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## Two vacant buildings to get new life

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As two major retailers move toward closing their doors in Westland, two vacant restaurants will be getting new life. The former Ford Road bar, mostly recently Cannon's Irish

Pub, on the south side of Ford west of Wayne Road, will become the newest Gus's Famous Hot & Spicy Fried Chicken location.

The Tennessee-based restaurant chain has 17 locations in 10 states. This will be the second location in Michigan.

There is already a Gus's Famous restaurant on Third in Detroit.

The former Max & Erma's restaurant, at the southwest corner of Warren Road and Newburgh, abruptly closed in January 2016. The property is now being proposed for redevelop-

ment as a commercial strip building.

"The developer came to the city to see about adding drive-throughs on the north and south sides. I think they are looking at something like a Tim Hortons," Westland Mayor William Wild said.

The former Ruby Tuesday location, on the north side of Warren Road east of Newburgh, closed in August and is still being offered for sale.

Westland is also seeing redevelopment of a large site on the

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Bright lights and shiny cars greet visitors Tuesday to the Media Preview Day of Detroit's North American International Auto Show. The show will open to the public Saturday, Jan. 14. The car photographed here is a Hyundai Genesis.

## Westland police seek larceny from auto suspects

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Westland police hope a video of two men accused of stealing items out of a vehicle will lead to their arrests.

The video stems from an incident that took place in the early morning hours of Jan. 2 in the 200 block of Bedford. Both suspects can be seen in the video going into the vehicle, which was unlocked, and leaving it with several items within their hands.

The first suspect is described as a male 18-22 years old, standing between 5-foot-8 and 5-foot-10. He has a thin build, dark hair, glasses and an unkempt beard. Police say he was wearing glasses, a hooded sweatshirt, shorts and multicolored shoes.

The second suspect was described as a male also between 18 and 22, standing between 5-foot-6 and 5-foot-8 with a thin build and clean-shaven. He was wearing a knitted cap, along with a Carhartt-style jacket and pants.

Anyone with information regarding either of these two individuals are encouraged to call Westland police at either 734-722-9600 or at 734-567-3250. The case to reference is 17-297.

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WESTLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT  
Westland police are looking for help identifying two men accused of stealing items from an unlocked vehicle in the 200 block of Bedford.

## Auto show chair: Event is bigger, better than ever

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Sam Slaughter, owner of the Sellers Auto Group and chairman of the 2017 North American International Auto Show, promises to deliver an event that will be one of the biggest and significant shows in recent years.



Slaughter

"The North American International Auto Show is among the leaders in global media coverage, executive attendance and industry-shaping

content, making it the most influential annual automotive event in the world," Slaughter said. "Here in North America, we'll garner more global media coverage than auto shows in New York, L.A. and Chicago combined."

More than 5,000 journalists from around the world will be attending the show to interview the top executives in the



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Chrysler's 2017 Pacifica was named Utility Vehicle of the Year at the North America International Auto Show.

industry and preview dozens of new vehicles. The NAIAS kicks off with preview week that runs Jan. 8-12, before opening to the public Jan. 14-22.

Here's what the public can look forward to at this year's show:

**Q: What are some of the**

**highlights of the 2017 North American International Auto Show?**

Slaughter: The 2017 NAIAS is going to be one of the biggest and most significant shows in recent years. For preview week, we'll be launching our AutoMobi-D

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## Look for our photographer at Charity Preview

Heading over Friday to the North American International Auto Show's Charity Preview?

So is our photographer Bill Bresler.

As he does every year, he heads downtown to the annual event, chronicling the festivities of the evening.

Stop Bill and mention you saw in the Westland Observer that he was going to be there and he'll snap a few photos of you to include in our online gallery.

Bill will be the bald guy in a dark suit and bow tie. Oh yeah, he'll be lugging around photography equipment, as well.



Bresler



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A rendering of the proposed Ciena Healthcare facility on Newburgh south of Ford in Westland.

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south side of Ford and the west side of Newburgh. The city has approved a Planned Development designation for the 12.5-acre parcel to allow mixed-use development, including a Ciena Healthcare skilled nursing facility and retail/commercial.

Recently reviewed by the Planning Commission and forwarded to the city council for with approval recommended, the proposed project would be called Regency at Westland Senior Living Center.

The plans call for a 75,330-square-foot skilled nursing facility on the nearly 10-acre site. The site plan proposes a 7,536-square-foot future expansion at the rear (west side) of the building. The facility will have 32 semi-private rooms (64 beds) and 50 private rooms (50 beds) with six private bariatric rooms for a total of 88 rooms/120 beds.

The site will be accessed by two driveways at Newburgh and will have shared access with the future commercial component of the overall PUD development, which will give the site additional access to Ford. The site will contain 149 off-street parking spaces with an additional 41 spaces in reserve in an area at the northwest corner of the building. The one-story building

is proposed to be constructed with a brick exterior with stone and siding accents as well as a shingled roof.

The site plan is scheduled to be considered by the council at its Jan. 17 meeting. In a change from earlier plans, the former Feister RV building located at the corner has been demolished.

Regarding the ongoing process of Kmart on Wayne Road and Cherry Hill along with Macy's at Westland Shopping Center, Wild said the closings were unfortunate but both had been anticipated in light of both companies downsizing nationwide as consumer shopping habits have changed. The closings, two among a number of stores closing by both retail chains nationwide, don't reflect on Westland, he said.

"Westland Shopping Center is still an extremely viable shopping destination and is coming off a very successful holiday shopping season and boasts the top grossing Kohl's in the nation," Wild said. "The popular retailer H&M recently announced they would opening within the mall soon."

Both of these announcements underscore Westland's strategy of diversifying the local economy away from a retail base as consumers habits continue to move more towards the internet, he said.

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Chrysler, Dodge and Jeep brands have a huge area to display products.

## Going to the auto show? Here are the basics

Organizers say visitors headed to Cobo Center for the North American International Auto Show will "experience the next generation of transportation. ... See more than 750 vehicles on display representing the most innovative designs in the world, and experience North America's largest and most prestigious automotive showcase."

Here's some basic information:

### Dates and times

Early access for handicapped individuals 8 a.m. each day; enter at the Hall C entrance only

**Saturday, Jan. 14, to Saturday, Jan. 21**

9 a.m. to 10 p.m. (no admittance after 9 p.m.)

**Sunday, Jan. 22**

9 a.m. to 7 p.m. (no admittance after 6 p.m.)

### Tickets

**Adults:** \$13 per person

**Seniors:** \$7 (65 and older)

**Children:** \$7 (ages 7-12); ages 6 and younger free with a parent or guardian

According to the NAIAS website: Every child in a school group must have a ticket to enter the show.

Seniors and children's tickets must be purchased at the door and are only valid the day of purchase.



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The Chevy Bolt electric vehicle was named Car of the Year at Detroit's 2017 North American International Auto Show.

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showcase. This exciting initiative will feature over 120 companies, including automakers, suppliers and startups, all showcasing technologies and innovations that will shape the future of our industry.

In addition, Disney Pixar will be bringing some Hollywood to De-



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Tim Nichols cleans a display screen at the Volkswagen display earlier this week.

troit for another strong year in 2017. Automakers are debuting some great products in 2017 that should get consumers excited and into the showrooms.

### Q: How many years before self-driving vehicles are the norm?

Slaughter: I think we're still quite a way out from full-autonomous vehicles, where we just hit a button and the car arrives and takes us to our destination. We'll start to see more semi-autonomous features released in vehicles as these technologies are generally only on high-end, premium vehicles.

### Q: What can you tell us about this year's Charity Preview?

Slaughter: The Charity Preview is truly special. It has grown into the largest annual, single-night fundraiser in the world. Last year we raised over \$5.2 million, taking our grand total since Charity Preview was established back in 1976 by a group of Detroit auto dealers to over \$106 million. The Beach Boys are our musical performance for 2017 and I encourage everyone to come out and support local children's charities and enjoy themselves at one of the most sought-after events in the nation.

### Q: Is this an event for the whole family?

Slaughter: Yes, the NAIAS is most definitely a family-friendly show. Automaker displays are very interactive, offering games, demonstrations and hands-on activities for all to enjoy.

### Q: What's your favorite part of the show?

Slaughter: My favorite part is during the public show and walking the floor, seeing all of the people smiling and families enjoying the show.

### Q: What's the general outlook for auto sales in 2017?

Slaughter: I think we as dealers are optimistic

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# GEARING UP FOR A PROTEST

Sign-making parties help solidify convictions

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Detroit Free Press

With magic markers and poster board, paint and a whole lot of conviction, they made their concerns clear: Women will not be dismissed. Women's rights are human rights. Take our concerns seriously.

A group of women met Sunday afternoon at the Novi home of Carolyn Upton to make signs for the upcoming Women's March on Washington.

Upton wore a sparkly hot-pink knit pussycat hat, symbolic of President-elect Donald Trump's comments about groping women on an Access Hollywood tape last year, and wrote: "When women join together, look out. We're watching" on her foam-core sign. She's taking a Rally Bus to the march on Jan. 21 and will carry that sign on the streets of Washington.

Sign-making parties are popping up around the state as like-minded women gather to share their perspectives, camaraderie and travel plans. More parties are planned for later this week and next week as momentum grows for the march, which is expected to draw hundreds of thousands of people to Washington the day after Trump takes the oath of office.

The idea is to march on the first day of the new administration to send a message to all branches of government that women — and all marginalized groups, including people of color and of various religious faiths, people with disabilities, people who identify as LGBTQIA — or lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex or asexual — survivors of sexual assault, poor people and native and indigenous people — have a voice in government, organizers say.

"We may have lost this battle, but this is like an electrified moment. People who have never had a political thought are getting involved," said Kelly Breen, 39, of Novi who brought her daughter, Abi Breen, 6, to Upton's sign-making party.

Though Breen is not planning to attend the march, she is among those concerned about Trump's stand on health issues. The Republican has promised to re-



Kelly Breen of Novi points out a letter to her daughter Abi, 6, as they decorate her sign to read "Girl Power" at a party Sunday where women made protest signs for the Women's March on Washington.

peal the Affordable Care Act, is likely to appoint conservative Supreme Court justices and may attempt to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, and threatened to defund Planned Parenthood, making it more difficult for low-income women to have access to birth control and reproductive health care.

He campaigned on promises to build a wall between the U.S. and Mexico, to create a registry of refugees and enhance surveillance of Muslims living in America. Though the president-elect says that he is not a racist, some say he has been slow to disavow white supremacists who support him.

Colleen Crossey, 54, of Novi said her hope is that more women start to seek public office and positions of power in government.

"Women have been volunteering for a lot of things for years, and I don't think they realize that's leadership," said Crossey, a social worker who has run twice for the Oakland County Commission. "They serve on Girl Scouts, the PTO, they volunteer for all kinds of causes, working together for a common cause. They don't realize that is leadership."

It's time, she said, to take women's volunteerism and turn it into political might.



Carolyn Upton decorates her sign Sunday at a party at her home in Novi while Colleen Crossey writes her message. "I'm just outraged at our government ignoring us," said Crossey of Novi. "I don't think they represent us. I think they represent the people who fund their campaigns."

"I'm just outraged at our government ignoring us," she said. "I don't think they represent us. I think they represent the people who fund their campaigns."

Tali Wendrow, 53, of West Bloomfield said Trump has offended her on almost every level as a Jewish woman with an autistic daughter, and a son studying to be a journalist.

"I don't want him to undo what 40 years of women before us did,"

she said. "We cannot undo what we've done for our children's sake."

Jody LaPointe is an organizer of a northern Oakland County group of democratic women who met Sunday in Clarkston to make signs. Though LaPointe, 44, of Oxford is eager to attend the March in Washington, she said it's important to continue organizing, protesting and speaking out even after Jan. 21.

"People are so upset, they are willing to drive

to Washington and march in the streets," said LaPointe. "And that's great, but I've got plans after this. Let's go and let our voices be heard. Let them see us and let them know we're not just going to roll over."

"Beyond that, what are we going to do? We're going to fight. I've got a lot of ideas. ... I'd like to see some progressive women get elected. I think there are things we can do, and I'm really, really excited about do-

ing them. ... We need to stop this not four years from now, but two years from now. We need to put the kibosh on it."

Phoebe Hopps, the Michigan coordinator for the Women's March, estimates at least 5,000 women from Michigan are expected to take buses to Washington. She said another 1,000 are getting there via carpooling, train and airplane. For those who can't make it to the U.S. Capitol, hundreds more are likely to also rally in Lansing and Grand Rapids during sister marches.

