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## Art Van party touts new store

Hundreds gather to tour 'stunning' flagship spot

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A jubilant crowd celebrated the festive grand opening in Canton of Art Van Furniture's new flagship store in Michigan, building on a 60-year company started by a family with one store and two employees.

Hundreds of people attended an invitation-only party Feb. 1 inside the two-story, 70,000-square-foot store facing Ford Road, near Haggerty. They listened as president and CEO Kim Yost said Art Van has grown into a company that has 182 locations in nine states with 6,000 employees and annual sales of \$1.3 billion.

Yost said Art Van is going interna-

tional later this year with a new store in Windsor, Ontario. But this night, this crowd, belonged to Canton, which has the only store of this caliber, this style, outside of Chicago.

"It's beautiful. It's stunning," said June Sears, who works for Art Van supplier Beaver Tile & Stone.

"I think this store is fantastic," said Jessica Talbot of Howell, whose husband works for Art Van. "It's well-done. It's eye-catching."

Canton's store is the first completely new store Art Van has built in 20 years. It ushers in a new look across from Michigan's only IKEA store.

Yost said the store employs 120 people and represents a \$15 million investment.

Nigel Barker, whose NB2 Collection is featured in the store, said it's the perfect location for his furniture because of the

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James and Terri Todero own JMC Electric, based in Clinton Township. Their business handled construction of the electrical system at the new Art Van store in Canton. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## RATS!

Eradicating rodents is a labor of love for neighborhood groups

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Patrick Welsh won his first hunting trophy last month for "meritorious massacre" in his neighborhood.

"It's for my willingness to teach high-tech rat trapping," said Welsh, who accepted the tongue-in-cheek honor from Ferndale Rat Patrol, a Facebook group of nearly 600 members who are working to rid their metro Detroit communities of rats without the use of poisons.

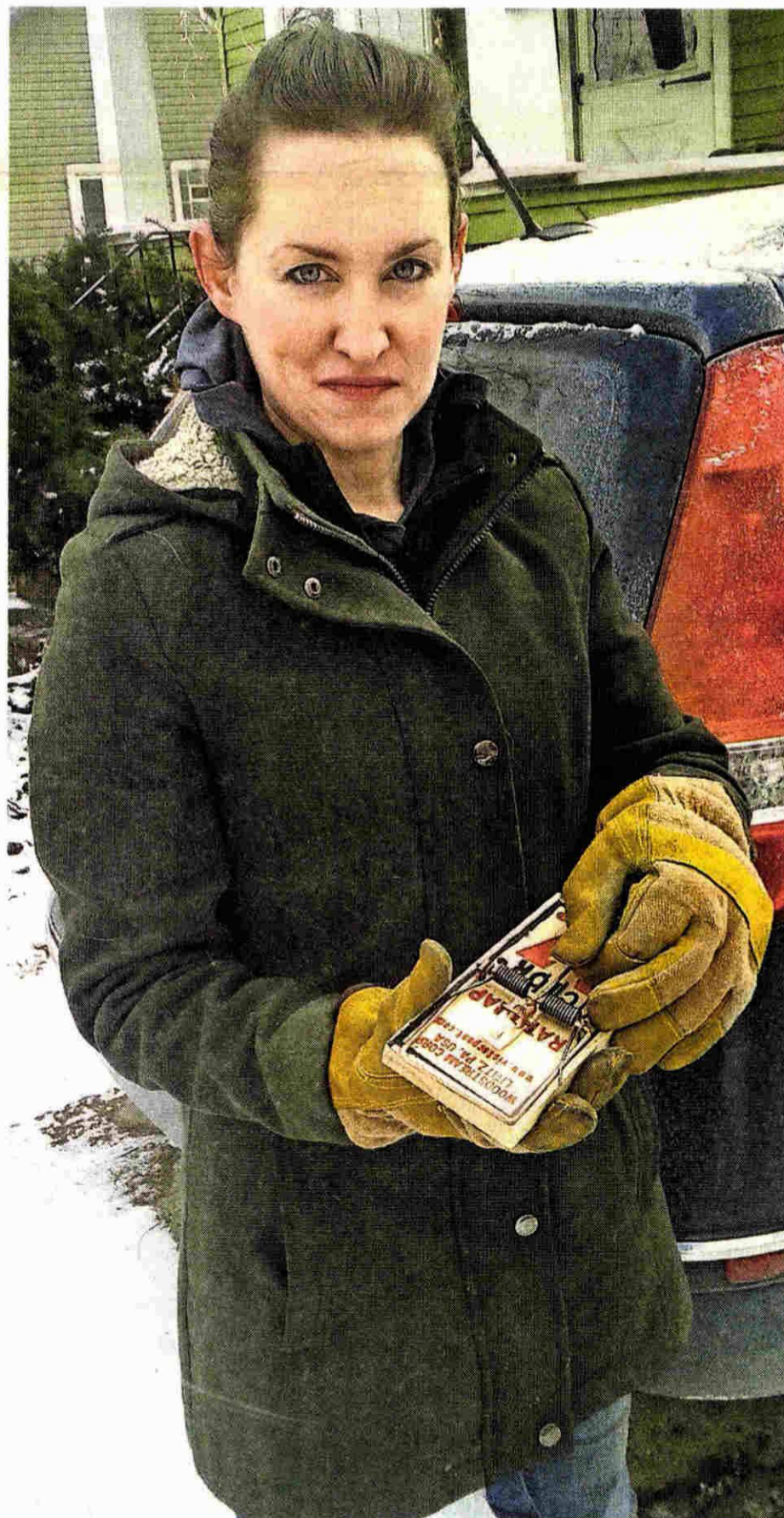
"One thing I invested in was a willingness to use modern hunting techniques," Welsh said. "I have game cameras that take infra-red video. I set them up. Someone had a one-pound rat in their front yard. I stalked that thing with a night vision scope and pellet gun and got it that same night."

Welsh has taken down dozens of rats since moving into Ferndale seven years ago. He was among a handful of neighborhood rat killers who were honored with trophies — golden rat traps — from Ferndale Rat Patrol last year. The light-hearted awards ceremony injected a little levity and fun into the otherwise serious work the group conducts year-round.

Like Facebook pages Royal Oak RATS and Rat Problem in Garden City, MI, Ferndale Rat Patrol posts information and tips about eradicating rats. Welsh, who sometimes posts photos of his latest kill online, and page administrators Suzanne Janik, Eric Geiner and Laura Mikulski also often meet with distraught homeowners in person, assisting them with traps, helping to identify tracks and burrows, lending trail cams to capture rat activity at night and distributing informational fliers to neighbors.

The group draws its members primarily from Ferndale, nearby south

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Laura Mikulski shows how to set a wooden rat trap. SHARON DARGAY

## Police chase purse theft suspect in to Detroit

Woman arrested at home after high-speed chase

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A Livonia woman took police on a high-speed chase through Detroit after police say she stole a purse from a gas station patron.

Kaitlin Klaus, 31, was arrested by Livonia police after they say she stole a purse from another woman in the early afternoon of Jan. 30 at Mobil, 31420 Schoolcraft. Police say the victim, an 84-year-old Livonia woman, was at her vehicle when Klaus approached her vehicle and opened a passenger door. She told the woman needed to borrow some money.



Klaus

Police say Klaus then grabbed the woman's purse, got into her own vehicle and drove away.

Officers were called and kept an eye out for Klaus's vehicle, which was seen driving eastbound on Interstate 96 toward Redford and Detroit. Police located her vehicle in Redford and began following her along the freeway.

Her vehicle then began accelerating near Wyoming, something police say may have been done when she realized she was being followed by police. A high-speed pursuit began, with Klaus's vehicle going more than 90 mph.

She then exited onto the Davison Freeway, where police terminated the chase, but not until obtaining her license plate information. Police later located and arrested her.

Klaus was charged in Livonia's 16th District Court with larceny from a person, stealing/retaining a financial transaction device, fourth-degree flee-

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# Art Van

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lighting, the style, the open-floor plan. "This is that perfect store," he said, adding, "The future is here."

Craig Gourley, Art Van vice president of merchandising, said the store features 300 different furniture vendors. He said it includes a new outlet section that replaces the older clearance centers for shoppers on a budget.

Gourley called it the next-generation store. The store's glass exterior allows natural light to stream into the spacious showroom during daytime hours. At night, the store is lit up and can't be missed along Ford Road.

If there has been one complaint, Canton officials say, it is that the store is too large and too close to Ford Road. But others have embraced the look.

"It has certainly made a significant splash in Canton," said township Supervisor Pat Williams, who attended Thursday's grand opening bash. "We wish them years and years of great success."

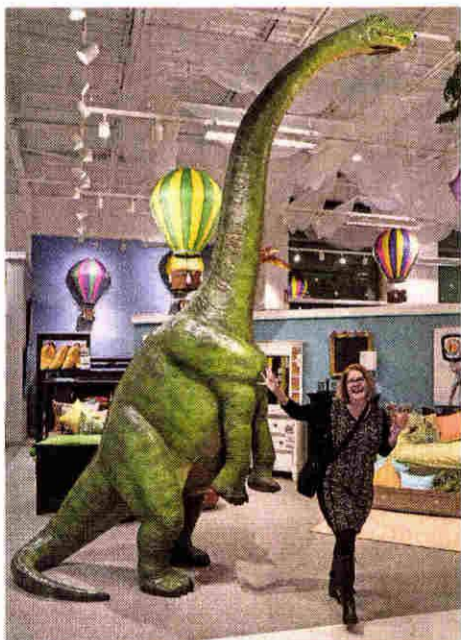
Some marveled over a large, shiny sculpture suspended above the escalator to the second floor. It glistened and sparkled, one of the decorations that John Wyatt, Art Van vice president of store environments, said sets it apart from other stores.

"This has more bling in it," he said, though he said the Canton store complements other stores in Novi, Westland and Ann Arbor.

Others remarked on decor such as a large dinosaur statue on the upper level.

Wyatt said Canton seemed a perfect location due to the busy Ford Road retail corridor and its proximity to Interstate 275, making it accessible to a broad area.

Some in the crowd moved to the groove as a band, Skyline and the Backstreet Horns, played a set that focused heavily on Motown tunes by artists



Debbie Beevers of Farmington Hills makes friends with a dinosaur hanging out by children's bedroom furniture section. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

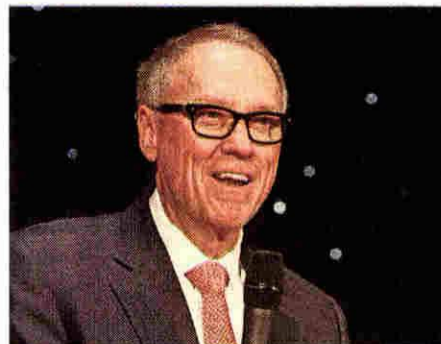
such as the Temptations and Marvin Gaye.

Art Van Furniture had revealed the new design of the Canton store in 2016. It was built on the site of what was once a medical office building and a two-story structure that formerly housed businesses and a racquetball club.

Art Van had announced early last year that the company would be sold after it was owned for 58 years by its founder, Art Van Elslander. Officials said at the time that the sale wouldn't hinder plans for the new store.

Some Canton residents had worried the new store would add to traffic problems along already-busy Ford Road. But the company designed a driveway that lined up with the IKEA traffic light, easing some fears of worsening traffic problems.

In the end, the mood Feb. 1 was decidedly upbeat. And Wyatt said the store has drawn a good crowd of customers



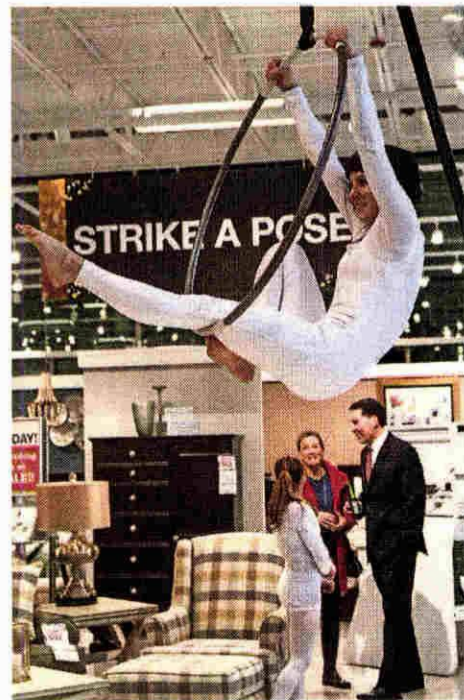
Kim Yost, president and CEO of Art Van, speaks to the crowd. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



The new Art Van store was called "stunning" and "beautiful" by visitors. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

since its "soft opening" in January. "The store has taken off from day one," he said.

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Entertainment on an aerial hoop during the invitation-only grand opening. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

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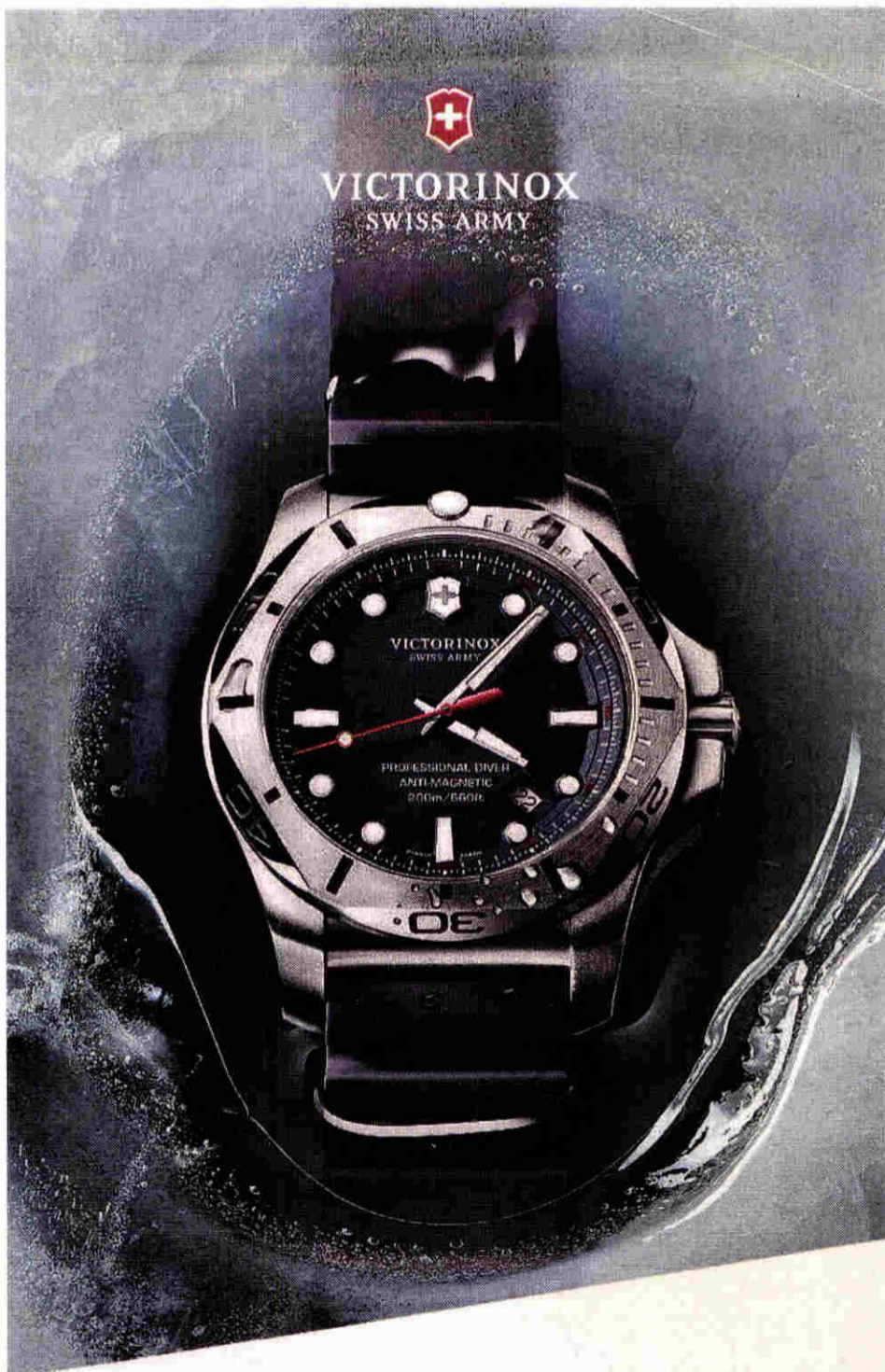
# Suspect

ing and eluding and misdemeanor breaking and entering a vehicle. If convicted, she faces up to 10 years in prison.

