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Carjacking defendant is ruled insane

Case comes to an end after more than a year

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Ending a long justice-system journey for a mentally ill man, a judge has ruled Faheem Tamir-Saul Nance was insane during a Canton Walmart incident that led to charges of carjacking, robbery

and making false bomb threats.

Court records show Wayne County Circuit Judge Craig Strong has found Nance not guilty by reason of insanity for a frightening situation that unfolded at the Walmart store on Ford Road, east of Lotz. Strong in December also or-

dered Nance committed indefinitely to a state psychiatric hospital.

Defense attorney Kesia Nikia Reeves had maintained all along that Nance should never have faced charges and was failed by the mental health system.



Nance

She had called it "one of the saddest cases I've known."

On Friday, Reeves hailed the latest ruling and said she is hopeful Nance will now get the care he needs.

"He definitely is a person who needs it so, to me, it's like the system kind of redeemed itself by coming full circle," she said.

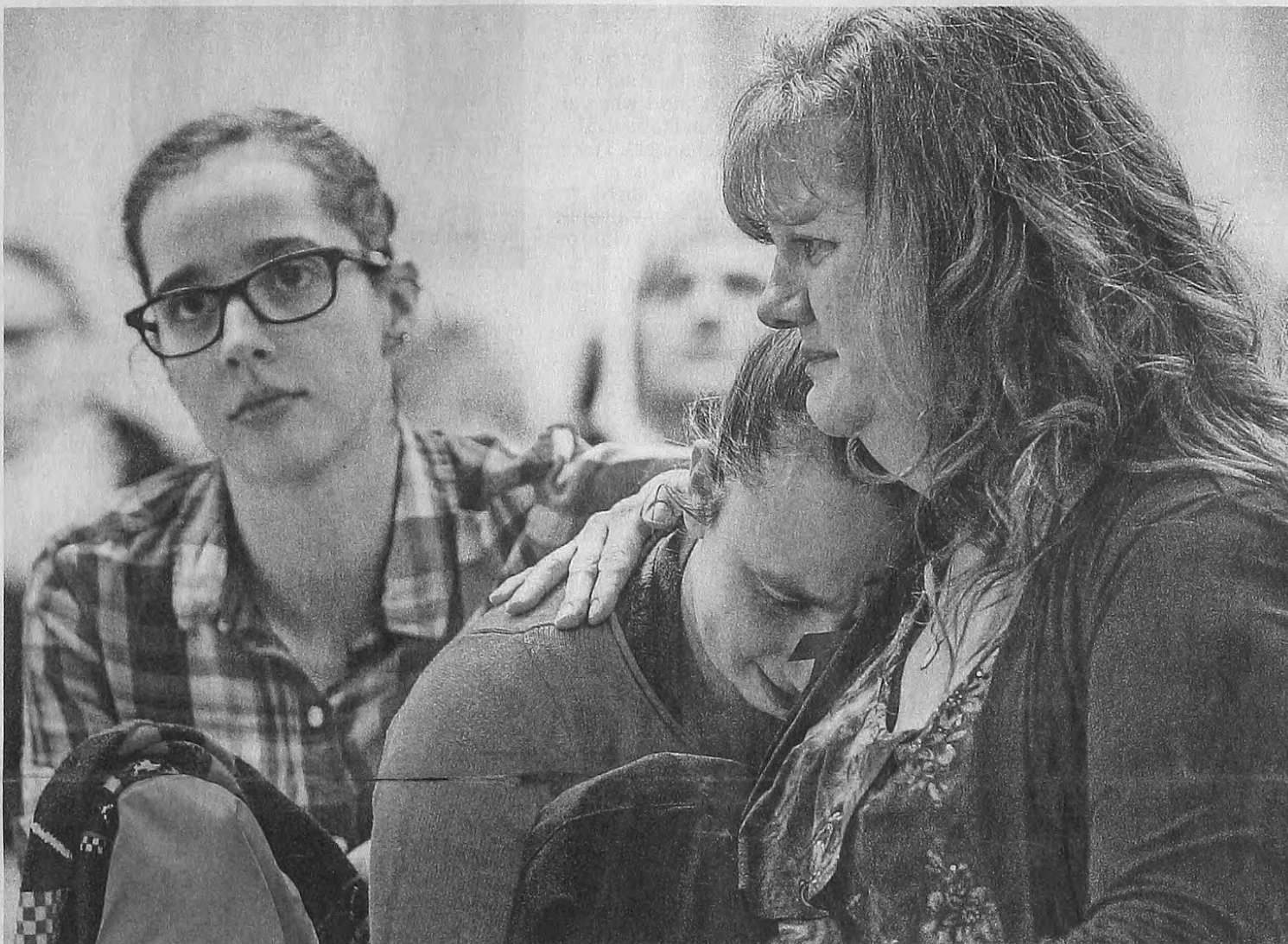
Nance will remain in a psychiatric hospital unless doc-

tors rule he is mentally capable to be released. The judge also would have to formally rule on it.

"He will be in the hospital unless the doctors and the judge believe he is well enough to go back into society," Reeves said.

She welcomed the latest developments and said a rul-

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Ann Stislicki comforts daughter Jillian. Daughter Holley is at left.

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Friends, family remain hopeful missing woman will be found

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The Rev. Anthony Johnson related a story Thursday night about how he recently had to wait an anxious 20 minutes for his daughter to get home from school because her bus was late.

He told that tale to more than 300 people crowded into the hall at the Hubert-Fortiers-O'Grady VFW Post 345 in Redford Township. But he told it mostly to the family sitting front-and-center, a mother and father who've been waiting 41 days for word — any word — about their missing daughter, 28-year-old Danielle Stislicki.

"All kinds of emotions flowed through me and that was just ... her bus was late," Johnson said to Ann and Richard Stislicki. "I can't imagine what you're going through."



Paul Wilkins lights luminaria for the vigil.

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Johnson, pastor at Prayer Temple Baptist Church in Redford, gave the closing prayer at a vigil for Stislicki, the Farmington Hills woman who hasn't been seen since she

left work Dec. 2 at Met Life in Southfield. Her Jeep turned up in the parking lot of her apartment complex the next day and police have been searching for her since.

A couple of weeks after she went missing, Farmington Hills police acknowledged they believe Stislicki is the victim of a crime. They searched a Berkley home last month, but have not released any details about the investigation.

Stislicki's friends have started a Facebook page and a website to keep her story alive and help in the search for information related to her disappearance.

Thursday's vigil was the second her friends and family have organized in an effort to keep her story alive. The first took place outside her workplace in Southfield; Thursday's was more of a homecoming than a vigil, since Stislicki grew up in Redford and graduated from Redford Union High

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Longtime shoe repair shop owner Pete Mucci mourned

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Pietro "Pete" Mucci came to America from Italy in 1947 as a 21-year-old man with a third-grade education, a strong work ethic and the shoe-making skills he learned as a young boy.

He had a shoe repair shop in Detroit for a decade before he opened Pete's Shoe Repair in downtown Plymouth, where he had a 37-year run until he sold it in 1995. He began in an old wooden building where the Penn Theatre now stands, but most of the years his shop was tucked away on Fleet Street.

The mayor of Fleet Street, friends called him.

"He knew everybody," his middle son, Vincenzo "Vince" Mucci of Canton, said, "and everybody loved him."

Mucci, 91, died peacefully Tuesday at the Plymouth home where he had lived with his wife of 60 years, Margherita, since 1966.

"He was still drinking homemade wine and smoking cigarettes the night before he died," Vince Mucci said.

Plymouth City Manager Paul Sincok remembers as a young boy taking shoes to Pete Mucci for repairs and how the shop smelled of leather.

"I was always interested in all the machinery he had there in the shoe shop," he said.

Sometimes, Sincok was accompanied by his own Italian mother, who would occasionally speak the language of the old country with Mucci.

Mucci came to the United States with his mother in 1947, an immigrant who tapped into the American dream. He moved his own family to Plymouth in 1966.

"He fell in love with Plymouth," Vince Mucci said. "It was a rural, family town that

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School.

Danielle's father Richard acknowledged as much as he spoke to the throng.

"I feel this is more of a homecoming than a vigil," he said. "Not a homecoming for Danielle, but a homecoming of our hearts. It is a vigil and we will remain vigilant and, with your help and your support, we can make this happen."

The vigil was put together by former state Sen. Laura Toy of Livonia, who now works for state Sen. Judy Emmons, R-Sheridan, with help from Officer Jennifer Mansfield of the Redford Township Police Department, among others.

Emmons called the vigil a chance to show support for the family and to pass along information to help keep people safe.



Joining hands in prayer for Danielle Stislicki.

"When you're a mother and a grandmother, anytime a child goes missing, our hearts break a little," she said. "Clearly, people want to be a part of helping. People have been wonderful."

The crowd was dotted

with members of Stislicki's immediate and extended family, but perhaps the most dramatic moment of the evening came when Redford Township Supervisor Tracey Schultz Kobylarz asked anyone in the crowd who'd never met Danielle to stand. Seemingly half of the crowd or more rose to their feet.

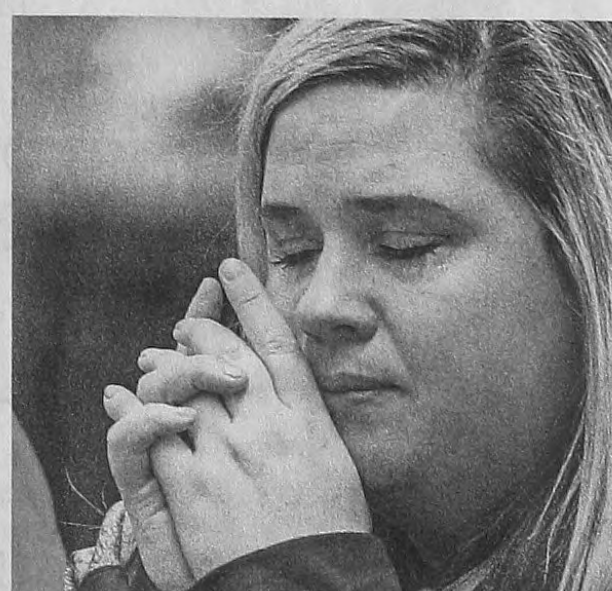
One of them, Sheila Queener of Pinckney, said she made the trip to Redford because Danielle's story "touched" her.

"This is an example of the deep impact (her story) has had on not only her community, but surrounding communities," said Queener, a teacher at South Pointe Scholars Academy in Ypsilanti. "We speak so negatively so often about social media, but in this case it is helping."

As he did at the first vigil, Richard Stislicki pointed out his daughter obviously isn't the only victim of abduction. A portion of Thursday's event was devoted to the discussion of human trafficking and abduction.

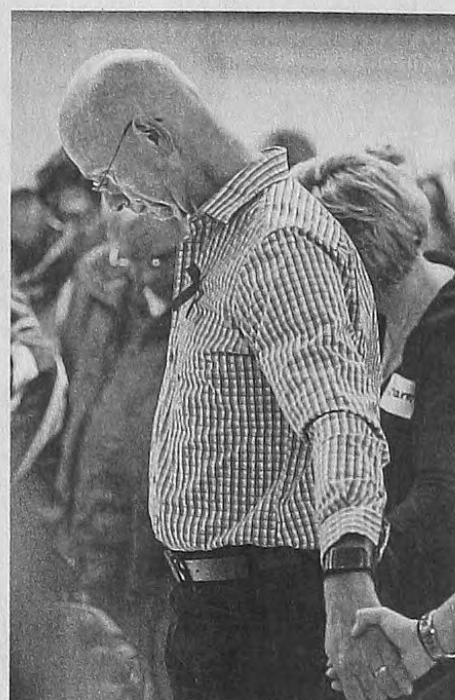
"It's beyond Danielle ... people go missing all the time," he said. "Danielle is not just my child. She is a child, just like your child. This is not a

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Morgan Belcher of Livonia is moved by a song during the vigil.

