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Suspects in killings bound over

After exam, three will be
arraigned next week

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Raymond Terry remembers having Kobi Taylor over to his home Feb. 5, the night of the Super Bowl. It was a normal evening, with several people over to watch the thrilling game that eventually went into overtime.

Afterwards, he said, he remembers Taylor trying to get him to come along on a potential marijuana transaction in Westland.

"He mentioned about me going to pick up weed with him, and I told him, 'no,'" the 19-year-old said.

Police say it was during that weed transaction that Taylor, 19 and homeless, and two other individuals, were involved in an incident that resulted in two people being shot to death near Norene and Treadwell in Westland.

Those three individuals — Dominik Charleston, 19, of Romulus; Amber Tackett, 17 of Taylor and Taylor — were all bound over Friday afternoon on several criminal counts stemming from the incident that took place in the early morning hours of Feb. 6.

Charleston faces two counts of first-degree murder, two counts of felony murder, two counts of armed robbery and one count of felony firearm.



See EXAM, Page A2 Defendants Dominik Lou Charleston and Kobi Austin Taylor listen to witness testimony. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Sandhi Rosa serves a cup of coffee to Harry Glasson, of Livonia. Harry has been a regular customer for 40-50 years, and remembers when Bates was open all night. He remembers dining at Bates at 3 a.m., after a New Years party. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Memorial teacher wins Touchstone award

Wayne Memorial High School teacher Kevin English has been selected by the Michigan Council of Teachers of English as the 2017 Touchstone Award Recipient (Creative Writing Educator of the Year).

This award recognizes high school creative writing teachers. Kevin Weber, Wayne Memorial High School principal, nominated English for the award.

Weber noted English's dedication to children, equality, reading and excellence in teaching creative writing.



English

"I think my favorite thing about Creative Writing at Wayne Memorial has been getting to craft real pieces alongside students. Every day, we talk about genre, audience and purpose. We're analyzing writing for their content and their craft, and we're studying mentor texts every day to learn from other writers," English said. "We're also trying hard to develop the lifelong habits that so many writers have in common by writing every day, by sharing our writing and receiving feedback, and by taking real risks and seeing what happens. I see this award as a celebration of the sometimes grueling work that writing is, and I'm hoping to encourage more students to sign up for Creative Writing in the future. Writing is more than just a thing we do; it can be part of our identities."

English is in his fifth year of teaching at Wayne Memorial High School. He has taught English 9, English 10, Science Fiction & Fantasy, and Creative Writing. During his time at WMHS, he has served as a teacher leader for his building's Reading Apprenticeship team, as a building representative for the Wayne-Westland Education Association, and most recently became one of the directors of his building's mentoring program, Champions of Wayne. He is one of the inaugural members of the International Literacy Association's "30 Under 30."

English will be honored at the Touchstone Award Ceremony at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in Kalamazoo on May 19. He is also a candidate for Michigan Teacher of the Year.

SLIDER SHOPS ARE STILL GOING STRONG AFTER ALL THESE YEARS

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Coney dogs are typically seen as the quintessential Detroit comfort fare. But Kelly Cobb, a manager at Hunter House Hamburgers in Birmingham, will contend that main food is another greasy treat: the slider.

"It's a local institution. It's just a distinctly Detroit thing," the Royal Oak resident said at the restaurant on Woodward Avenue. "If you go anywhere else, everyone says, 'oh, sliders like White Castle,' and you go, 'no, not really.' Nobody does it the way Detroit does it."

No matter what the preference, there's a longtime slider stand somewhere that can be found throughout the region. Be it Hunter House, Bates Burgers, Greene's or The Telway, these little hamburger stands serving up patties with fried onions, pickles, ketchup and mustard dating back to the 1950s have built on a life of their own. And despite the abundance of options for fast burgers in the 21st century, sliders are still going strong decades later.

It's the nostalgia for the



Hunter House's most popular item: two cheeseburgers with fries. JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

good ol' days that have kept so many slider businesses up and running, according to Kevin McCown. McCown is one of the "Michigan Burger Boys," who have traveled the state in

search of a great patty. Calling himself the website's slider enthusiast, they've reviewed several stands across the region.

Combine the feel of going

back in time and sitting at a stainless steel counter, along with the (relatively) inexpensive price for many of the

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John Glenn senior a national merit finalist

Ben Biber, a senior at John Glenn High School, has been recognized as a National Merit Scholarship finalist. There are 15,000 high school seniors nationwide and 578 in Michigan who have been named finalists.



Biber

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Federal judge charged with sexual assault

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A federal administrative law judge is facing sexual assault charges in Livonia after prosecutors say he groped a woman at an office in the city.

The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office announced Thursday afternoon that Judge Henry Perez, 74 of Novi, would

be arraigned Friday morning on three counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct, all misdemeanors. The prosecutor's office said the complainant, a 33-year-old Pontiac woman, was working the evening Dec. 28, 2016, in the Social Security office at 19575 Victor Parkway in Livonia when Perez called her into his office.

Once inside, the prosecutor's office said it is alleged Perez made sexual contact with her by touching her body against her will.

Perez is a federal administrative law judge for the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review. He is currently on leave from the position, according to the prosecutor's office.

He was set to be arraigned in Livonia's 16th

District Court. If convicted, he faces up to two years in prison.

"These allegations are very troubling," said Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy in a statement. "This type of charged behavior will not be tolerated no matter your station in life."

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EXAM

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Both Taylor and Tackett are charged with two counts of felony murder, two counts of armed robbery and one count of felony firearm. If convicted, all three face a maximum of life in prison.

The charges stem from the deaths of Jordan Baker, 19, of Wayne, and Howard Wick, 35, of Westland, who were both discovered dead in the neighborhood after what authorities say was a drug deal gone bad. Both Wick and Baker, who had several family members in the courtroom wearing "RIP Jordan" T-shirts, were found dead with gunshot wounds outside in the neighborhood.

The three were bound over after a preliminary examination that took place Friday in Westland's 18th District Court before District Judge Sandra Cicirelli. Sgt. Robert Kenyon of the Westland Police Department testified about what he saw when he arrived to the area, including Wick's body laying on the ground. He said his pockets had been turned out, and later found a bag of what appeared to be marijuana laying nearby.