Upton campaigned for Trump's Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, and said opening her home for a sign party seemed like an easy and obvious way to take action. She recently joined the West Oakland Democratic Club and hopes going to the march will "help her meet more like-minded women and bring them into the fold."

"When women are united, they'll never be divided," she said through a megaphone she bought for the march, bringing smiles from the sign-makers.

"It's a women's rally, and we need to chant things that roll off the tongue and are easy to repeat."

"Here's another one: I am strong. I am loud. I make my sisters proud."

## Human trafficking forum Thursday in Livonia

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. As part of an ongoing effort to raise awareness of the crime in Michigan, state Sen. Judy Emmons will be helping lead a public discussion on human trafficking.

"Human trafficking in Michigan is real and, although we have achieved much in shining the light on this heinous crime, it continues to devastate the lives of thousands of women and children every year," said Emmons, a Republican from Sheridan who represents Clare, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta and Montcalm counties in the state Senate. "Human Trafficking Awareness Month is about bringing public attention to human trafficking. Due to the nature of this criminal industry, it is critical to have well-informed citizens who want to do anything they can to help stop the exploitation of women and children."

"I encourage everyone to help us make a difference and participate in a discussion on human trafficking awareness, prevention and intervention." The event will take



State Sen. Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan, speaks at a forum in Livonia in April 2015. Emmons will lead another event on human trafficking awareness Thursday morning in Livonia.

place at 11 a.m. Thursday in the Livonia City Hall auditorium, 33000 Civic Center Drive.

Joining Emmons at the event will be former Livonia City Council-

woman Laura Toy, Redford Township Police Officer Jennifer Mansfield, trafficking survivor Joyce Haskett and more. "I am tremendously

proud of the historic reforms we achieved to combat human trafficking and support its survivors," Emmons said. "While Michigan now has some of the nation's strongest human trafficking laws, there is still so much to do to protect all our families and neighbors from a criminal industry that is second only to illegal drugs."

The senator has hosted a series of forums throughout the state to help raise awareness of human trafficking by giving the public a chance to hear survivors share their personal stories.

For her work, Emmons has repeatedly been recognized as a leader in the fight against human trafficking, including such honors as the Michigan Liberator of the Year Award and the Michigan Council of Professional Investigators' Pinnacle Award.

Emmons also recently served as a co-chair of the National Foundation for Women Legislators' 2016 Human Trafficking Summit in Washington, D.C., and the Safe America 2016 human trafficking summit at the United Nations.

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- Bid for Asbestos Remediation of Norwayne Properties to Environmental Maintenance, amt. not to ex. \$2,400.  
- Bid for National Airport Fencing Project to RMD Holdings, amt. not to ex. \$13,253.  
02: Appr. req. for closed study session immediately following adjournment re. resolution to pending litigation.  
03: Appr. checklist: \$ 2,315,855.21.  
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# Bullet hits house on New Year's Eve; no one hurt

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No one was injured on New Year's Eve by a bullet fired into a house on Beech Daly just north of Joy Road. There were several people in the house.

The incident was reported around 10 p.m. by a resident who told police she heard a shot and then heard a front window break, according to a Redford Township Police Department report.

The bullet apparently

passed through the window and the vertical blinds, dented the wall in an adjoining hallway and ricocheted back into the living room, where an officer found it between a couch and an end table, the report said.

No one at the house reported having trouble with anyone nor any threats being made, police said.

Police said the incident appeared to be random and that the shot may have come from someone in a passing

vehicle. Officers checked the street and sidewalk area for shell casings, the report said, but found none.

### Stolen-property arrest

A traffic stop on the night of Jan. 1 ended in a man's arrest when the Kia Sorento he was driving was found to have been stolen.

A small bag of suspected marijuana was found near where the man, after being stopped by police for speeding,

parked the Sorento, but police did not see the package come from the man. However, the car and a folded card the man was carrying in a pants pocket smelled of marijuana, a police report said.

No marijuana was found in the car.

The incident started when a patrolling officer, northbound on Five Points, noticed the southbound Kia, a police report said. Police radar clocked the Sorento at up to 39 mph in a 25-mph

zone, police said, and the officer turned around to follow it.

The Sorento's driver turned west on Six Mile, and the traffic stop was made nearby in a parking lot at Six Mile and Garfield. The officer waited for backup before the man was arrested for receiving and concealing stolen property, police said.

The Sorento was impounded; the suspect was also issued a ticket for having no license.

The suspect's infant

child, who had been riding in the Sorento, was turned over to the suspect's mother.

### Home break-in

A flat-screen TV, phone charger and headphones were reported stolen from a house on Fenton north of Five Mile after a weekend burglary.

The complainant told police she arrived home around 1 p.m. New Year's Day to find the side door open. Police said there was damage to the door.

## Livonia man dies in one-car Westland crash

**David Veselenak**  
hometownlife.com

Westland police say a Livonia resident has died after getting vehicle struck a pedestrian bridge in the city.

Police say they were dispatched to the scene of Newburgh near Laramie Street in Westland at about 5 a.m. Wednesday morning. Police say the driver, a 55-year-old Livonia man, appeared to have struck a pedes-

trian bridge on the east side of Newburgh.

He was unresponsive when police arrived and he was transferred to St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia where he was pronounced dead. Police did not release the man's name Wednesday morning.

Police say it appeared the man may have suffered a medical emergency while driving, which led to the crash.

### Attempted home invasion

Police were called Dec. 26 to a home on Inkster regarding a stolen lock box from the property.

She said she came back to the home, which is in the process of being sold, to prep it for closing and was unoccupied and empty. She arrived and found the realtor's lock box containing the key missing and later found that the door knobs on two of the home's doors had been damaged and attempted to be pried open. She said she was last at the property Dec.

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19 and there was no damage. No property appeared to be missing, and no entry was made into the home.

### Vehicle damaged while parked

A motorist came into the Westland police station the afternoon of Dec. 24 to report some damage done to her vehicle while parked on Gary.

The woman said her vehicle was parked near Louise Court. Sometime between Dec. 23 and Dec. 24, someone rear-ended her vehicle, causing damage to her bumper. The driver did not stop and identify themselves, the

woman said. No suspect information was available.

### License plates stolen

A motorist came into the police station Dec. 26 to report someone had taken some license plates off of her vehicles while it was parked on Pecan Street.

She said both of her vehicles were parked in a driveway at the location where the license plates were taken. She said someone took them between Dec. 24 and Dec. 25. No suspect information was available, and the plates were entered

in as stolen.

### Insurance, registration stolen

An individual came to the police station Dec. 26 to report his vehicle had been gone through and items missing while it was parked in the driveway of a home on Somerset.

He said he left the vehicle parked in the driveway of the residence and, at one point, heard a dog barking but thought nothing of it. The vehicle's insurance and registration were taken, and the suspect appeared to have unplugged all his vacuum hoses.

## Carjacking in Redford reported

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A woman escaped unhurt early Sunday when the car she was driving was stolen at gunpoint outside the U.S. Postal Service station at Beech Daly and Capitol.

The carjacking occurred shortly before 2 a.m., said Capt. James Turner of the Redford Police Department's detective bureau. There was no one in the Journey except for the victim, he said.

The victim told po-

lice she was sitting in a dark gray 2014 Dodge Journey on the service drive on the west side of Beech Daly, when two men, one carrying a pistol, approached. The woman got out of the Journey and ran from the scene, she said; the thieves, meanwhile, drove the Journey south on Beech Daly.

A second vehicle, a beige-colored sedan or sport-utility vehicle, was spotted following the carjackers in the Journey and was possibly involved, Turner said.

### Items taken from garage

A resident in the 18800 block of Maplewood came into the Livonia police station Sunday morning to report several items had been stolen from inside his garage.

He said he went out to his detached garage and found the refrigerator door open and a bottle of wine on the ground. Other items inside were also moved. After taken a quick inventory, he discovered several items were missing, including a

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chainsaw, backpack leaf blower, beer, wine and a set of golf clubs. He said it is believed the garage was accessed through the pedestrian door, which was unlocked at the time.

### Space heaters stolen from store

Police were called Sunday evening to CVS, 19120 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud.

A manager called police to tell them someone came into the store and selected two space

heaters. He then walked out of the store without paying for them and left in an unknown direction. She did not know whether the suspect came to the store in a vehicle or on foot.

### Fraudulent scanning

Police were called Friday evening to Meijer, 13000 Middlebelt, on the report of a retail fraud suspect in custody.

When police arrived, they spoke to an employee, who told them they

saw the suspect at the self-checkout scanning lower-value items and placing higher-value items on the belt instead. There were at least two instances of the suspect scanning a bottle of water and instead placing a case of Red Bull energy drink on the conveyor belt. He was stopped by an employee before he left the store and detained until police arrived. He was arrested but released at the scene and issued a citation.

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### Brick thrown at window

A Wayne resident reported to police the afternoon of Jan. 3 that someone tried to throw a brick and damage a window at Mean Ink Tattoos, 35128 W. Michigan Ave. The victim said someone tried to throw a brick into a window at the business at least three times. He said he was unsure if the incident was related to several threatening and harassing messages received over the phone and through social media.

— Compiled from reports filed with the Wayne Police Department.

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**NO. 2017-01**  
**January 3, 2017**

A Regular Meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 8:00 p.m. at the Wayne City Hall, 3355 S. Wayne Rd. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT APPROVED: minutes of Regular City Council meeting from Dec. 20, 2016; R. Hillyard to the Housing Commission until Feb 2022; retiree healthcare; rules and procedures to be discussed on 1/31/17; MDOT resolution for R-O-W work; consent calendar; Received and filed Communications and Reports. Adjourned at 11:36 p.m.

Matthew K. Miller  
City Clerk

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**CITY OF WESTLAND**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION**

On January 17, 2017 the Westland Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

2005	FORD	ESCAPE	1FMYU03165KD76351
2002	CHEVROLET	PRIZM	1Y1SK5286Z2425297
2000	FORD	FOCUS	1FAPF33P0YW392010
2001	PONTIAC	BONNEVILLE	1G2HX54K914266414
1992	CHEVROLET	VAN	2GBEG25Z3N4153197
2001	PONTIAC	GRAND AM	1G2NF52E01M625331
2002	SATURN	SL2	1G8ZK5274Z207296
2002	PONTIAC	MONTANA	1GMDX03E02D272737
2005	CHRYSLER	PT CRUISER	3C4FY58B45T536479
2004	FORD	FREESTAR	2FMZA58204BA65518
1993	FORD	EXPLORER	1FMCU24XXPU98332
1999	MERCURY	SABLE	1MEFM53S0XG652237
2006	KIA	SORENTO	KNJDJ733965609901
2002	CHEVROLET	CAVALIER	1G1JH12F727487088
2006	FORD	FOCUS	1FAFP31N76W154668
2002	PONTIAC	GRAND AM	1G2NF52E02M586130
2015	NISSAN	SENTRA	3N1AB7AF5FY253626
1992	LINCOLN	TOWN CAR	1LNLM82W8NY657778
1997	ACURA	RL	JH4UA2650VC006396
1999	FORD	CONTOUR	1FAFP6635XK232303
2000	BUICK	CENTURY	1G4HP54K0YU192463
2001	GMC	SAFARI	1GKDM19W31B500005
2005	DODGE	CARAVAN	2D4GP24R65R146367
2002	CHRYSLER	PT CRUISER	3C4FY58B52T299559
2001	JEEP	GRND CHER	1J4GW48S91C542671

\*All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

\*\*The below listed vehicle's ownership is unknown and will be sold at a public auction no sooner than 30 days from this notification if ownership is not determined\*\*