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Richard Stislicki, Danielle's father, bows his head during a prayer.

future you would imagine. We need to be vigilant and stop these things when we can."

Mansfield offered tips for staying safe and for keeping children safe. She said parents should "stop being their friend ... I want you to be their parent." She said parents should know their kids' passwords and keep electronic devices like computers and iPads in rooms where children can be watched.

"Get up in their business," Mansfield said. "You don't know who's at the other end (of social media exchanges). The abductions we see are people being taken by people they know, people they're meeting online or at the malls or libraries."

While they await news on Danielle, family and friends are hanging on to the hope she's still alive, which is why they gathered Thursday. They believe Danielle will return safely.

"You don't accept anything else," said 20-year-old Jillian Stislicki, Danielle's younger sister.

That's how Sarah Pollack feels, as well. Pollack has been friends with Danielle, she said, for 26 years, since their days growing up in Redford. She said while it gets "harder and harder"

every day to hang on to the belief her friend will return, she simply refuses to give it up.

"I just believe in my heart she's still alive," Pollack said. "It's just a feeling. It's belief. It's hope."

It's hope shared by the more than 300 people who turned up Thursday and by the couple of hundred who attended the first vigil last month. That kind of support continues to impress Ann Stislicki, Danielle's mom,

but continues to imbue her with faith.

"We don't know what happened to Danielle. ... What we do know is there has been incredible support of people like you," Ann said. "People say we're strong, (but) we stay strong because of you. When there are moments when you don't know if you can do it, I feel you're there holding me up."

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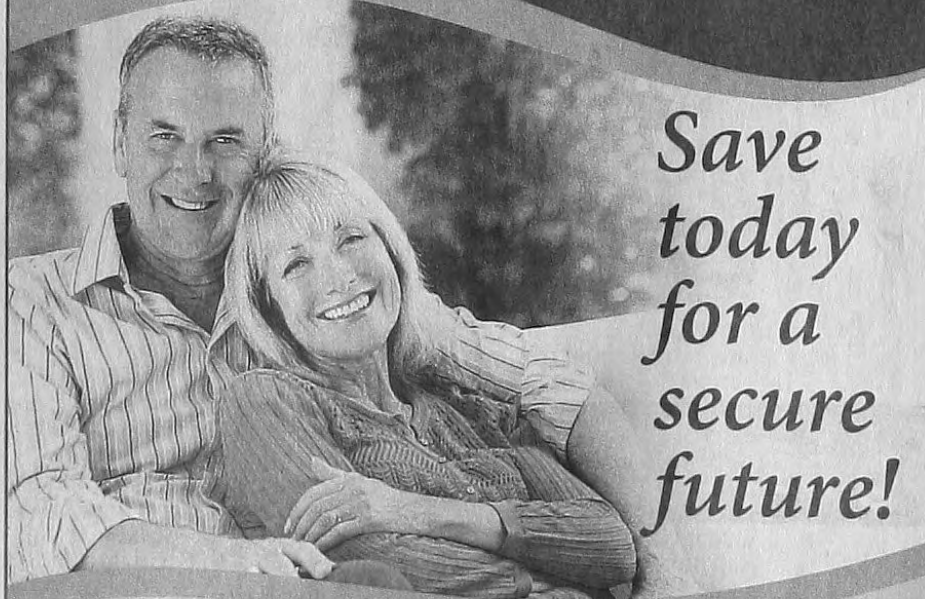
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Contesting a will is usually a no-win proposition

Q: I have a problem I hope you can help me with. Last year after an extended illness, my older brother passed away. At the time of his death, he was divorced. My brother was married three different times. He had two adult children at the time of his death, but he had no relationship with them. My brother had always told me that, upon his death, I would inherit everything. At the time of his death, I was informed by his attorney that the bulk of his estate went to his two children, along with his first wife. My inheritance was about 15 percent of the estate. My friends tell me that since I was the one who helped my brother through his illness, I should be entitled to



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

more. I have met with two attorneys on this topic. The first attorney told me that I had no case and all I would be doing is putting good money after bad. He said that since my brother's will was done about two years ago, before he became ill, there would be very little that I can contest. I met with another attorney who said it is possible to sue and he estimated that it would cost between \$15,000 and \$20,000 to pursue the lawsuit. He wanted a \$10,000 retainer. My question is, do you think I should sue? It's

not necessarily about the money I would inherit, but rather the principle. What do you think?

A: First, I am sorry for the loss of your brother. I can only imagine how difficult it is when a sibling passes.

In reviewing your situation, I agree with what the first attorney told you. From the information you have provided, I do not believe you have a case. Yes, it probably was unfair how your brother chose to divide his estate, but it's not an issue of fairness—it's an issue of law. I believe if you pursued the case in court, you would lose and it would end up costing you a substantial amount of money.

In most will contest situations, the issue is whether or not the per-

son who executed the will had the legal capacity to do so. For example, if a beneficiary created an atmosphere of intimidation and pressure where the individual was not of clear mind when they did their will, that potentially could create an issue where the will could be overturned. Another example is if someone was heavily medicated; their state of mind could be contested and, potentially, a will could be overturned. In the case at hand, there are no issues that deal with the mental capacity of your brother. The bottom line, your brother was of clear mind when he had his will done and that is going to be the controlling issue.

When it comes to our deaths, we generally are free to leave our money

and property to whomever we choose. There is some protection in the law for spouses, but that is about it. In fact, it is relatively easy to disinherit a child. In the case at hand, the issue seems to be that the brother said that his sister was going to inherit money and there seems to be a fairness issue. Unfortunately, in the law, these things do not hold up. Just because someone tells you that you will inherit upon their death doesn't create a legal obligation; there needs to be significantly more. The fact that she helped her brother during his illness, once again, did not create a legal obligation. After reading her letter, I have no doubt that the reason she did assist her brother was not because she expected

some financial remuneration, but because of love and affection for her brother.

Contesting wills is not easy; it can be very expensive and take a toll on a family. However, there are situations where a will contest is appropriate. In those situations, make sure you deal with an attorney who specializes in these areas. Will contests are specialized cases and having someone who is familiar with the court rules can be extremely valuable.

Good luck!

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ing of not guilty by reason of insanity rarely occurs.

Nance was charged

with two counts of carjacking, six counts of assault with a dangerous weapon and one count each of armed robbery, making a false bomb threat and felony firearm. It all stemmed from an incident that occurred

about 10:30 p.m. Sept. 13, 2015, at the Walmart store.

Nance could have faced up to life in prison if he had been convicted as charged.

Witnesses told police Nance pointed two Air-

soft pistols at employees and customers inside the store, causing fear among some who believed the guns were real. Witnesses also said he attempted two carjackings in the parking lot.

One customer drove off, but police said Nance got inside another victim's Honda Accord, struggled to work the manual transmission and was captured by police, who said he made false claims he had a bomb.

Reeves has said Nance had been treated for mental illness, but had been released mere days before the incident.

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reminded him of the old country."

The Mucci family still has a pasta-making business in Canton, Mama Mucci's Pasta, started in 1989 by Vince Mucci and younger brother Francesco "Frank" Mucci. The brothers started out in Plymouth and later moved to Canton.

Vince Mucci recalls how customers would come to Pete's Shoe Repair and socialize.

"It was like a barber shop," he said.

Although Pete Mucci only had a third-grade

education, he became successful and put his three sons — Vince, Frank and eldest brother Anthony — through college.

Sincock said Pete Mucci was an integral part of Plymouth.

"As a businessman and as a community member, I think he was always a very passionate person and he was always willing to express his viewpoint," Sincock said.

He also had a penchant for trying to convince others to share his viewpoint, Sincock said.

"I thoroughly enjoyed talking with him," he said.

Vince Mucci, when

asked how he would like his father to be remembered, said, "He was a very kind man. He didn't bother anybody. He didn't ask for anything. He was very kind and good-natured. He grew up very poor, sometimes without food. He was a simple, honest man."

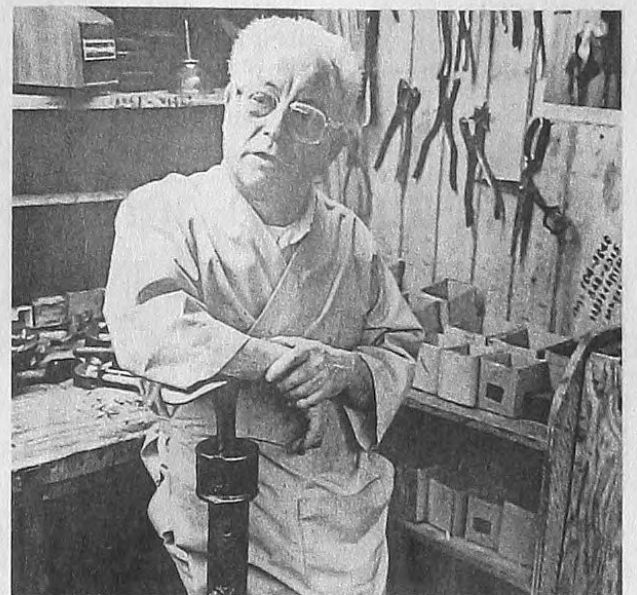
Pete Mucci, the son of Antonio and Carmella (nee Basile) Mucci, was born Nov. 6, 1925, in Montelongo, Italy. Nine years after he came to the United States, he moved briefly back to Italy with his mother and met his wife, bringing her to Michigan.

Survivors include his wife Margherita; three children, Anthony (Patri-

cia) Mucci, Vincenzo (Amy) Mucci and Francesco (Jennifer Price) Mucci, and granddaughters Gabriella Mucci and Julia Mucci.

In lieu of flowers, the Mucci family requests memorial contributions be made in memory of Pietro "Pete" Mucci to the Rugiero Promise Foundation, benefiting diabetes research at the University of Michigan, 220 Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48187. Donations also may be made through PayPal at <http://www.rugiero.promise.org/>.

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Michigan Philharmonic wins top honor

Music director and conductor Nan Washburn and the Michigan Philharmonic have been awarded first place in the American Prize for Performance of American Music by winning the inaugural Ernst Bacon Memorial Award in the Performance of American Music, 2016 – Professional Division.

Bacon was one of a pioneering generation of composers who, along with Thomson, Copland, Harris and others, found a voice for American music. Among the many contests of the American Prize, the Ernst Bacon Memorial Award for the Performance of American Music is unique. It recognizes and rewards the best performances of American music by orchestras and choruses worldwide, based on submitted recordings. Focused exclusively on works by American composers from any period and in any style, the contest not only judges performances, but in the case of new or unfamiliar works, the music itself.

Washburn is now in her 18th season with the orchestra and has earned numerous accolades and honors, including winning 19 ASCAP awards from the League of American Orchestras, as well as first place in the Conductor's Division of



The Michigan Philharmonic has won the inaugural Ernst Bacon Memorial Award.



Michigan Philharmonic conductor Nan Washburn.

the American Prize in 2013.

"It is an honor for us to have been chosen as the first winner of this prestigious award," said Washburn, who has earned a national reputation for her unique and innovative programming of contemporary repertoire.

"Special thanks to our concertmaster Joseph Deller for his outstanding solo work and to our composers Michael Daugherty, Carter Pann and Kareem Roustom for their terrific scores, as well as to all the musicians of the Michigan Philharmonic for their

hard work and musicianship and to our board and staff who support the programming and performance of American music," she added.

The Michigan Philharmonic, which has made a name for itself performing a wide array of music, including multi-cultural works as well as contemporary repertoire, was awarded the American Prize for its submission of excellent performances of works by American composers of international reputation – with two of the composers having Michigan connections.

