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## Art Van sale won't halt new store

Work scheduled to begin soon on Canton location

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Art Van Furniture is moving ahead with plans to build a new store in Canton, despite a corporate decision to sell the company to a private equity firm, a spokeswoman confirmed Wednesday.

"It doesn't change anything," Art Van spokeswoman Diane Charles said.

The Warren-based retailer has revealed a tentative deal to sell to Thomas H. Lee Partners of Boston — a change she said has no impact on what has been billed as a company

"flagship store" on Ford Road, just west of Haggerty, across from IKEA.

Rather, Charles said demolition is "imminent" on the Art Van site of an old medical office building fronting Ford Road and, behind that, a vacant, two-story structure that once housed businesses and a racquetball club.

It marks the first time in 15 years the Michigan-based company decided to build a new store "from the ground up" in Michigan, project manager Lana Vrabel has said.

Charles said the design is like no other in Michigan. She

said the 71,333-square-foot store is expected to open by November of this year. Officials have said the store is expected to employ about 60 people.

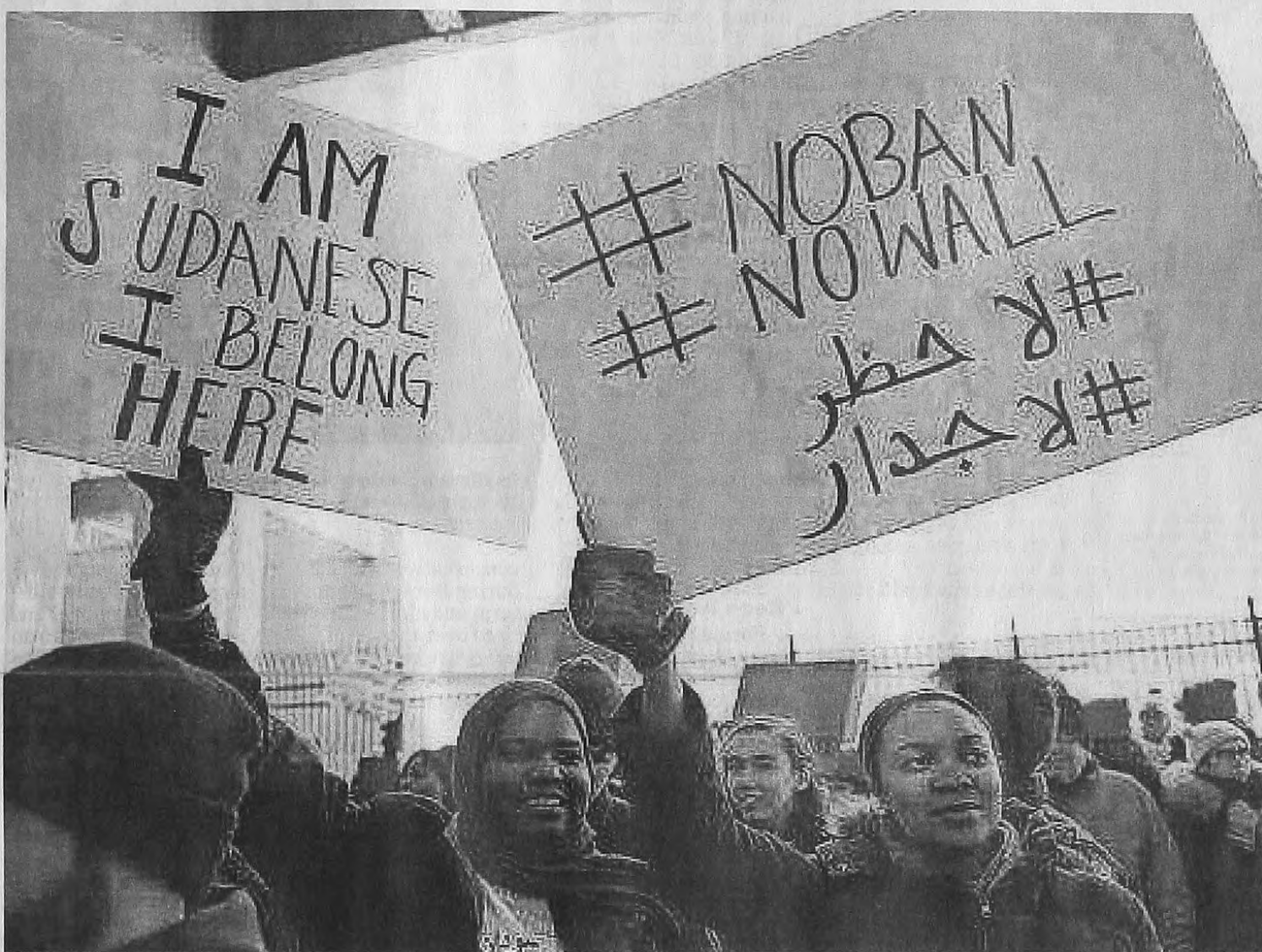
Canton Township Supervisor Pat Williams welcomed news that Art Van plans to keep its plans for the Ford Road store.

"We're glad to hear that through the transition to the new ownership, Art Van will continue to hold to the commitment it made to the Canton community for future development," he said. "We look forward to them coming to the community."



Art Van Furniture's plans to sell to a private equity company will not halt a Canton store, officials say.

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Khadega Mohammed (left) and Julia Wicker of Canton protest at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

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## Trump's executive order on travel stirs intense emotions

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Khadega Mohammed of Canton was only 8 years old when her father, a pharmacist, moved his family to the United States.

"We came to fulfill the American dream," she said. "We really wanted a better life."

They found it, far from Sudan, where she was born, and Saudi Arabia, where her Muslim family later lived. They risked everything to start anew.

Mohammed, 17, now finds herself in a country she said seems less welcoming after President Donald Trump signed an executive order

temporarily suspending refugees from coming to the United States. It also bars immigrants from traveling here from seven Muslim-majority nations — Syria, Iraq, Sudan, Iran, Libya, Somalia and Yemen.

"I don't even know what it means anymore to be American," said Mohammed, who plans to study international relations in college and possibly seek a law degree to help with human rights.

She joined thousands of protesters Sunday at Detroit Metropolitan Airport to rally against Trump's orders. The protest came two days after she was among nearly 200



Mike DiClaudio of Birmingham joined the protest Sunday at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

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## Man gets prison for child porn on phone

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A Detroit man has been slapped with a prison sentence after he used his cellphone to secretly videotape a woman in a workplace bathroom and had child pornographic images on the same device.

Zaron Eugene Holley, 28, was ordered to prison for one to seven years during his sentencing Jan. 23 by Wayne County Circuit Judge Margaret Van Houten. He received credit for 119 days already spent in jail.



Holley

Houten also ruled that Holley's name be placed on the Michigan Sex Offender Registry.

Canton police arrested Holley last Sept. 26 after he placed a cellphone in a workplace bathroom and secretly videotaped a female co-worker. She notified police after she realized she was being recorded.

Investigators then found sexual images of juvenile girls as they examined Holley's phone for evidence.

Holley was supposed to face a jury trial this week, but he abruptly pleaded guilty Jan. 6.

In the child porn case, Holley pleaded guilty to one count each of having child sexually abusive material and using a computer to commit a crime. In return, authorities agreed to dismiss four similar counts.

In the workplace case, he pleaded guilty to one count of using a computer to commit a crime, but authorities dismissed additional charges of capturing and distributing images of an unclothed person and using a device to eavesdrop.

Online records from the Michigan Department of Corrections indicate that Holley did not have any prior felony convictions.

The case arose at a work-

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# TRUMP

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people who gathered at the Canton Mosque, discussing the latest developments and ways to fight back.

## Emotions on both sides

Trump's orders have fueled intense emotions on both sides of the issue. Lena Epstein, a Bloomfield Hills resident and former Michigan co-chair of the Trump campaign, said the order has brought challenges.

"We can all acknowledge that," she said, "however, we can also agree that our current policies do not have the fortitude to safely protect American citizens."

Epstein said it's a tough balancing act to provide a safe haven for people facing persecution in their homelands while trying not to "hand over the keys to our own safety to those who wish

to do us harm." She said Trump's temporary orders provide time to work out a more permanent solution.

Karen Zyczynski, who chairs the Democrats of Western Oakland County, blasted Trump's orders.

"My initial reaction was that this reminds me of the 1930s, when the U.S. would not admit the Jewish refugees who were fleeing Europe," she said, also referencing concentration camps and the Holocaust. "We know that Muslims in Syria are currently under attack and fleeing for their lives. It seems ironic that we would prevent immigrants from entering our country when, in fact, we are a nation of immigrants."

Sarah Lusn, one of the airport protesters from Farmington Hills, said Trump "hasn't banned the countries he does business with. The ban is not going to keep us safer in any way. It's unethical, not really helping us in any way."



Sarah Lusn and her fiancée Paul Sewick, both of Farmington Hills, protest Sunday at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

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## 'Stand for human rights'

Sommer Foster, a Canton Township trustee, was among the public officials attending the airport protest. She also chairs a group, The Beloved Community, that organized the Canton Mosque forum, which had been planned even before Trump signed his orders.

"I believe it's important to stand for human rights for all people. I see my friends and neighbors and people I care deeply about being affected by these issues," Foster said.

The mosque forum, she said, encouraged attendees to strike back against Trump's actions by contacting federal lawmakers, registering voters and writing letters to newspapers, among other measures.

Mohammed said she is

worried for people such as a cousin, who is in America with a green card. She fears the relative could be banned if she travels abroad. Mohammed said her parents, Bashir Mohammed and Intisar Elseddig, never wanted her to join protests — until now, with the situation so dire.

"I see that people are really fearful and it just makes me so sad to see that our community is so sad and so heartbroken by these executive orders," she said. "I want us to stand together and combat this."

Mohammed said Muslims have received some strong support from people of other faiths and backgrounds.

"There's a lot of fear, but there is a lot of hope, as well," she said, adding later, "Through this hate, we are building so much unity."

## 'Keep America safe'

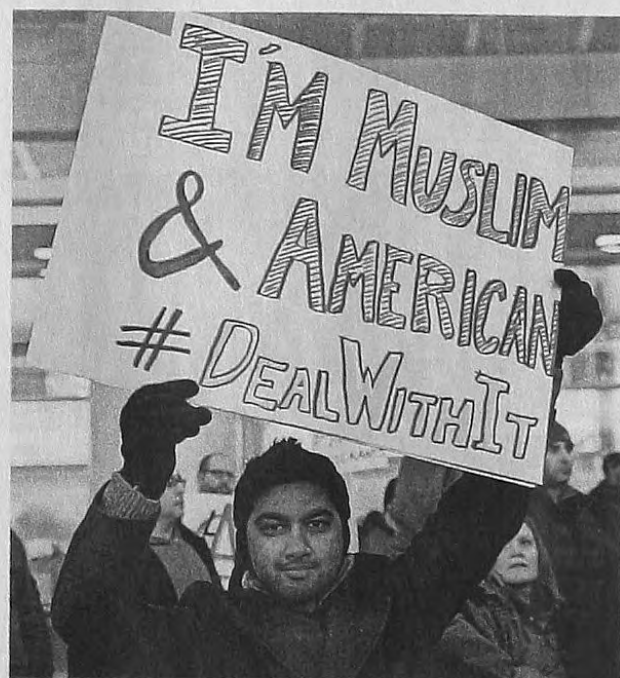
Former Canton Treasurer Melissa McLaughlin, a Republican, has made her support of Trump's orders known on Facebook. Reached by telephone Monday, she said it is the responsibility of the president and Congress "to keep America safe." She said terrorist acts are non-discriminatory because they can kill innocent people of all faiths in airports, shopping centers, schools, malls and other places.

"Terrorism is the purest form of anti-discrimination because terrorists kill everybody indiscriminately," McLaughlin said, adding later, "All we have to do is look at Germany and France and see some of the horrible things that have happened over there when they have just had wide-open doors to immigration."

Still, she said Trump was "clumsy and heavy-handed" in the way he rolled out his orders, saying he was "like a bull in a china shop." She also criticized Democrats for what she called an "unparalleled, hysterical response."

"It's all about manipulating the masses for politics and it's not about good policy," McLaughlin said. "It's not about trying to unite the country."

R. Karl Burnett, president of the Livonia Democratic Club, said he remembers listening to



Taosif Alam of Farmington Hills protests at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

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conservative talk radio during Barack Obama's term and him being chastised over the use of executive orders. He and others wonder how much opposition will grow to Trump's orders.

"It looks like he's almost running the entire legislative process out of the Oval Office," Burnett said. "So I don't know how it's going to go."

## Airport protest

At the airport, 16-year-old Emelia Ratliff of Plymouth protested Trump's orders and said, "No matter what your religion is, you should be allowed to live in this country."

Another Plymouth resident, Eric Travis, carried a sign that read "This Christian Says No Muslim Ban."

"I am called by my faith to stand up for those who cannot stand up for themselves," he said. "And there's no reason to ban a specific type, whether it's religion or nationality."

Meanwhile, U.S. Rep. David Trott, R-Michigan, issued a statement calling scenes of fleeing refugees in Syria "absolutely heartbreaking," but said "our first and foremost priority must be to ensure the safety of American families — our children and loved ones." He said he supports Trump's measures until a way to "adequately vet these refugees" can be found.

Phillip Collingwood of

Canton, attending the airport protest, blasted Trump's "racist ban" and said it "has nothing to do with national security. This has nothing to do with terrorism. This has to do with straight up racism and xenophobia."

Mike DiClaudio of Birmingham said he protested at the airport "because I am the child of an immigrant."

The Arab American Civil Rights League, meanwhile, released a statement saying it will "lock elbows with all other civil rights groups and lovers of freedom in a stance of demonstration and unity against the incrimination and discrimination of a group of people on the basis of their religion."

The ACRL called on Trump to be "a commander-in-chief for all Americans, regardless of their faith. If you don't stand up and fight for the values of our nation, then we will."

"While other nations may choose to live in fear of that which is different, we in America celebrate our differences and reveal to the world the beautiful kaleidoscope of human diversity," the ACRL said.

Staff writers Jay Grossman, Matt Jachman and David Veselenak and photographer Junfu Han contributed to the story.

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The store will be built along Canton's busiest retail corridor. Some residents have voiced concerns about additional traffic but, in a move to address those issues, Art Van plans to design a driveway that lines up with an existing IKEA

traffic light, officials have said.

The store will include amenities such as Scott Shuptrine Interiors, a Pure Sleep mattress section, Art Van flooring and a clearance center for budget-conscious customers.

Art Van in January announced the company would be sold after it was owned for 58 years by its founder, Art Van

Elslander. It is one of the largest independent furniture companies, with more than 100 stores in five states and about 3,700 employees. Art Van has said the company's current executive team is expected to stay on after the sale.

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place in the 6000 block of Haggerty Road. Police did not disclose the exact

location or business.

Canton Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor has said authorities don't believe Holley actually took pornographic pictures of girls himself.

"It appears that the photos are from the Internet," he said.

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# Canton ceremony honors Korematsu

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Fred Korematsu was arrested in May 1942 for defying President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066, which called for Japanese Americans to report to an assembly center.

Korematsu, an American citizen of Japanese descent, was convicted and sent to an internment camp, along with some 120,000 Japanese Americans during World War II. He appealed his case to the U.S. Supreme Court, where the court decided in a 6-3 vote that FDR's order was constitutional as a matter of national security.

Korematsu's conviction was vacated by a U.S. District Court in California in November 1983 and, 15 years later, after a life spent fighting for civil liberties, Korematsu was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, this country's highest civilian honor, by President Bill Clinton. Korematsu died in 2002.

Some 75 years after his internment and just two days after another presidential executive order having to do with immigration, the Plymouth-Canton Asian-Pacific-American Club honored Korematsu for his contributions to civil liberties with a ceremony that featured a tribute signed by Gov. Rick Snyder.

Roland Hwang, a Northville school board member and member of the Michigan Asian-Pacific-American Affairs Commission who was one of four speakers for the day, said it was important for students to recognize Korematsu's accomplishments.

Hwang told the audience Korematsu's case was considered "a civil liberties disaster." The dissenting opinion was

written by Justice Frank Murphy, a former mayor of Detroit, and called the Supreme Court's decision to uphold the conviction "an abyss of racism."

But Korematsu continued the fight until he eventually had his conviction vacated. The case is recognized ultimately as a civil liberties victory, to the point where several states recognize Fred Korematsu Day.

Agustin Arulu, executive director of Michigan's Department of Civil Rights, presented the tribute from Snyder. He said the state resolution honoring Korematsu was being done "in light of current events" amid the swirling controversy over President Donald Trump's ban on Syrian refugees and travel from seven primarily Muslim countries.

"I fully understand immigration is an area over which (the commission) doesn't have any control," Hwang said. "(But) every person must be judged by the content of their character and not the country of their origin."

The assembly took place just two days after Trump's executive order banning immigrants from seven predominantly Muslim countries, a move Arbulu said prompted a statement from the Michigan Department of Civil Rights decrying the action.

"We were very hurt by actions taken because they serve to divide people and can serve to foment hate ... and prejudice," he said.

Hwang drew the parallel between what Korematsu went through and current events.

"It's fair to say there's a particular climate with regard to race that is a parable to what happened during World War II," he said. "There was an outcry then, there's an



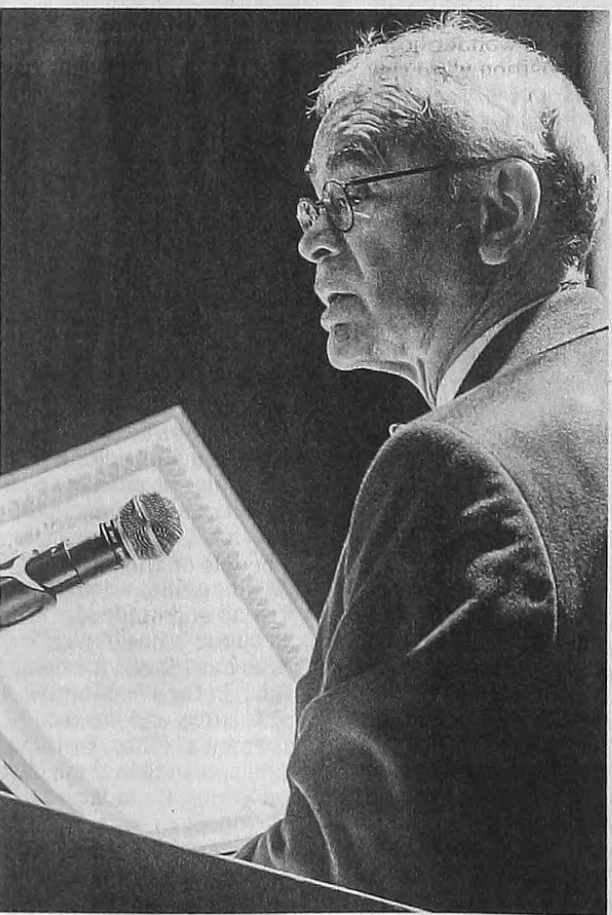
A video of Fred Korematsu includes President Bill Clinton presenting him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

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Nour Kazbour asks a question.