He said he spoke to Baker's father, who was unaware of his son's whereabouts. "He wasn't sure where his son was at," Kenyon said.



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Judge Sandra Cicirelli listens to testimony from Westland Police Sgt. Robert Kenyon describing the exit wound on one of the victims.

Melissa Uresti, who was living at a home in the neighborhood that night, testified she heard three gunshots outside. She said she and her husband then ran outside and saw a body lying on the ground. It was then when she said her husband told her to call the authorities.

"He said, 'someone's been shot, call 911,'" Uresti said. The three are sent to be arraigned on the charges at 9 a.m. this upcoming Friday in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice. They remain locked up in the Wayne County Jail without bond.



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Defendant Amber Marie Tackett speaks with attorney Cliff Woodards.

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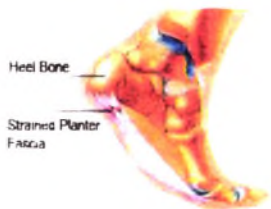
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burgers and the stories from family members passed down through the generations, and it creates a culture all its own. "You go in there, and it's like you're stepping back in time," the Canton resident said. "Outside of the metro Detroit area, I've never come across anything like the slider."

Seeing such a hamburger place was eye-opening for Farmington Hills resident Amanda Seppala, who recently moved to the area about a year ago and who grew up in west Michigan. It wasn't until she moved here she discovered Bates Hamburgers at Nine Mile and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills and Greene's Hamburgers at 10 Mile and Orchard Lake in Farmington.

Now, she's hooked. "I try and limit myself to go only once a couple of weeks," she said. "It's cheap and it's delicious and it's fast. It's better quality than McDonald's."

All about family

Perhaps the biggest draw back to the slider counters is a sense of loyalty through family. These stands see plenty of activity, especially around family gathering times such as Christmas, Thanksgiving and events like the Livonia Spree, Founders Festival or Woodward Dream Cruise.

Lorrie Berlan said it's not uncommon for them to hear stories of people coming from out of town stopping at the Livonia Bates Hamburgers restaurant at Five Mile and Farmington heading to or from Detroit Metropolitan Airport, seeking a cheeseburger and fries.

She said the restaurant has gotten accustomed to at least one family who makes the trek to the hamburger joint after their holiday celebrations.

"For the last 10 years,



Eric Wells grew up in Livonia, but now lives in Oklahoma City. He worked at Bates 30 years back. In town for a family funeral, he and Lynne Davis, of Brighton, stopped by for some memories.

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See SLIDERS, Page A4 Ready for customers at Bates Hamburgers in Livonia.



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Kelly Cobb poses for a photo with two cheeseburgers and fries at Hunter House.

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All bids shall be sealed in envelopes, plainly marked with: CITY OF LIVONIA, MICHIGAN MARQUEE REPLACEMENT AT JACK E. KIRKSEY RECREATION CENTER, name of vendor and shall be addressed to the City Clerk, City of Livonia, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan 48154.

No vendor may withdraw their bid within 120 calendar days after the date set for opening thereof.

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they've been coming in the day after Christmas," the Redford Township resident said.

That loyalty is seen across the region when it comes to those little burgers, McCown said. Routinely, it's parents passing down the tradition of hitting up the burger joint to their children.

He's curious to see if that tradition continues. "They're regulars, and they're loyal," he said. "I wonder if maybe 20-25 years from now, if these places will survive."

Clifford Carson recently found himself inside Bates Burgers in Livonia. He had moved away to West Bloomfield but recently moved back to Livonia and rediscovered the nostalgia he had for the little burgers topped with onions. He said he used to take his son to Bates when he was younger.

"I took my son here when he was small about 25 years ago," Carson said. "He used to play hockey at one of the ice arenas around here, and this was our little treat after practice."

From far and wide

These stands will tend to have a draw from all over, Berlan said. Bates routinely gets guests coming from outside the tri-county region, with people driving from Brighton or Lansing to just have a taste.

This desire is a big reason Hunter House decided to make a move and expand. After several decades of just operating on Woodward, the restaurant recently opened a new restaurant on East William Street between State Street and Maynard in Ann Arbor back in 2014.

Cobb said many of the young people who grow up eating Hunter House end up going to school in Ann Arbor, bringing their hunger and crav-



Alex Valente prepares fries in the kitchen at Hunter House in Birmingham.

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ings for sliders with them.

"A lot of the kids that grow up around here go to Michigan," he said. "And so, it's kind of a natural move for us out there."

"It's all nostalgia. People know what the food is, they know it's good, they keep coming back."

Joseph Dillard has made a habit of seeking out these small slider diners. A Warren resident, he still finds his way over to Birmingham on a regular basis to enjoy some classic Hunter House fare. He said

he's traveled the area and even eaten routinely at Bates Burgers in Livonia when his son was enrolled in school in Redford.

As long as the grill is still hot and the sliders are still greasy, he'll always find his way.

"I actually only needed to go to Clawson, but I came this far just to get the cheeseburgers," he said. "When you've got a craving for one of these burgers, you gotta go."

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Laurea Neumann and Lindsay Langenfelter are both students at Madonna University and regulars at Bates.

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Third candidate files to run for Livonia City Council

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One more Livonia City Council incumbent has decided to seek another term.

Councilwoman Cathy White recently turned in paperwork at the clerk's office to appear on the ballot for another run for the council. White is currently serving a two-year term after coming in fourth in the 2015 election. She said given the synergy the current city council has, she would like to continue her work past 2017.



White

"I just feel like I could continue to contribute in this capacity," she said. "I think each of us bring a unique skill set to the council."

White, a former Livonia city attorney who currently serves at the executive director for the Birmingham Area Cable Board, also recently completed the Michigan Political Leadership Program at Michigan State University. The program is designed for individuals, especially those seeking elected office, looking to enhance their leadership style. It held its graduation earlier this month in Livonia, and later featured Howard Dean and Ana Navarro as speakers at its fundraising dinner at Laurel Manor.

White said the program taught her skills she knows will translate well in her continuing role as a council member.

"I think it's going to serve me well and serve the residents well, because I can take what I

learned in that program and apply it in Livonia," she said.