The University of

Michigan's own Grammy Award-winning composer, Michael Daugherty, is one of the most commissioned, performed and recorded composers on the American concert music scene today. The Michigan Philharmonic's performance of Daugherty's "Ladder to the Moon" — a musical tribute to the art of Georgia O'Keeffe and her paintings of the New York skyline — featured a stunning solo performance by concertmaster Joseph Deller.

Carter Pann is an American composer who also earned his doctorate from the University of

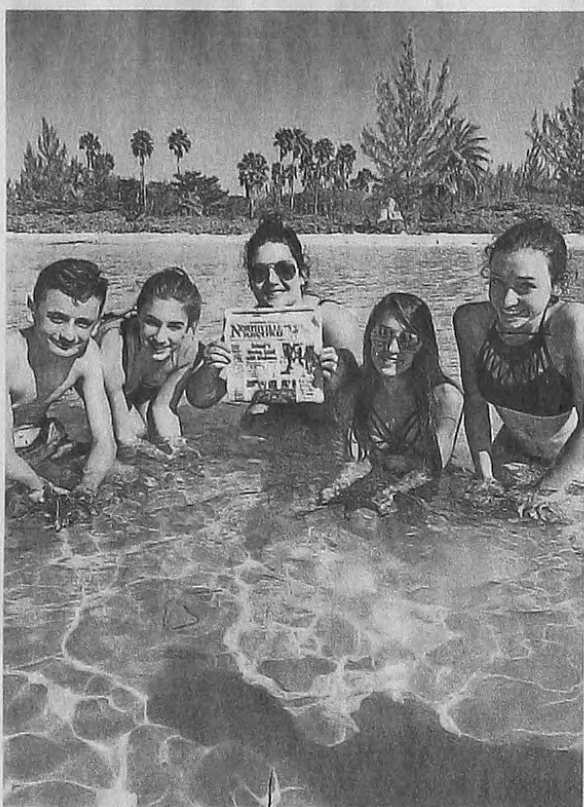
Michigan, The Michigan Philharmonic's performance of Pann's "Slalom" captured the thrill of downhill skiing.

Syrian American Kareem Roustom is a musically bilingual composer who has collaborated with a wide variety of artists from the Philadelphia Orchestra to Shakira. His piece "Hewar," which means, "dialogue," was commissioned by the Michigan Philharmonic and premiered in 2015 at the Music Hall in Detroit as part of a unique collaborative concert with the Michigan Philhar-

monic and the National Arab Orchestra.

The Michigan Philharmonic starts the new year off with not only with this prestigious award, but two chamber performances of "Miniature Masterpieces," featuring the music of William Grant Still, as well as two women composers, Friday, Jan. 20, at the Detroit Institute of Arts and Sunday, Jan. 22, in the chapel at St. John's in Plymouth. For information on all Michigan Philharmonic concerts and events, go to www.michiganphil.org.

Wish you were here!



They took the Northville Record with them on winter break to Grand Cayman! Snorkeling in the bay with the starfish is Ryan Loverich of Canton; Allison, Noelle and Abby Dunn, all of Northville; and Devon Loverich of Canton.

Birmingham doctor sentenced in \$2.8 million health care fraud case

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

Dr. Aria Sabit, 43, owned and operated the Michigan Brain and Spine Physicians Group, which had several locations in metro Detroit. In connection with his guilty plea, Sabit admitted he convinced more than a dozen of his patients to undergo spinal fusion surgeries that he never performed,

causing serious bodily harm in some cases. He then filed false insurance claims with Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance providers.

Appearing before Judge Paul Borman in U.S. District Court, Sabit pleaded guilty to four counts of health care fraud, one count of conspiracy to commit health care fraud and one count of unlawful distribution of a controlled substance. He was ordered to serve 235 months in prison.



Sabit

According to the U.S. Attorney's office, Sabit admitted that, in some instances, he would operate on patients in order to file false insurance claims that he performed spinal fusion surgeries using sophisticated medical stabilizing devices (called "instrumentation"), when in fact he used tissue implants.

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

In exchange for the

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

Sabit also is a defendant in two cases brought by the Justice Department in California. Those cases are pending.

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Marvin Yagoda, who delighted visitors with his collection of coin-operated machines and video games that gave his Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum the look of an arcade as much as a museum, died Sunday.

According to information on the museum's website, Yagoda started his collection back in 1960 and opened his museum 20 years later.

The museum had such a unique reputation, a Detroit Free Press story once pointed out that rapper Eminem rented it to host his 30th birthday bash there. Magician David Copperfield, a friend of Yagoda's, would stop by when he was in town.

In an interview published at infinitelives.net, Yagoda once said, "I opened the museum so I could share these with people. ... Most people never see these machines, since most of them are in private collections."

Yagoda loved watching people visit the museum. "I love watching their expressions," he said in a 2004 interview with the Detroit Free Press. "There is this blase brick wall out there and then they walk in here and their jaws drop."

Lisa Garcia-Kubany of Westland has visited the museum often. Yagoda, she said, often opened the museum for participants in road rallies she organized. She said he also was "more than gracious" to help her with fundraising efforts to battle breast cancer and other charities.

"(The museum) is such a cool place to visit and take your kids to," Garcia-Kubany said. "As soon as you walk in and look around, you instantly have that nostalgic feeling ... games you played as a kid or old rides you probably rode

Marvin's owner remembered as a 'class act'



Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum marked the death of founder Marvin Yagoda on its Facebook page.

once before. It's great.

"Marvin was a class act," she added. "He will be missed."

Phil Allmen, who grew up in Farmington Hills and was a frequent visitor to the museum, called it a "big part of my childhood."

"As a teen, I'd take my little brother there to play or whenever any relatives visited," Allmen said. "As an adult, waves of nostalgia would

hit me, seeing all the old-time games, which I think were many of the same ones from when I was a kid."

Yagoda was born in Detroit in 1938. He graduated from the University of Michigan in 1961. Yagoda worked as a pharmacist at his father's pharmacy, Sam's Drugs, for 50 years.

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Mawia Elawad works to help city's residents express fears and hopes

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For Mawia Elawad, a conversation between a neighborhood resident and a police officer while helping paint a community mural would make her work worth it.

Elawad, a 21-year-old Alfred University senior from Rochester, New York, is part of Art Force 5, a student group providing an outlet for residents to express their emotions through communal art projects that touch major U.S. issues like poverty, race and police-community relations.

"We're giving people the chance to have their voices heard," she said, adding that the projects are focused on "messages that help (community members) highlight their own self-esteem and realize the strength they have within themselves."

The projects often include tiles that community members can paint to form larger murals, to be displayed at community events or exhibits to demonstrate peaceful unity.

The group did another project where community members could hang black or blue ribbons, to memorialize both the black lives and the police lives lost.

Art Force 5 started as an outreach program related to an Alfred University class called "Drawn to Diversity." Students hold workshops for elementary school children, acting as "superheroes" to show that anyone can be a "hero" and deliver powerful community messages.

At a Black Lives Matter rally in Rochester last year, Art Force 5 offered boards with the words, "Why" and "What Now?," where residents could jot down their thoughts. The group showed the boards to Rochester police officers after the rally to continue the discussion about community-police relations.



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Mawia Elawad, 21, immigrated to the U.S. from Sudan and is a student at Alfred University in Rochester, N.Y., working with Art Force 5, a group that creates communal art projects.

Elawad and Dan Napolitano, Alfred's director of student activities who heads the Drawn to Diversity class, are working together to seek grants to start an Art Force 5 team in New York City.

Art Force 5 members are not telling people what to create or what they should be feeling, said Elawad.

"We are not a remedy, we are a reflection," she said. "This is for (the community), and it's all about their voices."

Mawia Elawad

Location: Rochester, New York

Age: 21

Profession: College student, member of Art Force 5

Mission: To facilitate community conversations around hotbed issues through communal art

Q&A WITH MAWIA ELAWAD

Mawia Elawad of Rochester, New York, attends Alfred University and is an integral member of Art Force 5, a small group of students working to facilitate conversations about race, poverty and social justice through community art. She was born in Sudan, came to the U.S. as a child and found that community service and justice efforts have helped her discover her cultural identity as an immigrant and an American.

What does it mean to be an American?

"To be an American means to be someone that understands privilege but doesn't shy away from it. Being an American means taking all the different cultures and ways of life that we experience, and saying, 'How do I fit into that?'"

What moment touched and motivated you to take part in this effort?

"When I did my first classroom visit, it was to a third-grade classroom. I liked that we engaged the kids, and it was refreshing and humbling to see them having fun and learning at the same time. We get to be a part of that process and growth, and that's the larger part of the picture in what we try to do with Art Force 5."

What gives you hope and what concerns you?

"The one thing that concerns me is the fact that people are so quick to neglect the other pieces of other cultures that they have within them, and only embrace what they see through tunnel vision. Programs like Art Force 5 and the work that other community members do are what give me hope. It only takes that 1 percent, one degree, to change someone's mind."

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

"What we hope to get on a personal level is our own growth and development, but also knowing that we empowered one person through one interaction to maybe do something different that day, or in the long run to learn something different about themselves."
— Sarah Taddeo

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March participants make signs for D.C. trip

Kristen Jordan Shamus
Detroit Free Press

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

A group of women met Jan. 8 at the Novi home of Carolyn Upton to make signs for the upcoming Women's March on Washington.

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

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

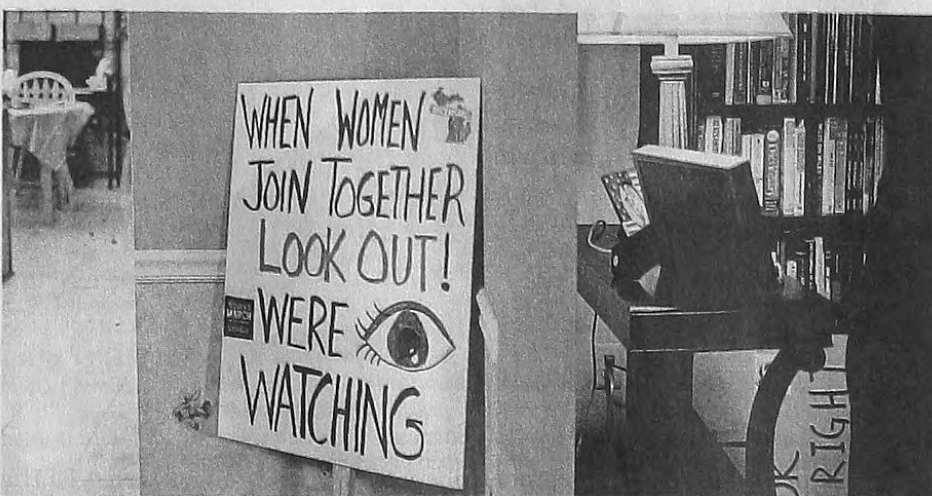
The idea is to march on the first day of the new administration to send a message to all branches of government that women — and all marginalized groups, including people of color and of various religious faiths, people with disabilities, people who identify as LGBTQIA — or lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender,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

Many people are concerned about Trump's stand on women's health issues. He's promised to repeal the Affordable Care Act, is likely to appoint conservative Supreme Court justices, may attempt to overturn Roe vs. Wade and threatened to defund Planned Parenthood, making it more difficult for low-income women to have access to birth control and reproductive health care.

He also campaigned



Kelly Breen of Novi points out a letter to her daughter Abi, 6, as they decorate her sign to read "Girl Power" at a party Jan. 8 where women made protest signs for the Women's March on Washington.



A completed sign stands in the corner at a sign-making party at a home in Novi. The women made protest signs for the upcoming Women's March on Washington.

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

Since the election, there's been a rise in the number of hate crimes reported across the U.S. Michigan had the highest number of hate incidents among states in the Midwest in the 10 days following the Nov. 8 election, according to a late November report by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

"We may have lost this battle, but this is like an electrified moment. People who have never had a political thought are getting involved," Kelly said.

