. A life-long sports fan and award-winning realtor for Max Brook, Bobbie was an active volunteer for the Junior League of Birmingham, Cranbrook House and Gardens, Junior League Garden Club, Birmingham Community House, and the International Visitors Council. In addition to other charity work, she was also a licensed pilot, an avid traveler, a vintage Coca-Cola model, and acclaimed Cosmopolitan cover girl in the 1950s. Bobbie loved her family, friends, dogs, cats and birds. Born of German roots, her passion and commitment to those she loved knew no bounds. Always fashionable, Bobbie possessed and routinely exercised the uncanny ability to bring joy and humor to every situation. Bobbie is survived by four children: Sheryl Chapman Kammer (Rick), James P. Chapman, Jr., Caprice Chapman Aerts (Greg), and Randy Chapman (Angela). She is also survived by eight grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, many dear cousins, beloved pets Skylar and Indigo, and legions of friends. A memorial service in celebration of Bobbie's life will be held at Bloomfield Open Hunt Club, 405 E. Long Lake Rd., Bloomfield Hills on Sunday, January 26 at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. A.J. Desmond & Sons 248-549-0500. View obituary and share memories at www.DesmondFuneralHome.com



Cox, Robbie Laydean (Youngblood) "Grammy"

Of Clawson, Michigan, passed away at her home on January 13, 2014 at the age of 91. Robbie was born on January 2, 1923 in Mayfield, Kentucky to Layton and Jessie Youngblood. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond and brothers, Raymond, Merritt, and Jean. She leaves three children, Sherill (Yvonne) Cox, Connie (Dennis) Watson, and John Cox (Sandra Pollard); seven grandchildren, Alicia (John) Jared, Kyle, Derek, Tara (Derek), Katie (Bryan), and Brett (Sara); five great-grandsons; and many other loving family and friends. She was a beautiful person who loved all that came into her life and made sure she expressed it as often as she could. She will be truly missed by all her loved ones. "I love you deeper than the ocean, higher than the sky." Robbie Cox. A Memorial Service is planned at a later date.

Gruber, Virginia Ann Walsh Wilson

89, passed away peacefully on the afternoon of December 7, 2013, in Bingham Farms, Michigan. Her three daughters, Christine Wilson, Carol Wilson, and Roberta Wilson-Page were at her side. Virginia was predeceased by her first husband, Richard Wilson of Birmingham, Michigan who passed away in 1983. She was also predeceased by her second husband, Fred Gruber of Monroe, Michigan, who passed away in 2005; and by her brother Pitt and her younger sister Laurel, who passed away just a month earlier in November 2013. In addition to her three daughters, Virginia was briefly survived by her older sister Martha Marshall of Ft. Myers, Florida, who passed away just two weeks later; by her sons-in-law Jim Hebert and Rod Page; and by her two most beloved grandsons, Neal Wilson Page and Dane Wilson Page. Virginia was born in Pontiac, Michigan on July 1, 1924. After graduation from High School, she worked during World War II at the B.W. Controller Company of Troy. After the war, she met and married Richard Wilson, a young pharmacist of the Wilson Drug Company of Birmingham. They lived in Birmingham, raising their three daughters. Virginia enjoyed travel, entertaining, and was known as a most generous "Aunt Ginny" by many nieces and nephews. As a widow in 1985 she met and married Fred J. Gruber of Monroe. For many years Virginia enjoyed retirement with Fred in Ft. Myers, Florida in the winter and at home in Beverly Hills in the summer. In lieu of any financial donations, Virginia would have simply encouraged everyone to be warm, caring, and generous. She has left this legacy for us all. A cenotaph monument at White Chapel Cemetery will honor her life on Earth.



LARSON HARRIET BRINK

89, of Livonia, Michigan, died at 9:12 a.m. Friday, January 10, 2014 in Normal, Illinois. Her memorial Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday (January 21, 2014) at St. Patrick's Church, Bloomington, IL, with Rev. Anthony Lee officiating. Burial will be at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Friends of the Livonia Library, 32777 Five Mile Rd. Livonia, MI 48154-3045. To express condolences online, please visit www.carmodyflynn.com. She was born July 22, 1924 in Kansas City, MO, the daughter of Paul and Maude Koken Brink. She graduated from the University of Kansas, Kansas City. She married John Larson in 1949 and moved to Montana. She moved many times with her family finally settling in Livonia, MI all the while teaching at various elementary schools. Harriet is survived by her daughter, Lori (Bob) Rariden, Normal, IL; son, Bill (Marcia) Larson, Albuquerque, NM; six grandchildren, Shannon Rariden, Bobby (Elizabeth) Rariden, Madeline Rariden, John (Ariel) Rariden, Phillip Larson, Michael Rariden; and four great-grandchildren, Elijah, Joshua, Daniel, and Dominic Rariden. She is also survived by her younger sister, Ann Seibolt, Lee's Summit, MO and younger brother Jim (Pat) Brink, Red Bluff, CA. She was preceded in death by her husband, John, in 2005 and her daughter, Linda, in 1981. Harriet's love of books and her service to The Friends of the Library is legendary. She was a founding member of The Michigan Friends of the Library and a past President of The Friends of the Library in Livonia, Michigan. She also was instrumental in founding The Book Sale of Livonia Public Library. She had many interests: travel, cooking, and local history. Her many friends will miss her greatly.



