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New senior facility gets approval

City council grants appeal for Plymouth Road site

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It appears a new senior living facility could go up on Plymouth Road after all.

The Livonia City Council heard an appeal of the denial of a waiver petition for a new senior facility at 34020 Plymouth in Livonia at its final council meeting of 2018 and decided to grant the petition.

The waiver petition was denied by the planning commission in October, which cited concerns over how much land would be used for the one-story building and its effects on surrounding property. It was unanimously denied by

that body.

But the company, Saginaw-based Comfort Care Senior Living, appealed to the city council, asking them to reconsider the petition. That was approved 5-2 with Council Vice President Jim Jolly and Councilman Scott Bahr casting the “no” votes.

Jolly inquired to the city’s engineering department over rainwater issues several properties in that area have experienced.

“When I had the ability to speak to abutting property owners, they were very concerned in regards to the rainwater runoff that may occur because of the

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The site of the proposed senior living facility along Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Stark, in Livonia. DAVID VESELENAK | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

IT'S A WHOLE NEW THING

Here’s where group fitness meets underground music

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Corey Sims of Canton has turned his skills as a personal trainer, boot camp instructor, rapper, kick-boxer and DJ into a growing business aimed at getting metro Detroit in shape.

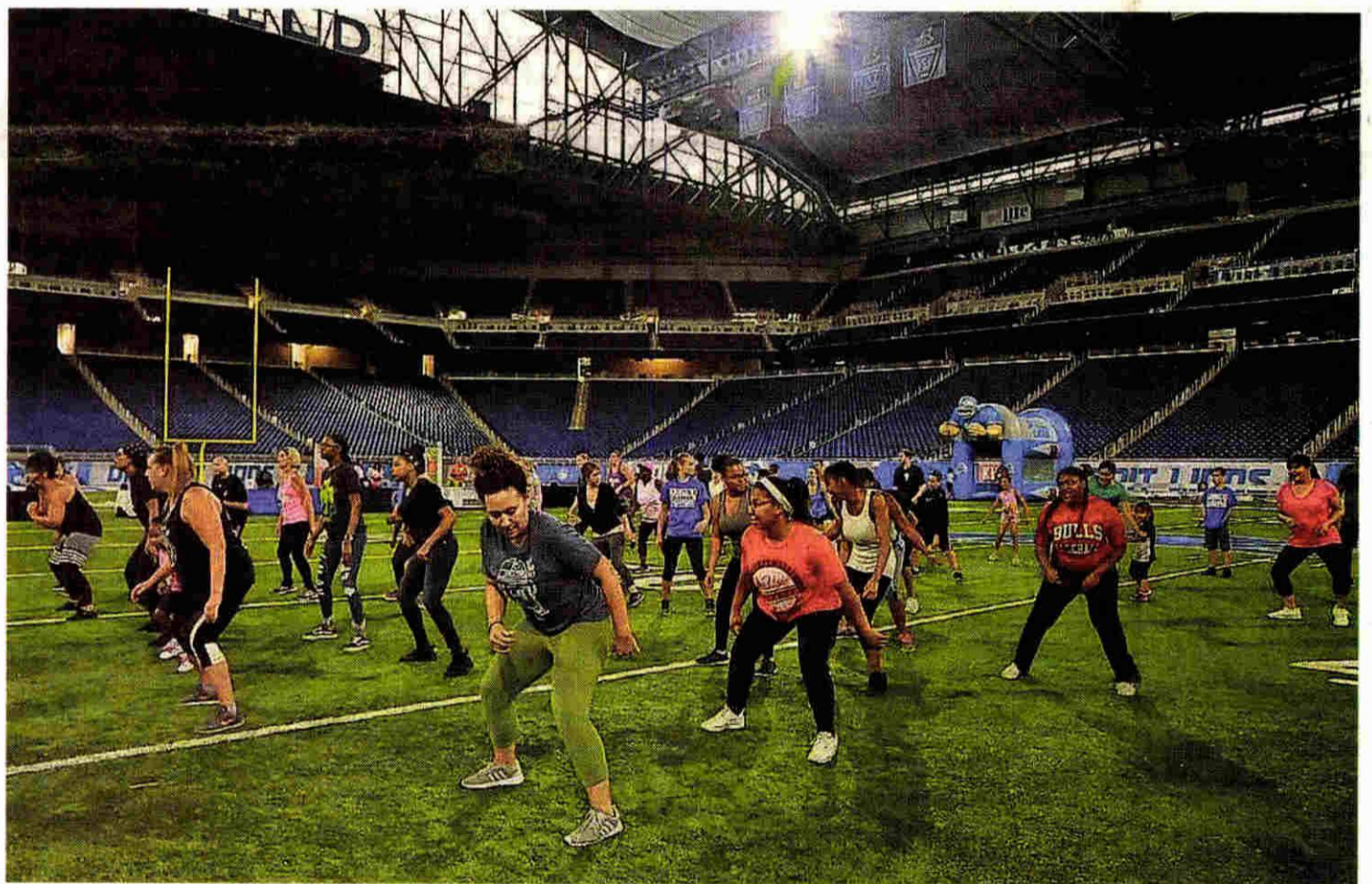
For his next big gig, Sims is promising an “unforgettable” evening where underground music meets group fitness — all in a darkened room with club lighting, hyped-up bumping beats and repeat dance moves intended to transform what could be a boring workout into an exciting, motivating experience.

Sims, owner of Canton-based D-SKO Fitness, is ready to pump up the volume and fitness moves for as many as 200 people when he brings his group workout party to Bodies By Wade, 34580 Ford Road, in Westland’s Wildwood Plaza. He’s rolling out a free session starting at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 6, for a crowd ages 12 and older.

“It’s a little bit of a game-changer for us,” Sims said, adding that most previous fitness concerts have catered to adults.

Back to that name, though. What is D-SKO?

Sims is from Detroit, hence the “D” and a version of the hometown sports Old English “D” he has altered for his own version. The business name is a



D-SKO Fitness brought its blend of underground music and group fitness to Ford Field during a suicide prevention event by the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority.

play on the word “disco” — it’s a dance moves-based exercise, after all — but it’s pronounced “Dee-scoe” to put he emphasis on “D.”

Sims said D-SKO is an acronym for “Detroit Style Kept Original,” though his wife Erika, who lends her talents to the

company’s artistry and promotion, encourages everyone to “Do Some Kind Of Fitness.”

Rolling his past fitness club jobs into a new concept, Sims taught himself to mix and pre-record his own DJ set. He combines what he calls underground

music with group fitness in a unique setting. He uses hip-hop music with flourishes of Detroit’s electronic sounds, songs “you don’t hear on the radio.” He mixes it ahead of shows so he can better

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Will a marijuana dispensary be opening near you?

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Attention, marijuana smokers: Even though your drug of choice is now legal in Michigan, you still may need a G-P-S to find your p-o-t.

Several communities in metro De-

troit are taking advantage of a loophole that will allow them to prohibit the opening of marijuana dispensaries, fearing — among other things — that the potential rise in law enforcement costs would outweigh the tax revenue that may be generated by businesses that sell pot.

On Nov. 6, Michigan residents passed

Proposal 1, which legalized the use of recreational marijuana for people over age 21.

The proposal includes a system of taxes on the sale of marijuana and marijuana products, while at the same time giving municipalities an option to ban pot-selling businesses.

“I think Canton Township was a little

late to the party as far as opting out of allowing marijuana dispensaries to open, but we wanted to wait and make sure we had all the facts straight about the new law,” Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams said.

“My thinking — and I’m sure most of

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Annual ice festival returns Jan. 11-13 to Plymouth

Downtown Plymouth will be hosting the 37th annual Plymouth Ice Festival, set for Friday through Sunday, Jan. 11-13. The event has a long-standing history of turning downtown Plymouth into a magical winter wonderland filled with spectacular ice sculptures and a host of family friendly activities.

This year's event will bring back fan favorite attractions such as the Ice Playground, the DTE Energy Foundation Tubing Run, Fire and Ice Towers and the Dueling Chain Saws Competition.

The annual Collegiate Ice Carving Competition, presented by Genisys Credit Union, will host two carving competitions, which will include participants from several Michigan colleges and universities. At 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 12, the individual contestant competition will start. Competitors will have three hours to carve their magnificent



Ice Festival visitors check out a dragon. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

ice creations before being judged by a team of expert ice carvers. At 10 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, the ice-carving competi-

tors will take part in the team competition. Teams of two ice carvers will have to work together to build and sculpt their ice carvings. The winners of each contest will be announced and receive trophies at 3 p.m. each day.

Additionally, families can enjoy learning how to ski together at the Blue Care Network Cross-Country Skiing Zone presented by Sun and Snow. Seasoned professionals will explain the gear, help you suit up and give you the chance to experience a mini winter wonderland on the cross-country skiing trail in Kellogg Park.

Another highly anticipated area of the festival is the Ice Playground. This interactive space is filled with games carved out of ice and numerous ice sculptures providing plenty of opportunities for pictures while the kids play with the ice.

Those attendees looking to quench their thirst will want to visit the E.G. Nick's Party Lot on Forest Avenue for cold beer, drink specials and live music. The Party Lot has become "the place" to be for nightly entertainment – along with an awesome ice bar where you can enjoy some Stoli Vodka specialties. This year will feature live entertainment Friday, Jan. 12, by Smoke and Mirrors and Saturday, Jan. 13, by Power Play Detroit.

The opening ceremony and ribbon-cutting are scheduled for 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 11. City commission members and Plymouth Township Supervisor Kurt Heise will be in attendance to help cut the ribbon and kick off the 2019 Ice Festival celebrations.

For more information, go to www.plymouthicefestival.com or follow the event on social media at @PlymouthIce (Twitter) and on Facebook.

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Dispensary

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our trustees would agree — is that the negative impact on law enforcement-related costs would outweigh any gains we would see."

The list of communities that have joined Canton under the opt-out ledger include Milford, Northville Township, Plymouth and Livonia.

South Lyon Mayor Dan Pelchat said city officials researched the subject before deciding on a plan to watch how the dispensary model works in other communities before moving forward.

"We took a look at everything — including the fact that we don't want to limit small businesses from opening — but we've decided to give the state more time to figure everything out regarding dispensaries and take a watch-and-see approach," Pelchat said.

"It's definitely not a 'no, not ever' stance, but we want to do let our legal team and our council collect more information over the next year — observe what happens in communities that opt in to the plan — and look at it again down the road."

The city of Wayne allows the opera-

tion of medical marijuana dispensaries within certain boundaries, but the sites cannot be located within the downtown district that is laid out in the city's master plan.

Legit logic

It's hard to argue with the say-no-to-dispensaries communities' logic, according to Stephen Wiland, a clinical director for the addiction treatment provider Personalized Nursing Light House, Inc.

Wiland, who works with recovering addicts on a daily basis, emphasized the dangers of making access to drugs more convenient for abusers.

"Just like with alcohol, there are many people who can drink socially and there are people who can use marijuana socially," Wiland said. "But the person who can't use them in moderation and ends up sliding into an addiction that trashes their health, life, family and everything else ... well, it's tragic and preventable."

"Most addiction treatment providers are not in favor of (the marijuana law). It's a bit of a slippery slope. The law, as it exists now, is in conflict with the federal statute and, as a federal-funding recipient, we have to follow the federal stan-

dards. We can't excuse the use of marijuana with someone who is seeking treatment for something else."

Unlike drunken driving tests, Wiland noted there are no roadside tests approved yet that can determine a person's level of THC in their blood.

"I have heard, though, that the Michigan State Police is rapidly developing a roadside test," he said.

Wiland said he considers marijuana more dangerous for a driver in some respects than alcohol.

"Marijuana tends to slow a person's thinking process down, but they're not conscious of being slowed down, so they still think they have the same reaction time (as when they're not high)," he said. "It's an illusion."

Wiland emphasized that today's marijuana isn't what your parents or grandparents smoked.

"Today's marijuana is up to five times more potent than marijuana was back in the '60s and '70s due to enhanced growing techniques like hydroponics, genetic engineering and the fertilizer that is used," he said. "Growers are going to do whatever they can to make it more potent, because they want their customers to keep coming back."

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Reflections on 30 years in community journalism



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It's impossible to sum up nearly 30 years in community journalism with a 700-word column, but as my ultimate deadline here approaches, I'm determined to try.