Breen, 39, of Novi brought her daughter, Abi, 6, to Upton's sign-

making party. Though Breen is not planning to attend the march, she is among those concerned about Trump's stand on women's health issues.

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

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

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

"I'm just outraged at our government ignoring us," she said. "I don't think they represent us. I

think they represent the people who fund their campaigns."

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

"I don't want him to undo what 40 years of women before us did," she said. "We cannot undo what we've done, for our children's sake."

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

"People are so upset, they are willing to drive to Washington and march in the streets," LaPointe said. "And that's great,

IF YOU GO

The Women's March on Washington kicks off at 10 a.m. Jan. 21, beginning at the intersection of Independence Avenue and Third Street Southwest, near the U.S. Capitol.

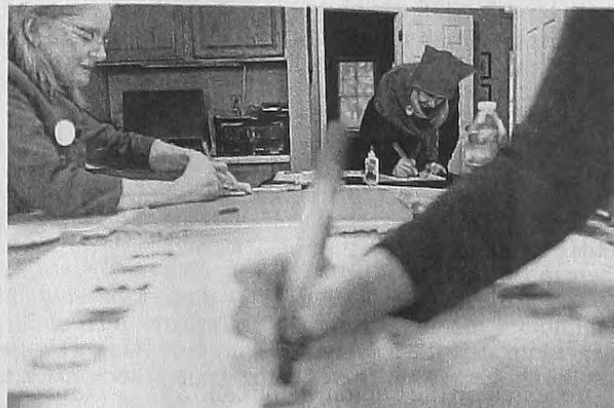
The march is open to anyone, regardless of gender identity, who believes women's rights are human rights, organizers say. Phoebe Hopps, the Traverse City-based Michigan coordinator, said Michiganders can meet at 7 a.m. at Hancock Park. She's urging all participants from the Great Lakes State to put a big blue mitten on their signs so they'll be easy to spot in the crowds.

The main source of information for Michiganders going to the march is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/699422056872220/>. If you'd like more details, send an email to the Michigan coordinators at michigan@womensmarch.com.

For people who can't get to Washington but who would like to participate, sister rallies are being held in Grand Rapids and Lansing.

A rally is planned 1-3 p.m. Jan. 21, on the steps of the state Capitol, 100 N. Capitol Ave., Lansing. For more details, go to <https://www.marchonlansing.org/>.

In addition, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jan. 21, Fountain Street Church in Grand Rapids will livestream the Washington march in its social hall and will have representatives of women's organizations, including Planned Parenthood, Progressive Women's Alliance and Justice For Our Neighbors, on hand. The address is 24 Fountain St. NE, Grand Rapids.



Carolyn Upton decorates her sign Jan. 8 at a party at her home in Novi while Colleen Crossey writes her message. "I'm just outraged at our government ignoring us," said Crossey of Novi. "I don't think they represent us. I think they represent the people who fund their campaigns."

but I've got plans after this. Let's go and let our voices be heard. Let them see us and let them know we're not just going to roll over.

"Beyond that, what are we going to do? We're going to fight. I've got a lot of ideas. ... I'd like to see some progressive women get elected. I think there are things we can do and I'm really, really excited about doing them. ... We need to stop this, not four years from now, but two years from now. We need to put the kibosh on it."

Phoebe Hopps, the Michigan coordinator for the Women's March, estimates at least 5,000 women from Michigan are expected to take buses to Washington. She said another 1,000 are getting there via carpooling, train and airplane. For those who can't make it to the U.S. Capitol,

hundreds more are likely to also rally in Lansing and Grand Rapids during sister marches.

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

"When women are united, they'll never be divided," she said through a megaphone she bought for the march, bringing smiles from the sign-makers. "It's a women's rally and we need to chant things that roll off the tongue and are easy to repeat."

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MLK Day in Westland

At 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 16, the city of Westland will host its annual Martin Luther King Day ceremony, a freedom walk from the Westland Public Library to Westland City Hall. Those who are interested in participating in the Freedom Walk are asked to meet at city hall, 36300 Warren Road by 8:30 a.m. Buses will be there to shuttle participants to the library, where the walk will begin at 9 a.m. During this time, Northbound Central City Parkway between Hunter and Warren, will be closed. Following the walk, the ceremony will begin at 10 a.m. at Westland City Hall. This year's keynote address will be given by Judge Cynthia Stephens.

MLK Day in Canton

Canton Township will honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a special tribute, "Canton Celebrates Dr. Martin Luther King Jr." Monday, Jan. 16, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road.

A punch and cookie reception will begin at the Village Theater at 6 p.m., followed by the main program at 6:30 p.m. This annual event is presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, members of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Subcommittee and Canton Township.

This year's keynote address, "Be the Difference" will be presented by Plymouth-Canton Community Schools Superintendent Monica L. Merritt.

Livonia Public Library Family Nights

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

'Hello, Dolly!' auditions

The Spotlight Player will host auditions for the musical, "Hello Dolly!" 7-9:30 p.m., Jan. 23-24, at the Village Theater, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. Go to the back stage entrance. The show will be presented March 31 through April 2 and April 7-9 in the Village Theater of Canton. For rehearsal schedule, character descriptions and information on audition preparation, go to www.spotlightplayersmi.org. It is free to audition.

Pagan office hours

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

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

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

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

One-stop screening

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

Guardian Angel dinner

The Italian American Club of Livonia has a unique relationship with the Italian priests of St. Louis Center in Chelsea and members continue to show their commitment to supporting persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities through the Guardian Angel Dinner Dance, now in its 22nd year. The IACL Banquet Center is at 39200 Five Mile Road, near I-275, in Livonia. This year's event will be Sunday, Jan. 29, starting with a noon Mass, followed by an Italian buffet dinner at 1 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the band Amici and there will also be a silent auction and a gift raffle. Tickets are \$60 per person and can be obtained by contacting member Anna Skowronski at 734-437-9067 or PR director Joe Yekulis at St. Louis Center at 734-475-8430.

St. Louis Center is a residential care facility for children and adults with I/DD and has been run by the Servants of Charity Congregation since 1960. Proceeds from this event benefit the transportation program for the residents. For more information about St. Louis Center, go to www.stlouiscenter.org or call 734-475-8430.

St. Mary school open house

The public is invited to attend our St. Mary open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29, at 34516 W. Michigan Avenue in Wayne. St. Mary offers highly qualified teachers and an exceptional academic program to Catholic and non-Catholic students in a diverse environment. It also provides enrichment programs beyond the basic curriculum such as C.Y.O. sports, spelling bees, academic Olympics, student council, children's vocal and bells choirs, band, Scouting programs and before and after school care.

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Jazz at the Elks

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

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

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

Strikes for freedom

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

bowling with a message of hope, love and prosperity. The message embodies freedom from discrimination, freedom from injustice, and freedom from all inequalities.

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

Great Lakes shipwrecks

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

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

Arctic Chill triathlon

Registration is underway for the annual Arctic Chill Indoor Triathlon Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. The event, sponsored in part by Corporate Dining Concepts, attracted more than 50 participants in 2016. Participants compete in a 20-minute swim, 20-minute bike and 20-minute run with 10-minute transition times between each event. Swimming takes place in the 25-yard lap pool. Biking will be on upright stationary bikes. Running will be done on treadmills in the fit hub. Scoring is determined by the total distance covered in all three events.

The registration fee of \$35 includes a participation T-shirt and refreshments. Awards will be given to the top male and female in each of the following age groups 18-30, 31-40, 41-50, 51-60, 61 and over. Registration deadline is Friday, Jan. 20. For more information call 734-466-2900 or go to www.ci.livonia.mi.us.

Auto art workshop

The Plymouth Community Arts Council will host an auto art workshop featuring 1-3 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 26, "Old Truck No. 6."

Students will participate in a gallery tour and art-appreciation lesson using the diverse art pieces in the January exhibit. Then, students will create their own 2D version of Tim Tonachella's photograph, "Old Truck No. 6," inspired by the work in the exhibit.

A variety of media will be available for students to use and they will be encouraged to be creative with paint, colored pencils, collage materials and illustration marker. Photos of each piece will be exhibited on the website as part of the Interpretations Exhibit Artists' group. Instruction and all materials provided. The instructor is Lisa Howard. The program is for ages 7-18. The cost is \$24 per student. To register, call 734-416-4278 or go to www.plymoutharts.com. The PCAC is at 774 N. Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

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 noont to 3 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 12. Both days are \$4 Bag Day only. Sorry, no Friends preview this sale.

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. Monday, Jan. 16; 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 and click on "Classes and Events."

January concerts at Trinity

The following artists are scheduled to perform at the Trinity House, 38840 W. Six Mile Road, in January. Call 734-464-6302 or go to www.trinityhousetheatre.org to purchase tickets.

Heather Styka w/ Rachele Eve, 8 p.m. Jan. 14; \$15, \$12 subscribers

The Younce Guitar Duo, 8 p.m. Jan. 20, \$15; \$12 subscribers

Claudia Schmidt and Sally Rogers, 8 p.m. Jan. 21; \$20, \$17 subscribers

Livonia Towne Club

The Livonia Towne Club, a nonprofit women's organization bringing together women for social interaction meets the fourth Thursday of each month from September through May (except in November and December, when it's held the second Thursday) for lunch and a program at different restaurants in Livonia and surrounding areas. The program could be an informative speaker, bingo, fashion show, music entertainment and more. The next luncheon is Jan. 26. Call Vicki at 734-591-3254 for more information.

Livonia features artist Gwendolyn Roth

Gwendolyn Roth will be the featured artist at the Livonia Fine Arts Gallery for the month of January. Her media is photography. Roth's passion for photography has led her to creating encouraging viewpoints that consider our world in an uplifting or surprising new light. In her artist statement, she said, "There is so much to see and capture and it's all real and it is found all around us — we don't have to go far. Through my art I hope to transcend the indifferent and enrich our lives one picture at a time."

Visit the gallery, located on the second floor of the Civic Center Library at 32777 Five Mile Road, between the court house and city hall. Hours are 9

a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. There is a new artist every month.

A night for ladies, girls

How Sweet It Is! A Night for Ladies and Girls ages 8 and up featuring Scarves for Sisters Event is set for 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 3, at Crossroads Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia. Make new friends and new memories while making scarves for homeless women in Detroit. Bring a pair of good cutting scissors (if available) and new/gently used ladies turtle necks. Cost: \$5 donation. For more information, go to www.crossroadsnow.org or call 734-338-5149.

Secondhand Prose closes for renovations

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

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 much more.

All are welcome to attend and questions are encouraged. 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.

St. Edith open house

The public is invited to an open house set for 6-7 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 28, and noon to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29.

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IRIS M. Age 84 of Redford, passed away January 12, 2017. Loving mother of Linda (Ed) Landess, Julie Gentry, Joanne (Rob) Hendricks, and David Clifford. Cherished grandmother of Jennifer (Brian) Bauman, Stephanie (James) Quinn, Jeffrey Miracle, Jessie (Bodie) Drake, Brenna Gentry, Sean (Patrick) Clifford, and Ryan (Cody) Hendricks; great-grandmother of ten. Sadly, Iris is predeceased by her husband, George; granddaughter, Christina (Bill) Thomason; and sister, Kathleen Sundin. Iris will be interred at Glen Eden Memorial Park, in Livonia, Michigan, at a later date. Memorial contributions suggested to the Disabled American Veterans Charity (www.dav.org).
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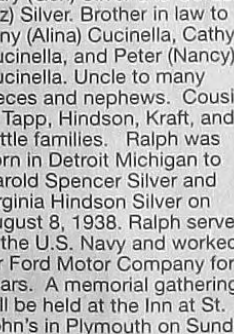
ELIZABETH A. January 5, 2017. Elizabeth Alice Kucherenko, age 81 of Plymouth, passed away peacefully January 5, 2017. Elizabeth was the beloved daughter of the late Olga (Michael) Kucherenko, and dear sister of Shirley (Jack) Armstrong, Janie (Dale) Bigelow, Gerald Kucherenko, the late Katherine (Lloyd) Whetter, and Andrew Kucherenko. She was loved by several nieces and nephews, Cindy (Gary) Hunter, Stephanie (Bill) Born, David Shimmons, Laurie Shimmons, Eric (Angela) Armstrong, Matthew (Vicky) Armstrong, Iliia and Natasha Kucherenko, and the late Ramon (Barb) Shimmons. Elizabeth loved her profession as a Nurse Anesthetist. Her favorite 'duty' was delivering babies. She encouraged other young women interested in the field to pursue it as a career. When she wasn't working, she was traveling on some new adventure, sailing, scuba diving, flying and learning more about history. Elizabeth will be dearly missed by her family and many friends at Independence Village of Plymouth. The family has entrusted Elizabeth's care and services to the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home, Northrop-Sassaman Chapel in Northville, (248) 348-1233. Share a "Memorial Tribute" with the family at
www.griffinfuneralhome.com.