McKAIG, LORRAINE C.

Age 88, January 15, 2014. Beloved wife of the late James A. McKaig. Loving mother of Sue (Dennis) Modzelewski, Ellen McKaig and Kathleen (Robert) Parks. Dear grandmother of Jean (Tim) Inman, Steve Parks and Jodie Blankenship. Great grandmother of Samantha and Alex Inman and Sierra Blankenship. Sister of Ann Falcon and the late Wilfred, Joseph, Gerald and Daniel Curley and Helen Skelton. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Aidan Catholic Church, 17500 Farmington Rd., Livonia, Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. The family will greet visitors at 9 a.m. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association. Please share a memory at www.rgrharris.com



RYALL, GERALD D.

Age 83. Beloved husband of Elva. Dear father of Kenneth (Carol), Robert, David (Lillian) and John. Grandfather of Mary, Michelle, Carla, Carrie, Matthew and Annie. Great-grandfather of six. Brother of Lawrence (Georgia). Visitation and Funeral Services were held. Family suggests memorials to the U of M Cancer Center.

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THOMAS, LOWELL "BUTCH"

Age 66, January 6th, 2014 at his home in Howell, formerly of Plymouth. Survived by son Scott (Micki) Thomas, three grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Also sister Donna (Ron) Gordon, brother John (Donna) Thomas, former spouse Nancy McKenzie and many nieces and nephews. Served in the Marine Corp. Vietnam. Burial Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.



QUINN, HUGH

passed away at the age of 90 in Des Moines, Iowa December 24, 2013. Hugh suffered a fall on December 20, 2013, which resulted in a broken hip and a mild heart attack. After several days at the hospital, when all seemed well, he underwent surgery to repair his hip. Although the surgery was initially successful, Hugh deteriorated later that day and suffered a cardiac arrest. Hugh was born in Cambuslang, Scotland February 1, 1923. He immigrated to Detroit, MI with his family around 1924. Hugh served in the US Army during WWII, receiving 2 purple hearts. Hugh retired to West Palm Beach, FL and resided there until his recent move to Des Moines, IA. Hugh is survived by his widow, Margo Quinn, her children-Suzanne Collella of New York, Michelle (Robert) Kimbrell of Des Moines, IA, Mark (Page) Rochon of Washington, DC, 5 step grandchildren, 3 step great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his first wife, Madeline Quinn, their four sons -Michael (Patricia) Quinn of Brighton, MI; John (Mary Ann) Quinn of Gregory, MI; Robert Quinn of Orlando, FL; Dennis (Lydia) Quinn of Berkley, MI, 10 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and by his brother Charles (Elizabeth "Betty") Quinn of Plymouth, MI. Hugh was predeceased by his siblings Frank (Shirley) Quinn, Ann (Jerry) Rancour, Mary Margaret (Hugh) Mclean and his parents William Charles "Charlie" Quinn and Mary Margaret "Molly" O'Neill Quinn. Memorial Services will be held at St. Patrick's Catholic Church 711 Rickett Rd Brighton, MI at 10:30am on Saturday, February 8, 2014.

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Maintain good vision during National Eye Care Month

By Sharon Dargay
Staff Writer

Toast January, National Eye Care Month, with a glass of carrot-kale juice.

Nutrients found in carrots and green, leafy vegetables are said to enhance eye health and vision. Results from a long-term study by the National Eye Institute also have shown that high levels of antioxidant vitamins and minerals can be effective in slowing the progression of macular degeneration, a condition that creates a blurriness or darkness in the center of vision.

"Beta carotene and lutein are good," said Dr. Michael S. Sherman, D.O., an ophthalmologist at Garden City Hospital and Physician Eye Care Associates in Garden City. "But eat a normal, healthy diet. That applies to everything in your life."

In addition to maintaining a good diet, National Eye Care

Month may be a good time to schedule an eye exam.