1998	FORD	CROWN VIC	2FAPF73W8WX125925
1996	CHRYSLER	CONCORDE	2C3HD56F0TH140294
2007	CHEVROLET	IMPALA	2G1WB58K579378718

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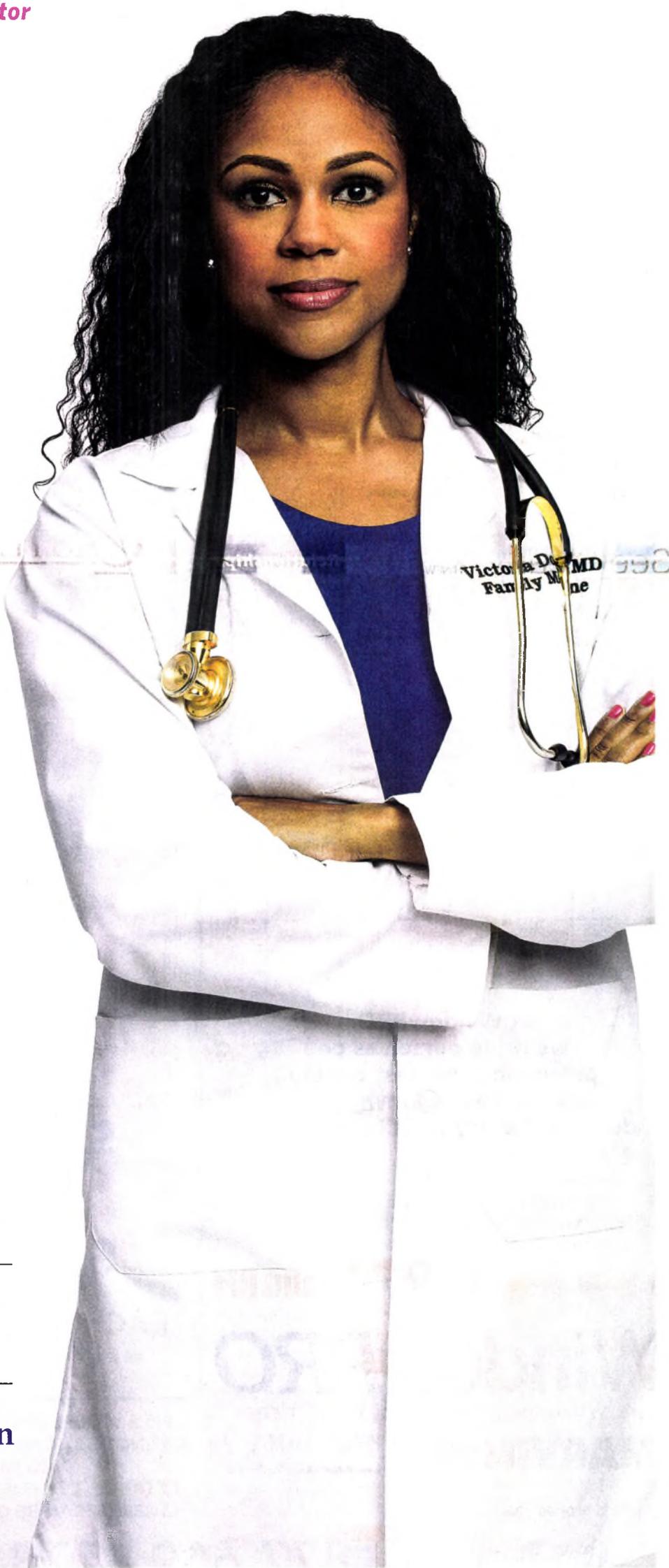
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# Doctor sentenced in \$2.8M health care fraud case

Jay Grossman  
hometownlife.com

A Birmingham neurosurgeon was sentenced Monday to nearly 20 years in prison for his role in a \$2.8 million insurance fraud scheme in which he performed unnecessary spinal surgeries on patients.

Dr. Aria Sabit, 43, owned and operated the Michigan Brain and Spine Physicians Group, which had several locations in metro Detroit. In connection with his guilty plea, Sabit admitted he convinced more than a dozen of his patients to undergo spinal fusion surgeries that he never performed, causing serious bodily harm in some cases. He then filed false insurance claims with Medicare, Medicaid and



Sabit

Sabit pleaded guilty to four counts of health care fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and one count of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance. He was ordered to serve 235 months in prison.

According to the U.S. Attorney's office, Sabit admitted that, in some instance, he would operate on patients in order to file false insurance claims that he performed spinal fusion surgeries using sophisticated medical stabilizing devices (called "instrumenta-

tion"), when in fact he used tissue implants.

Before moving to Michigan in 2011, Sabit was a licensed neurosurgeon in California. Sabit admitted that, in early 2010, while he was on the staff of a California hospital, he became a co-partner in a company that produced spinal implant devices.

For the opportunity to invest in the company and share in its profits, Sabit agreed to convince his hospital to buy spinal implant devices from the company. Sabit admitted that, on several occasions, the money he made from using the spinal implant devices motivated him either to refer patients for unnecessary spine surgeries or for more complex procedures that they did not need.

# Westland applicants sought

The city of Westland is seeking applicants to fill the slate of vacant positions on the Westland Historical Commission.

The Historical Commission is a nine-member board appointed by the mayor. The commission collects, maintains and preserves any materials and documents relating to the history of Westland and Nankin Township. The commission also operates the Helen C. Brown Historical Museum at 857 N. Wayne Road. It meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Helen C. Brown Historical Museum.

"As Westland just celebrated its momentous 50th anniversary year, I am encouraging all interested individuals to apply to serve on the Westland Historical Commission to help preserve the history of our All American City," Mayor William Wild

said. Westland Historic Commission members volunteer to oversee its historical building complex located at 857 N. Wayne road from 1-4 p.m. on a couple of Saturday afternoons per month and attend one meeting per month with fellow commissioners to discuss current projects. It is free to join and does not require any specific educational background. Interested applicants must be residents of the city of Westland.

The Westland Historical Society is also seeking members. The society is a 501c3 nonprofit organization and does not require you to work any specific days or hours, but a minimal yearly donation of \$10 is required. Membership in the society allows you to work on the project or projects of your choosing and caters to those with a busy working

schedule. Members work on everything from digitizing photographs (some dating back over a century) and documents, to fixing artifacts such as a 1922 Ford Model TT Fire-truck from the Eloise Hospital complex, to collecting artifacts to be placed in the new Westland time capsule, to basic maintenance and cleaning of buildings.

"Are you looking for a way to use your skills, resources, and/or free time to keep Westland the Best Land?" asked commission president Jeff Koslowski. "The Westland Historic Village Park is looking for volunteers of all ages for its numerous programs it has started or will soon be starting to make our city's 51st year it's best one yet!"

For more information, email Commission President Jeff Koslowski at WHCJeff@gmail.com

# New info delays Livonia shooting trial

David Veselenak  
hometownlife.com

More time will be given for attorneys to review some supplemental materials surrounding fingerprints in the Ann Zarras criminal case in Detroit.

A jury trial was scheduled to begin Monday morning for Zarras, a 19-year-old Livonia resident charged in a June 30 shooting that left one man seriously injured. After Wayne County Circuit Judge Shannon Walker called the case, the attorneys discussed some new supplemental records regarding the testing of fingerprints in the case.

Zarras is charged with several criminal counts, including assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, assault with a dangerous weapon and felony fire-



Zarras

arm. Mary Rubio, a Wayne County assistant prosecutor who is overseeing the case, told Walker she had received some additional information regarding some fingerprint evidence last Friday. When speaking with Henry Scharg, Zarras's attorney, over the weekend, Rubio indicated he had not seen that report. Scharg said he received that information Monday morning before the trial.

That prompted him to request for more time to prepare, something the court approved. "We're asking for 60-90 days," he said. "I think there's good cause."

Walker adjourned the scheduled jury trial and

scheduled a pre-trial hearing to take place Feb. 6 at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in downtown Detroit.

Zarras was charged last summer after police say she was involved in a shooting June 30 at a home in the 15000 block of Richfield. Police say an altercation between Zarras and her boyfriend took place that morning. A gun was introduced into the argument and eventually went off, injuring the victim, who remains receiving medical care for his injuries. After police interviewed Zarras, they determined some of her stories did not line up about what took place and arrested her.

If convicted, she faces up to 10 years in prison. Zarras remains free on a \$250,000/10-percent bond.

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# Livonia man charged in appliance thefts from homes

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A Livonia man faces criminal charges after police allege he was involved in breaking into homes and stealing appliances in the area.

Police say Cameron Alan Petty, 21, faces charges, including second-degree home invasion as well as receiving and concealing stolen property. Police believe he was involved in the theft of appliances such as a dishwasher, stove and refrigerator and others in recent weeks from home in places such as the 36500 block of Kingsbury and the 32400 block of Seven



Petty

Mile. Police say evidence at at least one home showed someone entered the home through an attached garage and entered through a connected door to the home. Some appliances appeared to have been taken out of the front door of at least one of the homes.

Livonia police worked with Southfield police in located and arresting Petty, who also faces charges in Oakland County, Livonia police said.

Livonia Police Capt.

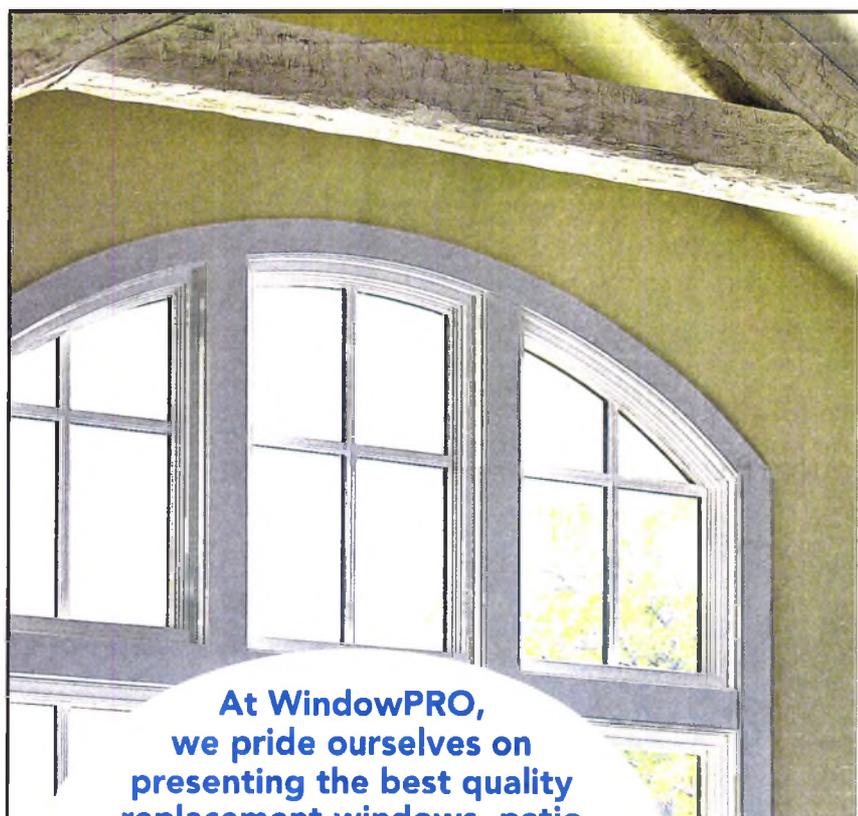
Robert Nenciarini said the arrest is a good reminder for residents to just keep an eye out for anything suspicious happening at their neighbors' homes.

"Ask the neighbors if they've seen anything suspicious," he said.

Petty was arraigned last Friday in Livonia's 16th District Court on the charges and a bond of \$50,000 cash or surety was set. Wayne County Jail online records do not list him as an inmate as of Tuesday afternoon.

If convicted, he faces up to 15 years in prison.

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LETTERS

**Women march to defend basic rights**

The election of Trump has started a storm of outrage that rumbles slowly, but surely, across our country. This is the sound of Americans fighting back against the lies, hate and corruption that promises to be the cornerstone of Trump's regime.

Mothers, sisters and daughters everywhere are preparing to join the "Women's March on Washington" on Saturday, Jan. 21. The main march will be in Washington, D.C. Other marches will be in Lansing and in numerous other state capitals.

These women march to defend the basic civil rights of groups that have been exposed to aggressive attacks. These families include Muslims, people of color, LGBTQ, women as a group and immigrants. In fact, even our most vulnerable citizens such as seniors, veterans, the unemployed and working poor have been exposed to increased hostility. Women will march to stand against extremism and the monstrous intolerance that has become more prevalent in our country. Our country's economy has destroyed families and subjected them to homelessness, poverty and despair.

Too many leaders in our government have refused to take responsibility for the welfare and economic well-being of our families. They choose, instead, to assign blame to the families that have been victimized by the legislation that they passed. This legislation favors the profits of the powerful over the needs of hard-working families.

Leaders must take responsibility for the consequences of removing regulations from the banking and mortgage industries. These financial regulations were originally put in place to protect consumers from Wall Street's casino capitalism. Our economy crashed. Families lives were ruined when they were evicted from their homes.

Our leaders must take responsibility for and fix our broken tax code. The corporate tax avoidance scam has forced savage budget cuts for public

schools. The decrease in tax revenue hurts municipal services like police, firefighters, libraries and road repair. I think that if companies want to sell their goods to Americans, then they should pay their taxes like a good American. That is being a good corporate citizen and taking responsibility for actions.