She was given a \$25,000/10-percent bond and remained locked up in the Wayne County Jail as of Monday morning.

Klaus is scheduled to return to court Thursday, Feb. 8, for a probable cause conference and Feb. 15 for a preliminary examination.

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# Rats

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Oakland County communities and a handful of cities in Macomb and Wayne counties. A Livonia resident posting Jan. 21 asked for help with her rat-infested garage and noted that “the information in this group has been so incredibly helpful.”

## Ratty cities

According to the pest control company Orkin, the Detroit area can use all the help it can get battling rats. It ranked the area No. 7 on its 2017 list of “Top 50 Rattiest Cities.” That’s up from No. 9 in the previous year. The ranking is based on the number of rodent treatments from October 2016 through September 2017 in each city.

Royal Oak RATS will team with Ferndale Rat Patrol to present a free workshop from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Royal Oak Senior Center, 3500 Marais, north of 13 Mile and east of Crooks. Topics will include trapping, using raptors to control rats, owl houses, tools to help fight rat infestation, feeding birds without attracting rats, rat facts and the downside of using poisons. Two live red-tailed hawks and a garter snake will be on hand, along with an owl mascot and face painter to entertain children.

“You’ll find rats around farms and home and restaurants. They like our shelter, our food. They burrow along foundations, garages, sidewalks and driveways,” Mikulski said. “Everywhere there are people, there are rats.”

Mike Esson, Milford assistant director for public services, says he never receives complaints about rats and has never experienced a rat problem, other than being chased by a rodent while working for a cleaning service in Livonia years ago. He credits the village’s attention to cleanliness for its apparent lack of rats.

Doug Manigold, code enforcement officer for the city of Birmingham, says he gets a handful of calls about rat sightings every year. Some of the callers are surprised to see a rat in the upscale community.

“Usually, it’s close to a commercial area, along an alley, which is not uncommon,” he said.



Rat tracks in the snow: Notice the slim tail track behind some of the deep impressions. SHARON DARGAY



Laura Mikulski searches through her “rat box” for a trap. She’s holding a trail cam that helps identify rat routes at night, along with fliers about rat eradication. SHARON DARGAY



An owl house sits atop a tall pole in Jan Bills’s backyard. Bills says owls and other raptors can control rat population without using poison. SHARON DARGAY

Open dumpsters, grease spilled behind restaurants and backyards littered with birdseed and dog feces can attract rats. Road and sewer work can force rats from underground burrows.

Both Birmingham and Livonia post information about rats online, offering steps residents can take to make their yards less appealing to the rodents.

## Resident-driven

But resident-based groups like Ferndale Rat Patrol aren’t waiting for municipalities to intervene. Mikulski describes the online community as a “concerted citizen effort.”

“The city is not going to be the solution,” said Jan Coppola Bills, founder of Royal Oak RATS. “We want to plow forward and not get caught up in bureaucracy.”

Both Ferndale Rat Patrol and Royal Oak RATS promote non-poisonous rat control methods. They say poisons can harm children, pets or wildlife inadvertently.

“We have a city full of pet owners. Multiple people have had pets die because they got a hold of poison. I

watched a family of screech owls die one by one,” Mikulski said, adding that the birds ate poisoned rats.

She tells residents who are reluctant to use kill traps or burrow smoke bombs that poison bait can take up to two weeks to kill a rat, depending on how much it eats at one time. She said rats sometimes stockpile the poison in a burrow while eating tastier berries or food scraps.

“We can wipe out an entire burrow of active rats in one night (by trapping) instead of taking up to two weeks if they are eating (poisonous) bait,” she said. “A rat can get spooked and drop that piece of bait and run off and your pet can get it.”

The group uses a technique called “shock and awe” that entails setting several traps at once to snare as many rodents as possible. Mikulski, wearing thick gloves, then throws the used traps and rodents in the garbage.

“The first time, I felt horrible and scared to pick it up. Each time, it has gotten easier,” she said, adding that although women may at first object to trapping, “once they get involved, they

really get involved.”

The Garden City page “doesn’t judge” about the use of poison, although some residents who comment on the site prefer non-toxic solutions.

“I have three cats that bring me dead rats all the time,” said Kim Montayne, a Garden City resident. “I know this might sound crazy, but if neighborhoods would embrace the feral cat problems they have, I think cats would really help.”

If not cats, maybe owls and hawks.

Bills, who keeps owl houses in her front and back yards in Royal Oak, promotes the use of raptors in controlling the rat population. The owls hunt at night when rats are active.

“We’re probably never going to eradicate all rats. They’re part of the ecosystem, but being able to control them is something we should strive to do,” Bills said. “Ultimately, we need to get people to stop using poison. No one wins with poison.”

Bills also suggests placing garbage in metal cans with tight-fitting lids and picking up yard waste, leaves and dog feces.

“One thing is for sure, rats don’t know city boundaries,” Bills said. “Because you haven’t seen one doesn’t mean you don’t have them.”

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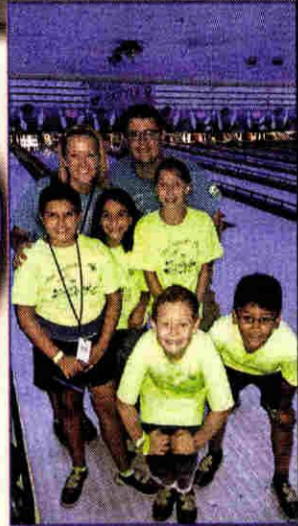
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### WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

#### Vehicle damaged

A resident who lives in the 31600 block of Carlisle Parkway filed a report with Wayne police Jan. 22, saying their vehicle had been damaged.

The resident said the driver's side

mirror had been torn off and the license plate had been crumpled up by hand. The resident said the incident was the second time their vehicle had been damaged in the past month.

— By David Veselenak

### LIVONIA POLICE BRIEFS

#### Retail fraud reported

Livonia police were called Jan. 31 to Sears, 29500 Seven Mile, on the report of a shoplifting that was taking place at the store.

The suspect was seen in the parking lot and was spotted by police, who ordered him to stop. An employee at the

store said they saw the suspect in the men's work area. He was seen selecting several items without regard to price and left the store without paying for them. He was arrested and taken to the police station for processing.

— By David Veselenak

### MILITARY BAND HONORED BY TIGERS



Staff Sgt. Scott Coffey of the 338th Army Band, stationed in Livonia, receives a framed Detroit Tigers jersey, honoring the band for participating in Zehnder's Snowfest 2018, from Detroit Tigers pitcher Michael Fulmer and Hall of Fame player Alan Trammell last month in Frankenmuth. The band history goes back to Gen. George Patton and World War II. It plays a variety of music genres for military and public occasions, in a five-state region.

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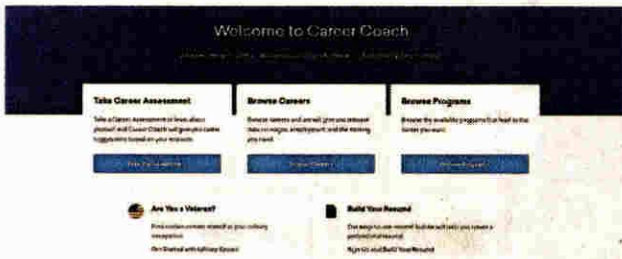
# Schoolcraft offers new assessment tool to identify career options

Thanks to the new Career Coach online career assessment tool available on Schoolcraft College's website, students can learn about in-demand careers and the education – such as certificates or degrees – they need to access jobs in that career field. The free online assessment tool, available at <https://schoolcraft.emsicc.com/> can help students identify their interests, match them to potential career areas and learn the type of education and skills required for those careers.

Using that information and a simple keyword search, Career Coach users can also learn about the employment prospects for a variety of careers, including wage information and current job postings in the area. Career Coach is also a tool for mapping a student's or community member's educational pathway, including degrees and certificates offered at Schoolcraft College, to ensure they achieve their career goals.

According to JoAnne Stadnicar, career services coordinator at Schoolcraft College, Career Coach is easy to use and can help current or prospective students or anyone in the community determine what career path is best for them.

"Users can take either a basic six-question personality assessment or a more detailed 60-question version to identify their overall interests," Stadnicar said. "Then the assessment tool helps them find the right career based on these interests using real-time data on wages, job growth,



**Career Coach users can also learn about the employment prospects for a variety of careers.**

tasks, job postings, skills and employers specific to the metro Detroit region."

In addition to Career Coach, Stadnicar said Schoolcraft College's Career Services department offers a number of other programs to help in someone's job search, including career counseling, resources and workshops designed to help with resumes and cover letter development and improving interviewing skills, plus an online job board with hundreds of job listings from local employers.

"As college costs continue to rise, students are looking at in-demand careers when deciding what their major should be to give them a good chance to secure a job after graduation," Stadnicar said. "In many cases, that will lead to a

four-year degree, but often they can meet their career goals with one of our two-year associate degrees or certificate programs for many in-demand careers."

In addition to articulation and transfer agreements that enable students to take general education, pre-major and elective courses at Schoolcraft College before transferring to a four-year institution, there are also a variety of programs where students can earn a two-year degree or a certificate and qualify for a rewarding career without the need to obtain a bachelor's degree. For example, Schoolcraft College offers popular programs in criminal justice, emergency medical technology and fire technology where students have a good opportunity to land a position with communities in southeast Michigan upon graduation. Graduates of its award-winning culinary arts program are well-represented in area restaurants and the hospitality industry locally and nationally. In addition, certificate programs in plastic technology and welding technology prepare students for in-demand manufacturing jobs.

"If anyone wants to ensure that the time and money they spending getting an education can lead to a rewarding career, our Career Coach online tool is a great place to start," Stadnicar said.

For more information on educational programs available at Schoolcraft College, go to [www.schoolcraft.edu/academics/areas-of-study](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/academics/areas-of-study) or call 734-462-4426.

## ANGEL HOUSE GETS \$1,000 DONATION



More than \$1,000 was raised for The Angel House recently by the three Cheryl Bowker Allstate agencies. The Angel House assists abused women and their children by helping them to relocate to a shelter far away from the reach of their abuser. They are also provided with pre-funded debit cards. Other services provided by The Angel House are CPL classes, support groups, and education seminars on escaping domestic abuse. The Cheryl Bowker Agency in Livonia, the Family Insurance Agency in Canton and the Neighborhood Insurance Agency in Plymouth teamed up to raise the funds. The Angel House is hosting a Royal Purple Evening Tea 6-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Tickets are \$10; call 734-469-4853. Pictured are Cheryl Bowker, Allstate owner, and Karen R. Lewis, Angel House founder.

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**When:** Through Monday, Feb. 19  
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to. Each week you'll be entered to win a prize. This program is open to adults ages 18 and up. Only books, eBooks and audiobooks may be entered into the raffle; DVDs, CDs and magazines are not eligible for entry. To win a prize, your library account must be in good standing. You do not need to be a resident to win. Each entrant may only win once.

#### Job Seekers Lab

**When:** 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8 and 22 and 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 5, 12, 19 and 26  
**Details:** Are you a job hunter? Do you need assistance developing your resume or cover letter? Do you need help filing for unemployment, creating an email address or searching job boards and websites? We can help.

#### Friday Night Movie

**When:** 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16  
**Details:** Join us for a Friday night movie. Doors open at 6 P.M. and the movie starts at 6:15 p.m. Snacks/refreshments are provided; donations accepted and appreciated.

#### Explore Art for Adults

**When:** 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11  
**Details:** Make a Valentines Day present for a loved one, be it a friend, child or spouse. Our recipe makes either lip balm, hand salve or beard wax. Scents and flavors can be mixed to make your

perfect recipe. Dress for a mess, as there will be warm beeswax and essential oils.

#### Computer Basics

**When:** 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13  
**Details:** This class is for people with no computer experience. Learn computer terminology, how to properly turn a computer on and off, using the mouse and more. Registration encouraged.

#### Hearing Loss Association of America Support Group

**When:** 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14  
**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.

#### eReader & Tablet Support Group

**When:** 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15  
**Details:** Do you have an eReader or Tablet like an iPad, Kindle or Android device? Do you want to learn how to download free books, audiobooks, movies and music from the library? Stop in to meet with other users, share your expertise or learn some tips and tricks for getting the most out of your device. A librarian will be available to tackle the tough questions.

#### Type II Diabetes and Metabolic Syndrome

**When:** 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15

**Details:** Please join us for a presentation on Type II Diabetes & Metabolic Syndrome provided by the national nonprofit The Foundation for Wellness Professionals. The Foundation for Wellness Professionals is an association of professional health care motivational and keynote speakers and was originally founded as The Doctors Speakers Bureau in 1985 in Clearwater, Fla. This association operates through independently-operated chapters across the United States and Canada.

#### Writer's Workshop

**When:** 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15

#### Intro to Microsoft Word

**When:** 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16  
**Details:** An introductory class on Microsoft Word 2010. This class requires basic computer knowledge and the ability to use a mouse. Registration encouraged.

#### Black Panther Swag Contest

**When:** 6 p.m. Friday, Feb. 16  
**Details:** In honor of Black History Month, we're giving away \$15 MJR gift certificates and Black Panther keychains. Register here to be entered. The drawing will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 9, and winners will be notified by telephone. Prizes will be held at the library for 30 days for pick up.

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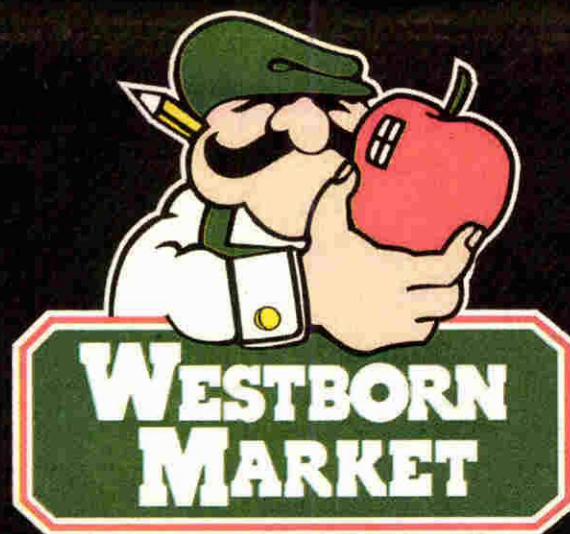
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### Ladies night at Crossroads Church

Crossroads Church, 34500 Six Mile Road, in Livonia will host an event called A Night for Ladies at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 9. The event is for those ages 8 and up.