I've left my position at the Observer & Eccentric/Hometown Life this week, joining 10 others on our staff who are accepting buyout opportunities from Gannett Co., Inc. I won't call it early retirement, because that makes me sound older than I feel and, anyway, I'm planning a second career.

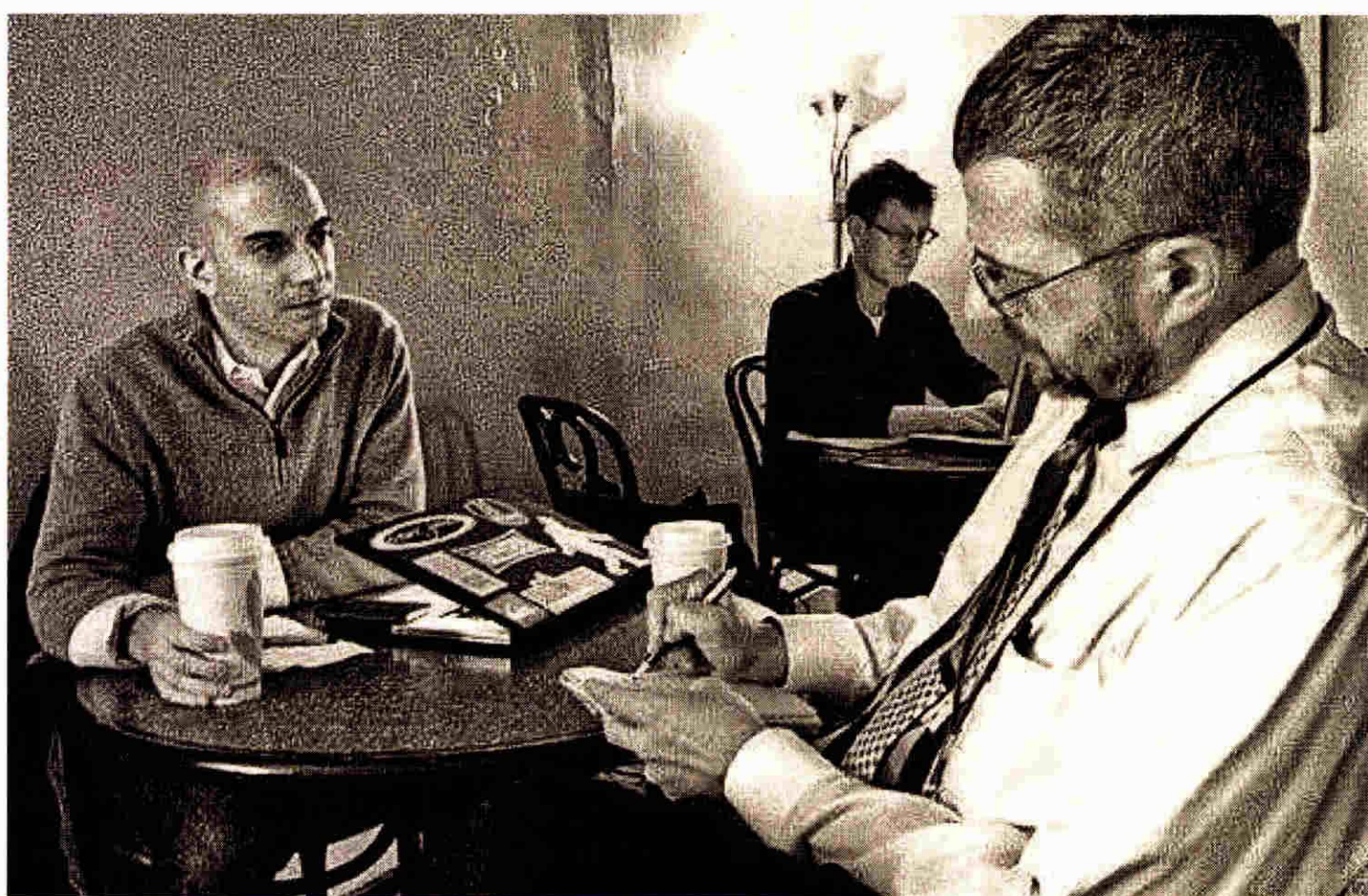
It's no longer news that the media landscape, particularly in traditional print newspapers, has changed dramatically with the rise of the Internet and social media and we certainly have been buffeted by that revolution. There have been workforce reductions and restructures in the past 18 years and there's no reason to think that won't continue. Enough of that.

It's with a range of emotions that I leave this post, less than three months shy of my 30th anniversary. The years creep up on a person, then race, and all of a sudden one finds one's history goes back farther than one cares to admit.

I was a few months home from a backpacking trip through Europe when I was hired in March 1989 as a copy editor and page designer, a job I held for six years. That job in many ways is now obsolete; we used rulers and pens, paper and sizing wheels to design newspaper pages, tools that are now incorporated into page-design software, which itself has been overshadowed by the CMS, or content-management systems, that are behind our online editions.

I became a reporter in October 1995 and have covered several of our major communities in the last 23 years. But I digress.

The primary emotion right now is gratitude: gratitude for bosses past and present who gave me a chance and added perspective when I needed it; gratitude for a receptive readership that was and is dedicated to our papers; and gratitude to colleagues — editors, photogra-



Matt Jachman interviews Sam Walton, who used to produce the Plymouth Ice Festival, at the Coffee Bean in Plymouth, circa 2011. Photographer Bill Bresler was trying out the black-and-white feature on his new iPhone camera. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

phers, fellow writers, artists, salespeople and circulation workers — who boosted my work and without whom the papers would never have gotten out.

And gratitude for the hundreds of story subjects, some excited to be featured in the local newspaper, others scared or hesitant and others nonchalant, who were generous with their time and willing to share their experiences and expertise. I'll not dwell on the tragedies, but some of the stories I've been privileged to tell affect me to this day.

I can't forget to mention the public officials, elected and not, who gave me an understanding of their governmental procedures and answered my Freedom of Information Act requests and nagging questions, readily but not always happily. One local mayor used to call me "Colombo" because I always had one

more question. (If you get that reference you, too, might be eligible for early retirement — excuse me, buyout.)

I'm also thankful for a public that, for the most part, was willing to engage with a stranger carrying a pen and a notebook who wanted to ask about, say, the war in Iraq, the results of the recent election or their plans for the Zombie Apocalypse (yes, that was a real question).

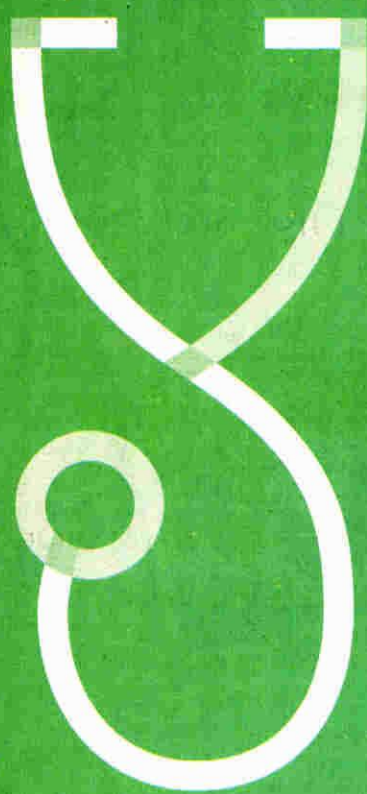
Though my last assignment had me "on the street" (meaning at gas stations, strip malls, libraries, post offices and polling places) less often than in past years, I pitched in on election day (always an all-hands-on-deck situation) back in November and was again struck by how frank and friendly people seem to be. Those experiences contradict the finding one hears about every so often

that the media is held in low public esteem.

This would probably be the place to mention that I met the woman who is now my wife, Beth, at the Observer & Eccentric. Much gratitude here, certainly, though that is an inadequate word to describe all emotions wrapped up in that experience. With any luck, we'll mark 25 years of marriage this summer; our children were among several O&E babies of nearly 20 years ago, as a number of us in the news department were expecting around the same time.

I wish my former colleagues who are staying with the paper continued success in telling the stories important to our communities.

Matt Jachman retired Jan. 2 from the Observer & Eccentric.



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Time to hand off baton of community journalism



Tim Smith
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It's New Year's again, time to binge-watch episodes of the classic "Twilight Zone." But this time around, it's a different vibe.

Black and white episodes from the Rod Serling series appropriately are showing on the TV in the other room as I go through a pile of old newspapers, award plaques, documents and photos which I have amassed (to my wife Donna's dismay) during a long career with the Observer & Eccentric.

I'm actually caught up in my own little twilight zone right now, so the choice of show on the set is perfect. That's because I am retiring Jan. 2, nearly 33 years after first walking into the old Birmingham Eccentric office on Bowers Street for my first day on the job.

When I started, Feb. 10, 1986, there were chain-smoking journalists like Jackie Klein who also filled the air with laughter. My editor was the late Sandy Armbruster, who brought me in to cover the Southfield Public Schools district and the city of Lathrup Village.

The sports editor for the Southfield Eccentric was Marty Budner. We are retiring together, having accepted voluntary early retirement offers from parent company, Gannett.

So much has changed over 33 years. The way reporters work is at the top of the list. In those years, writers went to the scene armed with notebooks and pens to fill pages with furiously scribbled quotes and information — all quickly and carefully perused afterward before those notes became impossible to decipher.

Fast forward to 2019, when I will log off my Gannett laptop for the final time. When I cover an event or game or do an interview, I still take notes. But I also use a digital recorder to capture the words that I will later transcribe and eventually weave into a story file.

If one were to look over my shoulder while I was writing something, they'd find my "interview" file on one side of the screen and the "official" story file on the other.



In summer 2015, then-sports editor Tim Smith — a senior league goaltender for many years — was asked to do a "day in the life" story about how young goalie prospects are put through their paces against college and pro shooters during a Bandits Pro Elite Goalie Camp at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth. That experience remains at the top of personal favorites generated during a 33-year career with the Observer & Eccentric. DANIEL WOOLSTON



One of the highlights of Tim Smith's career with the Observer & Eccentric was being named 1998 Journalist of the Year, awarded during his time as a reporter in Farmington. A portraits gallery of JOY winners was on view inside the front lobby at the company's former headquarters on Levan Road in Livonia. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Yes, the old way of collecting information still fascinates me. Chevy Chase's "Fletch" remains a personal favorite movie.

But nothing beats the thrill of the digital world — including stories that can be unleashed into the Internet universe at the touch of a button. Add modern metrics to the mix and writers can pretty much tally how many people are reading a particular story and for how long.

I must admit, I wasn't crazy about jumping into the numbers game. But it grew on me over the past few years and, as my O&E tenure comes to a close, I took as much pride in putting a good video together as I always did with my stories.

And there were a lot of stories over the years. (It helped to refer to those yellowed newspapers to jog the memory, of course.)

I forgot about the time in 1987, when Detroit Pistons legend Isiah Thomas chatted with Southfield-Lathrup High School students (S-L also is long gone these days, unfortunately) about finding a path in life that veered far from

drugs and alcohol.

"You've got a chance to do something really good, you're young," Thomas said in my column about his visit. "The decisions you make at 12 and 15 affect your life at the age of 30."

Many readers only know me as a sports editor, which I was beginning in late 2001. Long before my annual routine included football Fridays, treks to basketball courts and hockey rinks, Memorial Day weekends at the Canton Cup or baseball districts on scorching Saturdays in early June, I was a fly on the wall at school board meetings.

Or a quiet listener — and scribbler of those pesky notes — at Oakland County Circuit Court.

In October 1987, that's where I was when Judge Fred M. Mester declared a mistrial in the case of a woman charged in the 1986 murder of the Rev. Frank Madsen at Franklin Club Apartments in 1986. I still remember the crime scene, when a body bag was wheeled out of the apartments and into the coroner's waiting hearse.

That twilight zone haze is starting to creep into my mind again. As I peer

through it, I recall sitting on the back porch of Detroit Red Wings Hall of Famer Bill Gadsby, who lived in Southfield. I was doing a personality feature, which we called "Portraits."

"Are you hungry? My wife can make you some vegetable soup and a bologna sandwich and there's lemonade," said Gadsby, a down-to-earth sort who also ran a popular hockey camp at Southfield Civic Center for many years.

That was the best lunch I ever had, not because of the food, but because I had the unique chance to kibitz with a hockey hero I watched when I was a little kid. And now I got to write about him!