Colleen Crossey  
Novi

**A big thanks from Canton Goodfellows**

Just as we have in the past, The Canton Goodfellows would again like to send a heartfelt thank you to all of our wonderful community donors and volunteers who helped make our 2016 No Child Without a Christmas campaign a success. With your help, we were able to serve 324 Canton children in 118 families during this past holiday season. Our thanks go out to everyone who:

- » Purchased and donated toys, clothing or gift cards for one or more of our children
- » Sent us monetary donations to help fund food gift cards for our families
- » Awarded us grants from your organization or business
- » Organized drives and fundraisers for our benefit
- » Supported the Canton Observer's Pennies from Heaven Drive
- » Sponsored or attended our Magic/Comedy Show Fundraiser
- » Donated food items during our Holiday Market Goodfellows Food Drive
- » Offered your business as a location for our Goodfellows Paper Sale, worked selling the papers, or purchased a paper from us
- » Volunteered to help us analyze each child's gift bags
- » Moved all 324 gift bags wherever we needed them to go
- » Packed 118 family food boxes
- » Donated lunches, dinners, bottled water or snacks for our volunteers during our Work Week
- » Organized, attended, or played in the new middle school "The Crossover" basketball game fundraiser (Liberty teachers vs. West teachers), supported by

the P-CCS district and the Canton Community Foundation.

We could not have had another successful year without all of you! We live in a wonderful community, which gives selflessly to those in need. No matter how you helped us this year, thank you on behalf of our Canton children and their families.

Members of the Canton Goodfellows board  
Canton

**A little too late**

So, how wondrous it is that city officials have come out with home-size rules, now that nearly every street in Plymouth, at least in the southwest quadrangle, is peppered with new homes that look as though they will sink into the little lots that try to support them? (One did, partially.)

Too little just a bit too late.

Some of the larger homes are designed very tastefully. Some of them stumble along. And then, there are the monstrosities. One neighborhood calls its own monstrosity "Downton Abbey." In a ritzy neighborhood, I've seen a replacement house, which you might take as a small-town hospital, swallow up the once-lovely house next to it.

Out-of-towners come to look at the monstrosities, which they see as hilarious and we see as pathetic.

And tell me: What's the deal? I thought that in this age of exorbitant energy use we are striving toward smaller. In any case, this town should hire a small group of excellent architects to approve or disapprove every single new house design, thus sparing us the sight of medieval castles and similar monstrosities. Drawbridges will be next.

Joanne Stein  
Plymouth

**Cost vs. safety**

Based on the article (in the Northville Record) the man appears to be guilty of trespassing; however, Northville Township police cite "safety is our primary focus."

Since this site is so dangerous, Northville Township officials should listen to their police department and

tear the building down, Problem solved. The \$500 fines for over 300 people in one year, plus the time officers use searching social media for trespassers and undoubtedly the time officers spend driving by the facility, could be money saved to help offset some of the costs. I suspect cost is the "primary focus" of township officials not safety

A. Phillips  
Northville

**Hold Trump accountable**

Recall the 2010 mid-term elections when the Tea Party (now morphed into the Alt Right) gained control of the U S Congress? Those Republicans vowed from the beginning of President Obama's second term to oppose every proposal he made. Despite the negativity, President Obama was able to accomplish great goals for history that will vindicate him and regard him as one of the most effective presidents ever.

After the Nov. 8 election was stolen from Hillary Clinton, Donald Trump as President-elect poses frightening threat to democracy and world peace. It is the duty of every reasonable, loving, patriotic citizen to be aware of current events and to oppose Trump constantly. We can be civil, ethical, helpful, unlike Obama's adversaries were.

We must research the appointees to lead the several departments before the confirmation hearings begin. We must contact our representatives to do the same. Be aware that persons who oppose the ACA, Planned Parenthood, the Department of Education and other departments are being nominated.

Listen to those who may disagree with you but be involved! Anyone can write letters to editors. Citizens must demand press conferences, an end to tweets, honesty from Trump and his cohorts.

The statement one day should not be revised the next from the original remark. Trump must be held account-

able for his lack of responsibility in not disclosing personal matters. His family members must not be included in federal government business. We have an autocrat advised by Steve Bannon and other disreputable, disgusting sources. These are surreal times but I have hope that grass roots efforts will prevail.

Exist to resist. Make America Kind Again.

Hannah Provence  
Donigan  
Commerce Township

**Stop the DeVos family**

The confirmation hearings for Betsy DeVos for Secretary of Education will be happening soon. I believe in my community's public schools. Betsy DeVos believes in school privatization and vouchers. She has worked to undermine efforts to regulate Michigan charters, even when they clearly fail.

DeVos and her family heavily lobbied the Michigan Legislature to shield the charter industry from greater oversight. She pushes for-profit charter schools and online schools, which consistently fail the students that they are supposed to serve.

My children attended Novi Community Schools and received a fine public education. My grandchildren also attend public schools in southeast Michigan. I believe in a strong public school education for all children.

Every time the DeVos family lobbies our state legislators for relaxing the rules around charters or denying full transparency of charters or cutting money out of the school aid fund due to a budget shortfall, they are hurting the fine public schools that already exist here in Michigan. We should be improving our failing schools, not taking away from those that are successful.

Our current state legislators in this area, have pretty much caved to the will of the DeVos family. This does not help our local public

schools! I do not want to see this happen at the national level when she has the force of the federal government behind her.

Karen B. Zyczynski  
Novi

**Obama's exit a good sign**

President Obama is just beside himself that the American voters could have possibly elected Donald Trump as his successor. After all, Barack Obama told the voters that he would consider it "a personal insult" and "an insult to his legacy" if they did not vote for Hillary Clinton and a continuation of Obama's policies.

First of all, just to set the record straight, most of Obama's policies have been abject failures - Obamacare (the biggest fraud ever perpetrated on the American people), open borders (including sanctuary cities for convicted illegal alien criminals that should have been deported), a disastrous foreign policy, and a tsunami of crushing regulations on American businesses (more than 3,850 new federal regulations just in 2016 alone).

Rather than graciously withdraw from the presidential stage like George W. Bush, Barack Obama instead decided to throw a last-minute temper tantrum. For example, Obama decided to stab Israel in the back (our best ally and the only democracy in the Middle East) by allowing a resolution to pass in the U.N. condemning Israeli settlements in the West Bank. This was a departure from our long-held American position and even most Democrats were furious at this betrayal. In addition, Obama is trying to hasten the release of as many "worst of the worst" terrorists from Gitmo. Truly shameful!

The good news is that President Obama's exit on Jan. 20 is fast approaching. Accordingly, the U.S. Economic Confidence Index just hit its highest level in nine years!

Randy Kriebes  
Brighton

**WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Livonia Public Library Family Nights**

Drop by anytime 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, to relax and reconnect with family members and neighbors and/or friends while enjoying snacks, conversation and fun activities. Activities include youth and adult coloring, paper crafts, Wii video gaming, board games of all types, card games and playing decks and jigsaw and other puzzles. The event is at the Livonia Carl Sandburg Library, 30100 W. Seven Mile Road. For more information, call 248-893-4010.

**Pagan office hours**

State Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton) will host her monthly coffee hours in January:

» The fourth Monday of the month at 7 p.m. at Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road in Canton.

» The fourth Saturday of the month at 10 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 9624 Belleville Road in Belleville.

For more information, contact her directly at KristyPagan@house.mi.gov or call her Lansing office at 517-373-2575.

**One-stop screening**

Wayne Senior Services and Beaumont Community Health will offer a free One-Stop Health Screening from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, at the HYPE Recreation Center, 4635 Howe Road, Wayne. Screening includes: blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose (diabetes). No fasting is required. No appointments are needed. The screening is available to anyone 18 years and older

**Jazz at the Elks**

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy jazz in a listening room setting close to the entertainers.

On Tuesday, Jan. 31, join The Boogie Woogie Kid Trio with the award-winning singer Emma-Lee Aboukasm. YouTube's viral sensation The Motor City Boogie Woogie Kid and drummer Gary Stevens for a night of piano and song favorites from the swing dancing days of the 1920s, 1930s and 1940s. Classics include "Women be Wise," "In the Mood," "Don't Get Around Much Anymore," "Basin Street Blues," "Blue Moon" and many more. For a preview, visit www.boogiewoogiekid.com.

The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325 is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road. For more information, call 734-453-1780, visit www.plyaa325.com or email jazzattheelks@gmail.com.

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**Strikes for freedom**

MLK weekend has become a time for education, remembrance and celebration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King. Four years ago Printing Plus by United Sonz began "Bowl It Out" an annual event dedicated to continuing to spread Dr. King's message of love, equality, justice and peace for all persons. This year's theme "Strikes for Freedom" combines the fun of bowling with a message of hope, love and prosperity. The message embodies freedom from discrimination, freedom from injustice, and free-

dom from all inequalities.

It all takes place at Wayne Bowl (36900 Michigan Ave.) from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 15. The event includes two games of bowling, shoes and a T-shirt. The team fee of \$100 covers a five-person team. Bowl It Out also features a live DJ, full kitchen and mystery jackpots. A portion of proceeds raised will be donated to local nonprofit African American Endowment Fund. For registration and more information, call 734-485-8889.

**Great Lakes shipwrecks**

At 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 16, the Livonia Historical Society will present a program on Great Lakes shipwrecks by David Trotter. He is a world renowned underwater explorer, lecturer and photographer featured on TV and newspapers throughout the United States and Canada.

The society will meet at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, Livonia's Historical Park, which is off Newburgh Road just south of Eight Mile. For more information, call 734-464-0450. Public welcome at no charge.

**Secondhand Prose closes for renovations**

Canton Public Library's Secondhand Prose Bookstore will be closed for renovations through Feb. 1. Friends of the Canton Public Library support the library through advocacy and fundraising for resources beyond the scope of the operating budget.

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**MCDONALD**



**MIKE** Age 70 January 2, 2017. Beloved husband of Nancy for 45 years. Loving father of John (Kimberly) and Kevin McDonald. Cherished grandfather of Sean and Conner. Brother of Patricia Schaefer. Visitation Friday, January 13th, 2-8 p.m. at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (Between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). Funeral Service 11 a.m. Saturday, January 14th at Faith Baptist Church, 26305 Ford Road (1/2 mile east of Inkster Rd.). Family suggests memorials to Faith Baptist Church, American Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.  
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**NESLUND**



**CHARLES PHILIP** Age 81, January 6, 2017. Beloved husband of the late Sally. Loving father of Elaine (Fiance Earl Copeland) (The late Robert) Noffze, Scott (Jacqueline), Kathryn (Rick) Wisniewski, and Christine (Steven Dudas) Neslund-Dudas. Cherished grandfather of Christopher and Sarah Noffze, Nicholas (Liang), GingerAnn, and Sophie Neslund, Brian, Tommy, and Matthew Wisniewski, Stephen (Jennifer Holan), Elizabeth and Madelynn Dudas. Dear brother of the late Jim Neslund. Charles was a past president of the Garden City School Board as well as president of Garden City West High Booster Club. He also was a past president of GCYAA where he coached football and hockey. Charles was a long time member of Garden City First United Methodist Church. Visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. at the John N. Santeiu & Son Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Rd., Garden City (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill). In state Monday 10 a.m. followed by the 11 a.m. Funeral Service at Garden City First United Methodist Church, 6443 Merriman Rd., Garden City (Between Ford Rd. and Warren). Family suggests memorials to the Ft. Dodge Dodger Football, 819 N. 25th St., Ft. Dodge, IA 50501.  
www.santeiufuneralhome.com

**TURNQUIST**



**RICHARD W. "DICK"** 78, of Northville, died January 6, 2017. Dick was the beloved partner of 53 years to James Bachelor; loving father of 7; caring grandfather of 6; dear brother of Robert (Nancy); uncle to many nieces and nephews. Sadly, Dick was preceded in death by son Tam Pham and brothers John (Joan) and Carl. Visitation Friday, January 13, 2-8pm at the Heeney-Sundquist Funeral Home, 23720 Farmington Rd., (btw. 9-10 Mile Rds., just N of Grand River), downtown Farmington (248-474-5200). Memorial Service Saturday, January 14, 11am (10:30 gathering) at Ferndale First United Methodist Church, 22331 Woodward Ave, Ferndale 48220. In lieu of customary remembrances, contributions suggested to Christ the Good Shepherd Ferndale, Trinity Episcopal Church Farmington Hills or Charity of donor's choice.  
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BOYS BASKETBALL

## Canton grinds way to a 55-52 win over Rockets

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Canton played its best defensive game of the season Tuesday night, edging Westland John Glenn 55-52 in a see-saw KLAAs South Division varsity boys basketball game.

