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## Suspect bound over on murder charge

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A Westland man accused of killing his roommate last fall will stand trial on first-degree murder charges after he was bound over.

Jovica Nikoloski, 22, was bound over Monday from Westland's 18th District Court on the murder charge, with Judge Sandra Ference Cicirelli finding proba-

ble cause to bind him over.

Nikoloski is charged in the Sept. 9 death of his roommate, 25-year-old Spase Grazhdani, at their apartment at the Skygate Apartments in the 6500 block of Yale in Westland. Police say Nikoloski and Grazhdani got into an altercation in their apartment when a knife was introduced to the argument. Police say Nikoloski stabbed Grazhdani several times before leaving



**Nikoloski**

the apartment for a few hours. He returned and then called police.

He was found competent earlier this year after a competency exam was conducted. He was originally scheduled to have his preliminary examination Feb. 16, a date set at a hearing Jan. 25, though court records indicate that hearing was moved up to Feb. 12.

Nikoloski is scheduled to be arraigned at 9 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20, in

Wayne County Circuit Court. If convicted on the charge, he faces up to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

He remains locked up in the Wayne County Jail without bond.

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Anthony Wesley waited hours for people to unburden themselves from the detritus of failed relationships, but nobody showed. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## CUPID WINS THE DAY

Junk King gets stood up despite Valentine's Day offer to ex-couples

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The Junk King didn't get much love in Northville on Valentine's Day.

The Clawson-based hauler of unwanted goods — from valuable household and office furniture to "straight-up trash" — had a dump truck stationed downtown Wednesday and driver Anthony Wesley was ready to help victims of bad breakups give their exes' stuff the

old heave-ho at no charge.

It was part of a Junk King publicity campaign, duplicated in other cities around the country, to include the jilted (or the jilters, for that matter) in a holiday centered on romance: They could have a cleansing, cathartic experience by dumping belongings left behind by their former significant others.

"They put the spin on it that it's clutter" and that getting rid of it means a

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Near the end of a three-hour shift, however, the Junk King still had no customers. "I'm just sitting here waiting. That's about it," David Wesley said.

## Westland to hold master plan summit

The city of Westland is updating its master plan, a comprehensive document that provides a long-range vision for future development and policy. Based on an evaluation of present conditions, the master plan works to solve social, environmental, physical and economic issues.

Residents are invited to master plan update meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, in the Grande Ball Room in Westland City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. Officials will review the master plan process and will seek input regarding the future vision of Westland. Feedback gathered from this summit will then be incorporated into the final draft of the master plan.

The city has retained OHM Advisors to assist in the planning process. OHM Advisors is an integrated engineering, architecture and planning firm, based in Livonia, committed to advancing communities. OHM brings more than 50 years of public and private sector expertise, forward thinking and insightful counsel to help plan for the future of Westland.

"The main goal of developing a city-wide master plan is to translate the community's values into specific actions," Mayor William Wild said. "It provides a framework for future land use decision-making, identifies key public projects for capital improvements and helps facilitate infrastructure maintenance and improvement."

As part of the process, information and data is gathered from prior planning studies, while views and opinions are collected through community meetings and forums where residents are invited to provide input. Other sources include data gathered from the U.S. Census and mapping data provided by the city and county.

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## Rymer and band to perform at Canton's Village Theater

Brady Rymer and The Little Band That Could, one of today's premier entertainers of children and families in the country, will perform a special kid-friendly show at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton.



Rymer

Rymer and The Little Band That Could are three-time Best Children's Album Grammy nominees. Their rootsy, accordion-laced pop and rock music regularly wins critical acclaim and national awards.

Rymer has toured and recorded with RCA roots-rock band From Good Homes for 13 years, sharing the stage with the likes of Bob Dylan, Dave Matthews and the Grateful Dead's Bob

Weir, before parenthood expanded the scope of his music to include young and old alike.

Rymer has also been involved in a compilation of songs produced by Hip Hop Public Health for First Lady Michelle Obama's Let's Move campaign. In addition, he has worked with and performed for kids with autism, Asperger's syndrome and related disorders and he is a featured performer and composer for ASHA's Listen To Your Buds Campaign, a hearing health public education campaign to provide parents and children with information about safe usage of personal audio technology. Rymer also serves on the education board of the Long Island Music Hall of Fame, a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving and celebrating the region's musical heritage.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for youths and seniors, available online at [www.cantonvillagetheater.org](http://www.cantonvillagetheater.org) or by calling 734-394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at the box office one hour prior to show time.

## Blackthorn to perform at Farmington Players Barn

Irish band Blackthorn will perform two concerts of Celtic music and songs at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 9-10, at the Farmington Players Barn Theatre, 32332 W. 12 Mile Road. The concerts are presented by the city of Farmington Hills Cultural Arts Division and have been an annual tradition every March for the last 15 years.

Blackthorn recently released a new studio album titled "One Bright March Morning." Its ninth recording features 12 tracks of traditional tunes, instrumentals and contemporary songs from some of Ireland's greatest songwriters. "We wanted to stretch ourselves with totally new music, while at the same time include audience favorites," band member Gary McMullen said. The CD will be available for purchase at the concerts.

The Detroit-based Celtic folk quintet has been singing and playing Irish music together for more than 30 years. The band was voted Best Folk Artist by readers of Detroit Metro Times and

earned a Shammie Award as Michigan's favorite Irish band from the website [www.Milrish.com](http://www.Milrish.com). Blackthorn has also played at The Ark and the Michigan Irish Music Festival.

Band members play unique instruments found in authentic Celtic music. Richard McMullen is on guitar, mandolin, mandola and bodhran; Gary McMullen plays five-string banjo and guitar; David Mosher is on fiddle, mandolin and banjo; Dennis Green plays bass; and Fred Klein is on keyboards, accordion, flute and pennywhistle.

Tickets are \$23, with a discounted rate of \$21 for seniors and students. Tickets are available at the Costick Center, 28600 W. 11 Mile Road, in Farmington Hills, online at <https://recreg.fhgov.com> or by calling 248-473-1848.

This concert is funded in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and The Michigan Humanities Council.

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## Bed & Bread Radiothon set for Feb. 23

The Salvation Army of Metro Detroit will host its 31st annual Bed & Bread Club Radiothon, presented by Ford Motor Co. Fund, from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday, Feb. 23. The fundraiser will be broadcast live on WJR-AM (760) from the Emagine Theatre in Novi.

Throughout the 16-hour broadcast, WJR hosts Paul W. Smith, Frank Beckmann, Guy Gordon and Mitch Albom will speak to local and national celebrities and musicians and civic and business leaders sharing their support for The Salvation Army. Jim Vella, president of Ford Motor Co. Fund, will share radiothon hours with Gordon beginning at 2 p.m. Dick Purtan, Bed & Bread Club chairman and retired Detroit radio Hall of Famer, will once again lead the broadcast 6-10 p.m., joined by daughters Jackie Purtan, WXYZ-TV's JoAnne Purtan and Purtan's People alumni.

"Through 31 years - and counting - we are truly grateful for all of the work

our partners put in to make this a reality," said Maj. Russ Sjogren, general secretary and Detroit-area commander for The Salvation Army Eastern Michigan Division. "We're so thankful for the generous support of the Ford Motor Co. Fund, WJR, Emagine Theatres and the thousands of people who donate to us. Only by their gracious contributions can we continue to provide Bed & Bread support to those in need across Detroit and the surrounding communities."

The Salvation Army's Bed & Bread program feeds and shelters metro Detroiters every day of the year. A donation of \$120 helps feed five people for nearly a month. Those doubling their donation to \$240 will help feed 10 people and receive a special incentive gift for supporting The Salvation Army's Bed & Bread program.

Supporters can donate now through the end of the 16-hour radiothon by:

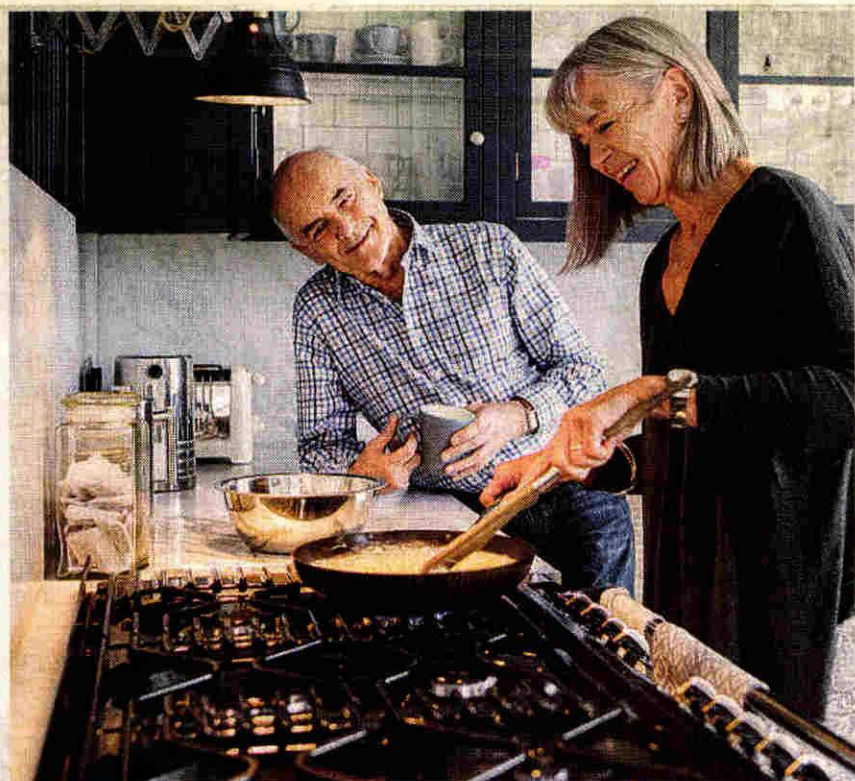
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■ Going to [www.salmich.org](http://www.salmich.org) or [www.wjr.com](http://www.wjr.com)

■ Sending a check or money order, made payable to The Salvation Army's Bed & Bread Club, to 16130 Northland Drive, Southfield, MI 48075

The annual fundraiser is the primary source of funding for the nonprofit's Bed & Bread program and is the largest single-market, single-day radio fundraiser in the country. Since 1988, the Bed & Bread Club Radiothon has raised more than \$33 million to help those in need.

Last year, Bed & Bread program trucks traveled 170 miles to 62 stops each and every day of the year within the city of Detroit, totaling more than 62,000 miles. Annually, the Bed & Bread program serves 18,720 gallons of soup; 93,600 loaves of bread; 130,000 pounds of deli meat; 182,000 hot dogs; and 520,000 pieces of fruit and snacks.



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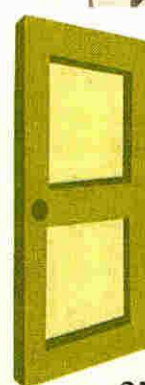
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### Local girl is a finalist for top youth volunteer

Alyssa Ewell, 18, of Canton and Abigail Diuble, 13, of Manchester were named Michigan's top two youth volunteers of 2018 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a nationwide program honoring young people for outstanding acts of volunteerism. As state honorees, Alyssa and Abigail both will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and an all-expense-paid trip in late April to Washington, D.C., where they will join the top two honorees from each of the other states and the District of Columbia for four days of national recognition events. During the trip, 10 students will be named America's top youth volunteers of 2018.

The program judges also recognized eight other Michigan students as distinguished finalists for their impressive community service activities. Each will receive an engraved bronze medallion. They include:

■ Caitlin Jodway, 17, of Westland, a senior at Franklin High School, who organized a swim-a-thon that drew more than 100 swimmers and raised \$24,000 to help a student with muscular dystrophy buy a wheelchair-accessible van. Caitlin then worked with her teammates to deliver leftover food from the event to feed more than 40 men and women living on the streets of Detroit.

■ Allison Heath, 17, of Bloomfield Hills, a senior at Bloomfield Hills High School, who developed a program that offers music-loaded iPod shuffles to 1,500 patients a month at a Detroit cancer institute, providing comfort and distraction during treatments. A long-time volunteer and student researcher with the institute, Allison also developed a behavioral study to measure the impact of music on cancer treatment.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards represents the country's largest youth recognition program based solely on volunteer service. All public and private middle level and high schools in the country, as well as all Girl Scout councils, county 4-H organizations, American Red Cross chapters, YMCAs and affiliates of Points of Light's HandsOn Network, were eligible to select a student or member for a local Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

For more information, go to <http://spirit.prudential.com> or [www.nassp.org/spirit](http://www.nassp.org/spirit).

### It turns out, everyone is indeed invited to the banquet



**Cultural Relevancy**  
Dean Johnson  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

I used to work at a place called the South Side Mission, in Peoria, Ill., where I worked with low-income kids and families. We didn't receive any government funding, so we relied exclusively on donations. A lot of organizations like ours put on an annual fundraising dinner. People of means come to a dinner, heard a presentation about the organization, then — hopefully — donated. But our director, my boss, didn't want to do that. He felt it wasn't fitting for an organization like ours, that serves the poor, to put on such a lavish affair.

But one year, donations were down and the board of trustees convinced the director that we needed to put on a fundraising dinner. So a hall was rented, the meal was planned (at \$20 a plate!), a well-known local woman singer agreed to come and Rosey Grier was booked as the speaker. (He's a former Los Angeles Rams football player and well-known Christian speaker.) Invitations were sent out to people in a position to support the mission and commitments to attend began to pour in.

The day before the dinner, my boss came to me and said that several people who had committed to attend

had just backed out. My boss didn't want to let the \$20 plates of food go to waste, so he asked me if I could get some of the families I worked with to come to the banquet. I said I'd try. I actually drove to their houses and, as I recall, everyone I asked said yes. The next night, I picked them up in the mission van and we arrived at the banquet together, where it was a joy to see how enthused they were to be there — the food, the decorations, the singer and they got to meet Grier. For most of the other attendees, this was just another dinner, but for my families, it was one of the most exciting things they'd ever done.

I tell you that story because that's almost exactly what happened in Luke, chapter 14. There, Jesus tells a parable about how God is throwing a great banquet. But some of the people he originally invited chose not to come. So he sends his servant out to "the highways and byways" to invite anyone who would like to come — including the poor, the lame, the blind, etc.

Jesus was Jewish and almost all Jews believed God would throw just such a giant, end-times banquet. But some Jews felt the banquet was only for them. But Jesus says nope, God has opened up the banquet for everyone. And apparently it's those of us who didn't expect to be invited, who know we don't deserve it, who will be most excited to be there.

The Rev. Dean Johnson is senior pastor at Lake Pointe Bible Church in Plymouth. Email him at [DeanLPBC@sbcglobal.net](mailto:DeanLPBC@sbcglobal.net).

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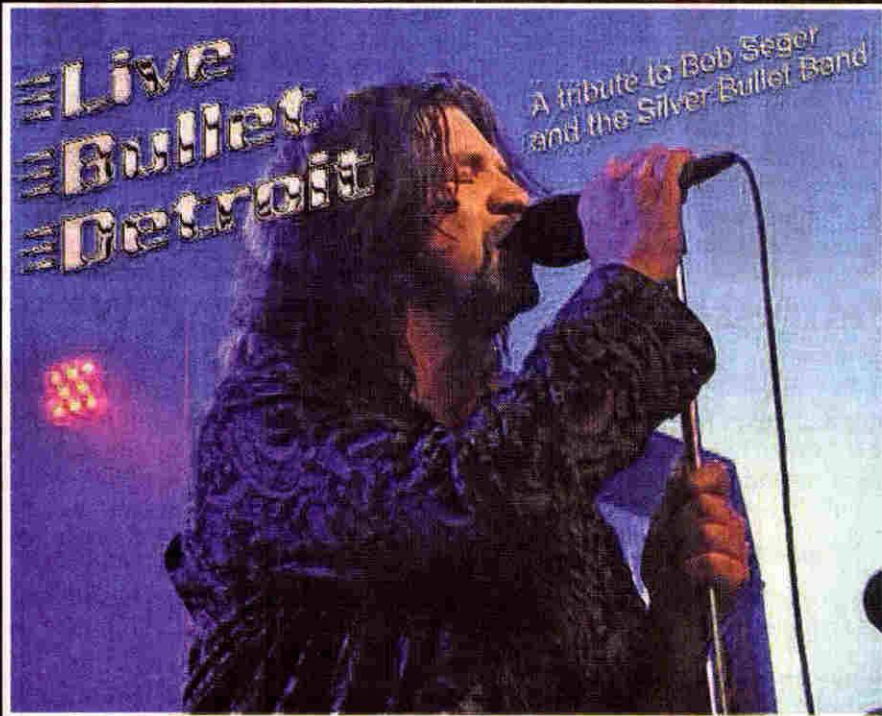
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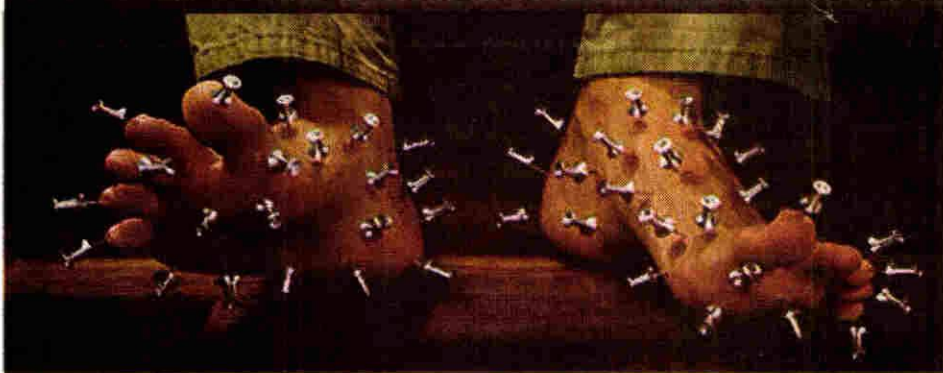
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### Hot Reads for Cold Nights

**When:** Through Monday, Feb. 19  
**Details:** Win a prize for what you're already doing - reading! Through Feb. 19, fill out a raffle slip for each book, eBook or audiobook you read or listen to. Each week you'll be entered to win a prize. This program is open to adults ages 18 and up. Each entrant may only win once.