Bring one pair large scissors (if you have them) and new or gently used ladies turtlenecks. Cost is \$5. RSVP by Wednesday, Feb. 7 to [www.CrossroadsNow.org](http://www.CrossroadsNow.org).

### Inspire Theatre to present 'Breeze'

The Inspire Theatre, located at Westland Center for the Arts, 33455 Warren Road, will present "Gone With The Breeze" throughout the month of February. The play is a behind-the-scenes musical/comedy set in Hollywood in the 1990s.

"Gone With The Breeze" will run Friday through Sunday, Feb. 9-25. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday, with a 3 p.m. matinee scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 24. Tickets are \$16 and can be purchased at [inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com](http://inspiretheatre.ticketleap.com). For more information, call at 734-751-7057.

### Livonia Republican Club

Join the Livonia Republican Club for its next meeting at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 10, at the Livonia Victory Center, 33462 Seven Mile Road, in Livonia. Guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Andrew "Rocky" Raczkowski, candidate for the U.S. House in the 11th District.

### Donut Man children's concert

The Sacred Heart Banquet & Conference Center, 29125 W. Six Mile Road, in Livonia will host its annual pre-Lenten children's concert featuring the original Bible story-songs of Rob Evans — The Donut Man. The show is scheduled for 1:30-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 11. Doors open at 1 p.m.

Tickets are \$8 each and will be sold only at the door. Children ages 3 years and under are admitted free. For more information, call the Rev. Joseph Marquis at 734-522-3166.

### Crossroads Church clothing drive

Crossroads Church, 34500 Six Mile Road, in Livonia is conducting a winter clothing drive to benefit homeless men and women in Detroit. The church will be collecting new or gently used winter-weather clothing from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each Sunday through Feb. 11.

Contact [info@CrossroadsNow.org](mailto:info@CrossroadsNow.org) or 734-338-5149 to arrange an additional drop-off time. The drive is in partnership with Moe's Market Shoe Repair, Detroit's Eastern Market and Second Chance Ministries, Detroit.

### Citizens for Peace meeting

Kathy Bindu Henning, founder of Present Moment Meditation, will present practical tools, insights and meditations at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 13, at a Citizens for Peace meeting at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. All are welcome to learn how to lighten your stress and open your heart. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to [www.citizens4peace.com](http://www.citizens4peace.com).

### Classes at St. Michael

St. Michael's, 11441 Hubbard Road, in Livonia will present several classes. For more information, contact the parish office at 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

■ Revelation Bible Study continues 7-8:30 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month in the school cafeteria. The series is taught by Michigan Catholic columnist Gary Michuta.

■ Why Be Catholic series continues at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20. Speaker will be Nick Russell. There is no charge or reservation requirement. All are welcome.

### Diabetes support group

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will offer a diabetes support group 1:30-2:30 p.m. the third Friday of each month in 2018. The group meets in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom II. The support group will offer participants an opportunity to meet others living diabetes and learn from one another. To learn more about the program, call 734-655-2868.

### 3D Photography Club meeting

The 3D Photography Club will hold a meeting 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 14, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Everyone is invited to come and see the award-winning 3D images. The meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent.

Several 3D programs are scheduled for the meeting, including the best images from a recent Chicago International Exhibition, a new International Exhibition and a special Valentine's Day short feature. After a refreshment break and a drawing for free 3D-related items, we'll finish with a 3D image competition on the theme "Ten Minutes From Home."

For more information, go to [www.Detroit3D.org](http://www.Detroit3D.org) or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

### Relay For Life kickoff

The American Cancer Society will host a free kickoff event open to the public for a celebration of the Relay For Life of Westland-Wayne, set for 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road.

The event will start with music, light appetizers, drinks and will include a short program and a talk from a local survivor on how ACS efforts have impacted their life. Information on how you can join the American Cancer Society and participate in Relay For Life will be available.

The Relay For Life event will be held June 9-10 in Central City Park in Westland. This season, the event is looking to raise more than \$53,000 and celebrate more than 80 survivors and their caregivers.

Go to [relayforlife.org/WestlandWayneMI](http://relayforlife.org/WestlandWayneMI) to learn more about the kickoff event or Relay For Life event or contact Megan Schaper at 248-663-3417 or [Megan.Schaper@cancer.org](mailto:Megan.Schaper@cancer.org).

### Barefoot to present 'Macbeth'

Barefoot Productions Theatre will present the classic "Macbeth" with local playwright Kirk A. Haas's adaptation. The show is scheduled for Feb. 16-25, with show times set for 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets are \$19 for adults, \$17 for students and seniors. Groups of 10 or more can buy tickets for \$12 each (call box office at 734-404-6990).

Barefoot's new location is at 33735 Five Mile Road in Livonia. For more information, go to [www.justgobarefoot.com](http://www.justgobarefoot.com) or call 734-404-6889.

### St. Michael Lenten fish dinners

St. Michael the Archangel Parish invites the community to its annual all-you-can-eat Lenten fish fry, scheduled for 4:30-7 p.m. each Friday from Feb. 16 through March 23, in the St. Michael School cafeteria. There will be no dinner Good Friday.

The dinners will all feature baked or fried, hand-dipped fresh Atlantic cod, mac and cheese, green beans, cole slaw, French fries or baked potato, rolls, beverages and ice cream. Prices are: adults, \$10; seniors, \$8; children ages 3-13, \$5.50; and under age 3, free. Take-out service is also available at \$9 per dinner. Lenten Stations of the Cross services will be offered in the church at 7 p.m. each evening following the dinner.

St. Michael is located at 11441 Hubbard Road in Livonia. For more information, call 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to [www.livoniastmichael.org](http://www.livoniastmichael.org).

# Obituaries

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### James "Jim" Benaglio

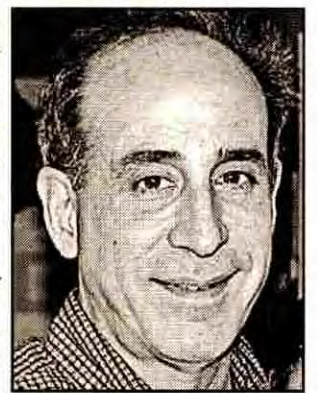
LIVONIA - age 63, passed away on February 1, 2018 of complications due to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) for which he was diagnosed May of 2016.

He is the beloved husband of Julie Louis-Benaglio, father of Jessie (Mark) Gruca, Jamie Benaglio, and new grandfather to Lucas James Gruca. He is survived by his mother, Gloria (Janareli) Benaglio, sister, Pam (Dan) Staub, brother, Tom (Lynne) Benaglio, sister-in-law, Lee Ann (Jay) Louis-Prescott, nieces, Yvonne and Leah Louis-Prescott, and nephews, Steve Louis-Prescott, Dawson and Dominic Benaglio.

Jim graduated from the University of Michigan with his Electrical Engineering degree and retired from Detroit Edison (DTE Energy) after 36 years of service. He always enjoyed understanding how technical things worked. He also enjoyed the many years of golfing on the DTE Energy golf league. One of his other talents and passions was music. He sang and played guitar and met Julie while in a church Folk Group together. Jim was an avid runner of 5Ks, 10Ks, half and full marathons. He and his daughters spent many memorable years participating in the Livonia YMCA Indian Princess (Daddy/Daughter) Program spending time camping, kayaking, designing, building and racing pine cars, going to dances and meeting with their other Daddy/Daughter team mates doing crafts and building treasured bonds.

Jim's brain and spine are being donated to the University of Michigan for ALS Research, hoping to help better understand and find a cure for this horrible disease that has no treatment and no cure.

A brief Visitation will be held at St. Michael the Archangel Church (11441 Hubbard, Livonia, MI) at 10:00AM, Saturday, February 10th with a Memorial Mass beginning at 10:30AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: ALS of Michigan, 24359 Northwestern HWY Ste 100, Southfield, MI 48075 or online at [www.alsof-michigan.org](http://www.alsof-michigan.org)



### John DeCoster

BELLEVILLE - April 12, 1932 - February 03, 2018 Age 85, of Belleville.

Died peacefully at his home with his family at his side on Saturday afternoon, February 3, 2018. John is the beloved father of Denise DeCoster of Redford, Jacqueline Droz of Redford,

Patricia DeCoster of Belleville, Myriam Manias of Tallahassee, Florida, Susan DeCoster of Palm Beach, Florida, Rachel (John) Connop of Belleville, Veronica (John) Worthington of Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, Herschel DeCoster of Dallas, Texas, Belva DeCoster of Wixom, Maria (Theo) Luschen of the Netherlands, and Cecilia DeCoster of Wayne. Mr. DeCoster is also the proud grandfather of nineteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren (with two on the way); brother of Beverly DeCoster of Dearborn Heights and Shirley DeCoster of Belleville. He is also survived by his cherished dog "Kipper". Sadly, he was preceded in death by his siblings Earl DeCoster, Elmer DeCoster, Bernard DeCoster, Wanda Graszak and Ed DeCoster. Born on April 12, 1932 to Earl and Sophie (Wesulowski) DeCoster, John was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army serving in the Korean War, and was a lifelong Belleville/Canton area resident. He was an avid fisherman, music lover (he enjoyed playing the piano, harmonica and tenor saxophone) and cook, and was said to have had a "green thumb" in his garden. He was loved by all who knew him. Mr. DeCoster was a loving and giving man, and he truly was a hero to all his children. A funeral ceremony with military honors was held at 11 AM, Wednesday, February 7, 2018 in the main chapel of David C. Brown Funeral Home of Belleville. Interment at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Huron Valley Humane Society or to VFW Post #4434.



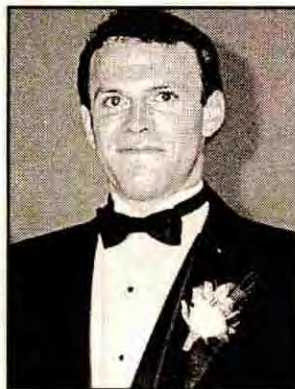
### Mark Edward Mathieu

REDFORD - 53 years, passed away at his home October 10, 2017.

Survived by siblings Jeanne Mathieu-Dendinos (Carl), Renee Mathieu, Paul Mathieu (Kyong), Patricia Mathieu, Michelle Mathieu, Karl Mathieu (Rose Morand), Maureen Mathieu (Kevin Thompson) and Karen Mathieu Campbell. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Pre-deceased by his mother, Geraldine; father, Kenneth; and sister Mary Katherine.

Mark attended St. Michael Catholic School in Livonia and the University of Detroit High School in Detroit, graduating in 1982. Mark was a big fan of rock music, especially the Rolling Stones, and played guitar and keyboards in a band, The Flying Squirrels - or as Mark called them, "The Aerial Marsupials." Mark enjoyed water skiing, canoeing, kayaking and fishing. He loved cars, particularly Mustangs, and could often be found working on one. He began his work life at Food Emporium, staying when it became Hiller's and moving from stock boy to Store Director.

A brief Memorial Service will be held at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, MI on Saturday, February 10, 2018 at 12 Noon. Attendees will gather at the cemetery office and proceed to the gravesite together. Donations to Salvation Army, Covenant House, or the charity of your choice.



### Mae Elizabeth Dietrich

TRAVERSE CITY - Mae Elizabeth Dietrich, age 95 of Traverse City, previously from Livonia, died January 31, 2018. She was born on May 27, 1922 in Dexter, Missouri to Steven and Stella (Crow) Smith. Mae graduated from Pershing High School in Detroit in January of 1941. She

married Wilbur Frank Dietrich on August 20, 1943. She was a bookkeeper for many years with Delta Engineering. Mae enjoyed cleaning her house, reading, sewing, needlework but most of all, she treasured spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Mae is survived by her children; Donna Mae (Spencer-E.) Ross and Dennis Frank Dietrich and grandchildren; Amanda Mae (Thomas E. Jr.) Godward, Devin Leigh (Joseph) Smitherman and Chelsea Lauren Dietrich; great-grandson; Silas Spencer Smitherman. Mae is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Wilbur Dietrich; siblings; Myrtle Pauline Johnson, Marvin Eugene Smith, Nellie Shields, Harold Smith, Jewell Smith, David Smith and Georgia Krisfalusi. Chapel services will be held at 11:00 am, Friday, February 9, 2018 at Glen Eden Lutheran Memorial Park. Please visit [www.lifestorytc.com](http://www.lifestorytc.com) to share your thoughts and memories with the family. Life Story Funeral Home, Traverse City.



# Wayne Memorial looking for Distinguished Alumni nominees

This year's commencement will continue the tradition of awarding a Distinguished Alumni medal to a former graduate of Wayne Memorial High School. This prestigious award has become a part of the annual commencement ceremony of Wayne Memorial High School. Each winner is awarded a medal inscribed with the official school seal.

The most difficult task is to locate the many alumni who have distinguished themselves since their graduation. For that reason, Wayne Memorial is asking the

community to help in its search. If any member of the community wishes to nominate a Wayne Memorial graduate, contact Mrs. Rawson, secretary to the principal, at Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth Street, Wayne, MI 48184 or call 734-419-2206. Nominations should be returned to Rawson by Feb. 28.

"We have had many outstanding people graduate from Wayne Memorial," Principal Kevin Weber said. "Many have contributed significantly to the betterment of society on a local, state, national or interna-

tional level. The Distinguished Alumni award is our way of honoring an outstanding graduate on an annual basis. This is an opportunity for our current graduating class, to hear first hand from a former alumnus who has made his/her mark on society."

A Distinguished Alumni committee has been established to decide on the recipient for 2018. An announcement of the winner will be made in mid-May and the recipient will then be honored Saturday, June 2, at commencement.

## Livonia staffers win Spirit of Public Transit awards

A team from Livonia Community Transit was recently presented Spirit of Public Transit awards by the Michigan Association of Transportation Systems and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The Livonia team was recognized for outstanding

customer service for 2017. Winning the awards were the dispatch team of Gail Behman, Nancy Bosen, Deborah Carver and Julie West, plus bus driver James Hinkle.

"I was excited to find out that members of our team were selected as award winners," said Felicia Cross, program supervisor for Community Resources, which submitted the nominations. "Our Livonia transit staff does so much for the senior and disabled residents every day. This is recognition well-deserved."

Recently, the Livonia transit staff participated in an ongoing customer service and culture training program. New initiatives were adopted to make the experience a better one for the rider, including easy-to-read badges identifying transit staff and a more personalized approach to customer interaction.

The dispatch team schedules and manages approximately 1,000 rides each week, over 12 hours per day, every day for seniors ages 60 and over and disabled residents of Livonia.

Hinkle has been a transit bus driver since 2007. Although he had no prior experience driving passengers when he joined the staff, he is known for a can-do attitude and willingness to go above and beyond. Whether it's shoveling a customer's approach so they can safely board or thoroughly cleaning his bus between pickups and drop-offs, he shows kindness to customers and co-workers alike, according to the nomination.

