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Mom dead, son faces murder charge

Police say 22-year-old Westland man stabbed, killed his mother

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A probable cause hearing was scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 4.

Police in Westland say Jeannette Paul was stabbed in the throat at her



Paul

home in the 6100 area of North Walton the morning of Dec. 20; police found her dead at the scene, a press release from Wayne County Prosecutor Kym Worthy's office said.

Police identified Paul as a suspect and alerted police departments in area communities of the incident.

Early that afternoon, police said, a Livonia officer spotted Justin Paul in the area of Joy Road and Donna Street, on the Livonia-Westland border. When the officer approached, police said, a struggle ensued and Paul was shot in the thigh. The officer was not hurt.

Paul fled, but police caught up to

him on Randy Drive in Westland, a block east of Donna, and he was arrested. He was taken to St. Mary Mercy Hospital for treatment.

The incident prompted the closure of Joy Road in the area for a short time and a brief lockdown at nearby Franklin High School.

Westland Police Sgt. Robert Wilkie, citing the continuing investigation, said he could not provide further details of the crime or its discovery.

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Jessica Lentz tells her story of addiction and her journey in recovery. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

THE LONG ROAD TO RECOVERY

Mom recounts her struggles with opioid addiction

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Jessica Lentz walked into a courtroom in March 2013 expecting to walk out in handcuffs.

The Milford mom had just spent two weeks living alone in her car, using whatever drugs she could find while cruising Detroit's west side. She had relapsed twice after attending court-appointed drug rehabilitation programs and, while on probation for felony retail fraud, had been evicted from a sober

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living home for not paying her rent.

She dreaded her upcoming appearance in Oakland County Circuit Court, knowing it likely would be her last day of freedom.

"I just wanted to die," Lentz said. "I didn't think I was going to make it to the court date because of the amount of drugs I was using. I had all this guilt and shame."

The judge gave Lentz one last chance to kick her drug habit and avoid prison. It would entail spending a year at Grace Centers of Hope, a faith-based residential program in Pontiac.

Four years later, Lentz, 31, is alive and sober.

She, her husband Jack, 46, and their four children will welcome the new year together in a Grace Centers of Hope "after care" rental house in Pontiac. She began the program, which includes group sessions, regular church attendance and continuing contact with a counselor, after graduating from her court-appointed one-year residency

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"I was mad. But we had kids together and I loved her. I knew if we could get past this and see our way through this, things could be different. ... It was tough, a lot of tough times."

JACK LENTZ



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Career-Tech student wins International Auto Show poster contest

Anthony Kennedy, a graphic design student from William D. Ford Career-Technical Center in Westland, won the Vice Chairman's Award for the North American International Auto Show poster contest. He earned a \$1,000 prize and his poster will be featured in the official NAIAS program, posted on the website and displayed Jan. 20-28 during the auto show at Detroit's Cobo Center.

Other WDFCTC students who won awards are Nathan Adermatt, for Best Use of Color; Andrew Sosa, second place; and Alan Knapp, third place. All of the posters will be on display at the

auto show.

The poster competition drew 825 entries from high school students across Michigan.

"The creativity exhibited by all of the students is inspiring and gives us a glimpse of the next generation's talents that await our industry," said Ryan LaFontaine, 2018 NAIAS chairman. "When you look at these young people's work, you can see endless sparks of imagination that may someday find their way into the automotive design community."

Out of 16 awards that were distributed, WDFCTC students won four.



All of the WDFCTC winners, with their instructor Mark Benglian (left) and Principal Steven Kay (right). SUBMITTED



Anthony Kennedy and his award-winning poster. SUBMITTED

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One dead in Westland crash with FedEx truck

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One person is dead after a car crash involving a FedEx truck took place Dec. 21 in Westland.

Sgt. Robert Wilkie of the Westland Police Department said the accident, which happened on Wayne Road north of Ford Road, happened when a van, driving southbound somehow ended up in

the northbound lanes.

There, the vehicle struck a FedEx truck heading northbound. Wilkie said the van had three people inside, all of whom were taken to the hospital. One of the passengers, a 56-year-old Westland woman, was killed as a result of the crash. Her name was not released immediately.

The FedEx driver was also taken to the hospital with some minor injuries, Wilkie said.

Wilkie said there is no indication why the van went into the northbound lanes, but said drugs don't appear to have played a role.

"The initial indications do not indicate drugs or alcohol were a factor," he said.

The incident remains under investigation.

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Including Pats' title try, 2017 was interesting

Our various hometownlife.com communities had some very interesting things happen in 2017. Here's a brief look at just a few of them:

Livonia

Franklin to state title game: Livonia Franklin's first trip to the state football finals in 42 years didn't turn out quite as well.

The 2017 Patriots were unable to duplicate the feat of their 1975 Class A championship team as Warren De La Salle pounced on a series of Franklin first-half mistakes to secure its second state title in school history with a convincing 41-6 win in the MHSAA Division 2 final Friday afternoon at Detroit's Ford Field.

Amazon hiring: The biggest business to come to Livonia in years, Amazon, began accepting applications for its new fulfillment center near Interstate 96 and I-275 this past summer. The 1 million square foot center, which was opened to the media this past summer, took its first order this fall.

Floyd Galloway arrest: Floyd Galloway, 30 of Berkley, was arrested earlier this summer after Livonia police determined he was the main suspect in an attempted sexual assault that happened over Labor Day weekend in 2016 in Hines Park. Galloway was arrested and charged in the case, and later took a plea deal that sent him to prison for a minimum of 16 years. His name continues to be floated around the disappearance of Danielle Stislicki,



Amazon employee, Kyle Vasher, received the first item on Day 1, custom fit All Terrain Car Floor liners. SUBMITTED PHOTO

a Farmington Hills woman who vanished late last year. Galloway has not been charged in her disappearance.

Livonia Kmart closes: Long a rumor across the city, the Kmart at Seven Mile and Farmington met the fate so many other Kmart stores in the region have had and closed its doors earlier this spring. It's remained vacant since then, with a "For Lease" sign on the door. There had been talk of Kroger moving into that location, though those plans haven't appeared to move forward. The 7 Farmington shopping center remains mostly empty, with only a Landmark professional growth office and the Republication Party victory center occupying the center.

Parade returns to Livonia: Livonia was the site of holiday cheer this December, as the city decided to bring back its annual holiday parade after more than a decade without one. The "Merry and Bright" parade saw several thousands of



Franklin running back Julious Simmons is brought down by De La Salle defenders Richiz King (65) and Donovan Collins (26) during the Division 2 championship game at Ford Field. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

people watch parade-goers march along Stark, Lyndon and Farmington roads to Livonia City Hall, where the city's tree was lit courtesy of Santa Claus. It was the city's first parade since the early 2000s.

Westland

'Diabolical monster': Coverage of the sentencing of the two men found guilty of killing two peo-

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Floyd Galloway, 30, of Berkley appears in Wayne County Circuit Court for his sentencing before Judge Mark Slavens. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS JANUARY 8, 2018 and JANUARY 22, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Garden City Council will hold Public Hearings at the Civic Center, 6000 Middlebelt Road, Garden City, Michigan on January 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. and January 22, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. regarding the proposed use of U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. The following projects are being proposed for the use of these federal funds for the period beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019:

OBJECTIVES:

- A) To provide the benefits of using CDBG funding directly to persons of low- to moderate-income and/or areas where 51% of the residents are of low- to moderate-income.
- B) To reduce negative environmental impacts.
- C) To maintain a high level of performance in the management of CDBG non-federally funded programs.
- D) To improve the quality of life for low- to moderate-income persons.
- E) To create affordable housing for low-income households.

ESTIMATED FUNDING

\$77,648
\$25,000
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\$13,686

PROPOSED PROJECTS

Citywide Housing Rehabilitation
Sidewalks
Senior Services Coordinator
CDBG Administration
(Combined total of Planning and Administration cannot exceed 10% of total allocation)

The following items are contingent upon the availability of funds and may vary depending upon:

- The repayment of prior Housing Rehabilitation loans through lien pay-offs.

\$ 10,000 Program Income (Housing Rehabilitation)
\$146,863 Total Proposed Allocation (estimate)

Everyone is encouraged to provide input regarding the proposed allocations of the CDBG programs. Documentation regarding the CDBG program is available at the Community Development Department, 6000 Middlebelt, Garden City, Michigan 48135, (734) 793-1663.

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City Clerk / Treasurer

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Redford Union Schools Request for Proposal Technology Consultant Services

Redford Union Schools is seeking quotations from qualified persons or companies to assist the Redford Union School District (RUSD) in developing a Security Camera RFP to address cameras, servers and storage, and manage the installation/implementation process to completion. This would include working with the district's Security Project Committee to write the RFP, assist with the bidder evaluation process, ensuring standards and compliance requirements are met, oversee the removal of the existing security camera system throughout the district, vet warranty costs, recurring costs, software, hardware including servers, manage contractor, project costs, cabling, implementation, integration, configuration, testing equipment, coordination of E-Rate funding and will be responsible for final signoff on project before contractor is paid in full.