White is the third candidate to file for one of the four seats available. Gerald Perez, who ran for treasurer in 2015, and current councilman Jim Jolly both have turned in paperwork to appear on the ballot. The four seats open are currently occupied by councilman Brian Meakin, councilwoman Maureen Miller Brosnan, White and Jolly. Brosnan is term-limited and cannot run again.

Continuing to help lure big businesses, such as Amazon, to Livonia remains one of White's goals if elected to another term, she said. She wants to continue to explore making the city more attractive in other means, such as looking at the possibility of wireless internet in the city's parks and seeing if bringing the Open Streets initiative is something that could be done in Livonia.

The Open Streets idea is one that has taken place elsewhere, including Detroit, and consists of closing a road to motor vehicle traffic and opening for activities such as inline skating, bicycling and community activities.

The filing deadline is 4 p.m. April 25 for anyone looking to run for council. The dropout deadline is 4 p.m. April 28. The deadline to file as a write-in candidate is July 28 for the primary and Oct. 27 for the general election.

If more than eight candidates file to run for the race, a primary will take place Aug. 8 to bring the total to eight. The general election is Nov. 7.

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The cast of "The Odd Couple" (from left to right) Kirk Krekeler (Oscar Madison), Keith Schooley (Vinnie), Danielle Pivetta (Cecily Pigeon), Michael Kain (Felix Unger), Allison Boufford (Gwendolyn Pigeon) and Terry Shannon (Roy). Not pictured: Michael Cretu (Murray) and Jeff Velis (Speed)

Paul's Players presents 'Odd Couple' in Livonia

Paul's Players will present "The Odd Couple," a comedy by Neil Simon, at 7:30 p.m. March 17 and 18 and at 2 p.m. March 19 at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, 27475 Five Mile Road in Livonia.

Cast members are Michael Kain (Felix Unger); Kirk Krekeler (Oscar Madison); Michael Cretu (Murray); Keith Schooley (Vinnie); Terry Shannon (Roy); Jeffrey Velis (Speed); Allison Boufford (Gwendolyn Pigeon); Danielle Pivetta (Cecily Pigeon). For the first time in Paul's Players history, the entire cast has a Livonia connection as either current residents or graduates of Livonia Public Schools.

The Odd Couple tells the story of two suddenly single pals — a sloppy sportswriter and a fastidious news writer — who strain their friendship by becoming roommates and unconsciously repeating the same mistakes they made in the marriages they just left.

"It's a classic comedy about friendship and learning to get along despite major differences," Director Pat Hutchison said. "It seems particularly appropriate for current times when we could all benefit from some laughter!"

Tickets for the show

are \$10 for adults, \$8 for seniors 62 and over, and \$5 for students. Tickets may be purchased at paulsplayers.com, by calling 248-347-4134 or emailing paulsplayers@gmail.com. The March 17 performance offers a special dinner and show combi-

nation, with fish and chips, beverage and dessert for \$20. Tickets for this must be reserved in advance by March 14 by calling 248-347-4134.

Those who cannot attend the dinner may purchase tickets for the 7:30 p.m. show at the door at regular ticket prices.

CITY OF LIVONIA PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions set forth in Section 502 of Act 110 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 2006, as amended, and Articles XIX and XXIII of Ordinance #543, the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Livonia, as amended, the City Planning Commission of the City of Livonia will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 28, 2017, in the Livonia City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, beginning at 7:00 p.m. on the following item:

Petition 2017-03-02-03 submitted by Kucyk, Soave & Fernandes, P.L.L.C. requesting special waiver use approval pursuant to Sections 20.01 and 20.02A of the City of Livonia Zoning Ordinance #543, as amended, to develop a Planned Residential Development under the Single Family Clustering option (Mystic Creek Condominiums) at 18000, 18040 and 18080 Wayne Road, located on the east side of Wayne Road between Six Mile Road and Curtis Road in the Southwest ¼ of Section 9.

The above-mentioned petition will be on file in the City Planning Commission office, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan, during the period of five (5) days immediately preceding the said hearing and may be examined by any and all persons during the normal working hours Monday through Friday.

Ian Wilshaw, Chairman
CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Attorney general discusses Trump, Flint in Livonia

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A likely candidate to run for governor made a stop Monday to speak to the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

Bill Schuette, the state's Republican attorney general whose name has floated around as a possible gubernatorial candidate in the 2018 election, spoke during a luncheon Monday at the Italian American Banquet and Conference Center on Five Mile in Livonia. It was one of several stops Schuette, who lives in Midland, said he'd make in southeast Michigan that day.

He spoke of several topics, including the Flint water crisis, which has left many residents in Flint without clean drinking water for several



Attorney General Bill Schuette, working the crowd before his address to the Chamber, speaks with Wendy Gjonaj of PNC Bank.

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years and still to this day, as well as a possible connection to a breakout of

Legionnaires disease that has left 12 people dead. His office has charged

more than a dozen people in the crisis, including a former emergency man-

ager and several city officials back in December.

"You just can't brush that aside or sweep that away," Schuette said. "It's all about accountability. Letting everybody know there's one system of justice."

"It doesn't matter who you are in Michigan, if you violated the law, there are consequences."

Schuette served several terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1985-1991, and served in the state Senate from 1995 to 2002. He won election to the attorney general position back in 2010, and was reelected in 2014. His reelection means he is term-limited and cannot run for the attorney general seat again. He also ran for U.S. Senate back in 1990, losing to Carl Levin. He shared stories from

his time visiting the White House last week, where he was meeting with many other attorneys general from other states and territories, as well as newly named Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

He talked about the visit to the Oval Office and meeting with President Donald Trump, who talked to the attorneys general about the desecration of several Jewish cemeteries across the county in recent weeks, as well as human trafficking, a topic Schuette has spent much time working on in Michigan.

"I thought it was good the guy was locked in on this issue which is so very important," he said.

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Disabilities and Possibilities special exhibit coming to museum

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The name, Disability and Possibility, sums up the message of a special exhibit at the Wayne Historical Museum in honor of Disabilities Awareness Month.

"I want people to come away from my exhibit having the understanding that disabled people are capable and they can make an impact," said Sarah Palk, 33, who put the exhibit together. "I picked information that I thought people should know about the disability history."

It's a one-day exhibit set for noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 15. Palk will be on hand during the exhibit to share information about disabilities.

"I want to show the community the positive aspects of having a disability," Palk said. "There



Sarah Palk poses for a photo at Wayne Historical Museum.