"I think if a person has risk factors, such as diabetes or a family history (of eye disease), an annual exam is prudent," Sherman said. "The problem with chronic glaucoma is that there are no signs and symptoms and you start to lose peripheral vision, then it goes into the center. When you finally start to notice, it's too late."

Sherman said an annual exam should always include a check of the fluid pressure inside the eye.

"There are two kinds of checks. The noncontact — you feel a puff of air — is not as accurate. The other actually touches the cornea. We numb the eye and people don't even feel it."

He said a complete eye exam also should include dilation and use of a microscope to observe the structure of the eye, blood vessels and optic nerve, visual field testing,



Celebrate National Eye Care Month by getting an eye exam. GETTY IMAGES/STOCKPHOTO

examination of the pupils, and mobility of the eye, in addition to a vision test.

Along with a good diet and eye exam, the National Eye Institute recommends these tips for maintaining good eye health:

» Find out if anyone in your family has been diagnosed with an eye disease. It will help you determine if you are at higher risk for vision problems.

» Maintain a healthy weight to lower your risk of diabetes

and other conditions that can lead to vision loss.

» Stop smoking. Research has linked smoking to increased risk of macular degeneration and other diseases.

» Wash hands thoroughly before putting in or taking out contact lenses. Disinfect lenses before wearing.

» Wear sunglasses with UV protection to block the sun's ultraviolet rays. Wear protective eyewear when playing sports or working at tasks that may endanger the eyes.

» Reduce eyestrain at the computer by periodically looking away and focusing your eyes several feet away for 20 seconds.

Sherman said looking too long at a computer screen or working in dim light won't damage eyes but "it's just easier" to see in brighter light or to give eyes a rest occasionally.

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BABY CARE BASICS

Learn about bathing, feeding, developmental stages, immunization schedule, identifying illnesses, choosing a pediatrician, medications, child care options, choosing a baby sitter, safety-proofing your home, and more, in a three-hour baby care class, 6 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, at Botsford Hospital, 28050 Grand River Ave., Farmington Hills. Cost is \$35. Call 248-888-2500 to register or visit botsford.org.

CELIAC SUPPORT

Steven Fisher, a clinical psychologist, will present "This is harder than I thought — coping with the psychological aspects of eliminating gluten," at the next meeting of Tri County Celiac Support Group. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will start at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington; tccsg.net.

COOKING PROGRAM

Learn how to make healthful, slow-cooked stews, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 23, at Busch's, 37083 Six Mile, Livonia. Chef Rebecca Wauldron will lead the class, which is co-sponsored by Botsford

Hospital, offering recipes, samples, cooking tips, and nutritional advice. Cost is \$10. Tickets are available from Busch's guest services counter or by phoning 734-779-6100.

DRUG SERIES

Dawn Farms-sponsored programs at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Education Center Auditorium, 5305 Elliott Drive, Ypsilanti:

» "Teens Using Drugs: What To Know and What To Do," a free, ongoing, two-part workshop series, is set for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 4 and 11. The first part will provide information on understanding and recognizing teen substance abuse problems; the second explains what should and should not be done when a teen substance abuse problem is suspected or identified.

» Tana Bridge, Ph.D., will talk about "Trauma and Chemical Use and Addiction," 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 18. She'll explain the impact trauma has on the brain, on coping and subsequent substance use, and how to aid individuals struggling with trauma and addiction.

» Mary Jo Desprez, M.A., will provide an overview of the national and local efforts to build recovery support programs on college campuses, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25.

Call 734-485-8725, or email info@dawnfarm.org.

HEARING LOSS SUPPORT

Learn about hearing aids at the next meeting of the Hearing Loss Association of America, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 12, at Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, Garden City. The meeting also will include an open forum on dealing with the problems associated with hearing loss. Questions? Call Tony at 734-664-3297 or email afcrack@comcast.net.

HEART SEMINAR

Women can attend a free seminar, "Women & Heart Disease," sponsored by Henry Ford Hospital next month and learn about differences in symptoms, expert resources available, and ways to reduce risk. Seminars will be held noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3, in the staff dining room at Henry Ford Hospital, 2799 W. Grand Boulevard, Detroit; and noon to 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7, in the lower level conference room at Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, 6777 W. Maple, West Bloomfield. Register by calling 800-532-2411; www.henryford.com/february.