Junior forward Noah Brown, who led the Chiefs with 11 rebounds, went strong to the basket for a layup with a minute remaining, and sophomore point guard B. Artis White added a pair of free throws for the final margin of victory.

"It felt great, the coach was

telling me all game to shoot the ball," said Brown about his game-winning shot. "I finally did and look what happened."

Still, the Rockets — who lost for the first time in six games — had a chance to force overtime when senior Christian Agnew and sophomore Joe Moon IV each missed on last-second triple tries.

"I think the second to last possession Vinson Sigmon did a great job on Christian Agnew to force him out towards the sideline, and they tried to throw it to him still and there wasn't any space there," said Canton head

coach Jimmy Reddy, referring to a John Glenn turnover in the final minute. "The last series, we did a pretty good job of contesting the first three. It was a tough shot, we just weren't able to come up with the rebound."

"They were able to get a second one, which is always scary."

John Glenn head coach Rod Watts said his team (5-1 overall, 1-1 in the KLAAs South) ultimately paid a price for too many unforced turnovers and



TOM BEAUDOIN

Working in the paint against a Canton player is Westland John Glenn's Kijuan Chandler.

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COLLEGE HOCKEY



Andrew Lindsay had a great time playing hockey at Schoolcraft College the past two seasons. He is leaving the team's active ranks, but will remain as an assistant coach. His ultimate goal is to become a police officer.

## HARD TO SAY GOODBYE

Schoolcraft College hockey player giving up pucks in order to pursue another passion — becoming a police officer

Tim Smith  
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Hockey always has come naturally for Andrew Lindsay, beginning as a 3-year-old before going on to stardom with the Trenton High School team.

During the past two seasons, Lindsay has been the catalyst for a successful

men's hockey club team at Schoolcraft College — providing vision and leadership on and off the ice as a player and captain.

But something else also is a natural fit for the 21-year-old: serving others.

Because the soon-to-graduate Lindsay is not eligible to play in the second semester, which begins this week, he

was able to end his Schoolcraft hockey career with Friday's game at the University of Michigan's storied Yost Arena in Ann Arbor.

It's almost as if Lindsay scripted his farewell, getting the chance to close it out in such a historic venue as Yost. With friends and family in



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All business on and off the ice is Andrew Lindsay, who was the catalyst for bringing hockey to Schoolcraft College.

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HIGH SCHOOL BOWLING

## Rockets show spark, win division matches

Salem boys, girls still maintain lead at top of KLAAs Central

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When bowling teams are cooking during their Baker games, it's a tasty recipe for victories.

And such was the case Monday at Super Bowl in Canton, with Salem's boys and girls teams — already holding down first place in the KLAAs Central Division — both registering a 29-1 victory over Northville during one of three division dual matches.

In other matchups, Canton swept Novi by a 28-2 score on both sides, while Westland John Glenn's boys team defeated Plymouth, 18-12. The Rockets also prevailed on the girls side, 28-2.

"The Baker game is an important part of the game, it's the first 10 points," ninth-year Salem head coach Kathie Hahn said. "You want to win those. The girls this year are doing really well in their Baker games. Today, I think their Baker games were higher than the boys."

Actually, Salem's boys tallied 335 in Baker games — just one pin more than the girls did — although both teams won all 10 available points.

According to Mitchell Rusinek, senior and co-captain of the boys team, improving in the Baker games (a format where each bowler takes a turn) continues to be "a work in progress, we're trying to get better at them."

Still, the Salem boys are 5-1 overall and 4-0 in the Central and the girls are 6-0, 4-0.

"I just have really strong bowlers," Hahn said. "They're

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GIRLS HOCKEY

## Ladywood hockey team enjoying banner season

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In his two different stints as Livonia Ladywood hockey coach, Ron Predmesky said he's never had a team this good or this fast.

And the senior-dominated Blazers are living up to their billing so far this season with a 7-0 overall record, including a 6-0 mark as the only undefeated team still standing in the 14-team Michigan High School Girls Hockey League.

Ladywood's latest victory came Saturday night on home

ice at the Plymouth Cultural Center with a 3-0 shutout of previously unbeaten Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook (6-5, 4-1).

It was a dominating performance to say the least as Ladywood outshot the Cranes, 45-8. Only goalie Maggie McMurray (42 saves) kept it close for Cranbrook.

"Our wheels carry us," said Predmesky, who began coaching the Blazers in 1997 before taking a brief hiatus. "We seem to have picked up a lot of speed this year. We're skating



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Watching her shot as it works it way down the lane Monday is Westland John Glenn's Alyssa Kolb.

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BRAD EMONS

Livonia Ladywood's captains this season include (from left) Katie Hayward, Devon Kelly, Colleen Lynch and Brooke Spiegel.

## LINDSAY

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the stands, he played his finale with one little hiccup — he took a hard check into the boards in the first period and momentarily exited the contest.

"I walked off the bench meeting with Michigan's trainer," Lindsay said. "I knew this was my last game and I wasn't going to go out early."

"I got taped up, took some ibuprofen and finished the game. Following the game, all of my teammates gave me a hug and told me how much they are going to miss me. Now that it's all said and done, I wouldn't change a thing."

Except the fact Schoolcraft lost 6-5 to the Michigan club team. But Lindsay chalked up an assist on the Ocelots' final goal of the night.

### Not going away

With his Ocelots playing days officially behind him — productive ones, too with 24 goals, 25 assists and 49 points in 39 games — Lindsay is set on finishing a four-year degree in criminal justice (he earned his associate's at Schoolcraft) and, hopefully, someday landing his dream gig as a Michigan state trooper.

He's already trending in that direction. After walking across the stage on graduation day in May, he expects to enroll over the summer in a police academy.

Also on his to-do list is sticking around the program he helped start and nurture.

Fully committed to helping grow the Ocelots hockey program, Lindsay said he'll work as an assistant coach for his dad, Schoolcraft head coach Rob Lindsay.

"It is going to be tough making the transition from being a player to a coach," Andrew said. "But I care for every single player on our team. I consider them to be my brothers and I plan on doing my best to continue to contribute to this program."

The younger Lindsay will help his dad during the final weeks of the 2016-17 season and keep an eye on the growing program after that.

He'll root for his father to succeed in the quest to upgrade Schoolcraft to NCAA Division III status.

There wouldn't be a quest without Andrew Lindsay, although he doesn't want any of the credit for hockey taking off at Schoolcraft.

Yet he was instrumental in taking the idea of starting a team to student activities director Todd Stowell and then actively recruiting students on campus to go to open tryouts.



Documenting his final game playing for the Schoolcraft Ocelots, captain Andrew Lindsay (center) poses at Yost Arena with parents Sheri and Rob Lindsay. Schoolcraft lost to Michigan's club team, 6-5, although Lindsay collected an assist.

The response was unprecedented. The first season was played at Redford Arena as an independent. Schoolcraft still plays at Redford this season, but as a member of the American Collegiate Hockey Association.

Traveling around the state, competing at places such as Yost, the Ocelots are gaining in stature and becoming serious business.

High school graduates are choosing Schoolcraft in order to continue their hockey careers, with the bonus of not having to move out of the area in order to do so.

### Staying upbeat

Is the ascent over? Not if the Lindsays have anything to do with it.

The potential for great things with Schoolcraft's hockey program is only matched by the positive energy flowing throughout the Lindsay family.

"Since day one of this program, I could not have asked for a better support system, from my mother (Sheri), brother Robbie, father (Rob) and (family friend) Jesse

Graffagnino," Andrew said. "My mother and father raised me to work hard, live an honest life and finish what I start."

"My brother is my biggest influence; he has always led by example and his character is something I have always admired. Jesse is a man I can always count on."

Others at Schoolcraft say the same thing about Lindsay and it's that dependability that gives him an excellent chance to succeed as a police officer.

Of course, he'll always be a rink rat at heart.

"I have played this amazing game since I was 3 years old and have built lifelong friendships, as well as ever-lasting memories," he said. "I can say I could not have ended my hockey career on a better note."

"The last two seasons playing for Schoolcraft College have been the time of my life. I can't wait to see where this program goes in the next few years."

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## ICERS

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well as a team and most of the teams, come by the third period, they're out of gas. And that's what we did last night. It was 1-0 going into the third and we scored two in the last."

Senior Cecilia Werner had a goal and assist in the win, while seniors Devon Kelly and Katie Hayward each contributed a goal.

Junior Brooke Spiegel collected two assists, while senior Claire Doyle, junior Sydney Pilut, senior Sydney Malek and sophomore Victoria Pilut contributed one assist apiece.

Senior Samantha Erickson, the team's number one goaltender, went all the way in net making just eight saves as the Blazers posted their second shutout of the year.

Team defense has been a key for Ladywood this season. The Blazers have allowed just nine goals in seven games with Ericson and sophomore backup Isabella Lorelli combining for a .950 save percentage.

"I think there is a real commitment as a whole team," senior defenseman and captain Colleen Lynch said. "Everyone does their part and everyone trusts each other. Even if one person makes a mistake, we all got each other's backs."

Ladywood, meanwhile, has also put together a potent offense with 49 goals in seven games. Predmesky rolls as many as three forward lines with Hayward, Spiegel and Werner leading the way.

During last month's Grosse Pointe Woods University-Liggett Invitational, Hayward cracked the 100-goal barrier and has now his 106 for her career.

"We have really good team unity," Predmesky said. "They all get along, they watch out for each other, both on the ice and off the ice."

Last season, the Blazers reached the semifinals of the Michigan Metro playoffs, but want to take it one step further.

"I think this year we're really staying focused," Lynch said. "We have a goal to reach at the end of the year and we've got to work every game like we want to play at our best. We want to work together and play as a team, and work hard."

The Blazers continue their unbeaten quest Thursday at Grosse Pointe North before taking on Ann Arbor Skyron at 5:30 p.m. Saturday at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The busy week concludes at 2 p.m. Sunday against host Walled Lake at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills.

Ladywood will then play three games in three days from Jan. 20-22 in Traverse City.

"It's been a lot of fun, this year especially because we've been doing so well and everybody is in a good mood, and everybody enjoys being around each other," Lynch said.

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## BOWLING

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gifted kids who really take their talent seriously and are working hard.

"My varsity boys, I have four seniors (Mitchell Rusinek, Ryan Gonyea, Shane Rusinek, Alex Mattson). They have the experience and they're doing well. There's a couple seniors on my girls team (Leah Boucha, Olivia Harkins, Morgan Zach)."

Rusinek (175-172—347 Monday) said the team just stays focused on "getting it done. We're undefeated in our division so far. We all bowled pretty well today."

According to Canton senior Dominic Dimaya, he and the rest of the Chiefs (5-1, 2-1) are fully aware of how well the Rocks are bowling. They are looking forward to a head-to-head match-up Jan. 16.

"I'd like to beat them because they beat John Glenn and that's our only loss this year," said Dimaya, who tallied a 158 game Monday.

Dimaya did note that the Chiefs took both Baker games against Novi and "I like Baker games because it's more of a team. In singles, you're kind of relying on yourself."

John Glenn boys coach Ron Staples, whose team improved to 4-1, 2-1 with Monday's win over Plymouth, stressed that the Rockets are showing resiliency despite being short-handed due to illnesses.

"We were down against Plymouth, switched the order," Staples said. "We threw some strikes and made some key spares, put the pressure on them."

"I think the second game we took four out of five. And we won the totals and that won the match."

Staples highlighted the efforts turned in by Tyler Brown (186-222—408), freshman Kenny Raynes (257 in the second game) and Matt Essa (185).

"It came down to the second game in match play and we won four (and) totals," he said.



Westland John Glenn bowler Sarah Hayes rolls the ball Monday at Super Bowl.

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"Good victory for us. They got us last year. Our side of the bracket is tough."

John Glenn girls coach Tom Oddi also pointed to strong Baker games, with 203 and 187, good for 10 points.

"We're working on trying to stay focused all the way through," Oddi said. "The girls really went out and went after their points and did a good job."

Alyssa Kolb "was on all day" with a 221-187—408 score-line for the Rockets (3-2, 1-2).

**SALEM (BOYS) 29, NORTHVILLE 1**

**» Baker games:** Salem 184, Northville 180; Salem 151, Northville 118.

**Salem:** Brendan Kwapis (232-161-393), Shane Rusinek (158-222-380), Mitchell Rusinek (175-172-347), Alex Mattson (180-212-392), Ryan Gonyea (183-197-377). Totals: 928-739-1667.

**Northville:** Nathan Colosimo (145), Connor Eadeh (199-154-353), Zack Gaiski (125), Payton Korhumel (174-150-324), Sean Munro (132), TJ Newman (162-178-340), Matthew Lee (127). Totals 907-739-1546.