All proposals are to be in a sealed envelope clearly marked "Redford Union School District Technology Consultant Services RFP". Six copies of the proposal should be hand delivered or mailed express carrier to:

Kimberly Crenshaw
Interim Director of Instructional Technology
17715 Brady Street
Redford Township, MI 48240

RFPs are due by 2:00 pm EST on January 26, 2018 at Redford Union Schools in the Administrative Building, 17715 Brady, Redford MI, 48240. Bids will be publicly opened shortly thereafter. No Oral, telephonic, telegraphic, facsimile or late bids will be accepted or considered. Redford Union School District expressly reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in whole or in part, to waive any irregularities therein, and to award the contract to other than the low bidder. Each bidder shall be required and expected to meet the RFP requirements in its entirety.

The full bid proposal can be seen on our website at www.redfordu.k12.mi.us under Request for Proposals. The RFP is also available on the Bid4Michigan website. Please direct all questions to Kimberly Crenshaw via email at crenshk@redfordu.k12.mi.us.

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ple in Westland in February. One man convicted in the shooting of Jordan Baker and Howard Wick back in February, Kobi Taylor, was sentenced to 65-95 years in prison as Wayne County Circuit Judge Qiana Lillard called him a “diabolical monster.”

Wild holds off Coleman: Incumbent Westland Mayor William Wild was re-elected for another four-year term, but three of four council seats were filled by newcomers.

Wild received 7,345 votes for nearly 58 percent of the votes cast Tuesday. Kevin Coleman, a six-year city councilman, received 5,336 votes (42 percent). By running for mayor, Coleman gave up his seat on council, which will expire at the end of the year.

“It’s been an exciting election,” said Wild, who had run unopposed in the previous two elections. “When I look at the council results, the residents



Mayor William Wild speaks with supporter Regis Miller. Passing in the background is Tina Moutoux. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

want some new faces — there are three new ones on council. I look forward to working with them and getting new ideas. I have a history of working with almost everyone and I’m looking forward to it.”

Voters recognized his track record as mayor and the progress that has been made in the city

over his tenure as mayor, said Wild.

Proposal for Hawthorne: A proposal for affordable housing — in part aimed at serving developmentally disabled adults — is being recommended for the former Hawthorne Valley property in Westland. The city council re-

cently held a study session to discuss the recommendation from the city’s property disposition committee to sell the property for development by Three Oaks Development and Advisory Services, based in Washtenaw County. “The lawyers have been negotiating a pur-



Rendering of a condominium building on the site. SUBMITTED

chase agreement — it’s not set yet,” Westland Mayor William Wild said. “This group came in with a development to create a small residential village of condos and single-family homes for parents with adult autistic children.”

Designed with Liberty Housing Services, the concept for Hawthorne Oaks is attached condominiums to provide independent living for intellectually and developmentally disabled adults, along with single-family homes built with accessibility for developmentally disabled adults, seniors and others. The homes would be one or two stories, customized to address accessibility issues.

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ABSTRACT WAYNE CITY COUNCIL MEETING NO. 2017-33 December 19, 2017

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT: APPROVED: agenda: minutes of Regular City Council meeting of Dec. 5; amendments to 2015-16 CDBG budget; site plan 2017-06 Mich. Ave. Project; site plan 2017-04 amendment: first reading of ordinances #2017-07; #2017-08; reappoint Wass, Damitio, Coleman to BOR; accept resignation of Schenk from BOR; reappoint Demmer to DDA; transfer \$4,144.23 & \$16,247.53 in CDBG to fire equipment; purchase fire radios; purchase fire test bench; call special mtgs. for 8/6/18 & 11/5/18 due to elections; budget amendment #2018-03; resolution for Brownfield Dev. Auth. (BDA); call public hearing for 1/16/18 for BDA; refinance general obligation bonds; purchase agreement for #55-012-99-0011-003; consent calendar. Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk

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Friday Night Movie
When: 6 p.m. Friday, Jan. 5 and 19

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Hot Reads for Cold Nights
When: Monday, Jan. 8, through Monday, Feb. 19

Details: Win a prize for what you’re already doing — reading. For the time period, fill out a raffle slip for each book, eBook or audiobook you read or listen to. Each week, you’ll be entered to win a prize.

Intro to Excel
When: 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 8

Details: It is required to know how to use a mouse. Registration encouraged.

Intro to Microsoft PowerPoint
When: 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9

Details: You may bring a flash drive to save your work, but it is not required. Registration encouraged.

Hearing Loss Association of America Support Group
When: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 10

Details: Join Tony Ferack, president of the Hearing Loss Association of America Western Wayne Chapter, each month as he discusses various topics related to the hearing loss community.

What’s An App?

When: 2 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11
Details: Learn all about apps, what they’re used for and where to get them.

Meet artist Mike Wooley

When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11
Details: Join Mike Wooley of A to Z comics as he describes his life as a working artist and comic book collector. His time collecting and drawing may inspire you.

Writer’s Workshop
When: 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 11

Intro to Microsoft Word
When: 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16

Details: This class requires basic computer knowledge and the ability to use a mouse. Registration encouraged.

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LETTER TO EDITOR

Play performance rocked

The “Cats” play put on by the Churchill High School CAPA group was sold out for all three shows. Being one of the lucky that got a ticket, all I can say is that there was a good reason it was sold out. What an excellent show!

The set was well done and the singing and dancing was great. The costumes and makeup were obviously the result of some top notch work and absolutely stunning. Congratulations are in order for everyone involved.

They have every reason to be proud of the production. I’m already looking forward for the next play!

Tom Stenzel
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Addicts kick drug habit with faith, life skills

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Grace Centers of Hope in Pontiac offers a free, year-long residential program for substance abusers.

But it's often the last place an addict wants to be.

"Grace Centers of Hope is usually the last stop for people. Most of our residents have been to numerous rehabs and there are numerous reasons for that," said Melissa Aupperle, director of donor relations. "People want a quick fix. If you've been an alcoholic all your life, a three-day program is not going to cut it."

"A lot of people want to do a short-term program and they think one year is too long. We've found it important for people to dedicate a year of their life."

Aupperle admits the program isn't for everyone. Men who are employed often are reluctant to give up a job in exchange for working on their sobriety. Some prefer a secular environment.

"We're a faith-based program and we don't apologize for that," she said. "We believe it's the hurts of the heart that cause someone to use



The women's residential program at Grace Centers of Hope offers a variety of classes, including parenting and spiritual studies. GRACE CENTERS OF HOPE



Grace Centers of Hope houses a women's residential program in this building. GRACE CENTERS OF HOPE

drugs. We try to heal the hurts of the heart and we believe in taking a Christian approach.

"We're building a community. It's not just a facility."

The organization runs separate year-long residential rehabilitation programs for both men and women. The women and children's center has 106 beds and the men's has 60 beds, along with a few private rooms. There's also an emergency shelter for individuals and families. Hands of Hope Childcare Center offers day care for newborns through age 2, preschool for 3- and 4-year-old children and educational and recre-

ational programs for children of parents involved in the organization's programs. Little Grace Village consists of several single- and multi-family homes on a nearby street.

Graduates of the residential rehab programs can rent the houses while involved in "after care" programs.

"One thing we're passionate about here is reuniting families," Aupperle said. "Lives rescued, families restored, hope renewed is the tagline we've used."

Life skills

In addition to Bible studies, twice-weekly church services and

Christian-based counseling, the organization offers a "comprehensive life skills program" to rehab participants.

"We focus on the whole person, not just the addiction. We want them to adopt healthy habits," Aupperle said. Nutrition information, exercise, parenting in sobriety and job-hunting skills help program graduates become "healthy, productive citizens."

"People are busy here," she said. "They're also volunteering in a variety of ways. We have four thrift stores where they volunteer and gain retail experience."

With no medical professionals on staff, the

organization refers participants to other agencies for medical needs and psychological assessments.

Grace Centers of Hope draws men and women from throughout Michigan for its year-long program. The average age of participants was mid-40s for many years, but now the program sees more 18- to 30-year-olds.

Graduates who relapse after leaving the program are encouraged to return for another 30 or 60 days in residential rehabilitation.

"We don't have bars on the doors and they are free to go if they feel the program isn't right for them," she said. "When people come here, there are no surprises. They know what our parameters are. They know we're faith-based. They know the ground rules up

front."

Grace Centers of Hope offers its residential drug rehabilitation program free to participants.

The organization is funded by grants, private donations and fundraising events. Major events include the Women Helping Women luncheon and fashion show in April, the David Mardigan Hope in One Memorial Golf Classic in June and the Night of Hope gala in November.

Early tickets are available through Jan. 31 for the fashion show, luncheon and silent auction, scheduled for April 21 at the Royal Park Hotel in downtown Rochester. Cost for individual admission is \$90.

For more information, go online to gracecentersofhope.org.

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RECOVERY

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program.

Before entering the residency program, she had used both opioids and heroin, two of the drugs responsible for the greatest number of drug-related deaths from 2000-16, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

In Michigan, drug overdose deaths increased each year from 2013-15. Of 1,981 overdose deaths in 2015, 884 were from opioids, according to Attorney General Bill Schuette. In September, Schuette joined a coalition of 40 attorneys general that is investigating opioid pharmaceutical manufacturers and distributors. In October, he and other attorneys general asked Congress to make treatment for opioid addiction more affordable and accessible.