PARKINSON SERIES

A two-week series, "Living With and Understanding Parkinson's Disease" will be held 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 15 and 22, at the Hannan House, 4750 Woodward, Detroit. Speakers will include Dr. Edwin B. George, M.D., Ph.D., a neurologist and movement disorder specialist from Wayne State University and John D. Dingell VA Medical Center; Dr. Hazem A. Eltahawy, M.D., Ph.D., a neurosurgeon from Wayne State University School of Medicine; Dennis Parker, Jr., doctor of pharmacy, from Wayne State University College of Pharmacy; Richard Merson, Ph.D., speech and language pathology at William Beaumont Hospital; and Jean Remlett, occupational therapist from the Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan. Individuals who have been living with Parkinson's as a patient and as a care partner also will provide practical suggestions, guidance and motivation. No fee, but registration is required. Call the Michigan Parkinson Foundation at 248-433-1011 or 800-852-9781.

PERIPHERAL ARTERY DISEASE

Dr. Patrick Alexander, M.D., will talk about peripheral artery disease 6-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, in the Fisher Audi-

torium at Providence Hospital, 16001 W. Nine Mile, Southfield. Alexander, a cardiologist, will explain how PAD is related to risk of heart disease and stroke, how it is diagnosed and treated. Register by calling Senior Link at 888-751-5465.

TAI CHI

Tai Chi combines aerobics, flexibility, balance, and weight-bearing exercise with deep breathing and meditation through a relaxed series of movements. Classes run 6-7 p.m. Tuesday in the community room at Westland Shopping Center, 35000 W. Warren Road, Westland. Five classes cost \$40; 10 are \$70 and 15 are \$100. Drop-in at \$10 per class. For more classes in the Garden City Wellness Series, visit gch.org or call the Health Enhancement Center at 734-458-3242.

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Ask A Garden City Hospital Health Expert



Dr. Harber
Cardiology

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women. But who is actually at greater risk? And, what role does race play in your chances for heart failure? Cardiologist and GCH Health Expert, Dr. Daniel Harber, explains how this highly preventable disease, affects everyone differently.

Q: How is heart disease in women different than heart disease in men?

A: As much as we strive for equality between men and women, sometimes we can't all be treated the same. In fact, when it comes to cardiovascular health, treating women differently is a positive move which could save lives. For both genders, chest pressure is the most common symptom of heart disease, however women may experience shortness of breath, jaw pain, headaches, nausea, fatigue and upset stomach (which we call atypical symptoms of heart disease), more commonly than men. Men are more likely to show signs of heart disease at a younger age. Yet, women who have a heart attack under the age of 50 are twice as likely to die compared to men who suffer one at a similar age.

Smoking is another factor in heart disease. While bad for both, female smokers are 25% more likely to develop coronary artery disease than male smokers.

Q: What role does diabetes play in heart health?

A: While diabetes is bad for men, it's worse for women. Diabetes can greatly increase anyone's risk of dying from heart disease, but heart problems are more likely to be fatal among diabetic women. In fact, complications due to any other health problems are more common in women. Because women usually develop cardiovascular disease at a later age than men, they may suffer from additional diseases or health issues that interfere with treatment or recovery. This means doctors may need to look beyond treatments they normally prescribe for male patients.

Q: Are certain races more susceptible to heart disease?

A: Heart disease is a hereditary condition therefore family history plays a larger role than race does. If your parents have heart disease, you stand a higher chance of getting it too. Secondary health issues, such as diabetes, can have a significant impact on heart health.

Currently, African Americans have a higher death rate for heart disease than Caucasians. Hawaiians, American Indians and Mexican Americans also have a higher propensity for heart disease. Incidents of obesity and diabetes are also higher in these groups.

Remember heart disease is almost always avoidable. Eat right, stop smoking and get active! Join Dr. Harber for "To the Heart from the Heart" a FREE Lunch and Lecture on Saturday, February 8 at 1 p.m. at Westland Mall. Learn how to take care of your heart for life. Lunch, giveaways and health screenings included.

Are you struggling with your New Year's resolution? Want to learn what you can do to prevent diabetes and keep your heart healthy? We have the program for you! Attend Garden City Hospital's free Diabetes Prevention Orientation Meeting on Tuesday, January 21 at 4:30 p.m. For more information, call 734.458.4330.

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The questions to ask yourself before starting a job search

By Debra Auerbach
CareerBuilder writer

Looking for a job isn't easy. It takes time, patience and a lot of work. If you're starting a job search, it may be tempting to jump right in, but if you don't take some time to reflect on what you want and how you want to get there, you may end up taking your job search in the wrong direction.

Before you begin looking for a job, ask yourself some questions that will help you get a clearer picture of what you're looking for, what skills you can contribute to a company and what kind of job can help you achieve your career goals.

Not sure what to ask? Here are some questions to consider:

Why am I starting a job search?