Those kind of moments occurred every once in a while, even as I grew into middle age and retirement.

Among people with name recognition that I have interviewed during my career (including those encountered between graduating from Wayne State

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University in 1979 and joining the O&E) are former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer, Marilyn Quayle (wife of Dan Quayle, running for vice president at the time), ex-Michigan Gov. Jim Blanchard, Hall of Fame baseball broadcaster Ernie Harwell, singer Davy Jones of Monkees fame, big-league coaches turned restaurant owners Chuck Daly and Jacques Demers, former NHL stars Jimmy Ruthford, John Ogradnick and Joey Kocur and Detroit Tigers legend Willie Horton.

In August 2017, I had the privilege of covering the unveiling of Tim Shaw Stadium at Livonia Clarenceville (where I attended high school years before the Trojans football legend Shaw did).

Experiencing that tribute and meeting Shaw, a former NFL player who now is battling amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (also known as Lou Gehrig's disease), was as close as any veteran journalist could get to shedding a couple of tears.

But for every established star, there was somebody looking to break out and get noticed. Community journalism really has always been about the families, the workers, the high school students who kept reaching for the heights.

Even now, a thank you note from Canton High School alum Shannon Perry is affixed to the side of the refrigerator. It is so faded now that I can barely read its contents. But its sentiment is still as clear as ever.

Getting such nods of appreciation always are nice, but to me those were just by-products of taking my job seriously and doing everything I could to convey whatever was happening in the many communities I spent time in.

Taking big risk may save lives

Editor's note: The word "micropreemies" is becoming increasingly used among the general public, but not in medical circles. Doctors usually refer to these as very-low-birth-weight or severely premature infants.

By TIM SMITH
STAFF WRITER

It seems so incredibly farfetched, yet it happens every day. As fast as you can say Messenger, minuscule infants barely out of the fetus stage are sparking enough controversy to bring the medical world down to its knees.

Both nationally and in Oakland County, medical efforts as to whether 23-week-old "Baby X" should be given a shot at living is viewed by some as high-stakes gambling, even called "playing God in the nursery." Not all who dedicate their lives to neonatology agree with that stance.

It is a subject always scrutinized in the neonatal intensive care units that serve metropolitan Detroit, including William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak and Providence Hospital in Southfield.

Tim Smith and Dan Dean, who are both retiring from the O&E, teamed up to produce an award-winning series about Micropreemies, published in October 1995. SMITH ARCHIVE



Also by-products were various state and national awards, not to mention the 1998 Journalist of the Year Award presented to me in April 1999 by then O&E owner Philip Power (who later sold the chain to Gannett).

That awards luncheon was on a Thursday. The very next day, my book "Miracle Birth Stories of Very Premature Babies" was published.

That week will always be the pinnacle of my career and, in some ways, my life. The book captured the stories of numerous babies born extremely early — including that of our daughter Elizabeth, born at 25 weeks gestation and weighing 1 pound, 14 ounces — and how their unexpected and difficult entries

into this world weighed upon their families.

As my personal "Twilight Zone" looms, not knowing what awaits on the other side, I remain forever thankful for those memories, awards and acknowledgements.

To all those Shannon Perrys, I owe a gratitude of thanks. I also forever appreciate the patience shown me by countless city and school administrators in the 1980s and 1990s and the many coaches and athletes that I wrote about beginning early in the 21st century when I became a sports editor.

And a farewell column wouldn't be complete without thanking all the Sandy Armbrusters who have men-

tored, guided and inspired me. Every writer needs an editor and I have had many good ones.

With that, it's off to early retirement, new experiences and even a chance to walk across Abbey Road in London, England.

The "Twilight Zone" marathon happens every year and the cycle of journalism continues to roll. As I walk out the door, it won't be long before a 20-something walks in — ready to begin what, hopefully, will be a long and fruitful career telling stories about life.

It has been all that and more for this ink-stained wretch.

Tim Smith retired Jan. 2 from the Observer & Eccentric.

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development of this site," Jolly said.

David Lear, the city's assistant engineer, said the city hasn't seen full engineering plans as of the meeting, but said runoff water is expected to be contained on the property itself and not spill over onto adjacent parcels.

He also said much of the drainage approvals will come from Wayne County, as it is a county drain that runs with the property.

"Any of the runoff from the property will be kept onsite so it should not affect the neighboring properties," he said. "It won't go to fixing neighboring properties bad drainage already, but they will fix their own site."

The proposed facility would have about 69 units built across the proper-

ty's 3.8 acre site. It would span one story, though several planning commissioners mentioned a two-story facility would be a better alternative.

That concern was brought up by Bahr, who said he had a change of heart since the public hearing on the facility earlier in the month.

While he said there's a need for such facilities in Livonia and the proposed facility is attractive, he would have liked to see the design altered to better use the

land.

"The more I look at this, the more I've come around to see the way the planning commission was looking at it," he said. "I do think we're cramming a building into a pretty tight space here."

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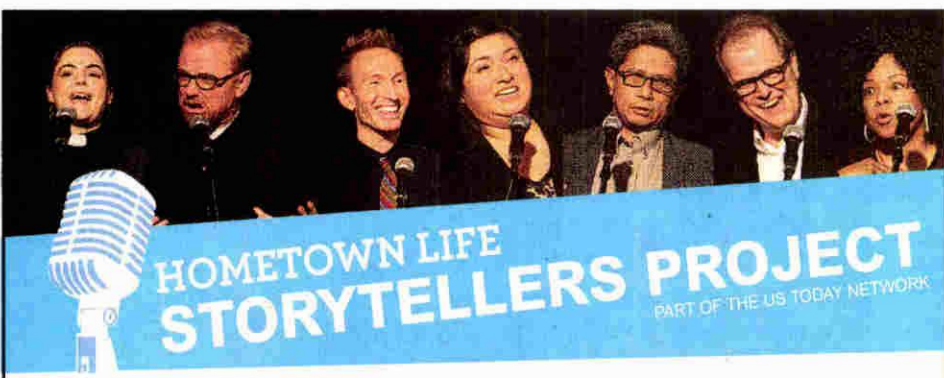
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Youths from The Little Stars Foundation were busy spreading holiday joy to local seniors. The weekend of Dec. 22-23, the group visited five nursing homes and senior centers, bringing holiday concerts and gifts as their tradition. They visited Hope Health Care Center (Westland), Four Season Nursing Center (Westland), Waltonwood at Carriage Park Assisted Living and Memory Care (Canton), Waltonwood at Carriage Park Independent Living (Canton) and Halsted Place Senior Residences (Farmington Hills). This is the 12th consecutive year the foundation has been performing free holiday concerts for local seniors. The group was led by a high school senior Anna Sun, co-founder and director of the foundation. They raised the funds through fundraiser activities and brought hundreds of fuzzy socks as this year's Christmas gifts. The Little Stars Foundation is a Canton-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization started in 2006 by a group of children. Their mission is help local children and seniors, address the issues they are facing and enrich lives in the community. For more information, go to <http://www.thelittlestars.org> or email tlsf@thelittlestars.org.

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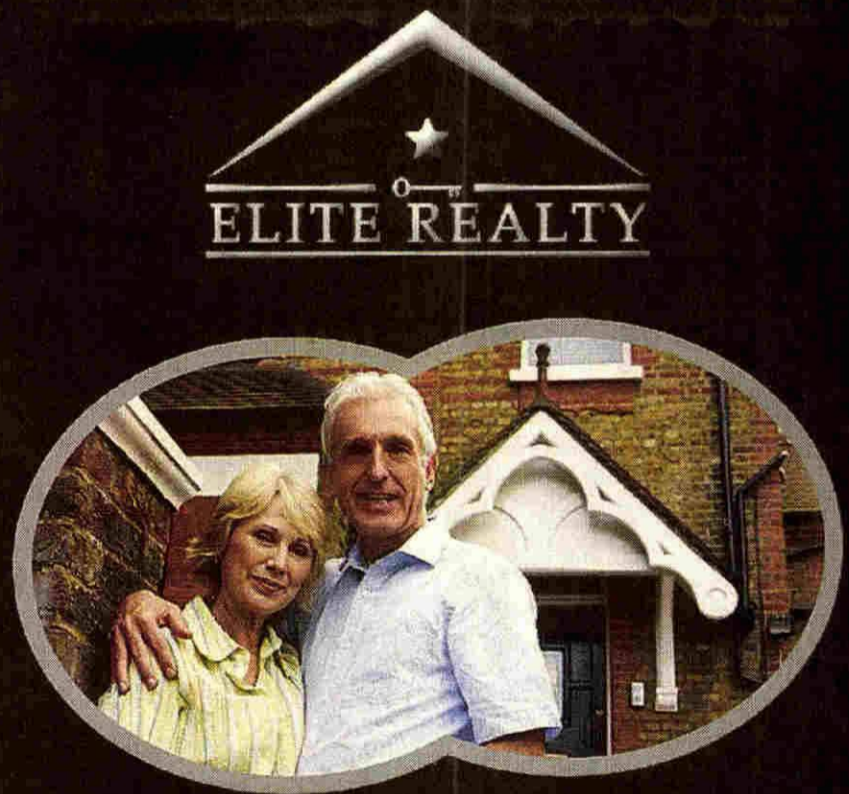
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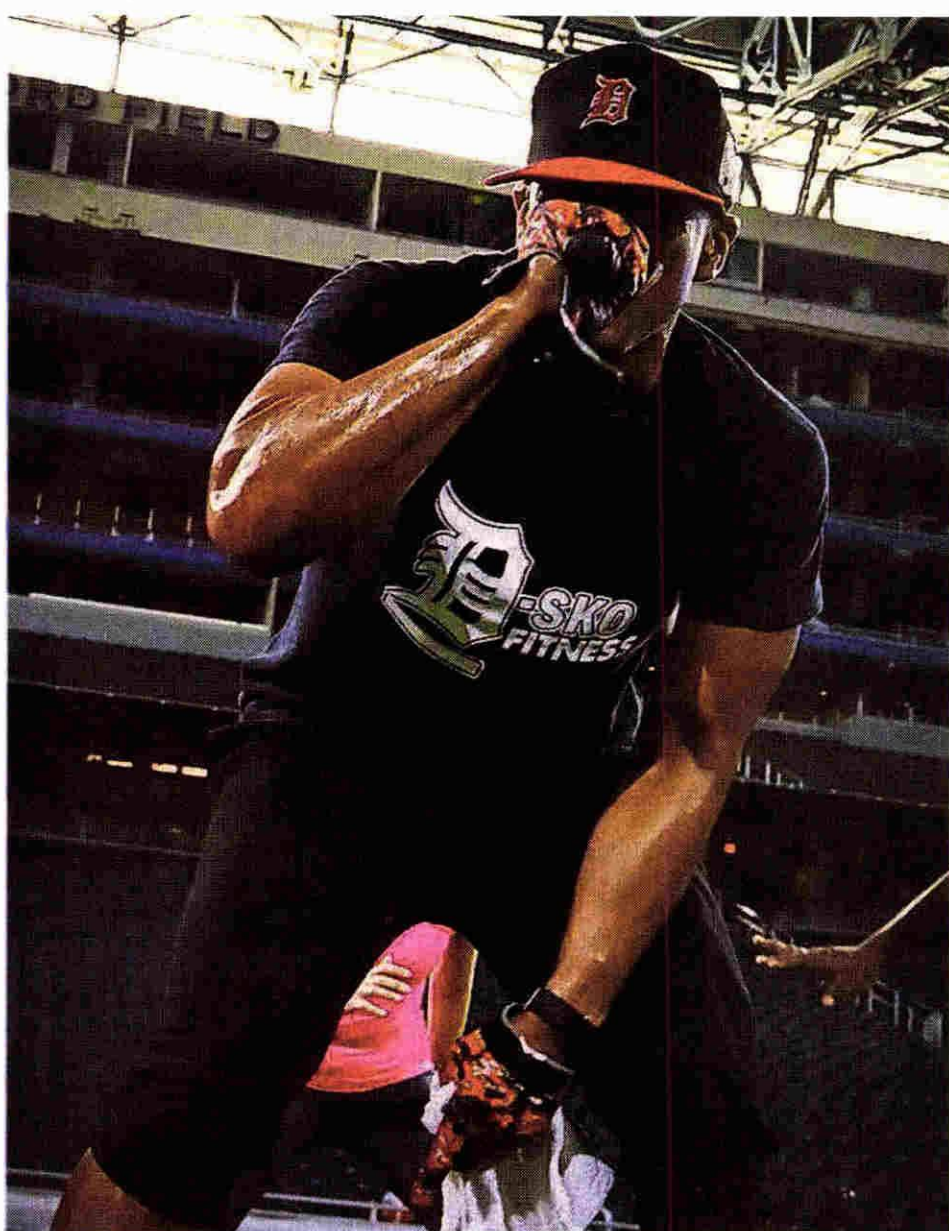
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D-SKO founder Corey Sims performs at one of his fitness events.