That same month, Wayne and Oakland counties sued several drug manufacturers and distributors. According to the lawsuit, which was filed in U.S. District Court, "Michigan health care providers wrote 11 million prescriptions for opioid drugs in 2015 and another 11 million in 2016 — more annual opioid prescriptions than Michigan has people."

Lentz is well-aware of opioid statistics. She lived them while growing up.

Addictive family

The Florida native recalls that her mother took opioids for a back injury and multiple sur-

geries.

"It wasn't like she became an addict by choice at first," Lentz said. "She was on every drug — morphine, Dilaudid, you name it. It seemed that my mother was having a surgery every couple of years my whole life. She'd be in bed a lot. I was cooking whole meals when I was 8, 9 years old. This is just how it was."

As a teenager, she mirrored her mother's coping skills, using alcohol at first and then experimenting with Vicodin.

She met her future husband Jack in 2005, while working as a waitress at a seafood restaurant he managed in Orlando, Fla. They had their first daughter, Rylie, a year later. When the restaurant was sold, Jack went to truck driving school and got a job in Michigan. In 2010, they moved to Milford, where Jack had grown up and where family members lived.

Lentz worked as a waitress in Howell briefly and then became a stay-at-home mom for their son, Silas, now 6. She also made friends with other moms and dads who were "heavy partiers, drinkers and people who took pills," just like her family and friends did in Florida. She paid friends \$20 a pill and sometimes sought medication on her own from urgent care centers for non-existent medical problems.

"It gave me energy and there was no hangover," she said. "I'd be up for days just going and cleaning. I felt like super mom. You walked into



Jack Lentz and daughter Piper, 3, playing. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

my house and it was immaculate. You walked into my lifestyle and it seemed I had everything together, but I didn't. Everything I did, I did high."

Trying heroin

She initially took a pill once or twice a day, but began searching for a stronger high as her tolerance for the drugs grew. Vicodin gave way to Dilaudid and OxyContin. One day in 2011, when she couldn't find any pills for sale, she reluctantly took a friend's advice to try heroin. She snorted the drug at first, but it wasn't long before she began injecting it.

When the family began receiving shut-off notices for unpaid utility bills in 2012, Jack confronted her.

"I was mad," he said. "But we had kids together and I loved her. I knew if we could get past this and see our way through this, things could be different. I stuck it out. It was tough, a lot of tough times."

He cut off her access to a checking account and credit cards. He paid her bond the first and second times she was arrested for felony retail fraud, but let her sit in jail for months after another arrest. A court-ordered 90-day treatment



Jessica Lentz credits Grace Centers of Hope and her faith for her turnaround. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

plan followed. Ninety days turned into 120 days and she eventually moved into sobriety housing in Pontiac, but was evicted for not paying rent.

"My first experience in a treatment center helped me a lot at that time, but I started using within a week of leaving," she said. "Ninety days is not enough for anybody."

Although she was reluctant to spend a year at Grace Centers of Hope, she found camaraderie and a sense of community. She was allowed to bring her children to the center's day care and learned to parent while sober. The couple met with a marriage counselor and Lentz took classes in relapse prevention, addiction cycle, spiritual studies and job skills.

"You dig deep into your heart and experi-

ences in your life to try and figure out why on Earth you stuck needles in your arm," she said. "I was a survivor of verbal, mental and sexual abuse. These things had happened and I didn't acknowledge them. I just medicated them."

The couple married and Lentz was hired as a receptionist at Grace Centers. After Lentz graduated from the residential program, the family planned to move into a nearby house owned by Grace Centers to complete their two-year after care experience. While the house was being renovated, Lentz commuted each day from Milford. She gave birth to her third child, Piper, now 3, but soon found the pressures of work and motherhood overwhelming.

She relapsed and returned to the residential program three times in 2015 before the family moved into their new house in Pontiac.

Lentz, who gave birth to their second son, Cohen, nine weeks ago, is nearly finished with the after care program. She has plans to become a certified personal trainer and also hopes to minister to the homeless or victims of human trafficking. She's teaching her children about empathy toward the homeless and drug-addicted.

"I'm not on probation," she said. "I'm sober because I want to be. My family is strong. My faith is strong and I'm excited to see what God has next in my life."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

City of Wayne, Wayne County, MI

ON THE ADOPTION OF A PROPOSED RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FOR THE CITY OF WAYNE PURSUANT TO AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH ACT 381 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN OF 1996, AS AMENDED

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT a Public Hearing shall be held before the City of Wayne, City Council on Tuesday the 16th day of January, 2018, at 8:00 p.m. at the Regular City Council meeting to be held at 3355 S. Wayne Rd. Wayne, MI on the adoption of a proposed resolution establishing a Brownfield Redevelopment Authority for the City of Wayne, within the municipal limits of which the Authority shall exercise its powers, all pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Brownfield Redevelopment Financing Act, being Act 381 of the Public Acts of the State of Michigan of 1996, as amended.

Matthew K. Miller
City Clerk



CITY OF GARDEN CITY NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that at a meeting of the City Council of Garden City held on December 18, 2017, the City Council adopted an amendment to Section 154.165 (Medical Marijuana Facilities) of the Zoning Ordinance to address purpose and intent, prohibited and permitted facilities, general requirements for medical marijuana facilities, and specific requirements for medical marijuana facilities. Major changes include permitting the following uses in the M-1, Light Industrial District as Special Land Uses, subject to general and specific requirements: Class A Grow Operations, Processing Facilities, Safety Compliance Facilities, and Secure Transporters.

This amendment to the medical marijuana regulations of the Zoning Ordinance shall be effective eight (8) days following its publication date. Copies of the amendment may be viewed or obtained at the Office of Community Development, City of Garden City, 6000 Middlebelt Rd., Garden City, MI 48135 during regular office hours.

Effective Date: January 5, 2018

Soccer club helps Angela Hospice pediatric patients

More than 600 people headed out in the cold Dec. 16 for the Michigan Wolves-Hawks soccer club's Freezing Fun Charity Run at Schoolcraft's St. Joe's Sports Dome. Thanks to the efforts of volunteers and sponsors, the Wolves-Hawks raised more than \$12,500 for Angela Hospice's My Nest is Best Pediatric Program, a special program for children living with a terminal illness.

"This event was whimsical and wonderful. But the most wonderful part was young people and their families who reached out with compassion and support to peers - other children and their families - going through the most challenging days of their lives," said Bob Alexander, director of development for Angela Hospice. "It was touching and remarkable to see that kind of heart and kindness so fully expressed toward children in our pediatric hospice program."

"My big thing was, let's keep it local," said Molly Midgley, a Wolverine Lake resident and parent volunteer who became involved with the Hawks when her daughter started playing five years ago. Now Midgley helps with the club's charitable outreach efforts.

Midgley and Wolves-Hawks coaching director Doug Landefeld worked with partners from Schoolcraft College's Fitness Center, where the Wolves and Hawks practice, to plan the 5K and chose Angela Hospice to benefit from the event.

"We wanted to donate 100 percent of the money," Midgley said. "As we got going and we asked all these companies to donate, every one of them, every single one, said, 'Oh, that's so great you're giving it to Angela Hospice. They are such a great organization.' It was amazing."

Trader Joe's in Northville donated all the food for the event and Casey Cook of Running Fit helped organize the 5K, which saw more than 300 runners participate. Schoolcraft Fitness Center was another of the top



The Freezing Fun Charity Run raised more than \$12,500 for Angela Hospice. From left are Megan Monthei of Schoolcraft College Fitness Center, Michigan Wolves-Hawks coaching director Doug Landefeld, Bob Alexander of Angela Hospice and Wolves-Hawks volunteer Molly Midgley.



Members of the Michigan Wolves-Hawks '03 academy team were among those who participated in the Freezing Fun Charity Run back, from left: Maya Schueller of Northville, Maya Goudeseune of Wolverine Lake, Jaden Frigerio of Commerce, coach Doug "Santa" Landefeld, Brookelyn Steere of Dexter and Ella Young of White Lake and (front, from left) Macaira Midgley of Wolverine Lake, Claire Llewellyn of Lake Orion, Samantha Woods of Saline and Aiden McConnell of Dexter.

sponsors for the event.

"They were instrumental," Landefeld said. "Everybody helped to make it happen."

This isn't the first time the Wolves-Hawks club has shown charity to the community. Two years ago, it held a canned food drive for Hospitality House.

"We collected over 10,000 pounds of food," Midgley said. "It was great. We fed 500 families for a month. We started doing an outreach so the kids can give back, because these kids all have so much."

Midgley said that's why the group chose Angela Hospice's My Nest is Best Pediatric Program: So the Wolves-Hawks would be helping other kids who were less fortunate.

The Livonia-based Michigan Wolves-Hawks soccer club is an elite club for players under age 18. For more information, go to www.michiganwolveshawks.com. For more on Angela Hospice and the My Nest is Best Pediatric Program, go to AskForAngela.com.