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Agustin Arbulu, executive director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, reads a state proclamation.



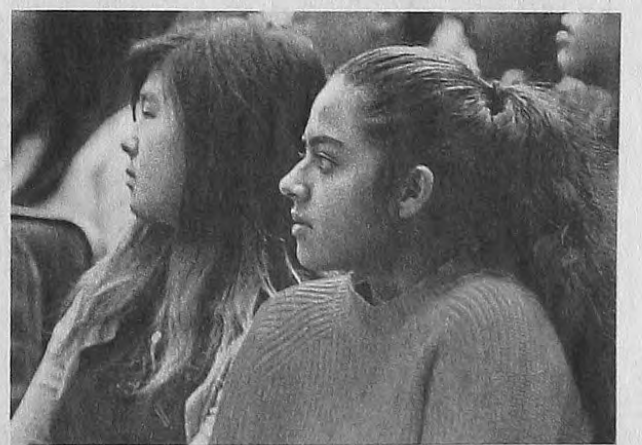
Mary Kamidoi talks about her life in the internment camp and after her release.

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outcry now. I can't urge (strongly) enough for people to speak up."

Canton High School junior Nour Kazbour said the assembly served to draw comparisons between then and now. She identifies as both

Arab American and Muslim American and, as such, has heard racial insults even standing in line at the grocery store. She said Monday's assembly was successful because it did "what was important," because



Yelim Park and Tanvi Sharma listen to speakers.

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there are parallels between what Korematsu went through and what Muslims are seeing now.

"People are not given their rights," Kazbour said. "(Trump's order) is targeting Muslims. ... There is an obvious privilege being given to Christians. My parents are both citizens, but I know many people who aren't citizens." It's the kind of con-


versation history teacher Richard Mui, who helped organize the event, hopes can be started out of the ceremony.

"(Korematsu's) story isn't told in the curriculum," Mui said. "It should change the conversation about civil liberties and national security."

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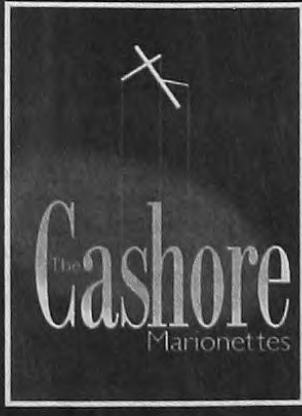


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**Seeking a job?**

Schoolcraft College Job Seekers Workshop is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Wayne Public Library, 3737 S. Wayne Road.

Discover how and where to search for local employment opportunities with the help of staff from Schoolcraft College's Career Services. Learn tips for creating or polishing your resume, preparing for interviews and more.

Register in advance at the Adult Services Desk or by calling 734-721-7832.

**Raggle Taggle**

The Raggle Taggle Band will play Irish and Scottish music 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2, in a free concert at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge for Burger Night. These lively musicians are Franklin Dohonyos on guitar/fiddle/vocals, Jean Dohonyos on percussion/vocals, Ron Karvonen on mandolin, Bob Ervin on banjo/vocals and Kim Dominick on bass. Burgers and other food items and beverages will be available for purchase. The kitchen will be open 5:30-7 p.m. The Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge is at 41700 Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth. For more information, call 734-453-1780, email jazzattheelks@gmail.com or go to www.plyaa325.com.

**Be a Miracle League volunteer**

The Miracle League in Plymouth is in need of two coaches for the 2017 season. Teams will consist of players ages 5-11. If interested, contact Shari Bilkie at shari@miracleleagueplymouth.org

Miracle League player registration begins Feb. 6 and ends at 4 p.m. Friday, March 10.

**Livonia pavilion reservations**

Picnic pavilion reservations for the 2017 season will be issued on a first-come, first-served basis for Livonia residents beginning at 7 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. Beginning Feb. 8, open dates will be available at the Kirksey Recreation Center or at [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us). Payment in full is due at the time of reservation.

In 2016, approximately 377 pavilion reservations were made at six park locations providing a total of 10 pavilions with an estimated attendance of over 25,000. Livonia boasts pavilions for groups ranging in size from 20-150. It is recommended that reservations be obtained for groups of 20 or more at least a week in advance. Applications, guidelines and online reservations for picnic permits may be obtained from at the Kirksey Recreation Center or at [www.ci.livonia.mi.us](http://www.ci.livonia.mi.us). For more information, call 734-466-2900.

**Railroadiana**

The Ss. Simon and Jude Ushers' Club will sponsor a buy-and-swap Railroadiana Train Show from noon to 4 p.m. Feb. 5 at the Ss. Simon & Jude Catholic Church Social Hall, 32500 Palmer Road, between Merriman and Venoy Roads, Westland.

There will be approximately 100 dealer tables available. The cost is \$10 for an 8-foot table. Dealer set up is 9 a.m. on the day of the show, and complimentary coffee and doughnuts will be available for dealers until 10:30 a.m. Food will

also be available to the public. Admission is \$2 per person and \$4 per family. Parking is free. For more information or table reservations, call Bob at 734-728-1247 or Norm at 734-595-8327.

**3D Photography Club meeting**

The February meeting will feature a workshop by special guest speaker George "Dr. T" Themelis on making and using a top-quality digital stereo camera system. The club will also have another "Freebie" drawing for free 3D items. It will conclude with its monthly club 3D image competition. The workshop is 7-9:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8, at the Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road, just south of Five Mile. Meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. For more information, go to [www.Detroit3D.org](http://www.Detroit3D.org) or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

**Hayden's outreach**

Hayden's Grill & Bar of Canton and Plymouth Community United Way are partnering to raise funds for community outreach programs. Hayden's will donate 15 percent of total bills back to the community. The event will run from 11 a.m. to midnight Friday, Feb. 10. Guests must present a flier to donate the 15 percent back to Plymouth Community United Way. Fliers can be downloaded directly from [www.plymouthunitedway.org](http://www.plymouthunitedway.org), or shown on your mobile device. For more information, call Randi Williams at 734-453-6879, ext. 5, or email [randi.williams@pcuw.org](mailto:randi.williams@pcuw.org). Hayden's is at 39895 Ford Road, Canton.

**Meet Joe**

All residents of Wayne County are invited to come and meet Joe Barone, Wayne County commissioner. He will speak at the Plymouth Library at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15. The library is at 223 S. Main St. in Plymouth. Bring any questions you may have. Plymouth Concerned Citizens hosts the evening.

**Wine, beer tasting**

The Canton Chamber of Commerce's second annual Wine & Beer Tasting is set for 7-9 p.m. Friday, Feb. 7. The event features wine, beer and delicious hors d'oeuvres, compliments of Holiday Market. This event is hosted by Holiday Market along with the Canton Chamber of Commerce and is sponsored by Beaumont & Jack Demmer Ford Inc.

Fifty percent of proceeds will benefit the LiveLikeMax Foundation. This foundation was created after the death of Max Pardington. The purpose is to bring awareness to the importance of healthy heart checks and to provide them free to all high school students.

Tickets may be purchased at Holiday Market for \$35 per person and \$40 at the door. This event will be held at the Summit on the Park Banquet Center, 46000 Summit Pkwy. Must be 21 to attend. Sponsorships and a limited number of tickets are available. Call the chamber office at 734-453-4040 for more information or purchase online at [www.cantonchamber.com](http://www.cantonchamber.com).

**Spaghetti dinner**

The Plymouth VFW No. 6695 will host a spaghetti dinner 5-8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 17, at the VFW, 1426 S. Mill, Plymouth. Karaoke will follow at 9 p.m. in the lounge. Sponsored by the VFW Aux. 4th Dist. Pool league proceeds will benefit Camp Trotter for Children in Newaygo.

**How to De-stress**

The Citizens for Peace will welcome counselor Judy Lipson to its Tues-

day, Feb. 14, meeting at 7 p.m. at Unity of Livonia (28660 Five Mile Rd).

Lipson will share her tools and practices on how to remain calm, focused and relaxed despite the ups and downs we are facing and will face in 2017. Lipson is a licensed professional counselor with more than 30 years of experience. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call 734-425-0079 or go to [www.citizens4peace.com](http://www.citizens4peace.com)

**Scrapbooking**

Ss. Simon & Jude, 32500 Palmer Road, Westland, will host scrapbooking from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Feb. 18. The cost is \$35 for a full day, \$20 for a half-day. Vendors will be on site. A light breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus snacks, will be provided. For more information, contact 734-721-4867

**Yooper pastie dinner**

The Moose Lodge of Garden City will host a homemade Yooper Pastie dinner 5-7 p.m. Feb. 18, at the Moose Lodge, 29122 Ford Road. Dinner is \$6 and includes pastie of your choice, salad and homemade cobbler. Also the Moose Lodge is taking orders for beef, chicken or vegetarian pasties that are filled with potatoes, onion, rutabaga and carrots all in a flaky crust. Prices are one for \$3.50, six for \$20 or a baker's dozen (13) for \$40. These are made fresh and are frozen and ready for pick up after 5 p.m. Feb. 18. To order, call Kim Dowidait at 734-564-5777 or see the Moose Lodge bar staff. Orders must be placed by Feb. 13. Proceeds from this dinner will help benefit Mooseheart and Moosehaven.

**'Finding Dory' shows**

The Clarenceville Church will host the movie "Finding Dory" on Saturday, Feb. 18, at the church 20300 Middlebelt Road, Livonia. Admission is free. Registration begins at 6:30 p.m. and the movie will start at 7 p.m. Popcorn and drinks will be available. For more information or to pre-register, call 248-474-3444 or email the church at [clarencevillechurch@gmail.com](mailto:clarencevillechurch@gmail.com).

**Birthday party luncheon**

The Livonia Historical Commission at Greenmead Historical Park will host a Birthday Party Luncheon from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the Alexander Blue House at Greenmead, 20501 Newburgh, Livonia. Advance tickets only for \$20 are available at the Greenmead Office. The luncheon will include a pasta lunch, party games, cupcakes and birthday singing. Each guest is asked to bring a \$1 gift to share. Dress in your birthday best. For more information, contact 734-477-7375.

**Redford chamber has scholarship apps**

The Redford Chamber of Commerce now has applications available for high school seniors to apply for a scholarship. The high school senior does not have to attend a Redford school, but must have been a resident of Redford for two years. You can pick up the application at the chamber office, 26050 Five Mile Road, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Applications will also be available in the counselor offices at Thurston, Redford Union and Clarenceville high schools. Deadline for submission of applications is March 24. Any questions, call the Redford Chamber of Commerce office at 313-535-0960.

**Hopgood coffee hours**

State Sen. Hoon-Yung Hopgood, D-Taylor, invites members of the



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community to join him at upcoming coffee hours to discuss state and local issues of concern. Hopgood represents the 6th Senate District, which includes the Wayne County communities of Belleville, Brownstown Township, Flat Rock, Huron Township, Rockwood, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Van Buren Township and Westland. The coffee hours provide opportunities for citizens to meet Hopgood and share their thoughts about current events in Lansing and the local community.

The February coffee hour will take place at noon Monday, Feb. 13, at the September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, in Van Buren Township.

**Camera Club featured**

Livonia Arts Commission announces that the Fine Arts Gallery on the second floor of the Bob and Janet Bennett Civic Center Library will feature the Greater Detroit Camera Club Council for the month of February.

GDCC is composed of members from the Grosse Pointe Camera Club, Livonia Camera Club, the Motor City Camera Club located in Bloomfield, the Oakland Camera Club located in Waterford, The Photographic Guild located in Southfield, the Seven Ponds Nature Center Camera Club located in Dryden, the Shutterbug Camera Club located in Detroit, the Toledo Camera Club, the West Oakland Camera Club located in New Hudson and the Windsor Camera Club. These photography clubs meet on different days and different times but share a common interest: photography.

Each club has competitions in their Electronic Imaging Divisions, including Monochrome, Color, Nature and Color Creative (altered reality). They also have competitions in the two Print Divisions: Monochrome and Color. During the year, all of these clubs will compete against each other in all of the digital division as well as print division. All of the winners from each competition go into the GDCC's End-of-the-Year Print and Digital competition.

This month they celebrate with an end-of-the-year banquet and preparation for the February exhibit.

**Garden City Valentine sweetie contest**

The Garden City Downtown Development Authority will host a Valentine Sweetheart Photo Contest with first-and-second-place winner announced on its Facebook at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8.

Sweet talk your Valentine into posing for a picture with Willy, the Garden City "Cupig" located in the Commons, at the northwest corner of Middlebelt and Ford, for a chance to win a free Sweetheart Date Night Gift Package. Pictures must be posted to the Downtown Garden City Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/downtowngardencity](http://www.facebook.com/downtowngardencity) by 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 8. Pictures must be from 2017; only one entry per couple/group; must be age 18 or older to win.

**'Covering your Brother's Sins'**

In light of the political and racial conflicts and divisive issues of this past year, Father Jerome Sanderson will preach on how Christians can think and act in a way most beneficial to all. The topic is titled "Covering Your Brother's Sins." Sanderson is a founding member of the Brotherhood of St Moses the Black and is an Orthodox Christian priest, author, iconographer and wood-carver. The event is free and open to the public at 1-4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at St. Innocent Orthodox Church, 23300 W. Chi-

cago, Redford. Doors open at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 734-634-2650.

**Friday Night Glow Skate**

The Mike Modano Ice Arena in Westland hosts Glow Skate from 7-9:20 p.m. each Friday. The cost is \$8 for kids and \$9 for adults. Skate rentals are \$3. Everyone receives a free glow accessory with purchase. The arena is at 6210 Wildwood.

**Livonia used book sale**

The Friends of Livonia Civic Center Library will sponsor a three-day Used Book Sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 5. There will be many history books, children's books, plus general books as well as religious and humor books. There will be a designated room for collectibles and all good prices on the books. On Sunday, Feb. 5, a bag of books can be purchased for \$5. All proceeds go back into the libraries. The Civic Center Library is at 32777 Five Mile Road. For more information, call the library at 734-466-2495.

**Bag book sale**

The Friends of Westland Library invite the public to two-day Bag Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, and noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12. Both days are \$4 Bag Day only.

**Bariatric seminars**

The Michigan Bariatric Institute, 3622 Five Mile Road, Suite 202, in Livonia, offers free monthly educational seminars. The public is invited to hear a presentation about laparoscopic bariatric surgery by bariatric surgeon Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery at St. Mary Mercy Livonia and Dr. Jacob Roberts, bariatric surgeon at St. Mary Mercy-Livonia.

These educational seminars will be held 6-7:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 2; Monday, Feb. 13; Thursday, March 2; and Monday, March 13.

This seminar is free, but registration is required. For more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at 877-949-9344.

**Weight management program**

On March 14, St. Mary Mercy Livonia will host a weight management program titled Weigh Your Options. Registered dietitians will provide information to help individuals begin a weight loss program. Attendees will learn about successful weight management programs, where to find reliable resources and healthy activities in the community and what is needed to develop a healthy lifestyle. Participants will learn how to read food labels, write SMART goals and determine their healthiest weight. The class will take place 6-7:30 p.m. in St. Mary Mercy's Classroom 2, 36475 Five Mile Road, in Livonia (accessed from the south entrance).

There is a \$5 fee for this class and registration is required. Register at [stmarymercy.org](http://stmarymercy.org) and click on "Classes and Events."

**Slice for Life**

This April, Buddy's Pizza will team up with the Capuchin Soup Kitchen to host the 41st annual Slice for Life fundraiser. From 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. April 24 patrons who purchase a ticket can visit any Buddy's Pizza full-service location to enjoy an all-you-can-eat two-topping pizza and salad meal. A carry-out option is also available for purchase at all 11 Buddy's Pizza locations and includes either a four-square two-topping pizza or a medium sized antipasto, Greek or house

salad. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for children. Advance tickets can be purchased at [www.cskdetroit.org](http://www.cskdetroit.org) or by calling 313-579-2100, ext. 170. Tickets will also be available at the door. All ticket holders may also register to win one eight-square Buddy's Pizza every month for one year. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Capuchin Soup Kitchen's community outreach services.

**Wayne Memorial Parent Night**

Wayne Memorial High School will host an eighth-grade parent night for those transitioning to ninth grade or interested in getting more information about Wayne Memorial High School for the 2016-17 school year.

Students do not have to be currently attending a Wayne-Westland Community School to attend. The event will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Wayne Memorial High School Stockmeyer Auditorium. Topics covered will include scheduling, graduation requirements, testing out requirements, direct college courses, AP courses, extracurricular activities and more.

Parking is available in the Glenwood Street parking lot and guests should enter through the front of the auditorium. For more information, call the Counseling Department at 734-419-2215.

**Acoustic blues at Trinity House**

Shari Kane and Dave Steele and fellow acoustic blues artist Eleanor Ellis will perform a concert at the Trinity House in Livonia at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3. The Trinity House Theater is at 38840 Six Mile Road.

The couple fell in love in the 1990s while Kane was performing with Peter Madcat Ruth in Madcat & Kane. Steele was leading the popular jump-blues band, Big Dave & the Ultrasonics. After performing separately for decades, they recorded their first CD, "Four Hand Blues," as a 20th anniversary present to each other. Soon they were performing together at venues and festivals on the East Coast and throughout the Midwest. In 2015, they released their second CD, "Feels Like Home." Both CDs contain lots of traditional blues, finger-picking and slide guitar and a dose of traditional Appalachian music.

