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## Busch's opens with fanfare

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Ribs connoisseur Joe Risdon left J.B.'s Smokehouse — the debut restaurant of Busch's Fresh Food Market — with a smile on his face.

"The ribs are as good as any I've ever had," he said, "and I've eaten ribs all over the country."

Risdon, a Fenton resident meeting a co-worker for lunch, was among the patrons who gave Busch's next-generation grocery store rave reviews Wednesday as it finally opened in Canton, ending a four-year wait that shoppers said was worth it.

"It's a beautiful store," said Canton resident Vera Nolta, accompanied by 12-year-old daughter Lily. "It surpassed my expectations. We've been waiting for years, so we're excited that it's open."

Lily made her rounds to Busch's food stations and said her favorite sample was fresh-baked bread with strawberry-honey butter.

Busch's marketing specialist Marla Booth gave the Observer a tour of the Michigan company's 16th store, a 54,000-square-foot building that once housed a Farmer Jack grocery on Canton Center, south of Cherry



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Ben and Kim Smith, with daughters Evelyn and Cecilia, shop for produce at the new Busch's Market. They are from Westland.

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# GRATEFUL SOBRIETY: 'THIS COURT HAS SAVED MY LIFE'

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Hannah Moss of Livonia shares her story during the sobriety court graduation March 10 in Livonia's 16th District Court.

The somber mood and hushed tones of the typical courtroom were crowded out last week by wide grins, applause and plenty of hugs as seven "graduates" of an intense probation marked their accomplishments.

The seven, all of whom had been arrested in the past for offenses linked to substance abuse, such as drunken driving, had completed Livonia's 16th District Court drug and alcohol program, informally known as sobriety court.

The 18-month to two-year stint requires daily participation in a 12-step addiction recovery program, substance abuse counseling, weekly visits to probation officers and regular testing for drugs or alcohol.

Participants are urged to confront everyday challenges, such as family and relationship issues and keeping steady employment, while clearing up the haze brought by their old habits.

"I think this is just the beginning of my journey and recovery," said Hannah Moss of Livonia, who battled a drinking problem. "There is no doubt in my mind that this court has saved my life, if not the life of someone else."

Moss spoke — to fellow graduates and family members, city and police officials and onlookers there for other business — in Judge Kathleen

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## Canton officials propose small water-sewer rate hike

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Canton residents will face a 2.7-percent water-sewer rate hike if the township board accepts a proposal from administration officials.

An average consumer using 22,650 gallons of water every three months would see their quarterly bills increase by

\$8.12, just over \$32 for a year.

"I think that's a pretty fair rate increase, especially compared to some of the prior years when we've had some higher (double-digit) increases," Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said.

The latest rate plan comes after Canton last year imposed a 6.9-percent increase.

Canton residents will have a chance to weigh in on the proposed rate hike and learn more during a community forum set for 6 p.m. Wednesday, March 29, at the Canton Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center.

Under the latest proposal, the combined water-sewer rate would inch up from \$12.49 per 1,000 gallons of water to \$12.83.

The increase was kept low partly by a plan by officials to use \$2.1 million from a water-sewer fund that currently has a \$21 million cash balance.

"We've taken a balanced approach to the rates this year," Supervisor Pat Williams said, adding he is hopeful the board will approve the rates.

Trustee Steven Sneiderman welcomed the use of \$2.1 mil-

lion from the water-sewer fund.

"If that's the case, then I'm very supportive of it," he said. "I have felt that this is something we should do. I'm glad we're able to do it for the start of the new (township) board's term."

He was referencing changes that occurred last November,

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McCann's courtroom, where five of the seven graduates each got a hug from the judge and from Lainie Morrison-Fryer, the court's probation

director, along with a bamboo plant for good luck.

"I just want you to know I love all of you. You've done a tremendous job," McCann told the graduates. "This is my favorite part of my job: giving people their lives back."

Livonia's sobriety court was launched in 2006 and is one of more than 50 specialty courts in Michigan. The specialty courts focus on non-violent offenders who have underlying medical or social problems that contributed to their brushes with the law, according to Morrison-Fryer.

Kaz Czarnecki of Farmington Hills was one of the first Livonia sobriety court graduates. He now runs the court's Changes program, a once-a-month mentoring meeting for graduates and current participants. Sobriety court participants can trade a Changes meeting each month for one of their required probation visits.

"It's the best thing I do in my life nowadays," said Czarnecki, who beamed at being recognized by McCann for his volunteer efforts.

He wasn't always a team player.

"This young lady put me in jail three times" during his time as a probationer, because "I didn't do what I was supposed to do," Czarnecki said of the judge.

Moss said she planned to become a mentor in the Changes program. Changes, she said later, showed her that "you're not alone and if they can do it, you can, too."

So far, McCann noted, Livonia's sobriety court has had 369 participants and 166 graduates. More than 81,000 drug and alcohol tests have been administered and more than 79,000 of those have come back negative.

Morrison-Fryer said figures from the state court administrative office show the recidivism rate for 2015 for Livonia's sobriety court was zero within two years of graduation and 3.7 percent within four years. That compares to statewide recidivism

rates, for all specialty courts, of almost 4 percent within two years and 10.7 percent within four years.

"They are wildly successful," Michigan Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra said in Judge Sean Kavanagh's courtroom, where two more graduates were recognized.

"It took being sober for me to realize I 'effed up' real bad," said one of them, Farmington Hills resident Mike Williams, who struggled with an addiction to opiates.

"I was basically addicted for years," Williams told people in Kavanagh's courtroom.

Along with that, he added, came other life issues — work, money challenges, a divorce and parenting problems.

"They're a lot better to handle when you have a clear mind," he said.

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when four new members were elected to the township board and former Trustee Pat Williams was elected supervisor.

Sneideman has previously suggested using some of the water-sewer money, as long as the fund remains healthy. He said it amounts to using what taxpayers have paid into the fund to soften their rate hike.

Local officials say water rates could be softened even more going forward, after Canton starts using a 2.5 million-gallon, \$10.2 million water storage facility on the township's north side. It could go into service as early as June, allowing Canton to draw water overnight from the Great Lakes Water Authority system and release it during peak usage hours.

Faas said the latest proposed water-sewer rates are based on several key factors:

» Using \$2.1 million from the water-sewer fund. Even after doing that and setting aside another \$2.1 million for the water storage project, the \$21 million fund is expected to still have \$16.7 million.

Williams said that is about \$1 million lower than the targeted amount, though the fund remains healthy. "This year, we intentionally are not going to meet our targeted fund balance in an effort to reduce the impact to residents," he said.

» GLWA increased its wholesale water rates and pushed those costs onto local communities.

» Canton, as a member of GLWA, benefited from a credit toward its rates because Canton bought more water last year. That's because residents used more water keeping their lawns watered.

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Sobriety court graduate Hannah Moss of Livonia hugs Judge Kathleen McCann, with state Supreme Court Justice Brian Zahra looking on.

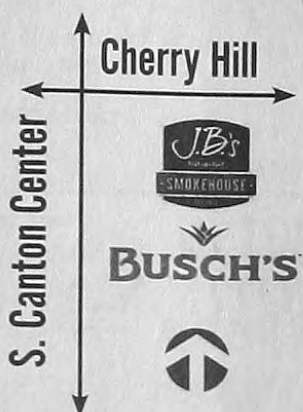
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# Credit union offers \$25K in 'Thumbs Up' campaign

Community Financial Credit Union is providing local residents the chance to give a "Thumbs Up" and \$25,000 to their favorite charitable organizations through its "Thumbs Up for Charity" program. Community Financial is accepting nominations

from people in the communities it serves, explaining which local organizations should be recognized for the good work they do. Nominations are being accepted at [cfcu.org/ThumbsUp](http://cfcu.org/ThumbsUp) through March 31. Five finalists will be

chosen from the nominations and the community will vote on who should receive the top donation of \$10,000. The charities that finish in second place and third place will receive \$5,000 each and the fourth-place and fifth-place finalists will each

receive \$2,500. Voting will begin April 10, with winners being announced April 26. "Nonprofit organizations in our communities are working hard to meet the basic needs we all have," Community Financial Manager/Community Relations Natalie McLaughlin said. "The residents of our communities work alongside them every day, so 'Thumbs Up for Charity' gives them the opportunity to tell us which groups they think deserve recognition." This is Community

Financial's fourth annual "Thumbs Up for Charity" program. The program has granted \$75,000 to local organizations since it started in 2014. For more information and complete contest details, go to [cfcu.org/ThumbsUp](http://cfcu.org/ThumbsUp).

ties and using your feedback to help every P-CCS student achieve excellence," Merritt said. The survey launched Thursday and will be available through March 30. Survey answers are confidential. Parents signed up for email and e-notifications received a link to the survey; those who aren't can take it by clicking the link on the district's website and other social media sites like Facebook and Twitter. Merritt said district officials will use the feedback received in the survey to drive the district's improvement plan, as officials evaluate what the district does well and how it can improve. "The results will ... serve as a bridge between your voice and district leadership," Merritt said. "We continue to keep our focus on the classroom, striving every day to make the best possible decisions to benefit our students." Merritt said the district expects a report on the survey's findings sometime in the spring.