Fitness

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interact with the crowd.

"It combines a concert-type feel with group fitness," he said.

Sims has orchestrated dozens of similar gigs — including "pop-up" classes — for organizations such as Healthy Moves/Opportunity Detroit, Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority's suicide-prevention program at Ford Field and Wayne County Department of Health's Fun Fest, among others.

His D-SKO Fitness approach has caught on as a franchise. He has taught

others who took his concept to places in Connecticut, Iowa, Ohio, Illinois — even England.

Sims' event at Bodies By Wade is billed as a kickoff that is expected to continue for several other weeks on Sundays. Though the first event is free, subsequent ones are \$8 each.

Sims hopes the right music, the right moves and the right atmosphere can become a catalyst for bringing families together to have fun, be active and get healthier.

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AREA EVENTS

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Livonia Garden Club

The Livonia Garden Club will hold its next meeting Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The meet and greet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., followed by the meeting at 7 p.m. The program will include a guest speaker who will talk about protecting, preserving, restoring and enhancing Belle Isle.

Livonia Neighbors and Friends

The Livonia Neighbors and Friends group will hold its own version of "The Antique Roadshow" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8. Donna, a representative from The Towne Peddler, will be on hand to appraise items brought in by members.

The group is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month, September through May. Special activity groups continue

to meet year round. For more information, go to <http://livonia.neighborsandfriends.tripod.com>.

St. Mary addiction series

St. Mary Mercy Hospital Livonia, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia is offering an ongoing series titled Addiction: What you need to know and what you can do. Classes are scheduled 7-8:30 p.m. the first three Tuesdays of each month, September through May, in Classroom II on the fourth floor. Jan. 8, 15 and 22 are the next series dates (due to the New Year's Day holiday).

No registration necessary. For more information, contact Karen Bonanno at kbonanno@livoniasaveouryouth.org or 734-338-9580.

Citizens for Peace

Citizens for Peace will hold its next meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8, at the Livonia Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. Colleen Mills, president of the group, will share her study of compassion.

The first 40 attendees will receive a surprise. For more information, go to www.citizens4peace.com.

com or call 734-425-0079.

Hines Park town hall

The Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road, will host a town hall meeting on the genesis of Hines Park 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9. For nearly 90 years, Hines Park has been and still is a popular destination for residents and visitors alike. Get a glimpse at the parkway's past, its present situation and what's in store for its future.

3D Photography Club

The Michigan 3D Photography Club will hold its next meeting 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The program will include a presentation on making anaglyph (red and blue) 3D images.

The meetings are free to attend and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. For more information, go to www.Detroit3D.org, or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

Artist presentation

Artist, photographer and activist Ben Shahn will be the subject of a presentation at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 13, at the Livonia Civic Center Library, 32777 Five Mile Road. Wendy Evans, an art historian, will give a slide presentation on the life of Shahn who was born in 1898 in Lithuania and came to the United States in 1906.

This free program looks at a variety of his work, including photographs taken during the Great Depression, frescoes he painted on public buildings and illustrations for magazines and books.

Laurel and Hardy Fan Club

The next Laurel and Hardy Fan Club gathering will take place at 6 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 17, at Mamma Mia's Restaurant banquet room, 27770 Plymouth Road, in Livonia. Members and guests may order and pay for their own dinners off of the menu.

There will be Laurel and Hardy movies, as well as raffles. There is no charge to attend. For more information, email thedancingcuckoos@yahoo.com.

Livonia Historical Society

The Livonia Historical Society will present "Where Two Worlds Meet - The Great Lakes Fur Trade" at 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21, at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, off Newburgh Road, just south of Eight Mile Road. The program will be given by Rochelle Balkam, a history teacher at Eastern Michigan University.

The meeting is free and no reservations are needed. Refreshments will be served. For information, call 734-464-0450.

Weight management program

St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management program titled "Weigh Your Options," scheduled for 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at Classroom No. 1, 36475 Five Mile Road. Registered dietitians will provide attendees with information to help individuals begin a weight loss program.

There is a \$5 fee for this class and registration is required by Jan. 21. Participants can register online at stmarymercy.org by clicking on "Classes and Events."

W-W Distinguished Young Woman

The next program orientation for the Wayne-Westland Distinguished Woman Program is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 28, at 37955 Glenwood in Wayne. Any high school junior girl, who attends a high school in Wayne or Westland, may register at any time. Go to www.distinguishedyw.org and click on "Apply Now."

The Wayne-Westland Distinguished Young Woman Program will take place Friday, March 8.

Widowed Friends

Widowed persons of all ages and faiths can attend a bereavement support series to help deal with the emotions and other issues often experienced following the loss of a spouse, scheduled for 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3 through March 10, at St. Edith Catholic Church, 15089 Newburgh Road, in Livonia. For more information or to register, call 734-591-7879.

Parent Night at Wayne HS

Wayne Memorial High School, 3001 Fourth Street, will be hosting an eight-grade parent night for those transitioning to ninth grade or interested in getting more information for the 2019-20 school year at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 5. Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community Schools district school to attend.

Topics covered will include scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extracurricular activities and more. Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For more information, call the counseling department at 734-419-2215.

Friends used book sale

The Friends of the Westland Public Library will conduct a used book sale Thursday through Sunday, Feb. 7-10, at the library, 6123 Central City Parkway. Hours are 3-6 p.m. Thursday (preview sale), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday (bag day, \$4 per bag).

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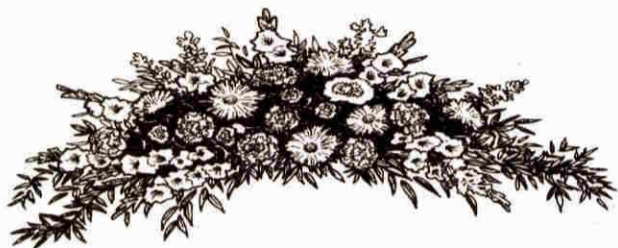
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Corella Teresa Ellen "GG" Kaufman

SPRINGFIELD, OH - Corella Teresa Ellen "GG" Kaufman, 88, of Springfield, Ohio, passed away in her home on Sunday evening, December 30, 2018. She was born in Springfield on March 16, 1930, the daughter of the late Delmar L. and Jessie M. (Hunter) Stalder. Corella was a 1948 graduate of Springfield High School and was the secretary/treasurer of Stalder Spring Works since 1982. She is survived by her sons, Damon (Sue) Kaufman of Springfield, Dana Kaufman, with whom she made her home, and Dennis (Sherri) Kaufman of S. Portland Maine; grandchildren, Damon L. Kaufman, Daniel Kaufman, David (Leanne) Exelby, and Michael (Kelly) Exelby; great-grandchildren, Allasyn, Kris, Seth, Evan, Matthew, John, Joey, and Zachary; and her best friends, Jane Adrian and Mary Lou Ridder. She was preceded in death by her husband, Damon Kaufman Jr. in 2005. Corella's funeral will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday in the Littleton & Rue Funeral, Springfield, Ohio with Pastor Linda Jones presiding. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Ferncliff Cemetery.



Lucille Thielen

LIVONIA - Thielen, Lucille age 89 of Livonia. Beloved wife of the late Peter. Cherished mother of Peter, Michael (Peggy), Mary Ellen, David. Loving grandmother of Allison and Nickolas and great-grandmother of Layla and McKenna. Dearest sister of Arthur Kalagian and the late Jack Kalagian. Visitation will be held on January 3, 2019 at Fred Wood Funeral Home-Rice Chapel 36100 Five Mile Rd. Livonia (E. of Levan) from 2-8PM with a 7pm scripture. Funeral will be held on January 4, 2019, at St. Genevieve-St. Maurice Catholic Church 29015 Jamison St, Livonia. In-State 10:30AM, Mass at 11AM. Please visit online guestbook Fredwoodfuneralhome.com



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Sports

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

MU hires Foos as first head coach

Former assistant coach at Baldwin-Wallace has small college roots in Ohio

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Madonna University has kicked off the new year by naming Tiffin, Ohio native Brian Foos to lead its first football program in 2020.

The 39-year-old Foos was off and running on his first day on the job, already making contacts with area high school coaches and starting his recruiting pitch for fall 2019, when program will be launched.

"That's the first task," Foos said. "After I got settled in, I went down to our admissions office and I'm trying to get

some players."

The announcement was made Wednesday in a school press release.

"We are thrilled to have Brian join the Madonna family," MU President Dr. Michael Grandillo said. "We had over 100 applicants for the position, but he stood out immediately as a program builder, solid coach and someone who shares the values and mission of Madonna. His experience with startup programs and his Catholic faith make him the perfect fit to start our program."

Foos has been an assistant coach across three different levels during the past 16 years, with two conference championships, four playoff appear-

ances and 67 academic all-conference players on his resume. He helped establish football programs at a pair of NAIA institutions in Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) College and Ohio Dominican University.

"I've been a part of two startup programs," Foos said. "It's been a very rewarding experience to see a program go from nothing to winning conference championships. And that's one of the most rewarding things you can do in a career, is taking something from nothing and bring it to that level."

Foos comes to MU after spending the past two seasons as the assistant head



Foos

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BOYS BASKETBALL



North Farmington's 6-foot-9 center Yusuf Jihad (left) tries to maneuver inside against Canton's Jake Vickers. DAVE DONOHER

Canton's role players key holiday win over North

Brad Emons
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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Canton's Jake Vickers now can say he has a modest career-high of 10 points to his credit.

But it couldn't have come at a more opportune time, as the 6-foot-4, 215-pound junior center helped the Chiefs

overcome 19 turnovers and a cold shooting performance Dec. 28 to beat host North Farmington in the Holiday Extravaganza, 50-45.

Canton seniors B. Artis White and Vinson Sigmon, considered one of the best backcourt tandems in the state, combined to shoot an uncharacteristic 6-of-25 from the floor. Both also had to sit out valuable minutes in the final

quarter after each picked up their fourth foul.

But it was Vickers, who plays tight end and defensive tackle on the football team, who came to the rescue.

He came into the game having made only one 3-pointer, but had two big triples during the second half while scor-

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USA HOCKEY

U.S. topples Holy Cross in New Year's Day contest

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com
USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Aside from a convincing 6-3 victory New Year's Day over College of the Holy Cross at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth, it was a somewhat quiet beginning to 2019 for the U.S. National Team Development Program U-18 team.

For starters, world-class talent and expected NHL top draft pick Jack Hughes wasn't in the lineup, as he was playing through Jan. 5 at the IIHF U-20 World Junior Championship in British Columbia, Canada, as is U-18 goaltender Spencer Knight.

And it was a game that felt like an exhibition, with a relatively quiet crowd and lack of emotion, certainly not as energetic as contests against international, USHL or Division I college opponents.


Still, the game provided just under 800 fans a chance to become reacquainted with the prolific sniping of forwards Cole Caufield, Alex Turcotte and Ryder Rolston (two goals each) and the goaltending larceny of quick-handed Cameron Rowe (23 saves).

Holy Cross fell behind 2-0 early, but

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Jumping for joy against the glass after scoring a goal was Ryder Rolston of the U.S. Also celebrating is teammate Trevor Zegras. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY



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It's been a wild ride, filled with fun memories



Marty Budner
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USA TODAY NETWORK -
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I've reset my last work password, attended my final Skype meeting.

This amazing journalistic journey that began 44 years ago is over.

Gannett has offered a buyout and I'm buying in.

As of Jan. 2, my long tenure with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Hometown Life officially came to a close. My buyout application was accepted by Gannett on Dec. 22 and I have handed in my laptop and cellphone.

It's been a glorious run.

Glorious in the sense that this company has given me a wonderful personal life.

Now, I'm not monetarily rich by any means.

But I have been rewarded family-wise, having raised two daughters who are now on their own and who have given my wife and me one grandchild. I've been able to offer them shelter, food and clothing and for that I am grateful.