They will be joined by Eleanor Ellis, a long-time friend and kindred acoustic blues player who has played for decades in the Washington D.C., area and has performed at clubs, festivals and concerts in the United States, Canada and Europe.

Tickets are available in advance at [trinityhouse-theatre.org](http://trinityhouse-theatre.org). Tickets are \$15/\$12 for Trinity House members. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. The concert starts at 8 p.m. Location and ticket purchase information can be found on the Trinity House Theater website.

**Annual record show**

Thousands of vinyl records, CDs, import only releases, t-shirts, posters and other collectibles will be on display when 88.1 The Park presents its ninth annual record show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday Feb. 18, at the Salem High School cafeteria in Canton. All proceeds will benefit the nationally recognized student radio station operated by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

The show will feature special giveaways and door prizes in addition to a wide variety of vendors displaying their wares. Station officials expect to build on the success of last year's show, which was the station's largest in terms of both vendors and attendees.

# Comcast Foundation awards state grants

Nineteen Michigan nonprofit organizations expanded digital literacy, promoted the importance of community service and helped build tomorrow's leaders thanks to \$351,000 in grants from the Comcast Foundation in 2016.

"I appreciate the Comcast Foundation's continued investment in our state's nonprofit organizations," Gov. Rick Snyder said. "Thanks to the tireless efforts and extremely important contributions of these various organizations, Michigan

is a better place to call home."

"With more than 3,700 Michigan employees and a presence here that spans four decades, our company has deep roots across the state," said Tim Collins, senior vice president for Comcast in Michigan. "At Comcast, we believe it's our duty to invest in nonprofit organizations that share our commitment to strengthening the communities we serve and live in."

The organizations receiving Comcast Foun-

ation grants in 2016 include:

- » City Year Detroit (\$100,000)
- » Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metropolitan Detroit (\$30,000)
- » Association of Chinese Americans (Madison Heights) (\$23,000)
- » Detroit Hispanic Development Corp. (\$20,000)
- » Urban League of Detroit and Southeastern Michigan (\$20,000)
- » 100 Black Men of Greater Detroit, Inc. (\$15,000)
- » Big Brothers Big

- Sisters of Michigan Capital Region, Inc. (Lansing) (\$15,000)
- » Boys and Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan (\$15,000)
- » Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (Dearborn) (\$13,000)
- » Girl Scouts Heart of Michigan (Ypsilanti) (\$10,000)
- » Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Flint (\$10,000)
- » Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Holland (\$10,000)
- » Boys and Girls

- Clubs of Oakland and Macomb counties (\$10,000)
- » Boys and Girls Clubs of the Muskegon Lakeshore (Muskegon) (\$10,000)
- » Girl Scouts of Southeast Michigan (\$10,000)
- » Grand Rapids Urban League, Inc. (\$10,000)
- » Hispanic Center of Western Michigan, Inc. (\$10,000)
- » Southwestern Michigan Urban League, Inc. (Battle Creek) (\$10,000)
- » Turning Point (Okeemos) (\$10,000)

Including the support in Michigan, the Comcast Foundation donated \$19 million in 2016 to nonprofit organizations in the communities it serves nationwide. In addition to the grants from the Comcast Foundation, Comcast also responds to community needs through local sponsorships and in-kind support, such as airing public service announcements, employee volunteerism, and providing technology equipment and services to educational institutes and local libraries across the country.

# White House reporter talks Trump and her new book

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There are 49 seats in the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room, and April Ryan has one of them.

"Third row, smack in the middle," said the veteran White House correspondent for American Urban Radio Networks. "It was 20 years ago, Jan. 13, 1997, that I first walked into the room ... black girl from Baltimore who frequented the areas as a child where Freddie Gray was picked up by the police — sometimes I still go to churches in that area. So coming from that place to the White House, where the world comes and looks at what we're doing, is nothing short of amazing to me."

Ryan visited the metro Detroit area to promote her new book, "At Mama's Knee: Mothers and Race in Black and White," which explores race relations in America today through a series of



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White House correspondent April Ryan, with Cranbrook alum Diane Nine, president of Nine Speakers Inc.

intimate interviews with the Obama family, Harry Belafonte, Hillary Clinton and other cultural icons. Last week, she met with a small group at the Cranbrook House to discuss her book, along with the thrill of being a distinguished member of the White House press

corps. Given the multiple platforms of digital and print news, not to mention "alternative facts," Dr. James Denny of Bloomfield Township asked how can the public tell the difference between real news and fake news.

"My concern is that so much is being thrown at the media in general that is slightly false, kind of false, very slanted ... that instead of challenging it, you basically start describing it more as entertainment," he said. Reporting on the nation's 45th president is

going to prove challenging, Ryan told the group. But she promises that she and her colleagues are up to the task.

"You have to give us a minute," she said. "Because he's throwing so much at us, we have to nail it down and make sure what he's saying isn't right, before we go out there and say something is a lie."

At the same time, there are conversations about the future of the briefing room, and whether it's going to continue under the new administration. Betty DuBose of Southfield asked Ryan about her outlook regarding President Donald Trump.

"We know Washington and how it typically works," Ryan said. "This is something totally new and we are taking each moment as it comes. We are prayerful that we stay in that room, but I'll tell you something — if they try and kick us out, we are going to fight and

we are going to fight hard because we are built into the framework of this nation, freedom of the press and the Fourth Estate."

She then talked about the difficulty in trying to cover the nation's most powerful public figure, who lately tends to bypass the mainstream media.

"This president will fight with someone on Twitter," she said. "It's a new day and a new way of handling this job. He is the president of the United States, and it's not about me liking it or not — I have a job to do."

The meet-and-greet was hosted by Arlyce Seibert, Patricia Batey, Emery King, Latonya Riddle-Jones and Carla Young. The next day, Ryan was scheduled for a book-signing event at the Baldwin Public Library that was organized by the Race Relations & Diversity Task Force.

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## CANTON

### Patron cites 'war on your race' in library room

A Canton Public Library patron invoked President Donald Trump's name and warned that "this is a war on your race" during a confrontation with two black people in a computer room.

The incident unfolded shortly before 1 p.m. Jan. 25, when a male suspect was asked to turn down the volume on a tablet he was using, a police report said. He reportedly became angry and told two black patrons, "I know what you people are doing," the report said.

He then began to walk from the room and uttered the words "this is a war on your race" and "Trump 2017" on his way out, the report said.

Library personnel summoned police to report the incident. The patrons told police they did not feel threatened by the suspect, but were concerned about his statements.

They described the man as white, in his late 30s or early 40s with a medium build. He wore a baseball cap and heavy framed eyeglasses.

### Police chase

An employee of Bagger Dave's in Canton led police on a foot chase when authorities arrived to arrest him on warrants, a report said.

Police went to the restaurant about 8:30 p.m. Friday to arrest the 21-year-old man on a felony warrant out of Wayne County and four warrants in Canton. A police report didn't reveal the nature of the warrants.

As police arrived, the suspect, a cook, ran toward the back of the restaurant and fled the building, leading police on a chase to the nearby Meijer store as other officers arrived to help. An officer pursued the man into the Meijer store and then out a fire exit on the west side of the building.

The suspect then fled

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back to Bagger Dave's and went inside and the police report said two cooks briefly tried to stop them as they entered the kitchen. But police found the suspect in a large industrial refrigerator.

He was facing charges of resisting and obstructing a police officer.

### Retail fraud

Police arrested a knife-toting man who was accused of stealing two auto turn signal bulbs from the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue, west of Belleville Road.

The incident happened about 6:50 p.m. Jan. 26 and led to the arrest of a 26-year-old Gibraltar man.

Store employees summoned police after seeing the suspect open the packaging for the merchandise and concealing the items in his pocket. The workers advised police that the suspect had used a knife to open the product.

Police took the man into custody, without incident, for simple larceny.

### Mother, daughter dispute

Police went to The Crossings apartment complex on Canton's north side after a dispute between a mother and her adult daughter escalated, a police report said.

The mother apparently became upset that her daughter was seeing a boyfriend who allegedly had assaulted her, a claim the daughter denied. Police arrived and saw the daughter leaving with her own daughter, 3.

A police report said the child appeared to be in good condition.

The incident happened about 12:30 a.m. Jan. 31 at The Crossings, located at I-275 and Joy Road. Police helped the daughter and her child get a ride to their home.

### PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP

### Credit card fraud

A Plymouth man was

surprised when a credit card company he never sought out notified him that he was late on a payment for an account that had a \$5,000 balance.

The man told police the activity on the fraudulent card apparently happened between July 1 and Jan. 21. He said he had never opened an account with the credit card company.

The company told him that his personal information was used to open an account back in July. The man wanted to document the fraudulent activity.

Police also warned him to monitor his other financial accounts.

### Speeder busted

Police initiated a traffic stop on I-275, near Joy Road, after seeing the driver of a Volvo speeding at 88 mph, a police report said.

The incident happened shortly before 11 a.m. Jan. 22 on southbound I-275. Police stopped the 21-year-old driver and noticed loose beer bottles and an empty bottle of whiskey in the car — alcohol the man said was from the night before.

The man didn't appear to be drunk. However, police could smell marijuana and ended up confiscating a small amount of marijuana and a grinder. He was arrested for marijuana possession.

### Unemployment fraud

A woman learned the hard way that someone apparently was collecting unemployment benefits in her name.

The 50-year-old woman told Plymouth Township police that she received a tax form from an unemployment agency Jan. 20, though she hadn't been unemployed. She works for a University of Michigan pediatric unit and was told by the payroll department that a claim had come through the office that was flagged as fraudulent.

The woman notified police to document the incident.

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# Writing checks can still cause financial peril

The other day, I read a story about someone who was purchasing something at a retail store and how the people in line were upset because the individual was paying with a check. That's neither here nor there. It got me to thinking, though, that I have not written anything in a while about identity theft when it comes to writing checks. Even though with bill pay and automatic withdrawals people don't write as many checks as they used to, there are still billions and billions of checks written by Americans each year. Just like when you use your charge and debit cards, you have to take precautions because the same thing applies to checks.



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

Think about all the information that's on your check. Not only does the check include your name and address, but also your bank, your account number and the bank's routing number. In addition, don't forget that a completed check also has your signature. I have no doubt that identity thieves can take this information and use it in all sorts of nefarious ways to cause you problems. Just like you have to be careful as to what ATM you use, you also need to be careful as to where you write checks

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and to whom you write the check.

When you are at a store and you write a check for your purchases, they also ask for some sort of identification like a driver's license. Typically, the clerk writes this information on the check itself. In addition to the clerk, how many people have access to that check and your information? Think about how easy it would be for someone to

take a picture of your check with their smart phone. Because of this, I recommend that the great majority of people consider no longer writing checks at retail establishments. In addition, you also have to think twice about writing a check to people that you do not know. For example, you hire a handyman to do work around your home and you pay him by check. Who knows how many people have access

to that information and what they may do with it? Paying by credit card — or the old-fashioned way, paying cash — are better ways to go.

I realize for many people, checks are a way of life and it is hard to change old habits. The reality is that we live in a different world and, in order to protect ourselves, we sometimes have to change the way we do business. I recommend the great majority of us reduce our check writing and take advantage of check cards, bill pay and automatic withdrawals. Of course, writing a check to a loved one for their birthday is one thing; writing a check to a stranger is something totally different.

Lastly, it is important

to know that when you write a check, you do have some protection for fraud under the law, but it is limited. Therefore, I cannot stress enough how important it is to review your bank statement immediately when you receive it and to reconcile your account as soon as possible. If you find any errors or discrepancies, notify your bank immediately. When it comes to your banking issues, you are the last line of defense.

Good luck!

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### MOON



**BENNY GLENN** 88, of Livonia. Born 1928 October 1 in Detroit, Michigan became deceased human being 2016 December 27 inside St. Mary Mercy Hospital room 4408. Married 65 years since 1951 March 27 to his wife Claire he left sons Brian, Glenn, Marc, Paul, and four grandchildren. Benny's siblings include four sisters. Mr. Moon was elementary 5th and 6th grade instrumental music teacher with Livonia Public Schools from 1956 until 1986. Benny performed as musician trumpet player with band Melody at Livonia senior center Wednesday afternoon dance from 1992 until his medical treatment for cancer started 2015 October. He served as Melody bandleader from 2007 to 2015. Heavenly Father Almighty God in name Your Son Jesus Christ Lord Savior Messiah we pray. Amen.

### SOKOL



**PATRICIA DOLORES** passed away January 28, 2017 at the age of 85. Beloved wife of Francis. Loving mother of Jeffrey (Carolyn), John (Heather), and Helene (Don) Mowry. Dear grandmother of Gabriel, Kateri, Kyra, Emma, Noah, and Caleb. She will be deeply missed by her family, friends, and all who knew her. Visitation Thursday, February 2 from 4-8 p.m. at Harry J. Will Funeral Home 37000 Six Mile Road in Livonia. Funeral Mass Friday, February 3 at 11 a.m. (in state at 10:30 a.m.) at St. Colette Catholic Church 17600 Newburgh Road in Livonia. Memorials can be made to the Knights of Columbus.  
[www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

### SWEENEY



**THOMAS L. SR. and SHIRLEY E.** Thomas Lee Sweeney, Sr. age 78 and Shirley Eleanor Sweeney age 77 passed away January 25, 2017 in an automobile accident while vacationing in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. They were soul mates that spent 58 years together. Loving parents of Thomas L. Sweeney, Jr. (Donna), Deborah E. (Randall) Baxter, Steven J. Sweeney, and Kathleen A. (Jeffrey) Sangster. Devoted grandparents of 17 and great-grandparents of six. They also leave siblings Barbara Talbot, Allan Danish, Ken Darish, Sandra Troxell, and Nancy Gizzi and extended family. Visitation Saturday 1-8 p.m. with a 6 p.m. Time of Sharing and 7 p.m. Rosary at McCabe Funeral Home, 31950 W. 12 Mile Rd., Farmington Hills. Both will lie in state Monday 10:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 11 a.m. at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, 4300 Walnut Lake Rd, West Bloomfield Township. Memorial Contributions may be made to Michigan Right to Life, Alzheimer's Association, and the Cure Multiple Myeloma Corporation in their names.  
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### STACHECKI



**LEROY F. "LEE"** age 88 of Livonia. January 29, 2017. Beloved husband of Kathryn; loving dad of Michael (Tamara) and James Stachecki; dear grandpa of Elizabeth, Jacob, and Abigail; brother of Arthur (Gail) Stachecki, Lorraine (Frank) Baccala, and the late Raymond Stachecki; brother-in-law of Raymond Senko. Lee was a veteran of the U.S. Marines. He was a Sergeant with the Detroit Police Department retiring after 31 years of service. Lee enjoyed hunting, bowling, golfing, and his family. Funeral Mass Friday, February 3, 2017 - 10:30 a.m. with in-state at 10:00 a.m. at St. Kenneth Church, 14951 N. Haggerty Rd., Plymouth. The family will receive friends Thursday 2-8 p.m. at Modetz Funeral Home, 100 E. Silverbell Rd., Orion. Interment Monday, February 6, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Suggested memorials to Leader Dogs for the Blind or Paws with a Cause.  
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### ROTH



**VIOLET ESTER BEEBE** 93, of Howell, Michigan, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family and friends on January 6, 2017. Violet was born on December 3, 1923 in Lewes, Delaware. Her parents were, Dr. Richard C. Beebe, one of the founding brothers of Beebe Hospital, and Edna Cox Thomson Beebe. Violet was affectionately called Beeb by her family and friends. She attended Lewes School where she played the clarinet in the marching band. Upon graduation, she attended the University of Maryland and earned a degree in sociology and psychology. While in college she met the love of her life, George Sydney Roth, of Detroit Michigan. They were married July 29, 1945 after George's return from a tour duty in Italy. After George's discharge from the military, the couple settled in Livonia where they raised their three children. In 1990 they retired to Howell, Michigan and built their dream house. Violet was a lifetime member of the Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church and taught Sunday school for over 20 years. Violet was loved by all that met her. She will sorely be missed for her quick wit, kind nature, gentle heart, dry sense of humor, and good counsel. Violet was preceded in death by her loving husband of 47 years, George S. Roth; her eldest sister Estella Beebe Frazer, and her grandson, Sgt. David Beebe Roth. She is survived by her sister, Anna Beebe Moore; her children, Alan White Roth (Ellen Fontana), Cathy Roth (Russell Foster), and Peter Thomson Roth (Cindy Roth). She is also survived by her grandchildren, Jeffrey Roth, Scott Roth (Lindsey Roth), Michael Roth (Nicole Roth), and Kristen Roth Paulson (Brian Paulson); and her great-grandchildren, Samantha Lynn Roth, Elliana Violet Roth, Emmalyn Ann Roth, and Olin Roth Paulson; and many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be scheduled in the spring.

### WICKLUND



**BETTY JANE** Age 87, January 28, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Maurice. Dearest mother of the late Randall (Benjamin) Miller, Sandy Miller, and Bill (Shirley) Miller. Loving grandmother of Randall, Steve, Chutima, Danny, Adam; and great grandmother of two. Cherished sister of Richard (Marge) Bartrop and Lani Fletcher. Dear friend of Ed, Judi, and her loved Westie, Gussie. Visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. at McCabe Funeral Home Canton Chapel, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton. Funeral Service Monday 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly.  
[www.mccabefuneralhome.com](http://www.mccabefuneralhome.com)

### WILLIAMS



**PATRICIA ANN** of Wayne passed away January 30 at age 82. Dear wife of the late Bill. Loving mother of the late William, Linda Pintar, John (Amy) and Carol Johnson. Proud grandma of 13 and great-grandma of 10. Funeral Mass today, Thursday 11 a.m., in state 10:30 a.m., at St. Mary Catholic Church, 34530 Michigan Ave in Wayne. Services entrusted to Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Wayne.  
[www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com](http://www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com)

## Townsend Hotel named best in Michigan

**Jay Grossman**  
hometownlife.com

Whether it's the Egyptian cotton sheets or world-class Rugby Grille restaurant, everything about the Townsend Hotel stands out.

Now, it can claim to be the best of the best.

Located in downtown Birmingham, the five-star Townsend has been named the top hotel in Michigan, according to a survey of Travel + Leisure readers.