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is so much information out there, and I have always wanted to share it with people so I thought creating a 'disability exhibit' would be the best way to do it."

A Westland resident, Palk has a developmental disability, uses a wheelchair and communicates on a laptop with the touch of a button she controls with her head. She gives a speech to the training

class at Community Living Services in Wayne. She responded to questions using a computer.

"There (at CLS) I talk about what it is like to get taken care of by staff."

For example, in my speech I say, If you are working with a person who is non-verbal, there are many ways that the individual could communicate with you," Palk said. "For example, I

have little head control. So, instead of nodding my head to answer a yes or a no question, I look up for yes and down for no."

Another way that a non-verbal person could communicate is by pointing, she said. "Some disabled people have more hand control and they can point to what they want," she said. "However, if you are working with someone like me who has little hand control, you must follow their eyes and you must point to the things around the area until you figure out what they want."

Palk attended Salem High School in Plymouth. In high school she participated in Students Against Drunk Driving and the student council. She has a service dog named Mikey who is trained to get help when Palk needs it.

The exhibit, which is free and open to the pub-

lic, will focus on four main areas, including: the History of Special Education with a special focus on McGrath Elementary School in Wayne which was one of the first special education schools in the county; and People's Accomplishments and Technological Advancements.

Palk's favorite part of the exhibit displays in-

formation on service dogs. "My service dog is my employee, he works for me and people should know how to be around a working dog," she said.

The Wayne Historical Museum is located at 1 Towne Square in downtown Wayne.

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Appointed to water authority

Abe Munfakh of Plymouth Township has been appointed by Wayne County Executive Warren Evans to serve as Wayne County's representative on Great Lakes Water Authority Board of Directors.



Munfakh

For more than 30 years, Munfakh was a leader for Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc., an engineering and planning company in Ann Arbor, where he eventually served as president. After the firm was sold in 2003, he founded the engineering firm Munfakh & Associates, LLC in Plymouth, where he now serves as president and CEO.

"Abe's years of practical experience on water supply and distribution projects, sewer construction, and city infrastructure improvements make him the ideal candidate for the position, and we welcome him to the board," said Robert Daddow, chairman, GLWA board. "From the board's regional perspective, we look forward to working with Abe and hearing his view point as we continue our mission of delivering safe and reliable water and sewer services."

Munfakh's commitment to public service has been solidified through his role on the Plymouth Township Planning Commission, his current membership with the Michigan Board of Professional Engineers, and the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees. In addition, he has served as president of the Schoolcraft College Foundation Board in Livonia, as well as served on the Plymouth Chamber of Commerce, Northville Chamber of Commerce, the Michigan Board of Professional

Engineers, and the Michigan Board of Architects, among many other community and political organizations. Currently, Munfakh serves as Chairman for the Arab American and Chaldean Council, in addition to serving as a trustee of the foundation board of Henry Ford College.

"I plan to use the depth and breadth of my professional experience and my passion for public service to benefit the people of Wayne County and provide counsel to the region as a whole," Munfakh said. "This is an exciting time for Southeast Michigan, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve Wayne County customer communities."

Promoted at Samaritas

Samaritas recently promoted Todd Hanselman of Livonia to the position of vice president, human resources.

Hanselman joined Samaritas as director of human resources in April of 2016. Prior to working with Samaritas, Hanselman served as director of human resources for Judson Center. He has also worked for United Methodist Retirement Community in Chelsea as executive director and director of human resources.

A graduate of Oakland University with a bachelor of science in human resource development, Hanselman is married with two children. He is actively involved in various community organizations, including Peace Lutheran Church, where he has served in various church council and board positions.

In his new post, Hanselman provides support and oversight to all Samaritas human resource endeavors throughout the state. He leads with a philosophy of service and works diligently toward helping employees see the value of their contri-

butions. He believes human-to-human connections significantly impact workplace satisfaction and makes accessibility a priority.

"I was drawn to Samaritas because of the impact it has on people across the state," Hanselman said. "Being able to provide support and guide the satisfaction of almost 2,000 employees supporting so many more people in Michigan is exciting. I love having purpose in my work; a focused team makes for greater change in our communities and greater fulfillment throughout the state."

Joins the team

The JRT Agency of Farmington Hills has hired Loretta Martinez, a seasoned writer and brand strategist, to its team.

Martinez brings a multifaceted scope of journalistic integrity into the areas of marketing, advertising, CRM, SEO, technical, conversational and instructional design. Her 20-year career showcases extensive

work developed for the major agencies of Campbell-Ewald, Wunderman Cato Johnson, BBDO, and also client brands including automotive OEMs, Whirlpool, Century 21 and Pizza Hut. Martinez is also a respected brand strategist in the Metro-Detroit advertising community.

"Loretta is one of those versatile players you can put anywhere," JRT Chief Creative Officer Terry Ayrault said. "Her superior writing skills and strategic thinking bring added value to our team."

Martinez is the recipient of several industry awards, including Detroit Creative Directors Coun-

cil CADDY Awards, Direct Marketing Association DMAD Awards and TARGET Awards. She is a graduate of the University of Detroit-Mercy.

New hires

Livonia-based Cole, Newton & Duran CPAs has added seven new employees to its team. The announcement was made by managing partner Arthur Cole. They include: Ryan Buchler, Randy Coleman, Gerald Kropf, Karon Kukler, John Mleczek, Karen West, and Sue Wood.

Ryan Buchler is a staff auditor who specializes in performing audits, reviews and financial statement compilations. He was previously an audit associate at BDO USA, LLP. Ryan earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting from Culver-Stockton College in Missouri and lives in Livonia.

Randy Coleman joined Cole, Newton & Duran as a tax accountant and is certified by the IRS as a registered tax return preparer. Prior to joining the firm, Randy was a senior tax advisor at H&R Block. Randy earned a master's of Business Administration degree from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and lives in Ann Arbor.

Gerald Kropf is a paralegal who has experience advising individuals with litigation and family law matters. He was previously an intern at Michigan Premier Law. Gerald earned a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Ferris State University in Big Rapids and lives in Livonia.