This should be the first question you ask yourself. While you may think it's an easy one, getting to the root of why you're looking for a job can help you determine whether you're job searching for the right reasons. "If you are fresh out of school or unemployed, it's not an issue. But what if you are employed and just unhappy with what you are doing?" says Bruce A. Hurwitz, President and CEO of Hurwitz Strategic Staffing. "I have had a number of career counseling clients come to me thinking they wanted a new job but left realizing all they wanted were new responsibilities. They all stayed on the job, got new responsibilities, and they, and their bosses, were quite happy."

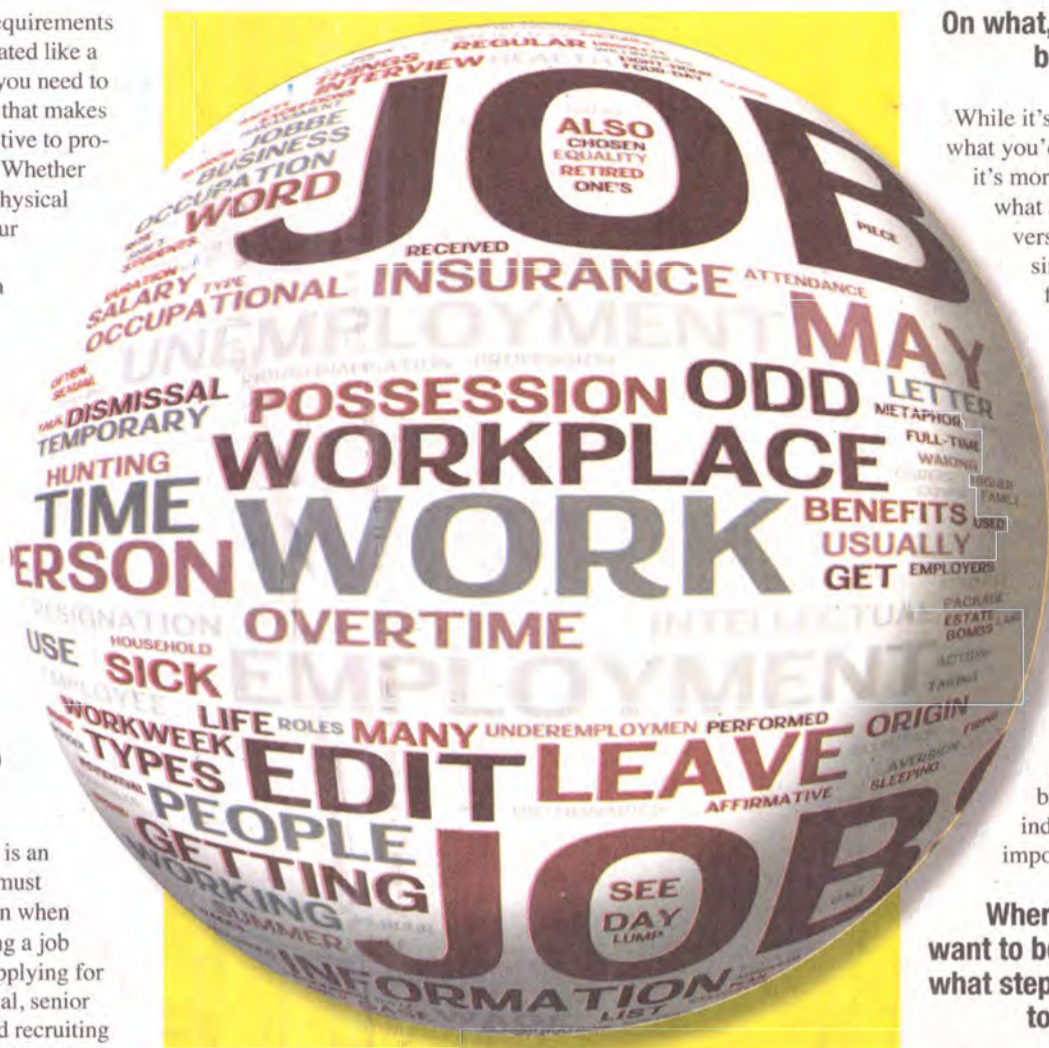
What value do I bring to potential employers?

Kimberly Robb Baker, certified résumé writer and job-search strategist, says that if you stick to only showing how

you meet the basic requirements of a job, you'll be treated like a commodity. Instead, you need to think about what it is that makes you unique and attractive to prospective employers. "Whether your background in physical education informs your HR candidacy with a unique perspective on employee wellness programs or your coding knowledge makes you an IT manager who can speak engineers' language, you have something to offer that goes beyond the basics. Find it and express it."

What type of corporate culture do I want to work within?