### Job Seekers Lab

**When:** 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 19 and 26 and 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22  
**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.

### Sack Lunch Film and Discussion Series

**When:** Noon Monday, Feb. 19  
**Details:** Bring a lunch and watch films that are centered on a theme. For February, we will show a film directed by women. Stay after the film has ended to chat about it. Light refreshments and beverages will be provided.

### Love Your Pet Day - Pet Surprise

**When:** 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20  
**Details:** Make a gift for your dog or cat. Children ages 6-12 may register for this program. Registration is required. If you register and then can't come, call to cancel your reservation so that others may attend. We need to know what type of dog/cat you have, so please list dog or cat next to your name along with a size.

### Westland SOUP

**When:** 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20  
**Details:** Fund your Westland community project with support from your neighbors - anything from planting a garden, to funding a class field trip, to starting a new business. Attendees pay \$5 for soup and salad and vote on which project they think benefits the community the most. The winner goes home with all of the money raised at the door to carry out their project. At the dinner, residents and supporters connect, share ideas and community resources. For more information on how SOUP works, go to [Detroitsoup.com](http://Detroitsoup.com).

### Email basics

**When:** 11 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 22  
**Details:** A basic introduction to sending and receiving email on a computer. Registration encouraged.

### Intro to Excel

**When:** 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 26  
**Details:** An introduction to Microsoft Excel 2010. The class covers basic terminology, formatting cells and creating lists. Basic computer knowledge and familiarity with Microsoft Word is necessary. It is required to know how to use a mouse. Registration encouraged.

### Writers Club

**When:** 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26  
**Details:** Have you written stories or poems that you would like others to hear, but not critique, in a casual atmosphere? Looking to get back into writing, but could some support and/or exercises? Join Cheryl Vatcher-Martin as she leads the Writers Club. Just bring anything that you're working or come to receive Cheryl's set of monthly prompts. Refreshments provided. No sign-up required.

## WESTLAND POLICE BRIEFS

### Package containing TV stolen

A resident who lives in the 6900 block of Lakeview Boulevard came to the Westland police station Feb. 8 to report a television had been stolen from his front porch.

The resident said the television was delivered in a package to his front doorstep while he was not home. He got home and found it not there. No suspect information was available.

### Wallet missing at Kroger

A shopper at Kroger, 36420 Ford, came to the police station Feb. 6 to report his wallet missing.

He said he went to the store that morning and paid for his groceries. Later on, he realized his wallet was miss-

ing. He said he was unsure where he left it, though said he believed he left it at Kroger.

### ID, Social Security card taken

A resident who lives in the 2600 block of Second came to the police station Feb. 11 to report some cards taken from her wallet during a birthday party.

She said there were about nine or 10 people at her home and the party went for a few hours. She said her driver's license and Social Security card were in her wallet in her bedroom. She said she went that day to her wallet and found the cards missing. She did not know who took the items.

— By David Veselenak

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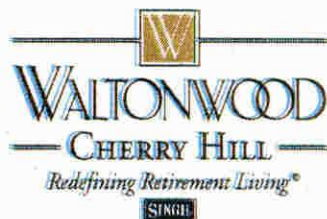


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## WAYNE POLICE BRIEFS

### Burglary reported, TVs stolen

Wayne police were called Feb. 6 to a home in the 3800 block of Hannan on the report of a burglary that had taken place.

The victim said she went to work that morning and came back in the afternoon to find damage to her front door. She then noticed inside some of her televisions were missing. Police checked the scene and took photographs, then checked for evidence. No suspect information was available.

### Identity stolen

A resident who lives in the 33100 block of Forest filed a police report Feb. 5 regarding an identity theft.

The resident said she was contacted by a collection agency, saying she owed \$1,000 to Comcast. She was told an account was opened in Detroit. She called Comcast and got more information regarding the service in her name and was advised to contact the fraud department.

— By David Veselenak

## Junk

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fresh start, Wesley explained.

Near the end of a three-hour shift, however, the King still had no customers.

"I'm just sitting here waiting. That's about it," said Wesley, who had appeared that morning on WJBK-TV (Channel 2) to plug the Valentine's Day service.

The Junk King truck was parked outside My Salon Suites on Main Street. Owner Alpesh Trivedi, who leases salon space to hair stylists and other beauty-related businesses, said a public relations agency had contacted him to float the idea, which meant publicity for his business, too. "I said, sure, why not, you know?" Trivedi said.

Some women had stopped to pose for photographs. "They thought the idea was excellent," Wesley said.

Wesley, who lives in Sterling Heights, has been with Junk King Detroit for about three years. The business serves the entire metro area and prides itself on being a "green" disposal business, recycling about 60 percent of what it takes in, according to its website.

Junk King Detroit, Wesley said, works with recyclers and organizations that resell donated goods. "You're trying not to dump," he said.

Though he hadn't gotten any takers (or should that be givers?) Wednesday, Wesley had plenty of stories about couples and their possessions.

One woman "changed it up a little bit" right after her soon-to-be ex-husband left the house, he said, telling Wesley to take some of his things, like golf clubs and archery equipment, that hadn't been included in the original work order. He didn't argue.

Another time, though, when a woman wanted him to haul away her husband's brand-new riding lawn mower, he declined.

Though Wesley tries not to get caught in the middle, he said, sometimes it's inevitable, as when half a couple tells him to take away this or that, but the other says, no, leave that but take this.

"You come across some unique people," he said.

There are sad stories of the non-romantic variety, too, such as the businessman who suffered a life-altering stroke just after buying \$20,000 worth of office equipment. He wasn't going to work anymore and he and his wife didn't want to deal with it.

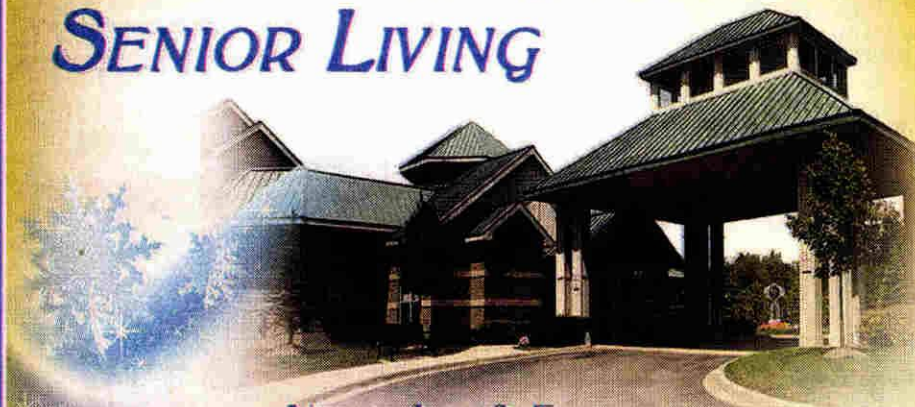
"Circumstances. Everybody's different," Wesley said. "They wanted to hurry up and downsize."

He makes a face when he talks about cleaning out frat houses in Ann Arbor, obviously not his favorite kind of job. "Trash. Straight-up trash," he said.

Wesley has a modest philosophy when it comes to accumulating things of his own: If he can pay his bills and travel, who needs it? "More stuff, more problems," he said.

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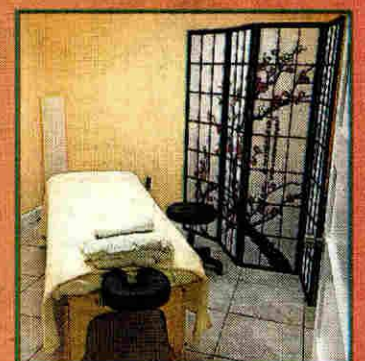


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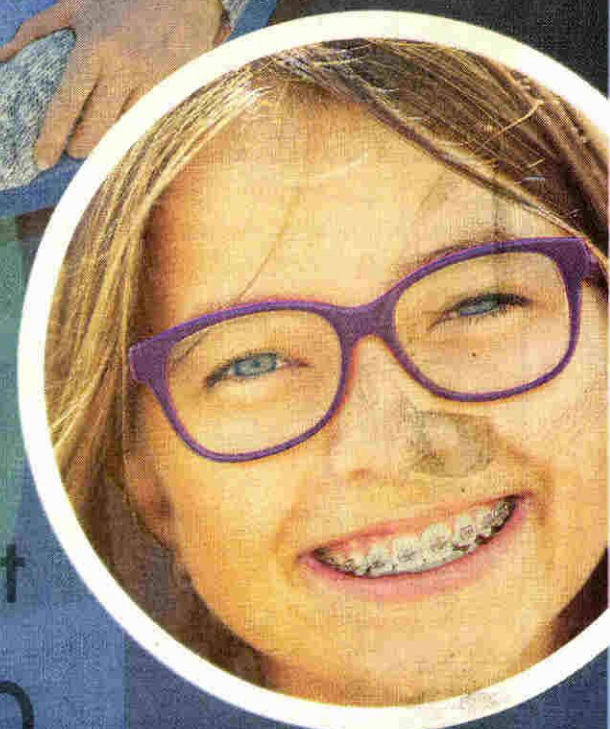
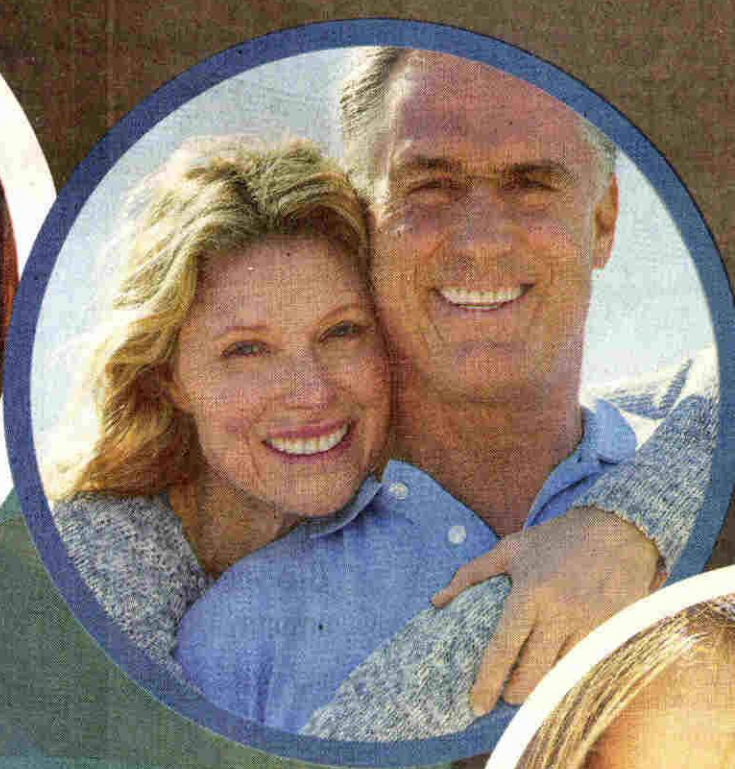
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**Money Matters**  
Rick Bloom  
Guest columnist

**Q:** For about 10 years, I owned a small business with a friend of mine. Last year, we decided to part ways and I bought her out. We were a Subchapter S corporation and, basically, I gave her cash and she gave me her stock in the business. The breakup was very amicable and everything went very smoothly. We probably should have used the services of an attorney, but we didn't feel we needed one. The problem is, I just received notice from the IRS that we owe back taxes for 2016. I talked to our accountant and he agreed that the IRS was correct and that I owe the money. I went back to my former partner and told her that she should pay half of the tax liability. My thought was that we were still partners in 2016 and, thus, she should be partially responsible. To my sur-

prise, she said she was not responsible and she would not contribute. I am thinking of hiring an attorney and suing her, but I wanted to know your thoughts. My question to you is, from a legal standpoint, do you think that she is responsible for half of the taxes?

**A:** I hate to be the bearer of bad news, but from a legal standpoint, based upon what you have told me, I do not think she is responsible.

There are two ways to buy a business. You can buy the assets of a business or you can buy the stock of the company. Even though they sound like they're the same transaction, they have different legal implications. When you buy the stock of the business, you are also buying any of the business liabilities, known or unknown. The 2016 tax assessment is a liability and, thus, the business would be responsible for those taxes..

As opposed to buying the stock of a business, many business purchasers will buy the assets of the business. The

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consequence of this transaction is that you are not assuming any outstanding liabilities of the business. If someone bought the assets of a business and the IRS came in and assessed additional tax liability, the purchaser would not be responsible for those taxes.

Because there are legal and tax implications when you buy a business, my recommendation is to always consult with a business attorney. I recognize that, in transactions between family members or friends, it can be awkward to hire an attorney, but it shouldn't be. An attorney can make sure that all the I's are dotted and the T's crossed and everyone knows what their responsibilities are.

A lot of people think if you hire an at-

torney, what you're really saying is you don't trust the other person. As far as I'm concerned, nothing can be further from the truth. The reason you hire an attorney to represent you is you don't want what's happening in the situation at hand to happen to you. Whenever there is a sale involving a business, it's a good idea to have an attorney represent you — and only you. The attorney will have much more experience in handling these types of transactions and will know what the potential issues are. Yes, attorneys can be expensive, but in the great majority of cases, it's a small cost to pay to protect yourself.

Good luck!

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■ 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 workshop**

A interactive diabetes workshop will be held in the Safari Room at the Maplewood Community Center, 31735 Maplewood, in Garden City, in eight sessions

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A networked live online event is scheduled for noon Sunday, Feb. 25, at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Five Mile Road. The event will feature ministers and leaders from multiple New Thought centers around the U.S. who will view and discuss a the documentary "White Like Me" by author and producer Tim Wise. It explores the issues of white privilege and their psychological effects on societal norms.

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## Livonia Jaycees fundraiser

The Livonia Jaycees will host its first fundraiser of the year, the LIVa Las Vegas Raffle and Auction event, at 6 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 25, at Supernatural Brewing and Spirits, 36685 Plymouth Road.

The event provides several chances to win prizes, including a live auction featuring services and fun opportunities; Foodie Frenzy, a chance for one of many gift cards/certificates to local dining establishments; Gift Grab, a chance for a variety of gift cards/certificates to local businesses; Wheel of Wine, a chance to win a bottle of wine; and a silent auction, featuring prizes including donated items from Michigan Metal Artwork, Glass2Glass and more.

The ticket price of \$30 per person includes a flight, a pint and an appetizer buffet, plus a free ticket to enter a drawing of your choice. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/livonia-jaycees-liva-las-vegas-tickets-42000759402>.

## Barefoot to present 'Macbeth'

Barefoot Productions Theatre will present the classic "Macbeth" with local playwright Kirk A. Haas's adaptation. The show is scheduled through Feb. 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.

## Livonia chamber to host Lions player

Detroit Lions player Don Carey will speak to a group of business people and high school students during a Livonia Chamber of Commerce luncheon at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28, at St. Ma-

ry's Cultural Center, 18100 Merriman Road.

When not on the gridiron, Carey runs a real estate company, studies to earn a master's degree in theological studies, leads a para-church organization and operates a foundation geared toward empowering children. For the chamber luncheon, the event's sponsors — AlphaUSA, law firm of Fausone Bohn, St. Mary Mercy Hospital, LMR Associates and Dave & Buster's — are sponsoring a table of students from each of Livonia's five high schools: Churchill, Clarenceville, Franklin, Ladywood and Stevenson.