"It's always an honor to receive industry accolades, but customer-awarded recognition is especially gratifying," said Steven Kalczynski, managing director of the Townsend. "Customer satisfaction is job No. 1 for our team, so to know that well-informed travelers, such as the readers of T+L magazine, find the Townsend to be the 'best of the best' confirms that we're doing something right."

As part of its annual "World's Best" travel awards program, T+L magazine each year asks readers to share opinions on top hotels, resorts, cities, islands, spas, air-



WILLIAM COWGER

Travel + Leisure magazine readers rank the Townsend Hotel as the best in Michigan.

lines, cruise lines and more. Readers taking the survey ranked U.S. hotels for value, service, location, amenities and attention to detail.

According to survey results, one reader described the Townsend as, "A five-star hotel on the outskirts of Detroit that offers the best service, accommodations, restaurant and surroundings in Michigan." Another respondent is quoted as more concisely saying, "The best place to stay in Michigan, period!"

Swanky is the best way to describe the Townsend, which opened in 1988.

The rooms (complete

with marble bathrooms and deep-soaking tubs) start out at \$309 a night, while the top burger at Rugby — the Foie Burger — is priced at a sizzling \$55.

Kalczynski said the hotel prides itself on impeccable customer service that's provided by a top-notch staff. Of the 200 or so employees at the Townsend, more than half have worked there longer than 10 years.

"We measure ourselves by our guest comments," he said.

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## SCHOOLCRAFT NEWS BRIEFS

### Apply for Schoolcraft College Foundation scholarships

Students may apply online for scholarships for the 2017-18 academic year beginning Feb. 1 and the improved application system makes it easier for students to apply.

According to Mary Holaly, scholarship coordinator for the Schoolcraft College Foundation, there are more than 130 different scholarships distributed by the foundation. Each scholarship has unique criteria and there are scholarships to fit the needs of most students based on their area of study, interests, academic success or ability to overcome hardships. Holaly said that these scholarships are invaluable because many students depend on them to help make it through school. The Schoolcraft College Foundation was able to distribute more than \$350,000 in scholarships to qualifying students in 2016-17.

Students who apply and qualify for the Schoolcraft College Foundation scholarships after Feb. 1 will be able to use the funds for the 2017-18 academic year. The online scholarship application is available at [www.scf.schoolcraft.edu/](http://www.scf.schoolcraft.edu/) applying. For more information about the Schoolcraft College Foundation scholarships, call 734-462-4455. For information on other scholarship opportunities at Schoolcraft College, students can visit the Scholarships area of the college's website at [www.schoolcraft.edu/aid](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/aid) or call 734-462-4433.

### Gourmet cuisine

The start of the winter semester at Schoolcraft

College also means the opening of the award-winning American Harvest restaurant and its companion Main Street Cafe, offering gourmet cuisine prepared by students in the Culinary Arts program under the direction of three certified master chefs and three certified executive chefs. The food at the American Harvest restaurant includes creative entrees, artisan breads, house-made charcuterie and French pastries, all artfully prepared by culinary arts students using classical techniques.

In addition, the adjoining Main Street Cafe offers gourmet "take out" cuisine prepared by second-year culinary students with a menu that changes weekly and includes such favorites as homemade soups, bread, pastries, salads, pastas, family-size entrees and cookies.

The American Harvest offers a breakfast buffet 8:30-9:30 a.m. each Thursday and Friday; lunch Tuesday through Friday, with seating beginning at noon; and a dinner buffet Thursday and Friday, with seating beginning at 5:30 p.m. For reservations, call 734-462-4488 or go to [www.opentable.com](http://www.opentable.com). The Main Street Cafe is open from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. each Tuesday and Wednesday and 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. each Thursday and Friday.

### Dual enrollment information

The Schoolcraft College Admissions Department will host a Dual Enrollment Information Night event 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 7, in the VisTaTech Center to provide details for high school students and par-

ents interested in learning more about ways students can get an early start on earning college credit.

The Dual Enrollment program allows students enrolled in public and approved non-public high schools or a qualified home school to take college courses if they meet all state and college provisions at the time of application.

At the event, Brian Barber from the Michigan Department of Education will discuss the specifics of the dual enrollment program in Michigan and attendees can get specific information relating to public, private and home school students.

The Dual Enrollment Information Night event is free and doesn't require registration. For more information, about the event or Dual Enrollment opportunities at Schoolcraft College, go to [www.schoolcraft.edu/dual](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/dual) or call 734-462-4683.

### DSO trio to perform

Three members of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra will perform a classical concert as part of the Noon Concert Series at Schoolcraft College on Wednesday, Feb. 8, in Room 550 of the VisTaTech Center. The concert will feature DSO members Jeffrey Zook on flute, Sheryll Hwangbo on violin and David LeDoux on cello.

The hour-long Noon Concert is free and open to the public, with donations accepted at the door. For more information on this and other upcoming concerts or the various music programs available for students of all ages, go to [www.schoolcraft.edu/music](http://www.schoolcraft.edu/music) or call 734-462-4403.

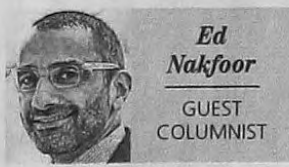


# Nakfoor: Remove obstacles to unlock potential

Moving offices last fall wasn't an easy transition. Despite cinderblock walls, utilitarian tile and a boxy metal desk, the office held great appeal to my students and me, and I overlooked its lack of style — personal items couldn't even brighten the dour aesthetic — because of its location in a nexus of student traffic and adjacent to the journalism classrooms.

There was always a hum of activity (the journalism department is located in a dormitory housing the cafeteria), and with my door, ever open, students stopped in on their way to class or when headed to dinner, weekends, too.

That energy was invigorating, as was developing relationships with students, especially those



**Ed Nakfoor**  
GUEST COLUMNIST

too shy to ask questions in class, many of whom I'd invite in as they walked past. These one-on-one sessions helped more than a few improve their grades, not to mention boost their confidence.

## A Short Walk ... Miles Away

Since September, though, I'm ensconced in a shared space in a building home to the medical school and office of the registrar, among other departments. The walk to class is no more than three minutes, but it's seemingly miles from the former atmosphere to

which I, and my students, had grown accustomed. It's worlds away, too, from those organic connections so important to student and teacher success.

What's also missing is that spark in the air from students rushing between classes or meeting their pals for a meal. The corridor in which my office sits is eerily quiet, and with most office doors closed, even when occupied, the character is monastic at best, unwelcoming at worst.

Still, my open door policy remains. While current students have yet to drop by, a handful from past semesters make their way to catch up. And some, like Jake, are looking for a comfortable place to have lunch. Which he did last week, paying me a com-

pliment saying few instructors are as welcoming.

## Please, come in

My open door last Wednesday afternoon was also what a random freshman needed. Desperate to add a class before the 5 p.m. deadline, and after pacing the hallway, he asked about my courses. We decided the workload would be too great, yet he remained interested in the course content, and eagerly shared a story about a writing award he won in high school. We also spoke about his post-graduation plans.

That I was on deadline for my evening class mattered little because his spirits improved as we spoke. My obligation, of course, is to the 60-odd students enrolled in my

classes. And shame on me for prepping at the 11th hour. But when students call, they require immediate attention.

## Glad my door was open

I'm curious, then, about closed doors in academia and the workplace and what message they send to students or young employees? Colleagues I queried about their door policies, some of which have paper-covered windows, explained needing uninterrupted time to write or conduct research, and not wanting to make eye contact with passers-by, as well as being introverted or wanting privacy to do a few yoga poses. I interpreted the responses as not very student-centric. Perception is reality.

Closed doors aren't the only barriers young adults face. A former student emailed me recently with an update about her internship. Beyond sharing what she's working on, her note mentioned interactions with her supervisors. Although sitting less than 10 feet from one another, they communicate almost exclusively via email she said.

To teach — in a classroom or the workplace — is a privilege, and only with barriers of any kind removed can we unlock great potential.

*Retail observer Ed Nakfoor is visiting assistant professor of journalism at Oakland University. Contact him at edwardnakfoor@gmail.com.*

## LETTERS

### Noise from liberals

Wowie zowie, it looks like there's no end in sight to the incessant tizzy-fit fire that liberals are directing at Mr. Trump. It's as annoying as living in a neighborhood filled with big mouthed barking brutes who are committed to making an unending cacophony of noise. One almost feels like shouting "Will you just shut up!"

Forget the honeymoon period, the liberals have been spewing their anti-Trump bile all during the election cycle and they've never paused to "put a sock in it." They seem to forget that the Democrats lost the election and the losers don't get to call the shots. The Democrats shed cried baby tears on election night, but they and the liberal media have transformed into sore losers who are consumed with an unreasoning, apoplectic rage, foaming at the mouth like rabid troglodytes.

There are a lot of people in America who despised Obama for his liberal policies, yet they didn't take to the streets like lawless mobs. Such people ridiculously compare Trump to Hitler, but Hitler would've sent the Brownshirts out into the streets to quell these idiots. Maybe a few busted heads would make them think twice!

People who insult Trump are also telling Trumpsters via association that they made a mistake. There were more than 60 million people who voted for Trump and many non-voters are probably aligned closer to Trump, so not everyone is buying all this liberal pap. Liberals who talk glibly of Civil War should be careful for what they wish. I say, bring it on! Trump has the military on his side. It's silly to talk about middle ground, compromise or bipartisanship with people who'll be your enemies for life.

The liberals are ranting and raving at the reality that the GOP has all the power, but rail though they may, they're as impotent as an old man without Viagra.

Stealing Trump signs; displaying life-size, plastic statues of a nude Trump in public; rioting in the streets; hot-heads, like Madonna and Katie Rich. Trump should sign an executive order that demands that all the liberals be loaded up into cargo ships and sent on a one-way, shake-down cruise to Antarctica.

**Leo Weber**  
Livonia

### School boards should act

I am writing in response to the article that was published Jan. 27 in the Observer, regarding the motion passed by the East Lansing Board of Education to oppose the confirmation of Betsy DeVos as the secretary of education.

I would like to commend the East Lansing

Board of Education for putting the needs of students first, and making a powerful statement against this wholly unprepared and unqualified candidate. As residents of Michigan we are more familiar than most with Ms. DeVos' disregard for public education, and affinity for charter and religious schools and voucher systems.

The article went on to state that "no other local districts are considering a motion opposing DeVos's appointment," and named specifically Plymouth-Canton, Livonia and Farmington school boards as having no plans to voice opposition.

Now is the time for educational leaders to lead, and, as advocates for our students, exploit the relationship they already have with legislators. It is not enough to say that local school boards have "too much on their plates" to take time to deal with an important national issue that will have district level implications. Betsy DeVos is wrong for education, and our local school boards should speak up and say so.

**Sharon Kramer**  
Farmington

### Ego driven

President Trump seems so thin-skinned and ego-driven, he cannot accept the fact that Hillary Clinton got nearly three million more votes than him. He called for an investigation of massive voter fraud which resulted, according to Trump, of three-to-five million more votes more for Hillary. Investigate what and by who?

States run elections and in order for some massive conspiracy to have millions of illegals and dead people vote, would require the active conspiratorial collusion of all 50 governors and 50 Secretaries of State. Literally thousands would be in on the conspiracy. All states have already certified the election results with no mention of any fraud in any states.

President Trump's ego-driven pettiness, with elation fraud, and the media misrepresenting his inaugural crowd as one-third-one-half the size of Obama, are insecurities that Trump just can not let go of.

This would be, some, "so what and who cares first days in office" were it not so diversionary distraction to the real business of government. Dysfunctional but mostly really sad and, as Nancy Pelosi says, she prayed for Trump's tattered political soul.

**Gerald Maxey**  
Farmington Hills

### Thrilling experience

You printed a well written, honest article on the Woman's March in the Jan. 26 paper. I attended the march in Ann Arbor with friends and relatives, including two grandchildren and a son. It was positive, powerful

and peaceful. My first march (at 75 years of age) and it was a thrilling experience! Thanks for your article.

**Linda Bolam**  
Northville

### Trott unresponsive to constituents

There is a new website: wheresdavetrott.com. I don't know who put it together. But I think I know why. Some of his constituents, including me, have not been able to reach him. I have left messages in his offices month after month since well before the November election, spoken to staffers, sent emails, all on various issues, and always including a meeting request. I have heard nothing back. Neither have several of my associates.

David Trott is the representative to the U.S. House from Michigan District 11, which is one of the most gerrymandered districts in the nation. Shaped like a birdhouse on a pole, the district lines are drawn to include Northville, Novi, Livonia, Troy and Farmington Hills, but contorted to exclude the city of Farmington and the entire area around Pontiac.

Trott, a Republican, is an attorney from Birmingham, whose firm, Trott & Trott, has represented banks and lenders to foreclose on tens of thousands of families in Michigan. He opposes common sense gun reform laws. He supports the Trump agenda, including the new policy on immigration.

He does not respond to requests for communication in any form, whether written, phone, face-to-face appointment or town hall meetings. His last town hall meeting was in April 2015.

Rep. Trott is being paid \$174,000 per year by my tax dollars and yours. He has health care and retirement benefits, and generous reimbursement for expenses, according to the Congressional Research Service. His net worth has been estimated to be in excess of \$100 million. He was elected to represent the interests of our district, including those south of Eight Mile. But he is not responding to his constituents and will not engage in dialogue with those of us who disagree with him.

Trott was first elected in 2014. Let's get him replaced with someone who cares about the families of this district. If you are opposed to Trump, then let's get Trott out in 2018. Meanwhile, we need to have him answer to us, his constituents.

Email Rep. Trott via his website: [trott.house.gov](http://trott.house.gov). Call his staffers in his only Michigan office in Troy at 248-528-0711. Or call his DC office at 202-225-8171. If you think you could do better than Rep. Trott, please consider a run for his seat in the House.

**Susan Greenlee**

### Need mutual solutions

President Trump's administration plans to pay for the proposed border wall with a 20-percent tariff on \$316 billion in Mexican imports, and noting a \$49 billion trade deficit with Mexico. Not mentioned is \$267 billion of U.S. exports to Mexico and the U.S. jobs supported by those exports. Mexico is likely to retaliate to any U.S. import tax with their own tariff on U.S. products, putting those American jobs at risk.

Instead of taking the sound bite solutions of "build the wall" and "20 percent import tax," we need to look at mutually beneficial solutions to the complex trade and humanitarian issues that affect both countries.

**Brian Smith**  
Novi

### Defining Trump administration

Since Trump's inauguration, I have heard and read various comments about two of his top lieutenants, Kellyanne Conway and Sean Spicer.

Some of the remarks seemed a little harsh. After all, these two are just starting to hone their trade. Very shortly, they will have the example set by Joseph Goebbels, Hitler's propaganda minister, down pat. Goebbels once preached, "If you tell the same lie enough times the people will believe it — and the bigger the lie, the better."

That quip will come to define Trump's entire administration and all its apologists.

**James Huddleston**  
Canton

### Political bias

The Novi News needs to re-evaluate its journalistic integrity and commitment to the community. In two consecutive issues (Jan. 12 and 19), three articles appeared on the front page of the paper about local women traveling to the Women's March in Washington, D.C. The articles were filled with typical liberal grievances more commonly found on the editorial page than in the news. Novi is generally a Republican-leaning community. Yet, the staff made no attempt to bring balance by reporting on the many Novi-area residents, including one prominent one, who were present at the inauguration.

All I can conclude is that the Novi News staff doesn't know any local Republicans and, even more concerning, apparently didn't think it was necessary to balance out three very prominently placed and slanted articles. The paper and its front-page editor should be disappointed that they allowed their own political bias to completely overshadow their journalistic professionalism.

**Scott Horsburgh**  
Novi

### Be wary

I participated in The Women's March on Washington with other elderly seniors like me. I have given that wondrous occasion two other names: "The Make America Kind Again Movement" and "The First Save Our Country Movement." On Jan. 23, the first official work day of the Trump era, Trump's main news aide, reacting to criticism from a leading television host, tried to defend the team's lies by using the term "alternative fact" No! A fact is a fact is a fact!

Citizens must remember George Orwell's book "1984" and the word "doublespeak." Often called double talk, the word is used to describe words that say one thing yet mean something different. Doublespeak is the ability to hold two separated and completely contradictory statements in your head and believe both are true. One example is when George W. Bush remarked, "We're bringing democracy to Iraq" (while bringing a dictatorship to the U.S. via the "Patriot Act"). Be wary, vigilant, involved, active.

**Hannah Provence Donigan**  
Commerce Township

### Support move to clean energy

The technology to solve the United States' energy problems already exists, but it will take a considerable amount of time for such a large nation to make transition of this magnitude. People will have to fit their houses with solar panels. The existing grid will be deemed more or less useless, and the list goes on. However, eventually, the U.S. will have to go through this transition, and the process has to be gradual. In other words, we need to start as soon as possible.

The problem is that this transition is being hindered by powerful utility companies, which use their power to influence lawmaking toward

their own interests — ones that don't tend to align with the imminent transition to another energy source. For example, in Nevada, these companies can charge solar users extra, and this is permitted by a recently passed law with the argument that the other users should not have to pay extra to maintain the grid the solar users are connected to.

Whether the utility companies have a fair point is debatable; however, the effects of the recently passed laws are not: while Nevada generates approximately 6.4 percent of the nation's solar energy, California, where the laws favor solar users, generates nearly half the nation's energy.

Evidently, laws are the driving force behind the adoption of solar energy — or lack thereof. Fortunately, our lawmaking system is dynamic, and with our support, it can be molded to create a nurturing environment for solar energy and smoothly guide the nation through the transition to clean energy.

**Mayukh Nath**  
Novi

### Authority to detain, arrest

As a Detroit police officer, years ago, I was told by the United States Border Patrol that as a city police officer that I had no legal authority to ask anyone about their U.S. citizenship or to detain or arrest them for that.

I would check with United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Michigan Barbara McQuade and Detroit Police Chief James Craig to see if it is legal for any non-federal police authority to inquire or detain or arrest a person or not being a U.S. citizen.

Donald Trump doesn't know more than the generals, US attorneys or anybody.