I never considered this a job.

I thought of it as a necessary means to make a living doing something I loved. I mean, as a sports fan, getting paid to attend athletic events? How can you beat that?

While growing up and wondering what I was going to do in life, I was fortunate to have some high school teachers who peppered me with positive feedback in my English and creative writing classes. I grew to like writing.

So with my love of sports, I figured why not put the two elements together and become a sports writer?

Even before graduating from Wayne State, where I spent many hours at Old Main, I was working at the Utica Advisor by 1974. Two years later, I was hired by then editor Bob Sklar at the Rochester Eccentric. Six years after that, the sports editor's job at the Birmingham Eccentric opened when Dennis O'Connor left. I applied and was accepted.

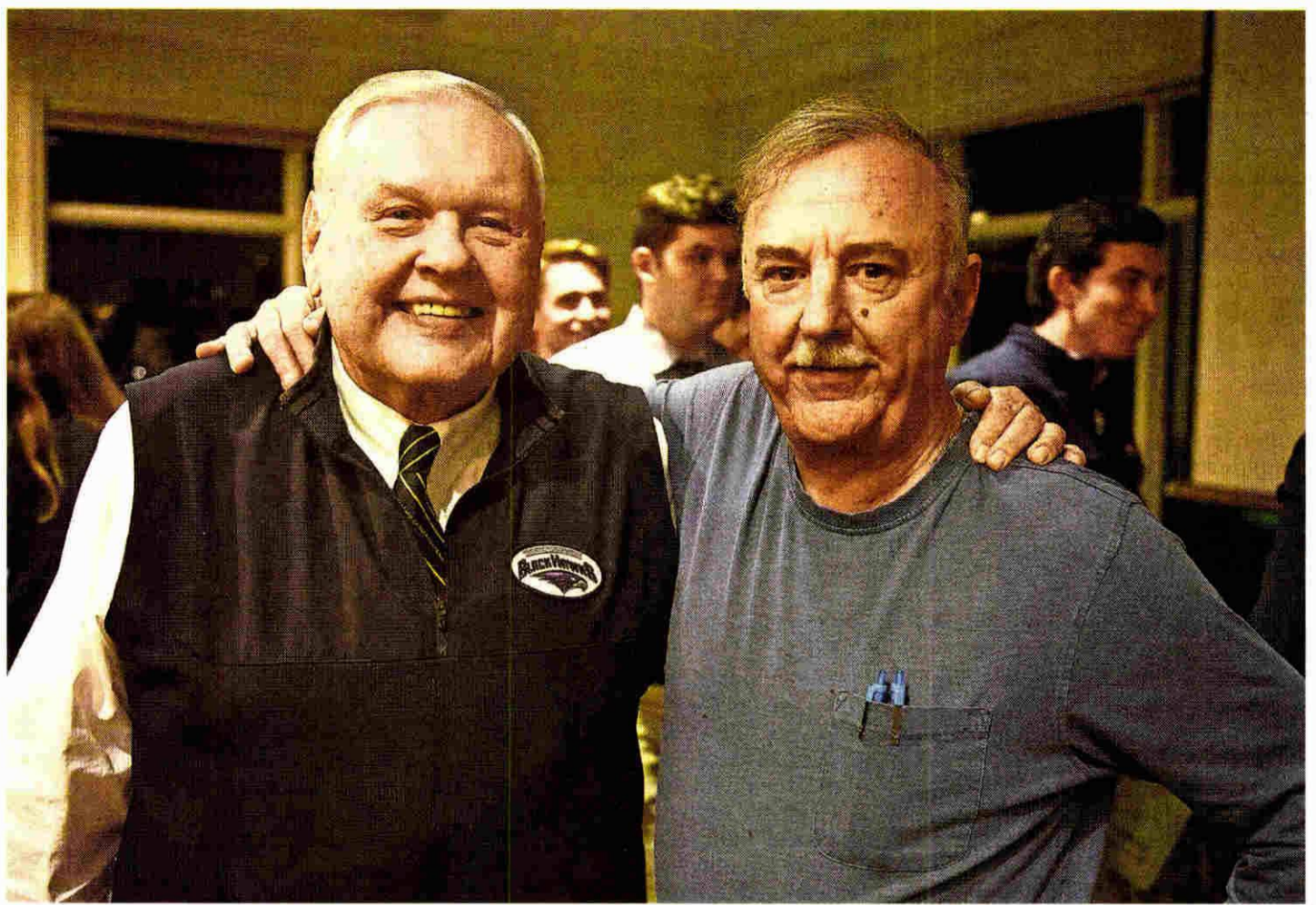
From there, it's been a wonderful adventure writing about the accomplishments of local athletes at all levels — professional, college, recreational and high school. It was inspiring, fun and rewarding, all at the same time.

While it was a pleasure covering the local kids who made it to the pro level and even the college realm, I enjoyed covering high school athletes the best.

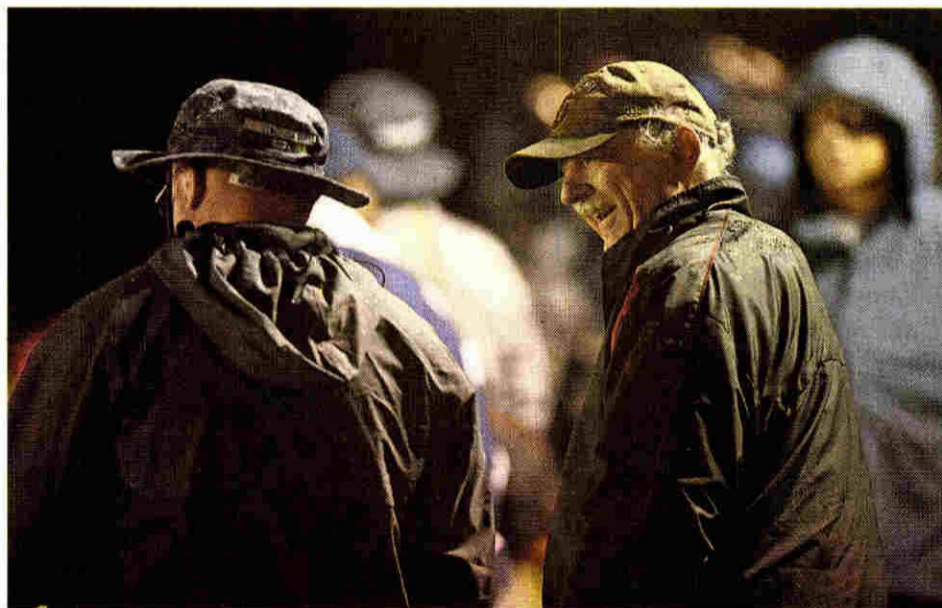
My mission was simply to give recognition to the everyday athlete who put in the work while trying to improve their skills and become a better person, learning life lessons at the same time.

I simply wanted to recognize their achievements by mentioning their name in the paper, especially back in the day when seeing your name in the paper was a really big deal. I always thought it was pretty cool when my high school basketball-playing classmates — do you see this, Ken "Bomber" Bomberski? — had their names in the paper. So to recognize prep athletes for individual accomplishments was always a big thrill for me.

One of the most satisfying feelings I always had was making scrapbook memories for young athletes. Players could see their names in the paper clip years after graduating from high school and fondly recall those glory days and



Marty Budner poses with retiring Bloomfield Hills football coach Dave Welcome, who awarded Budner a plaque as best Oakland County Sports Writer for the past five decades during the team's fall 2017 banquet. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Marty Budner was on many sidelines over the years. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Hometown Life sports editor Marty Budner poses with high school football legends Al Fracassa (left) and John Herrington. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

While there were hundreds of athletes, there were just as many coaches and administrators who helped make my job easier.

prove to their friends that they indeed made significant athletic contributions.

While there were hundreds of athletes, there were just as many coaches and administrators who helped make my job easier. There are too many to recognize by name. For all of them, though, I am appreciative of their cooperation over the years.

I am also very grateful for the many amazing colleagues I have worked with. They indeed helped make the job enjoyable.

I have covered some amazing events and been granted access to some special places. I enjoyed and reflect fondly on every single one of them.

If I do have one parting note, it would be to appreciate the efforts of high school administrators and coaches. The vast majority of them have nothing but the best interests of their student-athletes and programs in mind.

Sometimes, I don't think they get the respect they deserve. They put in a lot of time and effort, teaching their young student-athletes valuable life lessons. They do not get enough credit for that.

The business has changed dramatically since I started. I went from submitting copy on manual typewriters to electric typewriters to computers to Facebook and Twitter. What a wild chain of events.

Like I said, it's been an amazing run and I've been very blessed.

Thanks for the memories.

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Foos

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coach and offensive coordinator at NCAA Division III Baldwin Wallace (Ohio). The Yellow Jackets finished 8-2 last year, its first eight-win season since 2011.

His offense at Baldwin-Wallace racked up 456.6 yards per game, including 277.9 passing and 178.7 rushing, while averaging 38.8 points per game with 26 passing touchdowns and 26 rushing touchdowns.

And as far as the style of football Foos plans to employ at MU?

"Some of it will depend on personnel, but the bottom line is we're going to play exciting football," he said. "We're going to get up and down the field as quickly as we can. There's going to be times when we go super-fast and certain times when we slow it down a little bit. Defensively, we're going to get after people. We're not going to sit back and wait for things to happen. We're going to go and make things happen. That's my general philosophy on all of it."

Prior to his time at Baldwin-Wallace, Foos was assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator for Lindsey Wilson, which began

play in 2010. Foos was the first assistant hired on staff and helped the Blue Raiders to three NAIA Football Championship Series appearances, four NAIA top 20 finishes and a Mid-South Conference Championship in 2014.

From 2004-09 he was the tight end coach, quarterback coach, academic coordinator, offensive coordinator and recruiting coordinator at Ohio Dominican, where he helped the program to a 12-1 record and the Mid-States Football Association championship in the program's fourth season (2007). The team went 26-7 from 2006-08.

This will be Foos's first head coaching position.

"President Grandillo and (athletic director) Mr. (Scott) Kennell, when you talk to them, are very great examples of what Madonna is and gets you excited about what's going on," Foos said. "Then you look at the area and everything here ... there's so much potential here. So that's what made me apply for it."

Foos is a 2003 graduate of Otterbein (Ohio) University, where he was a four-year starter and letter winner on the offensive line. He started 39 of the 40 games he played. Foos earned his MBA from Ohio Dominican in 2007.

Foos, a graduate of Columbian High School, is a member of the American Football Coaches Association and

served on its Ethics Committee in 2016. He and his wife Sara have a daughter Leah, 4.

"We are excited to add a talented football coach with the immense experience that Brian has," Kennell said in the school release. "Brian's experience in the NAIA and with starting a pair of programs that were successful in a short period of time are obviously pluses on his resume, but everyone we talked to raved about him as a person. He fits the Madonna model of putting the student before athlete and values the Franciscan principles that we stand for here at Madonna. We are excited to have in on board and expect great things."

Yet another immediate task for the new Madonna head coach will be putting together a staff of assistant coaches.

"Obviously, when you're in the coaching business, you've got some guys you've worked with or been around on your short list," Foos said. "Hopefully, we can bring some of those guys on and we're going to have a solid staff. We're going to have a great staff."

The 2019 fall season will be a red-shirt year for incoming MU recruits, with 2020 will be the first official season for the school. Foos said he plans to bring in somewhere around 135-140 players.

A meet and greet with Foos and his family will be 4:30-6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 29, at MU's Sr. M. Danatha Suchyta Gathering Center, located inside the Franciscan Center. (More information on the event and how to RSVP will be available soon.)

Student-athletes interested in playing football at Madonna can download the prospective athlete form on www.MUCrusaders.com.

Those interested in learning more about Madonna, taking tour campus and meeting with Foos can sign up for the Football Prospect Days on Monday, Jan. 21 and Feb. 18, by downloading the link <https://www.madonna.edu/admissions/campus-visit/>.

"It's going to take me getting out and get with high school coaches, learning the area and making those relationships," Foos said. "When I was in Kentucky, I knew no one in Kentucky when I moved down there. A number of those guys have reached out to me today to congratulate me, so I think I've built pretty good relationships with those coaches over the years that I've recruited. And I think I if you ask them, I think they'll say I'll just do fine."