SILVER



RALPH G. age 78, of Livonia passed away peacefully on January 8, 2017 surrounded by his family and close friends. Beloved husband of Ida Cucinella Silver for 51 years. Loving father of Rachel (Jeff) Blanchard and Erin (John) Wagner. Adoring grandfather of Nora, Mae, Audrey, Alice, John, and Vincent. Brother of Gary (Ger) Silver and Gordon (Liz) Silver. Brother in law to Tony (Alina) Cucinella, Cathy Cucinella, and Peter (Nancy) Cucinella. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Cousin to Tapp, Hindson, Kraft, and Tuttle families. Ralph was born in Detroit Michigan to Harold Spencer Silver and Virginia Hindson Silver on August 8, 1938. Ralph served in the U.S. Navy and worked for Ford Motor Company for 36 years. A memorial gathering will be held at the Inn at St. John's in Plymouth on Sunday, February 19, 2017 at 12:30 p.m. 44045 Five Mile Rd.

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ELIZABETH "BETTY" Age 91. Died January 6, 2017. Beloved wife of the late Martin. Dear mother of Gary (Barbara) and Keith (deceased). She is also survived by her sister Helen (Ray) Zanini, Sam (Jessie) Pastrovich, step grandchildren Mandy (Garrett) White, Case (Lindsey) Cicchelli, great grandchild Chloe Cicchelli, many nieces and nephews and devoted friends. Memorial Service Sunday, January 22, 2 p.m. at Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, 33603 Grand River Ave., Downtown Farmington (1 blk. W. of Farmington Rd.). Memorial Visitation Sunday, January 22, from 12-2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a contribution in her name to Farmington Public Schools Foundation would be much appreciated. She will always be remembered in our hearts as "The Lady in Pink."
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GIRLS BASKETBALL

Wayne's Clegg beats Chiefs with last-second 3-pointer

Tim Smith
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The Canton Chiefs knew what was coming. In the final minute of a 43-43 girls basketball contest, Wayne Memorial's Camree Clegg had the ball behind the three-point arc.

Clegg, a junior point guard who is verbally committed to playing Division I basketball at Clemson, took a feed from Jeanne Terry and waited until the clock ticked down to small numbers.

Finally, with Canton senior Shamy Butler closely defending her, Clegg launched a majestic shot that swished through the cords with 1.8 seconds

remaining — ultimately giving the Zebras a thrilling, 46-43 win.

"I just had to have confidence in my shot," said Clegg, who led all scorers with 23 points. "My coach (Jarvis Mitchell) trusted me and I just had to be confident and win the game.

"With it being a tie game, either it was going to go or it didn't, either we were going to go to overtime or we were going to win it. We knew we couldn't give them another possession."

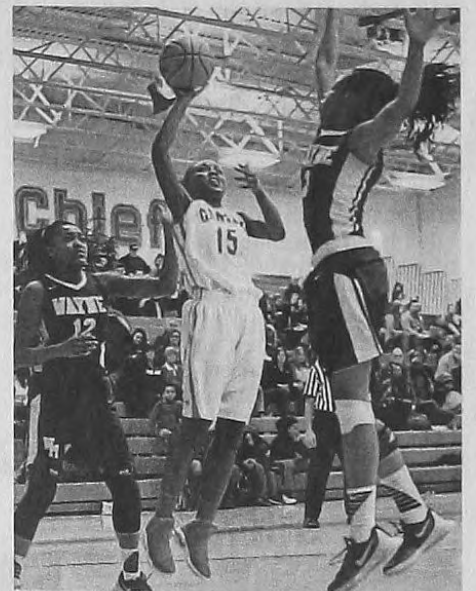
Canton senior Erin Hult (eight points) gave credit to Clegg for connecting on the winning shot. But Hult gave props to how well the team defended Clegg and the Zebras all night.

"Shamy was on her, there's a hand in her face," Hult said. "She just made a good shot. I think we did good guarding her tonight, we didn't let her get to the basket for her little and-one that she likes to get.

"We did a good job on her drives, she was just making her (outside) shots."

Mitchell shook his head and smiled about Clegg's ability to deliver when the stakes are the highest.

"Cam is definitely one of the best players in the state," Mitchell said. "And sometimes with that, comes along the responsibility. Not everything I



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Canton's Shamy Butler (15) puts up a shot despite defense from Wayne Memorial's Amara Chikwe (2). At left for the Zebras is Jayah Hicks (12).

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BOYS SWIMMING

Plymouth diver sets record in Wildcats' win

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

Paced by senior diver Jordan Groves, Plymouth's varsity boys swimming and diving team defeated Westland John Glenn, 137-45, Thursday night.

Groves established a new school six-dive record, but he had company as far as outstanding performances for the Wildcats.

Plymouth finished 1-2-3 in nearly every event, as the team showed it is beginning to build impressive depth.

Earning wins for Plymouth were the following: 200 medley relay, Brady McWilliams, Laurence Yang, Matt Weiner, Michael Wischer; 200 freestyle (tie), Tyler Gala and Colton Knowles; 200 IM, Logan Kendall; 50 and 100 free events, Wischer; 1-meter diving, Groves; 500 free, Colton Knowles; 100 breaststroke, Ethan Byrnes.

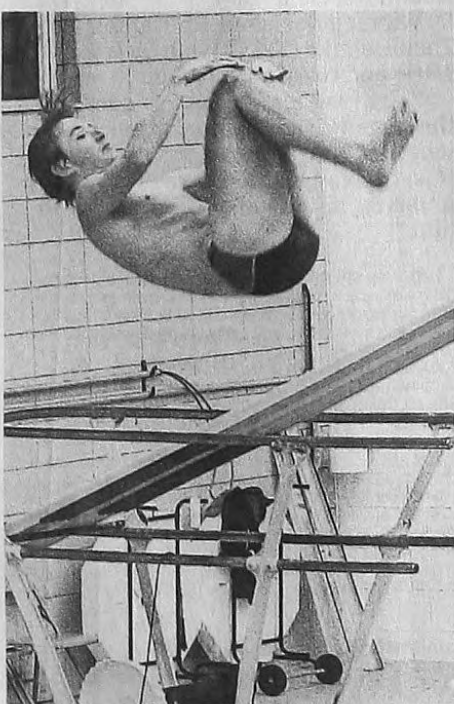
John Glenn's Cory Routen was a bright spot for the Rockets, as he took first in the 100-yard butterfly and 100 backstroke events.

Plymouth (1-0 in the KLAA South Division) also swept to victory in the relays.

Taking the top spot in the 200 medley relay were Brady McWilliams, Laurence Wang, Weiner and Wischer. Prevailing in the 200 free relay were Kendall, Ryan Klingensmith, Chad Burton and Weiner.

In the meet-closing 400 free relay, the quartet of Moritz Westphal, Cameron Zinn, McWilliams and Wischer took the top spot.

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Completing one of his record-setting dives Thursday is Plymouth senior Jordan Groves.

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Plymouth senior Ethan Shulaw (right) grinds out a close decision against Westland John Glenn's Lionel Cornish despite suffering from a leg injury.

ROCKET FUEL

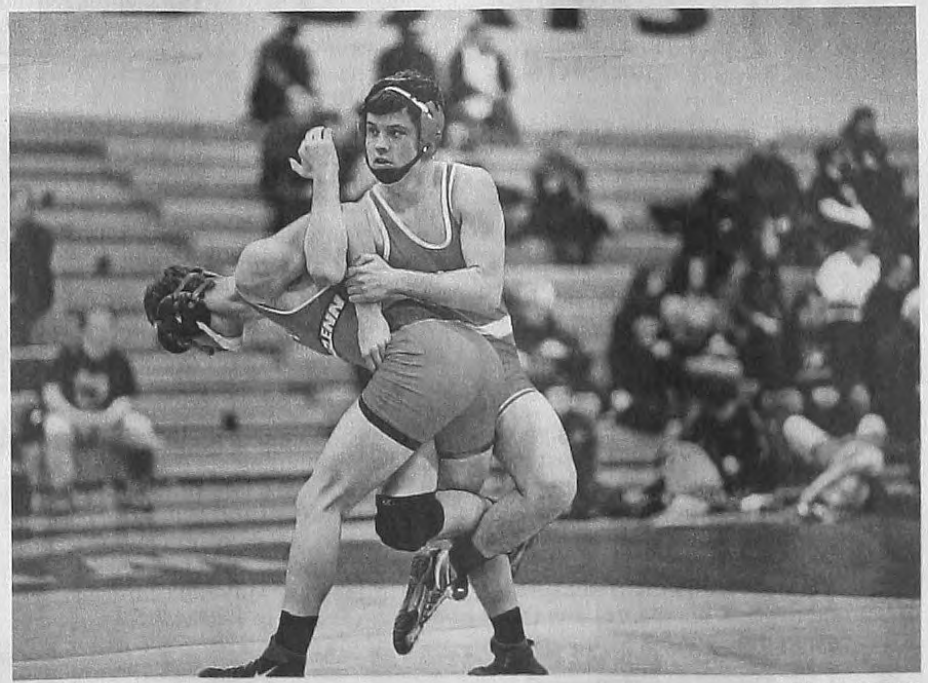
Deep, powerful John Glenn lineup too much for Chiefs, 'Cats

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With top-ranked guys up and down the lineup, veteran Westland John Glenn wrestling coach Bill Polk knows opponents always will be gunning for his squad.

And Polk also knows that, even when the competition heats up — such as it will at the upcoming Bay City Western Duals — the Rockets will more than meet the challenge.

Wednesday's KLAA South quad meet at Plymouth High School went a little more easily for the Rockets, at least on the score sheet. John Glenn earned 69-9 and 67-9 wins over Canton and the host Wildcats in the first divi-



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Competing during one of Wednesday's KLAA South quad meets are Westland John Glenn's Chase Kersten (left) and Canton's Chris Little.

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HOCKEY ROUNDUP

Salem falls in Adrian; Patriots prevail

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Livonia Stevenson's varsity boys hockey team soaked it all in last weekend at Adrian College, learning about campus life and then going out to earn a 4-1 win Jan. 7 over Salem at Arrington Arena.

"It was such a great all-around trip," Spartans head coach David Mitchell said. "Adrian College, NCAA Hockey and head coach Adam Krug could not have been more hospitable. We can't thank them enough for setting up such an informational and memorable weekend.

"It was a great experience for our players to expose them to the opportunities that exist to be a student-athlete at a smaller-type college."

During an orientation session earlier in the weekend, Krug talked to Steven-

son players in the Adrian locker room about what playing for a NCAA Division III hockey program might entail for them. He also had the same discussion with Salem players.

The game started on a down note for the Spartans, however, trailing 1-0 on Jake Saunders' power-play goal at 8:07 of the opening period. Assisting for the Rocks were Marty Mills and Shawn Weldon.