**David Malhalab**  
Dearborn Heights

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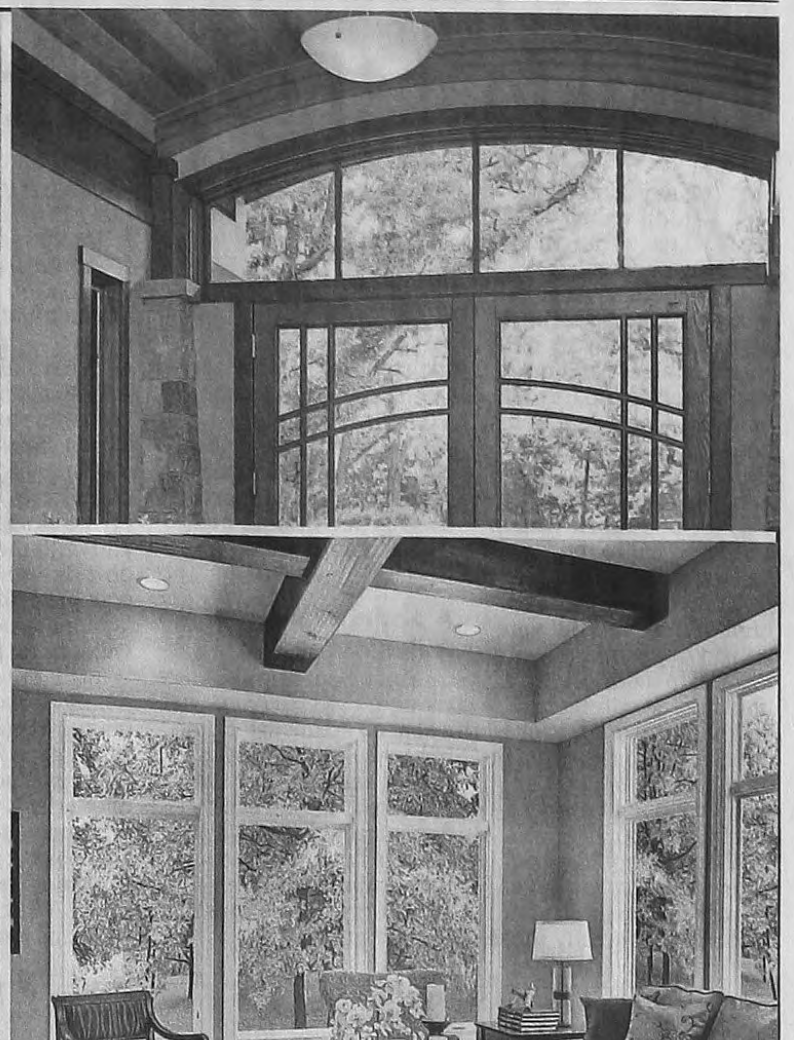
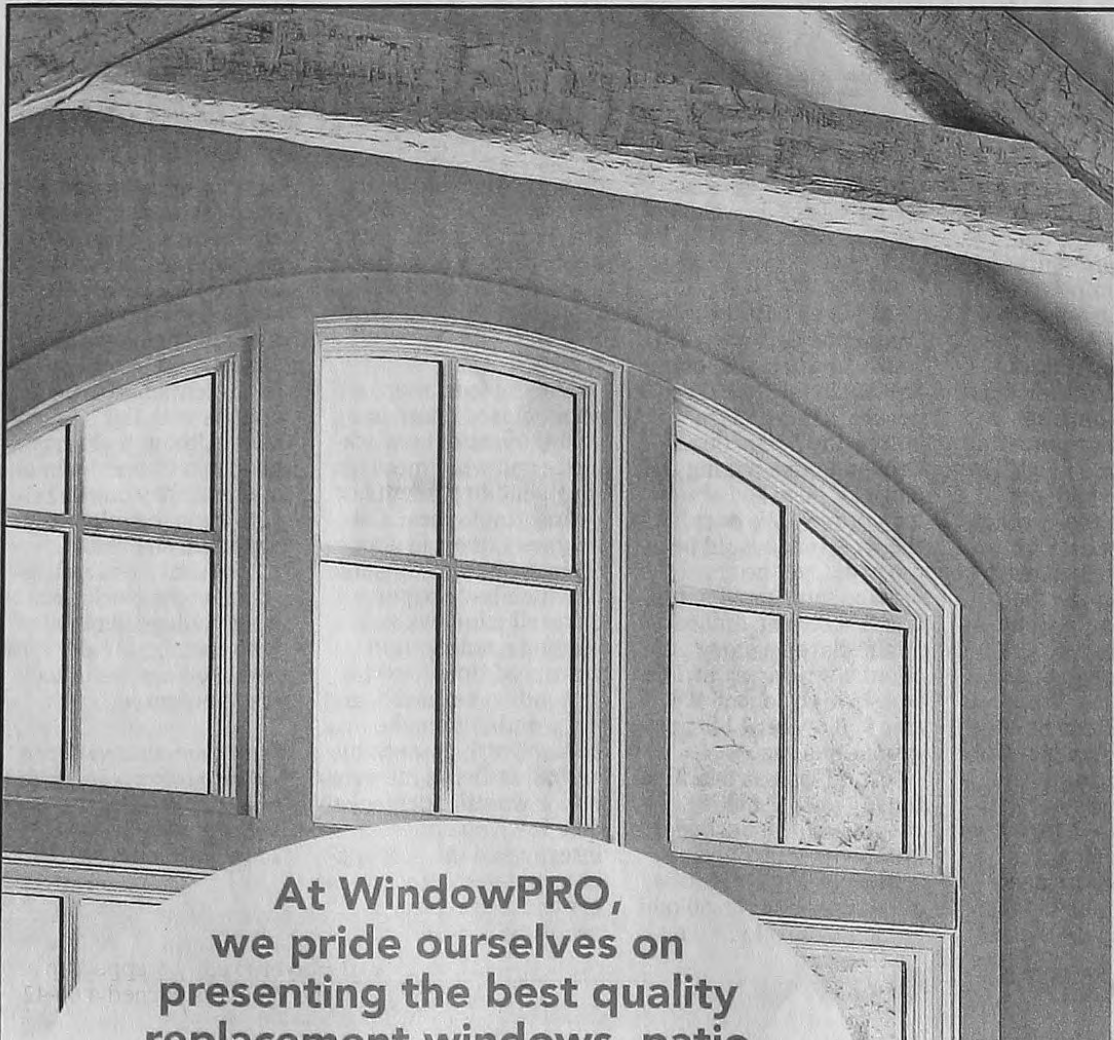
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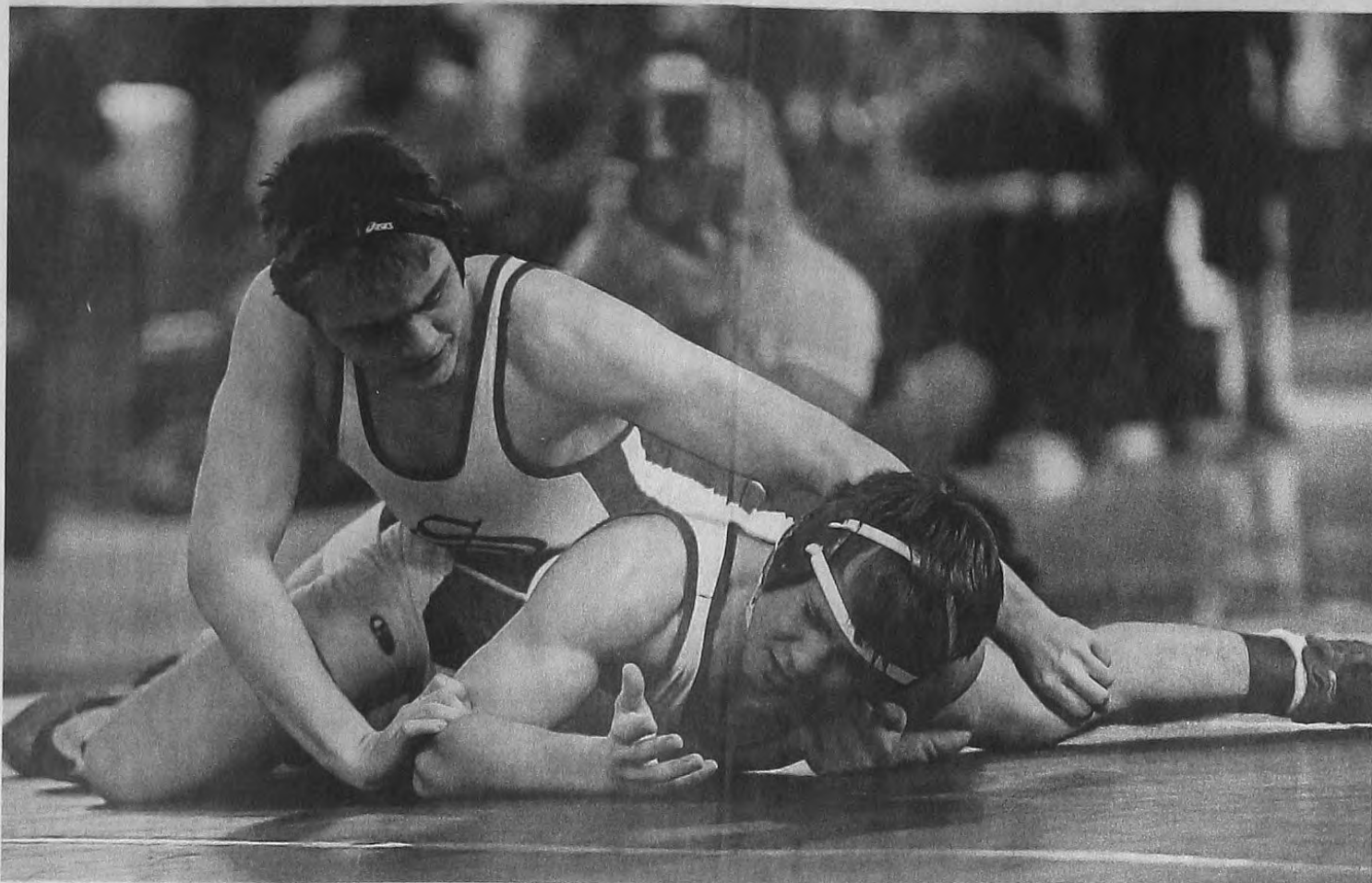
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OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT



Salem's Bruce Haslitt (left) defeats Catholic Central's Robert Walston in the 145 final.

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# CREAM OF THE CROP

Catholic Central's White squad romps to victory by wide margin over Salem, Plymouth

Tim Smith  
hometownlife.com

From one year to the next, Novi Detroit Catholic Central seemingly has a headlock on opponents at the Observerland Wrestling Tournament.

Last year, the Shamrocks' top-flight squad (Blue) prevailed and Saturday it was the White team — considered just a notch below the 'A' team — to wreak havoc at Livonia Churchill High School.

Catholic Central registered 304.5 points, far ahead of runner-up Salem's 132.5, for another championship trophy.

"They're 'E' team is good," Wayne Memorial co-coach Jason Crothers said. "Every (Catholic Central) team is good; you go there for a reason. Those kids are well-trained. You can't take anything away from a 'B' team, a 'C' team, it doesn't matter. They're all tough."

In third place was Plymouth (130), a last-minute addition to the tournament, with Farmington (124.5), Wayne Memorial (124), Canton (120), Livonia Stevenson (113), Novi (112.5), Livonia Churchill and Lutheran Westland (112 each) rounding out the top 10.

Earning MVP honors for the lower weights was Canton's Justin Winnie, who won the 135-pound championship. Salem's Bruce Haslitt took home the prize for upper weights MVP after winning at 145 with his 17th consecutive pin of the season.

Because of fewer teams participating, the tourney was changed from a 16-man bracket to a round-robin affair.

"It was a last-minute thing once we saw the numbers in the weight classes,"



Celebrating after taking first place at Observerland is Novi Detroit Catholic Central's White team.

JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



Canton's Justin Winnie (top) defeats Northville's Nick Gattoni in the 135 final at Saturday's Observerland tournament.

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said Livonia Churchill head wrestling coach Marty Altounian, the event organizer. "Instead of having someone getting two matches, most of them got four or five doing it this way.

"It was a little confusing, yes, but it paid off for the quality of wrestling they got."

Livonia Stevenson head coach Dan Vaughan said the format change took some getting used to but, for the most part, the overall tournament quality remained good.

"I think there were some weight class-

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PREP BASKETBALL

## Plymouth girls come out strong, win 66-42

Canton, Stevenson girls also post triumphs

Tim Smith  
hometownlife.com

Tuesday was senior night for Plymouth's varsity girls basketball team, but younger players really stepped up as the Wildcats earned a 66-42 win over visiting Livonia Franklin.

The Wildcats were sparked by junior Chantal LeDoux (13 points), freshman Sydney McCaig (13 points) and senior Mikayla Rose (11 points). Freshmen Elle McCaslin and Audrey Kananen and junior Gabby Chouinard chipped in six each.

Plymouth jumped out to a 29-11 lead and never looked back, improving to 5-8 overall and 4-3 in the KLAA South Division. Franklin was led by Brooke Garbarino, who scored nine points.

"I liked our effort and intensity in the first quarter," Plymouth coach Ryan Ballard said. "We are still battling being consistent at all times."

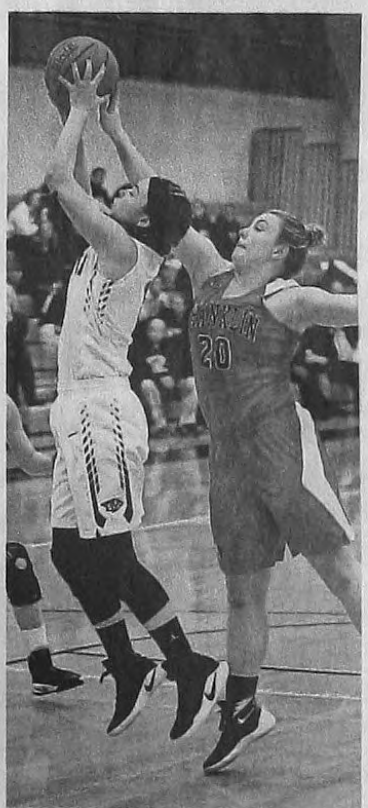
According to Rose, who shared senior night honors with teammate Alexa Ebeling, "we play for each other and that's a concept we need to grasp more each game."

**CANTON 54, JOHN GLENN 30:** On Tuesday at Canton, Madison Wolfbauer and Carli Vaughn both scored 12 points to pace a balanced Chiefs offense.

The Chiefs (10-3 overall, 6-1 in the KLAA South) also received strong games from Brianna Finn (11 points), Erin Hult (seven points) and Alaina Heitmeier (six points).

For the Rockets, Jasmine Edwards scored 16.

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Plymouth's Gabby Chouinard (left) eyes the rim while Sydney Strasser of Livonia Franklin defends.

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## Star-struck



Patrick Giles (right) of the U.S. National Team Development Program's Under-17 team — wearing special jerseys for Saturday's Star Wars Night — waits for a face-off against a Tri-City player. The Storm won 4-3 at USA Hockey Arena before just under 1,900 fans. The jerseys will be auctioned to benefit C.S. Mott Children's Hospital of Ann Arbor.

RENA LAVERTY

GIRLS HOCKEY

## Blazers scorch Penguins, stay undefeated

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Livonia Ladywood continued its scorching hot season Tuesday with a 6-3 victory against the Plymouth-Canton-Salem.

Ladywood improved to 14-0-0 with the win, led by two-goal performances from senior forward Katie Hayward and junior forwards Brooke Spiegel and Sydney Pilut.

But even though the host Penguins fell short in the Michigan Metro Girls High School Hockey League contest at Arctic Edge Arena in Canton, the team might have found a capable backup goalie in sophomore Grace Balch.

That's because the flu struck down sophomore starting goalie Savina Osann with



Looking to snap a shot is Livonia Ladywood's Sydney Malek (left) against PCS Penguins defenseman Alexis Pheeney.

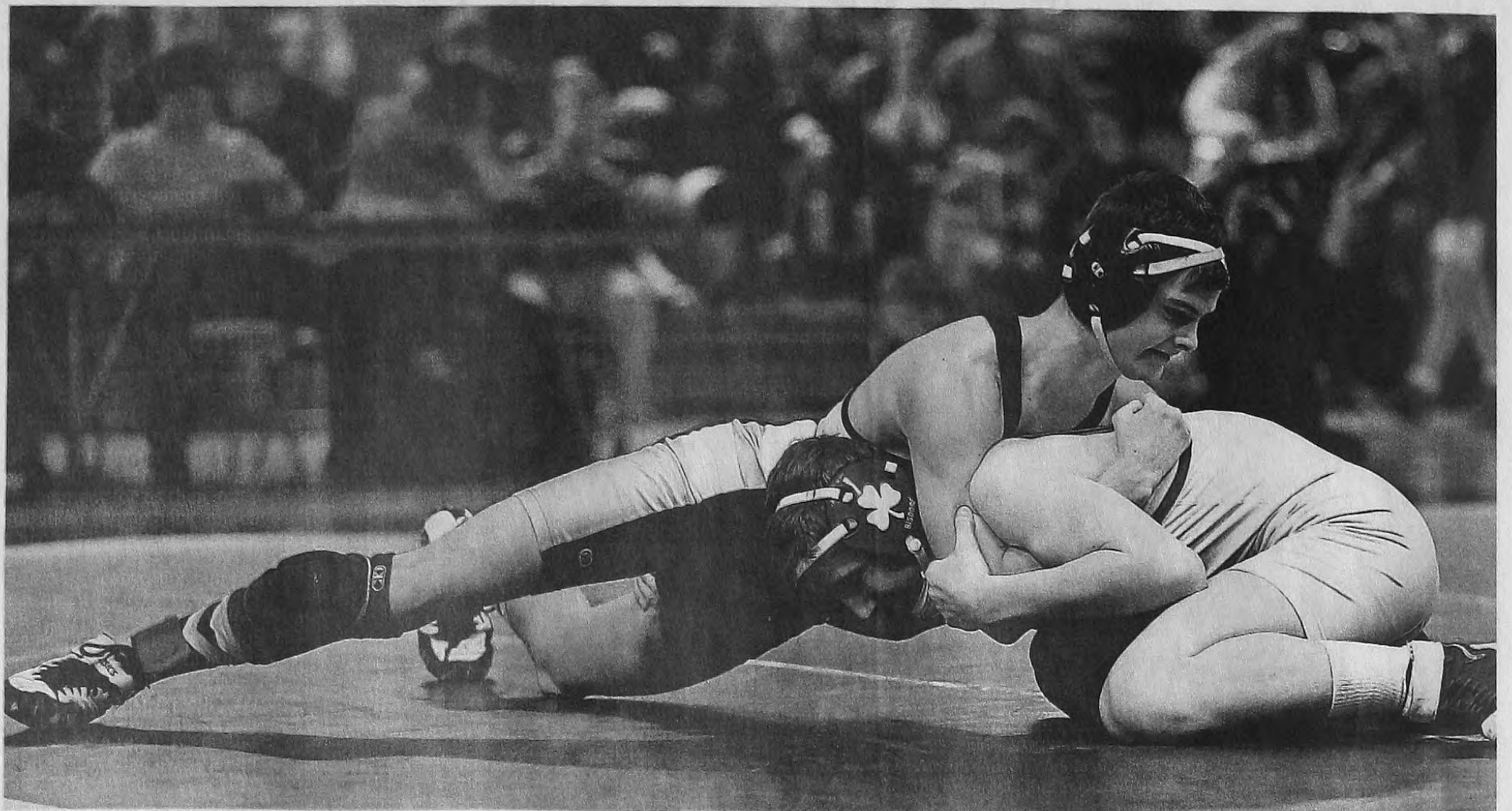
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just under nine minutes left in the second period, with Ladywood up 4-1. The second intermission began at that point, so that Balch — who started the game on defense — could put on goalie gear and take

over from Osann.