Karon Kukler joined Cole, Newton & Duran as a Senior Accountant specializing in preparing payroll, sales tax, individual, and multi-state tax returns. Prior to joining the firm, Karon was a senior accountant at Michael G. Thomas CPA, PC. She currently resides in Oak Park

John Mleczek is an accountant who specializes in retirement and small business income. He was previously a senior tax advisor at H&R Block. John earned a bachelor's degree in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin and lives in Northville.

Karen West joined Cole, Newton & Duran as a senior accountant specializing in preparing personal and business taxes, bookkeeping and payroll services. Prior to joining the firm, she spent 20 years preparing tax services at a tax and accounting firm located in Allen Park. Karen currently lives in Lincoln Park.

Sue Wood is a tax accountant who has spent the last five years specializing in preparing and filing individual tax returns nationwide. She was previously a quality manager in the automotive industry. Sue currently resides in Farmington Hills.

"Each of these individuals brings a wealth of knowledge, talent, and expertise to the marketplace," Cole said. "We are confident that they will add to our cornerstone belief in providing exceptional client services — thus striving to deliver innovative financial solutions and solid business strategies to our clients."

Cole, Newton & Duran CPAs is at 33762 Schoolcraft Road. There are 46 employees, and practice areas cover assurance, tax, advisory and consulting.

Man accused of taking tip turns himself in

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Westland police say a man accused of stealing a cash payment at a local restaurant has



FILE PHOTO Suspect

turned himself in.

Police say the man accused of taking the payment left on a

table at the Buffalo Wild Wings, 6677 N. Wayne, was located after police put out video and still photos of him at the restaurant and he agreed to turn himself in. Police withheld the man's identity until after he was arraigned.

Police put out his image earlier in the week after he was reportedly seen on camera taking a cash payment and tip left for an employee at the restaurant. He was seen leaving the restaurant after walking toward another table and pocketing the cash.

"Thank you to all who helped distribute this information, and to all of those who submitted tips," Westland police said stated.

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BOYS BASKETBALL



Westland John Glenn's Kijuan Chandler (25) heads for the basket while Livonia Franklin's Kemaury Heard tries to stop him.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

RU wins wacky district semifinal

Long second half includes technical foul, many FTs

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Delayed a day because of area-wide power outage, the Redford Union boys basketball team finally was able to get in its Class B district semifinal game Thursday night.

With Detroit Henry Ford unable to host, the game was moved to Detroit Old Redford Prep and the Panthers came away with a wacky 70-56 win over the host Ravens.

With the victory, RU (11-10) moved into rescheduled championship final beginning at 6 p.m. Saturday at Henry Ford (12-10).

Christian Montgomery, a junior forward, scored 16 of his game-high 17 points in the opening half as RU built a 45-27 advantage and it was more than enough.



Taylor

The Panthers also avenged a 66-62 setback to Old Redford in the Hoopz for Hope Tournament Dec. 17 at Hazel Park.

"The boys played really hard for us tonight," Taylor said. "They came out ready to go. We played them earlier in the year when we had a 14-point lead and we let it slip away in a game where we knew we should have taken care of business. They came out focused and we hit a bunch of 'threes' in the first half. They came in and just got it done."

Led by Montgomery, RU made six 3-pointers in the opening half to go up by 18.

Senior forward Jacob Gagnon added 16 points and 11 rebounds, while junior guard Marcus Evans contributed nine points. Levon Hudson and James Gresham combined for 13 points off the bench with seven and six, respectively.

The second half, however, got bogged down in a parade to the free throw line.

RU made 24-of-36 foul shots on the night (66.6 percent), while Old Redford hit 22-of-32 (68.7 percent).

"They locked in on Christian the second half," Taylor said. "It was just the flow of the game and how it went. We sat in a 2-3 zone (defense) and most of our points in the second half were free throws."

Jawan Snoddy scored a team-high 15 points for Old Redford, while Mark Watts, coming off a 40-point performance in the district opener against Livonia Clarenceville, was limited to 10.

Watts fouled out in the fourth quarter when Gagnon took a charge.

With only two minutes to go and the Panthers safely ahead by 14, Taylor was assessed a technical after what the official score table ruled was his seventh timeout.

"They said we pulled a Chris Webber," joked Taylor, who contended he used only three of his six timeouts. "The second half took about two-and-a-half hours. It was a weird game, one of the strangest I've ever coached. It was a wild atmosphere."

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SCORING & SOARING

Rockets thump Franklin to secure first district title in 23 years

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Right from the opening tip-off Friday night, Westland John Glenn came out flying with a purpose in the Class A boys basketball district final against host Livonia Franklin.

Senior forward Dajion Parker — a beast in the paint who can move like a point guard when he has to — hit a putback in the opening minute and soon thereafter, senior forward Roq Williams connected to put the Rockets up 6-0.

By the time the opening frame ended it was a 14-3 John

Glenn lead and the Rockets never were threatened, winning 72-37 for the team's first district championship since the 1993-94 season.

"We really wanted to get this," said John Glenn head coach Rod Watts, while his team celebrated on the floor with their trophy. "It's been 23 years since we won a district, and I wanted to make sure the seniors got an opportunity, because the last two years we were in the district finals (but lost)."

"To finish out like this is great. We're looking forward to the next round."

The Rockets were going at top speed all night, thanks to the all-around play of Parker (17 points, 14 rebounds), senior

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Westland John Glenn's Dajion Parker (13) takes a rebound away from Livonia Franklin's Caleb Boyd.

HIGH SCHOOL GOLF

Family love of golf launches his career

UD Jesuit's Garchar glad he took up sport late, signs to play at Ave Maria

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Ryan Garchar's eighth birthday featured all the usual trappings — cake, gifts, cards.

But the biggest gift that day was going to Fox Hills Golf Course in Plymouth and watching grandpa Steve Garchar ace the second hole. It was big for his father, too.

"I had not played golf for many years due to work and family obligations but I decided to give it a go with Ryan and my father," said Ryan's dad, Stephen. "On the second hole of the (Par 3) Golden Fox my father teed it up and hit a hole in one right before our eyes, I remember how special

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Ryan Garchar (left) shares National Signing Day with his grandpa and golf mentor, Steve Garchar. Ryan, a senior at University of Detroit Jesuit, signed to golf at Ave Maria University.

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ROCKETS

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guards Christian Agnew (25 points), Kijuan Chandler (six points and strong defense) and sophomore guard Joe Moon IV (17 points).