Admission to the luncheon is \$30 for chamber members and students. For more information, contact the Livonia Chamber at 734-427-2122 or go to [www.livonia.org](http://www.livonia.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 until Feb. 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.

## Hernia seminar at St. Mary Mercy

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host hernia night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 6, in the hospital's South Auditorium. The night will include a free educational seminar and screening.

Dr. Jacob Roberts, M.D., will answer questions, discuss hernia-related symptoms and provide education about the latest hernia treatments. Attendees will be entered to win Detroit Red Wings tickets and refreshments will be provided. Guests should enter from the hospital's south entrance, 14555 Levan Road.

For more information or to register, call 734-655-8486.

## Distinguished Young Woman program

The next Wayne-Westland Distin-



Barefoot Theatre will present "Macbeth" at its new location, 33735 Five Mile Road in Livonia, Feb. 16-25.

guished Young Woman program meeting will take place Friday, March 9. Any high school junior girl, who lives in Wayne or Westland, may register at anytime. Go to [www.distinguishedyw.org](http://www.distinguishedyw.org) and click on "apply now." The information will be forwarded and the applicant will be contacted with orientation details.

## Widowed Friends bereavement series

Widowed Friends, a peer support group, will host a bereavement support series to help deal with the emotions and other issues often experienced following the loss of a spouse.

This six-week session is facilitated by a trained member of Widowed Friends and will be held 1-3 p.m. each Sunday through March 11, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Road, in Livonia. Registration is required. Call Priscilla at 734-591-7879 for details.

## Food drive

The Youth of Unity (Y.O.U.) is collecting food and funds for the poor and homeless. Collection boxes for non-perishable items will be at Unity of Livonia, 28660 Middlebelt, from Sunday, March 18, until Sunday, April 15. Drop-off times are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday and 9:30 a.m. to noon Sunday.

Monetary donations can also be made by cash or check. Make checks payable to Unity of Livonia and include "Fast for Food" on the notation line.

Checks can be mailed to Unity of Livonia, 28660 Middlebelt, Livonia, MI 48154. Cash donations need to be delivered to the church.

On Saturday, April 14, the Youth of Unity (Y.O.U.) will fast for 24 hours to raise awareness of hunger and nutrition challenges within our community. Donations will be delivered to Redford Interfaith Relief, a local hunger organization, and ChristNet, a partnership of local churches serving southeast Michigan's homeless community.

## 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 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.

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).

## St. Mary Mercy weight management classes

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management program titled Weigh Your Options. Classes are scheduled for 6:30-8 p.m. both Thursday, March 22, and Thursday, May 24.

Registered dietitians will provide attendees with information to help individuals begin a weight loss program. Attendees will learn about successful weight management programs, where to find reliable resources and healthy activities in the community and what is needed to create a healthy lifestyle. Participants will learn how to read food labels, write SMART goals and how to determine their healthiest weight.

The class will take place in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 10, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia, accessed from the South Entrance. There is a \$5 fee for this class and registration is required. Register online at [www.stmarymercy.org](http://www.stmarymercy.org) and click on "Classes and Events."

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# DEMENTIA CARE ROCK STAR

**Teepa Snow known worldwide as innovator in care for patients**



**Dealing with Dad**  
Dan Dean  
USA TODAY NETWORK - MICHIGAN

Two by two, eight caregivers and the loved ones with dementia they care for are greeted by a 63-year-old bundle of energy named Teepa Snow.

Her long, gray locks bounce about her lime green, button-down logo shirt as she excitedly dances, sings and does whatever she can to meet each patient where he or she is at.

While strategically holding both hands of Farmington Hills resident Bob King, Snow breaks out in song.

"When the red, red robin, comes bob, bob bobbin' along ..."

King, dressed in a gray cardigan sweater that matches his full head of hair, does not respond to Snow's prompts to have him finish lines of the song. Instead he shuffle-walks with his head tilted to the floor into the activity room of the Brown Center on the campus of the Jewish Community Center, where Snow is giving a care-partner training seminar.

"There'll be no more sobbing, when he starts throbbing, his own sweet song ..."

King suffers from Lewy body disease and his wife, Claudine Heldt-King, is his care-partner. They are typical American baby boomers whose lives have been thrown into upheaval by the onset of dementia, a disease the Alzheimer's Association estimates will kill one in three seniors.

**What do they have left to give?**

Snow is an advocate for those living with dementia and has made it her personal mission to help families and professionals better understand how it feels to live with the associated challenges. Her techniques center around understanding we are dealing with people whose brains are dying, but instead of focusing on what they can no longer do, she chooses to understand what they have left to give.

"If all you are doing is wanting back what you can't have, how well are you caring for that which is present?" she asks the group. "What do you see in the person in front of you that gives you a sense of purpose and value ... and 'why do I keep doing this?' Unless we can find something we like, it is real hard to do the job of care support."

At the Brown Center, love seats and armchairs are arranged in a semicircle, with Snow moving about answering questions and demonstrating techniques. Film producer Keith Famie is filming the entire thing for his documentary "On the Front Lines of Alzheimer's & Dementia" (<http://ontodays-frontlines.com/alzheimers/>) and included in the group are my sister and dad.

"When it comes to dementia, it is always the relationship that should be coming first, not the outcome of a particular encounter," Snow explains to the group.

I know from experience how frustrating it is to communicate with someone who has dementia from caring for my dad. Snow uses an example of getting a patient out of their chair. She explains that asking two or three times and then eventually raising your voice is a useless tactic, but an easy road to go down when you don't know better.

"The thing that doesn't change in the brain of someone who is with dementia is the ability to remember negative emotions," she said. "What they don't remember is what we did to cause them. What they will remember is, 'I didn't like that.' So the next time you make the mistake of leaning over and saying, 'stand up!' somebody might say, 'go to hell.' One of the very last skills people lose is the ability to swear or say ugly things ... then the only way they have to express they don't like what you are doing is to hit you."

"When you feel the urge to shove your hand at someone - that is called caregiving," she added. "So what we want to do is say, 'hey' (she waves and holds out her hand as if to shake hands) and offer your hand. That is called care-partnering, because what I did first was get connected, before I tried to do anything. The most important thing is the relationship of the moment."

**Caring for others started early in life**



**Teepa Snow greets Bob King, who has Lewy body disease, at the Brown Center singing his favorite song "When the Red, Red Robin."** DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Snow's approach is curated from more than 40 years of experience using compassion and knowledge. She first helped care for a dementia patient when her grandfather moved into the family home when she was age 8. As a teen, she became a nursing assistant, then she went on to Duke University and, with an undergrad degree, started working various related jobs.

Snow became part of the first graduating class with a master's in occupational therapy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She started Positive Approach, LLC, in 2005, offering education to family and professional care-partners all over the world.

What she brings to dementia care is lacking during what is considered by most dementia experts as a national and worldwide crisis. Her techniques are widely sought after, but she is one of a very few dealing with care knowledge and training while communicating on a relationship level patients can understand.

The reality is that Alzheimer's and dementia have no cure. It is a fatal disease that comes with a huge expense, not only financially, but from a quality-of-life perspective for both the care provider and patient.

"We are in the crisis. It has arrived, we just have not realized it," she said. "It's scary that I am the big fish in the pond. ... But if I go over to England, they will say, 'You are like a rock star in dementia.'"

"Do you know how crazy this is that we don't have more rock stars in dementia? It is just not OK," she added.

**Where is the plan?**

"We are where we were with cancer 25 years ago or where we are today with autism, depression, bipolar disease," she said. "It is the same kind of idea. People are still way, way back."

"People keep wanting to wish it away - 'Well, if we find the cure.' Well, what are you going to do until then?" she said. "Family member after family member needs help. People are still isolated, they feel there is still a huge stigma. There is this thought that when people get dementia, their brain stops. Well no, it doesn't. So we better figure out what they can still do, because that is what's going to get them in trouble ... combined with what they can't do."

Snow is not shy about talking about the lack of a unified plan to deal with the crisis, whether from a national or state legislative point of view, lack of training in the medical field and training requirements in care facilities, not to mention citizens caring for loved ones.

"There needs to be requirements," she said. "The U.S. is supposed to have some kind of a plan. We don't have a plan. We really don't. All states are supposed to have a plan. Even states don't have a really consistent plan."

"If we don't make that a norm, then how are we going to change anything?" she added.

A dementia plan for Michigan was outlined in 2003 and later updated in 2011 by a team co-chaired by Judith Heidebrink, director of the Michigan Department of Community Health, and Peter A. Lichtenberg, director of the Institute of Gerontology and the Merrill Palmer Skillman Institute at Wayne State University.

The Michigan Dementia Coalition set out to update the plan with these goals: increase in support for family caregivers; best practices in dementia detection, assessment and care management; advocate for dementia-friendly policies and promote highest quality care standards in long-term care; and increase early intervention and support by promoting public awareness.

"The Michigan Dementia Coalition



**Teepa Snow talks with patients and care-partners during a training session at the Brown Center on the campus of the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield.** DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

made many contributions across the state in helping persons with dementia, their families and those who care for them," Lichtenberg wrote in an email. "We need a renewed commitment to that type of statewide effort by our Legislature."

The work is continuous with a goal of getting the state Legislature to buy in to the 2018 state plan and provide resources to fund its goals and objectives, Lichtenberg noted.

Changing the culture is a slow process. It is why what Snow is doing is important. In addition, the work of Famie and his documentary are going to go a long way in bringing this unrecognized, unwanted, but very devastating crisis in front of an audience that may or may not ever need the information. But the odds are overwhelming that if you are a baby boomer today or the child of a baby boomer, you will have a personal encounter with dementia.

Those are odds that eight care-givers gathered in a small activity room one Friday afternoon in West Bloomfield know all too well.

"Wake up, wake up, you sleepy head  
"Get up, get up, get out of bed,  
"Cheer up, cheer up the sun is red,  
"Live, love, laugh and be happy ..."

Dan Dean is managing editor for Observer & Eccentric Media and hometownlife.com. He writes an occasional column on dealing with dementia. Follow him on Twitter and Instagram @htleditor.

## Obituaries

**Helen L. Coloske**

LIVONIA - age 88, a long time resident of Livonia, MI passed away peacefully on Sunday February 11, 2018 at Brookdale of Farmington Hills, MI, a private memory care facility. She was born on June 8 1929 to Michael and Eva Hartmeyer.



She married Robert H. Coloske on September 24, 1955. wishing to have a large family. They had 9 children, which included 3 sets of twins. Following the unexpected death of her husband, Helen went to work as a secretary and eventually worked as an executive secretary for Schostak Brothers of Southfield, MI until she retired.

She loved gardening, music and spending time with her companion dog, Daisy. She treasured spending time with her grown children and watching her grandchildren grow. She enjoyed making family Sunday dinners and hosted all Holidays.

She is survived by her children Linda Abram, Carol Kuhn, Suzanne Thomas, Marilyn Coloske, David Coloske, Steven Coloske, Laura Krause and Alan Coloske. Also, her sister Marian Carey, nephew Michael Carey along with 17 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. Helen was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister-in-law Beverly Intihar and daughter Christine Wahl. She will be remembered as a smart and strong woman and a great and loving mother, grandmother and sister.

There will be a Memorial Service in the Spring, on Saturday April 28, 2018 at 1:00 PM. It will be held at the East Chapel at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, MI where she will be laid to rest with her husband. A luncheon will follow for all family members and friends. Her family would like to give special Thanks to all the care takers and staff at Brookdale who treated her like family. Memorials can be made in Helen's name to the Alzheimer's Association at alz.org.

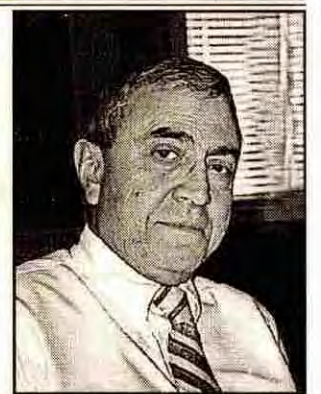
**Mary Jo Bomgren**

FARMINGTON - age 64, passed away on Monday Feb. 12, 2018.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jonathan Bomgren, and daughter, Hilary Michalak. She is survived by her daughters Emily (Paul) Klein & Mallory Michalak; her brother, Richard (Erlene) Kuitunen; her sister, Elizabeth (Charles) Gervase and her beloved Great Dane, Bette.

She will be remembered for her work advocating on behalf of people with disabilities as a teacher, lawyer and volunteer at her church and for instilling in her daughters the value and importance of the sauna.

A Memorial Visitation will be held Monday, February 19th from 4-8 PM at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., downtown Farmington. A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday at 10 AM, February 20th at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 34567 Seven Mile Rd., Livonia, 48152. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her name to Living Water Ministries at [www.elcalivingwater.com/maybomgren](http://www.elcalivingwater.com/maybomgren).  
[www.thayer-rock.com](http://www.thayer-rock.com)



**William "Bill" Morris**

CANTON - age 84, went home to be with the Lord Tuesday, February 13, 2018.

Beloved husband of Lucy for 50 years. Loving father of Andrew (Ruth) and Stephen (Tamara) Morris and Suzie (Bill) Palms. Loving papa of Emily and Rachel Palms and Audrey Morris.

A Memorial Service will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 43065 Joy Rd., Canton, Sunday, Feb. 18, 2018 at 4 PM. A Visitation will be held from 3-4 PM.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Calvary Baptist Church and Plymouth Christian Academy.

Please share a memory of Bill at [www.rggharris.com](http://www.rggharris.com).





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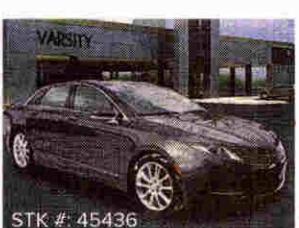
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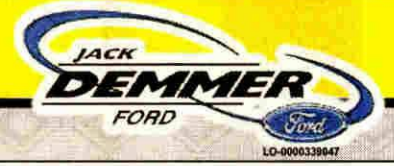


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# Sports

## INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY

# Michigan flavor for U.S. victory

Wilde, DeRidder, Gruden lead U.S. in Five Nations opener

**Tim Smith**  
hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Two international hockey powers met Tuesday at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

But the 5-1 U.S. victory over Sweden in a U-18 Five Nations Tournament match-up definitely was Michigan made.

Three players who hail from the state were instrumental, with Birmingham defenseman Bode Wilde registering a goal and two assists, Rochester forward Jonathan Gruden potting an early goal and Fenton goalie Drew DeRidder solid

between the pipes with 22 saves.

"We've only ever competed in these tournaments in other countries, whether it's Canada, Switzerland, Czech (Republic)," Wilde said. "We've kind of been all over. It was really cool to get a game here on home soil, in our rink. There's still a few more, so we're excited."

DeRidder said it was great that fellow Michiganders Wilde and Gruden had strong games.