"Corporate culture is an important factor one must take into consideration when not only contemplating a job offer but also when applying for jobs," says Jesse Siegal, senior managing director and recruiting expert of recruitment firm Execu-Search. "Therefore, before applying to jobs, you need to take some time to reflect on what you are looking for in a workplace. Some valid questions to ask yourself include: 'Do I need an employer who will permit me to work a flexible schedule? Am I okay with having to work long hours in a competitive environment? Do I prefer to work on more collaborative teams or do I prefer working independently?' Once you have these answers, when applying and interviewing for jobs, you'll have a better idea of what to look out for and what questions to ask the employer to learn more about an organization's corporate culture."



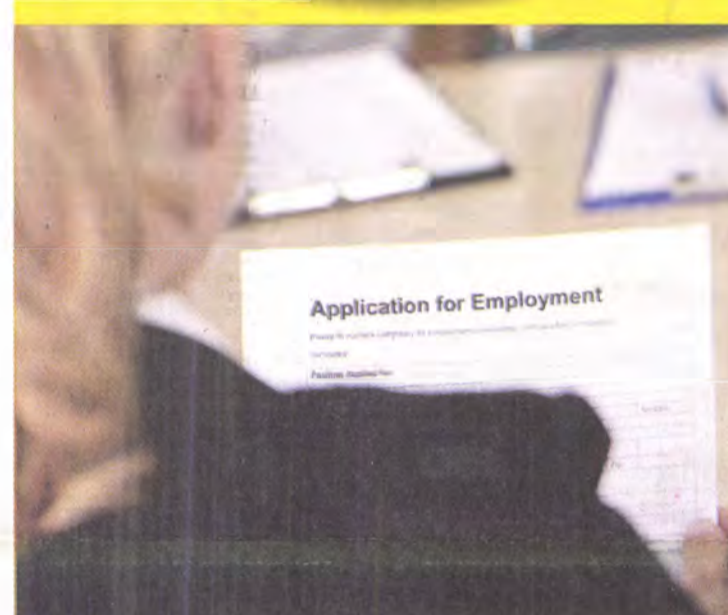
On what, if anything, can I be flexible?

While it's good to think about what you'd want in an ideal job, it's more realistic to consider what are "nice to haves," versus "need to haves," since no job will be perfect. "What is a must-have? This will help you decide if a job offer is worth taking or passing on," says Laurie Berenson, career strategist, certified master résumé writer and president of Sterling Career Concepts LLC. "Location? Industry? Job function? Hours? Salary? Perhaps you're willing to take a low salary to break into your desired industry. Prioritize what's important to you."

Where do I ultimately want to be in my career, and what steps do I have to take to get there?

"Most people need several 'stepping stone' positions to reach their ultimate goal," Berenson says. "This is especially true of younger job seekers. The job you accept tomorrow may not be your dream job, but if it's getting you into your desired field or industry or is with a reputable employer, consider it a stepping stone to where you ultimately want to land. You can't expect to get there overnight."