## BUSCH'S

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Hill. It was a day for Busch's to shine. "We're thrilled," Booth said. "We are as excited as our customers are to bring this to Canton." Busch's hired 202 employees — and still has jobs to fill — as the company debuted its new look with a store design that Booth said "will take us into the future." The 170-seat J.B.'s Smokehouse, which has a patio for warm months, was named after the late Joe Busch, who founded the company after he worked as a butcher who had a smokehouse. It has 22 Michigan-made beers and two ciders on tap, with Evo Pils from Detroit Brewing Co. and Red Glare from Liberty Street Brewing Co. of Plymouth emerging as early favorites among patrons. J.B.'s also sells beer to go in 64-ounce growlers and two-liter bottles, serves Michigan wine and craft cocktails and has Detroit City Soda



The new store has a large selection of prepared foods.

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fountain drinks. The restaurant has three smokers that use Michigan hard wood. Busch's created its new store with Canton's diverse population in mind. Booth pointed out the Rangoli Indian cuisine at the hot food bar and, on the store shelves, items such as Meera flour and chai milk tea. Over by the meat counter, patrons can find halal chicken and beef geared toward the Muslim community. Westland resident Marilyn Konchel drove from Westland, saying it was her first trip to a Busch's store and her

first-ever grand opening. "I made a trip here on purpose and I love it," she said. "There's something for everybody. Everything looks so fresh and new." Store hours are 7 a.m. to 11 p.m., but customers who need their morning java jolt can arrive at 6 a.m. for the in-store Starbucks. Just a few steps away, patrons can find numerous flavors at the juice and gelato bar. The store has 1,300 different wines, an 89-foot beer cooler, 150 specialty and imported cheeses and a place to buy cold sushi or hot Asian bowls. Kim and Ben Smith of

Westland came to opening day with daughters Evelyn, 2, and Cecelia, 4. "I think it's awesome," Kim Smith said, as she browsed the produce area. "I really like how organized everything is." Company officials say Busch's is taking the "fresh" part of its name literally. To that end, Booth said seafood is delivered six days a week. She also said the store's dry-aged beef is expected to be a big seller. Other amenities include a temperature-controlled floral room where patrons can get customer bouquets. Another section that caters to the sense of smell is the bakery area. For Joe Risdon, though, it comes down to the ribs. He chuckled when he said he was eager to invite others "to dinner at the supermarket." It's more than a grocery store, he said. "It's a destination."   
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## District seeks feedback with second survey

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Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district officials believe they have a handle on where the district's strengths are and what areas might need improvement. Now they're looking for help from all of the district's stakeholders to guide them into the future. For the second straight year, P-CCS officials are working with the research firm K12 Insight to conduct a district-wide survey of parents, community members and staff. Survey questions address topics including governance and leadership, teaching and assessments, resources, school operations and safety. District Superintendent Monica Merritt told stakeholders in a letter the district "continues to keep its focus on the classroom, striving every day to make the best possible decisions" to benefit the district's more than 17,000 students. "As a public school system, we continue the belief that it is critical to take the time to listen to our community, understanding your priori-



Merritt

ties and using your feedback to help every P-CCS student achieve excellence," Merritt said. The survey launched Thursday and will be available through March 30. Survey answers are confidential. Parents signed up for email and e-notifications received a link to the survey; those who aren't can take it by clicking the link on the district's website and other social media sites like Facebook and Twitter. Merritt said district officials will use the feedback received in the survey to drive the district's improvement plan, as officials evaluate what the district does well and how it can improve. "The results will ... serve as a bridge between your voice and district leadership," Merritt said. "We continue to keep our focus on the classroom, striving every day to make the best possible decisions to benefit our students." Merritt said the district expects a report on the survey's findings sometime in the spring.

## ENGAGEMENT

### Burnett-Sarlitto

Katharine Burnett and Eric Sarlitto, both of Indianapolis, announce their engagement. Burnett is the daughter of John and Deborah Burnett of Columbus, Ind. She is a 2008 graduate of Columbus North High School and a 2012 graduate of Ball State University. She is a senior communications officer at Riley Children's Foundation. Sarlitto is the son of

Steven and Pamela Sarlitto of Canton. He is a 2008 graduate of Catholic Central High School. He earned his bachelor's degree in 2012 and his master's degree in 2015, both from Purdue University. He is a district director for the Crossroads of America Council-Boy Scouts of America. The wedding will be Nov. 25 at North Christian Church in Columbus, Ind.



Katharine Burnett and Eric Sarlitto.

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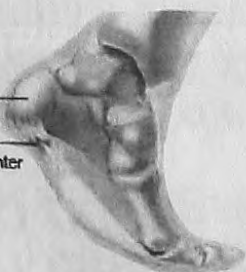
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# Five Plymouth Boy Scouts achieve Eagle rank

Boy Scout Troop 1539 of Plymouth recently recognized five new Eagle Scouts at a Court of Honor.

William Gardner began his scouting career in first grade when he joined Cub Scouts, during which he earned the Arrow of Light and the Super Achiever award, the two highest honors in Cub Scouts.

Gardner then joined Boy Scout Troop 1539 in Plymouth. In Boy Scouts, he has served as quartermaster, assistant senior patrol leader and is currently the senior patrol leader of the troop. In addition to his work with in the troop, William has served in the Southeast Michigan Regional Contingent of the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp for the past two years. Gardner also attended Northern Tier National High Adventure



Members of Boy Scout Troop 1539 of Plymouth, who earned the Eagle rank, include William Gardner, Zachary Beculheimer, Evan Zobel and Jarod and Collin Parker.

in 2015.

For his Eagle Scout project, Gardner raised money and purchased supplies for the creation of 60 boxes of non-perishable food for St. Christine's food pantry in Detroit. Each box consisted of five ready-to-eat meals.

Outside of Scouts, Gardner is a junior at Churchill High School in Livonia. He participates in the math, science and computers program and plays trumpet in the Churchill marching band and wind ensemble. Gardner plans on attending college for aerospace engineering and is considering attending Purdue University or Georgia Institute of Technology.

Zachary Beculheimer first joined scouts with Cub Scout Pack 852 before earning his Arrow of Light and crossing over to Boy Scout Troop 1539. Beculheimer made the most of his time in scouts, taking part in countless camps and adventures during his time with the troop, including serving

as a part of the Governor's Honor Guard on Mackinac Island and attending Northern Tier, a week-long high adventure canoe and portage trip. Beculheimer also grew as a leader, serving in positions such as patrol leader, junior assistant scoutmaster, senior patrol leader and several others.

For his eagle project, Beculheimer worked with Frost Middle School to build a deer enclosure and plant more than 100 white pine saplings to help preserve the school's small forest. With the help of countless volunteers, Beculheimer constructed a 10-foot tall, 45-foot by 45-foot fenced enclosure to preserve a small section of the forest and act as an educational tool. Inside the gated enclosure is a diverse array of plants from the area and several of the hundred white pine saplings planted that day.

Beculheimer is a senior at Churchill High School and enjoys staying involved as a National

Honor Society vice president, a four-year tutor with Success Strategies and a bassist in the school orchestra. He plans on studying economics and political science in the fall and is waiting to hear back from several colleges. So far he has been admitted to the James Madison Program at Michigan State University and Ohio State University.

Evan Zobel began his scouting journey in Cub Scout Pack 852 of Livonia, before advancing to Boy Scout Troop 1539. He has enjoyed many years of scouting adventures and leadership positions, including patrol leader, troop guide, assistant senior patrol leader and the Mackinac Island Scout Service Camp. For his Eagle Scout service project, Zobel designed and built seven learning and development toys for the children's section of the Livonia Public Library. He, along with the numerous volunteers he coordinated, created

three activity cubes with unique sides, refurbished a large activity cube and built three latch boxes for small motor coordination development. The new learning toys have been well received by young library patrons.

Zobel is a senior at Churchill High School and enjoys participating on the Livonia Warriors Robotics team. Upon graduation, he plans to study physics or engineering at either Michigan State University or the University of Michigan.

Jarod and Collin Parker are identical twins who started their scouting path in first grade in Cub Scout Pack 852. It started as a fun way to explore their world and spend time together as brothers. They joined Boy Scout Troop 1539 in fifth grade. Their adventures in scouts has prepared them well for life and the Scout Oath and Law will always inspire them to do their best and help others.

Jarod's Eagle Scout project involved directing

a team of adults and scouts to repair and paint the trellis structure on the grounds of Livonia's Greenmead Historical Park. The trellis stands in the gardens of Hill House. The gardens provide a quiet place to walk and enjoy a piece of Livonia's past.

Collin's Eagle Scout project involved documenting the tombstones in the Livonia Center Cemetery for Greenmead Historical Society. He directed his troop to take pictures and record dates and names from each tombstone. Then he compiled this information into an Excel file. This provided Greenmead with an updated record for this historic cemetery.

The brothers are seniors at Churchill High School and play trumpet in the Churchill marching band and wind ensemble. After graduation, they plan on attending Michigan State University and pursue an education in the MSU engineering program.