Obituaries

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Edward Joseph Taras

CLIFTON - Edward Joseph Taras passed away peacefully on December 19, 2017, after a brief illness. Ed was born and raised in Clifton, New Jersey, the son of Polish immigrants, Andrew and Angela (Mysliwiec) Taras. At age sixteen, he became a proud US Marine and fought in World War II, sewing as a gunner on B-29 bombers in the Pacific theater. He used the GI Bill to attend Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio, where he studied history. As a young father, he moved to Connecticut to earn a Master of Arts in Teaching at Wesleyan University. In 1955, Ed and his family moved to Michigan, where he was hired by the Birmingham Public Schools. He became a beloved history teacher at both Seaholm and Groves High Schools and was named the district's Teacher of the Year in 1973. During his thirty-seven-year career, Mr. Taras became locally famous for his candid and humorous lectures with titles like, "Castles Are Dirty." When asked, "What do you teach?" he'd always answer, "I teach kids." After retirement, Ed split his time between Yellow Springs and Clifton, and then moved to Ann Arbor in 2010, where he enjoyed retirement with his friends at Lurie Terrace. A voracious reader, Ed was a lifelong student of history (especially of WWII), read the New York Times daily, and always had perceptive observations about national and world events. Ed is survived by his significant other, Ellen Ransey; his three sons, Marc, Jeff, and Andrew Taras; two daughters-in-law, Stephanie Kadel Taras and Bethany Taras; five grandchildren, Donovan, Evan, Issabella, Molly, and Aidan Taras; and three sisters, Julie Dzedzic, Sandra Kozdeba, and Bemice (Bob) Bizub. He is predeceased by his sister, Ann Taras. A memorial will be held on December 29, 2017, 2:00 p.m., at the Ann Arbor City Club, 1830 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Glen Helen Nature Preserve, Yellow Springs, Ohio (glenhelen.org) or The Planetary Society (planetary.org).



Wendy L. Blohm

CANTON - Suddenly passed away December 22, 2017, age 73. Cherished wife of Bob. Beloved sister of Connie (bob) Wilson, and Lori (Steve) Moreland. Dear sister-in-law of Larry (Beverly) Edler, and Tom Edler. Loving aunt of Lt. Col. Eric (renee) Wilson, Jason Wilson, Ann (Jeremy) LeVan, Lori (Landon) Martin, Ryan, Kent, and Greg Edler, Christa (Jason) Romel, Tyler Moreland, and 9 great nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, December 28th, 3 PM until the Thursday 7 PM. Funeral Service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth (btwn Sheldon and Beck). Memorials may be made to the Educational Excellence Foundation. To share a memory, please visit vermeulenfuneral-home.com

LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

Vehicle broken into at mall

Livonia police were called Dec. 15 to Laurel Park Place, 37700 Six Mile, on the report of a vehicle that had been broken into.

Police met the victim in the parking garage, where she said she parked her vehicle earlier that day. She said she came out to her car that evening after work and found a front window broken out and the glove box opened. The only thing missing were her insurance card and registration. No suspect information was available.

Retail fraud stopped

Police were called Dec. 18 to Walmart, 29555 Plymouth, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

An employee told police they saw the suspect at the self-checkout with items. They saw the suspect conceal several items, including some knives and boots in bags, while paying for several other items. They left the store without paying for the items and were stopped by an employee. Police arrived and issued the suspect a citation before releasing them at the scene.

Vehicle broken into

Livonia police were called Dec. 17 to a residence in the 20400 block of Purlingbrook on the report of a vehicle break-in.

The resident said she took her grandson to Southfield for a haircut and noticed her bag was in the cargo area. She went home and was unsure if the bag was still there. Later that day, she came out to her vehicle and noticed her glove box was open and realized her vehicle had been rummaged through. Her duffel bag had also been taken from the vehicle. There was no damage or signs of forced entry, as the resident said a seat belt was caught in the door.

Wallet taken

A shopper at Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, came into the police station Dec. 16 to report she had lost her wallet the day before.

She said she put her wallet in her cart and left the store after shopping. She said she left her wallet in the cart after loading her vehicle. She went back to the store and asked to review security footage, though store employees would not do so unless she filed a police report.

— By David Veselenak

Irene Marcele Jenks (Correll) Kortez

Irene Marcele Jenks (Correll) Kortez, 98, passed away on December 13, 2017. She was born on July 2, 1919 in Wabash, Indiana to the late Charles E. Jenks and Cora Mae Nicely.



She was preceded in death by her parents, former husbands, Richard V. Correll and Howard W. Kortez; three brothers, Manard, Harold and Gordon Jenks; daughter, Kathleen Barry; and step-son, Thomas Kortez. Survivors include, son Steven A. Correll (Julie) of Marietta, GA; son-in-law, Jack Barry of Hot Springs Village, AR; step-daughters Margo A. Kortez of Lansing, MI and Mary Lee Ambel (Eric) of Brooklyn, NY; five grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Irene was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Niles, MI, First Congregational Church of Portland, MI and former member of the HSV Ladies 9-hole Golf League. She was a secretary at Miles Labs in Elkhart, IN, a legal secretary in San Antonio, TX and an executive secretary at TRW in Portland, MI. Irene moved to Hot Springs Village in 1979 from Portland, MI.

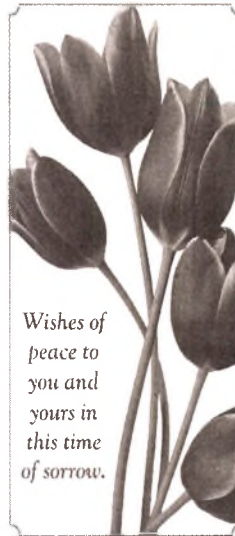
Memorial Service will be held 10 a.m. Thursday, January 4, 2017 at Caruth Village Funeral Home in Hot Springs Village. Internment will take place at Rice Cemetery in Elkhart, Indiana at a later date.

Guests may register at www.caruth-hale.com



Scott Anthony Eagle

Eagle, Scott Anthony Age 51 December 21, 2017 of Canton Loving partner of Bud Saylor, for 30 years. Beloved son of the late Kenneth and Barbara Eagle. Dearest brother of Judy Bush, Dianne Sturgeon and Greg Eagle. Precious uncle. Funeral Service was held Wednesday, December 27, 2017, 11:00am at the Taylor Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 9800 S. Telegraph Road. Share a memory at www.howepeterson.com





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BOYS BASKETBALL

Plymouth's strong balance stymies John Glenn, 64-57

'Cats lead wire-to-wire, sparked by five players scoring in double digits

Tim Smith
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

With Joe Moon IV in the backcourt, Westland John Glenn's boys basketball team never is out of a game.

But the Rockets never were able to overcome a sluggish start Dec. 21 at Plymouth, falling behind 8-0 and never enjoying the lead — ultimately falling 64-57 in a KLAAs Black Division match-up.

Plymouth (3-2 overall, 1-1 in the division) managed to hang tight despite a 26-point effort from Moon, a junior point guard who is equally danger-

ous shooting from outside or taking the ball to the rim. The Wildcats benefited from having five players score 10 or more points.

"We did a nice job on the glass," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said. "It was definitely a focus coming in. I thought we played really well as a unit."

Moon also played tight defense against Plymouth senior guard Anthony Crump, allowing the Division I recruit to score just 11 points.

"They, obviously, were trying to take Anthony away," Soukup said. "Joe Moon was face to face with him the whole

game, which was an intelligent thing on their part to do. But other guys were cognizant of that and stepped up and really made some plays tonight."

John Glenn head coach Rod Watts, whose team dropped to 1-2, said his squad kept battling in an attempt to make up for the early deficit.

An inability to get on a good offensive run — acerbated by struggles rebounding and keeping Plymouth players from getting into the paint — wound up costing the Rockets.

"That's where I was getting on my guys about boxing out,"

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Battling around the basket are Plymouth's Troy Aikins (center) and Westland John Glenn's Frankie Braxton (left) and Asonta Hargrove. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

WOMEN'S SOCCER

THE NEXT STEP



Grand Valley State's Gabriella Mencotti (right) is looking for a chance to play in the National Women's Soccer League. EMILY FRYE | THE LANTHORN

Division II Player of the Year Mencotti eyes pro tryout

Brad Emons
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Gabriella Mencotti's list of achievements for the Grand Valley State University women's soccer program the past four years has been staggering, to say the least.

The 5-foot-11 forward from

Northville High School played in and started more matches than any Lakers player in history, finishing her highly decorated career second all time in goals (85) and total points (203). The Novi resident also ranked third all time in game-winning goals (22) and assists (43).

And despite being the cen-

ter of attention by opposing teams, Mencotti led the nation in goals (30) and points (70) while dealing 10 assists en route to being named the Division II Conference Commissioners Association National Player of the Year for the second straight season.

During her career, Mencotti played on two NCAA Division



Mencotti

II championship teams (2014-15) and one national runner-up squad (2016). This season, the Lakers finished 20-4, reaching the elite eight before losing 3-1 to No. 1-ranked and eventual national champion Central Missouri, which fin-

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Catholic Central grounds Falcons for 5-0 start

Lukomski's 19 points leads balanced Shamrocks attack in 74-63 win

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Novi Detroit Catholic Central has proven to be a high-scoring team en route to a 5-0 boys basketball season start.