"We are thrilled to receive this recognition for Livonia Community Transit," said Linda McCann, director of Community Services. "This is a very important service for our residents. I am proud of our whole transit team."

Livonia Community Transit is a program run by the city of Livonia at the Livonia Senior Center since 1994. Residents are taken to locations within Livonia, with limited service outside city limits. Destinations



James Hinkle, Nancy Bosen and Gail Behman were three of the staffers who were honored.



Julie West (left) and Deborah Carver were also given awards.

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# Polehanki announces bid for state Senate seat

Dayna Polehanki of Livonia, a 16-year public school teacher and small business owner, has announced her bid for the state Senate as a Democratic candidate in the 7th District. This district, held by term-limited Sen. Patrick Colbeck, R-Canton Township, includes the communities of Livonia, Canton, Plymouth, Northville and Wayne.



Polehanki

Polehanki is hosting a meet and greet fundraiser at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, at The Claddagh Irish Pub & Restaurant, 17800 Haggerty Road, in Livonia. The public is invited to attend.

Polehanki made her candidacy public at a campaign kickoff event this past November.

"I am running because I am fed up," she said. "As a teacher, I have seen first-hand that we are failing our children with a lack of investment in our public schools. Like all Michigan residents, I have avoided potholes, experienced cracked windshields and flat tires and worry about driver safety on our roads. So

many of our bright minds leave Michigan because we are not retaining talent. Lastly, our seniors worry about a secure retirement and additional taxes on their pensions. We can and must do better for the people of our great state."

A graduate of Flushing High School, Polehanki earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Central Michigan University, a teacher certification and English major from Alma College, a master's degree in teaching from Marygrove College and an administrator certification from the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals. She has taught English in the New Haven Community Schools district for the past 16 years and is a former Teacher of the Year at New Haven High School.

Polehanki is also a small business owner, running Detroit Casting Co., a film/television/commercial casting office based in Livonia. A former manager of features casting at Paramount Pictures in Los Angeles and a member of the Casting Society of America, Polehanki has witnessed first-hand the devastating effects

of the elimination of Michigan's film incentive on her once bustling small business.

"The work just dried up once the film incentive was fully eliminated," she said. "It is a shame. Filmmakers and talent from all over the country and the world came to Michigan to spend money and to create art and Michigan workers, from actors to caterers to electricians, benefited. But we cut the industry off at the knees. What a huge missed opportunity."

Polehanki plans to host events around the district. For more information, go to [daynaforsenate.com](http://daynaforsenate.com).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Colbeck impressed

The First Gubernatorial Debate in Grand Rapids, a brief synopsis:

1. Pat Colbeck clearly knocked it out of the ball park. His answers were clear, heartfelt, knowledgeable, accurate, sincere, with no ambiguity and were well received by the audience.

2. Brian Calley was smooth but vague in many areas. Although he is a well-polished politician, his answers were often too general. I thought he was going to gag when asked a question about tax cuts. (Let's not forget his tax-increasing record re: the gas tax, Medicaid expansion and increasing the senior income tax).

Perhaps one of his most embarrassing moments was the question about the purpose of government. He began his ramble with "infrastructure." Really?

The beauty of a town hall format where each candidate answers each question was realized when Colbeck followed Calley and answered that question remarkably different. Colbeck's answer was that the "purpose of government was to secure the rights of the governed." It was clear Colbeck read and actually understood the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution and understood these two social compacts that unite all Americans. Especially the part: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these

are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. That to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Colbeck's short and extremely correct answer was virtually a direct quote from the Declaration of Independence.

Compare the two, and you will see which of the two is more qualified to serve us as our next Governor!

3. Bill Schuette failed to attend the gubernatorial debate. After watching, it was clear to me that Schuette is afraid to debate Colbeck. Colbeck mopped the floor with Calley.

4. Jim Hines is a nice man and has attained a nice set up of accomplishments, such as MD, being a pilot and distance runner. Perhaps one of his best accomplishments is to repeat that which Colbeck has previously championed. I have had many opportunities to attend town hall meetings where both were both speaking.

Those that attended the debate saw that the majority of campaign stickers, buttons, shirts and other forms of support were for Colbeck. No other candidate has anywhere the grassroots support that Colbeck enjoys. Last night was an initial glimpse of the beginning of the end of the "Lansing Swamp."

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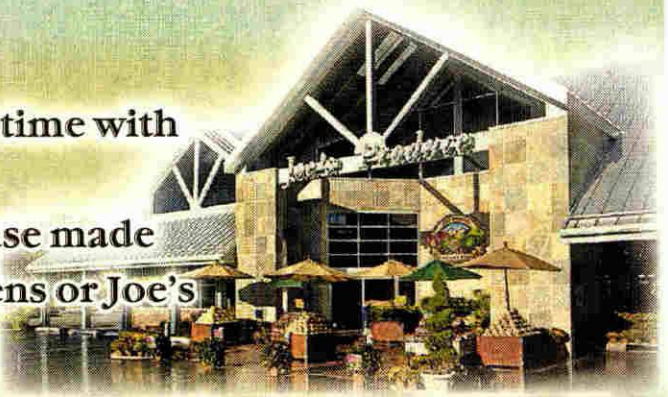
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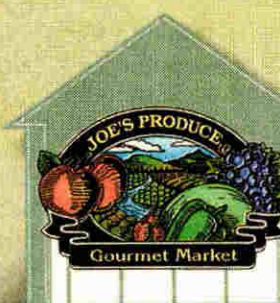
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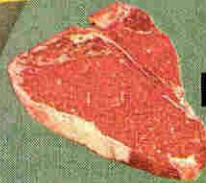
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# Sports

## COLLEGE RECRUITING

# Northville kicker Moody commits to U-M

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One of the state's all-time prolific high school place kickers has committed to play football at Michigan on the premise that he'll be receiving an athletic scholarship sometime in the future once he's enrolled.

Northville senior Jake Moody, a Detroit Free Press Dream Team selection who booted field goals of 55, 57 and 58 yards this season, made his decision Sunday after turning down a four-year scholarship offer from his second choice, Central Michigan University.

"I made a pros and cons list of the things that were important to me, because the decision was too hard to just

pick a school, so I needed to pick out all the little differences, everything that I liked and disliked about both schools, so at end Michigan had more pros than Central did," said Moody, who also had several other Division I offers.

Moody's dad Chad also graduated from Michigan, but Jake said his father stayed out of the recruiting process.

"I've always been a Michigan fan growing up," Moody said. "It just kind of felt right. He just left it up all to me, he didn't give any input at all. He just let me decide where I wanted to go."

Moody said had three face-to-face contacts during the recruiting process with Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh, who made a visit Friday to the North-



Moody

ville High campus.

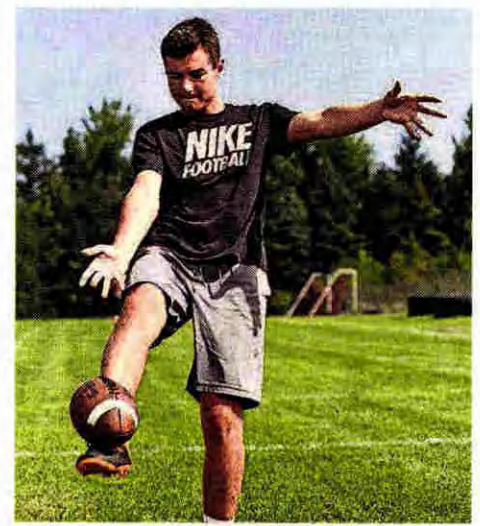
During the new early signing period last month, Michigan landed 16 of its 19 verbal commits and was expected to fill the remainder of its 25-player scholarship limit during the second national signing day period, which

was Wednesday.

Harbaugh mapped out a couple of different scenarios for the 6-foot, 177-pound Moody, who made 12-of-17 field goals this season.

"I'm not exactly sure how it works, but I'm pretty sure that they said I could play this fall, actually, if certain scholarships open up or people leave or (are) injured or stuff like that," Moody said of

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Northville's Jake Moody is committed to kick for Michigan. FILE PHOTO

## BOYS HOCKEY

# Showcase showpiece



Catholic Central's Dylan Montie (left) checks Culver's Andrew Wisniewski. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Culver rallies to defeat Catholic Central, 2-1

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It's safe to say Culver (Ind.) Academy has Catholic Central's number.

The Shamrocks have just three losses this season — all off of them to the country's No. 1-ranked powerhouse. Michigan's top-ranked team gave a valiant effort, but fell to Culver, 2-1, in Friday's final MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase game at the Kennedy Recreation Center in Trenton.

Culver (29-2) has now defeated Catholic Central 10 straight times dating back to 2014, when the Eagles took care

of the Shamrocks 6-1 in their last Showcase meeting. In between, CC had won six straight Showcase games over the past three years.

"They are the No. 1 team in the nation and it's not by coincidence," said CC head coach Brandon Kalenicki, whose team is 16-3-1 overall. "They play a Triple-A schedule and whether they have our number or not, they are just a really good hockey team."

"We were right there with them. It was a 2-1 hockey game and we hit a couple posts and they hit a couple posts too," he added. "I don't want to sit here and analyze it too much, because I'll drive myself crazy. It was just a real good

hockey game and it could have gone either way."

Catholic Central gave Culver a tremendous battle.

After a scoreless opening period, the Shamrocks took a 1-0 lead five minutes into the second on a goal by Kyle Gaffney. The sophomore forward broke down the left wing and cashed in on a wicked wrist shot that went top shelf over Culver goaltender Alexander Wisco.

It remained that way until late in the second period, when senior Dominic Vidoli tied the game with just 45 sec-

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## BOYS HOCKEY

# Stevenson iced by Culver power play

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Livonia Stevenson was the latest team to take a crack at the nation's No. 1-ranked hockey team in the Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League Showcase.

And although the Spartans fell short 4-2 Saturday afternoon against Culver (Ind.) Academy, they acquitted themselves quite well at Trenton's Kennedy Arena.

"It was a tough game. They played us really hard," fifth-year Culver coach Steve Palmer said. "And if we didn't get a couple of power-play goals in the second period ... that was the difference. Our power play was a little better than theirs tonight and it's a 2-2 hockey game if we're not two-for-two on the power play, so it was a really good game."

After a scoreless first period, Culver (31-2) capitalized twice in the second with the man advantage to take a 2-0 lead.

Senior forward Connor Merrill, who has 60-plus points on the year, scored at 8:15, assisted by Jackson Pierson and Dominic Vidoli, followed by a Vidoli goal at 16:45 from Brock Paul to give Culver a two-goal cushion.

"They're good," said Stevenson senior defenseman Kevin Stefanick, who was a standout on the blue line. "Coming in knowing what they are — No. 1 in the nation, too — we knew we'd have a tough game. Their power play is good, no doubt about that. We tried to focus on our defense, live another day, so just chip pucks out, get pucks deep and play simple."

Only 13 seconds after Vidoli's goal, Stevenson Brenden Preiss answered when he beat Culver goalie Grant Adams with an unassisted effort to trim the deficit to 2-1 entering the third.

But at the 3:36 mark of the third period, Culver's Nick Stapleton made it 3-1 on a screwball-type drive that eluded Stevenson goaltender Will Tragge.

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## YOUTH BASEBALL

## Livonia Franklin camp set for Feb. 24

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Livonia Franklin's 12th annual Future Stars Spring Baseball Camp is just around the corner, set for Saturday, Feb. 24.

Patriots head baseball coach Matt Fournier and his coaching staff will oversee camps for boys and girls in

grades 2-6.

Campers will be assigned to groups according to age and ability and will be instructed on a wide variety of skills. The sessions will take place indoors at the Franklin High School field house.

Following are details on the two sessions:

The morning session is 9-11:30 a.m. On the agenda will be hitting, base running and infield work, as well as point-

ers on taking the extra base, hitting for average and taking the proper approach for playing infield defense.

The afternoon session will run from noon to 2:15 p.m. Defensive work will be the main focus. Included will be pitchers fielding practice, catching drills and outfield defense.

Registration fees are \$30 for a single session and \$55 for both. Checks should be made out to Franklin High School

and be sent to Matt Fournier, Franklin Baseball Camp, 31000 Joy Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Each camper should bring a glove, bat and athletic shoes and sack lunch.

For more information, contact Fournier at mfournie2@livonia.k12.mi.us or 734-968-0499.

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Catholic Central's Rylan Clemons is taken down at the blue line by Culver's Brennan Coulson. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Culver

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onds left. The goal punctuated a furious Culver push as it peppered CC goalie Zach Allan relentlessly for a five-minute period until finally finding the back of the net.

Culver scored the game-winner at the 12:28 mark of the third period, when Jacob Eckerle redirected a nice pass from James Shea past Allan, who had no chance.

"We got the lead, they called a timeout and we knew they were going to have a great push there and they did," Kaleniecki said. "We fought it off as long

**"I don't want to sit here and analyze it too much, because I'll drive myself crazy ... it could have gone either way."**

**Brandon Kaleniecki**  
Catholic Central head coach

as we could, but they scored the late one.

"And I thought we started the third really well, but they just got the one goal and that was the difference," he added. "We were right there."

Catholic Central had a few chances to tie the game, including a hard wrist shot

by Carter Korpi that just went wide of the net with six minutes left in the third. Korpi's shot was denied by Wisconsin on that same shift a few seconds later while rushing up the left wing.

The Shamrocks enjoyed a 10-4 edge in shots during the final period, but could not get the equalizer. CC finished with a 19-18 advantage in shots.

"This was the best game we played against them this year," Kaleniecki said. "We gave them two pretty good games (to start the season in Indiana). Obviously, we were looking to give them our best shot tonight, but we just fell a little short in the end."

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## Stevenson

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Assists went to Pierson and Jacob Eckerle.

"The defenseman went to get his stick on it and it popped up, and Will (Tragge) never saw it," Stevenson coach David Mitchell said. "They shoot the puck so hard and they shoot it so well. It was a fluky goal, but that's what good teams do. Good teams make plays happen."

Culver's Patrick Schmiedlin went top shelf off an assist from Merrill to increase Culver's lead to 4-1 at 9:04, but the Spartans got a late goal with 1:43 remaining from Vincent Decina, assisted by Cole Parkhurst.

With 1:23 left, Mitchell called a timeout and pulled Tragge for the extra attacker, but time ran out on the Spartans, the state's No. 1-ranked team in Division 2.

"It was a great hockey game in terms of we gave it our best, that's for sure," Mitchell said. "Culver is on another level. You have the utmost respect for them, for their program, for what they do and what they're about. We can't say enough of who they are and we appreciate them coming down to this Showcase."

Stevenson did a good job of limiting Culver's chances. The official MIHL stat crew had Culver outshooting the Spartans, 18-11.

"They blocked a lot of shots tonight. Normally we've been getting 30-plus shots a game and we got under 20 today," Palmer said. "It was tough to get pucks to the net and they played really hard, they blocked a lot of shots, they had sticks in lanes. They really competed defensively. It was a real tough game for our kids, who skate pretty well and move the puck pretty well, but they made it real tough on us. That's a pretty good defensive hockey game."

The loss dropped Stevenson to 16-4. "We learned we can play with the

best, for sure," Stefanick said. "We got a lot of competitors, guys that want to compete, want to play hard. I think we're looking good."

It was only a night earlier that Culver handed Novi Detroit Catholic Central, the No. 1-ranked team in Division 1, a 2-1 setback in the Showcase. CC has only three losses this season, all to Culver.