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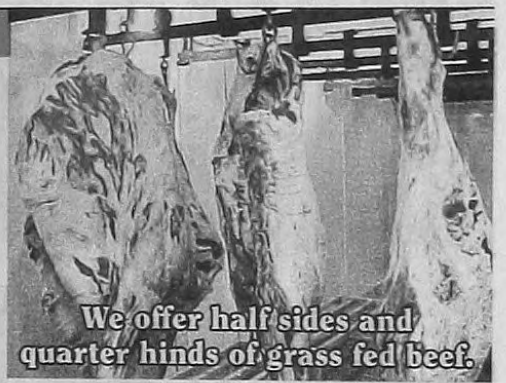
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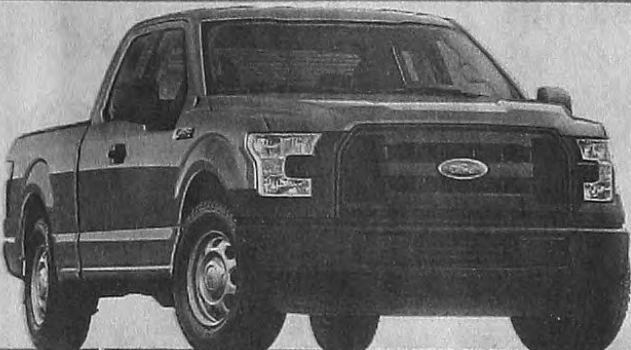


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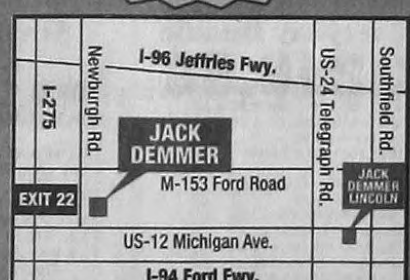
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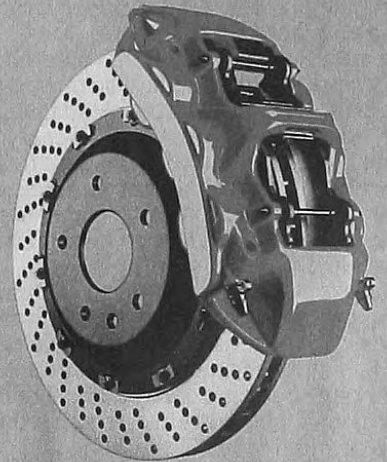
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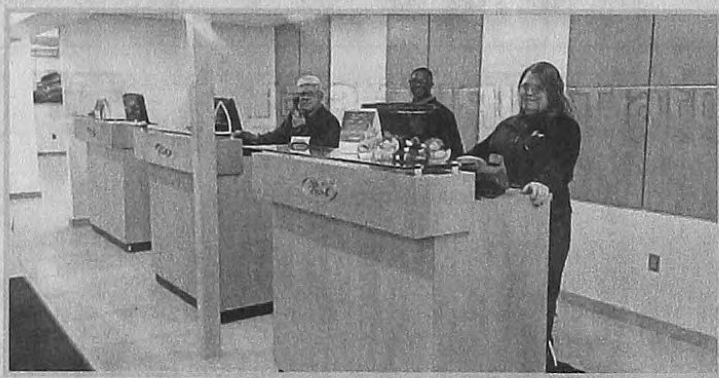
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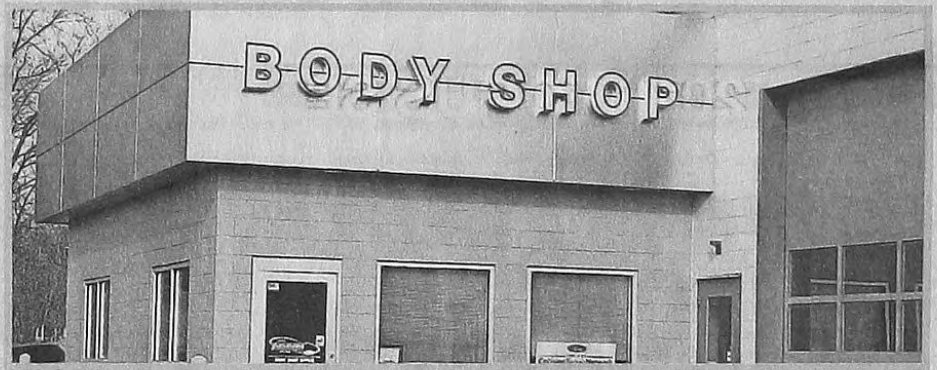


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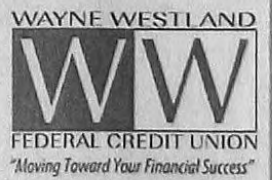
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# AD EXEC GIVING BACK TO COMMUNITY

Floridian, 91, sees no point in retiring as long as volunteering is available

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NAPLES, Fla. - When Myra Janco Daniels was young, her father asked her what she wanted to be.

Her answer: "In charge."

For much of her life, Daniels has been precisely that, as a successful advertising executive, the driving force behind the creation of the Philharmonic Center for the Arts in Naples, Florida, now Artis-Naples, and most recently as a fundraiser for the Salvation Army's new Fran Cohen Youth Center in East Naples.

At 91, Daniels has no intention of giving up her habit of taking the lead in charitable endeavors. The completion of the youth center, which will serve children who would otherwise come home from school to an empty house, is just weeks away. Now she has a few other projects, which she prefers to keep under wraps for now, on her to-do list.

"I wake up each day with something on my plate," said Daniels, who moved to Southwest Florida's Marco Island in 1979 after working in Indiana and Chicago.

She later moved to Pelican Bay, near the performing arts hall that was the culmination of her vision for a permanent home for the Naples/Marco Island Philharmonic.

She has since moved twice, each time giving up some of the art from her collection. "I'd rather see a kid go to college than buy another piece of art," she said.

Staying active is a core belief. "I don't think people should retire. You have to use your mind to live," she said.

Having obtained everything she wants, Daniels now works on a volunteer basis. "There's nothing I want for myself. I just want to be useful." It's a lesson she learned from her grandparents, immigrants from Romania.

"They taught me when you give, you



DOROTHY EDWARDS/NAPLES DAILY NEWS

Myra Daniels, 91, is the founder of the Naples Philharmonic (now Artis-Naples) in Naples, Fla. "I wake up each day with something on my plate," she says.

get back so much more."

Giving back is part of being an American, Daniels believes. "I've been blessed. Most of all I've tried to be a good citizen."

She has advice for people looking to emulate her success. "Analyze yourself like you would a product or a plan. What are your strengths?"

And she has no plans to slow down. And to be in charge for the duration.

## Myra Janco Daniels

**Location:** Naples, Florida

**Age:** 91

**Profession:** Advertising executive, creative consultant

**Mission:** To do the most good I can with what I have

## Q&A: MYRA DANIELS

### What does it mean to you to be an American?

It means the opportunity to help build our country, the opportunity to help others. It means the opportunity to work the way I want to work. It's a freedom. The freedom of America is very important to me. My grandparents immigrated from Romania. They came and they succeeded in America in every way. They learned the language. They worked. They gave as much as they got.

### What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

Knowing how many children are on the streets in Naples after school. There are 10,000. They're latchkey kids. Their parents work. Knowing how much trouble they can get into. We have to support them. I think we'll take some of them off the street. We won't have all of them, but we'll have several handfuls. Some of these kids never get encouragement. You have to encourage kids. We're going to encourage them in the arts. We're going to encourage them in the classroom.

### What gives you hope or what concerns you?

What concerns me is we have never had so much confusion coming out of Washington. I have hope, incidentally. I think we need to stand behind those we have elected until we see where they are going. We have to pull together as a country. We are the best country in the world, in my experience, but we have some flaws we need to fix.

### What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I just hope I can add something to the community. I hope I can make it a better community, a happier community, a brighter community. When you look at these kids, you have the chance to mold minds. I have a lot of help, by the way. There are a lot of dedicated volunteers working on this.

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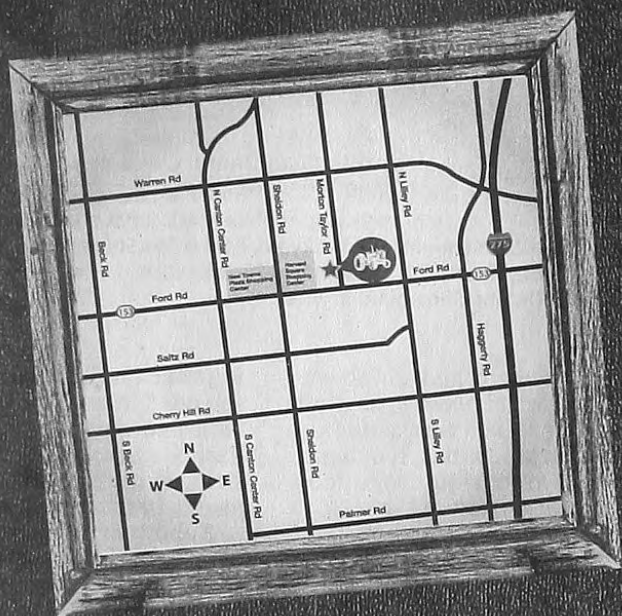
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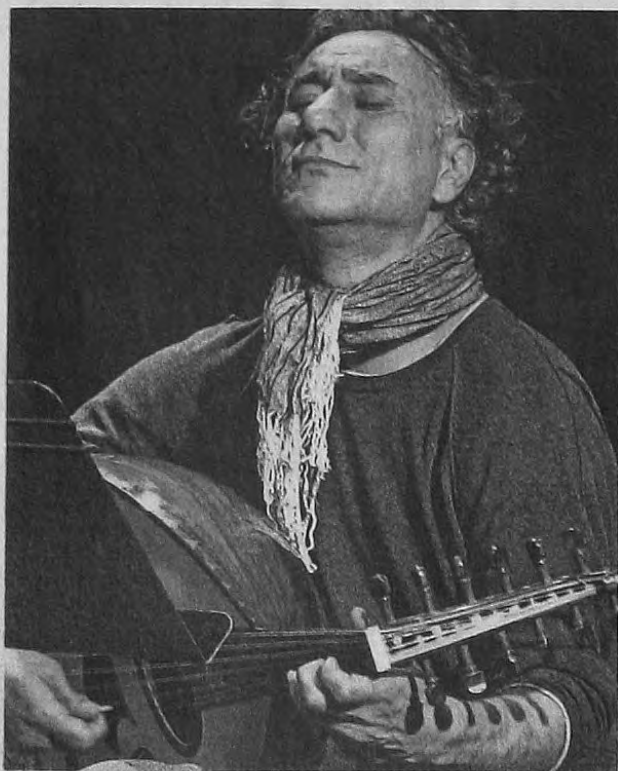
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# Michigan Phil takes on Global Fridays, Phil-palooza