**CANTON (BOYS) 28, NOVI 2**  
**» Baker games:** Canton 199, Novi 132; Canton 198, Novi 127.

**Canton:** David Hess (179), Andrew Nossay (136), Mah Mondro (158-193-351), D.J. Jablonski (266-191-457), Dominic Dimaya (158), Preston Kavanaugh (225). Totals: 888-917-1805.

**Novi:** Chris Fisher (180-166-346), Peter Koornem (97-157-254), Jacob Kilikivicius (129-135-264), Steve Davis (147-158-305), Ryan Rush (144-188-332). Totals: 697-804-1501.

**JOHN GLENN (BOYS) 18, PLYMOUTH 12**

**» Baker games:** Plymouth 160, John Glenn 137; John Glenn 200, Plymouth 158.

**Plymouth:** Alan Brown (208-186-394), Brett Caldwell (189-212-401), Boyd Crane (176-129-305), Mike Koski (160), Justin O'Shaughnessy (170-139-309). Totals: 903-806-1709.

**John Glenn:** Matt Essa (150-186-336); Kyle McCarthy (156-146-302), Mahogany Brown (186-222-408), Jared Stevens (209-171-378), Kenny Raynes (144-257-401). Totals: 845-982-1827.

**SALEM (GIRLS) 29, NORTHVILLE 1**

**» Baker games:** Salem 154, Northville 98; Salem 180, Northville 102.

**Salem:** Alaina Langen (102-159-261), Lexis Silverman (172-146-318), Emily Zach (167-165-332), Jennifer Snow (159-206-365), Leah Boucha (154-136-290). Totals: 754-812-1566.

**Northville:** Piper Kwasniak (114-131-245), Kathleen Heiberger (83), Laura Lepek (83-107-190), Jeniya Dabish (99), Delaney Compeau (116-131-247), Kaitlyn McGuirk (103-80-183). Totals: 499-548-1047.

**CANTON (GIRLS) 28, NOVI 2**

**» Baker games:** Canton 145, Novi 144; Canton 158, Novi 131.

**Canton:** Sabrina Lee (169-171-340), Katie Nosay (143), Megan Peldo (192-171-363), Meghan Macunovich (187-214-401), Darby Rachwal (146-129-275). Totals: 837-798-1635.

**Novi:** Sydney Bernot (178-135-313), Allison Prahin (175-119-294), Marissa Huth (118-102-220), Madison Murphy (117-131-248), Sarah Erno (143-144-287). Totals: 731-631-1362.

**JOHN GLENN (GIRLS) 28, PLYMOUTH 2**

**» Baker games:** John Glenn 203, Plymouth 105; John Glenn 182, Plymouth 157.

**John Glenn:** Alexa Williams (146-133-279), Rayna Fritz (186-120-306), Julie Dietz (152-144-296), Sarah Hayes (159-132-291), Alyssa Kolb (221-187-408). Totals: 864-716-1580.

**Plymouth:** Natalie Kapke (129-103-232), Emma Penney (131-105-236), Elizabeth Nicholson (118-133-251), Madison Sharp (137-146-283), Madalyn Harden (180-189-369). Totals: 695-676-1361.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

# Franklin icers help the homeless

Patriots roll up sleeves over holidays for Motown Meals program

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Livonia Franklin varsity boys hockey players love the cold — that is, only when they're on the ice skating and shooting.

But Patriots players have a new take on the whole concept of being "cold" following efforts last month to help those who are less fortunate, through the Motown Meals program.

"After a long day of school followed by practice, I get to come home to a heated house, eat a hot meal and go to sleep in a warm bed," Franklin junior defenseman Brandon Webb said. "Unfortunately, there are many people who can't say the same, and working at Motown Meals really opened our eyes to that."

Webb noted that the volunteer work "really put things in perspective for all of us and made us appreciate what we have just that much more."

The Patriots helped prepare and serve meals on Sunday, Dec. 18.

They worked at other stations that day, assembling care packages (including gloves, hats, scarfs, toothbrushes, soap and toiletries) to be delivered to areas outside the Brightmoor facility.

Also, over a 2-3 week span leading up to the holiday event, the players collected over 50 toys to be distributed to children — helping Santa Claus with those efforts.

"My job was to help pass out gifts to the children who came to the facility," Webb said. "Seeing the smile on the faces of the children I gave presents to brought a smile to my face



Livonia Franklin hockey players helped volunteer Dec. 18 for Motown Meals in Detroit.

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as well especially knowing that that may be the only gift they receive this holiday season.

"It was also great to see how appreciative the people we assisted were and we all took pleasure in knowing that we helped make their day a little bit better."

**Very humbling**

According to the Motown Meals website, the organization is "dedicated to helping (metro Detroit) people who are marginalized by circumstances in their lives leaving them cut off from normal participation in society."

Motown Meals also is driven "to help the less fortunate, change society's perception of the homeless and understand their stories."

Webb and teammates such as senior defenseman Kolby Dewhirst and sophomore goalie Will Augustine indeed have a

new understanding and are glad they were able to help the cause.

"It's always good to give back to the community and help out those who are less fortunate," Dewhirst said. "We were able to feed and give out clothes and gifts to them."

"I think not only is it good for us as a team but it's also a very humbling experience. I'm very happy that I was able to be a part of it."

Concurring was Augustine, who said it was "an amazing experience for Franklin hockey. It was fun and rewarding to supply those in need with food, clothes and gifts. I would definitely help out again and would recommend helping out Motown Meals to anyone that is interested in helping out the local community."

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Helping prepare meals for the needy at Motown Meals are Livonia Franklin hockey players (from left) Quentin Smythe, Jack Ores, Jacob Cox, Nick Zatyko, Jacob Kenward and Steve Morris.

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PREP WRESTLING

## Shamrocks finish in first place at own tournament

Catholic Central has four individual champions to top 21-team field

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In 13 of the last 16 years, the winner of the Novi Detroit Catholic Central Wrestling Invitational has gone on to win the MHSAA Division 1 state championship.

Buoyed by four individual champions Saturday, the host Shamrocks signaled that they'll be the odds-on favorite win take the title Feb. 25 in Mount Pleasant after scoring 241.5 points to capture the team title, while Davison was a distant second with 163.

"Our guys competed extremely hard today and it showed in our performance," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "With the competition and teams at this invite, winning this tournament is a big deal. We focused this week on finishing — finishing a take-down, match and tournament. We weren't very happy with the way we finished in Medina (Ohio), so I'm proud of the way our guys responded."

Rounding out the top 10 were Warren Woods Tower (146.5), Macomb Dakota and Westland John Glenn (133.5 each); St. Johns (117), Hudson (97), Bay City Western (94), Oxford (90) and Grandville (88).

The Shamrocks separated themselves from the 21-team field by winning six of seven matches in the semifinals.

Four CC grapplers went on to win individual crowns, including Kevon Davenport (135 pounds), who raised his record to 23-0 with a 12-1 major decision over John Glenn's Anthony Gibson; Cameron Amine (145), a 7-1 decision over John Glenn's John Siemasz; Tyler Morland (171), a 12-2 major decision over Marysville's Nino Bastianelli; and Nick Jenkins (285), who won 3-2 in overtime against Allegan's Chase Beard.

Amine (22-2 overall), Morland (13-0), Jenkins (22-1) and Davenport are all defending Division 1 individual state champions.



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CC's Kevon Davenport (top) is 23-0 this season after winning the 135-pound weight class.

Also reaching the finals were CC's Devon Johnsen (103) and Rhett Newton (112).

Johnsen avenged a dual meet loss Jan. 4 to Dakota's Nick Alayan before losing to Woods Tower's David Stephanian, 5-0, in the final. Newton upended top seed Tucker Sholl, the defending Division 4 state champion from Hudson, in the semifinals, 2-0.

"I'm super proud of the way Johnsen and Newton competed," Hancock said. "They beat some extremely talented wrestlers to make the finals. I thought they competed hard in the finals as well. I don't think our four champs surprised anyone. They are expected to perform the way they did. They were aggressive, smart and tough."

Meanwhile, CC's defending state champion Ben Kamali (119) placed third, defeating John Glenn's Mikey Mars in the consolation final, 4-3, after losing in the semifinals to eventual champion Jordan Hamdan of Hudson by major decision, 10-1.

Placing fifth for the Shamrocks were Stone Moscovic (125), Joe Urso (140), Adian Wagh (152), Brendin Yatooma (160) and Easton Turner (189).

CC's sixth-place finishers included Dan Rehfeldt (103), Derek Gilcher (119) and Conor Curnutte (215).

**Dual meet win**

On Jan. 4, the top-ranked Shamrocks captured nine of the 14 matches to best host Macomb

County champion Dakota in a non-league dual, 43-23, as Kamali (125), Amine (145), Morland (189), Jackson Ross (215) and Jenkins (285) all scored pins.

Davenport (135) also won by major decision, 16-8, while Stone Moscovic (130) won by a 9-4 decision against the No. 5 Cougars.

"I thought our guys wrestled aggressively and worked to score points," Hancock said.

"We scored 30 (take-downs) to their seven, but we just gave up too many bonus points. I also think we should've won the match at 112 and definitely scored bonus points at 140 pounds, which was at least a 10-point swing."

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103: David Stephane (lower) decisioned Devon Johnsen (CC), 5-0; 112: Chaise Mayer (lower) won by major dec. over Rhett Newton (CC), 17-5; 119: Jordan Hamdan (Hudson) dec. Jack Medley (Anchor Bay), 3-1 (overtime); 125: Isaac Leffer (John Glenn) dec. Marc Schaffer (Davison), 9-4; 130: Victor Schoenher (B.C. Western) dec. Conor Donahue (Clarkston), 2-1; 135: Kevon Davenport (CC) won by major dec. over Anthony Gibson (John Glenn), 12-2; 140: Noah Schoenher (B.C. Western) dec. Trent Lasuay (St. Johns), 3-1; 145: Cameron Amine (CC) dec. John Siemasz (John Glenn), 7-1; 152: Bret Fedewa (St. Johns) dec. Coby Moore (B.C. Western), 7-5; 160: Cal Stefanko (Davison) dec. Layne Malczynski (Dakota), 1-1 (UTB); 171: Tyler Morland (CC) won by major dec. over Nino Bastianelli (Marysville), 12-2; 189: Jelani Embree (Lincoln) p. Ryan Vasbinder (Grandville), 5-54; 215: Sam Kinne (Lapeer) won by major dec. over Zach Bailey (Hudson), 9-0; 285: Nick Jenkins (CC) dec. Chase Beard (Allegan), 3-2 (UTB).

USA HOCKEY

## NTDP toasts World Junior champions

Number of former NTDP players help Team USA

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Hockey coaches never feel too good following lopsided losses.

But Danton Cole, head coach of the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-17 team, at least managed to smile Friday following an 8-3 United States Hockey League loss to the Chicago Steel at USA Hockey Arena.

The reason was crystal clear: Cole and everybody else with the Plymouth-based NTDP are over the moon following the gold medal secured Jan. 5 by Team USA at the 2017 International Ice Hockey Federation World Junior Championship at the Bell Centre in Montreal.

Nine players that Cole coached with the NTDP U18 squad in 2015-16 made their mark at World Juniors, including Kieffer Bellows, Clayton Keller, Charlie McAvoy, Jordan Greenway and Adam Fox. Following the 5-4 shootout win, all of those players and more exchanged texts with Cole.

"That's one of our big charges here," Cole said. "There's successes we want to have while the guys are here, but a lot of it is it's a national team development program. U20 is the next thing after they leave here and then there's the Men's World Championships and then there's the Olympics, getting guys ready for that."

"You know what, we spend a lot of time with those guys and then they leave and they go and do great things. It's fun to watch them and see them succeed. It makes you feel good about all the work people do here to put them in that position."

"We're proud of what they've done and we had a lot of guys who came through here. It's a big win for USA Hockey as a whole."

He added that it was nice to have contributed in some way to the greater good.

"You do feel like a dad



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NTDP U17s head coach Danton Cole, shown from earlier this season, proudly watched a number of his former players help win a gold medal for Team USA at World Juniors.

when your kids go off to do really good stuff and you are proud of them," Cole said.

"Because you know how hard they've worked and you know what they've put into it, it's nice to see them get there."

Cole said his current players duly noted what was going on in Canada.

"We talked about it every day," Cole said. "Whatever game it was ... we always put it in that context, of what to learn and how you play against different countries, because every country comes at you a little bit different."

The team already had firsthand experience in international tournaments, having captured December's Five Nations Tournament held in Montney, Switzerland.