"Culver plays a really mature, real hockey, next level hockey game," Mitchell said. "And when you play that, you have to stay on top, you have to make sure your guys stay with their assignments. You have to really have to stay on guys instead of puck watching. I think we did a really good job of sticking to the game plan, skating with them and playing with them."

The Spartans went 0-of-3 on power play, while Culver went 2-of-2.

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## Moody

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Michigan "I think that's the only difference, that I would play this fall or if I sat out this fall.

"If I gray-shirted, I would stay home this fall and I would start up in January, most likely on scholarship, but if not, a scholarship that summer going into the (fall) semester (of 2019)."

Moody, along with Northville coach Matt Ladach, confirmed that Harbaugh also suggested another scenario where Moody could take a scholarship and kick for Central Michigan as a freshman before transferring to Michigan the next season and sitting out the next year under NCAA transfer rules.

"(Harbaugh) said he'd make sure (CMU) came to an agreement that that's how it would work out," Moody said. "That was an option, but I would just rather just kind of go to a school and just be done with it than keep having to transfer, worry about the credits and all that kind of stuff."

Michigan's starting kicker, Quinn Nordin, just completed his red-shirt freshman season and has three years of eligibility remaining. His recruiting process became famous when Harbaugh came to his house for a sleepover.

The Rockford native made 19-of-24 field-goal attempts this season, including 4-of-4 in an Outback Bowl loss to South Carolina. Nordin made four field goals from 50-plus yards, including a best of 55.

Ithaca kicker Adam Culp has also been accepted by Michigan as a preferred walk-on for 2018.

"If the scholarship isn't there this fall, then I would probably gray-shirt and that would probably give me a buffer a year in between Quinn (Nordin)," Moody said. "And if I gray-shirted, I could also red-shirt if I wanted to if it looked like I couldn't play. Then I could get two years in between Quinn."

Ranked among the nation's top kickers by two different recruiting services, Moody also punted for the Mustangs, finishing with a 39.6 average, including four punts downed inside the 10-yard line.

Midway through his freshman year, Moody earned a spot as a varsity kicker for the Mustangs and finished 9-of-12 on field goals as a sophomore. As a junior, he converted 14-of-17 attempts, including a school-record 52-yarder against South Lyon East.

In a 38-30 loss last fall to Grand Blanc, Moody raised more eyebrows by drilling the 58-yarder, topping his own school record of 57 set in the season opener against Dearborn.

Even more impressive was his 80-yard boot off the tee for a touch-back after the Mustangs had taken a safety in the Grand Blanc game.

In the Michigan High School Athletic Association record book, Moody is now tied for second for the longest field goal with former Michigan State kicker John Langeloh, who had a 58-yarder for Utica in 1985. Warren Woods Tower's Doug Kochanski holds the state record with a 59-yarder set in 1994.

"It's his leg strength," Ladach said earlier this season. "He booms the ball. When he kicks the ball, it sounds like a cannon has been shot off. The ball gets up right away and it's not like he's kicking knuckle balls or line drives. He gets it up in the air and he kicks it a long way as well. His strength ... I mean, is phenomenal. His accuracy is, too."

Moody, who carries a 3.64 grade-point average, said he plans on playing baseball again in the spring, when he returns as the starting third baseman for the Division I state runner-up Mustangs.

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PREP FOOTBALL

# Smith is new coach at Milford

Oakland County deputy replaces Dan Novak after one season

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There's a new deputy in town for the Milford High School football program.

Oakland County Sheriff's Deputy Garfrey Smith, who spent last season as defensive coordinator at Madison Heights Lamphere, earned the nod Jan. 30 after Dan Novak stepped down following the team's banquet in November because of health reasons.

The 29-year-old Smith was among six candidates interviewed by a committee of five, including a football parent, a youth program member, a faculty member and two administrators.

"He didn't have as much experience as a couple of the other candidates, but his energy and what we consider his willingness to jump in head-first and be a part of the community and be visible is what really separated him from some of the other candidates," Milford athletic director Jim Marszalek said. "His experience and knowledge at all levels of the game will be an asset to our players and coaching staff as we work to advance the Milford football program."

**Previous stops**

In addition to his one season at Lamphere, Smith was also an assistant at his alma mater Waterford Kettering, where he played four seasons of football, along with Rochester Hills Stoney Creek.



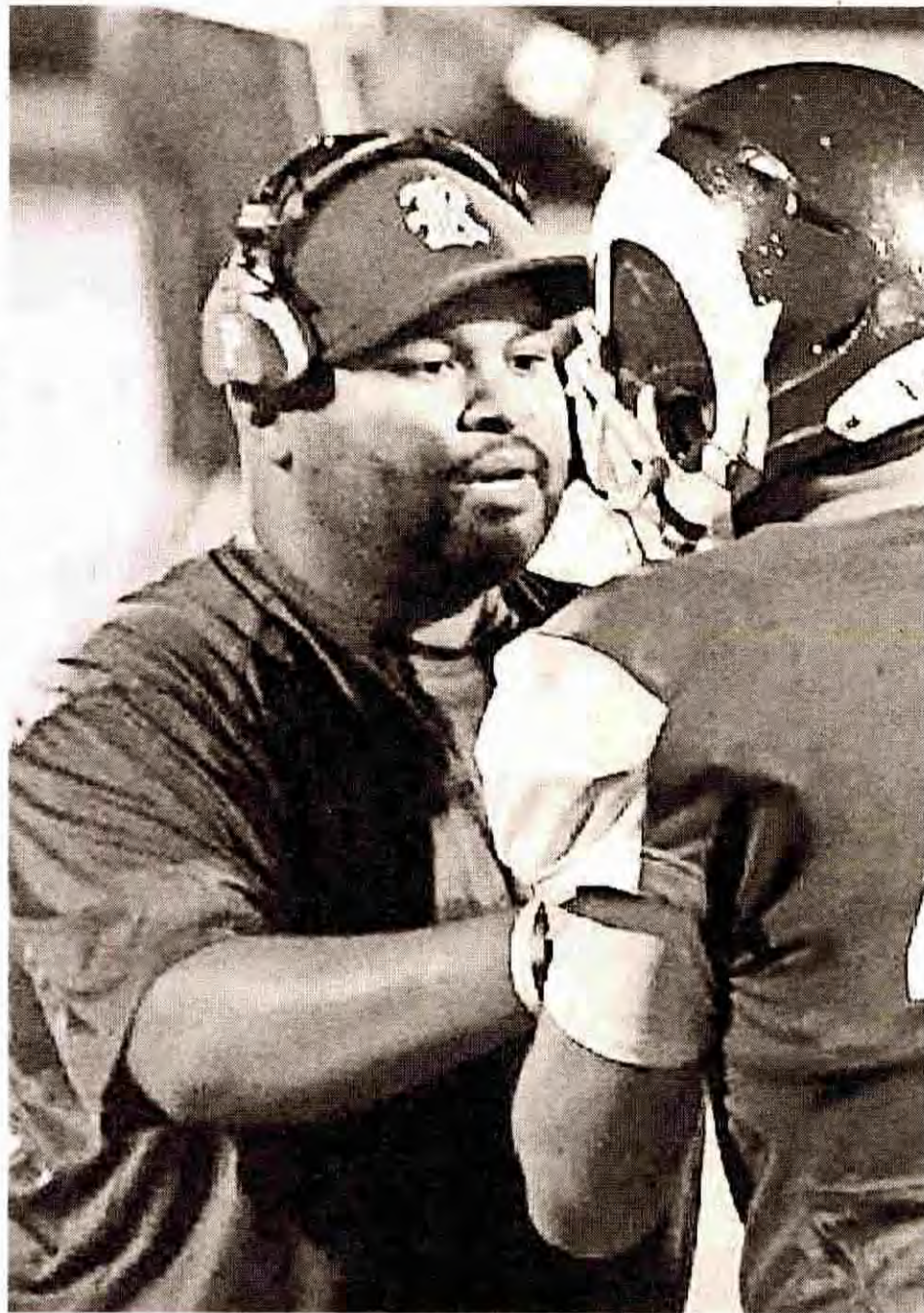
Novak

"Previous coaching positions that I had and previous head coaches that I were under always pushed for you to keep continuing your coaching career, not just be settled for something and be happy," Smith said. "The Milford job opened up and it felt like a good fit. It felt like a good community to go to and it felt like it was my time to try and take over a program."

In Novak's only season, Milford finished 2-7 overall and 1-7 in the inaugural season of the nine-school Lakes Valley Conference. Novak took over for Tim Gough, who resigned after going 4-23 in his three seasons.

Milford hasn't had a winning season since 2012 (5-4) and hasn't been to the state playoffs since 2011 (6-4).

"We want to be able to pop with our



Garfrey Smith has been named the new varsity football coach at Milford.

pads and play with our hearts," Smith said. "We want to show people that we want respect back in Milford. We want to be known for a team that can go out on every Friday night and compete to win a game, no matter who we are facing. We know we've got big challenges ahead of us. The league is tough, but why be in a weak league? We want to be in that strong league and we like that the league is strong."

**New system**

Smith said he hopes to implement the wing-T offense.

"I think the kids that I've watched on film so far that are coming back, that would be more suitable for them," he

said. "We're still going to look at some things and still look at some players after we meet them and put them through some tests to see what personnel we have best. We want to fit our personnel with the best system, so there's always options for that one."

Defensively, Smith plans to go with an aggressive, attack-style scheme.

"We don't like to sit back and wait for our opponents to take advantage of us," he said. "We want to take advantage of them. We run a 4-3 style the converts into a 3-4 and that's what we did at Lamphere and we were successful."

Smith said Lamphere assistants Jake Wittlich and Rob Karagosian will be joining him on Milford's staff for 2018.

"We took an 0-9 program (in 2016) to

5-5 and made the playoffs," Smith said. "Unfortunately, we lost to a good (Bloomfield Hills) Cranbrook team (35-0) in the playoffs, but it was a good experience because they hadn't been to the playoffs in seven years. We won the MAC Bronze (4-0), so that was a good accomplishment."

**Family values**

Smith's wife Amy is the volleyball head coach at Kettering. They have three children: son Kamden, 6, and daughters, Payten, 2, and Rilee, 5 months.

"We not only want to give back to the school, but we want to give back to the community," Smith said. "We want to be family-based. We're a family."

The 36-year-old Novak, an insurance agent, took the Milford job in 2017 after going 0-9 in one season at Ann Arbor Huron.

He battled health issues during his one-year stint with the Mavericks following an auto accident when he was struck by a drunken driver at 1 p.m. St. Patrick's Day 2015.

"I had fusion surgery, rods and screws in my back," Novak said. "It got irritated around probably June-July. It's compressed around the fusion, so I've been pretty much in pain. The areas around it are kind of giving out. I'm going to need back surgery and hip surgery as well."

**Coaching in pain**

Novak said surgeons advised him not to coach last season, but he forged ahead.

"I wasn't going to leave the kids without a coach in summer and scrambling," Novak said. "We fought through it this year and I made the decision which was best for my family and I. It's not fair to the Milford kids with me being out three or four months to get surgery and miss the summer. I'm just trying to get myself healthy and do what is necessary."

And to complicate matters, Novak broke his tibia when he got hit during a practice.

"It was a fun one," Novak said with a laugh. "Most of the time, I was coaching on crutches or on a golf cart and that's not how I am. I want to be active and I'm only 36. I just decided to get healthy and, once I do, I may decide to get back into it. It was the best choice for myself and Milford, too."

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BOYS BASKETBALL

# Novi defense shines in win over Northville

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With March Madness still a month away, the Novi boys basketball team is trying to improve its stock portfolio.

Although it's been somewhat of a struggle so far this season for the Wildcats, a preseason top 20 team, they became a buy instead of a sell Friday as they knocked off rival Northville for the second time this season, 53-42, on the road.

With the win, Novi improved to 7-7 overall and 6-4 in the KLAA Gold Division, while Northville slipped to 10-5 and 6-4. Novi also captured the first meeting between the two rival schools Jan. 9, 61-50.

"I don't think there's a hump we've got to get over," said Novi 6-foot-3 junior swingman Giovanni Miles, who finished with a team-high 15 points to go along with nine rebounds. "We just got to flow into it and just really get prepared for March. I don't think we're really worried about the standings or the records because everybody makes it to the (state tourney). What matters is who wins districts, who wins regionals and states, so I think that's the most important thing right now."

Defense was the key for last year's Class A regional finalists, who held the Mustangs to 37.5-percent shooting from the field (18-of-48).

"It was more of our team chemistry on the defensive end, us talking and making sure we knew what we were doing," Miles said, "and so by that, we had a flow on offense the whole game. And we didn't give them easy shots."

Miles hit three 3-pointers to go along

with a basket as he scored 11 third-quarter points to give Novi a 39-32 advantage heading into the fourth.



Miles

"He passed up a lot of shots early because his point of emphasis was to get Trenderon (Hankerson) the ball going to the basket or Traveon going to the basket," Novi coach Brandon Sinawi said of Miles. "He sacrificed early, which opened up his shot a little late, but hey, he competed defensively. There were times when he was on the bench and we said, 'Hey, we got to have in there for a defensive possession.' Hey, he was committed to that and was a big reason why we win tonight."

Despite making only 8-of-26 first-half shots, Northville trailed only 22-17 at intermission.

"We felt pretty good about ourselves at halftime," Northville coach Todd Sander said. "As poorly as maybe as we thought we played, we were only down five when it could have been maybe 15. And we made a nice run at them. But again, Giovanni from the right corner hit a number of triples in the third quarter to stretch the lead after we had made a run coming back after them."

On two occasions during the third quarter, Northville pulled to within two, but Novi always had an answer.

"I thought we missed an opportunity early, we got wide-open looks and a lot of games those have fallen," Sander said. "And obviously, it's a different game if that's the case tonight, but that wasn't the case. They happened to be threes, they're long rebounds, they're early run-outs, so that really helped their transition game."

Steven Morrissey, a 6-4 junior for-

ward, turned in a nice offensive effort for the Mustangs with a game-high 17 points.

Senior guard Mark Grimes chipped in 11. "We just wanted them to slow it down, take rushed shots and forced shots, while we have easy fast-break layups and stuff like that," Miles said.

"I thought we did a nice job of settling in as the game progressed," Sander said, "but they're really talented and they played some of the best defense that I've seen them play for stretches tonight."

Here are four other takeaways:

**BALANCED SHEET**

In addition to Miles's team-high 15 points, the Wildcats also got 12 apiece from 6-7 senior center Tariq Woody and 6-3 senior point guard Trenderon Hankerson.

Senior guard Traveon Maddox Jr. contributed 11, including two dunks in the final quarter. Woody also came through with four straight free throws during the final 39 seconds.

The Wildcats shot 50 percent from the floor (19-of-36), but only 52.6 from the foul line (10-of-19).

**DAMAGING LOSS**

Northville is now two games down in the loss column in the KLAA Gold race to first-place Grand Blanc, which has a makeup game Feb. 15 against Brighton.

The Mustangs finish their division schedule with road games against Howell (Feb. 6) and Grand Blanc (Feb. 9).

"Guys are disappointed, but we have a lot left to play for, though," Sander said. "We're looking at seeding within the division. Can we climb into second? Can we get a home (KLAA playoff) game early on? We just have to come back

from this weekend and get better, get ready for two tough ones next week."