The Michigan Philharmonic String Quintet will perform with Grammy-nominated oud player Rahim Alhaj for Global Fridays at the Arab American Museum, 3624 Michigan Ave, Dearborn. "Letters from Iraq" is at 8 p.m. Friday, March 24.

Composer Alhaj was born and raised in Baghdad, Iraq. After the first Gulf War, he was forced to leave Iraq due to his activism against Saddam Hussein and moved to the United States as a political refugee in 2000. Through an "American eye," he composed eight short pieces for a string quintet to embody a western voice. His composition objectively depicts letters and stories written by Iraqis describing their experiences during the American occupation and sectarian violence in Iraq.

In the midst of political turbulence, unspoken words have the ability to cross borders. Music does not know race, gender, nationality or religion and allows us to collectively feel the



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Rahim Alhaj will perform with the Michigan Philharmonic String Quintet.

same emotion. It helps us understand our differences and attain a level of optimism despite current international and political

tension. "Music can make us laugh, make us cry, make us march into war. I want to make music to make us realize

peace," Alhaj said. "To make it happen, you have to really work on it. Hope is not a wish. Hope is a responsibility to me."

Alhaj originally planned to take the letters on a lecture tour, but decided it would be more powerful to translate the letters into a musical composition. "My hope is to reach people, because things have been forgotten. This is real and the world has to understand. It could happen anywhere. This record is not just about Iraq. It happened in Syria, it happened in Libya, it happened in Yemen, it could happen here — the same stuff. I'm hoping this record can reach more people, to open their eyes and hearts."

For tickets and information, go to [www.bit.ly/GFwinter17](http://www.bit.ly/GFwinter17).

## Phil-Palooza

The Michigan Philharmonic invites you to a big musical party Saturday, April 1, and it's no April Fool's Day joke! As the name of this concert might suggest, the or-

chestra is hosting a "Phil-Palooza" party celebrating great classical music from "Peter and the Wolf" to "Star Wars" along with several musical guests.

First on tap will be the top group of the Michigan Philharmonic Youth Orchestra performing side by side with the Michigan Phil on Sibelius' beautiful "Finlandia." Then featuring Plymouth's own radio personality Randy Bhirdo as narrator, the orchestra performs Prokofiev's musical journey through literature, "Peter and the Wolf." Written in 1936, this is a forever-favorite among children and adults.

The fun continues as the Michigan Phil welcomes back San Antonio composer Alice Gomez with a world premiere of her new piece called "112 Degrees." Rounding out the evening, the Michigan Philharmonic will be joined by musical friends from the Plymouth Community Band, under the direction of Carl Battishil, for a rip-roaring good time per-

forming some of their favorites from Shostakovich to the ever-popular John Williams with the music of "Star Wars."

This historic pairing of the Michigan Philharmonic and the Plymouth Band has never been done before — and will most certainly raise the roof as more than 130 musicians perform together on the same stage.

At this concert, a drawing will determine the winner of the Michigan Philharmonic cruise raffle. This year's prize is a riverboat cruise on the Rhine River through Switzerland, Germany and France on the Avalon Waterways line Sept. 17-24.

The winning prize is the cruise for two people plus the round-trip airfare, a \$12,000 value. Raffle tickets are \$50 and only 400 tickets will be sold. You need not be present to win.

For concert tickets and cruise raffle information or to volunteer, call 734 451-2112 or go to [www.michiganphil.org](http://www.michiganphil.org).

## Plymouth YMCA seeks new board members

With a 56-year history of supporting Plymouth and its surrounding communities, the Plymouth Family YMCA is looking for board members who are interested in furthering its commitment to youth development, healthy living and social responsibility.

"We are looking for people who reflect all segments of our community, young and old, various personal and professional skills, all religions and ethnic backgrounds, and people of color," executive director Sage Hegdal said. "Our YMCA is known for helping young people grow through athletics and camps, but we also create the opportunity for everyone in our community to live healthier lives. This is why it is important that our board is a reflection of the people we serve. We hope to expand our board to become a stronger representation

of the people who live here."

Jaqueline Ruff is a foster care specialist with the state of Michigan and is the Plymouth board's newest member. "My desire to help started early," she said. "Around the age of 3, I was removed from my biological family and adopted and I grew up in a home full of other foster and adopted children. I was very interested in what social workers and psychologists were doing when they came to the house. I took my interest further and studied human ecology at Michigan State and then family studies at Spring Arbor University. I have always been a community minded and service-driven person and now, as a board member, I can continue my desire to help through the Y."

While some board members connect with the Y because of a general sense of community, others have a specific

purpose in mind. "I joined the Y board because I wanted to set direction for youth programs, specifically Adventure Guides," board member Jeremiah Beebe said. "The program has helped my two children make friends and have experiences that they and I will always treasure."

Adventure Guides is a parent-child program designed to strengthen relationships through exploring fun activities, participating in learning experiences and developing mutual understanding. Larger activities or "Expeditions" include campouts, parties or charitable work.

Beebe admits it was his soft spot for Adventure Guides that led him to the Y board three years ago and it became the impetus for him wanting to do more. If you interested in becoming a board member, call the Plymouth Family YMCA office at 734-453-2904.

## Novi to host pool, spa show

The 22nd annual Novi Backyard, Pool & Spa Show returns Friday through Sunday, March 24-26, to the Suburban Collection Showplace in Novi.

"New this year is the consumer education and showcase area that will display the best of backyard, pool and spa projects by Association of Pool & Spa Professionals-Michigan Chapter members," said Richard Martin, president of APSP. "This expo is the one and only time per year homeowners can meet the best backyard, pool and spa professionals of Michigan in one location."

APSP is the event sponsor and a nonprofit local trade association composed of member companies in the pool, spa and backyard living business.

Exhibitors will have a wide selection on display and showcase the latest trends and innovations to fit any space or budget for enhanced backyard living relaxation and fun. Hundreds of ideas, products and services are available from the major outdoor living environment categories, includ-



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ing inground and above ground pools, spas, swim spas, hot tubs, saunas, decks, patios, fencing, awnings, outdoor kitchens and living spaces, landscaping, water features, brick paving, decorative concrete, patio furniture and accessories.

Homeowners will find the information they need about building and buying a pool or spa at show exhibits. Experts are available with tips and advice on designing, building, purchasing, planning, maintenance, safety and landscaping.

"It's time to get ready for summer and create the perfect backyard escape for swimming, exercising or entertain-

ing your family and friends," Martin said. "Start now at our show to design a new outdoor living space or renovate an existing backyard."

Suburban Collection Showplace is located at 46100 Grand River Avenue, between Novi and Beck roads. Show hours are 3-9 p.m. Friday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8, \$4 for children ages 6-14 and children ages 5 and under admitted free. Discount coupons for \$2 off adult admission are available at show's website. On-site parking is available for a fee. For show information, go to [www.NoviPoolShow.com](http://www.NoviPoolShow.com) or call 734-398-9700.

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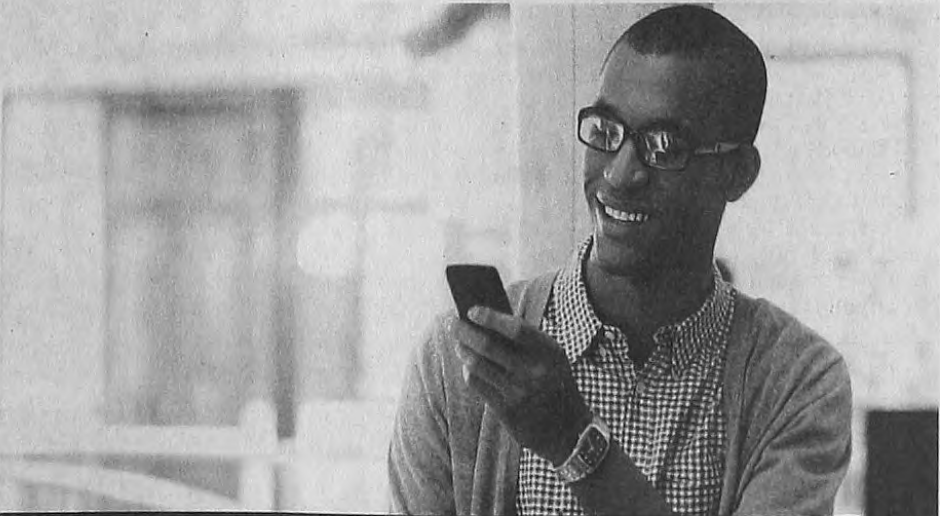
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# Unsolved homicides still haunt community

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Growing up in southeast Michigan, Darlene McKenzie and Timmy King didn't have much in common — except for the fact they were murdered more than 40 years ago and their killers were never caught.