"Stopping a goal sometimes is just as valuable as scoring a goal," Cole said, explaining the nuts and bolts of being in the medal hunt at such tournaments. "Having that mentality, that everything counts and we're not going to take a shift off, is a good mentality to get to. Teams that have success are able to do that."

Meanwhile, things got a little better on the home front Saturday night. The U17 squad, which until Friday had played only one home game since Oct. 21, bounced back with a 1-0 victory over Youngstown.

Scoring the winning goal late in the third period was Jake Pivonka. Making 31 stops for the shutout was Erik Gordon.

## BOYS BASKETBALL

## Spartans' defense stops South Lyon

Unbeaten Livonia Stevenson makes it seven straight wins

Brad Emons  
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Livonia Stevenson Devin Dunn may have summed it up best talking about his team's 7-0 start.

"We're playing as a team really good, that's the best part and we're really connecting on the court," said the 6-foot junior guard, who scored a game-high 16 points Tuesday night in the Spartans' 61-48 win over visiting South Lyon.

Stevenson is known for its fast tempo and high-powered offense, but the Spartans demonstrated that they can do it on the defensive end as well as they held their third opponent this season to 50 points or less. "It says a lot about our char-

acter as a team," Dunn said. "We play good team 'D' every night out, or we try to at least. We work on it a lot in practice and it shows in the games."

The Spartans, who improved to 2-0 in the KLAAs Central, got off to a slow start trailing the Lions 10-8 after one quarter.

"Not let them in the paint, that was our main goal," Dunn said. "But then they started hitting 'threes' ... so we got a little rattled and in the first quarter we only got eight (points). But we held them to 10 and that kept us in the game. Defense turns into offense."

Stevenson took command in the second quarter outscoring South Lyon 17-8 as Dunn scored six straight points.

"We like to run and most of the time he's our key runner



BRAD EMONS  
Devin Dunn

right there," Stevenson coach Kareem Smart said of Dunn. "He can make layups any type of way. We do try to get him open in transition and try to get the other guys to feed off it."

Stevenson took a 27-16 half-time lead into the locker room capped by Jeremiah Eason's triple at the buzzer.

South Lyon (2-5, 1-1), however, stayed within eight after three quarters thanks eight of senior forward Nick Flynn's team-high 15 points.

The Lions then cut it to six, 44-38, on Carlo Zoratti's basket with 7:34 to go in the final quarter and had a chance to cut the deficit to four. But a missed layup and two more hoops by Dunn put the Spartans up by 10 and the Lions couldn't recover.

"That was a swing, but that was just symptomatic of our whole game," South Lyon coach Doug Host said. "We got a lot of good spots to shoot the ball. But first of all, Stevenson does a good job and they play

really hard. But this isn't a team that is imposing physically. We've got to be willing to attack those guys. Give them credit. They attacked us more than we attacked them tonight."

Stevenson was strong from the field hitting 23-of-41 shots (56 percent) with senior Nader Kandalaft and Eason contributing 10 and nine points, respectively.

"Everybody is geared to stop Ian (Knoph), so that's when everybody else steps up," Smart said. "My bench play was really good. Thomas Demers and a couple of other guys, Parker Graham, came right off the bench and we didn't lose a step or lose a beat. It was really good."

South Lyon shot only 15-of-49 from the field (30.6 percent) and had nobody else in double figures as Ben Call and David Szwalba contributed nine points apiece, while Chris Job had eight.

"Largely it just comes down to us not being aggressive enough finishing plays at both ends," Host said. "We got guys in position, but we're not taking charges, and that's what we do. We didn't do it until super late in the game tonight."

**GARDEN CITY FALLS:** A 30-point game by Dearborn Heights Crestwood's Malik Rogers was too much for the Cougars, who fell 60-46.

Cameron Walter tallied 17 points and 11 rebounds for Garden City with other key contributors including Jake Sadowski (nine points, seven rebounds) and Brad Russell (eight points, eight boards).

"We battled all game long," GC coach Rick Morton said. "We were down 50-44 with four minutes left and Crestwood closed on a 10-2 run. I hope we can use this effort as a springboard for the rest of the year."

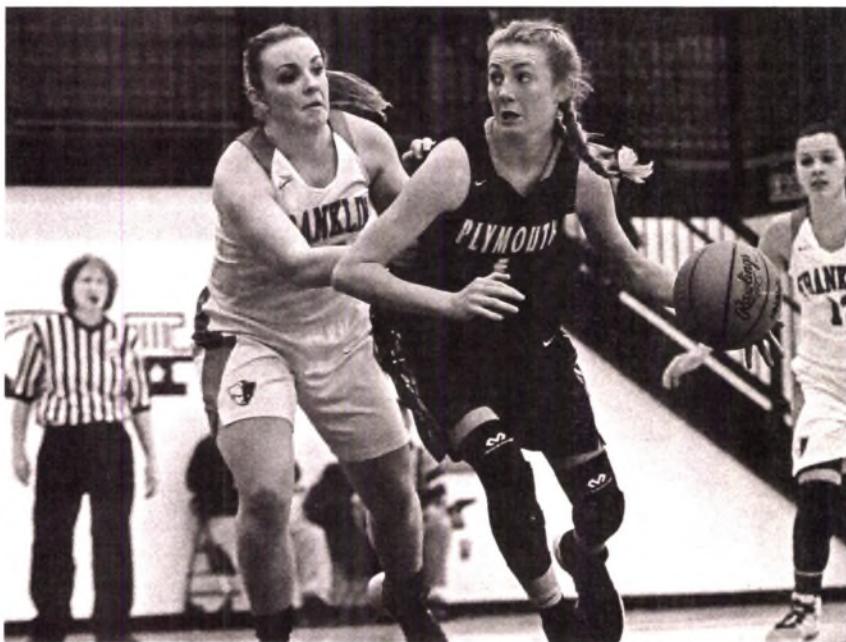
**RU STALLS TRACTORS:** Junior Christian Montgomery scored a game-high 19 points as Redford Union (5-2) earned a 56-50 Western Wayne Athletic Conference crossover victory Tuesday over visiting Dearborn Fordson (3-7).

Marcus Evans added 11 points and 11 rebounds, while Jacob Gagnon chipped in with seven points and seven rebounds as the Panthers overcame a 49-48 fourth-quarter deficit after leading by as many as 17.

Fordson, which trailed 24-19 at halftime, took advantage of a three-minute RU drought by hitting four three-pointers to take the one-point lead.

"We got some stops, played hard, played as a team and got the 'W,'" said RU coach Randall Taylor, who was missing starting point guard Malik Evans (illness).

Both teams struggled from the foul line with RU going 8-of-18 (44.4 percent), while Fordson was 8-of-19 (42.1 percent).



Dribbling around Livonia Franklin's Makaylah Liddell (left) Tuesday night is Plymouth's Elle McCaslin.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Rockets falter early against Plymouth

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A 23-point second quarter Tuesday night lifted visiting Plymouth to a 67-36 win over Livonia Franklin in a KLAAs South Division varsity girls basketball matchup.

Leading the Wildcats (2-6 overall, 1-1 in the KLAAs South) were Chantal LeDoux and Elle McCaslin, each with 14 points.

Helping the cause with 10 points was Emerson Recto, while Sydney McCaig and Angela Schmidt contributed six points apiece.

"Our transition offense was clicking on all cylinders tonight," Plymouth head coach Ryan Ballard said. "I love watching our group when they play unselfish and share the ball."

"We have to bring effort and enthusiasm over the next couple practices to get ready for a well-coached team in Livonia Churchill."

Plymouth, coming off Friday's hard-fought 50-34 defeat to first-place Wayne Memorial, took a 12-7 lead after one quarter and then went up 35-15 at halftime following the big second quarter.

Against the Zebras, Ballard said his team played hard for 32 minutes. If not for Wayne's 19-5 edge in the second quarter, the game could have gone either way.

"Our kids competed to the buzzer," Ballard said. "I loved the effort and intensity we brought to the table tonight. There are some execution things we need to clean up moving forward, but the good thing is everything is correctable."

Concurring was junior point guard forward Chantal LeDoux, who scored eight points to share team honors with freshman Elle McCaslin.

"It was an intense and up-tempo game," LeDoux said. "After we calmed down in the second half, we started to play

and work really well together. The energy from our bench helped keep us going."

**Chiefs down Rockets**

Balanced scoring helped visiting Canton defeat Westland John Glenn 54-29 on Tuesday night in a KLAAs South Division varsity girls basketball game.

Carlie Vaughan (11 points), Erin Hult (10), Shanya Butler (10), Sam Mattern and Madison Wolfbauer (six points each) helped the Canton cause, with Ashley Criscenti and Alaina Heitmeyer tallying six and five rebounds, respectively.

For the Rockets (3-4), Jasmine Edwards scored 14 points while Sharon Woodard and Carley Loving each tallied six points.

"Tonight we did a good job of dictating tempo for the entire 32 minutes," Canton head coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "We were patient in our zone offense, making several passes until we got a good look at the hoop."

Canton will host Wayne Memorial on Friday night.

**Spartans win big**

Junior Sarah Tanderys scored nine treys Tuesday night, setting a new Livonia Stevenson record, scoring 31 points as the Spartans earned a 60-29 victory over South Lyon.

Chipping in with 10 points and five rebounds was Diane Senkowski.

"I am super proud of every single girl on this team and Sarah was just lights out tonight," Stevenson head coach Karen Anger said. "We have been working on her shot all summer and I have seen it coming together more and more. ... I knew Sarah would go off sooner than later."

Chipping in with four points, five rebounds, three steals and four blocks was Grace Lamerson.

South Lyon was led by Sam Swain, with 11 points.

**PCA prevails**

Eight Plymouth Christian players reached the scoresheet Tuesday night as the Eagles tripped up Grosse Pointe Woods University Liggert, 59-38.

Lydia Chapel paced the PCA attack with 15 points, while Robin Albert scored 14. Also helping the cause were Taylor Mistele (eight points, nine rebounds) and Aliyah Pries (six points, three blocks).

The Eagles improved to 6-1 overall and 1-1 in the MIAC.

**RU trips Kennedy**

Johnnie Steele, a 6-2 sophomore, posted a triple double with 14 points, 13 rebounds and 12 blocks as Redford Union (5-2) pulled away in the second half for a 35-20 victory Tuesday over Taylor Kennedy (1-6).

The Panthers, who outscored the Eagles 22-10 in the second half, also got 11 assists from Cassidy Sandelin and eight points from Johnnae Steele.

"Defensively we were sound," RU coach Rusty Purdy said. "But we were rusty from the holidays and had lots of turnovers. We did not play as great as we wanted."

**Warriors roll, 54-23**

Taylor Jones and Rachel Reddeman registered 20 points and 14 points, respectively, as Lutheran Westland romped Tuesday against Southfield Christian.

Reddeman also led the Warriors (5-1 overall, 1-0 in the MIAC) with 12 rebounds.

Lutheran Westland led 10-3 after one quarter and padded the advantage to 28-7 at half-time.

"We wanted to start the conference off strong and believe we did this tonight," Warriors head coach Sandi Wade said. "We came out with intensity on the defensive end and finished well on the offensive end."

## HOOPS

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missed chances around the Canton basket.

"We didn't make smart plays; we were forcing things we didn't need to force," Watts said. "But this is always a battle, this Canton and Glenn game. We love coming over here, and love battling against them because they do a good job with their kids."

"We know we're going to be challenged and we know it's going to be a good game."

White led the Chiefs (5-3, 2-0) with 16 points, with Eian Barker and Sigmon contributing 14 and 11 points, respectively. Adding nine points and six rebounds in what Reddy called his most-complete game yet was junior forward Chase Meredith.

For John Glenn, Agnew tallied 20 points — including 11 in the second half, which began with the teams deadlocked at 20-20.

Helping the Rockets with 13 points was senior guard Kijuan Chandler, who earned praise from Watts for playing a smart game.

"Kijuan Chandler really played well tonight, on the ball, off the ball, offensively, defensively," Watts said. "He's such a heady player, has a high basketball IQ."

According to Brown, recent practices have been spent sharpening up on defensive play and the start of Tuesday's game showed the Chiefs paid attention. Canton enjoyed a 11-7 lead after one frame.

"We had to play great defense," Brown said. "They score a lot of points and transition defense was important. We worked on that in practice and did it in the game."

"... Our coach told us to help the helper, and we did that tonight. That's why we were able to play good D."

Both teams took turns at the wheel in the second half. Canton went off on 8-2 run to open the third and go up 28-22. A triple from the corner by Sigmon made it a 31-24 lead midway through the quarter.