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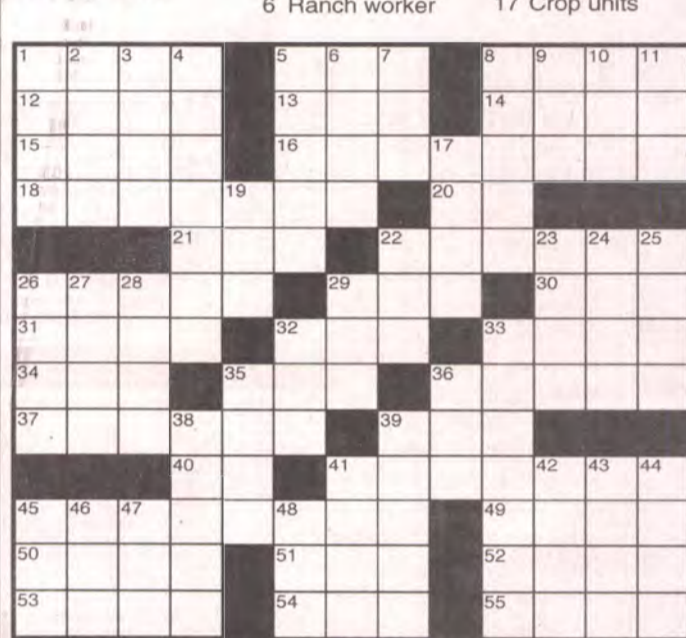
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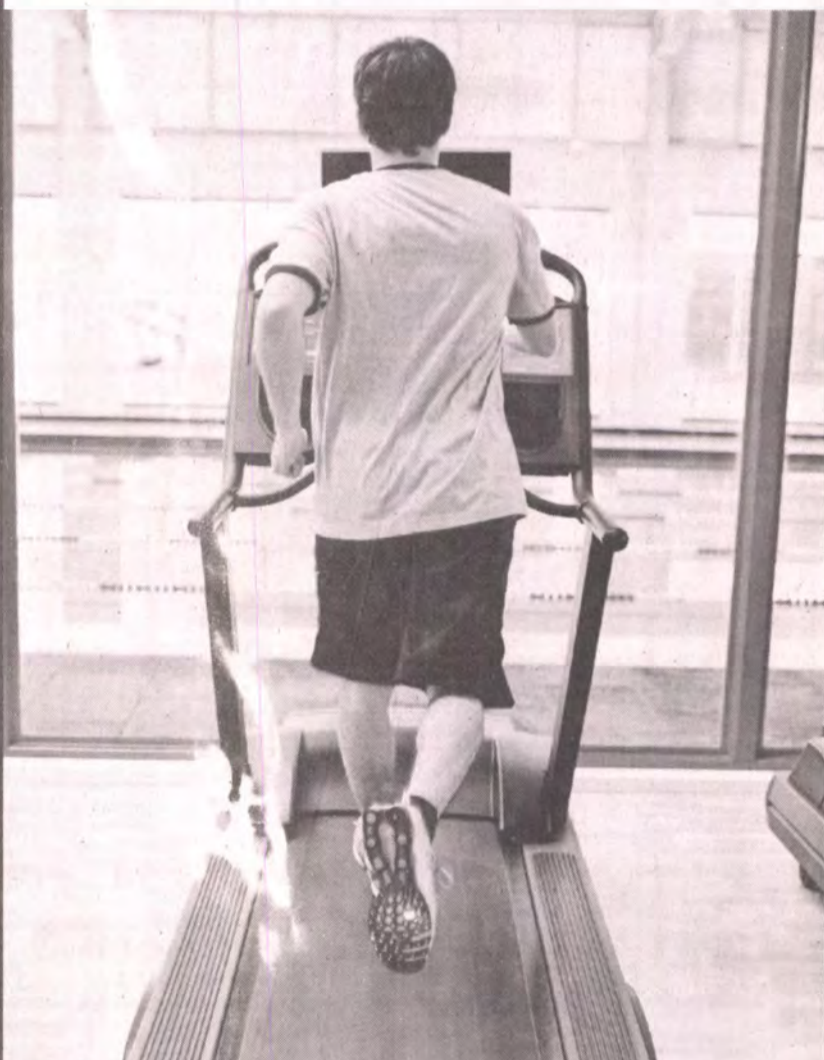
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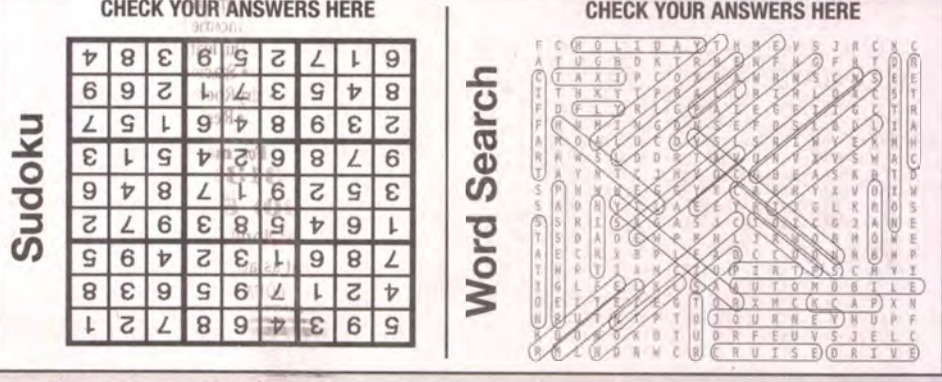
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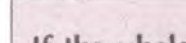
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And well they should be: General Motors, Ford and Chrysler each made huge impressions on global auto media and their followers, and each in very different ways.

Chevrolet executives were giddy after two of their most important new models swept the industry's coveted North American Car of the Year and Truck/Utility of the Year awards, bestowed by a panel of dozens of automotive journalists who have regular exposure to new vehicles each year. Entries are judged on factors including innovation, design, safety, handling, driver satisfaction and value for the dollar.

The Chevy Corvette Stingray was named Car of the Year, and the Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck copped Truck of the Year honors, the first time Chevy has won both awards in the same year. Silverado was last named Truck of the Year in 2007 and the Corvette was last named Car of the Year in 1998.



Chevrolet's two winners: Silverado and Corvette Stingray.