McKenzie's body was found June 10, 1975, in the area of Interstate 696, east of Haggerty Road, in Farmington Hills. An autopsy revealed she died of strangulation, but it wasn't until December 2016 that investigators could positively identify the 15-year-old Detroit resident through new DNA samples.

King's body was discovered March 22, 1977, dumped in a ditch off Gill Road in Livonia. The 11-year-old Birmingham boy is considered the fourth and final victim of the Oakland County Child Killer.

The two cold cases are in the spotlight for different reasons: This month marks the 40th anniversary of the final Oakland County Child Killer homicide, while Crime Stoppers of Michigan is trying to spark new interest into the McKenzie case by offering a \$2,500 reward.

Farmington Hills Police Detective Chad Double said solving a cold case homicide is never an easy task.

"They take a lot longer, because we're not getting in information like we would with a more recent case," Double said. "And the reports might get passed on to different detectives, because of promotions and retirements, but that just means a new set of eyes. We definitely try and reach out to the families and let them know we're not giving up."

## 'Drop ... run and scream'

It was the evening of March 16, 1977, when King grabbed his skateboard and left his house to buy some candy at the local pharmacy on Maple Road.

A serial killer was on the loose, putting all of Oakland County on panic alert. Three children had already been kidnapped and murdered over a period of 11 months.

In each of the cases, the victims were held captive for a period of days before they were killed and their bodies dumped by the side of a road.

The first two children, Mark Stebbins of Ferndale and Jill Robinson of Royal Oak, were killed 10 months apart in 1976. The third victim, 10-year-old Kristine Mihelich, was abducted Jan. 2, 1977, after she was last seen at a 7-Eleven in Berkley. A mail carrier discovered her body 19 days later on a dead-end street in Franklin Village.

Barry King and his wife Marion were eating at Peabody's Restaurant the night their youngest child was abducted.

"After the Mihelich murder, all my kids remember me telling Tim, 'If anyone tries to pick



Forty years later, the Oakland County child killings remain unsolved.

BIRMINGHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT



This photo of Timmy King was taken at his school the day he was abducted.



Farmington Hills police provided this photo of Darlene McKenzie, who was murdered in 1975.

you up, drop everything and run and scream," King said. "But even today, if someone stopped and talked to you, you probably wouldn't run and scream — especially if you were 11."

He then shakes his head, almost as if he was trying to erase the memories.

"Part of the tragedy to me, is once Tim got into the car, he knew what would happen," he said. "That's the worst part of it all."

Tim's older brother Christopher had a baby-sitting job that evening in the neighborhood. His other brother and sister also ended up making plans, leaving Timmy alone.

King said his son was a responsible sixth-grader who did well in school and had recently taken

on his own newspaper route. It wouldn't have been unusual to leave him alone at home for a short time.

"I've wrestled with that night in my mind over 100 times," he said. "We didn't do anything that evening that I wouldn't do again."

## New leads

Farmington Hills investigators are more hopeful of solving the 42-year-old McKenzie homicide, now that police know the victim's identity.

"Before, we had no clue who she was or where she came from," Double said. "So this definitely sheds more light on the case ... we'll talk with her friends and see who she was hanging out with."

Authorities know McKenzie left her house

in Detroit following a family argument. They also suspect the murder may have occurred in Detroit and McKenzie's body was left by the freeway in Farmington Hills.

McKenzie's daughter, Carlita Ransom, 43, was an infant when her mom disappeared. She's now speaking up about the case, hoping it might lead to a reliable tip.

"She's the one who approached Detroit police about reopening the case," Double said. "She wants to find closure."

Farmington Hills police solved several cold cases in recent years, including a premeditated murder from 1993 and a botched supermarket robbery from 1979. A few years back, the department established a cold case team to help solve other past

homicides.

## Galvanizing moment

Oakland County Sheriff Mike Bouchard was a rookie police officer in Southfield Township when the serial killings took place. His former supervisor, Jerry Tobias, was one of the lead investigators in the OCCK case.

"It was probably one of the most galvanizing moments in my life," Bouchard said of the four homicides. "I was very new to police work. I was a person who was raised in a loving family and I was stunned by anyone who could hurt a child, let alone do this."

He was on routine patrol the night Timmy King was abducted. Through a countywide search warrant, Bouchard and other officers were allowed to randomly pull over vehicles to search for the young boy. "I was searching in the area of 13 Mile and Lahser," Bouchard said. "The drivers were totally supportive — they knew what was going on. We thought it was possible the child might be moved."

Bouchard also volunteered to work the phone lines and help process the thousands of tips pouring in to law enforcement. He can't help but look back on the unsolved murders with a sense of frustration.

"I'm still incredibly sad the families haven't had closure and justice was never obtained," he said. "I think it will haunt anyone who had a connection to that case. I know when Jerry Tobias died, that was heavy on his heart."

Bouchard said the case prompted him to pursue a career in law enforcement and to eventually enter the state Legislature in the 1990s, where he drafted the state's first sex offender registry act to help protect young victims of crime. He has served as Oakland County sheriff since 1999.

## 40 years of pain

King, who just turned 86, still lives in the same house in Birmingham. The family moved there 42 years ago.

He was born in New Zealand, where his father met his mother while opening a factory for General Motors in the country's capital of Wellington. They moved back to the U.S. when he was nine months old.

He served in the U.S. Navy during the early years of the Vietnam War and his house is filled with photographs of military vessels. Cabinets are also filled with family photos and there are portraits of Timmy around the house.

At the top of his list of possible suspects is Chris Busch, a convicted pedophile who committed suicide in 1978 at his family's home in Bloomfield Township. Busch was supposedly cleared of the crimes after taking a polygraph test in February 1977. A month later, Timmy King was kidnapped.

King said other people looked at the Busch polygraph and don't believe the results are conclusive. To this day, he's not sure why authorities have dismissed Busch as a suspect.

"I was told the only way this case would get solved is through a deathbed confession," King said. "At this point in my life, I doubt I'll ever know the answers I'm seeking."

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## Mail carrier attacked by dogs in Northville

Matt Helms  
Detroit Free Press

A postal worker was attacked by dogs Sunday while she delivered packages to a residence in Northville Township, officials said.

"Her clothing was torn and she did sustain bite marks on her wrist, but she will back to work this week," U.S. Postal Service spokeswoman Elizabeth Najdich said.

Police did not release the name of the worker who was bitten about noon Sunday as she attempted to deliver a package to a home. Northville Township Police Lt. Paul Tennes

said a resident opened the door and two dogs came out and made contact with the worker. Her clothes were torn and she suffered a puncture wound on the wrist.

Tennes said the worker was evaluated by a township paramedic and refused treatment. During the work week, she is mail carrier in Plymouth, but was working Sunday in Northville, when the postal service delivers packages only, the postal service said.

Police impounded both dogs and put them in quarantine to test for rabies, Tennes said. He said the owner of the dogs was cited for

two counts of having an unlicensed dog, two counts of having an animal that causes injury and two counts of not keeping animals under control.

Neither dog was a pit bull or other so-called bully breed, Tennes said, but their breeds weren't immediately available.

The postal service says letter carriers were attacked more than 6,500 times nationwide in 2015, the last year for which a count is available.

The USPS asks that postal customers to keep dogs in separate rooms with a closed door before opening the front door, because dogs sometimes

bust through screen doors or plate-glass windows to go after strangers. The agency also suggests not allowing children to take mail directly from a carrier because some dogs might view the gesture as threatening to the children.

The USPS said that if a carrier feels threatened by a vicious dog or one running loose, the carrier may ask that the owner pick up mail at a local post office until the carrier is assured that the pet will be restrained. Loose dogs in neighborhoods may also result in neighbors being asked to pick up mail at post offices.

## GRIEGER

AMY LOIS (SCOTT) died on November 30, 2016 at home in Novi, Michigan after a long illness. She was born on December 12, 1923 to Norman D. and Myrtle (Jobse) Scott in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Amy was preceded in death by Allen Grieger, her husband of 62 years, her three brothers and their wives, and her sons Richard and John. She is survived by her three daughters, Susan, Nancy, and Janet. She is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and great-great-granddaughter, Maisyn, born a week after Amy's death to her namesake. A private family service is planned at her interment in June. Donations in her memory may be made to Faith Community Presbyterian Church, 44400 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 or to a charity of your choice.



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## Three Cities hosts 18 artists at annual exhibit

Three Cities Art Club will present its fifth annual art exhibition, featuring 18 artists who showcase more than 75 original works of art in oil, acrylic, watercolor, pencil, charcoal, ceramic, reverse painting on glass and photography. The exhibit is at the Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway, north of Ford Road.