But the Spartans tied it in the final minute of the period, with Jake Beaune scoring from Julian Decina and Sam Judd. It was the first of two Stevenson goals with the extra man.

Breaking the tie about six minutes into the middle period was Jack Williamson (from Vinny Vecina) and Seth Lause made it 3-1 with 59 seconds remaining. Logan Dunham and Julian Decina set it up.

Closing out the scoring was Kevin

Stefanick, on the power play, from Beaune.

Stopping 15 of 16 Salem shots for the win was goalie Will Tragge.

Taking the loss for the Rocks was Austin Goleniak, who turned aside 23 of 27 Stevenson shots.

"I was very proud of the effort of our players," Mitchell said. "We are starting to learn that details matter, our youth is starting to understand the process and what it takes to compete and succeed at this level.

"We must continue to improve as our schedule does not let up. We are looking forward to improving each and every day as part of our process."

Franklin blanks Chiefs

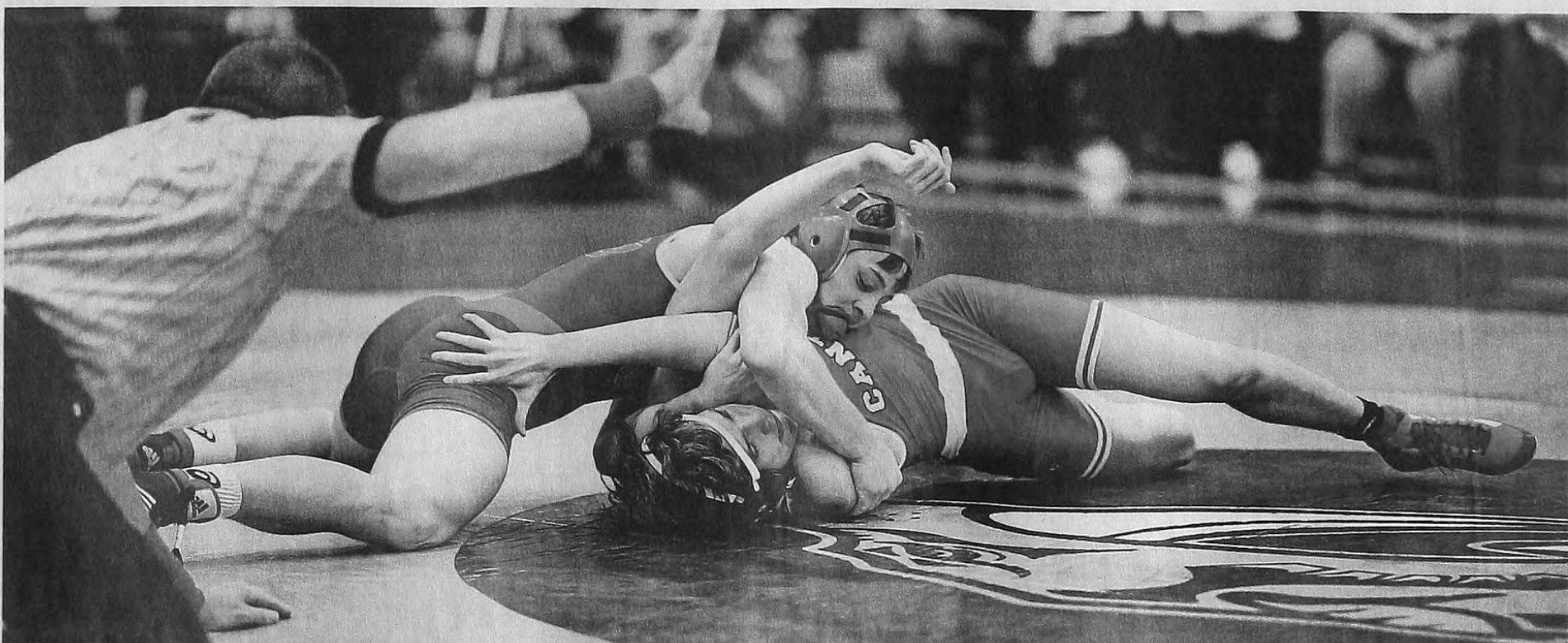
Behind an outstanding, 42-save showing by goalie Jacob Penny, Livonia Franklin blanked host Canton, 2-0, Jan. 7 at Arctic Edge.

Freshman Trey Ziebol scored on a rebound eight minutes into the third to break a scoreless tie and give the Patriots all the offense they needed.

Ziebol recorded an empty netter in the final minute to give Franklin some insurance. Setting up both goals was Trevor Van Vliet.

"We have been playing short-handed since before the holiday, and (that) has put us ... behind the eight ball," Franklin head coach Dan Phelps said. "For a team with as much inexperience as we have, I am extremely proud of our guys taking the adversity that this brought and playing through it with great effort.

"From a development standpoint, we played a full game for the first time this season to the end, both defensively and offensively creating opportunities."



Westland John Glenn's John Siemacz battles Canton's Zack Dehnke during Wednesday's KLAAs South quad meet at Plymouth.

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WRESTLING

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sion action of the season.

"It is what it is. I expect to win the division," said Polk, whose team is off to a 13-3 start overall and 2-0 in the KLAAs South. "I know Plymouth's a little bit younger, Canton's a lot younger this year. They're all road blocks for us to get to Hartland."

In the other duals, Wayne Memorial dropped a 60-19 decision to Plymouth before falling to Canton, 49-15.

Injuries marred the double win for Polk's squad, however.

"Couple guys got hurt, which I'm not real happy with because it really didn't mean anything," Polk said. "I didn't even have to wrestle them; hopefully, they're OK. They are too pretty good wrestlers."

At the end of his 112-pound bout against Plymouth's Tyler Campbell, Ethan Collins injured his rib cage. Campbell pinned Collins in 52 seconds.

The Wildcats also dealt with an injury, although it did not cost them on the scoreboard.

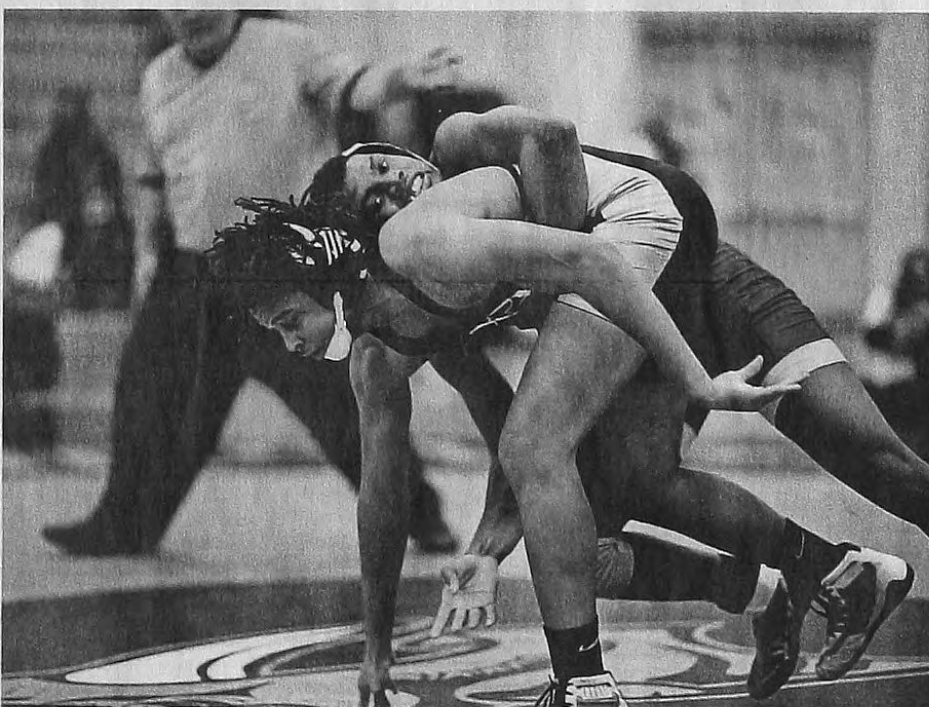
In perhaps the most-competitive bout in the John Glenn-Plymouth match-up, at 189, Plymouth senior Ethan Shulaw held on 13-8 in a grueling, three-round tilt against Rockets freshman Lionel Cornish.

But Shulaw clutched his right knee during the last two periods, battling Cornish and the clock at the same time.

"My leg was cramping. I previously hurt my right knee, so I had to fight through the match and try to get the dub," said Shulaw, who went 2-0 Wednesday and is 18-1 overall this season. "It's a complete mental battle (when in pain). I just got to keep thinking my family's watching, my friends are watching.

"I'm trying to go to states this year and I'm trying to be a better wrestler. ... He's very strong. I just had to out-skill him and have my experience against him."

Even though the Rockets enjoyed a massive lead at that point, Shulaw said he wanted to show his teammates that "you can compete your best against a



Artis Jackson of Plymouth (left) wards off a challenge from Wayne Memorial's Kevauhn Henderson during their bout at 171 pounds.

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good team. You get a few points, getting some points on the board is better than no points."

Rockets on roll

A string of pins put the Rockets — looking to at least return to the Division 1 regional final — in a comfortable lead from the get-go.

Heavyweight Brandon Carreathers needed 5:05 to finally subdue Plymouth's Ricky Burke in the opening bout, but he did to make it 6-0.

Another pin at 103 by John Glenn's Desmond Blair (over Ian Udell) opened up a 12-0 edge. Then came Campbell's win.

But the Rockets reeled off nine wins in a row, including six by pins. Among the victors were two-time state champion Mike Mars (in 1:23 at 125 over Pritpal Sihota), Isaac Lefler (in 1:59 at 130 over Jezan Sukhadia), John Siemasz (in 1:40 at 145 over Hayden Clark) and Jawuan Peete (in 1:40 at 215).

Mars is ranked No. 1 according to

TrackWrestling.com, while Lefler, Siemasz and Peete are in the top five.

"Typically, I don't like it at all," Polk said when asked about the rankings. "In years past, usually we have a lot of guys that are barely mentioned that wind up on the podium (at The Palace of Auburn Hills, where state finals take place).

"Or if they are mentioned, they're mentioned low and they end up finishing high on the podium. I'd rather be in that spot than where we're at."

Other John Glenn pins were registered by Caleb Meekins (119), Anthony Gibson (140), E.J. Figueroa (160) and Chase Kersten (171).

Remaining Rockets points were secured by Brandon McCollum (5-0 at 135 over Zach Lundberg) and Brenton Polk (12-4 at 152 over Calvin Vos).

'Cats make strides

Despite the loss against John Glenn, Plymouth first-year head coach Josh Legee saw plenty of good things out of

his young squad — particularly in the opening win over the Zebras.

The Wildcats took advantage of four voids. But victories were tallied by Lundberg (135), Hunter LeForge (140), Joey Ahearn (160), Shulaw (189), Andrew Atallah (215) and heavyweight Zach Lohrmann.

"There were quite a few pins (against Wayne)," Legee said. "I think they're definitely wrestling very strong. This is a good dual, representing what they've learned in the practice room."

Wayne earned pins by Collin Powers and Nick Daniels at 125 and 130, respectively. Also prevailing were Jalen Adams (152) and Kevauhn Henderson (171).

Chiefs respond

Canton head coach Billy Taylor said his wrestlers weren't aggressive enough in the opening loss to John Glenn and expected them to pick up the intensity in the second dual of the night against Wayne.

That turned out to be the case as the Chiefs won handily.

Victories included pins by Mitch Winnie (125), Alex Nesovski (130) and Austin Rosenau (189).

Winning decisions for Canton were Zack Dehnke (145), Dylan Slowik, Chris Little and Noah Van Berkel.

"The first match wasn't aggressive, this time we were more aggressive and it paid off for us," Taylor said. "Austin Rosenau came out and was very aggressive, he shined today. Hats off to him."