Adding six points was senior forward Khalil Wright.

Their turn

"It feels great, it feels great," said Agnew, who hit two treys during a 9-2 surge in the second to make it 26-14. "Man, they (Belleville Tigers) ran away with it last year (in the district final) but we got it this year."

John Glenn enjoyed a 31-19 halftime lead and continued to press in the third quarter, forcing the Patriots to repeatedly misfire from long range while keeping the points coming.

The Rockets took a 52-28 advantage after three frames. To add insult to injury for the Patriots, junior forward Mark Mettie fouled out early in the fourth after scoring only seven points.

"They only know one speed and they got after it and forced some turnovers and played their style of game, it really hurt us," Franklin head coach Jon Djokaj said. "They were extremely physical with Mark the entire game."

"We talked to him, this is probably his first taste getting this far, and in this type of environment, so it's definitely a learning opportunity for him. I think it will only make him better, he's been a real special talent for us."

Franklin's top scorer was junior guard Keyon Brown, with 14 points. Registering four points each were Matthew Elrod and Caleb Boyd.

Although Agnew hurt the Patriots with his long-range shooting, he also was part of a strong defensive effort by the Rockets (20-3).

"I think the key was (stopping) 30 (Mettie) and 14 (Brown)," Agnew said. "(Mettie) is a great shooter so we had to close out hard, make sure to get him off the glass. Dajon took care of that."

Parker was a thorn in Franklin's side, while sophomore guard Joe Moon IV continued to play like a senior. He scored drained three triples.

"He's got touch on the ball," said Watts, describ-



Westland John Glenn's Christian Agnew (left) drives for two points against Livonia Franklin's Jack Cronyn.

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ing Parker's ability to drive or shoot from the perimeter if needed. "He's really come a long way from his sophomore year."

"And he's just an anchor on the inside, defensively, offensively. He's really a load for other teams."

Watts said his team is on a roll in part because key players are "really on top of their game. Agnew was just in (another) zone, and Moon was on top of his game."

"Also, a lot of things that Chandler does may not show up on the stat sheet, but he's doing the things he does, (like) playing defense against

their main ballhandler."

Djokaj, whose team finished 11-12, said it was a successful season for the Patriots.

"We've changed the culture, changed the mindset," Djokaj noted. "Kids are definitely working extremely hard."

Kudos for Bradley

John Glenn will get ready to face University of Detroit-Jesuit (18-3) in a Class A regional semifinal at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Dearborn Fordson.

"It's win or go home and we're not trying to go home yet," Watts said. "One of the things I told the guys is, they usually

don't like to hear (the word) 'practice.'

"... I told them at half-time we have practice tomorrow (Saturday), it means the season's still going."

Watts emphasized that a big part of the Rockets' success this year has been assistant coach and "unsung hero" Kirk Bradley.

"He is a great guy," said Watts, about Bradley. "He's really inspirational to the guys and does a great job keeping the guys motivated and focused when they come in and out of the games. It doesn't happen without him."

ROMULUS 75, WAYNE

68: In a Class A district final at Allen Park, Wayne Memorial's outstanding season came to a close. Romulus (18-4) moves on to the Wayne-hosted regional with a game at 6 p.m. Monday against Belleville.

The Zebras finished with an 18-4 record.

DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY 58, LUTHERAN WESTLAND 49 (OT): The Warriors were stopped in overtime in the Class D final at Allen Park Inter-City Baptist. Lutheran Westland ended the season with a 16-6 mark.

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BOYS HOCKEY

CC's big third period yields 6-2 win

Shamrocks seeking 4th straight state title

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It was a long day and night for Novi Detroit Catholic Central's hockey team, but the Shamrocks remained alive and well in the MHSAA Division 1 boys hockey tournament.

A power outage earlier on Wednesday at Flint's Iceland Arena forced CC and quarterfinal opponent, the Bay City Wolves, to nearby a venue in Burton.

And after a 90-minute delayed start time from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., the three-time defending state champion CC took care of business by scoring four unanswered goals in the final period for 6-2 victory over the unified team from Bay City Central and Western high schools.

With the win, Catholic Central (21-7-1) advances to the state semifinals beginning at 7:30 p.m. Friday, March 10, at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth against Grandville (19-10).

After switching sites, the Crystal Field House Ice Arena also experienced difficulties losing power as well earlier in the day, wreaking havoc with ice surface conditions through the first two periods.

"There were almost puddles in certain areas and the puck was sticking all over," CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said. "Fortunately by the third (period) it started to get sorted out."

After redo of the ice surface a couple of extra times, the Shamrocks took off getting a pair of third-period goals from Brendan West and one each from Zachary Sprys-Tellner (power play) and Nicco Bifano.

CC outshot the Wolves 14-1 in the opener period, but Bay City goaltender Griffin Kwaiser, who finished with 39 saves on the night, kept it to a 1-goal deficit.

John Zielinski and Jared Lee also scored goals for the Shamrocks, who trailed at one point 2-1 late in the second period after the Wolves (19-10) got goals from Alec Bailey and Thomas Kayner.

"That appeared to jolt us awake as we responded the very next shift to finish the period and again at the start of the third to take the lead," Kaleniecki said. "We needed that response. It was a big response from some of our best players and the guys we count on. From there we really took a stranglehold on the game."

Michael Considine also collected two assists as CC outshot Bay City, 45-12. Shamrocks goaltender Joe Pernecky had a relatively quiet night with 10 saves.

"I certainly wish we would have grabbed hold of it earlier in the game, but their goalie played well and they competed really hard around their net to limit our second chance opportunities," Kaleniecki said. "Then they took advantage of a couple chances and sure enough it's 2-1 them with a minute left in the second period."

"Fortunately we responded immediately and took control of the game at that point."

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that was for all three of us to witness.

"The ball going right for the hole and one hopping in, we all jumped up and down like we were school boys."

Stephen was back in the game again. Even bigger was the Redford Township youngster decided golf was the sport he wanted to pursue in high school and beyond.

Less than a decade later, the youngest golfer in the Garchar family is living the dream.

The senior at University of Detroit Jesuit, where he is co-captain of the boys golf team and owns a 3.25 grade-point-average (with a 4.0 his last two semesters), recently took part in National Signing Day. Right there with him were family members, including Ryan's grandfather — who happens to be his golf mentor.