**CLOCK MANAGEMENT**

After Morrissey's triple cut Novi's lead to 43-39 with 3:45 left in the game, the Wildcats began to spread the floor and milk the clock.

Miles, however, took one ill-advised shot from the wing with just under two minutes left, much to the chagrin of Sinawi, who gave him an immediate seat on the bench.

"It was an open shot," Miles said. "Trenderon gave it to me and it was an open shot and I shot it. Coach is always looking for something else, but you always don't get it all the time."

But all was forgiven in the hallway afterward as the player and coach joked about it.

**TRIPLEHEADER**

The day started with the KLAA Unified basketball game between special-needs students, with Novi defeating Novi, 27-24, followed by the Northville girls varsity beating Novi, 43-37.

All three games were well-attended with large student cheering sections.

"It's a fun atmosphere to be in," Sinawi said. "Whenever we get on Friday night here at Northville or if it's at our place, these guys always come out and battle, both teams. And we told our guys just enjoy the moment, especially our seniors. Just enjoy the atmosphere and let's come out and play as hard as we can, because you know they (Northville) are going to, they're very well-coached and they play hard. My overall take is that we'll take the win."

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BOYS HOCKEY

# Showcase host Trenton rallies to nip Plymouth in shootout

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Yes, Gerry Vento's Plymouth Wildcats suffered a tough, 2-1 shootout loss Saturday to Trenton at the MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase.

But Vento sounded more like a high school hockey fan than a coach after the hard-fought finale of the three-day extravaganza held at Kennedy Recreation Center in Trenton.

"Great game. You can't ask for much more," Vento said. "It's a tough way to lose, but we won one like that yesterday, so it evens out. But it is what it is, fun game, fun environment."

Plymouth won Friday against Hancock, 3-2, also in a shootout. And for about 48 minutes against the Trojans, it looked like the Wildcats might go two-for-two at the showcase.

Senior captain Jack Chumley's power-play goal with 11:45 remaining in the second period put Plymouth up 1-0 and that edge held up for the rest of that period and most of the third.

Trenton sniper Drew Welsch had other ideas, of course. He banged in the equalizer at 14:12 of the final period, beating Wildcats senior goaltender Brendan Olepa — who was locked in a goaltending duel with Dominik DeMaggio of the Trojans.

Both goals were similar. Chumley, stationed near the left post, ripped home linemate C.J. Mullenax's centering pass. The shot soared over DeMaggio's trapper.

Picking up the second assist was senior defenseman Andrew Garby, who impressed with his ability to skate back into his zone and ward off trouble.

Welsch also was parked in front and successfully one-timed Nolan Szczepaniak's crisp pass from behind the net.

In the shootout (the teams did not play overtime), the lone goal was scored by Trenton senior defenseman Justin Litchard.

Plymouth's last-ditch attempt to extend the shootout, by Baldwin, clanked off the left post.

"We preach all year batting through adversity and this was a night where we were battling adversity for 40-something minutes," Trenton head coach Chad Clements said. "And Litchard with a nice shot at the end, he's a defenseman we converted into a forward. But he's good around the net."

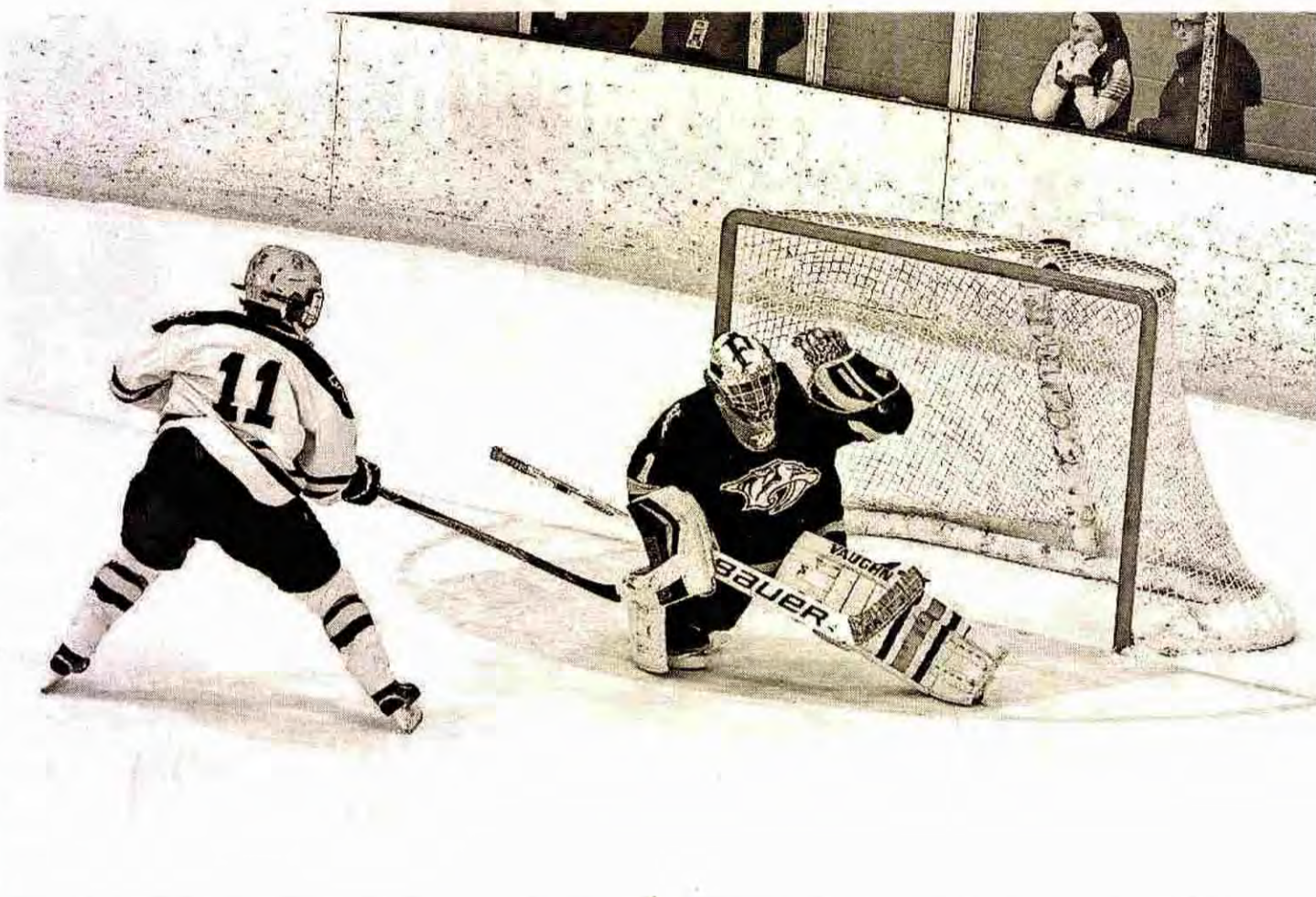
"Then DeMaggio comes up huge on all three of them. They had some pretty potent forwards shooting."

DeMaggio made 19 stops during regulation, while Olepa made 17 saves.

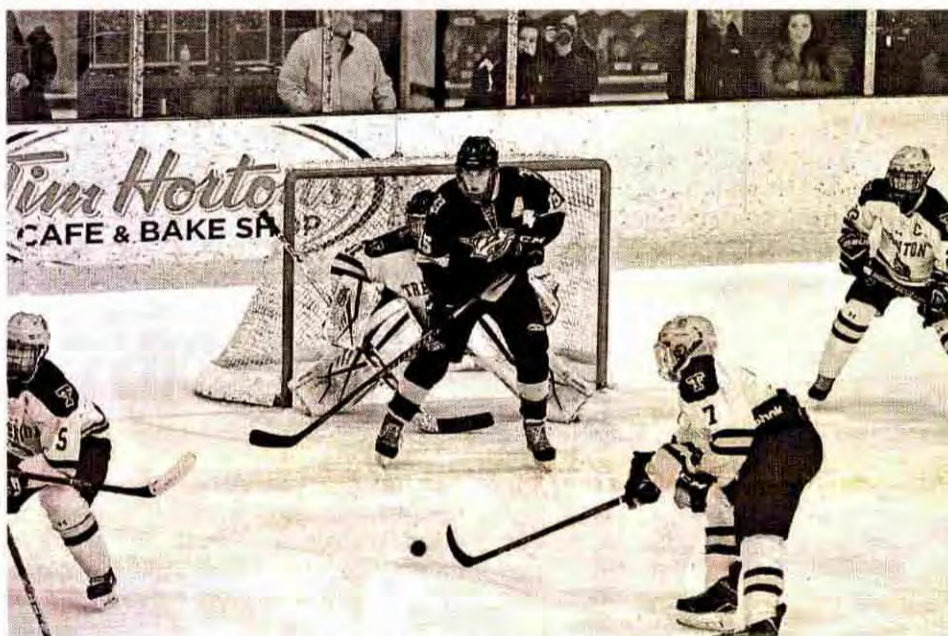
"(Olepa) played a great game," Vento said. "The shorthanded breakaway save he made (against Szczepaniak in the second period) with his glove was outstanding."

Vento added that the outcome might have been different had his team taken advantage of some scoring chances.

"We left a lot on the board early on, which I thought could have changed the game, but we didn't bury them," Vento said. "Give their goalie credit and, partially, a little blame on us for not bearing



Plymouth goalie Brendan Olepa robs Trenton's Nolan Szczepaniak with this glove save during the second period of Saturday's MIHL Prep Hockey Showcase game. ED OLEPA



Plymouth's C.J. Mullenax (front) tries to block the vision of Trenton goalie Dominik DeMaggio. ED OLEPA

down on some quality chances. That's the way it goes."

He did praise the showcase for providing quality, fast-paced hockey between a slate of outstanding teams from Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

"For us it's a great environment. We're playing against top-ranked teams," Vento said. "It certainly preps the guys; they know what to expect. That was an intense game out there, no doubt about it."

Clements, whose team improved to 13-6-2, said some of his players might have been overly pumped up to impress the many college and junior scouts who

were in the building.

"This is one of the two showcases we play in where you know there's going to be a lot of scouts," Clements said. "And a lot of our guys want to move on and play at the next level."

"So I guess the intensity's up a little bit. They get excited, but sometimes they get overexcited and do too much."

## Salem splits two

Salem, a state-ranked team in Division 1, went 1-1 at the showcase, edging Saline 3-2 before falling 4-1 to Warren De La Salle.

Salem defeated the Hornets on Feb. 1 on a third-period goal by junior forward Colin Goleniak.

Other goals for the Rocks were by Eric Jensen in the second period and Anthony Gattoni early in the third.

Saline then rallied to tie the game at 16:24 of the final period, but Goleniak answered 16 seconds later (set up by Tyler German).

Goalie Austin Goleniak turned aside 25 shots for the victory.

"I thought we played well in both games," Rocks head coach Ryan Ossennmacher said. "Saline was 16-1 coming into our game. We went up 2-0, they came back in the third. I thought we had a little bit of a letup. And then we were fortunate enough to finish it in the end."

In the loss to De La Salle, on Feb. 2, Salem took a 1-0 lead on a goal by Logan Sowa at 4:46 of the third period.

De La Salle reeled off four quick goals, however, to close out the win.

"The first two, two-and-a-half periods, against De La Salle, we played really well," Ossennmacher said. "We were up 1-0, outshot them 30-20. But we just worked so hard to get that goal, their goalie (Daniel Miscavish) was phenomenal in that game. It could have been 4-0 in the first period. He made some fantastic saves."

According to Ossennmacher, "Both games we played really fast. And when we play fast, we're a pretty good team. I was happy with that, even though we lost the second game."

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BOYS SWIMMING

# Northville captures Wayne County title

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Travis Nitkiewicz was the catalyst once again as the Northville boys swimming and diving repeated as Wayne County meet champion Saturday over host Grosse Pointe South.

The Mustangs scored a team-best 409.5 points, while the host Blue Devils placed runner-up with 309.

Rounding out the top five in the 20-school field were Livonia Stevenson (370), Riverview (219), Canton (177) and University of Detroit-Jesuit (167). Plymouth and Salem finished ninth and 10th, respectively with 108.5 and 95.5.

Nitkiewicz, a junior who won two events a year ago, captured the 200-yard individual medley (1:58.10) and 100 breaststroke (57.73). He also swam a leg on the runner-up 200 medley and third-place 400 freestyle relay teams.

In addition to Nitkiewicz, Northville coach Rich Bennetts also singled out the

performances of Connor Halberg, Jason Nitkiewicz, Ali Pazooki, Brain Ding, Matt Pang and Nick Mouaikel.

"I would have liked to see some faster swims from some of our guys," Bennetts said. "This is just a tough meet for our guys to get up for. Whatever the reason is, we are always flat for this meet. I am not sure why that is. I hope that our boys are saving up their energy and we will have big drops in the next couple of weeks leading up to state meet. With the times I saw from the Oakland County meet, we have a long way to go to be competitive with any of them."

One of the meet's individual stars was Canton's Daniel Mullen, who swept the 100 and 200 freestyles in 48.55 and 1:45.83, respectively. He also teamed with Tristen Shao, Ethan Shimones and Derek Goderis for a victory in the 400 freestyle relay (3:17.22).

Stevenson's Parker Wasielewski was also an individual double-winner, in the



Nitkiewicz

50 freestyle (21.76) and 100 backstroke (52.81). Teammate Ben Rojewski won the 500 freestyle (4:50.05).

Grosse Pointe South's 200 medley relay team of Matthew Melican, Khalib Rahmaan, Matthew Koueiter and Ethan Briggs set a meet record (1:37.10).

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**WAYNE COUNTY BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING MEET**  
Feb. 2-3 at Grosse Pointe South

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Northville, 409.5 points; 2. Grosse Pointe South, 309; 3. Livonia Stevenson, 370; 4. Riverview, 219; 5. Canton, 177; 6. University of Detroit Jesuit, 167; 7. Allen Park, 138.5; 8. Trenton, 125; 9. Salem, 108.5; 10. Plymouth, 95.5; 11. Wyandotte, 83; 12. Brownstown Woodhaven, 51; 13. Detroit King, 49; 14. Grosse Pointe North, 47; 15. Detroit Cass Tech, 25; 16. Livonia Churchill, 14; 17. (tie) Dearborn and Westland John Glenn, 12 each; 19. Allen Park Cabini, 10; 20. Detroit Renaissance, 3.

**FINALS RESULTS**

**200-yard medley relay:** 1. G.P. South (Matthew Melican, Khalib Rahmaan, Matthew Koueiter, Ethan Briggs), 1:37.10 (meet record); 2. Northville (Arthur Greenlee, Travis Nitkiewicz, Kirk Maibach, Cameron Heaven), 1:37.61; 3. Stevenson (Bryan Reppenhagen, Hans Anderson, Benjamin LaPorte, Parker Wasielewski), 1:39.51; 4. U-D Jesuit, 1:41.20; 5. Trenton, 1:42.05; 6. Salem, 1:44.45.

**200 freestyle:** 1. Daniel Mullen (Canton), 1:45.83; 2. Jason Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 1:47.51; 3. Ben Rojewski (Stevenson), 1:48.20; 4. Trevor DeGroot (N'ville), 1:48.38; 5. Thomas Jogan (G.P. South), 1:49.57; 6. Heaven (N'ville), 1:49.77.