Attendees can vote for their three favorite works of art that will enter them in a drawing for a chance to win one of four limited-edition porcelain dolls, each in original packaging.

In addition to being able to purchase the works on display, there will be note cards, refrigerator magnets, matted and framed prints of the artist's



"Sunny Daze" by Gwendolyn Roth.

work and more available for purchase. Enjoy refreshments during the exhibition. Exhibit hours are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, April 1-2.

To learn more about this free event or Three Cities Art Club, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939 or marilynmeredith@wowway.com. The club website is www.threecitiesartclub.org.

# Communication important in these divisive times

David Bloom  
Guest columnist

*Correction: This column ran in the March 12 Canton Observer with the incorrect byline. It is written by David Bloom of Birmingham.*

Senator Gary Peters hails from Bloomfield Hills. Disclosure first: I voted for him in his Senate race and when he ran for Congress in our district. I also did not vote for Donald Trump, mostly because of what I considered to be the outrageous things he said during the campaign and in my view his un-presidential like conduct.

Since President Trump took office, and even beforehand, media coverage, as he careens from one morass of his own making to another,

has been ubiquitous and deafening. And while I am resigned to the likelihood that this circus will continue while he remains in office, I certainly hope that it will not.

So when an equally obnoxious email from Sen. Peters arrived in my inbox recently I didn't appreciate it either. In it, our senator writes: "Trump wants to damage middle class families by trying to strong arm his unqualified nominees into office..."

Characterizing our president with nefarious and evil intent to harm the middle class of our country, in my opinion, is just as corrosive to the functioning of our democratic system as some of the president's conduct. Had Sen. Peters written "I believe Trumps policies and actions will hurt the middle class..." I wouldn't have had a problem with it and I wouldn't be writing this column. The Senator is certainly entitled to his opinion and to share it. Many people in our country also feel this

way.

But there are many others, including academics, who cast enough votes to elect the president that believe his proposals will make things better for the middle class, not worse. And although I may or may not agree with the president's policies, saying that he wants to deliberately harm the middle class is a statement way over the line, and only serves to add fuel to the political fires burning in Washington, making it more difficult for our government officials to work together toward getting anything accomplished.

After reaching out to the senator's office for comment regarding my concern, I was told that the letter came from his campaign office and a day later, Amber Moon, his press spokeswoman, contacted me to discuss these concerns. After a few discussions and emails, she provided the following statement for this column: "Throughout his career in public service, Senator Peters has always strived to

work across the aisle and find bipartisan, commonsense solutions to the problems facing Michigan.

"He remains open to working with President Trump, but will stand up when he is not acting in the best interests of Michigan families. Sen. Peters is extremely discouraged by President Trump's divisive approach since taking office, which includes a number of cabinet secretaries whose policies are harmful to Michigan's middle class — from privatizing Medicare, repealing the Affordable Care Act, cutting taxes for big corporations, undermining public education and rolling back clean air and water protections."

I am certainly glad that Sen. Peters remains open to working with President Trump, which is the way I believe it should be, and I hope that in these divisive times we will all be more careful in how we publicly communicate our opinions so that we can try to work together to make things better.

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All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 1:00 P.M., April 5, 2017 at the Northville Board of Education-Room 104, 501 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167.

A pre-bid walk through is scheduled for Wednesday March 22, 2017 beginning at 8:00am beginning at Northville Public Schools Office main entrance lobby, 501 West Main Street, Northville MI 48167. This meeting is not mandatory however bidders are encouraged to visit the site, familiarity is presumed as a condition of the bid.

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Roland Hwang, Secretary  
Northville Public Schools, Board of Education

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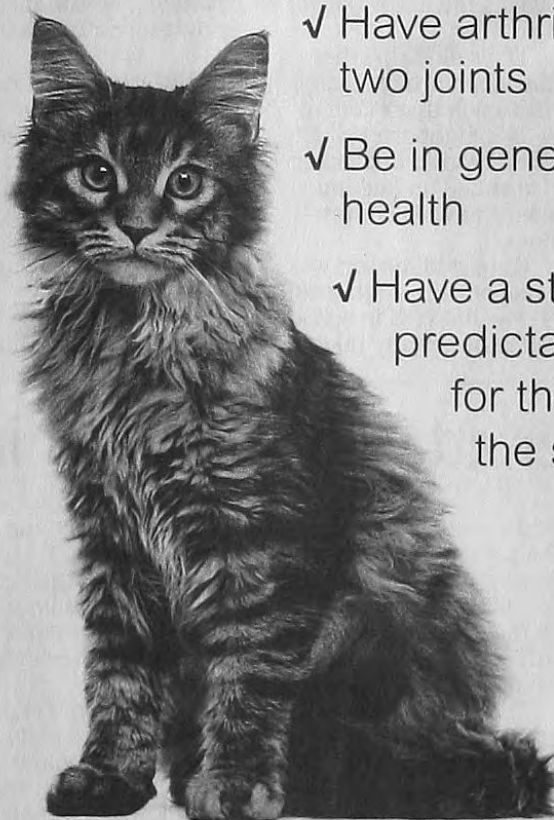
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# Cleanup continues of wind-blown litter from landfill

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Heavy snowfall Monday hampered cleanup efforts in western Northville Township, where strong winds March 8 blew trash from the Arbor Hills landfill onto nearby roadways and neighboring properties.

Advanced Disposal, which owns the landfill at Six Mile and Napier in Salem Township, had between 15 and 20 workers out picking up trash Monday morning, but their work turned to snow removal shortly before noon, as the snow made it too difficult to see litter on the ground and too dangerous to retrieve it from snow-laden trees, company spokesman Joe Kohn said.

The March 8 windstorm, which felled trees and knocked out electrical power to hundreds of



JOE KOHN

An Advanced Disposal worker picks up trash following the March 8 winds that blew litter from the Arbor Hills landfill.

thousands of households and businesses in the Detroit area, took significant amounts of lighter trash — paper, paper and plastic bags, small boxes, pieces of cardboard and the like — from Arbor Hills and left it stuck in trees, fences and brush and lying in roadside ditches in both Salem and Northville townships.

Kohn said the snowfall made it difficult to estimate when cleanup would be complete, as litter was

covered by snow, but added that Advanced would stay on the job.

"The bottom line is we're going to stay at it until the job is done," Kohn said Monday.

Cleanup started March 9, the day after the high winds, and Advanced made "a ton of progress" since then, Kohn said, including cleaning up Thayer Cemetery, the Thayer Corners Nature Area and in a Advanced-owned buffer parcel on

the southeast corner of Six Mile and Napier.

Some areas had been visited two or three times by cleanup workers, he said, and workers had also been into subdivisions and picked up trash on private properties with owners' permission.

Some nearby Northville Township residents, however, said they weren't happy with the progress.

"I didn't get any real garbage in my yard, however, all along Six mile between Napier and Beck, there is a lot of garbage that I see on my way to work," Dave Horan, who lives in the Steeplechase subdivision, north of Six Mile and east of Napier, wrote in a Monday email.

Just east of Napier, Horan added, there was still a lot of garbage stuck in trees. Horan said he knew of some township

residents who were cleaning up their own yards.

Kohn said that workers had been using poles to grab trash stuck in trees until that became too risky because of Monday's snowfall. Trash that initially landed in trees sometimes falls to the ground later, he added, one of the reasons a second or third "pass" of a given area by cleanup workers might be needed.

Tracey Birkenhauer, another nearby resident and the founder of Stop Arbor Hills, a group working to block any expansion of the landfill, said Monday that "they really haven't made a dent" with the cleanup.

"This is massive blight. This is pollution, this is blight, this is litter," Birkenhauer said.

A recent Michigan Department of Environmental Quality report

said that Arbor Hills took in more waste, more than 6 million cubic yards, than any other landfill in the state during the 2016 fiscal year.

Larry Bean, a district supervisor with the MDEQ's waste management and radiological protection division, said Monday he was satisfied with Advanced's cleanup. Many Michigan landfills experienced similar issues because of the high winds, Bean said.

Advanced concentrated its efforts first on public areas outside its property, Bean said, and worked its way back toward the landfill property. Much landfill trash, Kohn noted, was caught by a fence surrounding Arbor Hills, which had to be cleaned up.

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IIHF WOMEN'S WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

## Boycott won't ice World Championship

Without fairer compensation, U.S. women's national team players set to stay away from tourney in Plymouth

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With about two weeks left before the United States faces Canada in the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship, nobody knows which athletes will don the red, white and blue at USA Hockey Arena in Plymouth.

Unless there is a thaw in icy negotiations between USA Hockey and players on the U.S. Women's National Team — including defenseman and Farmington native Megan Keller — the squad that plays in the March 31 contest and in at least two subsequent games will be composed of the next best 23 players. "We will field a competitive and fun

team to watch," Dave Fischer, senior director of communications for USA Hockey in Colorado Springs (Col.) said during a Wednesday afternoon telephone call. "The great news for USA Hockey is that we have a very deep player pool with a lot of talented players that can populate the ice to play on our women's national team."

But Fischer said the goal remains for "the players that we have previously announced be a part of that team and we'll see where it goes."