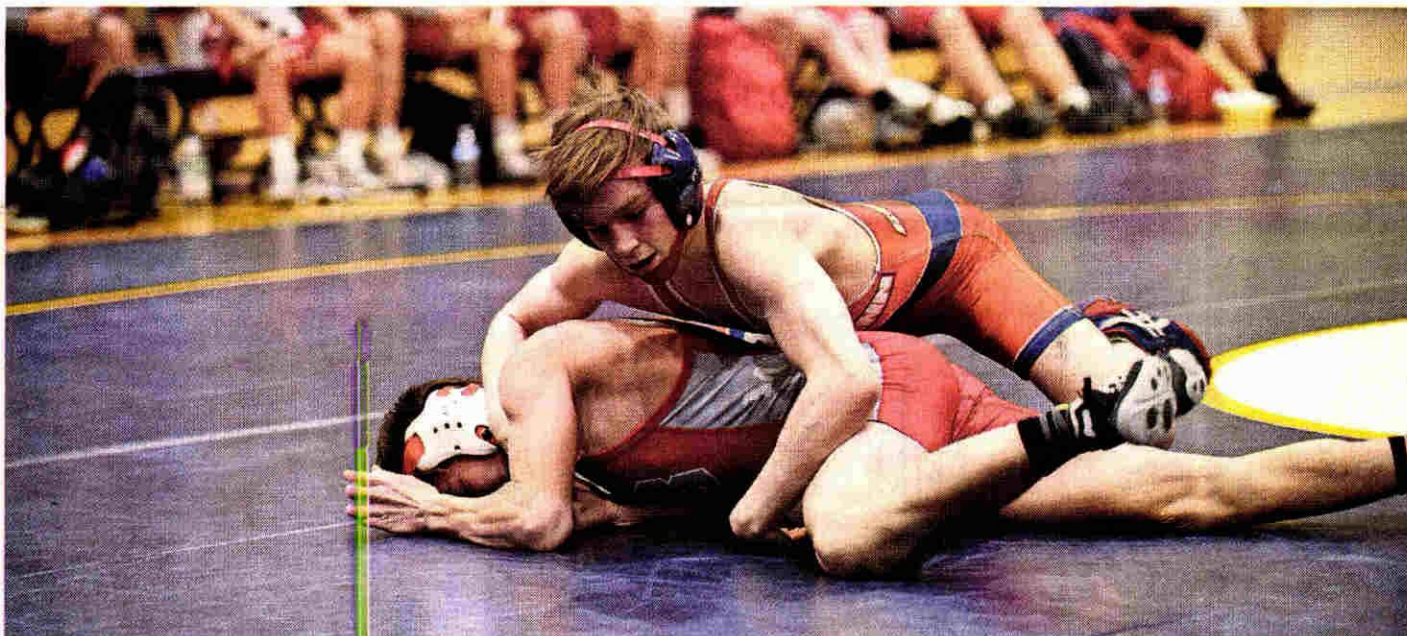
"Bode was on my first AAA team, so I've grown up playing with him and against him," DeRidder said. "Those are

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With the logo honoring the late Jim "J.J." Johansson front and center, U.S. and Sweden players stand and listen to the U.S. national anthem after Tuesday's game. The U.S. won, 5-1. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

## D-1 WRESTLING TEAM REGIONAL



Westland John Glenn's Mikey Mars (top) gains advantage over Temperance Bedford's Trevor Bair during the 130-pound bout. TOM BEAUDOIN

# ROCKETS SOAR TO VICTORY

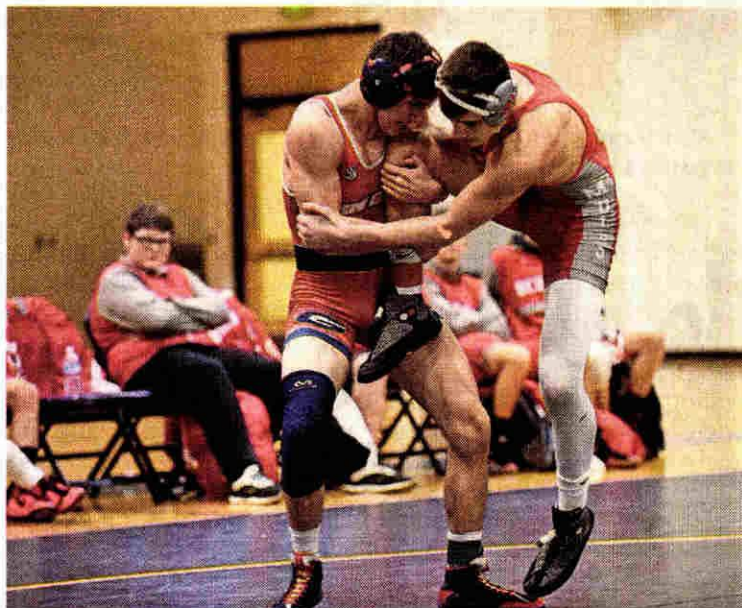
Early dominance sparks John Glenn to second straight regional crown

**Tim Smith**  
hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Like links in a perfect chain, a string of Westland John Glenn wrestlers got on the mat Wednesday and exited with points in the bank for the Rockets in the Division 1 team regional final against Temperance Bedford.

Before the Mules knew what happened, they were down 35-0 at Saline High School and the Rockets had plenty

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Battling in the 152-pound match are John Glenn's Anthony Gibson (left) and Bedford's Neil Antrassian. TOM BEAUDOIN

## PREP SKIING

# Marian's Weymouth sizzles at regional meet

**Marty Budner**  
hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Olivia Weymouth put on a show Wednesday at Pine Knob in the Division 1 regional ski meet.

The Bloomfield Hills Marian junior stood out as the top skier among a field of more than 130 boys and girls representing 12 teams. Weymouth raced down the hill first overall in both the slalom and giant slalom races.

Weymouth, a three-year varsity veteran for the Mustangs, won the morning slalom race in a time of 34.09. Colin Stewart from Bloomfield Hills was second in 34.40 and Kaylee Richardson from Rochester Adams third in 34.47.

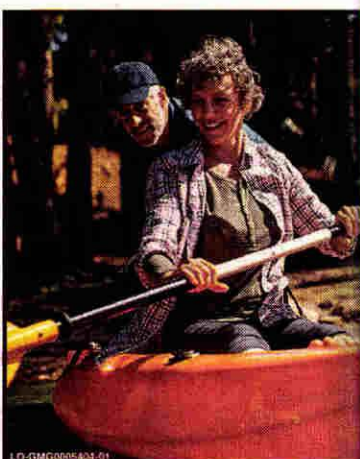
In the afternoon slalom race, Weymouth won in a time of 39.34. The next two finishers in that event were Dominick Shoha and Stewart — the Bloomfield Hills co-captains — in respective times of 39.37 and 40.01.

Needless to say, it was a monumental afternoon for Weymouth.

"It was great (to be the overall winner)," said Weymouth, who also won both events at last year's regional. "One of my biggest ski role models right now is (Olympian) Mikaela Shiffrin and she has on the back of her helmet an abbreviation 'always ski faster than the boys.' So it's really cool and I agree with her philosophy."

"It gets you motivated, because the

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## BOYS HOCKEY

## Seniors lead Plymouth to top of rankings

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A three-headed monster's never looked as good as Plymouth's top forward line of Jack Chumley, Tim Baldwin and C.J. Mullenax.

They are terrorizing Kensington Lakes Activities Association opponents in recent weeks, propelling the Wildcats to the top of the boys hockey state rankings for Division 2 — not to mention the Super 10 as spotlighted on Michigan High School Hockey Hub.

And all three Plymouth seniors are hard-working, team leaders with a nose for the net and a drive to close out their high school careers in championship style.

Veteran Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento knows he has a beauty of a trio sparking his team to a 14-3-1 record as of Feb. 2. The Wildcats also were in first place in the KLAA Black Division with a 9-2-1 mark.

"They all wear a letter for a reason," Vento said. "Wearing that jersey means something to them and their work ethic on and off the ice is just contagious."

Team captain and third-year varsity player Chumley is the proverbial straw that stirs the drink, with 17 goals and 27 assists (44 points) in 18 games following successive three-goal hat tricks against Northville. Both games were 6-3 Plymouth wins. He now is on the so-called watch list for the prestigious Mr. Hockey award.

But Baldwin — an assistant captain who also had a hat trick against the Mustangs — is just as dangerous. He also had 44 points as January morphed into February, tied with his linemate for the No. 1 spot in KLAA scoring.

And don't forget about Mullenax, the "glue guy" who had 30 points following the Northville sweep Jan. 26-27. Oh yes, Mullenax also is an assistant captain.

## Good soldiers

"They're all willing to do whatever it takes," Vento said. "Nobody's afraid to go in the corner, nobody's afraid to win a battle. They're just doing whatever they got to do and it's one guy after the other."

"They don't care who gets the lime-light as long as at the end of the day we get a 'W,' that's all they're concerned about, that's their mentality."

Following a recent practice, the teammates talked about how they have meshed as a unit while carrying the baton as Plymouth looks to finish the reg-



Plymouth's top forward line of (from left) Jack Chumley, Tim Baldwin and C.J. Mullenax is instrumental in sparking the Wildcats' recent surge to the top of the Division 2 state rankings. ED OLEPA

ular season strong and charge into the D-2 tourney.

"We've got a really good line, so we've been clicking all year," Chumley said. "It doesn't matter who's scoring, we're all putting the puck in the net and just sharing the opportunities."

"We've had a lot of good chemistry over the years, it's just finally coming together and we're clicking well as a line. Everybody's rolling and we're just having a good time out there."

Chumley, who is described as the "sniper" of the group, stressed that the trio doesn't mind doing the gritty work that is needed for a team to win games. They can finish offensive plays as well as their checks.

"That's one of the great things about our line," he said. "Everybody can do any job we need him to. We're all smart defensively and offensively."

Baldwin, in his second season on the varsity, joked that Chumley is the guy who can go top shelf for his goals, whereas he is happy to take them any way he can get them.

"That's Chumley, for sure," Baldwin said with a laugh, when asked about which player on the line gives goalies the most fits. "I definitely feel this team has a lot more talent (than recent seasons) and we're all a closer team."

"We all have one common goal and that's to win the state championship. It doesn't matter who's scoring the goals, it's about winning the games."

## Not just talent

According to Baldwin, key reasons the line continues to have success are

familiarity, chemistry and old-fashioned elbow grease.

"It's been awesome. There's a lot of talent on this line," Baldwin said. "We've all been together for a while for, like, three years now, so we all know who has what."

"Chumley, he's the speed guy, he gets around guys and has a good shot. C.J. is the down-low grinder guy and I'll just be in front just finessing to get the puck through."

Providing a harder-edged element to the line is Mullenax, another third-year varsity standout.

"I love playing with them, I know exactly where they're going on the ice because we've been together for so long," Mullenax said. "We got good chemistry. I just love playing with them."

"I guess I'm the grinder guy. I like getting in the corners. ... I always end up getting hit, but I'm glad to make plays out there."

Mullenax said the back-to-back wins over Northville weren't about them, however, another example of how their selflessness and team-first attitudes are so endearing to coaches.

"It was just two good games all-around," Mullenax said, flashing a gap-toothed hockey smile. "We were doing really good in the neutral zone, stopping them and getting the puck back in, putting pressure on them. I thought we were really aggressive in those games."

## Work remains

But for as successful as they have been this season, they know their work is far from over for 2017-18. Plymouth is

battling Livonia Stevenson for the KLAA Black title, as well as for D-2 supremacy (both teams are toggling back and forth in the top spots).

And Feb. 27, the Wildcats and Spartans will square off in a D-2 pre-regional game at Eddie Edgar Arena in Livonia. As unfair as it might look, one of the state's best teams will be knocked out of the postseason before it really begins.

"We're confident and we know what we did in the past, what we learned from the past and how we can fix that and build off and just do whatever we can to get a win in playoffs," Chumley said. "Hopefully, we can make a deep run."

"We've talked about it a little bit," Mullenax said about the Stevenson playoff game. "I'd rather see that (match-up) more at the end of the playoffs. But I'm fine playing them in the beginning. It's going to be a good game with two good teams."

Regardless of the outcome, Plymouth's "Production Line" plans on emptying the tank. Vento is certain of that.

"Yeah, they're very talented, there's no doubt about it," Vento said. "But they work hard and they do things right. They play 200 feet. They're just complete hockey players."

"They compete shift after shift, they do not take a shift off."

Hat tricks aside, maybe Chumley-Baldwin-Mullenax is more of a "Persistence Line" than anything else.

Either way, that combo is pretty much a hockey coach's dream.

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## Wrestling

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ammunition to prevail 41-22 and win their second consecutive regional title.

"Obviously, we just got a row of kids that have done this all year long. We get

a ton of bonus points," said John Glenn head coach Bill Polk, whose team moves on to the D-1 quarterfinal Friday, Feb. 23, at Wings Stadium in Kalamazoo. "And if we start at the right weight, before you know it, it's 35-0 like it was in this

Bill Polk

dual meet.

"My big guys, we usually win some, lose some. It goes back and forth for the rest of the dual. But with that six-seven guys in a row, it's hard for any team to come back on us."

The Rockets (28-3) opened the regional with a 65-6 victory over Belleville; Bedford got past the host Hornets in the other semifinal, 57-24.

Two of John Glenn's big guns, senior captains Mikey Mars and Anthony Gibson, did their usual part with wins against both opponents.

In the Bedford match-up, Mars needed just 1:43 to pin Trevor Bair. He improved to 45-0 on the season.

Gibson (43-3) gutted out a 4-2 win over Neil Antrassian to put John Glenn up, 32-0.

Mars is the school's career wins leader with 210 (against eight losses), while Gibson has more than 150 career victories.

"We kind of did what we came here to do. I think we did everything we wanted to," Mars said. "I think our team is a lot more motivated this year. I see a lot of our guys putting in a lot of extra work in and they're working a lot harder this year."

## Tough from the start

According to Gibson, the Rockets



Westland John Glenn's varsity wrestling team celebrates at Saline High School after winning the Division 1 team regional. TOM BEAUDOIN

"started at the weight class we wanted (119), so we just went out there, did some hard-nosed wrestling and got the lead early. That's all we needed."

Caleb Meekins opened the final with a hard-fought 7-5 victory over Cade Sutterfield in a match delayed several times by Sutterfield's bloody nose.

Following with a 15-0 major decision win was 125-pounder Kyle Borthwell. Then came pins by Mars, Isaac Lefler (in 2:10 at 135) and Shawn Brown (in 2:31 at 140) and the rout was on.

The Rockets tacked on three points when Brenten Polk defeated Jeff Johnson 7-4, making it 29-0. Gibson and 160-pounder Graden Bowen also won via decision to open up the 35-0 advantage.

The Mules started to claw back in a too-little, too-late bid when Colin Jagielski edged John Glenn's Chase Kersten in overtime.

## Another chance

With the regional win, the fourth such triumph in the last decade, the Rockets now look to scale the quarterfinal hurdle that stopped them in 2017 — when top-seeded Macomb Dakota won, 26-25.

That heartbreaking loss is something both Mars and Gibson have used as motivation to help the Rockets make another championship bid.

"We were actually coming back from a deficit. It came down to the last match and we lost by a point," said Mars, a University of Michigan commit. "So I feel like that was in a lot of our seniors' minds. They've been working really hard this year not getting pinned and not giving up team points."

"It's been a collective effort and I think we can do good there."

Gibson is also feeling confident about what John Glenn might accomplish at Wings Stadium.

"We just got to go out there and wrestle to our ability," he said. "If everybody goes out there and does their job, then we'll advance to the finals."

Polk said the team could go in as a No. 3 or 4 seed, as opposed to the sixth seed last season. The brackets for the rest of the tournament are expected to be unveiled Sunday.

Obviously, the Rockets (28-3) will look to avoid going head-to-head with powerhouse Novi Detroit Catholic Central in the quarterfinal.

"I think CC is in a class of their own

this year, looking at results of what they've done to everybody," said Polk, in his 20th season at the John Glenn helm. "But the (other) seeds, we've all wrestled each other and it's gone down to the last match."

"So a lot of it's going to depend on who wins the coin flip and who gets the match-ups they want."

Meanwhile, a contingent of 10 John Glenn wrestlers were scheduled to compete Saturday at the D-1 individual regional at Saline. That group included Mars, Gibson, Meekins, Borthwell, Lefler, senior Brandon McCollum (130), Brown, Brenten Polk, Ty Cowen and Kersten.

## DIVISION 1 TEAM WRESTLING REGIONAL FINAL

Feb. 14 at Saline High School  
JOHN GLENN 41,

TEMPERANCE BEDFORD 22

119: Caleb Meekins (JG) won by decision over Cade Sutterfield, 7-5.

125: Kyle Borthwell (JG) won by major decision over Mason Rimmer, 15-0.

130: Mikey Mars (JG) pinned Trevor Bair in 1:43.

135: Isaac Lefler (JG) won by pin in 2:10.

140: Shawn Brown (JG) p. Conner Frantz in 2:31.

145: Brenten Polk (JG) dec. Jeff Johnson, 7-4.

152: Anthony Gibson (JG) dec. Neil Antrassian, 4-2.

160: Graden Bowen (JG) dec. Vito Lucarelli, 3-0.

171: Colin Jagielski (TB) dec. Chase Kersten in OT, 4-2.

189: Hunter Gandee (TB) p. George Schwenle.

215: Blake Wingate (TB) dec. Jacorey Scott, 11-2.

289: Austin Emerson (TB) p. Donald Farris in 1:37.

103: Ty Cowen (JG) won by forfeit.

112: Chase Grzegorzczak (TB) dec. Ethan Collins, 8-1.

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## PREP WRESTLING

## Seaholm leads list of regional qualifiers

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Birmingham Seaholm leads a contingent of 17 area wrestlers who will advance to the regional round of the wrestling individual state tournament.

The Maples, who recently captured their sixth team district title in the past eight years, had six wrestlers who placed fourth or better at the district tournament Feb. 10 at Birmingham Groves High School.

The host Falcons have four who moved on to the state tournament's next round, while Brother Rice has two and Bloomfield Hills and North Farmington one apiece.

The individual regional tournament was scheduled for Saturday at Hartland and also included qualifiers from the Grosse Pointe North district.

In Division 2, Farmington managed to get three wrestlers through to the regional at the district hosted by Warren Fitzgerald. Farmington's regional qualifiers were scheduled to go Saturday at Warren Woods Tower, along with the Gibraltar Carlson district qualifiers.