TROJANS SPLIT MEET: On Wednesday, Livonia Clarenceville (12-9) split a pair of Western Wayne Athletic Conference matches defeating Red Division foe Garden City, 66-12, while losing in a crossover despite winning seven of 14 weight classes against host Dearborn Edsel Ford, 38-34.

Among those going 2-0 on the night for the Trojans included Jacob Weiss (119 pounds), Justin Fields (125), Greg Lutz (145), Zack Richards (160), David Means (171) and Max Woodcock (189).

RU TOPPLES WARRIORS: Redford Union earned a 60-11 dual meet victory over Lutheran Westland.

Victorious for Lutheran Westland were Christian Zimmerman at 119 (with a 15-0 technical fall over Shakaleb Nicholson) and 140-pounder Andy Faith, who pinned Eli Boyar in 1:20.

For the Panthers, wins were tallied by Gabriel Mendez (112), Sean Rankin (125, pin in 5:34), Larry Elliott (130), Clifford Stafford (135), Kenny Vadnais (145), Taz-Don Moore (152), Taviam Groves (160), Ismael Olive (171), Brandon Hartsfield (189), Isaac Grant (215, pin in 1:20), Bobby Dixon (285) and Tabias Sykes (103, pin in 2:53).

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COLLEGE HOCKEY

Schoolcraft falls short against U-M club squad at Yost Arena

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The American Collegiate Hockey Association game Jan. 6 at Yost Arena in Ann Arbor turned out to be a see-saw affair for Schoolcraft College.

Schoolcraft forward Owen Hund of Garden City scored twice early in the third period to give the Ocelots a 5-4 lead against University of Michigan's men's club team.

Unfortunately for the visitors, the lead did not stand up. Michigan's Matt Saia ripped a shot past Schoolcraft goalie Matt Monendo at the 9-minute mark to even things up at 5-all and the Wolverines finished their 6-5 victory

when Max Schwein scored about 15 minutes into the frame.

"Very happy with our team's performance," Schoolcraft head coach Rob Lindsay said. "Everybody was positive on the bench and worked hard at both ends of the ice."

But Lindsay said his team fell short in part because of some missed defensive assignments in front of Monendo, a Livonia Franklin product.

"Three of Michigan's goals were scored out of the slot because our wingers didn't stay with their man and the defense didn't pick up the shooter in front of the net and at the back door," he explained.

The Wolverines opened the scoring

late in the first period on a goal by Schwein.

But Schoolcraft forward Vinnie Glenn (Livonia Stevenson) evened things up less than a minute into the second period.

Glenn would re-tie the game at 2-2 with a "snipe" with about 11 minutes remaining in the stanza.

And Schoolcraft enjoyed its first "up" on the see-saw when Zach Nichols scored a few minutes later, putting the Ocelots into a 3-2 edge.

That lead did not last long, however. Michigan's Tim Wilson quickly answered the make it 3-3.

Brent Boudreau gave the Wolverines another lead, 4-3, late in the period.

The Ocelots, in the final game in the career of forward and captain Andrew Lindsay, would not go quietly.

Hund scored unassisted to even the contest yet again (4-4) and found the mark again to put Schoolcraft in front. Setting up the go-ahead goal was Lindsay. That merely set the stage for Michigan's ultimate rally.

Upcoming Schoolcraft home games at Redford Arena include 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 against the Fighting Irish Jr. team and 6:15 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 4 against University of Toledo. Games are subject to change.

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BOYS WRESTLING

Salem grapplers split pair at quad meet

Rocks starting to build formidable lineup, but still need to grow

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The needle is pointing in the right direction for Salem's varsity wrestling program.

Despite injuries resulting in voids, the Rocks went 1-1 Wednesday at the KLAA Central Division quad meet at Livonia Stevenson.

Salem defeated Northville, 40-32, but fell to Novi, 45-34.

Top performers for the Rocks included Bruce Haslitt at 160, Akash Rai at 130 and Evan Kirkpatrick at 215, who each posted two victories on the day.

"For the most part I thought our kids wrestled well," Henderson said. "We had to make up for two voids based off injuries and some other things. We gave both team 12 points due to voids."

"The kids wrestled tough to pull out the victory against Northville but came up short against Novi. We definitely left

some points on the mat ... with two voids we didn't have any room for mistakes."

According to Henderson, strong efforts by younger wrestlers were key to defeating Northville and being neck-and-neck with Novi.

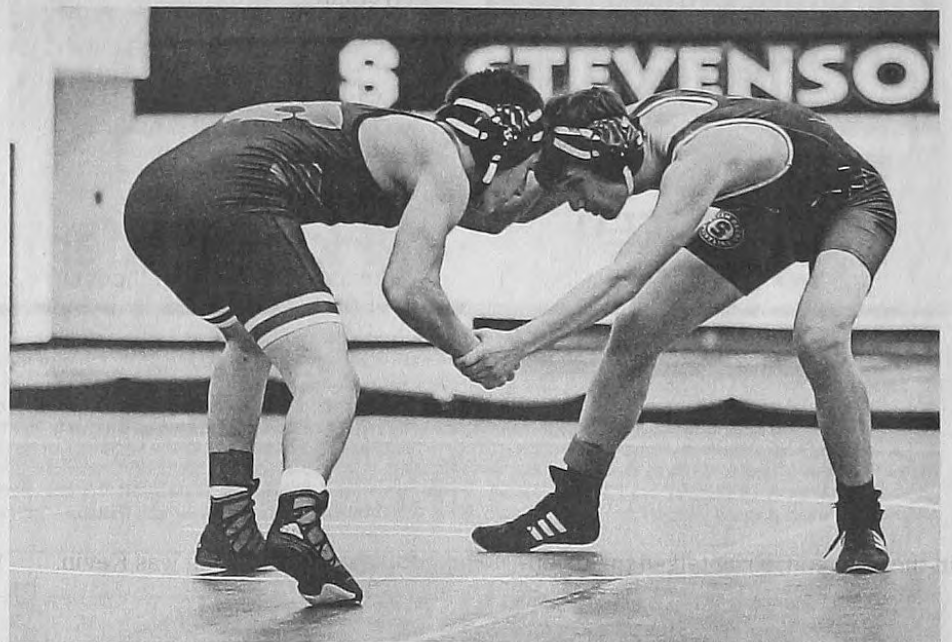
"Alex Nichols (119), Dom Valdivia (140) and Jake Kirkpatrick (189) are all first-year wrestlers and they all wrestled tough in both duals," said Henderson, adding that those wrestlers went 1-1 at the quad.

Also posting 1-1 records were Max Hirvela at 125, Tyler Knop at 145 and Cullen Strochschiem at 152.

Each going 1-0 in heavyweight bouts were Salem's Jake Giorgi and Brennen McNeal.

"This team is young and has so much potential," Henderson said. "If we do the right things we can have a very good end to the season here. ... The next couple years look bright as well as we get more experience in the lineup."

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JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Salem wrestler Dom Valdivia (right) gets ready to make his move against an opponent at Wednesday's quad meet.



JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO
Wayne Memorial's Maikala Griggs-Zeigler (33) tries to put the defensive clamps on Canton's Brianna Finn (23) during Friday's game.

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draw up is going to work. But having her is a great insurance card.

"That was the play, we were going to run some time off the clock and get it in her hands."

Wayne took the lead in the KLAA South with the win, improving to 6-2 overall and 3-0 in the division. Canton dropped to 6-3, 2-1.

But the Chiefs walked away proud of how they battled in a game that stayed close throughout.

"From our perspective, we could feel the game tipping in our favor," Canton coach Rob Heitmeyer said. "We grabbed the lead, they tied it. We grabbed the lead back, they tied it. I thought we defended well. They have a knack of getting to the rim."

"... I think we owned the boards in the second half. brought us back from five-point deficit at halftime to a two-point lead in the fourth quarter."

Five for Finn

A main reason the Chiefs hung around was the great long-distance shooting of senior guard Brianna Finn, who drained five treys and tallied 17 points.

Early in the fourth quarter, Finn sandwiched two triples around a Clegg trey. Most of Finn's damage was done

from along the left wing, where she would flick her high floaters to the dismay of Mitchell and the Zebras.

"Any time she gets open you feel a little pit in your stomach," Mitchell said. "And then she has so much arc on the ball, that's the longest three-point shot of your lifetime."

Wayne had the early lead, going up 15-11 after one frame and maintaining a 25-20 halftime edge.

The Zebras, however, lost senior small forward Amara Chikwe, who fell and aggravated a knee injury. She did not return.

But the Chiefs came out strong in the third quarter, enjoying a 12-6 edge to go up 32-31 on a Finn trey with a minute left in the frame.

The fourth began with the game tied 32-32 and the lead went back and forth much of the quarter.

Canton did go up 43-41 with 1:15 left when Butler (six points) tallied a put-back.

Then came two free throws by Terry (nine points) to tie it up with 1:05 to go.

The Chiefs had the ball in Wayne's end of the floor with a chance to take the lead, but a traveling call gave Clegg and the Zebras the opening they needed.

Another Canton standout was senior Madison Wolfbauer, with eight points and 10 rebounds. Contributing five points for the Zebras was Mya Garrett.

PLYMOUTH 47, CHURCHILL 44: Chantal LeDoux and Gabby Chouinard scored 21 and 13 points, respectively, as the Wildcats roared back from an early deficit against Livonia Churchill.

"Gabby Chouinard played her best game all year," Plymouth coach Ryan Ballard said. "She was all over the place whether it was getting a rebound or chasing down a loose ball. I'm really proud of her effort."

"And Mikayla Rose (six points) played a terrific second half. She made all the right plays including going four for four from the free-throw line in the fourth quarter."

Plymouth improved to 3-6 overall and 2-1 in the KLAA South. **NORTHVILLE 45, STEVENSON 34:** Sarah Tanderys scored nine points and Grace Lamerson tallied eight along with five steals and five blocks for Livonia Stevenson.

But the Spartans fell short in a battle for first in the KLAA Central.

"Best defense we have played all season," Stevenson coach Karen Anger said.

Jessica Moorman scored 11 for Northville. **LADYWOOD 48, DIVINE CHILD 36:** Bri Rogers paced a balanced scoring attack with 14 points as Livonia Ladywood (2-9, 1-6) notched its first Catholic League Central Division win Friday at Dearborn Divine Child (4-6, 1-5).

Abbey Reppen and Maggie Shirk each chipped in with 12 points, while Amy Babon added five points and nine rebounds as the Blazers led 25-15 at halftime. Courtney Smithson paced Divine Child with 13 points.

"I'm very proud of how our team competed on the defensive end," Ladywood coach Sam Lamb said. "I thought we were tough against a very talented team and communicated effectively against their offensive sets."

GARDEN CITY 27, REDFORD UNION 11: Allea Montgomery scored a game-high 10 points Friday as the host Cougars (3-7, 1-1) earned a Western Wayne Athletic Conference Red Division victory over cold-shooting Redford Union (5-3, 1-1).

Haley Hebler tallied five for the Panthers, who trailed 11-4 at halftime and 21-8 after three quarters.

"We came out so flat," said RU coach Scott Purdy, whose team made only 4-of-36 from the floor. "We couldn't find the rim and had all kinds of problems shooting the ball."

Garden City was 7-of-19 from the foul line, while RU was 3-for-5. **FORDSON 73, THURSTON 36:** On Friday, Kiki Danwiche poured in a game-high 29 points as Dearborn Fordson (6-5, 2-0) pulled away in the third quarter to earn a WWAC Red Division win.

The Eagles trailed 22-13 at intermission before the Tractors went on a 27-5 run to put the game out of reach. Thurston, which got into early foul trouble, lost starter Bryana Burton with her fifth in the second half. Naudia Jackson scored 13 points in a losing cause.