Garchar will play collegiately at Ave Maria University in Florida in the NAIA's Sun Conference.

"I liked how small the college was and I also liked how open I would be to experiencing new people and new places far away from home," Ryan said. "To be honest, I'm a bit nervous but that isn't necessarily a bad thing."

"I believe it is a good thing because I'm stepping out of my comfort zone and moving for-



Golf always has been big in the Garchar family. Here, young Ryan (right) and sister Lauren receive toy golf sets from their grandpa, Steve Garchar.

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ward into new places in my life."

Late bloomer

According to Stephen Garchar, however, the big birthday moment was the catalyst.

"Ryan continued to golf and kept getting

better and better until one day my father and I decided he needed some advanced instruction," Stephen explained. "Because I had previously worked at Western Golf and Country Club (in Redford), I decide to pay the local club pro Ben

Bockin a visit."

Bockin worked with Ryan and the protege went on to make the Cubs' freshman team. He moved on to JV and varsity, and had success at summer tournaments to further motivate him. Dedicating his athlet-

ic endeavors to golf came at a price, however. He had to give up sports he had played his entire life, such as baseball, soccer and basketball.

"My grandpa (Steve Garchar) is the one that really got me started with golf but it was never my main sport," Ryan continued. "I played baseball, basketball, and soccer and had to give all of them up in order to take my golf game to the next level."

He admits he is a bit of a late bloomer on the links, and that makes his college opportunity even more of a blessing. "I didn't actually start practicing and playing regularly until eighth grade which is why it is such an achievement and honor to play in college."

Asked about why golf now has a hold on him, he responded that the game's inherent challenges propels him to improve.

"The process of getting better and the constant failure in golf is what entices me to this day," Ryan said. "It's a funny answer but it's true. The ability to improve at something so difficult is what drives me."

"There is so much room for improvement in golf and there is never a definite or correct answer as to how to swing the club or how to practice. (That) makes it really limitless as to how you train."

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Why it's crucial to use keywords in your résumé

BY DEANNA HARTLEY
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When it comes to finding a new job, there's a crucial step in the résumé-writing process you may not have heard about to improve your chances of making it past the initial round of screening.

"With ... more and more recruitment services transitioning to being solely online, HR departments are using different computer programs to scan through résumés and pull out documents based on the frequency of certain words and acronyms," says Valerie Streif, senior advisor at Mentat, an organization that hires, manages and mentors prospective job candidates.

While you painstakingly perfect your résumé, remember that a hiring manager potentially has to sift through dozens of other résumés and use an applicant tracking system (ATS) to cut through the clutter.

"An ATS scores résumés based on how well their content matches the keywords input by a hiring manager — this is why it's imperative to incorporate relevant keywords and phrases throughout your résumé," says Andrew Pearl, partner at Precision Resumes, Inc., a career management



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services firm. "Without those keywords, you won't make it past the first gatekeeper in the hiring process. You can have the best qualifications, but if you're not framing them right and using the most relevant keywords, you'll miss out on opportunities."

Keep these tips in mind when writing your résumé to help you get your foot in the door.

Research and identify other keywords to highlight.

Don't be afraid to borrow language from the job description.

"Recruiters are comparing you against the job description, and often times they're looking for buzzwords," says Cristina Lara, manager

of global diversity programs at Amazon, and a former national diversity manager for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. "It's still a good best practice to reframe your work experiences using the language of the job description. This will make it easier for recruiters to mentally align your background with the job, and you'll increase your chances of having your résumé sent up to the hiring manager."

Examples of keywords you'll want to integrate include job title, technical skills and academic requirements, according to Pearl. "Evaluate the posting you're applying to, line by line, and highlight what appear to be the most fundamental terms," he says. "If the job posting is sparse,

find other similar job descriptions online and use those as a guide for determining keywords and phrases. Focus particularly on similar jobs in similar industries to make sure the jargon you incorporate in your résumé is on track."

Master the art of sprinkling keywords throughout your résumé.

Cheryl E. Palmer, owner of executive career coaching firm Call to Career, recommends including a section at the top titled "Core Competencies" where the keywords could be highlighted prominently.

"That way, the keywords are at the top of the résumé and are easily found, [and] you can also judiciously sprinkle keywords in the 'Professional Experience' section," she says.

Remember that context is key.

"Keywords should also be in context with the content — plugging in a list of skill sets in a bulleted list and not actually relating how you know the skill, or what you did with it, is useless," says Dawn D. Boyer, résumé writer and CEO of D. Boyer Consulting. For example, instead of merely listing "business development," "marketing," or "sales," Boyer advises that you say "Responsible for business development and marketing to 25 Fortune 500 clients, with contract sales resulting in \$500 million in revenue within six months of hire."

Palmer agrees it is more effective to show rather than to tell. "For soft skills, I recommend demonstrating a result rather than simply listing these types of skills," Palmer says. "Instead of saying: 'good people skills,' it's more impactful to say, 'Improved staff relations through regular meetings where staff members could clearly define expectations for upcoming projects.'"