**200 individual medley:** 1. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 1:58.10; 2. Tristen Shao (Canton), 2:01.87; 3. Stephan Freitag (Salem), 2:02.07; 4. Spence Boling-Hamer (Trenton), 2:02.90; 5. Rahmaan (GPS), 2:04.08; 6. Reppenhagen (Stevenson), 2:05.10.

**50 freestyle:** 1. Wasielewski (Stevenson), 21.76; 2. Michael Wolsek (Trenton), 21.87; 3. Peter Buescher (U-D), 22.33; 4. Greenlee (N'ville), 22.35; 5. K. Maibach (N'ville), 22.55; 6. Bruce Liepe (AP), 22.57.

**1-meter diving:** 1. Mark Walker (Riverview), 375.65 points; 2. Charles Carey (Canton), 340.45; 3. Benjamin Kirchoff (Ply.), 334.10; 4. Cameron MacDougall (Riverview), 333.80; 5. Tobias Artman-Chance (Canton), 325.70; 6. Alexander Alvarez (Allen Park), 287.75.

**100 butterfly:** 1. Michael Wolsek (Trenton), 52.21; 2. Koueiter (GPS), 52.48; 3. Briggs (GPS), 53.21; 4. J. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 53.29; 5. Maximilian Thomas (Riverview), 54.49; 6. Derek Goderis (Canton), 54.68.

**100 freestyle:** 1. Mullen (Canton), 48.55; 2. K. Maibach (N'ville), 48.87; 3. Buescher (U-D), 49.01; 4. Tyler Irving (Riverview), 49.76; 5. Jogan (GPS), 50.30; 6. Nick Vallan (GPS), 50.34.

**500 freestyle:** 1. Rojewski (Stevenson), 4:50.05; 2. DeGroot (N'ville), 4:54.60; 3. Goderis (Canton), 4:58.59; 4. Nolan O'Dowd (Stevenson), 5:06.07; 5. Michael Alameddine (N'ville), 5:07.98; 6. Leland Broge (Wyan.), 5:09.36.

**200 freestyle relay:** 1. Riverview (Thomas, T. Irving, Brendan Irving, Fisher Rose), 1:29.60; 2. G.P. South (Vallan, Rahmaan, Koueiter, Jogan), 1:29.63; 3. Northville (J. Nitkiewicz, Craig Maibach, DeGroot, K. Maibach), 1:31.01; 4. Allen Park, 1:31.12; 5. Stevenson, 1:32.36; 6. U-D Jesuit, 1:32.62.

**100 backstroke:** 1. Wasielewski (Stevenson), 52.81; 2. Briggs (GPS), 52.89; 3. Melican (GPS), 53.79; 4. Reppenhagen (Stevenson), 55.31; 5. Greenlee (N'ville), 55.41; 6. Thomas (Riverview), 57.08.

**100 breaststroke:** 1. T. Nitkiewicz (N'ville), 57.73; 2. Koueiter (GPS), 58.25; 3. Anderson (Stevenson), 1:00.28; 4. Boling-Hamer (Trenton), 1:01.30; 5. Rahmaan (GPS), 1:01.52; 6. Freitag (Salem), 1:02.56.

**400 freestyle relay:** 1. Canton (Mullen, Shao, Ethan Shimones, Goderis), 3:17.22; 2. G.P. South (Jogan, Vallan, Melican, Briggs), 3:17.82; 3. Northville (DeGroot, J. Nitkiewicz, C. Maibach, T. Nitkiewicz), 3:17.91; 4. Stevenson, 3:21.22; 5. Riverview, 3:22.73; 6. Allen Park, 3:23.89.

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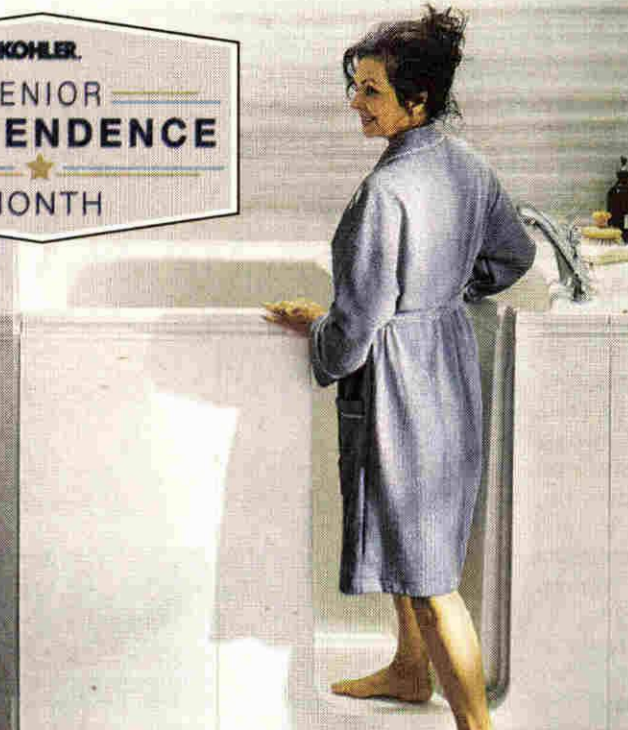
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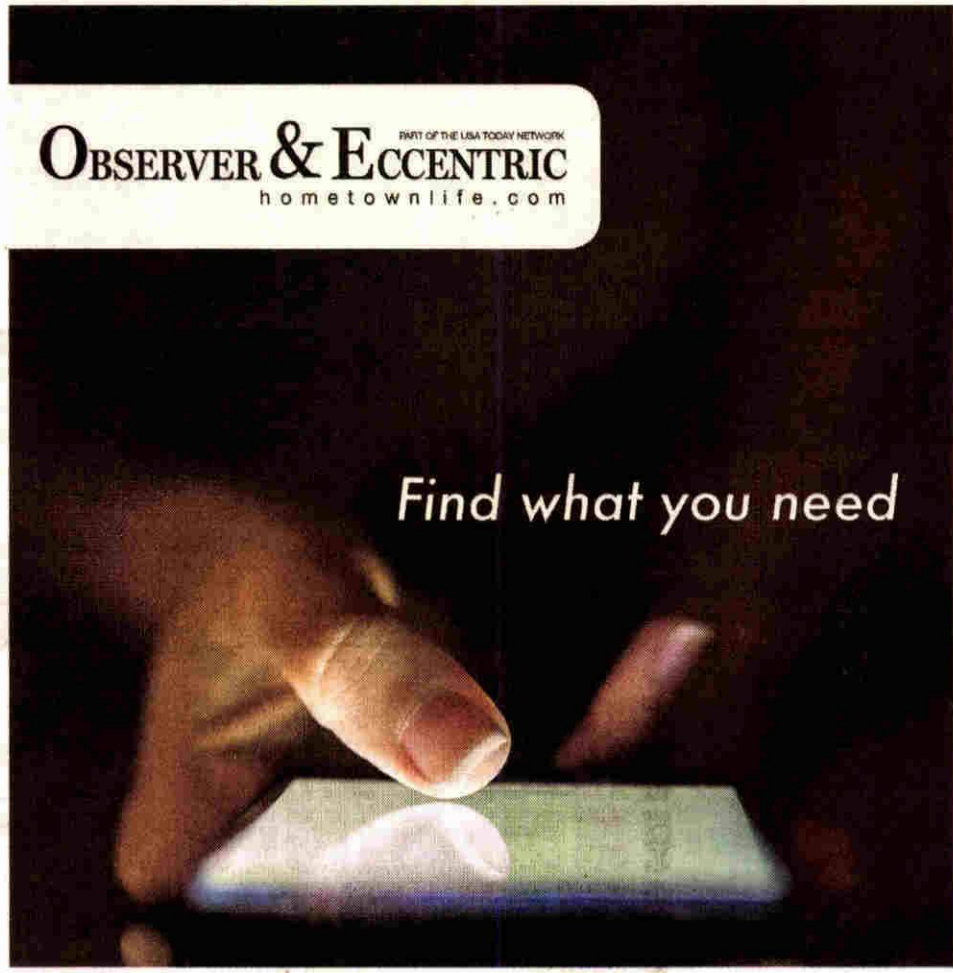
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### CITY OF LIVONIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

#### Park site paths of BITUMINOUS CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION

**Bid Due Date:** Sealed bids will be received by the City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation, as Owners, until the hour of 2:00 p.m. (Local Time) on Thursday, March 1, 2018, at the administrative offices of the Livonia Housing Commission, 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, MI 48150, at which time said bids will be opened and publicly read.

**Scope of Work:** The Department of Parks and Recreation will be accepting bids at the above address for the installation of Park site paths of BITUMINOUS CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION at Botsford Park, Clements Circle Park and Compton Park.

**Budget/Financial Authorization:** These park improvements are funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant funds authorized by HUD under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 and 1977, as amended and as such, prospective bidders are hereby advised that this project is subject to Department of Labor Davis-Bacon Wage Rates and Section 3 regulations.

**Construction Documents:** Drawings, specifications and other bidding documents will be available beginning, Feb. 2, 2018, through Michigan Inter-Governmental Trade Network (MITN) [www.mitn.info](http://www.mitn.info), and on the City of Livonia website under Parks and Recreation [www.livoniaparks.org](http://www.livoniaparks.org)

All bids are to be submitted on the forms furnished by the City which are included in the Bid Package. All bids shall be sealed in opaque envelopes, plainly marked with the name of the project, name of bidder, and shall be addressed to James M. Inglis, Director Livonia Housing Commission 10800 Farmington Road, Livonia, Michigan 48150.

Bids must be accompanied by a **non-collusion affidavit** and **bid security** in the amount of not less than 5% of the bid. Each successful bidder will be required to furnish and pay for satisfactory performance and payment bonds.

The City of Livonia Department of Parks and Recreation reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and to waive any informalities in the bids received. Furthermore, the Department of Parks and Recreation encourages Minority Business Enterprises and Women-Owned Business Enterprises to submit bids for this project.

No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the Department of Parks and Recreation.

**Mandatory Pre-Bid Site Visit:** Will be held **Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2018 2:00pm (local time)**. Meet at Compton Park, located at 28732 Lyndon, Livonia, MI 48154. All principal contractors are required to visit the site to review the scope of the work.

Edward Davis, Superintendent  
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### LIVONIA HOUSING COMMISSION NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Livonia Housing Commission, Livonia, Michigan, will receive sealed bids in its offices at 19300 Purlingbrook Road, Livonia Michigan 48152 until 11:00 a.m. local time, on **March 6th, 2018**. A public opening will follow shortly thereafter. Any bid received after this time will not be rejected. All work shall be performed pursuant to the plans and specifications prepared by Design House Architects and Designers, LLC, 10484 Range line Road, Berrien Springs, MI. Bid work shall consist of low slope roofing and exterior door replacements and minor repairs of associated work at two senior citizen high rise buildings. All bids shall be executed on forms provided in the specifications. The award will be made at the Livonia Housing Commission Board of Commissioners meeting to be held **March 15, 2018**.

Each bid must include a "non-collusion" affidavit and fully enclosed HUD 5369-A form, and a Bid Bond in the amount of five (5) percent of the amount of the bid. This bond will be forfeited in case of any failure to enter into the contract at the bid price after notification of acceptance of such bid. This project is subject to Davis-Bacon Prevailing Wages.

Section 3 Performance as well as all other forms as outlined in the specifications must accompany all bids. Both the Architect and Housing Commission desire all prime contractors submitting bids to encourage all minority subcontractors to perform any portions of the work which will not be performed by the contractor's forces or could be performed by the minority subcontractor. Bidders must submit written evidence that they have solicited quotations from qualified Section 3 subcontractors at the time the bidder submits its bid to the Housing Commission for all portions of work the bidder is not proposing to complete with his forces. All bidders shall comply with HUD Section 3 Clause of regulation 24 C.F.R. part 135.

The Livonia Housing Commission is in no way obligated to accept the lowest or any other bid submitted and reserves the right to reject any and all bids. The Livonia Housing Commission also may waive informalities in any bid if it deems to do so and to defer the acceptance or rejection of such bids until the financial arrangements for the project bid are completed.

Plans and Specifications may be obtained from: The Livonia Housing Commission, 19300 Purlingbrook Road, Livonia Michigan 48152 on or after **February 9, 2018**. A deposit of Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars is required of Prime Contractors for each set of Drawings and Specifications up to a maximum of three (3) sets. The deposit is refundable in full only if:

1. The Drawings and Specifications are returned within ten (10) days after the bid date and are in usable condition as determined by the Architect

A **pre-bid meeting** will be held at **11:00 am, February 22, 2018** at the Livonia Housing Commission project site/office. Site visits will be by appointment only and made through the Housing office by contacting Mr. James Inglis at 248-477-7086.