CLARENCEVILLE FALLS: Aiyana Allen scored 10 points in a losing cause as Livonia Clarenceville (1-7, 0-4) fell Friday to visiting Dearborn Heights Annapolis in a WWAC Red Division encounter. The Trojans trailed by only four at intermission, 19-15.

PREP HOCKEY

Churchill tops Plymouth

KLAA South test at Eddie Edgar Arena goes to Chargers, 4-1

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In the days before Livonia Churchill faced Plymouth in Wednesday night's KLAA South Division boys hockey match-up, the Chargers practiced getting into the tough areas of the rink.

That's because Chargers head coach Jason Reynolds knew his team would be in for a grueling contest, where finding room to roam might be tough — let alone getting the puck past Plymouth standout junior goalie Brendan Olepa.

Churchill players followed the game plan, scoring three first-period goals and going on to post a 4-1 win at Eddie Edgar Arena. The Chargers improved to 9-2 overall and 4-0 in the KLAA South. Plymouth dropped to 10-2 overall and 4-1 in the division.

"Practice tends to be a little higher tempo when we're about to play Plymouth," Reynolds said. "They're a tenacious, well-coached team, so we came in with a lot of respect. We expected to be a battle and it certainly delivered, regardless of the score."

Plymouth head coach Gerry Vento lamented his team's slow start.

"We have fallen into the habit of starting slow and it caught up to us in the Stevenson game and again with Churchill," Vento said. "As soon as we learn that winning hockey is as much about mental preparation as it is about physical preparation, we can start focusing on winning these types of games."

"Churchill is far too talented and too well-coached to take a period off against them and expect to win."

Churchill opened the scoring at 6:16, when Tyler Haydu scored from John Doyle (one goal, two assists) and Seth Kucharczyk.

Before the opening period ended, it was 3-0 thanks to an unassisted goal by Doyle, followed by Jordan Venegoni's goal, with 1:07 to go in the period. Assisting on Venegoni's goal were Doyle and Haydu.

Olepa (24 saves) then was victimized at 11:36 of the second period. Conor Burnette converted a feed from Josh Friend for the goal.

It took the Wildcats just 11 seconds to answer, when Jacob Back finally put Plymouth on the scoreboard. Assisting were Scott Deal and Luke Kaledas.

But Churchill goalie Drew Broyles, who had 29 saves, made sure that lead held up.

"Competing in games like these requires a lot of mental toughness," Reynolds said. "Three periods can be grueling against tough teams and Plymouth is always relentless in their team effort. I'm proud of our boys for finishing the job and not panicking under pressure."

FOOD DRIVE FEB. 10: Plymouth's varsity boys hockey team is collecting non-perishable food items to be distributed to local food pantries.

Those wishing to help can bring the items Friday, Feb. 10, to Arctic Edge Arena in Canton before Plymouth's 6 p.m. game against Salem.

PLYMOUTH WINS TWO: A strong first period and goaltending sparked the Plymouth varsity hockey team to a 4-1 victory Jan. 7 over Sault Ste. Marie as part of the Wildcats' annual trip to the Upper Peninsula.

The Wildcats jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first period with goals by sophomore forward Nathan Stoneburg (fourth goal of the season), senior defenseman Zach Gallaher (third) and junior forward Jack Chumley (ninth).

Sault High, the No. 4 ranked team in Division 3, came back with a goal by forward Nick Jeffreys 6:57 into the second period. The Wildcats, however, added to their lead late in the second period. Sophomore forward Jack VanDenBeurgue fired in a short-handed goal with 1:26 left in the period, set up by a strong rush from Stoneburg.

Plymouth killed off five Blue Devils power plays and junior goalie Brendan Olepa had 27 saves to earn his seventh victory of the season. The result improved the Wildcats to 10-1 this season, while the Blue Devils slipped to 10-3.

On Jan. 6, sophomore defenseman Adam Rebecca and junior forward Josh Weber scored in the second period, and sophomore goalie Josh Monroy made 17 saves as the Wildcats earned a 2-1 win over Alpena in Sault Ste. Marie.

"It is always fun to get away as a team," Plymouth coach Gerry Vento said, "but we were able to focus enough to get two wins and that says a lot about this team."

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BOYS HOOPS

Canton loses heart-breaker to Zebras

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Canton's varsity boys basketball team made a valiant effort to knock off state-ranked Wayne Memorial on Friday night, but the Chiefs came up just short in a 53-52 loss.

The host Zebras (8-1 overall, 3-0 in the KLAA South Division) built a 33-23 halftime lead, but the Chiefs (5-4, 2-1) started chipping away in the third quarter.

The division tilt was 44-37 entering the final stanza, and the Chiefs responded with a 15-9 push. Unfortunately for the visitors, that push wasn't quite hard

enough.

For Canton, B. Artis White scored 16 points, with Jake Cesarz contributing nine points thanks to three triples in five chances.

Vinson Sigmond chipped in with eight points while Noah Brown led in the rebounding department with seven.

Plymouth earns win

Strong performances by Tariq Woody (18 points, 15 rebounds), Anthony Crump (16 points) and Connor Bush (six points, 12 rebounds) lifted Plymouth to a 62-48 KLAA South Division boys basketball win against visiting Livonia Churchill.

Top scorers for the Chargers (2-6, 0-3) were Trajan Stinson and Alan Hammett, with 11 points each.

PCA prevails in rout

Matt Malcolm scored 17 points and Plymouth Christian Academy romped to a 63-21 victory Friday against visiting Allen Park Inter-City Baptist.

The Eagles got off to a 16-0 start to open the MIAC boys basketball game and never looked back.

"We kept the pedal to the medal," PCA head coach Matt Windle said.

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Balancing work and school can be a challenge

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As the world and economy continue to change, many workers are going back to school and furthering their education. While this is often a great way to create new career opportunities, balancing school and a job simultaneously is no easy task.

Not easy — but not impossible. Here are essential steps to successfully manage work and school at the same time.

Start with a time inventory.

Time is the most precious resource for anyone hoping to manage a job and school-work. To make the best use of your time, you need to first evaluate how you currently spend your time.

"Start by taking a time inventory of your week by looking at your day. Write down the activity, and write down the value (high, medium, low)," says Tom Dowd, executive director of the Muhlenberg College Career Center in Allentown, Pa. "This inventory will give you pockets of time you didn't realize you had and give you a true picture of how busy you are. From there, it'll be much easier to assess how you want to effectively use your time each week, which



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is the first step in balancing going to school while working."

Set your manager's expectations.

Communication is essential to make this balancing act work. Before classes begin, have a frank and open conversation with your manager about your priorities and how your schoolwork may potentially affect your hours and availability. It can help inform your decisions regarding course load and will make it easier to navigate conflicts when they arise. "Employers want their employees to continue learning and will generally be supportive," says Karen Gorbach, a recently retired community college dean who specialized in career education and workforce development. "Students should ask about the possibility of flextime to help accommodate school schedules or (about) scholarship support for books or tuition. In exchange, students should offer to share what they are learning with management and/or other employees via 'brown bag' seminars at lunch or through short, written reports."

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Write it all down.

Balancing multiple commitments can make it feel as though your obligations, assignments and deadlines are piling up fast. Trying to keep it all straight in your head is only going to cause more stress. It's much easier and more reliable to organize your schedule on paper.

"When this stress starts to take over — and it will from time to time — sit down and write down everything you feel you need to do," Dowd says. "It is common to build things up in our heads bigger than they are. Writing down this list

will help you to realize that it is manageable and you may not have as much to do as you thought."

Pace yourself.

Working while pursuing an education is stressful, and you're probably eager to get it done. But it's important not to rush the process; work at a pace that you can manage.

"I took one class at a time, because that was what was manageable for my family and me," says Holly Rodriguez, who recently completed a Master of Liberal Arts degree while working full time. "I went to school with classmates who took two courses each semester, instead of one, and worked full time to get their degree done more quickly — quite a heavy load for graduate-level coursework. Although I sometimes felt like a tortoise in a world of hares, I kept my perspective in check, reminding myself that I had my set of priorities in day-to-day living, and they had theirs. The important thing was to get to semester's end and get the grade I wanted."

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FORD AND FLAT ROCK PLANT WILL GAIN AS COMPANY PIVOTS TO SELF-DRIVEN, EV FUTURE – EVEN WHILE NODDING TO TRUMP



By Dale Buss

Say all you want about how Donald Trump is making ad hoc industrial policy 140 characters at a time, even before occupying the White House. It's sticking. Just ask Ford CEO

Mark Fields, who appeared to knuckle under to Trump's famous charges against Ford over its Mexican production strategy.

Fields' recent decision to forego construction of a new small-car plant in Mexico may create the ultimate win-win situation. Long ago, with Ford serving as a perpetual punching bag during Trump's campaign stops in Flyover Country, he insisted that the company's decision to remove small-car production from the U.S. entirely, and build the new facility south of the border, was irreversible in strictly business terms.

But now, suddenly, it became a reversible decision indeed. By at least seeming to accede to Trump's demand on what was portrayed as a very difficult dilemma for the company, the Ford CEO buys tremendous goodwill from the new administration in Washington as well as from millions of Americans who believed Trump when he called Ford a bad player.

In a highly competitive U.S. auto market where sales aren't likely to grow much this year, if at all, the impact of that vilification may have played a significant role in Fields' decision.

Plus, Fields got to say what should be obvious: Trump's pro-growth orientation, and the stirrings of greater business and consumer confidence that his election already has created, are potentially very good for Ford as well as for the country.

"This is a vote of confidence in President-Elect Trump and some of the policies he may be pursuing," Fields told reporters, according to Forbes.com. "We see a more positive U.S. business environment under Trump."

At the same time, Fields also was able to insist that Ford would have

made the same decision about the new plant in Mexico regardless of who the president would be. Small-car sales have been fading for some time, he said, making it perhaps wiser for Ford to forego construction of an entire new plant — anywhere — to make them.

Neither will Ford have to risk that much against the other big news it announced at the same time: the identities of some of its future electric vehicles, and the investment of \$700 million at its plant in Flat Rock to make the new EVs and also some of Ford's first autonomous vehicles that will be out in a few years.

The 700 direct "new" jobs that Ford plans to create at the plant probably will simply bring back many of the same idled Ford employees who have lost their jobs over the years as the plant has been sub-optimized.

Currently, Flat Rock makes the Mustang, whose sales have flagged lately despite the introduction of a highly praised new 50th-anniversary edition a couple of years ago, and the new flagship sedan of the Lincoln fleet, Continental, which hasn't exactly burst out of the gate.

Until February, Ford also built another small car at the plant, the Fusion mid-sized sedan. But sales of Fusion have flagged as well. And now where does Ford make the car? In Hermosillo, Mexico, at the



A Ford Transit Hybrid taxi.

same plant that soon will produce Focus as well.

Overall, Trump's success at influencing production decisions isn't because the president-elect is so good at tweeting. It's because the pressure he's bringing to bear on CEOs stems — in a very pixilated, concentrated way — from one of the most important planks of his winning electoral platform: protecting American manufacturing jobs.

Thus, what appears to be a random collection of spontaneous eruptions by Trump has begun shaping, in a very real way, important aspects of the future of the U.S. economy.

Right before Fields acted, General Motors CEO Mary Barra surely wasn't happy to see Trump criticizing the company's production of the hatchback version of its Chevrolet

Cruze small car in Mexico, a derivative that is mostly exported to non-U.S. destinations.

Trump's calling out CEOs has put many company leaders on notice that future actions might be subject to the potentially explosive interpretive effect of Trump's singular lens.

As Wall Street Journal columnist Gerald Seib has noted, the method to Trump's tweeting "madness" includes "three likely goals." One is "positioning himself for a negotiation or a deal"; that certainly seems to have come into play in how he has treated Ford. Another goal, Seib said, is that Trump "is seeking to control the agenda." The third type of goal "is creating rabbits for others to chase" — but in the case of CEOs, they seem to be the ones chasing Trump's rabbits.



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