"I was already really pumped for this game. I prepped all day," said Balch, who made several solid stops

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Plymouth's Tyler Campbell, left, competes with Catholic Central's Jake Bisdorf in the 112 final.

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## TOURNEY

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es that were really packed full of good kids, 125 pops out in my mind, 140 was not bad," Vaughan said. "Heavyweight seemed pretty deep."

### On the podium

Of course, Catholic Central wrestlers were often in the mix for medals and points (the top six per weight class reached the podium).

"I'm just really pleased with the way our guys wrestled," CC coach Nieko Ianni said. "They practiced, they worked their butts off day in and day out. They have for the last few months, so it's good they get to come here and show it in front of everybody."

Capturing first place for the Shamrocks were Dan Rehfeldt (103 pounds), Davis Rastigue (125), Brody Burke (152), Brendin Yatooma (160) and Dane Flynn (189).

Another four lost in the spotlight finals, when Churchill gymnasium lights were dimmed so fans could focus on the one bout taking place. Earlier in the tourney, as many as four matches took place simultaneously.

For Ianni, a Catholic Central alum who wrestled his senior year at Observerland, it always is a plus to bring a contingent to the tourney.

"It's just kind of a tradition for us," Ianni said. "I graduated in 2007 and this was a huge tournament for us then and we still like to come back and have a presence here. We're happy coming back."

Ianni, meanwhile, said there is a "pretty good difference" between the Blue and White teams, but that didn't provide much solace for the 13 other high schools there (another team, Salem's 'B' squad, also competed).

"We got a few guys on the White team who, even though they're teammates, they like to get after the guys ahead of them," he said. "They like to push them pretty hard. That's what makes the whole program better."

"Brendin Yatooma's had time on the Blue team, Dane Flynn. It's really next man up, so whenever somebody needs to fill in, we're happy putting anybody out there."

### Rock solid

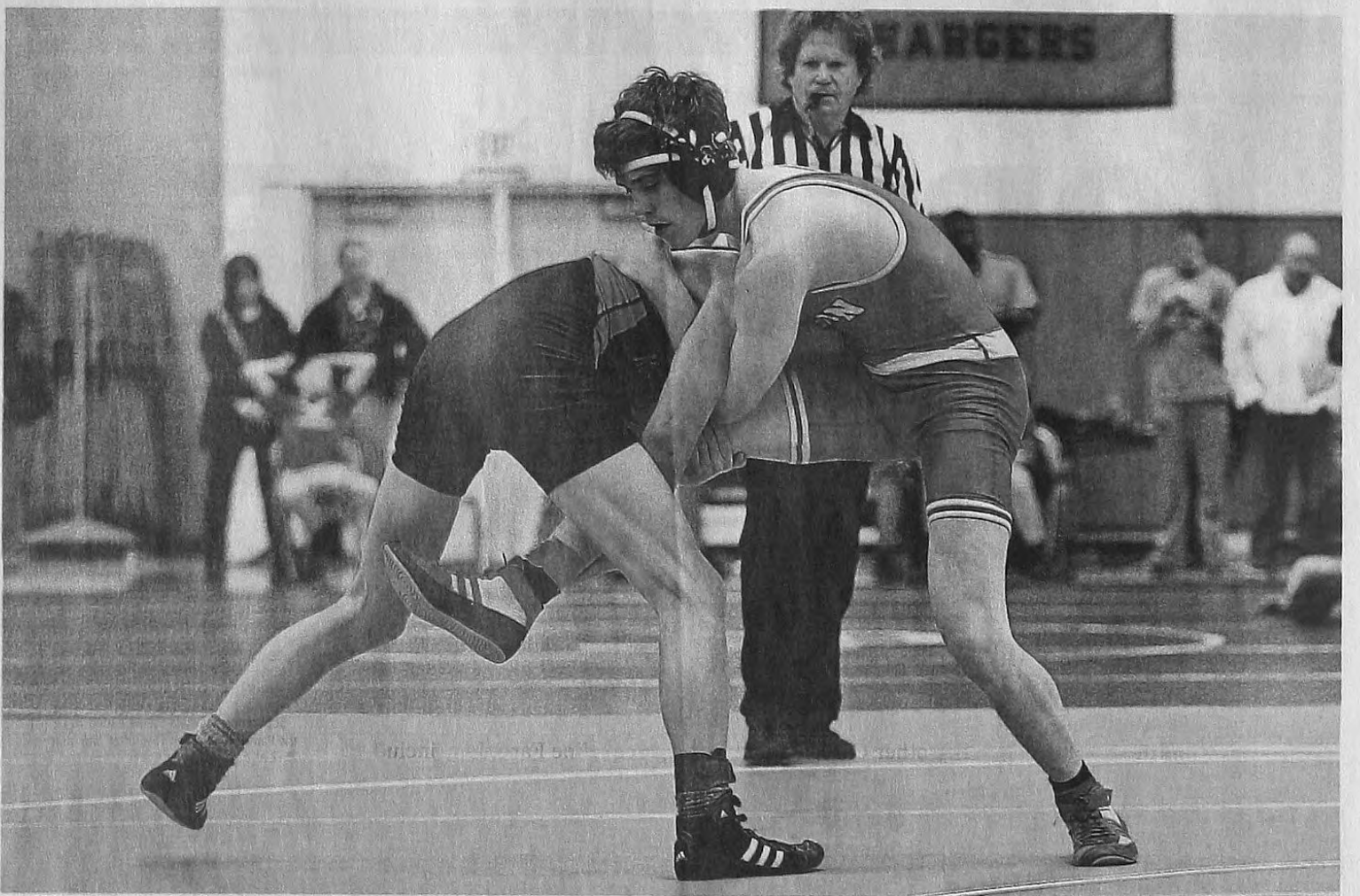
Earning second-place honors in the team standings was Salem, spearheaded by senior Haslitt's pin in 1:59 against CC's Robert Walston. It gave Haslitt 98 career pins and plenty of momentum as he takes a run at the school mark of 104, set in 1986 by state champion Dave Dameron.

"This tournament's come down a little bit," said Salem head coach Jeremy Henderson, a former Observerland and state champion. "But to be able to pin your way all the way through the finals at this thing is still something to be proud of."

"Bruce has turned it on at the right time of the season. He's going to be tough to beat the next couple weeks."

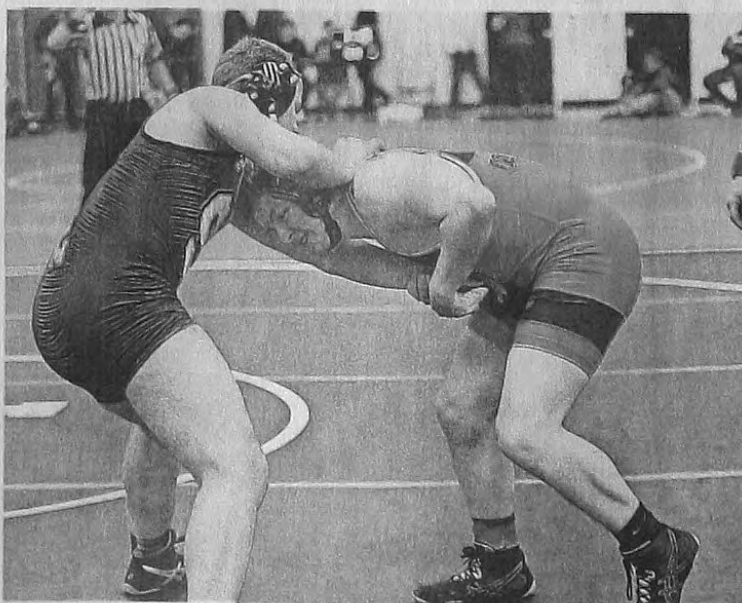
Canton's Winnie, a senior, won 11-6 in the 135 final against Northville freshman Nick Gattoni.

"I knew I just had to keep



Canton's Zack Dehnke (right) wrestles against Northville's Conrad Landis during the Observerland tourney.

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Squaring off during Observerland at Livonia Churchill are Salem's Jake Kirkpatrick (left) and Garden City's Dominic Stephens.

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my pace high," Winnie said. "I knew he was a freshman, I just had to go out and wrestle my match."

Haslitt, Winnie and Farmington's Jake Justice (who won at 130 with a pin over the Shamrocks' Kale Kazzyak) all said they were pumped up to wrestle in the spotlight finals.

"You never get to feel the same type of experience as this," Haslitt said, adding with a laugh, "I feel like I'm about to have a heart attack every match."

Justice said the success he and teammates had Saturday (also winning was heavyweight Donovan King, with Anthony Averietto reaching the finals at 103) will help the Falcons' overall team confidence moving forward into state tournament time.

"I feel a lot of the guys are going to want to keep going in the room as hard as they can now, now that they know we've had some wrestlers that were placing," Justice said.

### Full marks

Plymouth came home with one championship win in 112-pounder Tyler Campbell.

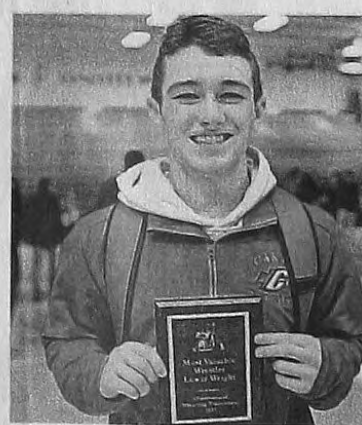
"For him to get first today is pretty awesome for him," Plymouth head coach Josh Legee said. "He's a junior, so this is definitely the year he's seeing his hard work pay off."

Other wins were turned in by Livonia Churchill's Ethan Englehart (119), Livonia Stevenson's Tarik Alcodray (140), Novi's Corey Grassmeyer (171) and Lutheran Westland's Nick Glinn (215).

"Some of the kids didn't come out on the winning end like they should have," Churchill's Altounian said. "Others worked their butts off to get what they got and it was well-noted. They all wrestled really well."

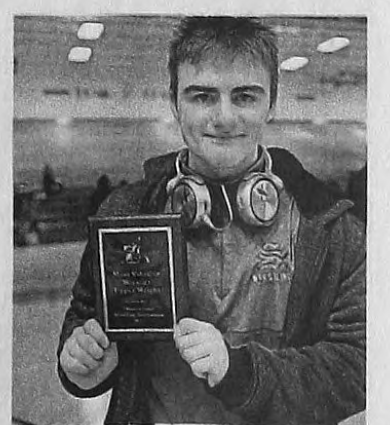
Vaughan said Alcodray "did what he was supposed to do and win the tournament and we're looking forward to districts."

Wayne Memorial didn't win



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Canton's Justin Winnie was MVP of the lower weights at Observerland.



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Earning Observerland MVP honors for the upper weights was Salem's Bruce Haslitt.

any first-place medals, but the Zebras did have five finalists in Nick Daniels (125), Jalen Adams (152), Kevaughn Henderson (171), Chris Fletcher (215) and Anthony Calloway (285).

"We took seven today, so five of them made the finals," Crothers said. "So that's a pretty good day for us."

### 26TH OBSERVERLAND WRESTLING TOURNAMENT Jan. 28 at Livonia Churchill

**TEAM STANDINGS:** 1. Novi Detroit Catholic Central, 304.50 points; 2. Salem, 132.50; 3. Plymouth, 130.00; 4. Farmington, 124.50; 5. Wayne Memorial, 124.00; 6. Canton, 120.00; 7. Livonia Stevenson, 113.00; 8. Novi, 112.50; 9. Livonia Churchill, 112.00; 10. Lutheran Westland, 112.00; 11. Northville, 93.50; 12. Farmington Harrison, 57.00; 13. Livonia Franklin, 48.00; 14. Garden City, 43.50; 15. Salem B team, 15.00.

**LOWER WEIGHTS MVP:** Justin Winnie, 135 pounds, Canton.  
**UPPER WEIGHTS MVP:** Bruce Haslitt, 145 pounds, Salem.

### WEIGHT RESULTS

**103 pounds:** 1st: Dan Rehfeldt (CC) pinned Anthony Averietto (F), 1:35; 3rd: Anthony Marchione (LC) decisioned Grant Gattoni (NVL), 10-7; 5th: Anthony Gazzarata (LS) technical fall Gabe Dicola (C), 3-49.  
**112:** 1st: Tyler Campbell (P) maj. dec. Jake Bisdorf (CC), 8-0; 3rd: Mason Opie (S) won by; 4th: Chris Silva (Novi) maj. dec. Adam Lewis (NVL), 13-2; 6th: Hanjing Wong (FH) won by.  
**119:** 1st: Ethan Englehart (LC) p. Christian Zimmerman (LW), 5:15; 3rd: Brent Butwill (CC) maj. dec. Max Hirvela (S), 10-1; 5th: Michael Helz (LF) p. Logan Schoppert (LS), 5:05.  
**125:** 1st: Davis Rastigue (CC) dec. Nick Daniels (WM), 6-4; 3rd: Josh Mussen (LC) dec. Robert Ujkaj (GC), 18-16; 5th: Solomon Johnson (F) p. Akash Rai (S), 3-49.  
**130:** 1st: Jake Justice (F) p. Kale Kazzyak (CC), 5:28; 3rd: Brian Wajrad (LC) dec. Matt George (Novi), 10-3; 5th: Alex Nesovski (C) maj. dec. Zach Lundberg (P), 12-4.

**135:** 1st: Justin Winnie (C) dec. Nick Gattoni (NVL), 11-6. Other results not available.

**140:** 1st: Tarik Alcodray (LS) dec. Chase Moscovici (CC), 7-2; 3rd: Andy Faith (LW) won by; 4th: Conrad Landis (NVL) dec. Zack Dehnke (C), 2-1; 6th: Austin Crutchfield (FH) won by.

**145:** 1st: Bruce Haslitt (S) p. Robert Walston (CC), 1:59; 3rd: Seth Lambert (LW) tech. fall Ben Samoy (C), 5:51; 5th: Mitchell Plucinski (LS) p. Adam Zakaria (NVL), 7:35.

**152:** 1st: Brody Burke (CC) dec. Jalen Adams (WM), 8-2; 3rd: Taj Traylor (S) p. Calvin Vos (P); 5th: Dylan Slowik (C) p. Jared Wilkinson (LS), 1-50.  
**160:** 1st: Brendin Yatooma (CC) dec. Lincoln Cleary (Novi), 5-1; 3rd: Chris Little (C) won by; 4th: Nick Zajdel (LF) dec. Benair Covington (NVL), 3-1; 6th: Luke Losie (FH) won by.

**171:** 1st: Corey Grassmeyer (Novi) dec. Kevaughn Henderson (WM), 8-5; 3rd: Ashton Lebeau (P) p. Greg Miller (LW), 0:43; 5th: Dominic Cherenzia (F) won. forfeit over John Martin (GC).

**189:** 1st: Dane Flynn (CC), other results not available. Pool Round Five: 1. Ethan Shulaw (P) maj. dec. Chase Spauling (Novi), 12-3; 2. Dane Flynn (CC) p. Nick Dlugos (LC), 0:59; 3. Jake Kilpatrick (S) p. Dominic Stephens (GC), 3-41.

**215:** 1st: Nick Glinn (LW) dec. Chris Fletcher (WM), 12-6; 3rd: Anthony Moore (P) won by; 4th: Parker Nowak (LS) p. Phil Calhoun (CC), 1-42; 6th: Joe Madrid (FH) won by.

**289:** 1st: Donovan King (F) dec. Anthony Calloway (WM), 11-5; 3rd: Jake Giorgi (S) dec. Jake Swirple (LF), 3-2; 5th: Brennen McNeal (Salem B) p. Luke Stayer (C), 0:33.

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PREP WRESTLING

# CC rules battle of top-ranked teams

## Shamrocks fashion 3-0 record against stiff competition

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There was no one more super in Saturday's Lowell Super 6 Duals than the Novi Detroit Catholic Central wrestling team.

The Shamrocks came away with a 3-0 record in a meet that featured the top-ranked teams in Divisions 1, 2 and 3 in Michigan, along with Eaton Rapids and Goodrich, plus nationally-ranked Mason (Ohio).

"This was a great challenge for our team and our young

men," CC coach Mitch Hancock said. "We wanted an event that would challenge us and give us a big test heading into the postseason and, without a doubt, this event accomplished that."

CC upped its overall dual match record to 24-1 with victories over Mason (25-24), Dundee (52-15) and the host Red Arrows (37-22).

With the three victories, CC has recorded eight wins against top 10 teams in Michigan Grappler.com's Power 15, including seven wins against the top 10 in

Division 1. "In my 10 years at CC, this is one of the finest regular seasons I've been a part of," Hancock said. "Our guys really impressed me this weekend and put a nice exclamation point on a fantastic season. Now it's time to heal up, get sharper and get our minds ready to make our run."