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 - 25 Fighting fish of Asia
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 - 27 — avail (futile)
 - 28 California observatory site
 - 30 Fite
 - 31 Grind, as one's teeth
 - 35 Beat soundly
 - 37 A B vitamin
 - 38 Riddle, part 2
 - 41 Planted
 - 44 Swenson of 'Advise & Consent'
 - 45 Banana
- DOWN**
- 46 Riddle, part 3
 - 52 Lie in the sun
 - 56 Places to live
 - 57 Feed holder
 - 58 Activate, as a light switch
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 - 61 Haile Selassie follower
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 - 68 Brits' coins
 - 69 Conductor Sir Georg
 - 71 Riddle, part 4
 - 73 Cussed
 - 74 Windy City air hub
 - 75 Land surrounded by water, in Italy
 - 76 Spiny plants
 - 78 — Mahal
 - 79 Not at all, old-style
 - 81 Arm bone
 - 83 Conceive of
 - 85 Struck disk
 - 86 Riddle, part 5
 - 92 Prefix with dose or watt
 - 93 Actor's job
 - 94 Class seat
- ACROSS**
- 95 End of the riddle
 - 104 One lacking pigment
 - 105 Slangy suffix with switch
 - 106 See or smell
 - 107 "— aboard!"
 - 110 Ump's call halfway to a walk
 - 112 "Falling Skies" star Noah
 - 114 "No One" singer Keys
 - 116 — worse than death
 - 117 Riddle's answer
 - 122 Strength of a chemical solution
 - 123 Account
 - 124 Absent
 - 125 Arena strata
 - 126 "Wise" birds
 - 127 Man in Eden
 - 128 16th-century Italian poet
- DOWN**
- 7 "That's — brainer!"
 - 8 Actor Gilliam
 - 9 Quiet "Hey!"
 - 10 Very many
 - 11 Wolf down
 - 12 Wolfed down
 - 13 Dog cry
 - 14 Flower anew
 - 15 Eye ring
 - 16 Became irate
 - 17 Downton Abbey, e.g.
 - 18 More loved
 - 20 Heavenly "too?"
 - 24 Ephron or Roberts
 - 29 — Alex (racehorse)
 - 32 in — hurry
 - 33 Dads' lads
 - 34 Writer Victor
 - 36 Final, e.g.
 - 38 How many TV shows are now shown
 - 39 Greek T's suffix
 - 40 Old verb
 - 41 Farewell act
 - 42 Sarcastic cry of sympathy
 - 43 Bronx area with a historic cemetery
 - 47 Eagle nests
- ACROSS**
- 48 Code-cracking org.
 - 49 City south of San Diego
 - 50 Aida or Bean
 - 51 Debate need
 - 52 Cold one
 - 53 Comment, as in a margin
 - 54 Plato was his disciple
 - 55 Leg reflex
 - 59 Favorable aspect
 - 62 Anat., e.g.
 - 63 Set — (rows)
 - 64 Love, to Yves
 - 66 "One thing — time!"
 - 67 B'way site
 - 70 Math branch
 - 72 Miss, in Meuse
 - 77 Involuntary wink, maybe
 - 80 Heretofore brand
 - 82 Razor brand
 - 84 Boundaries
 - 87 Frittata need
 - 88 Site for a bite
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- DOWN**
- 90 Aged, quaintly
 - 91 Inert gas
 - 92 Coin producers
 - 95 "Blue" beer brewed
 - 96 Sainted king of Norway
 - 97 Flattened at the poles
 - 98 Out of — (amiss)
 - 99 "1984" author
 - 100 Rollis — (ritz rides)
 - 101 "Hi, amigo!"
 - 102 Onetime Pan Am rival
 - 103 Online protocol for remote log-in
 - 107 Pines (for)
 - 108 Some bank holdings
 - 109 — rest (inter)
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Car Report

WRANGLER KEEPS SUCCEEDING BECAUSE IT REMAINS THE TRUEST REPRESENTATION OF THE JEEP BRAND – AND OFF-ROADERS LOVE IT



By Dale Buss

There's lots of news going on with the Jeep Wrangler brand these days. But at the center of all the exciting developments about new versions and even new products is the undeniable fact that, through thick and thin, Wrangler has maintained one of the most authentic brands and platforms in the U.S. auto market.

Wrangler is for people who are rugged and adventurous, or who want to be rugged or act rugged, and bring both a Spartan attitude and a desire for adventure to their automotive purchases. In its stubborn insistence on keeping Wrangler as a mostly unadorned model that leads with its off-road capabilities, Fiat Chrysler has ensured that it's got a vehicle that still represents the true lineage of the Jeep brand all the way back to the



Rubicon Recon is the latest edition of Wrangler

World War II vehicle that helped save democracy.

Over the last few decades, the brand has wandered successfully into ever-expanding territory. Jeep fielded one of the first sport-utility vehicles meant for comfort and everyday utility in Jeep Grand Cherokee. And lately, it has dared to take the Jeep name and apply it to a couple of smaller models, Cherokee and Renegade, that are based on Fiat-designed platforms.

And there have become several versions of Wrangler. But at its core, Wrangler has stayed pretty much the same. It's like a smaller and equally unapologetic version of what the Hummer used to be: not meant for

everyone; certainly not to give offense to some; but drawing passion and devotion from those who are meant to own one.

True, FCA lately has talked about producing a pickup truck based on Wrangler beginning in late 2019. Mechanically, that certainly makes sense if Jeep is determined to produce a pickup truck, because most of its platforms now are car-based – and Wrangler already is more of a truck-style platform than anything else in the lineup.

Meanwhile, FCA keeps adding versions of the existing Wrangler SUV platform, such as the new Rubicon Recon that it introduced last month at the Chicago Auto Show. It features improved off-road prowess with a stronger front axle, enhanced rock rails and heavy-duty cast differential covers.

And that, folks, is the kind of thing that Wrangler is all about. The doors that close not with a thud but with more of a “bonk” sound, lest you suspect that Jeep wasted money on niceties. The visible exterior hinges on the doors that make the same point. The relative lack of the latest technology features. Sparse standard equipment that includes



The 2017 Jeep Wrangler Sahara sports matching body paint.

four-wheel drive, 16-inch steel wheels, skid plates, tow hooks, fog lamps, removable doors, a fold-down windshield, manual mirrors and locks, and full metal doors with crank windows.

The ride on the highway is not at all the point either, of course. It's all about being able to go off-road just about wherever and whenever you want, and being in a vehicle that's capable of taking you there – and back. To that end, Wrangler and its 3.6-liter V6 engine, good for 285 horsepower and 260 pound-feet of torque, provide plenty of push, and the suspension plenty of support.

The fact that you can basically take the vehicle apart to clean it also is attractive for off-roaders who only want their trophy mud coverings on their Wranglers to age for so long.

However, at just 18 mpg

combined, 16 in the city and 20 on the highway, Wrangler is only in the middle of the pack at best for utility vehicles of its size. But again – that's beside the point. Wrangler owners are more concerned about clearance at 15 mph than fuel economy at 70 mph.

Interestingly, though, The Sahara version I drove was attractive to mainstream customers because it's got an upgraded suspension and attractive body-colored paint treatment. Despite warnings I heard and read about a bumpy ride and too much cabin noise, Sahara did much better than I'd expected in both regards.

If I wanted a vehicle mainly for off-road applications that also could handle drives into the city, Wrangler Sahara would rank as a high possibility.



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