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BOYS HOCKEY

Smith's natural hat trick sparks Plymouth

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Epitomizing what Plymouth's hockey personality is — to go right after the next challenge, topple it and then take on the next one — Wildcats junior forward Ian Smith barreled in on the Canton goalie, only to be denied on his first shot.

No worries. Smith stayed on course, the puck bounced right back to him off the pad of Chiefs sophomore goalie Michael Renzi and he scored to put Plymouth up 1-0.

Smith scored the first three goals of the night to notch a natural hat trick Dec. 28 at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton. "That (natural hat trick) was fun, it was a cool experience."

Plymouth senior forward Jack VanDenBurgeury later registered the final two goals in a 5-0 win that sealed up the Lash Cup for this season's Plymouth-Canton Educational Park hockey supremacy. The Wildcats improved to 9-2 overall and are the No. 5 team in Division 2.

Making 22 stops for the shutout was Plymouth junior goalie Joel Drucker.

"You keep going to the net, no matter what," said Smith, recalling his first goal of the game, scored at 3:45 of the opening period. "That's a good example, a puck can come right back to your stick and you can bury one like that."

His favorite goal of the night, however, came with 12:15 left in the second period, a rocket from above the circles that went high over Renzi's glove. His third goal was a blast off the pipe and in with about 15 minutes to play in the KLAA Black Division game.

"Brendan Allen (junior forward) made a great pass," said Smith, who chalked up his second hat trick of the season. "It gave us a little bit of a cushion in the second period. A two-goal lead in a rivalry game like that is just huge."

Allen and senior defenseman Adam Rebecca both picked up three assists, making important offensive contributions for Plymouth.

Wait a second, coach

"That second goal was kind of funny," Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento said, "because I was screaming from the bench for a change but he, obviously, saw something before I did, stuck around and buried one."

The pesky Chiefs, who the previous weekend gave the Salem Rocks a lot to deal with before falling in overtime, had a chance to get back into the game when a major penalty was called with 3:14 left in the second period.

That infraction was the result of a hustle play by Canton's forechecking sophomore forward Lenny Kubitsky, who dashed into the Plymouth end while his team was killing off a penalty.

Kubitsky was clobbered into the boards and the five-minute infraction was called.

But Canton players either whiffed or couldn't quite finish whenever they got close to Drucker and the game remained 2-0 entering the third.

Smith followed with his third goal of the game just seconds after the penalty ended to seal the Chiefs' fate.

"Yeah it was a big part of the game



Plymouth's Jack VanDenBurgeury skates to the net and shoots under pressure from Chiefs defender Tyler Laski, but Canton goalie Michael Renzi makes the save. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Celebrating one of Ian Smith's three goals for Plymouth are Smith (left) and Nick Schoen. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

because we were up 2-0 and, if they get one there, they're going to have a lot of energy," Vento said. "And if they get one early enough, they got a lot of power play still."

"We stressed killing that off. We wanted to get into the third period just having to kill that last two minutes and we were able to do that."

Tough to contain

Canton coaching counterpart John Bartle, whose team fell to 7-6, said those close-but-no-cigar moments are part of

the growing pains his young squad is undergoing.

"It's a big game for a lot of these young kids," Bartle said. "And they're excited, they get the opportunity they get a little nervous and things don't happen."

"But again, I'm happy for the future. This is probably the best Canton team we've had in the last six years and we're only going to get better."

The Chiefs had little chance of containing the Wildcats' veteran firepower once it got untracked. That includes the 6-4 VanDenBurgeury, who is getting

mini-camp invites from the Shreveport Mudbugs of the North American Hockey League for 2019-20.

"He's a big boy, he plays big," Vento said about the senior winger and assistant captain. "Yet he has a nice touch around the net, he's got a great shot and he's really difficult to play against down low, especially."

VanDenBurgeury walked in from the right corner before turning and roofing a short-side shot to open up a 4-0 lead at 3:35 of the final period and he capped off Plymouth's spurt of three goals in just under two minutes when he tipped in a point shot taken by Rebecca.

"It's a big game, Park rival," VanDenBurgeury said. "It's always big. With the win over Salem last week, we knew coming into this one it wasn't going to be easy. But the boys really took it to them, played well and did the little things."

"That's all we ask for as a team, get out there and do our thing. We all work together."

Lash bash

And with Smith and VanDenBurgeury sparking the offense and Drucker handling anything that came his way, it was only a matter of time before the Wildcats could celebrate the shutout and Lash Cup by moving as one across the ice into the far glass — where Plymouth's student section was celebrating.

"It's huge, gives us a lot of motivation, especially beating a great team like Salem and a good team like Canton," Smith said, talking about capturing the Lash Cup."

Vento said the Lash Cup (awarded to the Park team with the best record against the other two campus rivals) is nice, but just one of many "benchmarks" the team is trying to achieve en route to a long playoff run.

"We don't base our season on it," Vento noted. "But it's a nice feather in the cap."

Next for local hockey Olympian: A pro league



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After practice.

Inside the USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Megan Keller got a text with the news.

Keller, the Olympic hockey player from Farmington, was selected with the third overall pick Dec. 26 by the Buffalo Beauts in the National Women's Hockey League draft.

"I was really excited," Keller said. "Just to have a draft for a women's professional hockey league is really cool. I'm excited for the future. I know I already have some teammates in Buffalo."

The NWHL, established in 2015, has five teams: Boston Pride, Buffalo Beauts, Connecticut Whale, Metropolitan (New York) Riveters and Minnesota Whitecaps.

The season runs from October to March.

But that's about all that Keller knows about it.

She doesn't know how it works. She doesn't know how much she could be paid.

Because she is focusing on her college season.

She is a senior at Boston College and will graduate in May.

"I'm just concerned with B.C. and graduating and finishing my season up there," Keller said.

Keller had just come off the ice. She is one of 44 women who are attending the USA Hockey Women's Winter Training Camp this week in Plymouth. Nineteen of them, including Keller, were on the team that won gold at the 2018 Winter Olympics.

"This is the most hard working group and the most talented group that I've ever played with," Keller said. "To be able to compete against them each day and to learn from them is a pretty cool experience."

A team of post-collegians will be selected to play a three-game series against Canada, including the final game Feb. 17 at Little Caesars Arena.

"I'm just trying to get to know the players better and build relationships with them," coach Bob Corkum said.



Megan Keller ANDRE RINGUETTE, ANDRE RINGUETTE/HHOF-IHF IMAGES

"There will be some tough decisions for the coaching staff, a lot of young exciting players on the way up, pushing the

older women. It's very exciting, the depth and the group seems to be improving."

He praised Keller.

"The sky's the limit," he said.

Maybe you only pay attention to women's hockey every four years during the Olympics.

But this is where it starts.

With a series of drills and scrimmages.

The team that lost a drill had to drop down to the ice and do push-ups.

"It's incredible," said Annie Pankowski, who was selected first overall by the Riveters. "You get a group of 44 women who are like minded and so strong. Just the best at their sport, it's so fun to be a part of."

There were nine Americans selected in the first two rounds.

And many celebrated in the locker room.

"It was very exciting and it's an honor," Pankowski said. "It's a short list of people who have made that. If you look, all of those people are here. It's crazy. I saw it on Twitter after practice. We all had a moment."

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ing eight of his 10 as Canton won its fifth straight to improve to 5-1 overall.

Vickers got the start after University of Missouri football signee Darius Robinson reportedly decided he would leave the Canton basketball program to become an early enrollee with the SEC school Jan. 18.

"I just came into tonight and I felt I needed to step up with the absence of Darius, so I tried to do my part and step up and help the team as much as I could," Vickers said.

Vickers also helped slow down North's 6-9 senior center Yusuf Jihad, who scored 14 first-half points, including a pair of dunks. Jihad had just three points during the second half, all on free throws, to finish with a game-high 17.

"We tried to play (Jihad) before the catch," Canton coach Jim Reddy said. "I think he had his way the first half. We didn't do a good job of out-fighting him where he caught the ball. In second half, we were able to do that and force him out. When we pushed him out a little bit further, he wasn't able to score."

There was no real halftime adjustment other than "to go out and try to out-physical him," Vickers said. "I ended up doing that the second half and it ended up working."

While White, the Western Michigan University signee, finished with a team-high 15 points, senior forward Kendall Perkins also did his part with nine.

But it was a big triple by senior guard Ben Stesiak with 2:11 to go, putting the Chiefs up by six, 44-38, that helped seal the victory. Stesiak also made two key free throws with 31.3 seconds remaining to make it a two-possession game.

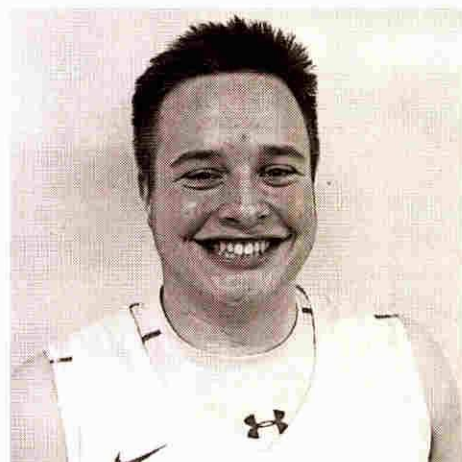
"I think Jake was huge tonight," Reddy said. "And I think Ben Stesiak was big. Hey, he had a tough night. I don't think he scored all night and he took a corner three, knocked it down and made two free throws after that, too. So he and Vickers were big down the stretch. Vickers had a real good second half for us, for sure."

North (5-2) led 14-12 after one quarter, making 6-of-12 shots from the floor, but the Raiders went ice-cold over the final three quarters, going 7-of-32 (21.8 percent).

"Every time we made a run, they'd be able to hit a shot to take us out of any



Canton senior guard B. Artis White (middle) led the Chiefs in scoring with 15 points in a win at North Farmington. DAVE DONOHER



Vickers

short run," North coach Todd Negoshian said. "They're well-coached. They play as hard as hell. They make big shots and they make free throws. I thought the game came down to the toughness and free throws tonight and we lost on both

sides."

In addition to Jihad's game-high 17, junior guard Jamal Hayes added 13 for the Raiders.

"I thought (Reddy) and them took us out of everything that we wanted to do," Negoshian said. "That's Canton basketball. They're in your shorts, they're going to make you work hard. They out-toughed us tonight. And I think it showed as the game went on. We got worn out and kind of got soft quarter by quarter. They do a great job with it. That's kind of what it boiled down for us."

Meanwhile, Reddy felt fortunate to come away with a victory, especially after his team shot only 14-of-44 from the floor (31.8 percent) and 16-of-27 from the foul line (59.2 percent).