The Shamrocks came in averaging 80 points per game, but the defense wasn't quite where it could have been following a 92-84 win six days earlier (Dec. 15) over Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day.

"When we went to practice, we really tuned up on defense. That's what we really focused on," CC senior guard A.J. Abdelnour said. "Limiting teams, I think our goal is 54 a game. We don't want to give up anymore than that and we'll win, because we can score way more than that."

CC tightened things up on defensive end Dec. 21 for three quarters and it resulted in 74-63 triumph at home over Dearborn Divine Child.

"We gave up 84 last time, not as many this time," CC coach Bill Dyer said. "We're still young and we still have things to learn, I think. Of course, we could have made more free throws late to help us out, but it was a solid effort and they're good, too. They're well-coached. They kept us off-balance for a little bit."

The Shamrocks led 32-25 at halftime, after leading by



Abdelnour

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USA HOCKEY

Trading places: U.S. NTDP's DeRidder, MSU's Miller

Tim Smith

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

If Drew DeRidder and Tommy Miller passed each other inside USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, nobody would have blamed them for going toward the wrong locker room.

The Dec. 16 hockey game between DeRidder's U.S. National Team Development Program U-18 team and Miller's Michigan State University squad proved to be an interesting tale of trading places.



DeRidder



Miller

DeRidder, a 5-10 goalie and Fenton resident, will be a future Spartans goaltender. Meanwhile, MSU freshman defenseman Miller, from West Bloomfield, skated last season for the U.S. U-18 team.

Although both enjoyed the chance to square off against (take your pick) their future or past team, they said they approached the 60 minutes of action like any other game on the schedule.

"It's great to play all the college teams I'm going to face next year," said DeRidder, who played a strong game in a 3-0 defeat (allowing just two goals; the third MSU goal was an empty-netter). "And it's great to play the future team and play against all the kids I'm going to play with in the next couple years."

"I try to just treat it like another game and not get excited, but it's hard not to get hyper about it. I felt I kept it under control."

Miller, who honed his playing skills as a youngster in the Little Caesars, Honeybaked and Compuware programs before playing 2015-17 with the NTDP, said it was nice to play in his former team at the Beck Road arena. But "you go at it the same way as any other game."

That doesn't mean Miller didn't have a little extra jump in his skates when he took the ice to go against the U.S. Last season, he was part of the



On Dec. 16, NTDP U-18 goalie Drew DeRidder faced his future team — Michigan State University. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY



Michigan State goalie Ed Minney and defenseman Tommy Miller face their former team Dec. 16. At right for the NTDP U-18 squad is defenseman Adam Samuelsson. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

team that won a gold medal at the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation U-18 World Championship in Slovakia.

He worked tirelessly to make the opening day roster in 2016-17, after playing sparingly for the NTDP U-17 team in 2015-

16. "Made the (U-18) team (last year) and took advantage of all the facilities and coaching," Miller said. "It worked out well."

Another plus for Miller is the fact MSU's new coaching staff (head coach Danton Cole, asso-

ciate coach Chris Luongo of Novi and goalie coach Joe Exter) came over from the NTDP at the same time.

"On the same page with a lot of things (with Cole)," Miller said. "I know his mottos and how he stands on things and how he wants things to be

done.

"We kind of have a similar background on that and determination ... just the right attitude. It comes from here (USA Hockey) and translates over to Michigan State."

Miller then smiled about facing the guy who will be a MSU goalie in

2018-19.

"It's pretty cool for (DeRidder)," Miller said. "I was in the same shoes as him, playing my future school. It's weird, but it's very cool."

At the other end of the rink from DeRidder was Michigan State senior goalie Ed Minney, who stands 6-4 and plays a different style between the pipes. Minney also is an NTDP graduate, although he played when the program was based in Ann Arbor.

"I don't know (Minney) very well," DeRidder said. "It's cool to be going in the same places."

Looking to future

On Dec. 16, DeRidder was focused on helping his current team. But once the hard-fought contest was over, he couldn't help but think about what the future holds for him. If all goes well, he'll be a Spartan in 2018-19.

"The next few years will be really nice," DeRidder said. "(MSU's) game is completely different than ours. They focus on more of a defensive style and we're all fast-paced offense."

"It's going to be an adjustment, but as a goalie, it's good to have a team wanting to play defense in front of you."

That he isn't going to suddenly add four or five inches to his frame over the next year doesn't bother him too much, either.

"I'm not too big, so it's not good to (for him) to have a 'butterfly, block and get in the way' style," he said. "You got to be more aware, know where everyone is and then be ready to react to everything."

Now that DeRidder has an up-close-and-personal taste of what it will be like to play college hockey, he can't wait to reach Munn Ice Arena — after helping the U.S. capture some more international tournament hardware, of course.

"I skate with a lot of high-level NHL players and college players during the summer," he said. "That should be a good thing for me to do. And, obviously, off-ice is a really big deal."

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MENCOTTI

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ished 26-0.

In her final game, it was only fitting that Mencotti scored her team's lone goal.

"It was a great four years. I enjoyed every season," Mencotti said. "Coming in with a national championship and leaving with such an amazing class ... it's such a great team to finish off, I think. It was a very successful four years and something that I'll always remember. The best choice I ever made was going to that university. Nothing but happy with the decision I made. I'm glad to be done and some new players can come in that I can watch, so I'm excited for the future."

The consensus first team All-America choice also earned the Academic All-American of the Year award from College Sports Information Directors of America and United Soccer Coaches named her a first team Scholar All-America. HERO Sports named her the Division II women's soccer HERO of the Year. "I think last year, after

losing such a great class and gaining 14 new players, I think we did a good job adjusting to the dynamic of the team and what new people we had coming in," Mencotti said. "Obviously, we didn't get as far as we wanted, but I think we still had an exceptional season. All our new players stepped up, our returning players stepped up and I think we really had a bunch of players come into their own and become great players this year. Even though we didn't get as far as we had hoped, I think still we had a great season and players developed into better players than they were before."

Mencotti, a double major in finance and marketing, will graduate from GVSU in April. But she has some unfinished business left in her soccer career. She hopes somebody in the National Women's Soccer League will show interest.

"I'm looking for my options professionally, either in the U.S. or out of the country," Mencotti said. "The next couple of months, hopefully, I'll be figuring that out. I've put in information for the NWSL draft. I'll be send-

ing out film and video overseas, depending what my options are."

Grand Valley head coach Jeff Hosler has been working behind the scenes to help make it happen.

"Having gone through this process with a couple players, it's one that you really can't predict," he said. "Gabby is very determined to play professionally, which helps her cause and gives her a lot of different options, whether that is NWSL or abroad. The next few weeks is when we start to hear from clubs a little more seriously about players they're interested, getting to know them before the draft here in January."

Hosler believes Mencotti has all the tools to play at the next level.

"I think her skill set, her size and her athleticism are all things that are going to be very attractive to be a good professional," he said. "Because of her mobility, her fitness and athleticism and tactical ability ... all those things go hand-in-hand playing closer to goal. And with that trend in professional soccer right now, those all really bode well for her in remaining in that

type of position with that type of player. But she's also such a coachable kid. She can really play anywhere on the field and make that adjustment and buy into it. It wouldn't surprise me (if) she goes undrafted, but has some opportunities for individual workouts immediately following the draft with a number of clubs."

Mencotti's role expanded this season as she earned Offensive Player of the Year honors in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The first team all-conference pick had five goals and three assists in the GLIAC tournament, earning tournament MVP honors while helping GVSU capture its 11th consecutive tournament title and 13th straight regular season championship.

She also racked up four hat tricks on the 2017 season, including a stretch of three straight matches (Oct. 6-11). Mencotti scored at least one goal in all six postseason matches for the Lakers, scoring nine goals across the final six games of her college career.

"I think she took an even bigger role as a leader in her final year,"

Hosler said. "This was a very young team that we had this fall. We had 14 new players in our program, which is a little more than half, so her and her senior class did a fantastic job of bringing them in, getting them along, helping them to understand expectations and how to achieve them, while managing very good team chemistry."

During her junior year, Mencotti was flanked by two very talented seniors on the wing along with Marti Corby, a two-time Division II National Player of the Year midfielder. Having to deal with that type of attention and putting up the numbers made her senior season even more impressive individually.

"She had to deal with double-teams and triple-teams and be the focal point of every opponents' defensive tactics throughout the year," Hosler said.

In his 12 years as a college coach, Hosler said Mencotti ranks right at the top, not only as a special player, but also as a special person.

"You're talking about somebody who has almost every accolade under the sun in her four years here, yet she al-

ways remains very humble," he said. "You give her news of an award and she has a big smile on her face and there's almost a little bit of shock. You wouldn't expect someone who has had that success to react that way, but she's a very genuine person and humility shines through. Coaches will always tell you how great their kids are, but she's somebody I constantly rave about and will for a long, long time."

Mencotti said Hosler has fostered a trust that goes beyond the game of soccer.