Following is a list of regional qualifiers by school:

**SEAHOLM:** Seaholm had a pair of district runners-up in senior Nick Law (145 pounds) and freshman Jackson



Groves sophomore Damon Dunbar (left) wrestled to the D-1 district championship and is headed to the regional with a 36-3 overall record. FILE PHOTO

Vance (125).

Law, who holds Seaholm's all-time career wins record, will take a 40-7 overall mark into the regional after winning two of his three district matches. Law easily defeated his first two opponents via pin — Amir Covington from West Bloomfield and Devin Pietila from Hartland. In the 145-pound championship match, Law lost an 11-6 decision to Walled Lake junior C.J. Davidson.

Vance won three matches before losing in the district championship. Vance, who is 28-10 on the season, defeated Jefferson Rodgers from Groves (pin at 1:41), Pierce Muthui-Edwar from Warren Mott (5-3 decision) and Brandon Munson from West Bloomfield (pin at 5:30).

The prep rookie then met top-ranked Kyle Kantola from Hartland in the championship match and lost in a third-period pin at 5:24.

Senior Dominick Campbell (152) placed third after defeating Brother Rice sophomore Ohannes Sarkisian in the consolation match. Campbell also defeated Sarkisian in his opening match before falling to Walled Lake senior Liam Kinjorski in the semifinal. Campbell takes a 32-16 record to the regional.

Junior Chase Mentag (189 pounds, 28-13 record), senior Jack Burdick (140 pounds, 27-21) and senior Nick Manzo (171 pounds, 27-21) all placed fourth in their respective weight classes.

**GROVES:** The host Falcons produced the area's lone individual district champion in sophomore Damon Dunbar who raised his record to 36-3.

Dunbar, seeded second at 130 pounds, defeated Seaholm's Mentag by a technical fall in his opening match and then advanced to the championship match with a semifinal victory over Walled Lake's Jack Greenstein (pin at 3:48). In the final, Dunbar took out top-seeded Carter Hankins, a senior from Hartland, with a 5-1 decision.

Seniors Micah Mydloski (140 pounds, 31-9 record) and Jacob Smith (171, 31-6) both placed third while senior Nathan Campbell (33-9 record) took fourth at 160 pounds.

**BROTHER RICE:** Sophomores Charlie Nelson (119 pounds) and Ohannes Sarkisian (152) both placed fourth in their weight class. Nelson is 19-11 on the season while Sarkisian takes a 17-16 record into the regional tournament.

**BLOOMFIELD HILLS:** Black Hawks junior Kobey Caldwell placed third at 125 pounds. Caldwell won three of his four matches, including a 4-3 decision over senior Joseph Bakal in the third-fourth place match. Caldwell takes a 28-5 record into the regional.

**NORTH FARMINGTON:** Junior Scott Hampton dropped his opening match and rebounded nicely with three straight victories to place third. In the third-fourth place match, he avenged that lone loss by registering a 9-8 decision over Jack Greenstein of Walled Lake. Hampton is 26-8 heading into the regional.

**FARMINGTON:** All three of Farmington's regional qualifiers placed third in their respective district tournament weight classes. Seniors Jake Justice (130) and juniors Anthony Averiette III (112 pounds) and Jack Fowler (145) each went 3-1 to earn third place. Justice (34-9 record), Fowler (26-13) and Averiette (24-8) all have more than 20 wins this season.

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## Hockey

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the only kids I knew really well coming into the program, so it's cool to see them doing well and just be able to go through this journey with them."

Other goal scorers for the U.S. were forward Jack Hughes (goal, two assists), forward Oliver Wahlstrom and defenseman Mattias Samuelsson. Chipping in two assists was forward Jake Wise.

Sweden's Filip Hallander spoiled DeRidder's shutout bid with a beautiful shorthanded goal with four seconds left in the second period.

Wilde scored one of three power-play goals for the U.S. as Sweden ran into penalty trouble. He took a slap shot from the middle of the blue line with 5:01 to go in the second period that beat screened Sweden goalie Jesper Eliasson (28 saves).

The power-play goals in the third period, scored by Wahlstrom and Samuelsson, also came on long-range blasts with traffic in front of Eliasson.

"We were just making sure we moved the puck quickly to take advantage of their penalty kill and get them moving a little bit out of position to open up all those lanes for those goals," Wilde said. "Typically, you don't get tons of power plays in international play, so if you capitalize on them, that's huge.



Jack Hughes (left) of the U.S. gets a jump on Sweden's Linus Nassen during Tuesday's game. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

"As long as we can keep it rolling, keep our percentage high on the power play, that will be really nice."

U.S. head coach Seth Appert said his team started to succeed on the power play when it simplified its attack, rather than trying to spin fancy passes around the rink.

"Much as you want to snap the puck around and make these cute little sauce passes and make plays through the box, usually none of that stuff matters," Appert said. "In the second half of the game, we had more of a shooting mentality on the power play."

Here are several takeaways:

**WINNER'S TUNE**

The Five Nations tourney follows typical USA Hockey protocol in that the

only national anthem that gets played is that of the winning team at the conclusion of each contest.

So the teams make their way out onto the ice and line up to drop the puck, rather than stand along the blue lines to hear the pregame anthem — normal procedure for all pro and minor league games.

**OFF THE HOP**

It just took 1:20 for the red light to be lit, as Gruden buried a cross-crease feed from linemate Jake Wise on the game's first shot.

Wise sent the puck across the front of the Sweden net and Gruden one-timed it inside the left post.

"They're a great team. They're considered probably the best (U-18) team in the world," Appert said about Sweden. "So for our guys to have some success early I thought was important."

**POINTS TAKEN**

Each of the five teams will play four games, with each regulation win good for three points in the tournament standings.

Teams that need overtime to finish off an opponent get two points, with one point banked for an OT loss.

At the end of the week, the first-place team will be determined by final point tallies.

"It's hard. We're going to have four games in five days, like everybody else does here," Appert said. "It's a pretty

even birth year. Some years, there's one or two teams that separate.

"It feels like all five of these teams could win this tournament and win the (U-18) world championship."

**FEELING A DRAFT?**

Rasmus Dahlin, the Swedish defenseman considered the top-ranked prospect of the 2018 NHL Entry Draft, was not in Plymouth because he is playing at the Winter Olympics in South Korea.

But virtually every other top prospect will be on the USA Hockey Arena ice during the tourney, including Russia forward Andrei Svechnikov, the top-ranked player in the North American rankings, because he plays for Barrie of the Ontario Hockey League.

**BODE'S WELL**

Even though Wilde had a power-play goal and two assists, Appert thought where the 6-2, 195-pounder really made an impact was when the teams were playing at even strength.

"I thought five-on-five, he might have been our best player," Appert said. "I thought he was unbelievable five-on-five. He was so hard defending, he transitioned the puck like you want your stud defenseman to transition the puck."

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## Skiing

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boys are usually stronger," she added. "So I have to work hard in the gym and make sure I can keep up with them, squatting and sprint as fast as them. So if you always want to be faster than the boys you have to keep up with them in the gym and on the hill."

**Returning to form**

Weymouth is returning to form after a knee injury kept her from competing for half the season. She returned to capture the giant slalom title and place second in the slalom race at the recent Alpine Division championships. She is the lone Mustang to qualify for the annual SEMSL championships Feb. 20.

With her outstanding regional showing, Weymouth qualified for the state meet set for Monday, Feb. 26, at Boyne Mountain as an individual. At last year's state meet, Weymouth was second in the giant slalom and did not finish her slalom race.

"Today, I just wanted to make it to states," Weymouth said. "I have been battling the flu and I was hoping to ski as well as I could and it turned out really well and I was excited about that. I just wanted to make it down the hill without any major mess-ups.

"I'm hoping for the overall win in at least one of the events at state, if not two," she added. "I know I'm going to have some pretty solid competition from Marquette and from different individuals who were in this race today and some other individuals."

Longtime Marian head coach Robert



Marian junior Olivia Weymouth registered the fastest times among all competitors — including the boys — in both the slalom and giant slalom races at Wednesday's Division 1 regional at Pine Knob. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Rhoades said Weymouth is one of southeast Michigan's premier skiers.

"Olivia was definitely the fastest one out here today," Rhoades said. "She has been working really hard on her training and working on her race tactics and technique and she's starting to really hone in, that is to be one southeast Michigan's premier skiers.

"She is so smooth and compact and just explosive. Putting in that much effort and intense training does pay off. The more you work out, the more you train the better you get and I think Olivia is proof of that, because she puts out 100 percent every time she goes out there.

"She has recovered enough (from her injury) to get back and get her high school races in that she's required to

have and score for the team," he added. "She is a great leader and a mentor for our younger girls. She is definitely a good role model for them."

**Other individual qualifiers**

Weymouth was not Marian's lone individual qualifier.

Senior captain Madison Rosiek, a three-year varsity skier and a high-level soccer player, placed 10th in the slalom with a time of 45.97 to earn a state-qualifying spot. It's her first time as a state qualifier.

"Madison skied a very smart race today," Rhoades said. "She didn't hit the gas pedal too hard, but she did just enough to sneak into that 10th-place

spot to qualify. She skied very well. It's a great feeling for her to qualify and I'm very happy for her.

"Madison has also been a great mentor to our younger girls," he added. "She really takes the time to explain things. She has worked her way up on her own. She is always training to get better. She may not have that natural talent on skis like Olivia, but with her hard work, she has become one of the better skiers down here."

The Bloomfield Hills girls did not qualify as a team, but the Black Hawks will have a pair of representatives in senior Grace Dillon and Catherine Coates.

Dillon is qualified in both events after finishing fifth in the slalom (42.01) and giant slalom (35.51). Coates skied to 10th place in the giant slalom (36.40) and will ski at states in that event.

"Grace has been an anchor of our team since she joined us as a ninth-grader," Bloomfield Hills head coach Rob Brown said. "She was our MVP as a ninth-grader and I suspect she will be it again this year.

"Grace was a little bit of a surprise this year. She has been solid, really consistent and you can always count on her," he added. "But she kind of put a little more caution to the wind and really stepped up her regional results this year. We're looking forward to her having a good state meet."

Individually on the boys side, North Farmington-Harrison's Mitchell Krass qualified in the slalom by placing 10th in 41.64. Brother Rice's Colin Condit also qualified in the slalom after placing 14th in a time of 42.33.

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PREP SKIING

# Birmingham girls, Bloomfield Hills boys qualify

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Under sunny skies and mild temperatures, Wednesday's Division 1 state regional ski meet at Pine Knob turned out to be a delightful day for the Birmingham Unified girls and Bloomfield Hills boys teams.

Birmingham, coached by Justin Janssen, finished second in the girls team standings with 115 points, 13 points behind regional champion Rochester Adams, which won with 92 points. Clarkston grabbed the third and final team qualifying spot with 136 points.

On the boys side, Rochester Adams won with 57 points, followed by Clarkston with 66 and Bloomfield Hills at 101.5.

The Division 1 state meet will be held Monday, Feb. 26, at Boyne Mountain.

It marks the second straight season Birmingham's girls have qualified for state and Janssen couldn't have been happier. Birmingham was fourth at last year's state meet.

"Last year was the first year we made (states) in the four years that I've been their coach and I think the first time they made it in some 10 years," Janssen said. "Coming into this year, we knew we had a strong team, but we've had lots of injuries, so coming into today, we knew we had to ski smart, get down the hill, ski clean and we could make it. And they all executed on that."

"At the end of our slalom run, our fourth girl made it down clean and we knew we were going to be in the top three to go to states, although we didn't know where. It was definitely an exciting moment. It is really a satisfying feeling. Now we're excited to go to Boyne Mountain and see what we can do, just like last year."

"I knew this team was absolutely capable of (qualifying for state again)," he added. "We lost two girls from last year, but some of our current seniors from this year have really stepped it up. That really helped and then we already had a deep team in terms of our four, five and six girls. They really improved all year."



The Birmingham Unified ski team is a Division 1 state meet qualifier for the second straight year following its regional performance Wednesday at Pine Knob. Team members include Kate Bridges, Maya Rice, Kelly Pierce, Maria Sagante, Nia Kepes, Grace Latek, Isabelle Sims and Maria Ferrari. The coaches are Justin Janssen (head) and Todd Hoover (assistant). MARTY BUDNER

### Bridges leads Birmingham

Birmingham was led by senior Kate Bridges, who placed second in the slalom (40.13) and fourth in the giant slalom (35.43). Bridges, who has qualified for states in each of her four years on the team, was second in slalom and fifth in GS at last year's state meet.

"I was definitely satisfied with the way I skied today," said Bridges, the top skier at Mt. Brighton all season. "My main goal was just to qualify (for states). Being a senior, I wanted to go one last time. I'm hoping to be the slalom champion (at state), but mainly I just want to have fun."

"My giant slalom race was a little rough ... the snow was soft and I didn't handle it as well as I thought I would, but I brought it together in the second run," she added. "In the slalom, I was very happy with both runs."

The other scoring skiers for Birmingham were Maya Rice (12th in the slalom and 13th in the GS), Kelly Pierce (17th in both races) and Maria Sagante (22nd in giant slalom and 28th in slalom).

"Kate's a great skier and she won ba-

sically everything in our league this year," Janssen said. "Today the goal was we wanted her to do well, but it's a team sport and we wanted to make states as a team. She held back a little bit, but still did really well. And we are going to states as a team."

### Captains pace Bloomfield Hills

The Bloomfield Hills boys were led by the dynamic duo of Colin Stewart and Dominick Shoha. The senior captains finished third or better in each race to lead the Black Hawks into the state finals for the second time in three years.

Stewart won the giant slalom in 34.4 and placed second in the slalom with a time of 40.01. The four-year varsity veteran qualified for states as an individual last year in the slalom.

"I was really happy with the GS and, in slalom, I just really wanted to make it down so my team could go to states. I was really happy with how the day went," Stewart said. "I really wanted the whole team to go to states this year. I think I perform better when I have the whole team there to back me up."



Nate Busch of Bloomfield Hills skis the slalom course. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"This year, the goal is just to have fun at states, but hopefully put together four solid runs," he added. "I didn't do well at the divisional, so I'm happy that I did a lot better today."

Shoha won the slalom race in 39.37 and took third in the giant slalom in 34.62. He placed 12th as an individual qualifier last year in the giant slalom.

"It was a good race all together. I loved the conditions we had for slalom," Shoha said. "The snow was super grippy and I felt like unstoppable. I felt really good and I'm happy that I did well this year."

"The biggest thing was us coming together as a team and we really wanted to make it down the hill, so we could go to states as a team," he added. "It will be a good time at states. There will be different competitors on a different hill up there, so we just want to do as best as we can and get some good runs down."

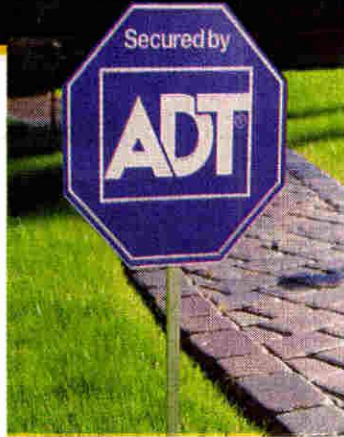
Bloomfield Hills' Hunter Halstead was 18th in the giant slalom (36.15) and 20th in the slalom (43.67). The team's other scorers were Nathan van Duijvenbode, who was 24th in the slalom (44.90), and Nate Busch, who took 32nd in the giant slalom (36.80).

Lennert Krueger (giant slalom) and Matt Coates (slalom) were the other Black Hawk racers.

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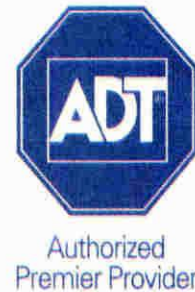
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GIRLS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

# North Farmington and Seaholm capture victories

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**NORTH FARMINGTON 62, FARMINGTON 41:** North Farmington claimed the unofficial city championship Tuesday with this triumph over Farmington from the OAA Blue Division. The game was close throughout the first half, with the visiting Raiders up by three after the first quarter (14-11) and five at the half (22-17). North Farmington, from the OAA Red Division, took control with a 22-8 third-quarter scoring advantage. Senior Sam Cherney led the Raiders with a sterling double-double that included 24 points and 12 rebounds. She also contributed six blocks. Molly Simpson added 14 points and Maya Kelly finished with eight points, five steals and five rebounds. Khyra King-Ealy (six points), Natalie George (five points, six assists) and Hailey Samples (three points, five rebounds) were other notable Raiders performers.

**SEAHOLM 33, BERKLEY 32:** Seaholm prevailed in this OAA crossover game Tuesday in Birmingham. The Bears (Blue Division) held an 18-16 halftime lead, but the Maples (White Division) bounced back with a three-point second-half advantage. Seaholm's Meredith Owens led everyone with a game-high 13 points. Teammate Lily Grills finished with five points. Berkley's top two scorers were Olivia DiCarlo (12) and Lauryn Thomas (eight). Seaholm raised its record to 3-14 overall.