Silverado outpointed the second-place finisher for Truck/Utility of the Year, the new Jeep Cherokee, with 219 points to 174 points. The third-place finisher, Acura MDX, garnered 97 points. Among cars, the Corvette outpointed the other two finalists with 211 points to Mazda's 185 points and Cadillac CTS' 94 points.

Meanwhile, Ford executives were on the offensive as they introduced the world's most significant aluminum-framed vehicle, the new Ford F-150 pickup truck, and ticked off stat after stat about the company's burgeoning position and success in the U.S. and global automotive markets.



The new aluminum-based Ford F-150.

The new 2015 Ford F-150, to go on sale sometime this year, represents for Ford not only the crucial newest version of America's best-selling vehicle but also the manifestation of a huge technological bet encouraged by CEO Alan Mulally.

When the truck debuts, not only will it be the newest entry among the Detroit Three pickup-truck segment but also, with the aluminum frame, the new F-150 could be perceived by truck buyers as a whole generation ahead of the competition.

Ford executives touted the new F-150 for advances such as a new body and load bed made almost entirely of an aluminum alloy that allowed the vehicle to shed as much as 700 pounds compared with the current version.

The new F-150 also will feature class-exclusive LED-headlights and taillights, a class-leading-size moon roof, a 360-degree-view exterior camera and an 8-inch "productivity" screen on the dash for infotainment purposes, among other advancements.

Chrysler was able to count at least two things that augured well for 2014: a robust new version of its Chrysler 200 sedan, and an indication that its charismatic CEO, Sergio Marchionne, will stick around for a while.

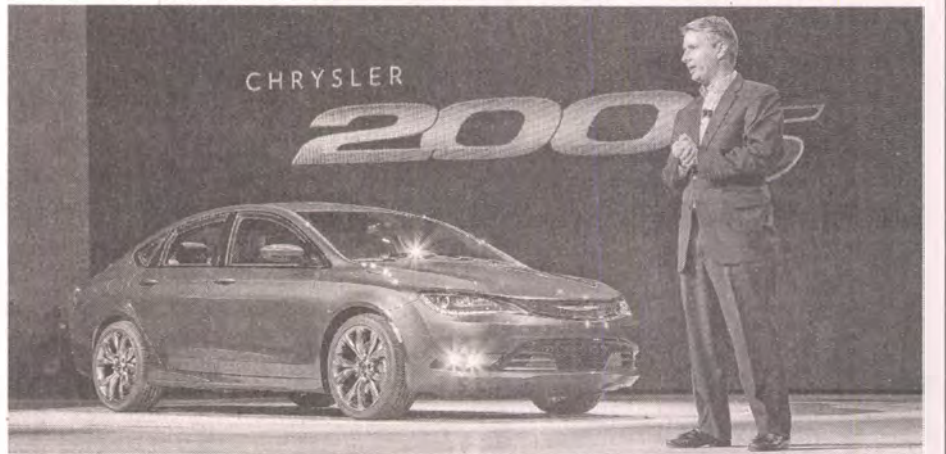
Marchionne indicated that he'll stay at least three years with the combined Fiat-Chrysler after serving as the master architect of the company as it has been cobbled together so far after the 2009 bailout. Marchionne's vision and charisma are widely credited as key factors in Chrysler's ability to come back even as Fiat continues to be hampered by the European market.

Meanwhile, the 200 was last fully redesigned when George W. Bush was president. Only the iconic Super Bowl commercial of 2011, starring Eminem, breathed enough life into the vehicle for it to survive this long in a segment that has gotten very competitive in the US market lately.

Chrysler brand president Al Gardner called the new 200 Chrysler's "flagship" sedan at the North American International Auto Show as Marchionne, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow (D-Mich.) and other luminaries looked on. He promised the new model "will redefine the brand" as the company beefs up its Chrysler lineup.

"A lot of people won't see this coming," Gardner said, promising that Chrysler had "designed a car to challenge every other car in its segment" with the aim of trumping the competition in three important ways: "flawless" quality, a "new level of design and elegance" and an "attainable" price that begins at \$21,700—or about \$95 less than the entry-level price of the 200 model it replaced. Chrysler also has invested more than \$1 billion in refurbishing a Michigan plant to build the car.

Now that Marchionne is free to finish molding Fiat-Chrysler after the company recently purchased the final remainder of Chrysler owned by the United Auto Workers, Chrysler is expected to be able to shore up its Chrysler-brand product line. The new 200 should give it a good head start.



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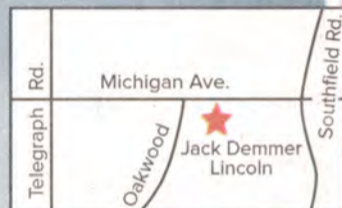
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