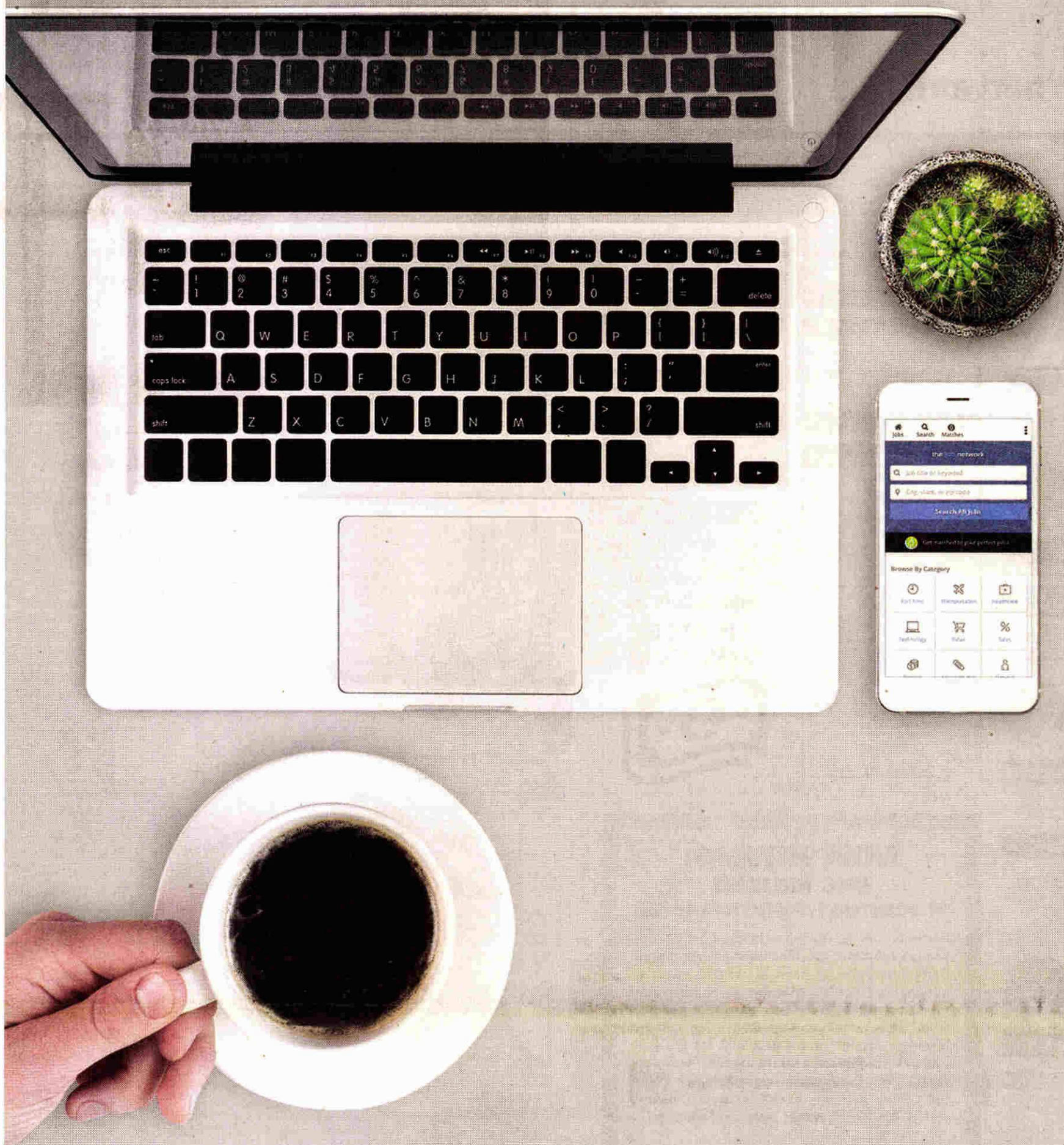
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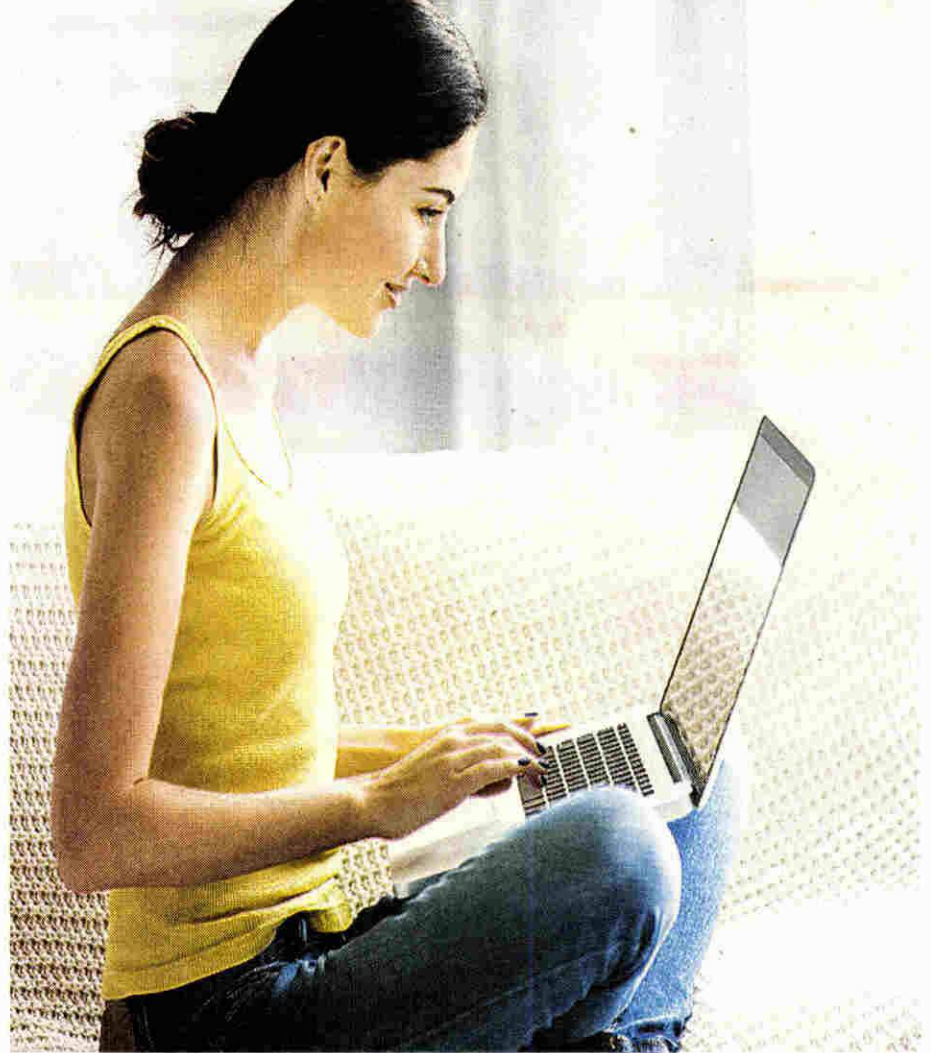


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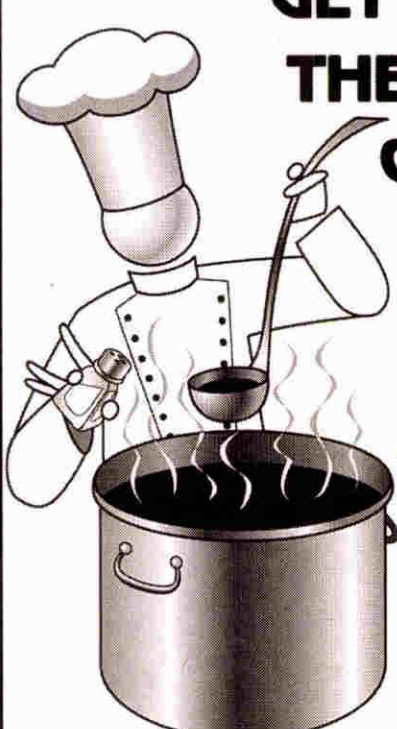


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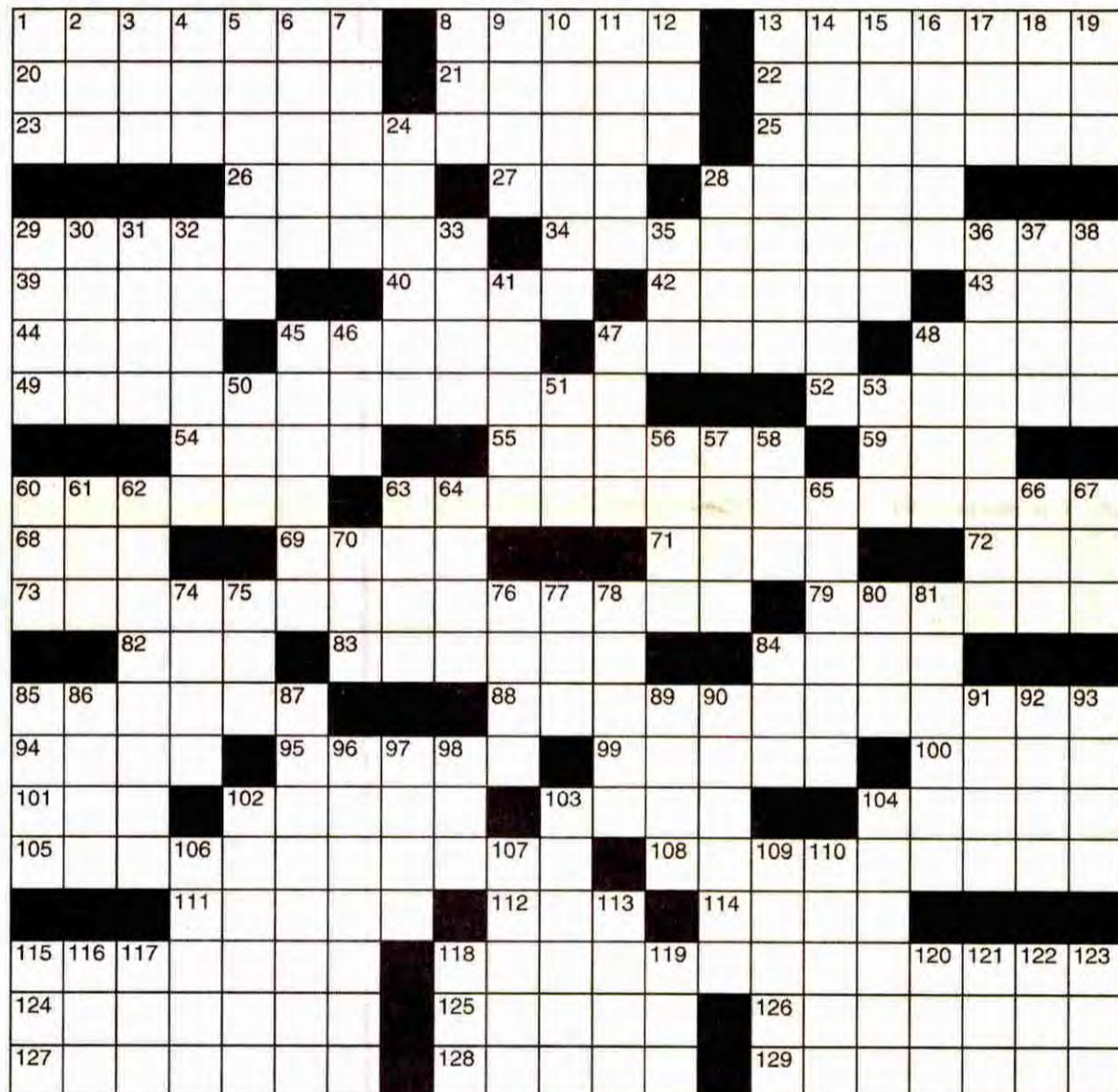
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Not meant to be heard by the audience, in a way
  - 8 Blend in
  - 13 Maker of stringed instruments
  - 20 Author Huffington
  - 21 Nary a soul
  - 22 In a group
  - 23 Give a nonnative a smooch?
  - 25 Causes of sudden fear
  - 26 Env. alerter
  - 27 Small drink
  - 28 Make up for
  - 29 Defeat Dorothy's dog decisively?
  - 34 Trip to an underworld river?
  - 39 Singer Buddy
  - 40 Egg
  - 42 Stools, say
  - 43 Actress Mendes
  - 44 Certain Siouan
  - 45 "The Jerk" actor M. — Walsh
  - 47 "Well well!"
  - 48 Use a pool
  - 49 Specialty of Windy City bakeries?
  - 52 Uses Dixie diction
  - 54 Door turner
  - 55 Expire, as a subscription
  - 59 Ballpark fig.
  - 60 New princess of '81
  - 63 One who doesn't succumb to a potent toxin?
  - 68 Clean energy org.
  - 69 Bombard with e-junk
  - 71 "Zip- — -Doo-Dah"
  - 72 Hard wood
  - 73 Glorious state of bliss?
  - 79 Military units
  - 82 Prefix with hazard
  - 83 Achieve
  - 84 Obi-Wan Kenobi, e.g.
  - 85 Rob
  - 88 Desert haven mentioned in the first book of the Bible?
  - 94 Guitars' kin, for short
  - 95 Actor Rob
  - 99 Bits of matter
  - 100 Car for a VIP
  - 101 Mr., in India
  - 102 Have a cow, with "out"
  - 103 Ltr. insert
  - 104 Arrangement
  - 105 Ruler of the Sunflower State?
  - 108 Palpitation?
  - 111 Menu fish
  - 112 Audiotapes' successors
  - 114 Cato's 1,052
  - 115 Main female character
  - 118 Stuff hauled by Beantown trash collectors?
  - 124 Not ceasing
  - 125 Homer work
  - 126 St. — (capital of Loire)
  - 127 Mice and whales, e.g.
  - 128 "The Rose" singer Midler
  - 129 Plunder
- DOWN**
- 1 Hard wood
  - 2 Wk. day
  - 3 Hi- — (old LP players)
  - 4 Moms
  - 5 Notoriety
  - 6 Noted berry farm founder
  - 7 Turn a deaf — (ignore)
  - 8 Musical artist DiFranco
  - 9 Barking pets
  - 10 Doctrine that reality is one organic whole
  - 11 Ham-handed
  - 12 Gen —
  - 13 Certain boxing punch
  - 14 Not firmly implanted
  - 15 Pre-liftoff term
  - 16 Jenna Bush —
  - 17 "Kinda" suffix
  - 18 Ballpark fig.
  - 19 Scale notes
  - 24 Lay to rest
  - 28 Skating leap
  - 29 Ice cream flavor, briefly
  - 30 Writer Philip
  - 31 H.G. Wells race
  - 32 Smart- — (cocky)
  - 33 At an end
  - 35 Fashion inits.
  - 36 Synthpop artist, say
  - 37 Sinister
  - 38 They may be candied
  - 41 Wombs
  - 45 Self-conceit
  - 46 Unruly crowd
  - 47 Social Security fig., e.g.
  - 48 Delhi dress
  - 50 Not only that
  - 51 Vienna loc.
  - 53 Crank (up)
  - 56 — upswing
  - 57 Meat stamp letters
  - 58 Wk. day
  - 60 The, in Paris
  - 61 "The Simpsons" store clerk
  - 62 Work at as a dilettante
  - 63 Breathe hard
  - 64 Leave out
  - 65 Intermission
  - 66 Bullfight cry
  - 67 Apt. units acronym
  - 70 Stew veggie
  - 74 Eye covers
  - 75 Bettor's note
  - 76 Tatty clothes (aspirants)
  - 77 Strive (for)
  - 78 U.N.'s Kofi
  - 80 Hubbub
  - 81 Call placer
  - 84 Actor Parsons
  - 85 Corn cover
  - 86 Stew veggie
  - 87 Part of PIN
  - 89 Carve
  - 90 Somber
  - 91 In — (as found)
  - 92 Don of radio
  - 93 Last year's frosh
  - 96 "Part II" films
  - 97 Tightly strung
  - 98 Squeak (out)
  - 102 Cereal meal
  - 103 Breaks up
  - 104 Add to the batter, say
  - 106 Charge at
  - 107 School, in Nice
  - 109 Writer Horatio
  - 110 Calf catcher
  - 113 ESPN datum
  - 115 — and haw
  - 116 Greek vowel
  - 117 Dream-time acronym
  - 118 Baby's wear
  - 119 Lyric tribute
  - 120 Wanna- — (aspirants)
  - 121 Santa — (hot wind)
  - 122 Big health supplement chain, familiarly
  - 123 "I see mice!"



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	8			9	6				
7		2							6
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6							5		7
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			5		9			1	

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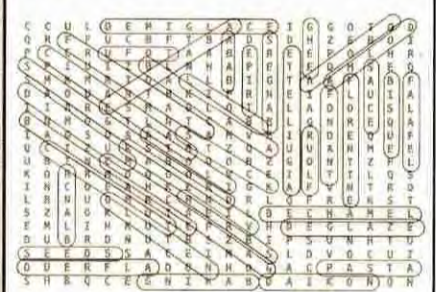
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## WORDS

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- ADOBO
- AIGUILLETTE
- AIOLI
- ALFREDO
- BABA
- BAIN-MARIE
- BAKING
- BAKLAVA
- BALSAMIC
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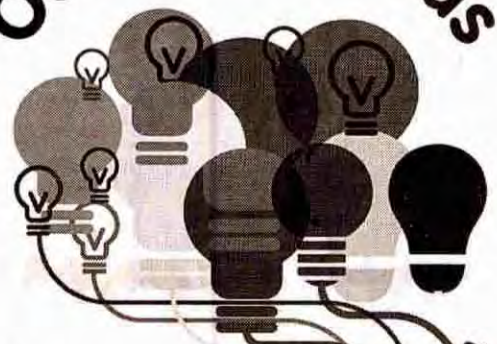
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KISSFOREIGNER FRIGHTS  
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3	8	5	2	9	6	1	7	4
7	5	2	3	1	8	4	9	6
4	9	8	6	5	7	3	2	1
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