"A win is a win, because winning is hard," he said. "If winning was so darn easy, everybody would do it. And we found a way to win. You're going to have nights like this. It's the poorest we've

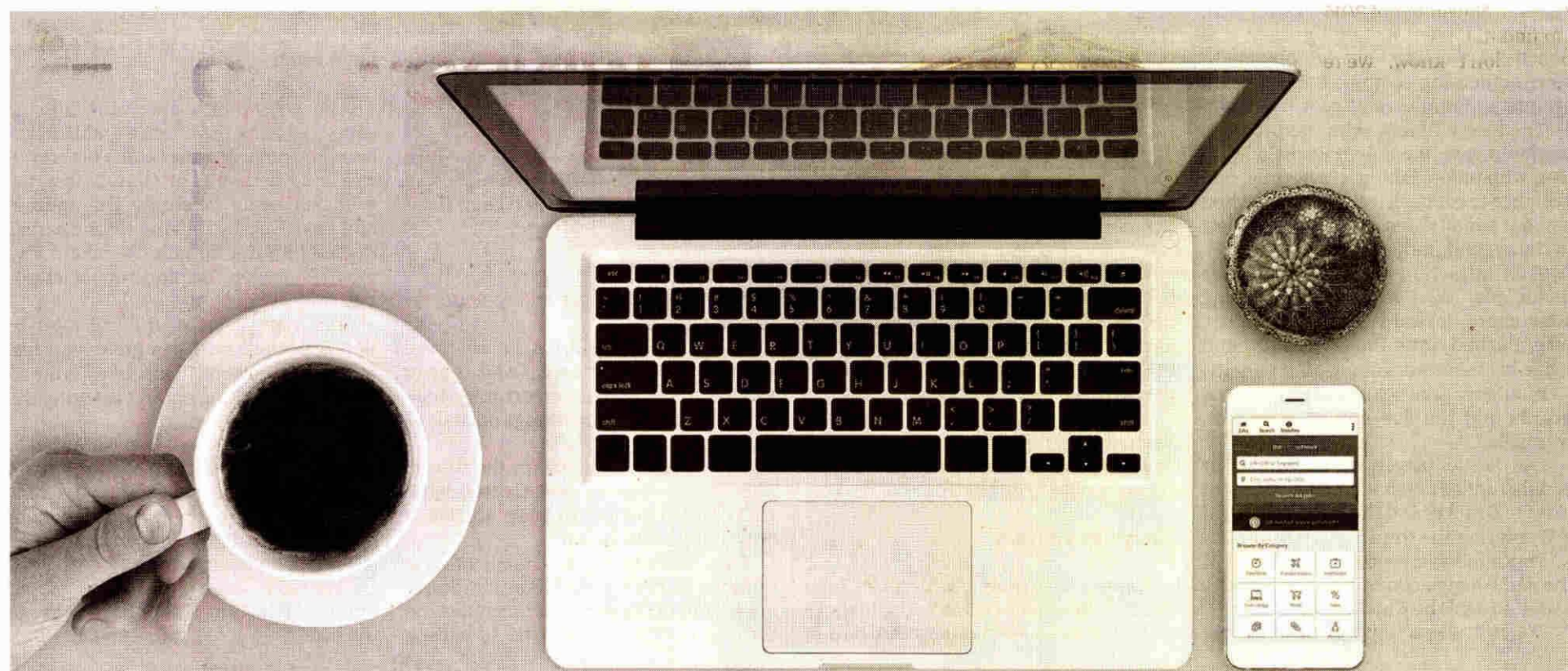
definitely shot all year. That second quarter ... I don't know how long (we went) without a point. But the fact that we can still win ... North Farmington is a scrappy group. They play hard and they're well-coached. But when you can still find a way to win in somebody else's gym when you don't shoot it that well and when you turn it over, is a good sign."

Vickers, meanwhile, couldn't have agreed more with his coach.

"Most teams don't win if you have 19 turnovers," Vickers said. "A win is a win, though, and we're happy to get the win. We're going to work on the turnovers in practice tomorrow and get ready for next week."

Canton returns to KLAA West Division action again Tuesday, Jan. 8, at home against Novi.

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cut the gap to 2-1 on Neil Robinson's goal at 6:16 of the first. But Caufield scored the next two goals, one each in the second and third periods, to pretty much seal the victory.

"The boys played great without (Hughes)," U-18 head coach John Wroblewski said. "I like the way (Holy Cross) worked. I thought they were structured, played nicely. They were difficult to navigate.

"Our guys came with a diligent effort, though, energized both mentally and physically to play a good game and Cam Rowe was there when we needed him. I thought his timeliness was outstanding today. I know we ended up giving up three, but he was there when we needed him."

And with the first game and victory of 2019 in the bank, what's in store for the U.S. in the new calendar year?

In early February, the U-18 team will take part in the IIHF Five Nations Tournament in Sochi, Russia.

Certainly Hughes and Knight will be back in the fold by then and Wroblewski will be looking to extend his winning streak against international competition.

Dating back to autumn 2016, Wroblewski has guided the U.S. to 32 consecutive victories against other top countries of the hockey world.

"(The winning streak) never even occurred to us until, I think, last year in the U-17 Challenge," Wroblewski said. "We kind of looked at each other and went, 'When is the last time we lost, as a staff?' We had to go all the way back to November of 2016 to find it.

"I don't know, we're fortunate enough to have really devoted players. It comes from a lot of different avenues. But the '99 class I inherited was really hungry. They were hungry to prove a lot of people wrong — and they did.

"And these guys, they've got a ton of char-



With Alex Turcotte parked in front of Holy Cross goalie Erik Gordon, U.S. player Cole Caufield (not shown) fires the puck into the net. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY



Following the win over College of Holy Cross, U.S. players take selfies with young fans. The matinee game was followed by a free Skate with the Team event. RENA LAVERTY | USA HOCKEY

acter, a ton of skill and a ton of ability. So we (coaches) give them a good blueprint to work off of, but the credit goes to the kids for something like that. What they've

done over two years, that's from the players."

Don't expect Wroblewski to care too much about his own streak, but he does care about his team continuing to excel

on the global stage.

He knows it won't be an easy task, however.

"Yeah, it's an honor to be a part of," he said. "When you start racking them up and anyone in

that stratosphere, you're proud. ... Whether you play for USA or you coach for USA, you're targeted. That's why you want to play.

"That's why you want to be involved in sports, is to get the challenge. And that number, hopefully, we can keep it climbing."

Here are some other takeaways:

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Even though Holy Cross scored twice within 32 seconds late in the third period to close the gap to 5-3, Rowe was there with the goods at crucial times of the contest.

With under two minutes remaining in the second period and the U.S. up 3-1, Holy Cross senior forward Peter Crinella one-timed a cross-crease feed and looked to have half the net to hit with his shot.

But Rowe scooted

right-to-left in a flash and snagged the shot, leaving Crinella to shake his head in disbelief.

"That was unreal, a game-saver," Wroblewski said. "It's 3-2 if we don't get that one. Complete difference in the game right there."

SHARING THE WEALTH

Three U-18 players scored two goals each to account for all of the winning squad's scoring.

Caufield netted his 25th and 26th goals of the season to lead the way, showing an uncanny knack to find open spaces and be ready for centering passes.

His second came when Sean Farrell found Caufield with a quick pass and Caufield — stationed near the left post — jammed the puck past Holy Cross starting goalie Erik Gordon.

Also scoring twice were Turcotte and Rolston (whose second goal was in the final minute of the game).

HOLY CROSS FUN FACT

The Holy Cross head coach, David Berard, is father of U.S. NTDP U-17 forward Brett Berard. The contest was the first since 2002 between the two programs.

WISH FOR 2019

Wroblewski obviously would like to see his team continue to roll in international tournaments. But his new year's wish is pretty much straight to the point.

"Nothing changes here," he said. "It's a battle for daily growth."

Tim Smith is retiring Jan. 2 from *HometownLife.com* and the *Observer & Eccentric*.



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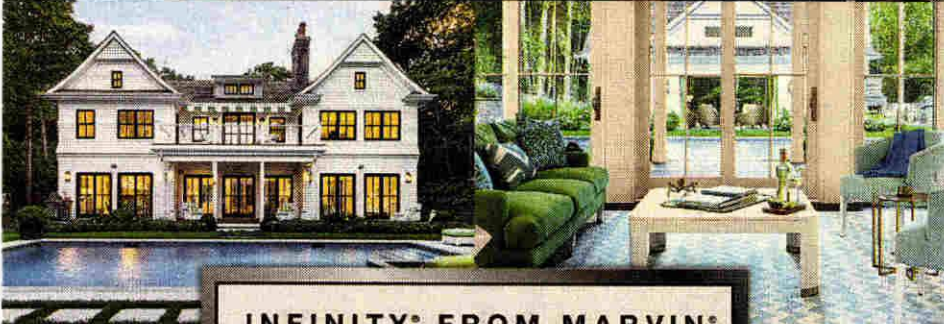
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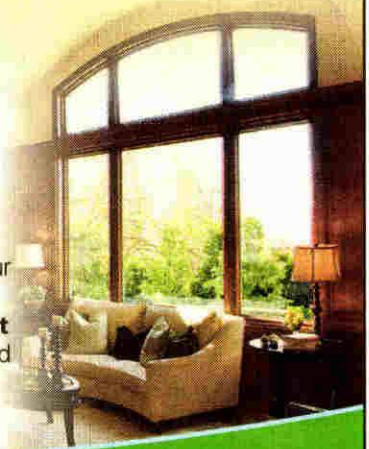
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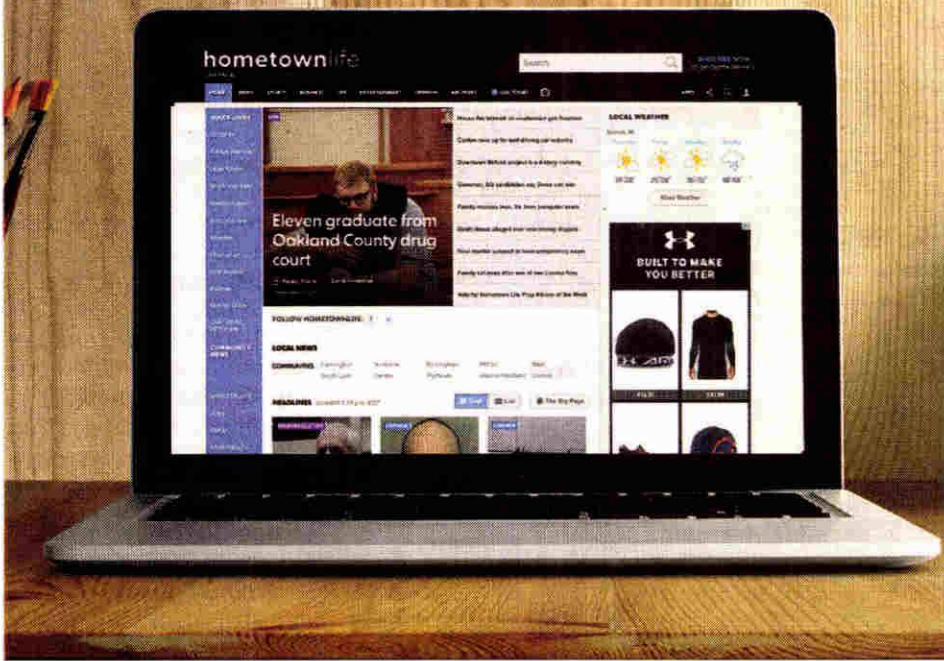