"Whatever a player needs, he's willing to help with," Mencotti said. "Love him as a coach, great at communicating and helping everyone out. So it's good."

And while Mencotti isn't quite ready to get soccer out of her system, she's prepared either way.

"If this doesn't work out, at least I want to try," Mencotti said. "If it doesn't work out, I'll go out into the real world and try that one out."

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Northville's DeGroot wins weekly honor

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Northville senior boys swimmer Trevor DeGroot did what he does best to win the hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week poll for the week ending Dec. 15.

He finished strong to outlast staunch competition.

Such was the case both in the pool and in the poll — DeGroot tallied 6,957 votes, more than 49 percent of the total 14,121 votes cast.

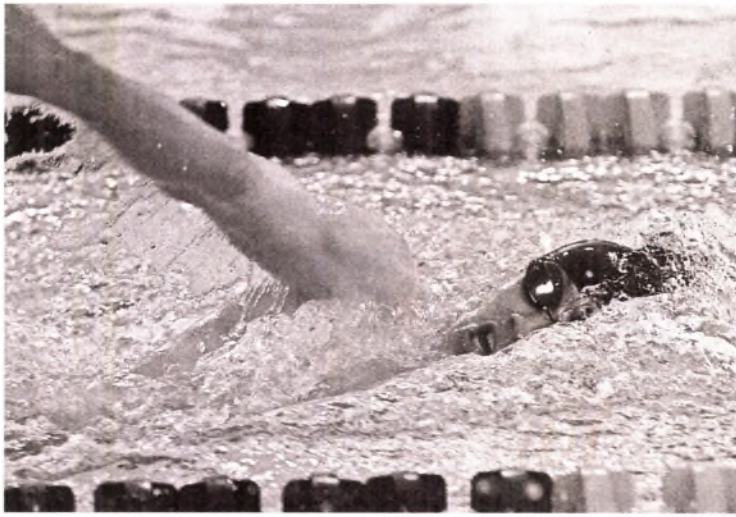
Canton senior girls basketball player Carli Vaughan (6,021 votes, 42.6 percent) placed second. In third place was Livonia Franklin senior boys basketball player Mark Mettie (1,009 votes, 7.15 percent).

WHAT HE DID

The Mustang won the poll thanks to a big-time effort Dec. 12 against defending Division 1 state champion Birmingham Brother Rice.

He swept the 200- and 500-yard freestyles in 1:48.49 and 4:59.34, respectively, to spark the fifth-ranked Mustangs to a 94-91 victory over the Warriors, ranked No. 3 in the state.

"For the past three



Northville's Trevor DeGroot, shown from last season, won the latest hometownlife.com Prep Athlete of the Week poll. FILE PHOTO

years, we didn't beat Brother Rice, so I was pretty excited heading into this one," DeGroot said. "I really tried to focus in on those races and we just had a great team effort all-around." DeGroot said he "just felt good, felt loose in the water. I felt like I had pretty good turns."

PERSPECTIVE

Northville coach Rich Bennetts also stressed to the Mustangs not to get too wrapped up in defeating Brother Rice.

"Coach Bennetts told us at the end of the meet that it was an awesome win," DeGroot said. "But at the end of the day, it was just a dual meet. We have bigger goals than that. It really can't be the highlight of our season."

ABOUT WINNING AOW

DeGroot said winning Athlete of the Week honors is "an honor. I'm happy that people recognized swimming because it's not in the news too often. I'm thankful for that."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Birmingham Unified skates past South Lyon, 8-6

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Andrew Beggs might have summed it best in describing Birmingham Unified's 8-0-1 start to the 2017-18 boys hockey season.

"It's obviously fun," said the junior forward, who pumped in four goals Dec. 19 during a wild 8-6 victory over host South Lyon Unified at the Kensington Valley Ice House. "It's something that we thought we could do and something that we executed, but we can't let that be the solution. It's a good start, but it's not definitely where we can be. We know we can do better and beat teams by more goals."

And speaking of starts, the Kings scored four times in the first 4 minutes, 42 seconds en route to a 5-0 first-period lead.

"We talked about out-detailing our opponent and we did that tonight," third-year Birmingham coach Steve Kruk said. "Our gap control was outstanding, hunting pucks in the offensive zone was outstanding, getting pucks to the net, having middle lane drive ... all the stuff that we harped on this week it was executed today better than any other period we've this year so far."

Beggs scored three of his four goals during the opening 17 minutes, while David Breaugh and Dane Hamilton both added one. All five goals were even-strength.

"We just came out and we knew we had to be fired up because we were playing a good team on the road," Beggs said. "In a weekday game, a lot of teams would not have the momentum or the mentality to come in here and do a good job. We just wanted to make

sure we did that and we came out flying. We popped five in the first period and that's just what we want to do. It was the perfect storm. We executed what we had in mind and executed our game plan perfectly."

Will Sanders then made it 6-0 for Birmingham just 1:46 into the second period off assists from Matthew Bachand and Hamilton

And by that point it appeared to be game, set and match, correct?

Not so fast, as South Lyon (5-2) made a game of it by scoring four unanswered goals before the period ended.

The comeback started with power-play goals from Ryan Bigler (from Gavin Ross) and Ross (from Bigler).

Luke Turowski's top-shelf blast (from Gavin Pierz and Jake Hefferman), followed by a Ross wraparound (from Bigler), cut the deficit to 6-4 with 1:39 left in the second.

"The boys showed some heart, a little bit of bounce back in the second period," SLU coach Bill McCreary said. "The

third was pretty even, but penalties took over a little bit. The refs called some on them to help us get back in it and then they called a few on us. Our penalty kill wasn't good today."

Birmingham took advantage of a five-minute SLU cross checking penalty, getting a goal from Sanders off assists from Jack Muir and Brian Paswater to make it 7-4 at 2:27 of the third.

But Turowski's nifty back-hander from Ashton Jones and Jace Gerlach cut the deficit again to two, 7-5, with 2:57 left.

South Lyon then took another costly penalty and Beggs capitalized on a power play with 1:34 to go from Muir and Breaugh.

Both Jack Pesta and Breaugh finished with three assists on the night, while other assists went to Ryan Zainea and Daniel Zalesin.

"Coming back into the (locker) room after the second period, we just talked about embracing adversity," Kruk said. "They're a good hockey team and we never expected to be up by six, nor should we have. But after we woke them up a little bit, we came back to life in that third period."

Aaron Caicco then scored with 28 seconds remaining to make it a two-goal deficit again, but it was too little, too late for SLU.

"Obviously, the first period was the best period we played all year," Kruk said. "It was outstanding. But even so, I know we got into a little

penalty trouble the second period. We got back on our heels and got a little bit too comfortable. And again, South Lyon is a darn good hockey team, so I'm not taking anything away from them. We gave them an inch and they took a mile."

South Lyon starting goalie Nolan Smith, a junior, was pulled after giving up the third goal in the opening period. Sophomore Andrew Lowen finished the game.

"They're capable of so much more than what they showed in that first period," McCreary said of his team. "It's a good hockey team and, with any good hockey team, you can't spot that kind of lead and expect success, no matter who we're playing. If we have to score nine goals to win, we're shooting ourselves in the foot. I'd like to think that we're stronger defensively than what we showed today."

Kruk, who was BU's JV coach for five years before taking over the varsity, likes what he sees so far from this squad.

"In my three years with the program, this is by far my best group we had," he said. "I don't mean that just by skill ... there's kids that buy into our culture and just go to work every day. It's just been outstanding."

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PLYMOUTH

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Watts said. "We have a loaded schedule, we must box out to stay in the game."

"We've been in every game and I just think if we do a better job on the glass, those games, those losses, they could be (wins). You just never know."

Plymouth led 15-8 after one quarter and then both teams lit it up in the second (23 points each), but the Wildcats always had an answer when it counted.

Late in the third quarter, John Glenn started to gain some momentum, getting the deficit down to 46-40 thanks to a couple of quick baskets.

Then came what might have been the final nail in the Rockets' coffin.

With less than a second left in the quarter, Plymouth senior guard Justin Reynolds sized up the rim from the right corner and buried a trey. That made it 49-40 after three quarters.

Had that shot missed, the game might have been much closer down the stretch. The Wildcats maintained a lead of seven points or more the rest of the way.

Reynolds knew it was an important play as soon as he got the ball from senior guard A.J. Neal. He had confidence hitting that clutch shot because he was feeling it during pregame practice.

"I had to give us a little extra lead, a little boost, because they were going on a run at that moment," Reynolds said. "It's just rhythm shots I had to take. We warm up and we do those shots all the time and I just went through the motions."

Following are several takeaways:

TWO OUT OF THREE

Soukup said the final outcome of a ballgame usually swings in favor of the team that makes most of the three "clutch plays" that typically happen down the stretch.

The trey by Reynolds at the end of the

third quarter qualified as one of those and a slam-dunk by senior guard Joey Robb with 1:25 to go in the game (upping Plymouth's lead to 61-50 and pretty much sealing the deal) was the other.

"When it tips in your favor that way, it usually ends up being a win," Soukup said.