Ben Kamali (112 pounds), Stone Moscovic (125), Cam Amine (145), Tyler Morland (171) and Nick Jenkins (285) all went 3-0 on the day to lead CC.

In the win over Mason, CC captured seven of the 14 matches as Moscovic earned a critical five-point win heading into the final match at 130.

CC would win the dual after Mason's Christopher Donathan

was issued a pair of unsportsmanlike points at 145 in a 7-4 loss to Amine.

"That's a perfect example of why you have to keep your composure in big matches," Hancock said. "We knew how good Mason was. They won the Dvorak in Chicago, which has been one of the toughest tournaments in the Midwest for over a decade. This is a nice win for us. We stayed off our back and competed hard from top to bottom."

In the victory over Dundee (No. 1 in Division 3), the Shamrocks captured 11 of the 14 matches as Amine knocked off Division 3 top-ranked Tyler Orrison, 6-3.

CC's Logan Sanom (130) also pinned No. 7-ranked McAllister

McAvoy in 30 seconds, while Connor Curnutte (189) won by major decision, 11-0, over Kyle Reinhart.

Against Lowell, the three-time defending state champion and ranked No. 1 in Division 2, Amine got CC off to a flying start when he pinned Sam Russell in 29 seconds.

"Amine has done that all year for us," Hancock said. "He sets the tempo for this team and our guys feed off of him."

CC eventually won eight of the 14 matches (with one being a void at 140), getting key wins from Devon Johnsen (103), Kamali, (112), Sanom (130) and Kevon Davenport (135).

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The Canton Chiefs celebrate finishing second at the Jeanne Caruss Gymnastics Invitational.

PREP GYMNASTICS

# Canton second at Jeanne Caruss Memorial Invite

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Canton's varsity gymnastics team is literally getting on the beam, excelling at Saturday's Jeanne Caruss Memorial Invitational at White Lake Lakeland High School.

The Chiefs registered an impressive 144.65 points, just a tick behind first-place Farmington United's 145.9 finish.

Also strong was Northville, in third with 143.65 points.

Several Canton performers had top-notch days, led by Kelsea Kernosek — who tallied a 9.4 score on vault, second behind Farmington United's Kacey Noseworthy (9.525).

Kernosek also had 9.1 on floor exercise.

Two other Canton gymnasts topped 9.0 in two events. Jana Hilditch tallied 9.325 on vault and 9.175 on floor exercise, while Katie Dickson won floor (9.425) and also registered 9.15 on balance beam.

Other Canton nines were recorded Rachel Socha (9.15 on floor) and Victoria Faber, who took first overall on uneven parallel bars with a 9.5 score.

Katherine Najduk chipped in 8.9 on vault for the Chiefs, while Zoe Graves (8.75 on bars) and Annika Wang (8.55 on beam) also contributed for the Chiefs.

Noseworthy also had nines on bars and floor (9.05 and 9.325, respectively) for Farmington United.

But the team also boasted nines across the board from

Jacqueline Farquhar (including 9.3 on floor and 9.25 on vault).

Other contributors for Farmington United were Elisa Bills (9.175 on vault, 9.2 on bars, 9.25 on floor), Ava Farquhar (9.025 on vault) and Emily Stecevic (9.4 on floor).

As for the Mustangs, Erin McCallum took third in the all-around. McCallum, a junior, scored 36.675 in the four events, taking fourth on floor exercise (9.375) and vault (9.25), along with fifth on the uneven parallel bars (9.0) and balance beam (9.05).

Also outstanding for Northville was senior Rachel Robitaille, who took fourth on the uneven bars (9.125) to go along with a season-best 9.275 on floor.

## ROUNDUP

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Sharon Woodward and Carley Loving had seven each.

**STEVENSON 47, SOUTH LYON 40:** Sarah Tanderis scored 12 points while Grace Lameron added 10 points, eight rebounds and 12 blocks for Livonia Stevenson.

Brie Mass helped the cause with eight points and eight steals and made four free throws in the final minute to clinch the win for the Spartans (8-5 overall, 4-3 in the KLAAs Central).

Stevenson was strong defensively, with 27 steals and 37 rebounds.

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 42, SOUTHFIELD CHRISTIAN 31:** On Tuesday, the Warriors led throughout against Southfield Christian.

Pacing the attack for Lutheran Westland (11-2, 6-1 in the MIAC) were Taylor Jones and Rachel Reddeman, with 15 and 14 points, respectively. Reddeman also pulled down 14 rebounds, while Jones also had 10 steals to record her third double-double of the season.

"We did some really good things at times tonight on the offensive end with moving the ball and seeing each other open," Warriors coach Sandi Wade said. "However, our turnovers have been high the last few games and we need to fix that."

**THURSTON 48, ANNAPOLIS 24:** Sophomore Naudia Jackson scored a game-high 20 points as Redford Thurston (7-7, 3-3) overcame a sluggish start to post a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division win Tuesday at Dearborn Heights Annapolis (3-10, 1-5).

Junior Bryanna Burton, who made 4-of-5 free throws, added 14 points as the Eagles led 24-11 at halftime.

Thurston got down 4-0 at the start, but the first of Jackson's two triples sparked the quick turnaround.

"Everybody got playing time and we changed up our defenses to keep them off balance," Thurston coach Bob Ostrowski said. "They have a big girl, Ivory Johnson, that we wanted to keep off the boards and I thought we did a pretty good job with her defensively."

**RU 45, CVILLE 4:** Junior Danna Mejia took over the point guard duties for the injured Cassidy Sandelin (ankle) and scored a game-high 15 points to lead Redford Union (8-4, 4-2) to a WVAAC Red Division win Tuesday over host Livonia Clarenceville (1-12, 0-6).

Sophomore Johnnia Steele added 10 points for the Panthers, who led 15-0 after one quarter and 25-2 at halftime. Myla Hoskins-King and Desarae Hartfield had the lone hoops for the Trojans.

**MERCY 50, LADYWOOD 34:** Freshman Jess Mruzik led a balance scoring attack with 10 points and added three steals as Farmington Hills Mercy (12-2, 10-1) rolled to a Catholic League Central Division victory Tuesday over visiting Livonia Ladywood (2-12, 1-9).

Senior guard Jackie Bauer added nine points, while senior guard Chloe Goldbold added seven points and five assists for the first-place Marlins, who jumped out to a 33-9 halftime lead on parents night. Abbey Reppen led the Blazers with nine points.

## Boys basketball

**JOHN GLENN 57, CANTON 51:** The Rockets improved to 11-1 overall and 6-1 in the KLAAs South Division with Tuesday's win over the Chiefs.

Scoring in double figures for John Glenn were Joe Moon IV, Dajon Parker, Kijuan Chandler (11 points each) and Christian Agnew (10 points).

For Canton (8-5, 5-2), B. Artis White and Jake Cesarz scored 20 and 10 points, respectively.

**PLYMOUTH 41, FRANKLIN 37:** In a KLAAs South contest that came down to the wire, the visiting Wildcats eked out enough for the win to improve to 6-7 overall and 3-4 in the KLAAs South.

Anthony Crump and Tariq Woody both scored 13 for Plymouth, while Connor Bush had 10. Bush had a key slam-dunk in the final seconds to close out the win.

For Franklin (5-8, 1-6), Johnny Cantrell scored 11. "The game came down to the final possession," Franklin coach Jon Djokaj said. "We knew they had fouls to give, so we wanted to draw up a play that gave us a clean look at the basket. We got the shot that we wanted, but couldn't hit it."

"They got the rebound, fired it down the court for a dunk to ice the game."

**NORTHVILLE 49, SALEM 40:** Kyle Winfrey and Cameron Grace led the host Rocks with nine and eight points, respectively, but the Mustangs prevailed.

Jake Justice and Phil Jovanovski both scored 11 for Northville.

**LUTHERAN WESTLAND 59, ROEPER 40:** Zack Burke scored 30 points to lead the Warriors (9-2, 4-2) to an MIAC win over Bloomfield Hills Reoper.

Luke Smith and Ben Brown both had six points and six rebounds for the Warriors.

"We've played three straight games with only one practice and we've survived," said Kevin Wade, interim coach for Lutheran Westland. "We are really looking forward to putting in work over the next two days to get us ready for our next game."

The Warriors enjoyed leads of 28-20 at halftime and 41-27 after three quarters.

**THURSTON 63, EDELS FORD 60:** Senior guard Malik Hill led the way with a game-high 20 points Tuesday as host Redford Thurston (5-7, 2-4) earned a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Blue Division win over Dearborn Edsel Ford (2-10, 1-5).

Karlos Berry and Dorian Naylor added 11 and 10 points, respectively, for the Eagles, who overcame a rough night of free-throw shooting (8-of-20).

Robert Taylor paced the Thunderbirds with 16 points, while Mellesio Kendrick and Jonte Dorsey added 15 and 14, respectively. Edsel Ford made 7-of-12 free throws.

"It was a good game and we played well tonight," Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "I thought we ran our offense well. The kids are learning every game and I'm proud of them."

**RU 66, CVILLE 33:** Jacob Gagnon scored 14 points and Marcus Evans chipped in 10 as Redford Union (7-5, 3-2) rolled to a WVAAC Red Division victory Tuesday over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (0-14, 0-6).

The Panthers led 15-1 after one quarter and 31-11 at halftime. RU made 14-of-20 free throws (70 percent).

Clarenceville got 12 points from guard Rickey Scott. The Trojans were 4-of-6 from the line (66.6 percent).

## BLAZERS

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and was a catalyst as PCS got to within 4-3 and nearly tied the game early in the third. "But once I knew Savina was (ill), I automatically knew I'd have to go in net."

"I never thought it'd be against the No. 1 team, but I had fun and I think our team played really well today."

Penguins head coach Jenna Donnelly said Balch really hadn't played net since she was about 8 years old, not including a recent PCS alumni game, when she played for fun.

"She played very well," Donnelly said. "For a player who hasn't played a game as a goalie, (she) just played the No. 1 team in the league and did fantastic."

"We told the girls they needed to find a motivator and their motivator needed to be Grace. Stand up for her and protect her and they went out and made a very good comeback attempt."

Ladywood iced the victory with goals in the third period by Pilut (a snipe over Balch's trapper) and Spiegel, on a rebound. After the latter goal, with about 8:30 to go, Donnelly brought Osann back into the game.

"She wasn't feeling well, so we had to pull (Osann)," Donnelly said. "She got some fluids in her system and some rest and we were able to put her back in."

According to Blazers head coach Ron Predmesky, the goal-



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Anna Ott (left) of the PCS Penguins and Livonia Ladywood's Katie Hayward vie for room along the boards.

ie switch and early second intermission stalled his team's momentum, which had been building thanks to three unanswered goals starting late in the first period.

Hayward scored the first two, including one on the penalty kill where she collected the rebound of her own shot and lifted it over the prone Osann with 14:20 left in the middle period.

Pilut then one-timed a crossing feed from Spiegel with 8:47 left in the second to open up a three-goal Ladywood lead and lead to the PCS goalie change. Because the Penguins do not have a backup goalie on the roster, game officials decided to halt the game at that point so that Balch could get ready.

## New life

When the game resumed, the teams finished the second period, switched ends and concluded the contest.

The Penguins (9-4-0, 5-4-0) made a game out of it once the game resumed. Balch came through with some important stops and junior forward Michelle Cirino registered two goals within 19 seconds in the final minute of the period.

Her first was an unassisted effort against Ladywood sophomore goalie Isabella Lorelli. She knocked in the rebound of a shot by senior forward Cathryn VandenBosch for the other.

Before the third period began, Predmesky encouraged his players to get their skating legs back to close out the victory.

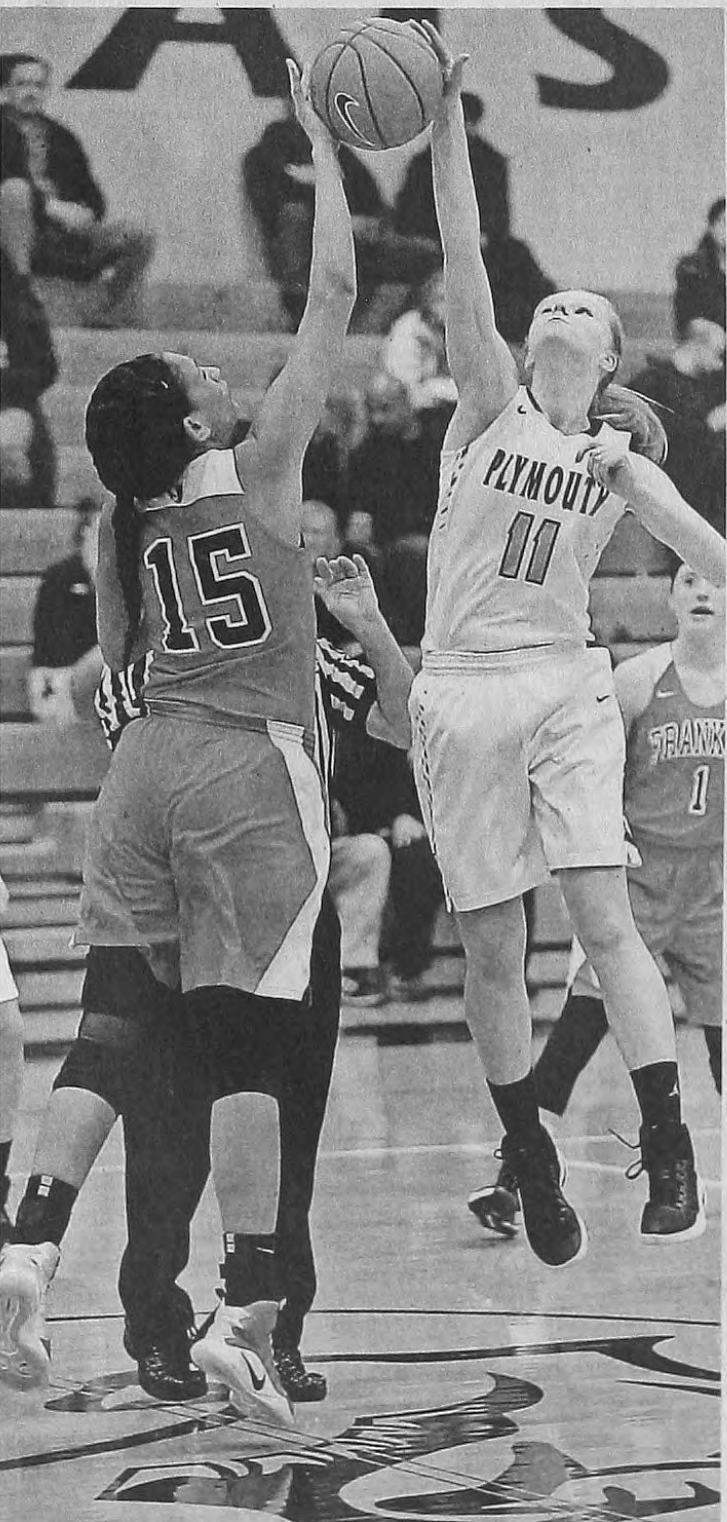
"Our kids, being 4-1 and still the middle of the second period, they thought it was over," Predmesky said. "Especially with a new goalie coming in. They didn't come out and skate and PCS did."

Ladywood's Spiegel and PCS's VandenBosch (from Cirino) opened the night's scoring by trading goals.

"It was a good challenge for us," Blazers senior defenseman Colleen Lynch said. "We kind of fell apart, but it was good to get our teamwork back together."

"We had to relax and calm down and go to our usual play and not focus so much on how they were playing."

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Livonia Franklin's Sarah Channey (left) and Plymouth's Alexa Ebeling jump for the game's opening tip-off Tuesday.

## COLLEGE BOWLING

# Ocelots prevail at their own invitational

## Schoolcraft College comes out on top at Merri-Bowl Lanes

Schoolcraft College's men's and women's bowling teams enjoyed some home cooking Friday at the Schoolcraft Invitational Tournament at Merri-Bowl Lanes, with both teams taking home first place in the conference event.

The Ocelots men put up an impressive 4,410 pin count, 432 pins clear of second-place Ancilla College. Schoolcraft was paced by a pair of sophomores in Andrew Gury's 588 three-game series and Lonnie Lawrence's 586. Freshman Mike Rees took home high-game honors for the tournament, scorching the lanes with a 244 game en route to a 581 series.

"Merri-Bowl has been such an awesome place to practice, it felt good to perform well there," Rees said. "The individual honor was nice, but to have both our teams come out victorious felt really good. I'm just going out and having fun and know that as long as I keep doing that, things will take care of themselves from there."

On the ladies side, the Ocelots women knocked down 3,458 pins, with Muskegon CC a distant second at 3,217. Kayla

Jackson once again led the charge, firing a 516 series and taking home top honors in that department for the tournament. It is Jackson's fourth consecutive high-series title, while having two high-game distinctions sprinkled in during that span as well.

"Bowling has been a huge part of my life as long as I can remember, so to be able to continue to bowl in college and be successful at it is pretty cool," Jackson said. "Even though these are individual honors, my team and their support and encouragement is what helps me perform well. We bring and keep each other up, it's a total team effort."

Salem product Rachel Boucha contributed a 441 series and Redford Union's Ashley Mattia was close behind with 427.

"I thought this was one of our better performances to date," Schoolcraft coach Patrick Yelsik said. "Obviously, the comfort level with the house and the lanes had something to do with that, but the kids still had to perform and execute and they did, at an extremely high level. It's always good to play well in front of the home crowd and family and friends."

The Ocelots return to the lanes Friday, Feb. 3, as they travel to Mt. Pleasant for the Mid-Michigan CC Invitational.



Schoolcraft bowlers Kayla Jackson and Mike Rees both won awards at Friday's Schoolcraft invite. Jackson earned honors for top series in the women's tourney, while Rees won high-game honors on the men's side. The tournament took place at Merri-Bowl Lanes in Livonia.



Shamrocks goalie Joe Pernecky gets control of the puck before Cranbrook's Blake Johnson can.

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## BOYS HOCKEY

# Catholic Central's late goal surge downs slumping Cranbrook, 5-1

## Shamrocks wins third straight game as Cranes can't shake skid

Tom Morelli  
Correspondent

For 46 minutes Friday, Novi Detroit Catholic Central held on to a slim 1-0 lead against Bloomfield Hills Cranbrook Kingswood at the USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Scoring-wise, it was a far cry compared to CC's 4-0 Michigan Interscholastic Hockey League North Division win Jan. 7 over the Cranes.