**COUNTRY DAY 51, ANN ARBOR PIONEER 38:** Country Day (13-2), the defending Class B state champion, started a little slowly Tuesday after a two-week layoff. Pioneer came out soaring and went up 21-14 after the opening quarter. However, the Yellowjackets regained control with a 39-5 scoring outburst over the next two quarters. "We hadn't played in a while and we were a little rusty," veteran DCD head coach Frank Orlando said. "We started playing



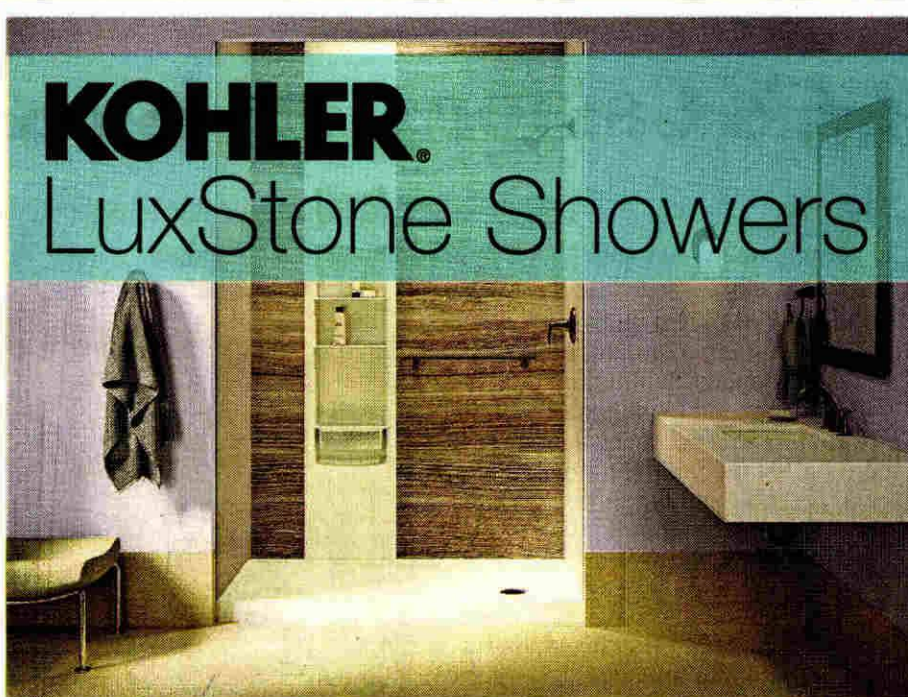
Webb

a lot better defensively over the next two quarters." DCD senior Kaela Webb scored a game-high 16 points, while Adrian Folks also hit double digits with 13. Jasmine Powell (nine), Maddie Novak (eight) and Maxine Moore (eight) also had notable performances. Ilena Garrett led Pioneer with 14 points.

**GROVES 55, ADAMS 42:** On Monday in an OAA crossover game, Groves (OAA White Division) defeated Rochester Adams (OAA Red Division). Senior guard Sha Carter led the scoring parade with 30 points, including three treys. Lauren Palmer finished with eight points and Ellie Ruprich seven for the Falcons. Eight different players scored for the Highlanders.

**ATHENS 43, SEAHOLM 22:** The teams were tied 6-6 after the first quarter, but the visiting Red Hawks went up 23-14 by halftime and led the rest of the way Monday in this OAA White Division game. Meredith Owens and Julia Bell were Seaholm's leading scorers. The game's lone double-figure scorers were Madeline Crum (11) and Isabelle Crum (10) from Athens.

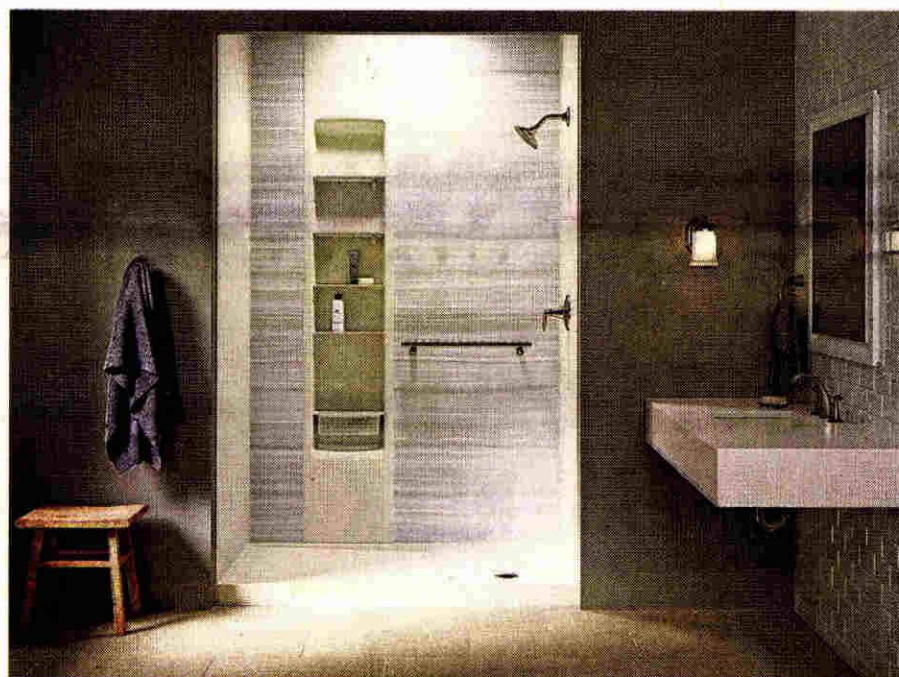
**MERCY 45, LUTHERAN NORTH 15:** Mercy opened the annual Catholic League tournament with this first-round victory Feb. 10. The Marlins held a 25-7 halftime lead and never allowed North more than six points in any quarter. Freshman Julia Bishop led Mercy with 11 points. Senior Bella Dugas (eight), freshman Ellie Tisko (six) and freshman Alexis Roberts (five) were Mercy's other top scorers. "We just got off to a very good start and were pretty efficient offensively and good defensively as well," Mercy head coach Gary Morris said. "It was nice because we were able to get a lot of girls some playing time and we had 10 players who scored." Mercy hiked its record to 15-2.



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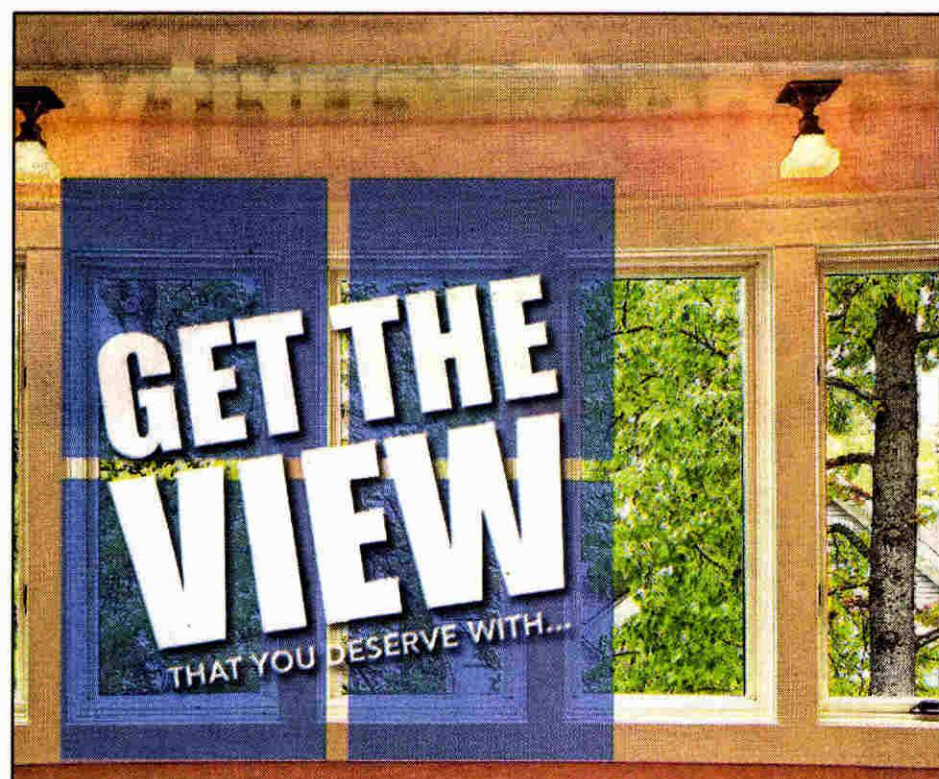
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## COLLEGE RECRUITING

## GC's Castonguay is ready to serve at Air Force

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Eian Castonguay is quick with a quip and even quicker to raise his hand when those who depend on him need his help.

The 17-year-old Castonguay, a senior at Garden City High School, always is there for his football team and he'll be there for his country — he recently signed a national letter of intent to play defensive back for the U.S. Air Force Academy.

"Obviously, it's amazing. I never thought I would get this far in sports," Castonguay said about signing with the Air Force Academy, located in Colorado Springs, Colo. "But it's definitely a true blessing and an experience I'm looking forward to. A huge stepping stone I'm going to use towards my life."

He said he had some interest from Michigan schools such as Wayne State University and Central Michigan University, but "since the Division I offer came along and it was a full-ride scholarship, it was hands-down (that he would go to the Air Force Academy). It's huge. It's almost like Harvard or U-M."

"I spend five years at the college itself, going to school, and then right after I do serve for a minimum of five."

## A real 'D-I kid'

Castonguay is thought to be the first Cougar football player to receive a full-ride scholarship from an NCAA Division I university, Garden City head football coach Jim Baker said. He added that the previous "D-I type kid" was Mike Sparks in the 1999-2000 school year.

"We've been fortunate the last couple years, we've had some great kids, a lot of Division II-type kids, Division III-type kids, NAIA-type kids," Baker said. "But this is our first real Division I kid. It's fun to have been coaching him."

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Garden City also had a second foot-



Garden City senior Eian Castonguay (center) is all smiles after signing with the U.S. Air Force Academy. He is flanked by Garden City athletic director Garrett Simpson (left) and football coach Jim Baker. SUBMITTED



Eian Castonguay (left), shown breaking a long run for Garden City, recently signed to play D-I football at the U.S. Air Force Academy. FILE PHOTO

ball player sign with a university. Cam Walter will play tight end at Lawrence Technological University.

"(Walter) has the ability to do some things," Baker said. "He has great hands, athletic ability, he can get open and do some things in the open field. He's just a smart kid. He knows how to play the game."

Baker said Castonguay's character as a young man is just as important — if not more — than his ability to close in fast on opposing receivers in the backfield. Castonguay also is an all-state sprinter for Garden City's varsity boys

track and field team.

"They're all just in love with him," Baker said. "He's a real humble kid; he's got a lot of athletic ability. He's a three-sport star here at Garden City. He's confident, but he's humble and I think they fell in love with those qualities about him."

"He looks out for his teammates. He's always asking about other people. He's not very selfish and I think that's what they really like about him."

Castonguay, a four-year varsity football player at Garden City, helped fill an injury crisis by changing positions dur-

ing the 2016 season.

"We had a lot of injuries and we had to move him to middle linebacker," Baker said. "The type of kid he is, he didn't complain or anything. He just came down and played, even though that's not his natural position."

"It was one of those situations where we needed someone to fill it and I raised my hand," Castonguay said. "I was willing to do it. That's trench work, I had the big body, but I've always had the competitive nature and do what I had to do. It worked out for that time."

## Primed for success

That kind of selflessness and team-first attitude bode well for a successful career at the Air Force Academy.

"The Air Force Academy is kind of like a Harvard or Yale on steroids," Baker said. "So they look for smart kids, but they look for leaders, future leaders, and qualities in people that are different from other athletes."

Castonguay's fun-loving personality also is a winning characteristic for any football player and he'll bring plenty of that with him from Garden City to Colorado.

"I'm kind of a comedic guy," he said. "Always a smile on my face, never letting anything bother me."

That doesn't mean he doesn't have a serious side. Castonguay carries a 4.1 grade-point average and is taking an Advanced Placement course in English.

He also understands that a lot of people back in the small Wayne County city will be pulling for him to excel on and off the gridiron at the Air Force Academy.

"It's definitely daunting; it's on my shoulders," Castonguay said. "There was one time where I was worried I wasn't going to get offered at all. It just proves the fact, if you have the skill you will be found, even in small 2-by-3 (mile) Garden City."

"It just proves the fact, if you work hard enough you will definitely find your dreams."

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## PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



OLIVIA  
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BLOOMFIELD HILLS MARIAN MUSTANGS

Olivia Weymouth won a two-way race for Athlete of the Week honors.

The Bloomfield Hills Marian junior finished with 10,363 votes (44.7 percent of total votes cast) to edge out Livonia Franklin's junior wrestler Russell Rusnell who compiled 9,868 votes (42.6 percent). The next closest Athlete of the Week nominee was White Lake Lakeland junior skier James Wenzloff who managed 2,646 votes (11.4 percent).

"I heard about (the Athlete of the Week nomination) through Twitter. I was tagged in a Twitter and I then sent it to Facebook so my family could vote for me," said Weymouth. "I thought it was an awesome opportunity to win Athlete of the Week. I thought it was pretty cool because it just shows the dedication I've put into the sport."

**WHAT SHE DID:** Weymouth captured the giant slalom and placed second in the slalom at the recent Alpine Division championships. The 17-year-old Oakland Township resident was the lone Marian skier to qualify for the annual SEMSL championships on Feb. 20.

Weymouth, in her third year of varsity, is back to form after recovering from a

knee injury.

"In the beginning of the year I didn't race in any high school meets because I had the knee injury," Weymouth said. "I was out because my fibula, tibia and knee were out of alignment with each other and I was trying to get those worked back together."

"My doctor let me back to race and my team let me back," she said. "I started racing again I think three weeks ago. Things are going pretty well for me."

**THE COACH'S PERSPECTIVE:** Marian's veteran head coach Robert Rhoades is not surprised at Weymouth's success. He said she is not only a team leader, but also one of its hardest workers.

"She is so smooth and compact and just explosive. Putting in that much effort and intense training does pay off," said Rhoades. "The more you work out, the more

you train the better you get and I think Olivia is proof of that because she puts out 100 percent every time she goes out there."

"She's been a great leader, a mentor for my younger girls. I have a really young Marian team with freshmen and sophomores," he said. "She is definitely a good role model for them. She can show them the right line down the course, literally."

**PLANS FOR THE REST OF SEASON:** Weymouth qualified for the Division 1 state meet as an individual this past week with an impressive regional showing. She was the top skier overall, beating the field of more than 130 races — boys and girls included — to win both the slalom and giant slalom races for the second straight season.

The CUSSA and FIS experienced skier is hoping to do well at the state championship meet scheduled for Feb. 26 at Boyne Mountain.

"I'm hoping for the overall in at least one of the events at state, if not two," Weymouth said. "I know I'm going to have some pretty solid competition from Marquette and from different individuals who were in this race today and some other individuals."



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## PREP GYMNASTICS

## Farmington sweeps two events to get by Birmingham

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The Birmingham Unified gymnastics team found itself matched up Feb. 8 against perennial state power Farmington Unified.

Visiting Farmington remained undefeated in dual meets by beating Birmingham in three of the four disciplines en route to a 140.25-133.05 triumph. Farmington is now 6-0 on the season, while Birmingham fell to 8-4.

Birmingham head coach Rebecca Bajorek knew Farmington would provide a good measuring stick for her team. The second-year mentor liked what she saw as Birmingham rose to the occasion with its best score of the season.

"We were kind of stuck around 130. This was our highest score and we didn't even have our full strength lineup in tonight," said Bajorek, whose team is coping with a few injuries. "I learned that our girls kind of step up a little more when we go against the more experienced teams.

"They were looking forward to this meet, because they knew they were going to see some other good gymnasts," she added. "I was happy with the outcome tonight."

Longtime Farmington head coach Jeff Dwyer also liked the way his squad performed. He said the team met its goal of landing a few more state qualifying scores for the upcoming regional.

"We are at that point of the season where we are done with our big invites and now the focus is getting everyone qualified for the regionals," said Dwyer, whose team pulled off big emotional wins at the recent Jeanne Caruss and Canton invitational tournaments. "I like what we did tonight in the respect that, sometimes you come off those big invites and it's hard to go back to dual meets.

"We had a pretty good score tonight and the kids seemed pretty energetic,"

he added. "Some of the girls are rested and they didn't throw all their tricks, but again, the focus was on getting girls qualified for states. We have three more duals left and we need to get more girls qualified, because we're going to have a very tough regional."