Chandler cut into the lead with a driving layup-and-one, but getting it right back with a

trey was senior Jake Cesarz.

In the final seconds of the third, Chandler went to the rim with a twisting turn through the lane and scored to cut Canton's lead to 36-33 going into the fourth.

The lead see-sawed during the final eight minutes, with a three-point play by Agnew giving the Rockets a 52-51 advantage with 1:40 to go.

But then came Brown's clutch bucket, some free throws and air-tight defense to close out the win.

"(Defense has) been our foundation and we haven't been that great at it so far this year," Reddy said. "... We made a real emphasis on it at practice and when you're playing a good team like John Glenn you've got to defend and rebound or you're not going to win."

"Tonight, we defended pretty well most of the time."

**Plymouth nips Pats**

Plymouth edged visiting Livonia Franklin 41-39 on Tuesday night, nearly blanking the Patriots in the first quarter (leading 12-2 after one) but having to hang on down the stretch.

Franklin went on a 14-5 tear in the final quarter to tie the contest at 39-39, but Plymouth's Joey Robb (seven points) stole the ball and scored the game-winning layup in the final seconds.

Conner Bush led Plymouth with 11 points, as the Wildcats improved to 4-4 overall and 1-1 in the KLAAs South.

For the Patriots, Keyon Brown tallied 25 points — including 10 in the fourth, seven from the free-throw line. Mark Mettie was held to nine points.

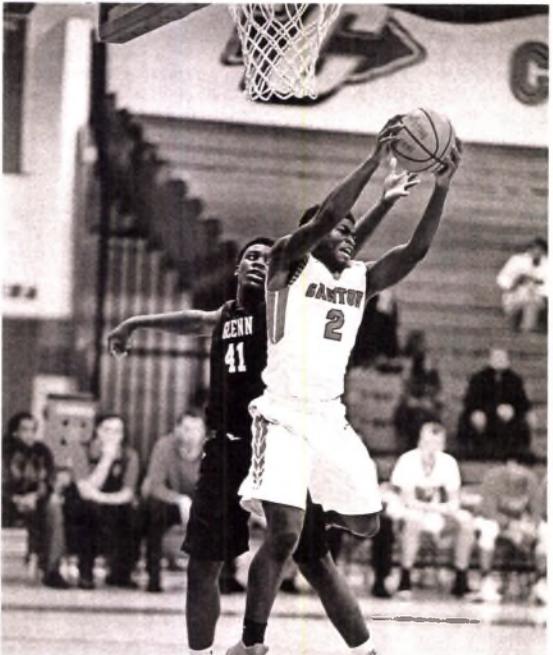
"It was a tale of two halves for both teams," Plymouth head coach Mike Soukup said.

**Salem edged, 63-51**

A 25-point night by Jake Justice sparked host Northville to a KLAAs Central Division boys basketball win Tuesday night over Salem.

The Rocks (3-5) were led by Cameron Grace (11 points), Camren Barden and Kyle Winfrey (10 points each).

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Canton's Noah Brown comes down with a rebound ahead of John Glenn's Dajon Parker during Tuesday's game.

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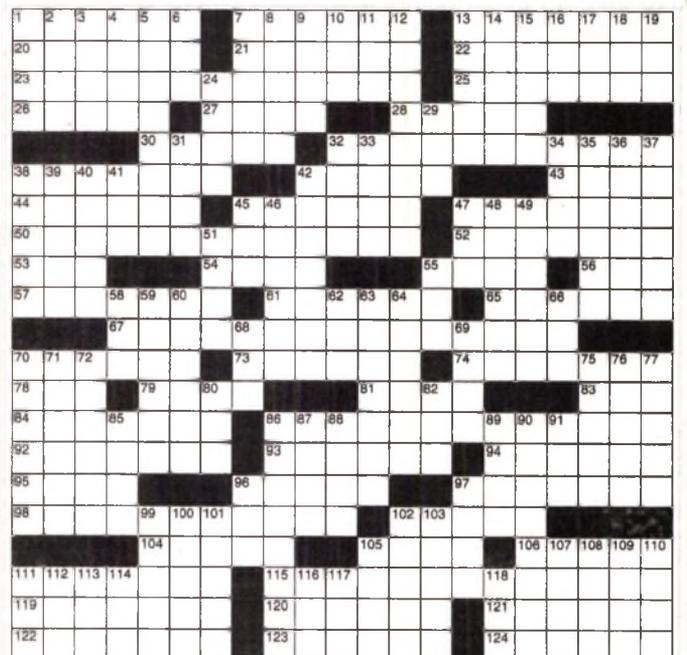
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## THURSDAY PUZZLE CORNER

### CROSSWORD PUZZLER

- |   |   |   |                             |                                  |                             |
|---|---|---|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                                   | 45 Give out, as a task                    | 92 Faux names   | <b>DOWN</b>                 | 39 Elevated                      | 85 Its capital is Vientiane |
| 1 Brand of laco shells                          | 47 Helps out                              | 93 Puts up, as an edifice                                 | 1 Sea menace                | 40 Sports data                   | 86 Puts on a new course     |
| 7 Serapes, e.g.                                 | 50 Withholding punishment, biblically     | 94 Arrive at a choice                                     | 2 Big crucifix              | 41 Knightly title                | 87 Actor Close              |
| 13 Holders of strike signs                      | 52 Baja naps                              | 95 City near Lake Tahoe                                   | 3 Take care of              | 42 Mao of China                  | 88 Cal —                    |
| 20 Film critic Richard                          | 53 Holiday in Hanci                       | 96 Watson's partner                                       | 4 Sword sort                | 45 Had food                      | 89 Big star, say            |
| 21 Social outcast                               | 54 Oven output                            | 97 Popping-up appliance                                   | 5 1936-52                   | 46 One forming something         | 90 Picture of an ocean view |
| 22 Be given via will                            | 55 Imitated                               | 98 "Under the Net" novelist                               | 6 "Woof!" kin               | 47 Cleo's cobra                  | 91 Mac rivals               |
| 23 "Get Smart" device for a secret conversation | 56 Top pitcher                            | 102 Shovel source   | 7 Mace, e.g.                | 48 Kitchen tools                 | 96 String after B           |
| 25 All excited                                  | 57 Mag revenue                            | 104 "Cheerful"  | 8 Recital sites             | 49 Car types                     | 97 Track beams              |
| 26 One using a plus sign                        | 61 Get bloated                            | 105 High wind   | 9 Locale                    | 51 Indian butter                 | 98 — Polo                   |
| 27 Rose Bowl sch.                               | 65 Leaps over                             | 106 Private stash   | 10 Finish at #1             | 55 Liable                        | 100 Cow's milk source       |
| 28 Mario Lanza, for one                         | 67 PBS series featuring documentary films | 111 Provides statement about six key words in this puzzle | 11 Body of eau              | 58 Indy area                     | 101 Gets higher             |
| 30 Hands over for one                           | 70 — lank                                 | 115 Punny   | 12 Kind of pony or sheeppog | 59 Licoricelike flavors          | 102 Wage recipient          |
| 32 Classmate                                    | 73 Keyboard instruments                   | 119 Soon-to-be bride                                      | 13 Keyboard instrument      | 60 Music box? OK'ing medicines   | 103 At the ready            |
| 38 People swearing                              | 74 Avers                                  | 120 Salary maker  | 14 Being pulled             | 63 "Dudley Do-Right" damsel Nell | 105 Unit of heredity        |
| 42 Actress Reid and skater Lipinski             | 78 Gardner of the screen                  | 121 Artemis' twin   | 15 Bird's sound             | 64 Not mailed, say               | 107 State boldly            |
| 43 Barrett of gossip columns                    | 79 Biblical king before David             | 122 Stretching muscles                                    | 16 Actor Wahl               | 66 Exercise                      | 108 Old Briton              |
| 44 1990s IBM computer                           | 81 John closely                           | 123 With snake-like fish                                  | 17 Unit of work             | 68 D.C. figure                   | 109 Hawaii County seat      |
|   | 83 Historic time                          | 32-Down, event with a funnel cake stand, often            | 18 "Shop — you drop"        | 69 Alan of film                  | 110 Rival school of Harrow  |
|   | 84 Like some definition                   |   | 19 — Jeanne d'Arc: Abbr.    | 70 African hunt                  | 111 Not fore                |
|   | 86 High-IPad feature                      |   | 24 RAV4s, e.g.              | 71 More sinful                   | 112 "Bah!" sandwiches       |
|   |   |   | 29 Golf's Ernie             | 72 Some Italian                  | 113 Groupie, e.g.           |
|   |   |   | 31 Persia, now              | 75 Kindled again                 | 114 Come — (shills)         |
|   |   |   | 32 Sea                      | 76 Vocation                      | 116 Sombrero, for example   |
|   |   |   | 123-Across                  | 77 Singer Leo                    | 117 Be wrong                |
|   |   |   | 33 As a result              | 80 Sub Inits.                    | 82 — Cruces                 |
|   |   |   | 34 "Mila 18" author Leon    |                                  | 118 Sci-fi's Solo           |
|   |   |   | 35 USPS part                |                                  |                             |
|   |   |   | 36 Unbroken                 |                                  |                             |
|   |   |   | 37 Damsets                  |                                  |                             |
|   |   |   | 38 — pall over              |                                  |                             |



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### SUDOKU

	2		4		5			
1			5		8		3	
	7	8			4			
			9			6		
6								2
	8		7					
		9			3	7		
7		1		6				8
	4		3			9		

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

1	6	9	2	3	7	8	4	5
8	7	3	1	9	5	6	2	4
2	6	9	1	8	4	3	7	5
9	8	2	6	7	5	1	3	4
6	5	7	4	1	3	9	8	2
4	1	3	2	9	8	5	6	7
5	7	8	3	2	9	4	1	6
1	9	4	5	6	7	8	2	3
3	2	6	8	4	1	7	5	9

### 70'S MUSIC WORD SEARCH

<p>C K O R F A S G R O O V Y G R L B O V Z S A E G T P N H R E G E S V A M U I L B R W I U W P S L M P I H D A P C Y D L H E D P A B B E E T I M O N Y D C D U I P V C U G B E H N W T R B A V K N D T A T H L A G U K L P O F R Q U E E N R K T S C A Y H I I L I H O A P L Y A A L I L K O D S D B S B B A G W O D N E S U A O I W I H O E S O B R H E I Z H M H O E V U Z S Q O E F T H P A T E Q R T A A A A D R C G W G B T E T T S H O E T S A F R S E O Z T E H O N C I K F R E A B H U T E N M W E E E M D K C T A S Y B K T N C R G E R E S U S B P A Z S E A B K I K T A I V I L S N F H L A G R T F S Y M A R V E F G F U B O P N N I K I G U I S D P A R L H V M L M T I G E T D O W N O E W T O T T T M L U W S I M R C Y Z Y R L T H F D E E E A N P Y O L R W D N D E I U R W Y W R H I D O U B F Z R H E A C C Z H Y</p>	<p><b>WORDS</b></p> <p>ABBA HEART AEROSMITH HIP AFRO KISS BEE GEES MAZARETH BELL BOTTOMS OATES BOSTON PLATFORMS CHILL QUEEN DIG RAMONES DISCO SAYER DYN-O-MITE SEGER FLEETWOOD MAC STEWART FOCHAT STUDIO FOREIGNER SUMMER FUNKADELIC SYLVES GET DOWN TAVARES GIBB TRAVOLTA GROOVY WINGS HALL WRIGHT</p>
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

#### CHECK YOUR ANSWERS HERE

<p><b>Crossword Answers</b></p> <p>1 BRAND OF LACO SHELLS 7 SERAPES, E.G. 13 HOLDERS OF STRIKE SIGNS 20 FILM CRITIC RICHARD 21 SOCIAL OUTCAST 22 BE GIVEN VIA WILL 23 "GET SMART" DEVICE FOR A SECRET CONVERSATION 25 ALL EXCITED 26 ONE USING A PLUS SIGN 27 ROSE BOWL SCH. 28 MARIO LANZA, FOR ONE 30 HANDS OVER FOR ONE 32 CLASSMATE 38 PEOPLE SWearing 42 ACTRESS REID AND SKATER LIPINSKI 43 BARRETT OF Gossip COLUMNS 44 1990s IBM COMPUTER</p>	<p><b>Word Search Answers</b></p> <p>ABBA AEROSMITH AFRO BEE GEES BELL BOTTOMS BOSTON CHILL DIG DISCO DYN-O-MITE FLEETWOOD MAC FOCHAT FOREIGNER FUNKADELIC GET DOWN GIBB GROOVY HALL</p>
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