But then a little bit of puck luck went the Shamrocks' way in the final five minutes, with one goal prompting another.

By the time the final buzzer sounded and the red light stopped flashing, CC ran away with a 5-1 victory to extend its winning streak to three games.

The pivotal moment for the Shamrocks (11-5-1 overall, 8-2-1 MIHL North) came with 4:28 remaining, when they were already down a man due to a cross-checking call.

As junior Brendan West fired a shot from the right face-off circle, the puck bounced off goaltender Colin Rutter, where an opportunistic

Nicco Zervos scored the game-winner off a rebound.

"If you get out of a penalty kill without giving up a goal, it's a win, so to get a short-handed goal, it's huge for your momentum, huge for your bench and it's always an exciting moment, because it's usually an unexpected goal," CC coach Brandon Kaleniecki said.

Just before the penalty expired, Cranbrook (8-9-1, 3-5-1-1 MIHL North) managed to break up goaltender Joe Pernecky's shutout bid, with forward Hugh Lambert centering a pass from behind the net to linemate Joe Dumas for the finish off the right wing.

CC then kicked it into another gear over the final two minutes by scoring three goals.

Senior defenseman Spencer Kimball found himself on the score sheet by helping set up a pair of goals within 49 seconds. The first came with 1:54 to go, as Kimball chipped the puck up ice to senior forward Michael Considine, who fired it into the back of the net while on a breakaway.

"It was a tight game up until the last five minutes," Kaleniecki said. "We scored a big goal short-handed and thought we'd be able to breathe, but they, of course, score on the power play to make it 2-1. We didn't sulk at all though ... we just went out there for our next shift. Mike Considine makes a heck of a play and, once again, puts us back up by two. You could tell that was huge because it settled us back down."

Shortly thereafter, Kimball was at it again, this time on a pass to sophomore forward Cater Korpi at the 1:05 mark, which was scored into an empty net.

With 13 seconds to go, Zervos provided a tip pass to sophomore forward Mitch Morris at the point to close out the Shamrocks' scoring binge. Senior defenseman Davis Brown was also credited with an assist.

"For about 45 minutes, we were doing just as well as they were," Cranes coach Andy Weindenbach said. "They played well and kept coming and we couldn't contain them."

CC's first goal came courtesy of West with just 2:03 gone in the opening period. After senior defenseman Kory McCullough unleashed a laser toward the net, the puck took a high bounce off Rutter, allowing West to chip in a rebound from just outside the crease for his second goal in as many games.

The Shamrocks held a 24-16 advantage in shots, with 11 in the first period alone.

"Our record doesn't look real good these last six or seven games and, if you follow the score sheet, you're going to see that we're in every game," Weindenbach said. "It's just the last four or five minutes of every game is when we sort of falter. We can't play 51 minutes and we're playing 45 minutes in every game and we're losing games with one minute to go, two minutes to go, three minutes to go and that's what's really broken our back — the fact that we can't finish the whole game."

Rutter finished with 20 saves, while counterpart Pernecky had 15.

## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Northville rips South Lyon, improves to 11-1

Brad Emons  
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Senior forward Jessica Moorman paced a balanced scoring attack with 12 points Friday to power Northville to a 58-16 KLAACentral Division girls basketball victory at South Lyon.

The first-place Mustangs, who improved to 11-1 overall and 6-0 in the Central, had 11 of 12 players score as Jasmin Prince, Tara Beason, Brianna Drummond and Ella Duckworth added six points apiece.

South Lyon (4-8, 1-5), unable to overcome a 28-6 halftime deficit, got five points from Samantha Swain.

"It was a good defensive effort, a good all-around game and a good team effort," Northville coach Todd Gudith said.

Northville was 12-of-21 from the foul line, while South Lyon made just 3-of-10.

**NOVI 56, SALEM 38:** Junior guard Ellie Mackay scored 19 points and Cara Ninkovich chipped in 10 as the Wildcats (9-3, 4-2) rolled to a KLAACentral Division triumph Friday against the host Rocks (2-10, 1-5).

Ninkovich also dished out four assists for Novi, which led 20-6 after one quarter and 35-20 at halftime before breaking it open with a 17-6 third-quarter run.

Julia Lalain and Mikayla Lynch chipped in seven and six points, respectively, while Ireland Whalen added five for Novi.

**FRANKLIN ROAD 72, STOCKWELL ACADEMY 24:** Rachel Bause's 15 points and seven rebounds propelled Novi Franklin Road Christian (11-2) to a non-conference win Monday over Brighton Charyl Stockwell Prep Academy (2-6).

Chanelle Lochrie and Danielle Fusco added 13 and 12 points, respectively, for the victorious Warriors, who 41-17 at halftime and 62-20 after three quarters.

Franklin Road was 8-of-10 from the foul line, while Stockwell was 3-of-13.

**FRANKLIN ROAD 43, LUTHERAN NORTHWEST 37:** Novi Franklin Road Christian (10-2, 3-1) overcame a six-point halftime deficit Friday to beat host Rochester Hills Lutheran Northwest (4-8, 0-4) in a Michigan Independent Athletic Conference Blue Division game.

Rachel Bause finished with 11 points and nine rebounds to lead the Warriors, who outscored Northwest 28-16 in the second half.

Danielle Fusco chipped in 10 points, while Daria Boboc added eight points and five rebounds for the Warriors, who went 11-of-16 from the foul line (68.7 percent).

Kaily Grulke scored 11 points for Northwest, which made only 9-of-21 free throws (42.8 percent).

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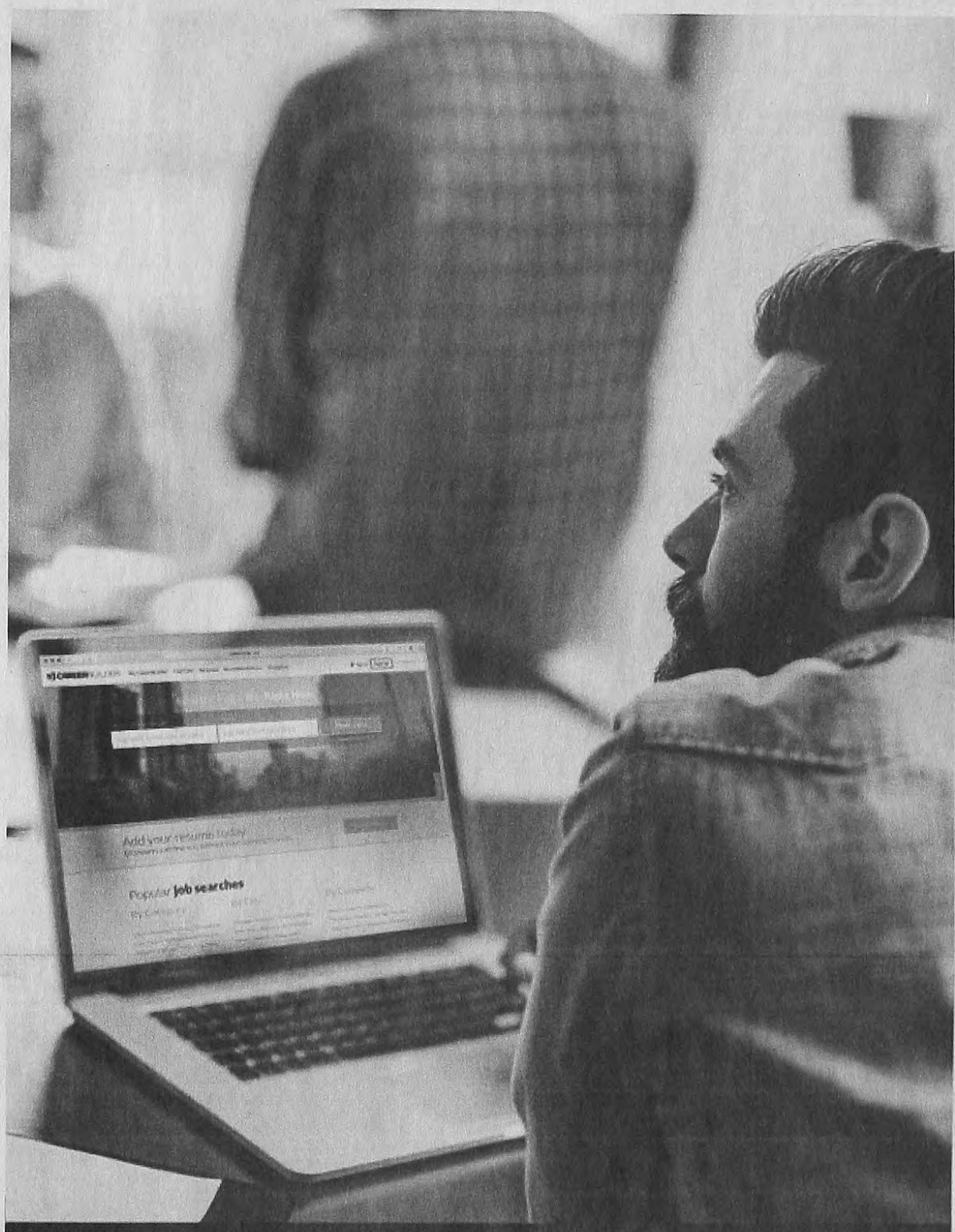
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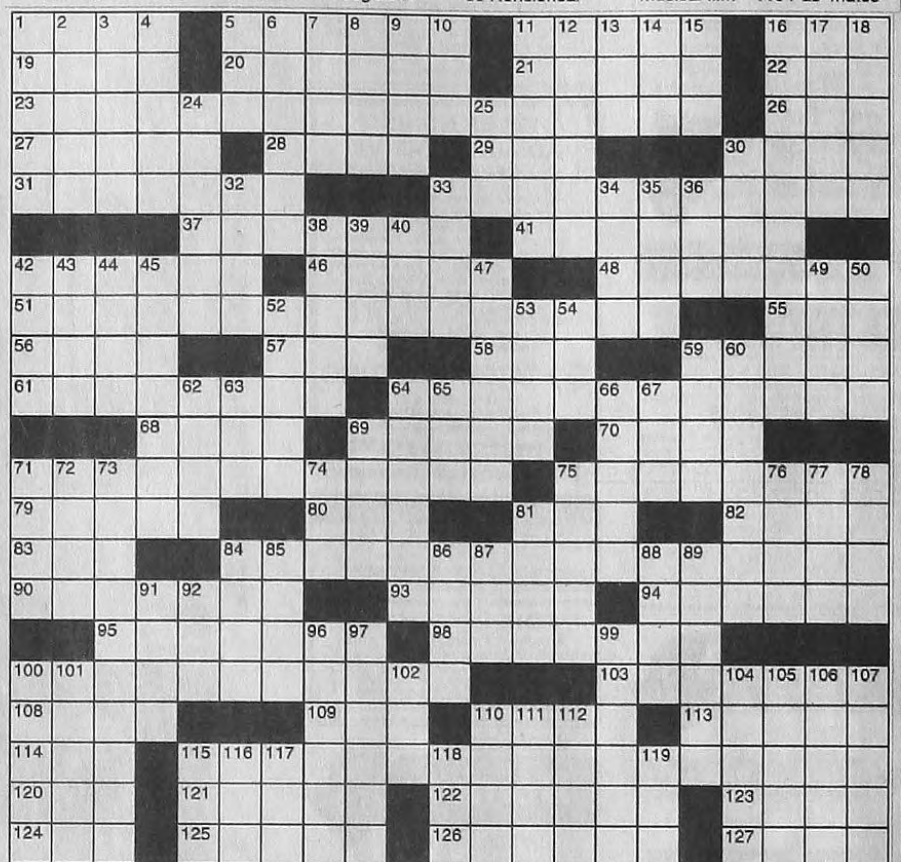
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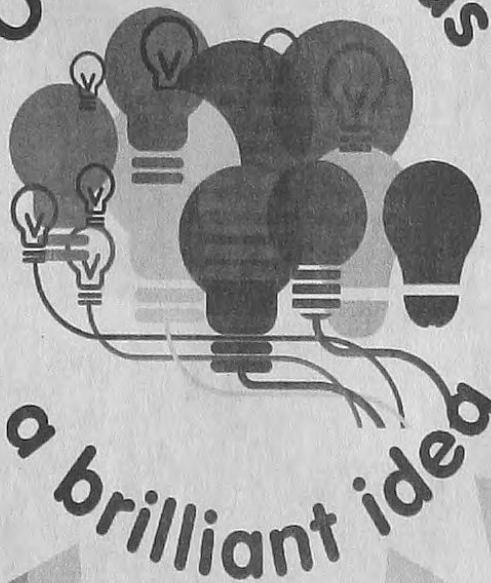
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Back muscles, informally
  - 5 Future doc's program
  - 11 Edison rival
  - 16 Flat-fixing gp.
  - 19 "Out of Africa" writer
  - 20 French playwright
  - 21 Made from a certain wood
  - 22 Coffeehouse dispenser
  - 23 Cereal grain for a special event?
  - 26 Found groovy
  - 27 "Goodbye, mon ami"
  - 28 Forever, seemingly
  - 29 Canonized woman of Fr.
  - 30 Little tales
  - 31 Paid up
  - 33 Sleep with a cereal grain on one's blanket?
  - 37 Augustus' son-in-law
  - 41 Shoulder decoration
  - 42 Performing in a film
  - 46 "Unh-unh!"
  - 48 Fierce fire
  - 51 Easily seen cereal grain?
  - 55 Skill in darts
  - 56 Plaster the roof of
  - 57 See 85-Down
  - 58 — ti
  - 59 Pagan religion
  - 61 Car roller in winter
  - 64 Person threshing a cereal grain?
  - 68 "Good for life" pet food
  - 69 "Spanglish" actress
  - 70 Plenteous
  - 71 Using a cereal grain as fuel?
  - 75 Final chance to order a drink
  - 79 Newspaper sections
  - 80 Pro in first aid
  - 81 Body design, briefly
  - 82 Silks solo
  - 83 "— in Black"
  - 84 Have a boxing match in an arena covered with a cereal grain?
  - 90 Carroll of "All in the Family"
  - 93 Puzzle cube inventor
  - 94 Old TV dog (laughing gas)
  - 98 Word-for-word
  - 100 Response after being gifted with a cereal grain?
  - 103 Charms
  - 108 Roof feature
  - 109 — rule
  - 110 See 5-Down
  - 113 Wild fight
  - 114 Dream
  - 115 Useful material for processing a cereal grain?
  - 120 Rocker
  - 121 Pop/rock singer
  - 122 Layered eye part
  - 123 DVR option
  - 124 Timeline segment
  - 125 Muscle woe
  - 126 Starts using
  - 127 Glimpsed
  - 34 Toe feature
  - 35 Desert sight
  - 36 Polar drudge
  - 38 Combined
  - 39 Pan relatives
  - 40 Letter before omega
  - 42 Basic lesson
  - 43 French city
  - 44 Nirvana, e.g.
  - 45 It "blows no good"
  - 47 Ship again
  - 49 Friendly
  - 50 Epps of films
  - 52 Like Vikings
  - 53 Brazilian palm berry
  - 54 Short while
  - 59 Float easily
  - 60 Thick polar coverings
  - 62 New Mexico resort
  - 63 Unruly tyke
  - 64 Less dry
  - 65 Clod buster
  - 66 Great anger
  - 67 — and hers
  - 69 Gyro meat
  - 71 Singer Perry
  - 72 Gp. for Iran
  - 73 City near Lake Tahoe
  - 74 Eligible for Soc. Sec.
  - 75 Hanukkah pancake
  - 76 Olympic god
  - 77 Leslie Caron musical film
  - 78 Behind
  - 81 Razz
  - 84 Israeli dance
  - 85 With
  - 87-Across, easily attached patches
  - 86 Whopper
  - 87 Kimono sash
  - 88 Gusto
  - 89 Sub meat
  - 91 Evening, in some ads
  - 92 To the — degree
  - 96 Arbitrary decrees
  - 97 Methodology
  - 99 Softer
  - 100 Employ anew
  - 101 PLO's Arafat
  - 102 Clodhopper
  - 104 Goes soft
  - 105 Iran-Contra figure
  - 106 Superman portrayal
  - 107 Determined to do
  - 110 Born and —
  - 111 Quarterback
  - 112 Thrash
  - 115 Ford fluid
  - 116 Put tears in
  - 117 "— bellever!"
  - 118 "— pro nobis"
  - 119 Pas' mates



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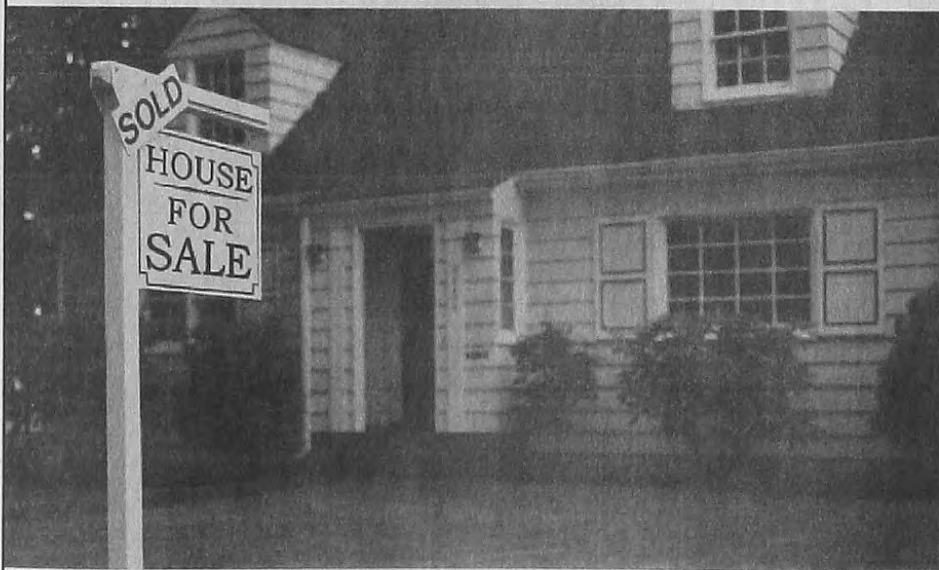


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