**Bars and beam sweep**

Farmington swept the top three spots in the uneven bars and balance beam to easily win those events. It also took two of the top three spots in winning floor exercise.

Kacey Noseworthy (8.7), Emily Stecevic (8.35) and freshman Ally Schultz (8.3) were the top performers on bars. On the balance beam, Farmington's three placers were Ava Farquhar (9.2), Noseworthy (8.95) and Stecevic (8.95).

In floor exercise, Noseworthy collected her second win of the night by scoring 9.45. Stecevic was second at 9.375.

Birmingham's vaulters had a strong evening. Senior Emily Rooney took first with a score of 8.75, while junior Jenna Whitelaw (8.7) and senior Payton Moloney (8.65) were right behind. Farmington's Abby Coleman registered 8.65 to tie for third.

Moloney, who attends Groves, had a season-best score on floor exercise, placing third with 9.1 to prevent a Farmington sweep in that event.

"Payton Moloney was one who was injured at the beginning of the season," said Bajorek, a Royal Oak Shrine graduate and former Birmingham assistant who took over the program last year. "The judges love watching her on floor, because she's very energetic and she was very excited because she is a senior and this was her last home meet of the season. And I thought our sophomore Amelia Givens probably had one of her betters meets tonight."

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## CITY OF WESTLAND

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, **on February 28th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

## UTILITY RATE STUDY

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at [www.CityofWestland.com](http://www.CityofWestland.com). The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams  
City Controller

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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
TO ALL PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE  
CITY OF LIVONIA  
BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING - 2018**

You are hereby notified pursuant to chapter VIII Section 6, of the Charter of Livonia, the Board of Review will conduct Public Hearings on the following dates in the Board of Review Conference Room of the Assessor's Office in the City Hall, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, Michigan and such additional meetings as may be necessary for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll for the year 2018 and hearing any taxpayers deeming themselves aggrieved by the said assessments.

The meetings of the Board of Review provide the only opportunity after March 6, 2018 for property owners to present protests or suggestions relative to the assessed valuation placed on property by the Assessor for the year 2018. Property owners deeming themselves aggrieved by the assessments will have the opportunity to be heard and may obtain further information from the Office of the City Assessor.

First Session			
Tuesday	March 6, 2018	Organizational Meeting	9:00am-3:00pm
Wednesday	March 7, 2018	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Thursday	March 8, 2018	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Friday	March 9, 2018	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 3:00p.m.

Second Session			
Monday	March 12, 2018	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.
Tuesday	March 13, 2018		5:00p.m. - 9:00p.m.
Thursday	March 15, 2018	9:00a.m. - 12:00p.m.	1:30p.m. - 4:00p.m.

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Linda Gosselin, Assessor

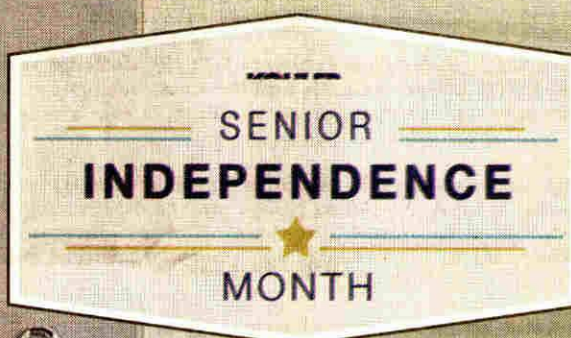
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**AGENDA  
Zoning Board of Appeals**

March 6, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.  
Livonia City Hall - Auditorium (1st Floor)  
33000 Civic Center Drive  
Livonia, MI  
(734) 466 2259

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-10-61 (Tabled on February 6, 2018):** Patrick and Dianne Tarbet, west side of Wayne (9535) between Ann Arbor Trail and West Chicago, seeking to construct a detached garage while maintaining an attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages, garage area and the detached garage being excess in height.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2017-12-67 (Rescheduled from February 6, 2018):** Jeff and Vanessa Schembri, east side of Wayne (18100) between Curtis and Bennett, seeking to construct a detached garage while maintaining an attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages and garage area.

**APPEAL CASE NO. 2018-03-04:** Teresa Garon, west side of Harrison (16601) between Terrence and Stanmoor, seeking to erect a detached garage prior to constructing a new dwelling, which will have an attached garage, resulting in excess number of garages, garage area and constructing an accessory building (detached garage) prior to a principal building, which is not allowed.

Public Comments may be sent to the Zoning Board of Appeals Office at 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154 - all comments must include name, address and signature.

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**CITY OF WESTLAND  
INVITATION TO BID**

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36300 Warren Road, Westland, MI 48185, on **March 14th, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.** (no exceptions will be made for late filings) for the following:

**CONCRETE PAVEMENT REHABILITATION**

Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office or at [www.CityofWestland.com](http://www.CityofWestland.com). The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Devin J. Adams  
City Controller

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**City of Livonia - 12/18/2017 1,839th Regular Meeting Synopsis**

**Present:** White, Meakin, Kritzman, Brosnan, Jolly, and McIntyre.

**Absent:** Bahr.

#404-17 Approving minutes of the 1,838th Regular Meeting of the Council - December 4, 2017. **Items were received and filed for the information of the City Council.**

#405-17 Approving a three-year extension of the existing for the 2018 through 2020 seasons.

#406-17 Authorizing the emergency repair for a 2012 AEV Freightliner medium-duty ambulance.

#407-17 Approving a five-year extension of the existing contract for the Sanitary Sewer System Maintenance Services Contract for the period February 27, 2018 through February 26, 2023.

#408-17 Authorizing the City Engineer to apply to Michigan Department of Transportation for the inclusion of streets or portions thereof newly opened during 2017 and the street is an approved public street and is open for public purposes and is accepted into the City's local street system as of December 31, 2017.

#409-17 Authorizing an additional expenditure for the 2016-2017 Sidewalk Pavement Replacement Program - Water Main Breaks.

#410-17 Approving Petition 2017-10-08-11, submitted by Lendlease, relating to a proposal to modify the exterior appearance of the existing KFC restaurant, 29060 Plymouth Road.

**Second Reading and Roll Call Vote (7-0)** was given to an ordinance amending Sections 030 and 040, to Title 2, Chapter 84 (Primary and Regular Elections) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

#411-17 Determining there shall be no increase in salaries for City Council President and City Council for the calendar years 2018 and 2019 and taking no action relative to any salary changes proposed for the positions of the Mayor, City Clerk, or City Treasurer.

Vice-President Kritzman stepped down from the podium at 7:36 p.m.

#412-17 Authorizing an expenditure for providing Professional Engineering Services relating to the Water Reliability Study, General Plan Update, and an Asset Management Plan Approval. Vice-President Kritzman returned to the podium at 7:37 p.m.

#413-17 Approving Petition 2017-09-02-12 to develop and operate an outdoor storage yard for recreational equipment, at 12350 Merriman Road.

#414-17 Waiving the hard-surfaced requirement and authorizing use of crushed rock or gravel (Petition 2017-09-02-12).

#415-17 Approving Petition 2017-09-02-13 to develop and operate an outdoor storage yard for special trade contractors, at 12350 Merriman Road.

#416-17 Waiving the hard-surfaced requirement and authorizing use of crushed rock or gravel (Petition 2017-09-02-13).

#417-17 Approving Petition 2017-10-02-14, to use the building at 27565 Grand River Avenue for office space, storage and e-commerce (Great Lakes Pawn).

#418-17 Authorizing an additional expenditure related to the 2017 Concrete Road Repair Program.

#419-17 Accepting a Grant of Easement at 14891 Farmington Road.

#420-17 Accepting a Grant of Easement at 39000 Amrhein Road.

#421-17 Resolution by Kritzman and Meakin, unanimously adopted, suspending the rules for procedure as outlined in CR 574-82 to permit consideration of items that do not appear on the agenda.

#422-17 Recognizing Focused Intent Foundation as a non-profit organization.

#423-17 Approving the Livonia Police Officers Association (PSA Unit) Contract Agreement for the period December 1, 2017 through November 30, 2020.

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:06 p.m.**  
**Full text of the official minutes is available in the Office of the City Clerk.**

Susan M. Nash  
Livonia City Clerk  
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**City of Livonia - 01/17/2018 1,840th Regular Meeting Synopsis**

**Present:** Jolly, Kritzman, White, McIntyre, and Toy.

**Absent:** Bahr and Meakin.

#01-18 Approving minutes of the 1,839th Regular Meeting of the Council - December 18, 2017.

**Items were received and filed for the information of the City Council.**

#02-18 ...Accepting the quote for the purchase of a Dell/EMC Data Domain 6300 Appliance, with three (3) years of Prosupport Mission Critical Support.

#03-18 ...Approving the recommended additional rate for outdoor swim lessons.

#04-18 ...Authorizing the purchase of 15,000 pounds of calcium hypochlorite (chlorine), including installation of feeders for all municipal pools, for a period of three years, effective January 1, 2018.

#05-18 ...Approving Intergovernmental Agreements Between The Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) and the City of Livonia, and authorizing a budget amendment to fund the Rotary Park Universally Accessible Playground project.

#06-18 ...Authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk, for and on behalf of the City of Livonia, to execute the agreement between MDOT and the City of Livonia for the Stark Road Rehabilitation project and authorizing an expenditure from funds budgeted for this purpose.

#07-18 ...Approving and granting a one-year extension of Petition 2016-03-08-03, previously granted, in connection with a proposal to demolish the existing gas station and construct a new fueling facility located at 31338 Five Mile Road, subject to conditions. (CR 227-16)

#08-18 ...Designating Brandon Kritzman as Council Representative on City's Tree Committee.

#09-18 ...Designating Cathy K. White Council Representative on Board of Directors of the Livonia Anniversary Committee (SPREE) and Kathleen E. McIntyre as the alternate.

**First Reading** was given to an ordinance amending Sections 060, to Title 10, Chapter 63 (Snow Alert) of the Livonia Code of Ordinances, as amended.

#10-18 Accepting cash and gifts in the amount of \$2,110.00.

#11-18 Accepting a cash donation in the amount of \$3,000.00.

#12-18 Suspending the rules for procedure.

#13-18 Approving the appointment of Lori L. Miller to the position of Deputy Clerk.

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:38 p.m.**  
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Susan M. Nash  
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The following vehicles have been deemed abandoned in the Township of Redford by the Redford Township Police Department and are to be sold, as is, at open auction on Saturday, the 24TH day of FEBRUARY, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at North Redford Towing, 12719 BEECH DALY Redford, MI 48239. Vehicles can be viewed on the auction date. Registered owners will be allowed to pick up their vehicles prior to the start of the auction. Check [www.nrtowing.com](http://www.nrtowing.com) for the current list.

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2008	PONTIAC	4D	2G2WP552881109534	GRAND PRIX	ABANDONED	1708481	2
2009	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1WT57K491243097	IMPALA	ABANDONED	1708481	3
2014	CHEVROLET	4D	2G1155S31E9108367	MPALA	ABANDONED	1708481	4
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2001	OLDSMOBILE	4D	1G3GR64H214286919	AURORA	ACCIDENT	1708693	11
2006	CHEVROLET	SW	1GNNT13S762300943	TRAILBLAZER	ARREST	1708748	12
2003	CHRYSLER	4D	1C3EL46X73N505201	SEBRING	ACCIDENT	1708774	13
2004	JEEP	SW	1J4GL48K14W124648	LIBERTY	ACCIDENT	1708803	15
2006	MERCURY	SW	4M2YU57126DJ02298	MARINER	ACCIDENT	1800021	16
2008	KIA	4D	KNDJC735985828798	SORENTO	ARREST	1800058	17
2008	KIA	4D	KNDJD735185793817	SORENTO	ABANDONED	1800074	18
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2003	MAZDA	SW	4F2CZ04123KM14976	TRIBUTE	ACCIDENT	1800172	21
2007	JEEP	SW	1J8FF48W97D260479	PATRIOT	ABANDONED	1800186	22
2001	CADILLAC	4D	1G6KE57YX1U168129	DEVILLE	ABANDONED	1800212	23
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### Make winning small talk in a job interview

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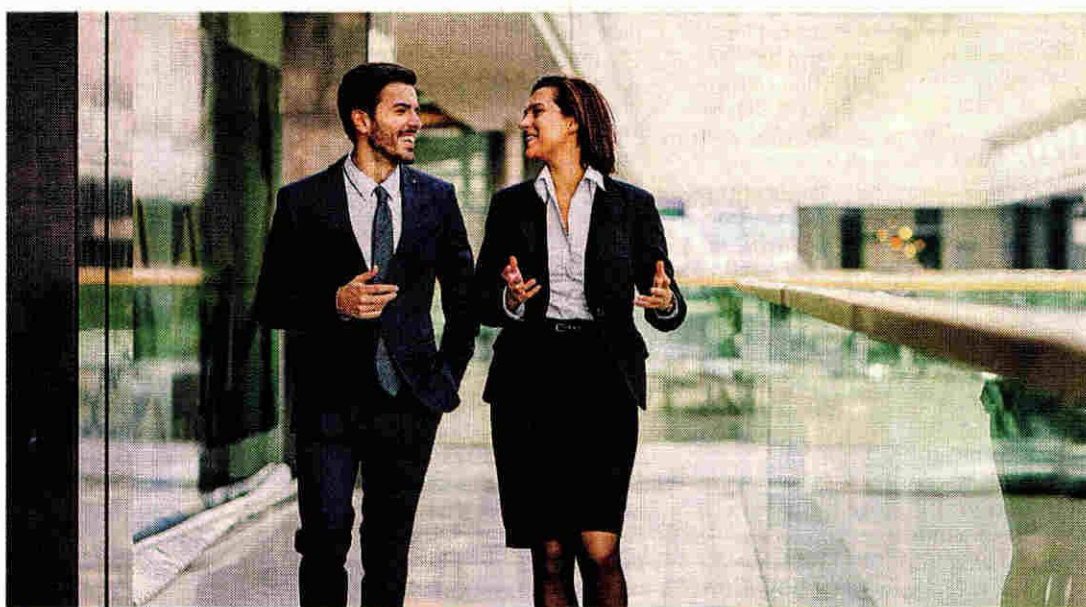
While there are a number of key factors to focus on as you prepare for an interview, from a well-polished resume to an impeccable outfit and talking points about your past accomplishments and why you're the perfect candidate for the job, one area that often gets overlooked is the value of "small talk."

The truth is, small talk is actually an essential component of the interview process. Often, our very first and last impression, before and after the nuts and bolts of an interview takes place, is made over small talk. Think of the walk from the reception area, the few initial moments of "settling in" to the room where the interview takes place, and the final goodbyes over a firm and confident handshake — these are all opportunities to make a positive and memorable impact.

Let's review some effective strategies for making sure you put your best foot forward when making small talk in a job interview:

**Stay positive.**

You may have had a terrible morning on your way to the interview where everything went hilariously wrong —



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your alarm didn't go off, you knocked over a steaming hot cup of coffee, and you nearly burnt a hole in your shirt while ironing it and eating breakfast at the same time. But do you want this to be the first impression your interviewer has of you? Whining about the challenges you overcame to get to the interview on time is not a good idea.

Starting or ending an interview with negative small talk will surely work against you when they're making a hiring decision.

Instead, smile, project confidence and a positive outlook, and try to turn your small talk into an opportunity to be

complimentary. Talk about how nice the office is or the pleasant weather or commute over, drop a comment about a nice plant or piece of artwork that your interviewer has. The goal is to make the interviewer think that you'd be a pleasant person to have around if hired.

**Avoid controversy.**

You definitely want to leave the impression that you'll be a great fit within a company's workplace culture. However, if an interview takes the tone of a casual conversation, this doesn't mean that all conversation topics are okay to bring up. Do your best to avoid such hot-button areas as politics

and religion, and try to refrain from getting too personal, which may make an interviewer uncomfortable or think that you have boundary issues.

**Use context clues.**

Whenever you're first getting to know someone new, that's typically when you're most open and receptive to context clues about how best to proceed in a conversation. An interview is no different. Look for clues to help build your small-talk game.

Is your interviewer's office filled with dog photos and he or she drops a casual dog reference into the conversation? Try to inject a mention about

your own love of dogs, and if you have a dog yourself, even better!

The best way to bond with someone is to discover the things you have in common.

Context clues can also help you determine what conversation items to avoid. Does the interviewer wince or look uncomfortable when you make mention of something? Pay attention to this, and change the subject, fast.

**Are you ready for small talk?**

Whether or not you like small talk, you need to be prepared to handle it when you're going on interviews. You can't rely on your resume to "speak for itself" — remember, most interviewers are looking to get a sense of what sort of person you are and what it would be like to work with you, in addition to gauging your professional abilities. Be sure to treat each interview as an opportunity to get to know someone new and make a positive connection, and you'll be sure to make a great impression!