BALANCED ATTACK

Plymouth had five players scoring in double figures, led by Neal, who drained five triples for 15 points. Contributing 11 points was Crump, while Reynolds, Robb and senior forward Jeff Davis each scored 10 points.

"Hats off to Plymouth, they played a great team ballgame tonight," Watts said. "And they had a really, really balanced attack. (Soukup) does a really good job with those guys."

GOOD IMPRESSION

Watts said sophomore guard/forward Asonta Hargrove (six points) played well against the Wildcats, which bodes well for the second half of the season, when the Rockets will look to pick up some speed.

"(Hargrove) played pretty good," Watts said. "He's never been in this type of environment before. We'll take some knocks early, to be ready down the stretch."

NICE TO SEE YOU

During the first half, it was announced that four members of Plymouth's 2015 conference and district championship team were in attendance: Josh Reynolds (Justin's brother, now playing at Madonna University), Deji Adebisi, Randall Aikins (Troy's brother) and Armani Tate.

EARLY FIREWORKS

The varsity contest didn't tip off until 7:45 p.m. because of two hard-fought games by the freshman and junior varsity teams.

In the freshman game, Plymouth needed double overtime to prevail. The JV game nearly reached overtime, but John Glenn sophomore guard Solomon Johnson connected on a trey from above the top of the arc as time expired to give the Rockets a 46-45 victory.

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Putting up a shot over a Westland John Glenn defender is Plymouth senior guard Justin Reynolds. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

SHAMROCKS

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as many as 14 in the second quarter.

Divine Child (2-2) cut the deficit to four on two different occasions during the third quarter, but CC closed it out with a 26-21 fourth-quarter run despite going 6-of-14 from the foul line, including five straight misses in the final 3:20.

Forward Davis Lukomski paced CC's balanced scoring attack with 19 points.

"He was solid tonight and he stayed out of foul trouble," Dyer said of the 6-6 forward. "He can shoot the ball, obviously. We had that length and got a few rebounds late and just kind of held on."

The 5-foot-11 Abdehnour added 15, while junior guard running mate Keegan Koehler added 12 as the Shamrocks shot 26-of-58 from the field (44.8 percent), including nine 3-pointers. CC's final tally at the foul stripe was 15-of-24 (62.5 percent).

"I thought the second half, we got the ball to

the elbow a little bit and got the ball to the basket," Dyer said. "We finally got the ball there with a little pocket pass into the post to get those easy shots."

Divine Child's Quinn Blair, a William & Mary signee, finished with a game-high 21 points, but the 6-6 senior forward was limited to 6-of-18 shooting from the floor.

"Jam all cuts, don't let Quinn touch the ball. don't let that ball get reversed at all," Abdehnour said. "That was our game plan."

After closing the gap

to six entering the final quarter, the Falcons committed five costly turnovers in that quarter as CC built its advantage back up to double digits.

"It was just execution-type stuff, just more reps that we'll get better at in practice," said first-year Divine Child coach Mac Horvath, who coached the previous season at Melvindale.

The Falcons were 21-of-56 from the field (37.5 percent) and 13-of-17 from the line (76.4 percent) as junior guard Cameron Ubanick contributed 14 points. Parker

LePage and Kyle Gurney each added nine.

"We missed some shots, but the kids played really hard," Horvath said. "This was a real tough environment. We got down early and we battled all night. It never got past 12 - I don't think - then we pushed it to six, we pushed it to four a couple of times. We were down four with the ball a couple of times on a night where we didn't make a lot of shots all night. It was a good effort."

CC will be off for 12 days and won't play again until Wednesday, Jan. 3,

at home against Detroit Loyola.

"We had a great student section come out," Abdehnour said. "Like in years past we never did, but when we've got the energy behind us and then our team chemistry ... our team chemistry is ridiculous this year. We're all brothers and just when someone is down, they pick up the energy for you."