Fischer said plans are still in place to begin a training camp at Centre Ice Arena in Traverse City beginning



Farmington's Megan Keller (right) and teammates reportedly will boycott the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship unless there is progress in contract talks with USA Hockey. JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

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PREP SPOTLIGHT



Matt Malcolm proudly wears the same No. 33 his mom wore as a women's basketball player at Notre Dame. But he is carving out his own legacy at Plymouth Christian Academy. BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## BASKETBALL, FAITH AND FAMILY ALL GO TOGETHER FOR PLYMOUTH CHRISTIAN'S MALCOLM

Tim Smith  
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Matt Malcolm enjoys launching the basketball from well behind the 3-point arc when playing for Plymouth Christian Academy.

"I like deep threes, for sure," said the 16-year-old junior wing guard for the Eagles, who recently won a Class D district for the first time since 2010.

That's no surprise to anybody who knows the Malcolms, considering mom Annie (Schwartz) played Division I basketball for Notre Dame in the 1980s and played driveway basketball games with Matt and his older sisters Kristin and Jen.

Matt laughed about playing drive-

way hoops against her mom, dad (Greg) and siblings.

"Growing up, she'd always beat me in Around the World, P-I-G, whatever we played in the driveway," Malcolm said with a laugh.

These days, maybe he'd let shots fly from the lawn — or the street.

"I don't play him anymore because he's too good now," Annie Malcolm said. "But it's true that I used to beat him regularly in shooting contests when he was younger. When he was really young, I would sometimes let him win, but as he got older, he insisted that I try my hardest, so I did."

But basketball and family always have gone together like a hand in glove for the Malcolms — exceeded only by their

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MALCOLM FAMILY PHOTO Annie (Schwartz) Malcolm's late 1980s basketball jersey from her playing days at Notre Dame (left) and Matt Malcolm's Plymouth Christian jersey have something in common.



MALCOLM FAMILY PHOTO Family, faith and basketball are the spokes in the Malcolm family wheel. From left are Kristin, Jennifer, Matt, Greg and Annie Malcolm, pictured last summer on vacation in Harbor Springs.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Plymouth Christian downed in regional final

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When the final horn sounded Wednesday, the Plymouth Christian Academy varsity boys basketball team lost by 10 points to Lansing Christian in a Class D regional final.

But ask Eagles head coach Matt Windle or his players and they'd tell you the game was much closer than the 68-58 score indicated.

Windle said PCA actually rallied late in the third quarter and during the fourth to eventually take a one-point lead with under three minutes remaining.

"We definitely had control of the game (at that point)," Windle said. "We had gotten to the line a couple times in the fourth and we couldn't hit free throws, which did not help. If we make

those free throws, I think we very much could have won that game."

The Eagles, finishing 16-8 for the season, were that close to perhaps winning the first boys basketball regional championship in school history.

### They want more

"With us now getting a little taste of the tournament, our guys are already hungry for more," Windle said. "They were asking me what summer stuff we are doing already."

"Now that we have seen what it takes to compete (for) a regional championship, these guys will be ready to come back and win one next year. We have goals as a team and as a program to win a state title next year in basketball. We believe we are capable."

Regional host Lansing Christian

undoubtedly benefited from the home court advantage, but also from having a senior-laden roster — especially compared with PCA.

Leading the way was senior Matt Havey, who scored 32 points. Senior Preston Granger added 17.

For PCA, juniors Matt Malcolm and Max Okolo registered 19 and 18 points, respectively. Okolo also led the Eagles with 10 rebounds.

PCA's Levi Yakuber chipped in 13 points and eight assists.

"It was a battle," Windle said. "Lansing Christian has seven seniors and started five. We have two seniors that played last night and only one (Brian Schlientz) played a significant amount."

"We played our five starters most of the game with very little subbing. Like I said, Lansing has a senior-stacked team."

The Pilgrims enjoyed leads of 13-9 after one quarter and 30-23 at halftime, but PCA started chipping away in the third (trailing 47-42 entering the fourth).

"We had a strong stretch in the third quarter to cut it to five by the end of the third," Windle said. "We kept up that intensity going into the fourth."

"We forced some quick possessions by Lansing and came back to hit some big buckets."

But after missing key free throws, the Pilgrims got back on track with Havey scoring on a couple of drives.

"They closed the fourth hitting all of their free throws and we couldn't come back," Windle said.

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## GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Detroit Country Day returns to final four

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Detroit Country Day is headed to the final four of the girls basketball Class B state tournament for the third consecutive year.

The Yellowjackets earned that distinction by topping Mumford, 58-49, in the state quarterfinal Tuesday at Marysville High School. Country Day (24-1) was to play defending Class B state champion Marhsall (23-2) in a semifinal game Friday at the Breslin Center on the Michigan State University campus (after this paper went to press).

"I enjoy the fact that we battled tonight and worked our way back to Breslin," veteran DCD head coach Frank Orlando said. "We're going to have our hands full with Marshall, but it's a great opportunity for our program and a great thing for our kids to be playing in the semifinals."

Country Day was tested by a pesky Mumford squad that refused to go away.

The Yellowjackets held a seemingly comfortable 36-20 halftime lead. However, the Mustangs showed up strong in the second half.

DCD was outscored in the third quarter and led by just 12 heading into

the final eight minutes. Mumford got to within seven points on a couple of occasions against the Yellowjackets, whose star player and Miss Basketball candidate Destiny Pitts fouled out.

Country Day managed to control the game and remained alive in the tournament with the hard-earned nine-point victory. It was the first time in five tournament games that DCD was held to less than a double-digit victory.

"It was a tough game for us," said Orlando, whose team advanced to the quarterfinal round of the 20th straight season. "We were cruising through the first half and then the game kind of evened out. Destiny fouled out and I got a technical. Mumford played hard against us today."

Kaela Webb led Country Day's offense with a game-high 20 points. Pitts, a senior guard, finished with 14.

Mumford's leading scorers were Donette Colbert (15) and Shardaye Yarborough (10).

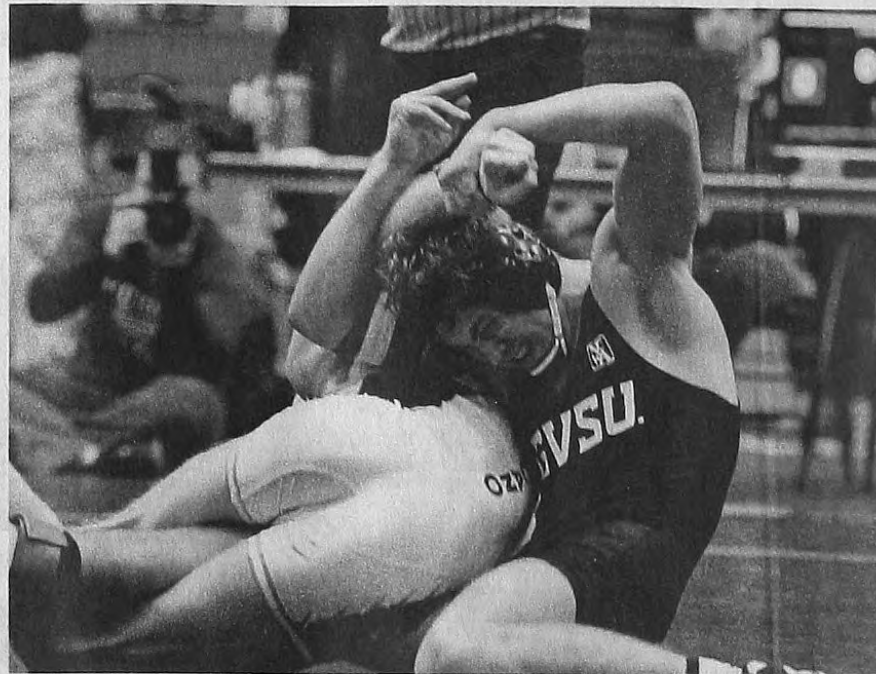
Friday's other Class B semifinal featured a pair of undefeated teams, Ypsilanti Arbor Prep (26-0), last year's Class C state champion, played Freeland (26-0).

The semifinal winners played Saturday for the state championship.



Orlando

## All-America frosh



DAN DWYER

After Dylan Dwyer (right) completed an all-state wrestling career at Plymouth High School, he has made an immediate impact at the collegiate level. Dwyer, a freshman at Grand Valley State University, went 4-1 at the recent National Collegiate Wrestling Association tournament in Allen, Texas, to finish third and earn NCWA All-America honors. Dwyer compiled a 43-3 record this season and was the NCWA Great Lakes champion at 149 pounds.

## MALCOLM

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faith, of course.

"My relationship with God is very important to me," Malcolm said. "And being in this Christian environment, where we obviously go to chapel and have Bible classes, is really important."

"Shapes me to be the person I am and in athletics. All my coaches have been wonderful and my teammates, I couldn't ask for any better."

### Bracket fun

Matt Malcolm couldn't ask for a better family, either, especially one that puts a premium on basketball.

The March Madness college basketball tournament, for example, is as good an excuse as any for the family to hang out and watch hoops.

"I've been making brackets since I was probably 5, which is kind of funny," Malcolm said. "Always have a clipboard of all our brackets, very competitive."

Annie Malcolm said all but Kristin are at their Plymouth home this time around to watch the games and win bracket bragging rights.