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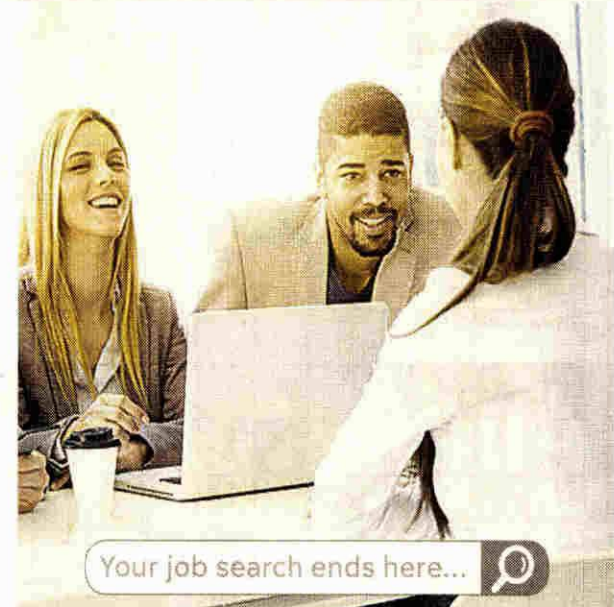
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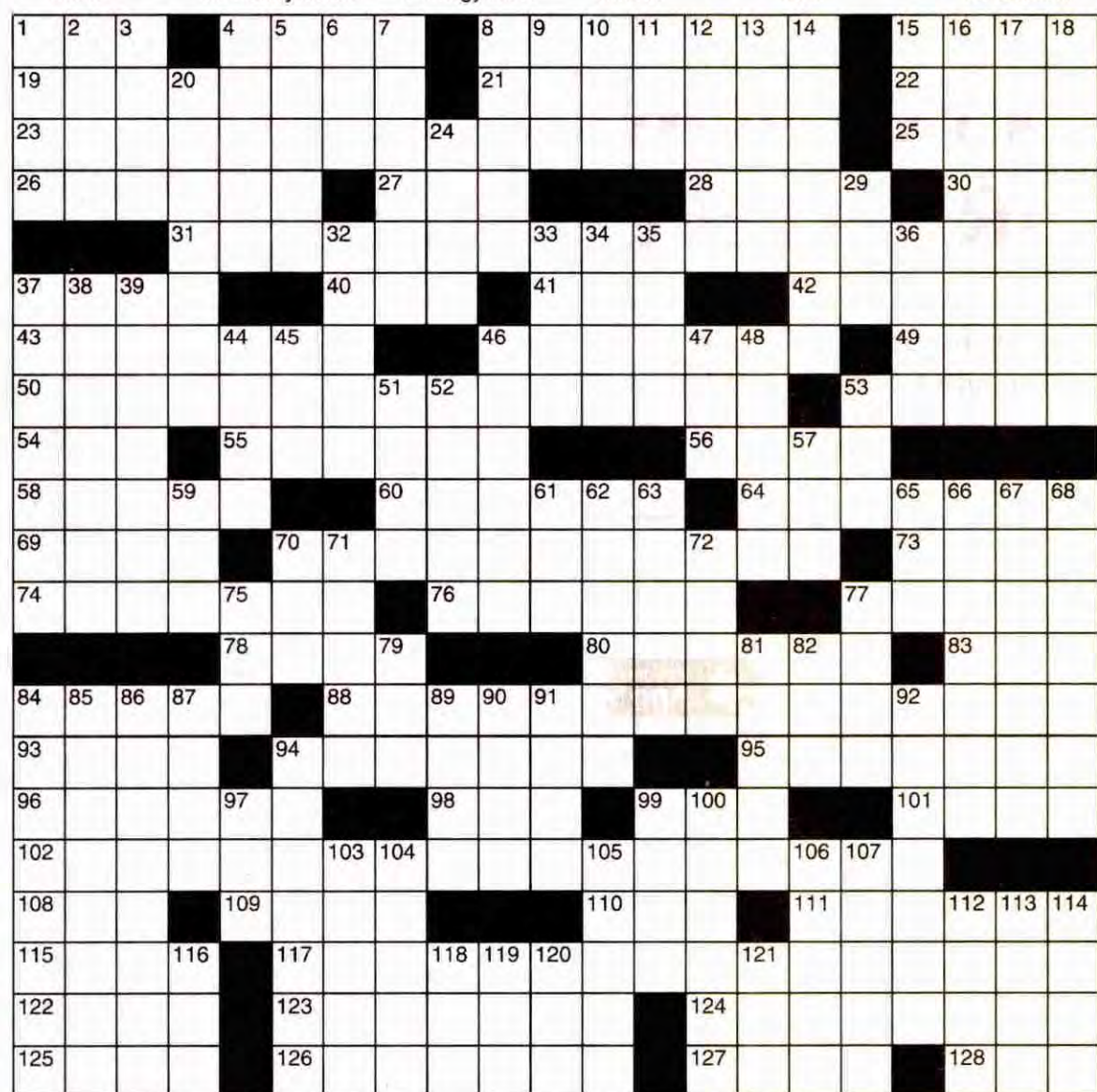
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  - 4 Hushed "Hey!"
  - 8 Part of PETA
  - 15 Some snakes
  - 19 Extra refrigerator convenience
  - 21 Pre-euro Greek coin
  - 22 Scrutinize, with "over"
  - 23 Extremely bad weather, e.g.
  - 25 Deep purple
  - 26 Skating great Yamaguchi
  - 27 Canton-born architect I.M.
  - 28 Big cracker brand
  - 30 Drink name suffix
  - 31 Offering at a memorial service
  - 37 Org. for Michelle Wie
  - 40 '60s psychedelic
  - 41 Nero's 1,006
  - 42 Apply an oily liquid to
  - 43 Folding art
  - 46 It glances off the bat and counts as a strike
  - 49 A while ago
  - 50 Prevention of a blaze from spreading
  - 53 Madden
  - 54 "Dracula" director Browning
  - 55 "— doin'!" ("Forget it!")
  - 56 Melt
  - 58 Dunne of movies
  - 60 Slow, tempo-wise
  - 64 Not less than
  - 69 To be, at the Louvre
  - 70 Longtime tech ad slogan (and a hint to this puzzle's theme)
  - 73 Essence
  - 74 Actress Dawson
  - 76 Hip-hop record label
  - 77 "— suggest that ...?"
  - 78 About
  - 80 African land
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  - 88 Clash between social groups
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  - 98 Little hotel
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  - 101 One writing briefs: Abbr.
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  - 115 Mixed breed
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- DOWN**
- 1 Laundry detergent brand
  - 2 Aspire PC maker
  - 3 — Strauss jeans
  - 4 Trilogy start
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  - 9 Prefix with glyceride
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  - 13 Prenatal test, briefly
  - 14 Track racer's windup
  - 15 iPhone extra
  - 16 Comforting in sorrow
  - 17 Discretion
  - 18 College term
  - 20 Text or email
  - 24 Dweeby sort
  - 29 Buddhism school
  - 32 Film director Eastwood
  - 33 "Hurry up!"
  - 34 Half of a zygote
  - 35 Cairo's river
  - 36 When morning ends
  - 37 More exalted
  - 38 In advance of
  - 39 Bridge parts
  - 44 Skin ailment
  - 45 Dairy sound
  - 46 Conclusion
  - 47 Blowup stuff
  - 48 "— to Be You"
  - 51 "Imagine —!"
  - 52 Helped
  - 53 Saddlery tool
  - 57 Supped
  - 59 School lobby gp.
  - 61 Many a PC image file
  - 62 Bite, break or bruise
  - 63 "August: — County"
  - 65 Mileage rating gp.
  - 66 Send in via helicopter, maybe
  - 67 Diamond-shaping method
  - 68 Abounding in prickly plants
  - 70 Grafton's "— for Innocent"
  - 71 Saw edge
  - 72 Apple desktop
  - 75 Hip-hop music
  - 77 Stupid
  - 79 "— Day Will Come"
  - 81 Jack Sprat's dietary rule
  - 82 Genetic cell stuff
  - 84 Family appellations
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  - 103 Felon's deed
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  - 105 Fruit coats
  - 106 "— hope so!"
  - 107 Butter substitutes
  - 112 Thom —
  - 113 "Mr. Nobody" star Jared
  - 114 River of Flanders
  - 116 Mao — -tung
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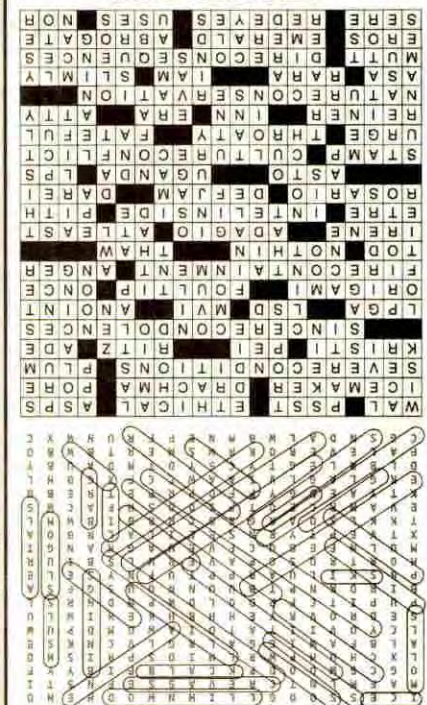
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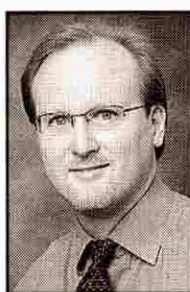
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## Car Report

### FORD DEBUTS ALL-NEW ECOSPORT, WORTHY NEW EXPEDITION SUVs WITH BIG MARKETING CAMPAIGNS TIED TO WINTER OLYMPIC GAMES



By Dale Buss

Ford has been caught a little light lately on appealing and up-to-date SUVs and CUVs, but one all-new and one hugely overhauled new model in those segments should

go a long way toward getting the brand its fair share of those booming categories.

And Ford's marketing brain trust wants to make the most of the launch of an all-new generation of the hulking Ford Expedition as well as a brand-new nameplate in the EcoSport subcompact CUV.

Ford's SUV sales have risen by 28 percent over the last six years, but the brand has needed some new sheet metal to optimize the watershed shift that's been taking place in the US market toward SUVs, CUVs and trucks and away from the traditional sedans where Ford has done well over the last decade.

"Right now our momentum is strong and we're adding these to increase that momentum in parts of the industry that have been underserved by competition or are just growing so fast," Lew Echlin, Ford's marketing-communications manager, told me.

Specifically, Ford is bringing out its three-row Expedition at a time when the oldest millennials have begun buying big utility vehicles in droves, for their growing families. Everyone



Ford hopes to win in a new segment with its first-ever EcoSport.

from Volkswagen to Subaru has been leaping into the large-SUV segment, but the largest entries in the category have continued to be dominated by General Motors, with its Chevrolet Suburban and Tahoe, and GMC Yukon. Ford means to make its long-existing Expedition a relevant player in that category again.

The campaign for Expedition, titled "We The People," involves a message of unifying Americans and also showing off the capabilities of the massive and accommodating new vehicle.

At the same time, EcoSport, a new small SUV based on the same mechanical platform as some of Ford's small cars, is meant to snap up the many Americans who are turning toward that segment and away from the small sedans where Ford has had such a strong presence over the last decade. Ford is targeting downsizing baby boomers as a key market for the

newEcoSport.

Ford is using a "First-Evers" theme with EcoSport, telling the stories of real people who get to experience something for the first time with EcoSport's assistance, and an accompanying social-media campaign built around Americans' "first-ever" desires. One of the ads, for instance, involves a mother and a daughter who go on a "night ski" run.

As usual, Ford sat out Super Bowl TV advertising this year. But it's gearing up its new campaigns for Expedition and EcoSport to use the Winter Olympics from South Korea as a springboard. I talked with Echlin about this exciting season for Ford marketing:

**Do you agree with critics that Ford needs some good new SUVs?**

Obviously we're coming off of one of our biggest years in SUVs. We had an all-time record set [last year] for Escape, an all-time record set for Edge, and Explorer saw its

best sales performance since 2005. We've been talking with dealers and other stakeholders and looking at EcoSport and Expedition to be largely incremental business for us. Expedition has been completely redesigned and redone and EcoSport being the first one there.

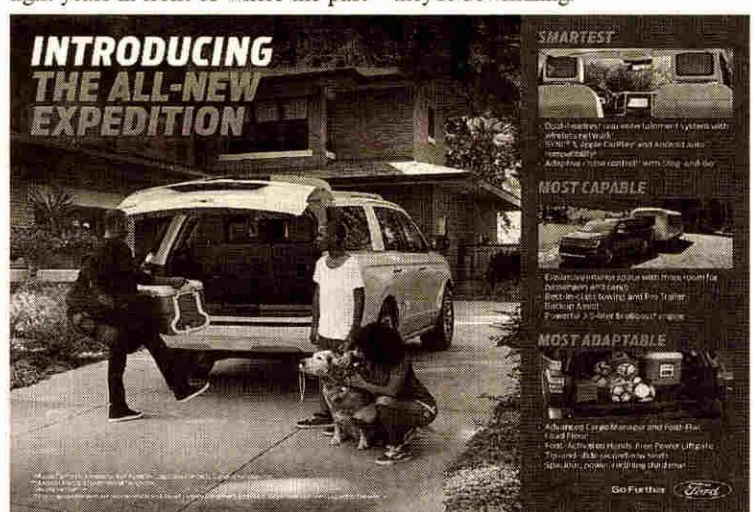
**It's interesting that you see volume for the new Expedition being incremental. Why would that be? That nameplate has been around a long time.**

We do believe there will be a large degree of incrementality. Eighty percent of the segment is made up of products from [GM] and that's the non-luxury segment. We think these customers are largely underserved. They have third-row seats you can't sit in perfectly; we have third-row seats you can cross your legs in. We have technologies in [the new Expedition] product that are light years in front of the competition and light years in front of where the past

Expedition has been. We look at this as unlocking a lot of pent-up demand for choice in the marketplace.

**And EcoSport: It's interesting that you're aiming this specifically at aging boomers.**

The product is clear, and we're not being shy about it, that this is really an upgrade for people. As they're downsizing they're actually upgrading. If you're in a five-year-old Focus or Civic this product will be a substantial upgrade, not just because of real SUV capability but because of the stuff in it. In the EcoSport SE package it has, moon roof to swing gate, a tremendous amount of content. We're looking at the segment as an opportunity for people buying a new vehicle for the first time or empty nesters who have time on their hands. They have a huge opportunity for an upgrade and to treat themselves to something rather than just saying they're downsizing.

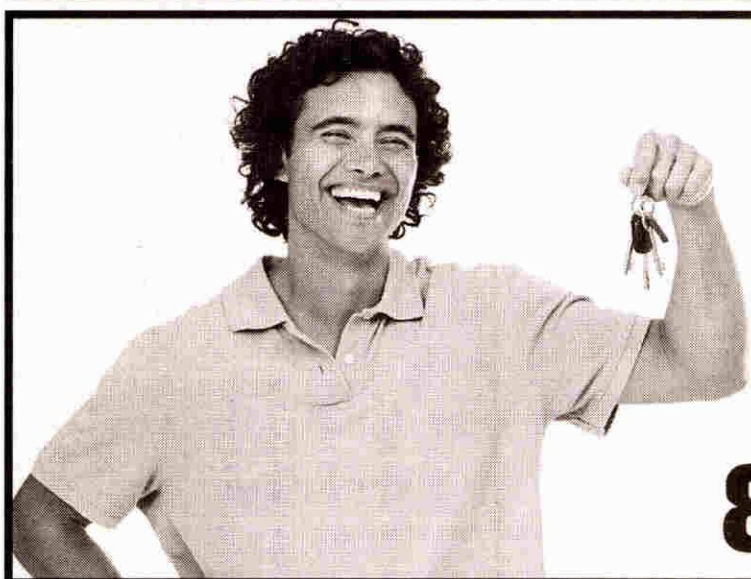
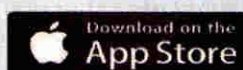


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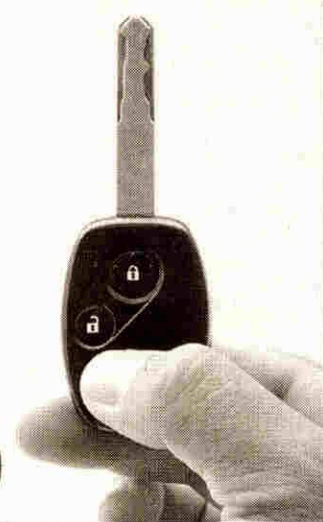
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