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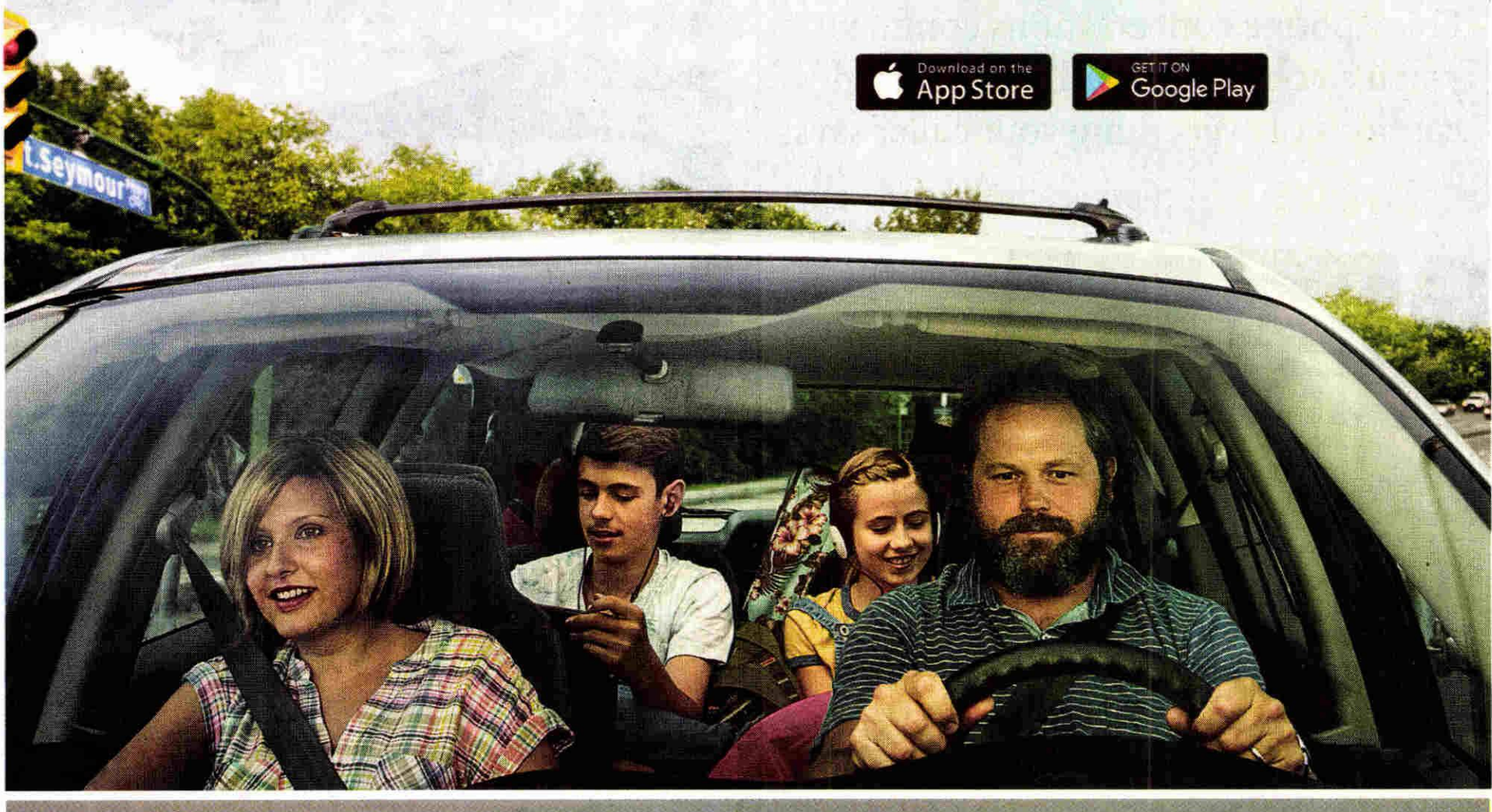
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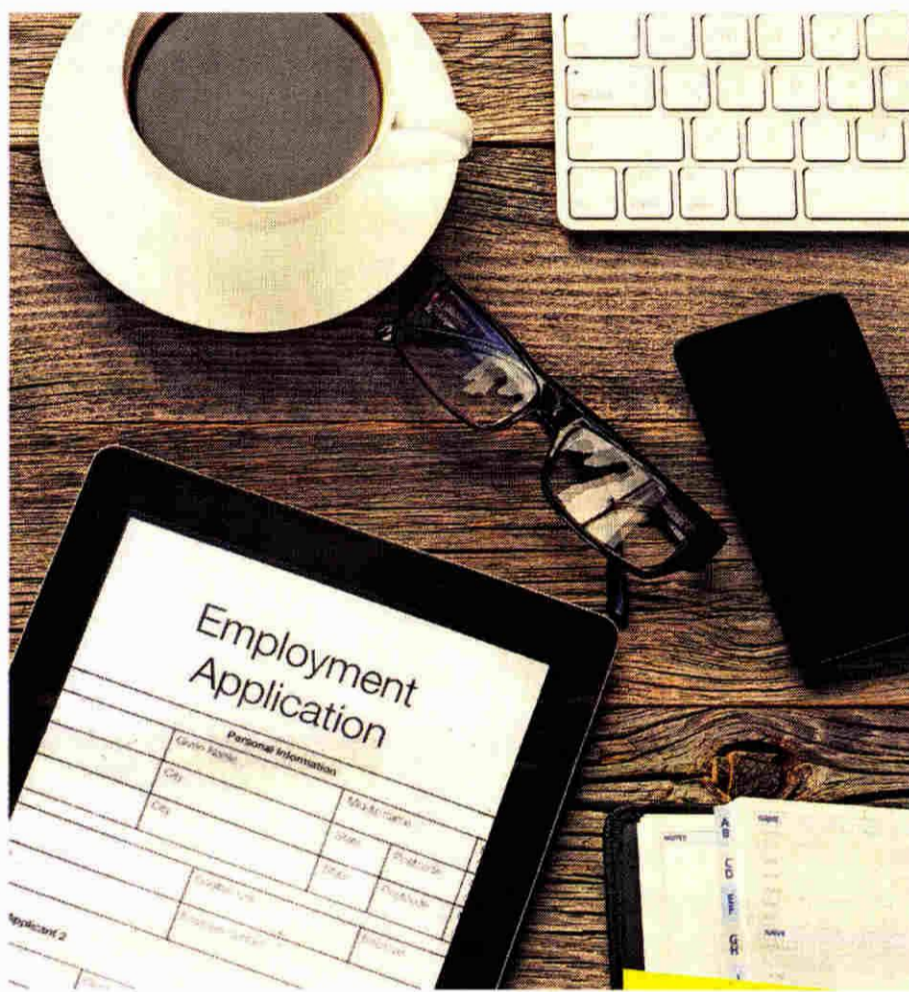
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Pick a format that's flexible

If you have tons of experience in one industry and you want to flaunt that, then the traditional reverse-chronological resume, with experience front and center, is a solid way to go. But if you are trying to bring together a varied history or are hoping to change industries altogether, then work experience might not be the best way to focus your resume. Instead, go with a skills-based format, where you list your core skills up front. If you're able to tailor those for the industry for which you're applying, that's ideal, but otherwise make sure the skills you're including are your strongest—and applicable in at least a general way. (In other words, include your ninja-like time management skills, but skip the 10 years of tuba mastery.)

Set your narrative

Your resume should tell a story all the way through. That means you have the power to decide what that story should be. For example, if you want your narrative to be that you're a strong, dedicated employee ready for the next level, make



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sure your resume has strong evidence for your growth throughout your career and your management skills. If you want to sell yourself as a flexible innovator who thinks creatively to solve problems effectively, use your skills and experience bullets to emphasize how you've tackled challenges in your career—regardless of job or industry.

A strong summary statement can be key here, as well as skills and experience bullets that support your "highlights reel," so to speak. By curating this information into a specific story about you as a professional and as a candidate, you're helping to create a strong

resume focused on the best parts of your history and looking toward your next opportunity, wherever that may be. It can help smooth any gaps or wide ranges of employment in your past.

Tweak the experience points

If you're applying to jobs in multiple industries or have a job history that crosses different industries, that means applying some creative rewrites to your job experience bullets. The most important thing here is to show growth and achievement. Strong action verbs can help you convey results, rather than simple job duties. You'll want to emphasize how you've grown throughout your career and the proactive approach you take to any job. Listing job responsibilities without a strong verb or a description of results will not help you make the jump between industries. But if you make sure your experience bullet points support your core skills and the narrative you're trying to set with your resume, it can help hiring managers in other industries see how you would fit into theirs.

Flexibility is a quality that is highly sought after by companies and hiring managers today, so if you're trying to create a resume that harnesses your diverse work history or to move into a field where your skills (if not your experience) could be a good fit, then you're in good shape. Paying careful attention to how your resume is set up and what it says about you can help you get to the next level in your job search.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLER

ACROSS

- 1 Ship parts
- 6 One in a veil
- 11 Very small: Prefix
- 15 Sealed, say
- 19 Early TV's Stu
- 20 Posteriors
- 21 Stick — in the water
- 22 Songwriter's creation
- 23 Martin the ticket collector?
- 26 Actor Bana or Stoltz
- 27 Pay to play poker
- 28 Game with Wild cards
- 29 Clinton the doctor?
- 31 Caught at a rodeo
- 33 Pollen lover
- 34 Hardly fresh
- 35 Worldwide
- 38 Ellington the Peppermint Pattie factory worker?
- 45 More greasy
- 49 Ending for Israel
- 50 Ilk
- 51 Car owners' org.
- 52 Kelly the minister?
- 54 "Let's go!"
- 55 Former Apple messaging software
- 57 See 64-Down
- 58 Primate studier Fossey
- 59 Benny the golfer?
- 61 Markey and Bagnold
- 63 Actor Hinds of 2017's "Justice League"
- 65 Negligent
- 66 Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand's purview
- 67 Bailey the philosopher?
- 72 Folder flap
- 75 Meal tie-on
- 76 Rice-based Spanish dish
- 77 Ivory's counterpart
- 79 Benatar the dairy owner?
- 85 Fuzzy stuff
- 87 Departure
- 88 Standoffish
- 89 Karmann — (bygone VW sports car)
- 90 Nolte the clockmaker?
- 92 Skeleton part
- 93 +
- 94 Ariz.-to-Kan. dir.
- 95 Girls in the family
- 96 Liotta the lamp designer?
- 100 Gets dilated
- 102 Basic deg. for designers
- 103 Supermodel Carangi or actress Scala
- 105 End profit
- 110 Behar the chef?
- 116 Airport stat
- 117 Hotel chain
- 118 Morales of film and TV
- 119 Arden the demolition contractor?
- 122 Shady giants
- 123 Get-out-of-jail money
- 124 Super-mad
- 125 "The Flea" poet John
- 126 Blog addition
- 127 Pot for stew
- 128 Lauder of makeup
- 129 Evil smile
- 7 Alter totally
- 8 Reply to "Who's in charge here?"
- 9 Bounced down the court
- 10 Actress Davis of two "Matrix" films
- 11 Spam, say
- 12 Langston Hughes poem
- 13 Athletic team assoc.
- 14 Film anew
- 15 Not wobbly
- 16 Throw
- 17 Troop body
- 18 Pt. of MIT or STEM
- 24 Nuclear reactor tube
- 25 Polar vehicle
- 30 Polar pixie
- 32 Curved arch
- 36 High jump on a skateboard, informally
- 37 Lacking a key, in music
- 39 "Semper Fi" mil. branch
- 40 Weirdo
- 41 Rubik of cube fame
- 42 Aiea's island
- 43 Broccoli —
- 44 Kit — (candy bars)
- 45 Poet Nash
- 46 Twisted wit
- 47 — lazuli
- 48 Frosted
- 53 Abbr. on a pay stub
- 54 "Please, Mommy, will you let us?"
- 55 "Veni," in English
- 56 Nero's 160
- 59 Villain in Disney's "Aladdin"
- 60 Waitress on TV's "Alice"
- 62 Spruce (up)
- 64 With 57-Across, Ali ring strategy
- 68 Abate
- 69 "Fighting" Big Ten team
- 70 Cut, as pizza
- 71 Cold and wet
- 72 Like poison
- 73 Japanese cartoon art
- 74 Measures of memory
- 75 Scaring cry
- 78 — noise
- 79 One of Henry VIII's Catherine's
- 80 Et —
- 81 Mug in a pub
- 82 Jamaican citrus fruit
- 83 Mean ruffian
- 84 Wife on "The Addams Family," to her hubby
- 86 Cover for a truck bed
- 90 Crystal rubbers, perhaps
- 91 Jab deliverer
- 93 Control in a clinical study
- 97 Certain wind player
- 98 Very loudly, musically
- 99 9-to-5er's weekly cry
- 101 Main dish
- 104 Art house film, often
- 106 Went aboard
- 107 Nitrogen compound
- 108 Words after all or hole
- 113 Egg-shaped
- 114 Eye, in Paris
- 115 Nut with caffeine
- 116 Rock finale?
- 120 Perched
- 121 LP replacers

DOWN

- 1 Get gold, e.g.
- 2 Target
- 3 Smacks
- 4 Spork parts
- 5 — cone
- 6 "Viva Zapata!" star

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

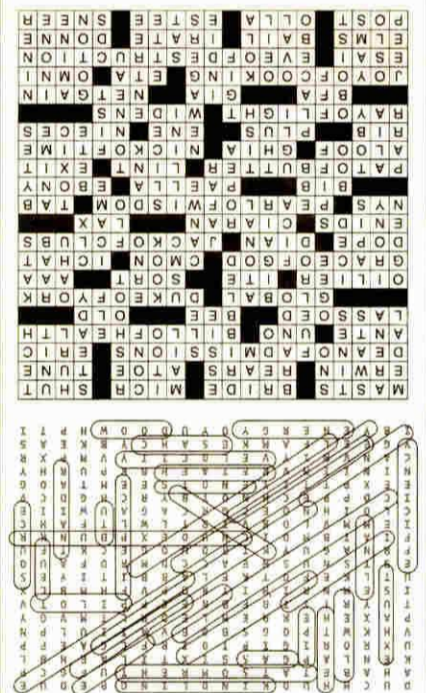
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ANSWER KEY

WORDS

- APPLIANCE
- BLOWER
- BRICK
- BTU
- CHASE
- CHIMNEY
- CIRCULATION
- COMBUSTIBLE
- CONVECTIVE
- EFFICIENCY
- ENERGY
- EXHAUST
- FACADE
- FIREBOX
- FIREPLACE
- FLUE
- FUEL
- GAS
- HEARTH
- HEATER
- IGNITE
- INSERT
- KINDLING
- LIVING ROOM
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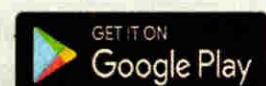
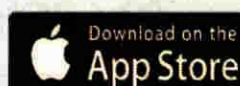


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