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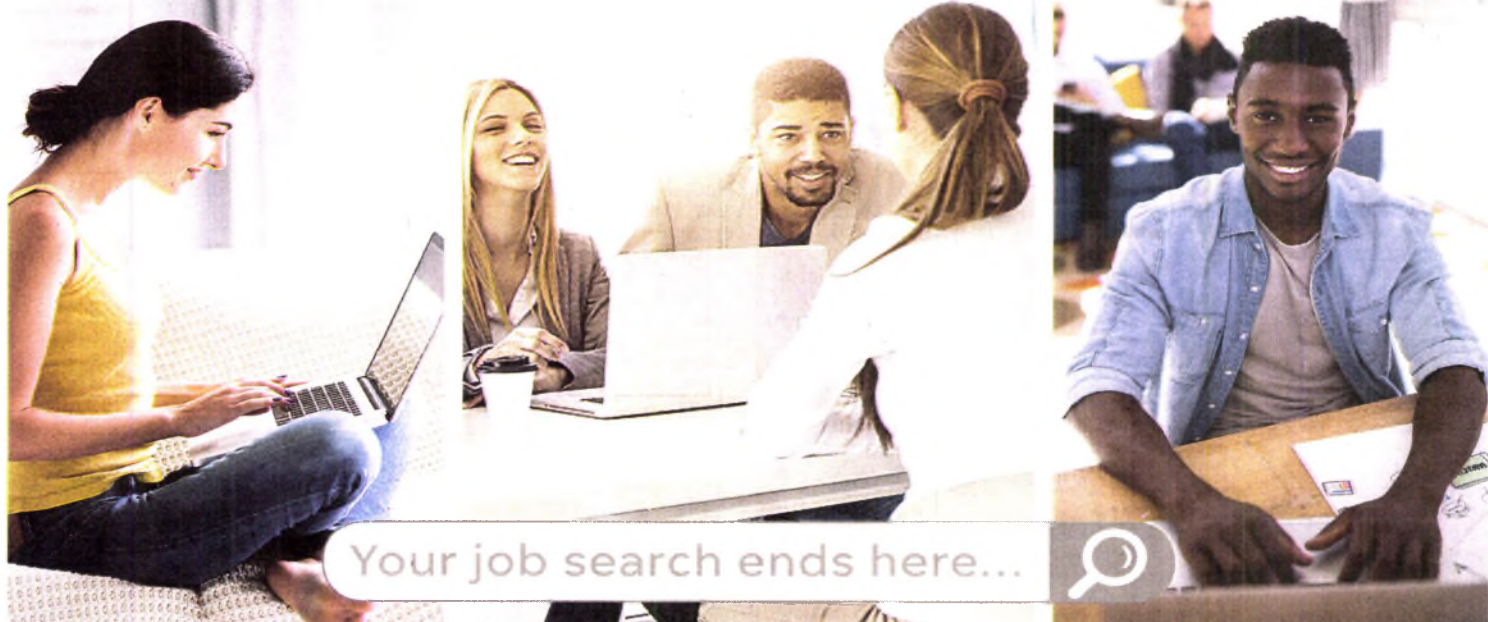
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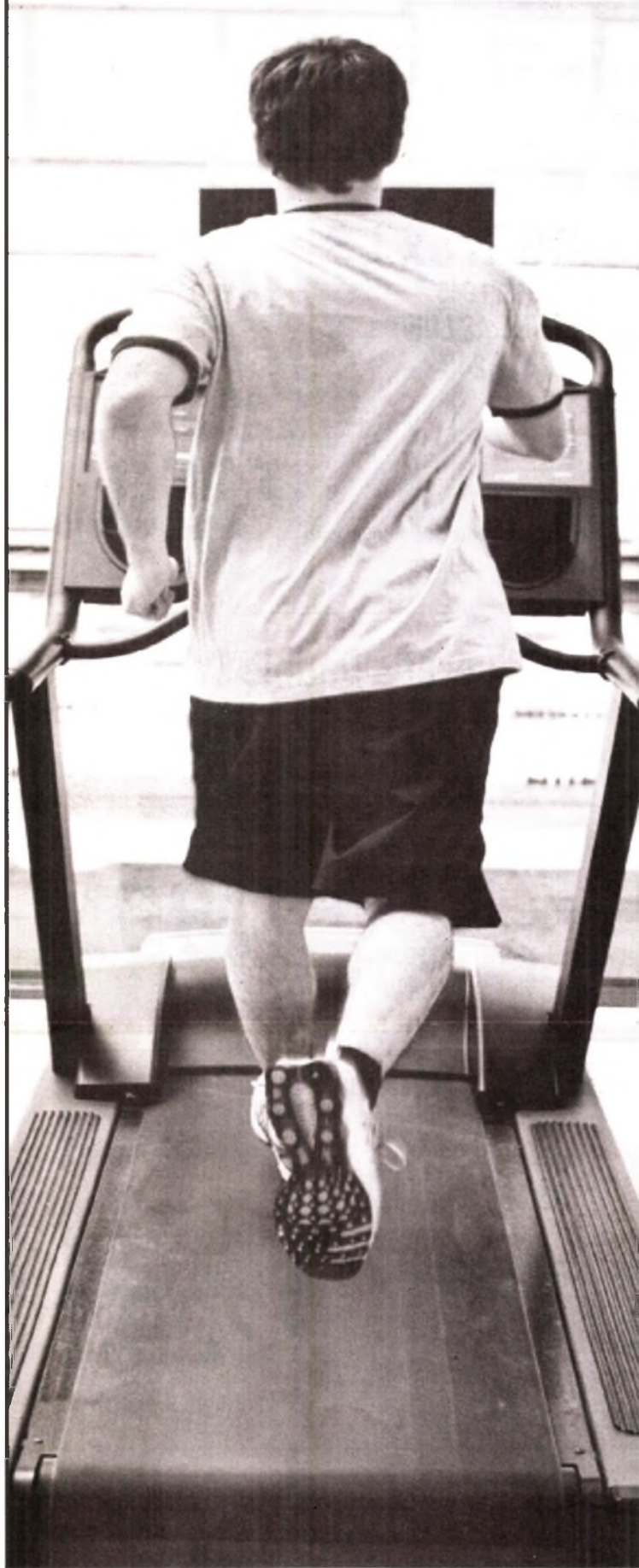
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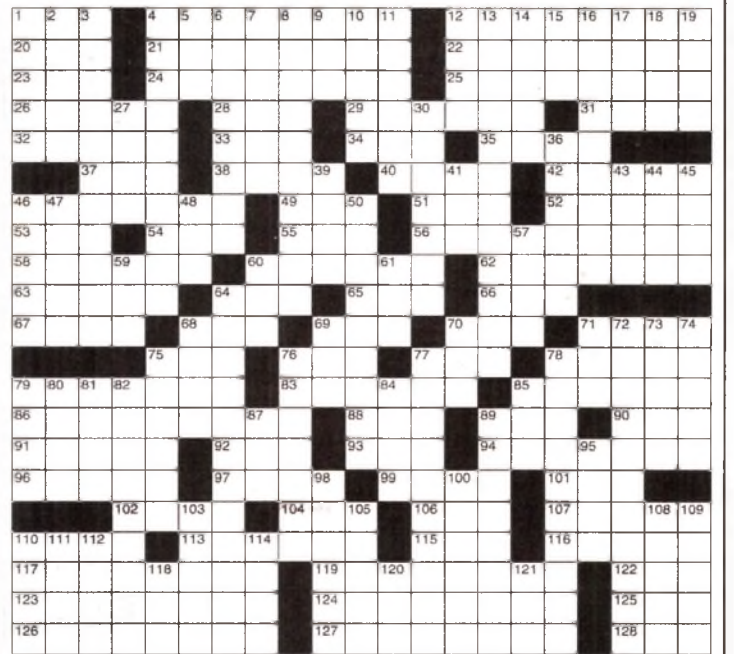
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| 39-Down, business for attorneys | 67 Pitched shelter | 68 "—knew?!" | 95 1988 Olympics city | 6 Slivovitz and kirsch | 48 Place (down) | 82 "A state of bliss" |
| 24 Dreams up | 69 With | 70 Snooze site | 96 1988 Olympics city | 7 Has a debate | 49 Neighbor of Quebec | 84 Window area |
| 25 Enrobing | 71 Like sexist jokes and such, for short | 72 "Piggy" River of Grenoble | 97 Is in a hole | 8 "1998 Tom Clancy novel" | 50 "Request for a hand slap" | 85 View |
| 26 Thorax | 73 Like much hemp fashion | 74 Like much hemp fashion | 98 Film scorer | 9 Family members | 51 "Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman" | 87 Rustic denial |
| 28 Cloister resident | 75 Mai — | 76 Ring official | 99 Film scorer | 10 Adversary | 52 "Occasion to shout out the ends of the answers to this puzzle's starred clues" | 88 View of Latvia |
| 29 Native Americans of Oklahoma | 77 "Piggy" River of Grenoble | 78 River of Grenoble | 100 Film scorer | 11 Cease's partner | 53 "Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman" | 89 View of Latvia |
| 31 See | 79 Like much hemp fashion | 80 Ring official | 101 Sportage or Soul maker | 12 Filmmaker | 54 "Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman" | 90 View of Latvia |
| 32 Lena of "The Wiz" | 81 Like much hemp fashion | 82 Ring official | 102 Clairol products | 13 "Part of the Constitution establishing the judiciary" | 55 "Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman" | 91 View of Latvia |
| 33 Gal at a ball | 83 Actress | 84 Ring official | 103 Clairol products | 14 Very nery | 56 "Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman" | 92 View of Latvia |
| 34 Big fashion | 85 Was deeply agitated | 86 Air impurity | 104 Gibbon, e.g. | 15 "... so far — know" | 57 "Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman" | 93 View of Latvia |
| 35 Blue shade | 87 Rustic denial | 88 Air impurity | 105 Gibbon, e.g. | 16 "Helicopter of the U.S. president" | 58 "Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman" | 94 View of Latvia |
| 37 Haul to court | 89 View of Latvia | 90 Air impurity | 106 Gibbon, e.g. | 17 Major Norse god | 59 "Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman" | 95 View of Latvia |
| 38 "Time — the essence!" | 91 View of Latvia | 92 Air impurity | 107 Gibbon, e.g. | 18 Sublet, say | 60 "Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman" | 96 View of Latvia |
| 40 Wagged part | 93 View of Latvia | 94 Air impurity | 108 Gibbon, e.g. | 19 Therefora | 61 "Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman" | 97 View of Latvia |
| 42 Closest to nil | 95 View of Latvia | 96 Air impurity | 109 Gibbon, e.g. | 20 Ignore rudely | 62 "Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman" | 98 View of Latvia |
| 46 Verizon competitor | 97 View of Latvia | 98 Air impurity | 110 Gibbon, e.g. | 21 Ignore rudely | 63 "Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman" | 99 View of Latvia |
| 49 Artificial hair | 99 View of Latvia | 100 Air impurity | 111 Gibbon, e.g. | 22 Ignore rudely | 64 "Group of defendants that included Abbie Hoffman" | 100 View of Latvia |



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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

1	6	4	5	2	9	8	3	7
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<p>B D I A M R E M E L T T I L F S G Y A E A K K R O E G N A F E T I H W J Z L F B M N S L T F S L E E P I N G B E A U T Y B M A R Y P O P P I N S I W L D U T W K I I F B R E L L E Y D L O S D P C R O S P I N O C C H I O O L Z A I E G E O L C C L M E L O D Y T I M E R T U B B A Z M D N A L S I E R U S A E R T B E D U O T F P B N A N N A Y L L O P U L Y G Y S O P T F S N O W W H I T E L G A I S O T G L A I S A T N A F L S F N Z T B W A S R C I N D E R E L L A U D W O M E C U O G N I K N O I L C J T C R U K S J O C C S H A G G Y D O G H U Y D Z A K C T O K E N B O N I A M E R T Y N N H O J S P E Y A J H D P H T P P E T E R P A N I S T E Z T P B Z R E S C U E R S A O L R U E P R P O C A H O N T A S P B K S J A C E O A I T M N A K C A B H C N U H U F O R P T Y P D A L M A T I A N S L S G R H</p>	<p>WORDS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALADDIN ARISTOCATS BAMBI CINDERELLA DALMATIANS DUMBO FANTASIA FLUBBER HOCUS FOCUS HUNCHBACK JOHNNY TREKAIN JUNGLE BOOK LADY AND THE TRAMP LION KING LITTLE MERMAID MARY POPPINS MELODY TIME OLD YELLER PETER PAN PINOCHIO POCAHONTAS POLLYANNA POPEYE RESCUERS ROCKEETER SHAGGY DOG SLEEPING BEAUTY SNOW WHITE TARZAN TOY STORY TREASURE ISLAND WHITE FANG
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

<p>Crossword Answers</p> <p>ZIP EMBARKED SAGAMORE IDOL LORRAINE CRUSADER LAW IMAGINES ATTIRING CHEST NUN MIAMIS INTO HORNE DEB YSL CYAN SUE ISOP TAIL LEAST TMOBILE WIG MOE BOXER OAF GAS SRI ONTHINICE WITTHY OI MED HONEST TINERT COX MAE ROO TENT WHO GET BED UNPC TAL REF TOE ISERE ECOCHIC ELISHA STEWED POLLUTANT VIE PET YEE OREOS GAR ELF REAREND SEOUL OWES LALO KIA DYES APE BAS EGRET ELAN LENTIL FOP SASSY DIVISIVE REMOTEST ESP GREENADES LANGUISCOIL VEE EASEMENT ANIBRETTIENS</p>	<p>Word Search Answers</p> <p>ALADDIN ARISTOCATS BAMBI CINDERELLA DALMATIANS DUMBO FANTASIA FLUBBER HOCUS FOCUS HUNCHBACK JOHNNY TREKAIN JUNGLE BOOK LADY AND THE TRAMP LION KING LITTLE MERMAID MARY POPPINS MELODY TIME OLD YELLER PETER PAN PINOCHIO POCAHONTAS POLLYANNA POPEYE RESCUERS ROCKEETER SHAGGY DOG SLEEPING BEAUTY SNOW WHITE TARZAN TOY STORY TREASURE ISLAND WHITE FANG</p>
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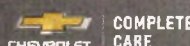
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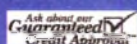
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