"For the second year in a row, the opening weekend of the NCAA tourney coincides with Jen's spring break from college," Annie said. "So four out of five of us Malcolms will get to watch the first round of games together."

Is it a family expectation to root for Notre Dame, considering Annie's status as an alum?

"I don't know," Matt said with a shake of his head. "I like Kansas and Baylor."

### Double threes

And then there is the rather cool fact that his mom is his basketball "idol."

As numerical proof, the youngest Malcolm's uniform is affixed with No. 33 on the front and back.

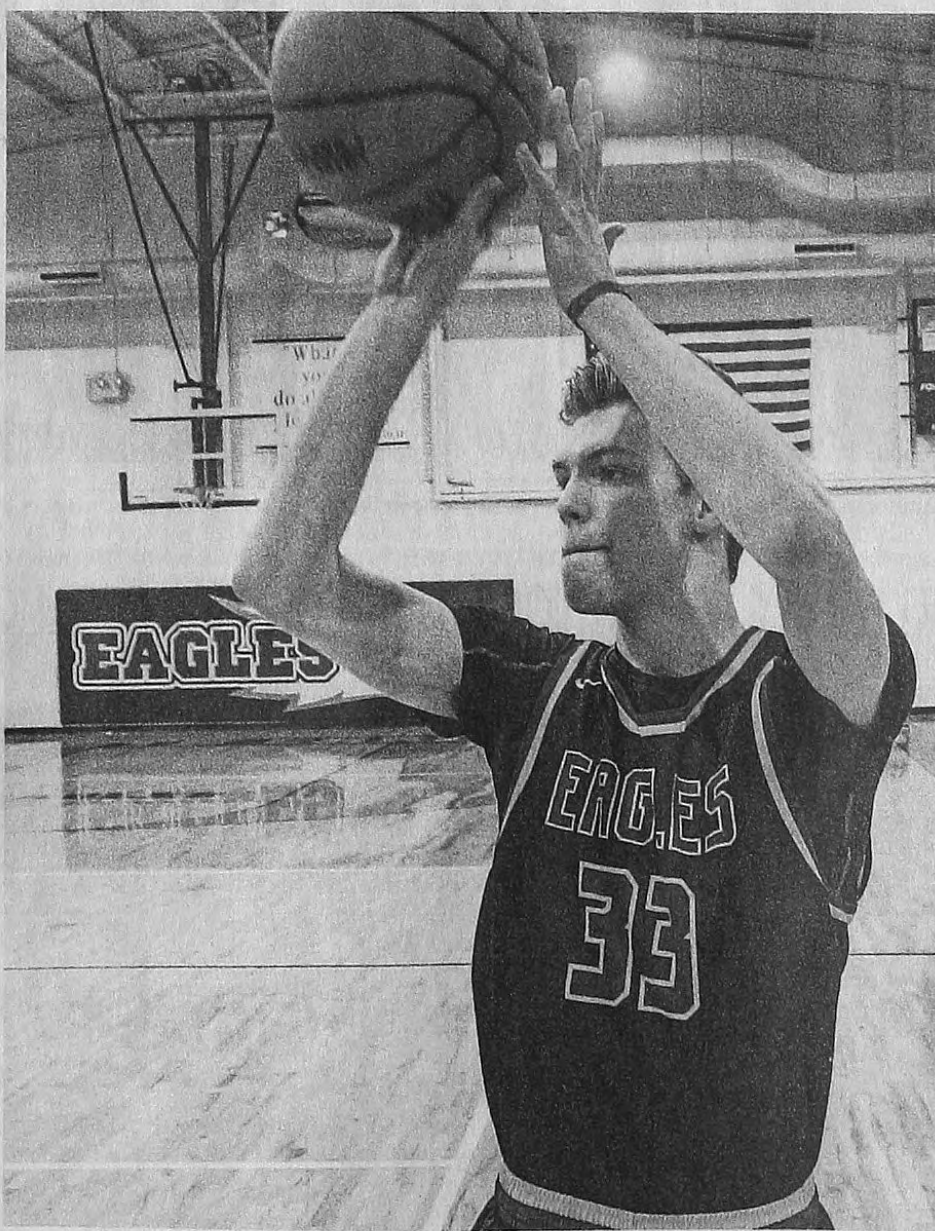
He asked for that number because it was the one 6-3 forward Annie Schwartz wore between 1986-90 with the Fighting Irish — fresh off an all-state high school career in basketball and volleyball at Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard (where she met Greg Malcolm).

"The family was always fans of (Boston Celtics legend) Larry Bird, but I think that was just a coincidence," Matt said, about how he came to wear No. 33. "Freshman year (at PCA) is when I started wearing it. She liked it. When I brought (the uniform) home, she brought her jersey out, too, and we put them side by side."

"Basketball's a huge focus for the family and, besides God, I'd say it's one of our highest priorities."

That's sure to earn some points around the Malcolm household, especially with Annie (who is a game-day regular at PCA, working the scorer's table).

"When our kids were little, they observed our passion for the game and



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Taking a shot during a recent Plymouth Christian Academy basketball practice is junior wing Matt Malcolm.

wanted to be a part of that," Annie said. "As they got older, they developed their own love, for not only playing, but watching it as well."

The sport perhaps was a consideration in the late 1990s, when the Malcolms looked for a Christian school to enroll young Kristin and Jennifer (ages 5 and 3 at the time) into.

"I checked out about six or seven different schools and the family joke is that I chose Plymouth Christian Academy because it was the only one that had a full-size gym with a wood floor," Annie Malcolm said. "We enrolled the girls in the fall of 1999 and the rest, as they say, is history."

"We love the school and have been hugely blessed by having all three of our kids attend there."

### Nod to genetics

When Matt was in middle school, his older sisters were tearing up the Michigan Independent Athletic Conference, in both volleyball and basketball. His

mom also was coach of the PCA middle school boys basketball team, too.

Looking back at his middle school days, having his mom as coach could have been an awkward situation. But it couldn't have turned out better.

"She used to coach when I was in middle school and she'd take some shots and stuff," Matt said. "I think they (teammates) realized she was a good shooter and they also (heard) she went to Notre Dame on a full-ride. That's a D-I school."

The Malcolm kids obviously inherited good, athletic and competitive genes from both parents. Greg was a basketball player and ran cross country and track at Gabriel Richard.

"I get my athleticism from my dad and my shot from my mom," Matt said with a grin.

Kristin, who graduated in 2012 from PCA, was an all-conference basketball player in ninth grade. But she gave the sport up for the rest of her prep career to focus on volleyball.

*"When our kids were little, they observed our passion for the game. ... As they got older, they developed their own love, for not only playing, but watching it as well."*

ANNIE MALCOLM

mother of PCA junior Matt Malcolm

That was the right choice, as she was first team all-state her junior and senior years before going to Hillsdale College on a combined volleyball and academic scholarship. She also was a National Merit Scholar.

Next in line was Jennifer, a four-year performer in both sports and a key member of three regional championship teams (two in volleyball, one in basketball).

"The highlight of both of their careers was making it to the state finals in volleyball in 2010, which was the first time a PCA team sport had ever advanced beyond the regional finals," Annie said. "Matt was in fifth grade that year and I'll never forget how excited and proud he was of his big sisters."

### Gym dandy

Plymouth Christian has been nothing but a positive for Matt, where his own basketball career has flourished.

This season, which ended Wednesday in a Class D regional final loss at Lansing Christian, was a launching pad for the 6-4 Malcolm and PCA.

Despite being sidelined five games with injuries to each ankle, he was a scoring threat for PCA head coach, athletic director and family friend Matt Windle.

"I think he's 90 points away from hitting 1,000," Windle said. "He had a 38-point game (earlier this season) against Lansing Christian, he's had at least five other games with 20 or more points this year. He fills it up for us when he needs to."

Windle also describes Malcolm as a "gym rat," who possesses enviable traits of strong work ethic and leadership.

"He's had a couple ankle injuries, but he likes getting his work in," Windle said. "That's the mentality and culture we want to start building here, going to work and doing what you have to do for the team. He's doing what he has to do."

Malcolm said he loves going to PCA and being part of a successful basketball team is nothing but bonus points.

"It's all been fun," he said. "These have been my friends, playing with them since fifth grade."

"For us to be playing in high school and meshing and doing some big things together, that's really been the highlight of my year."

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USA HOCKEY

# NTDP U18s keep battling, win 5-2

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Yes, Friday was St. Patrick's Day. But Dubuque Fighting Saints goaltender Jaxon Castor had Team USA seeing red for a while during the United States Hockey League tilt at USA Hockey Arena.

With brilliant work between the pipes by Castor, Dubuque — sporting uniforms nearly identical to what the Detroit Red Wings wore at the 2017 NHL Centennial Classic in Toronto — proved to be a tough nut to crack for the U.S. National Team Development Program Under-18 team.

But once Team USA solved Castor, it was all good in a 5-2 victory.

The U18 squad persevered and ultimately came away with three of its goals off net-mouth rebounds. Leading the way with a goal and an assist each were forwards Josh Norris and Evan Barrett, while goalie Dylan St. Cyr (Northville) made 17 saves for the win.

"Josh epitomizes what it means to play 200 feet," U18 head coach John Wroblewski said. "He's awesome on face-offs, he takes a lot of pride in doing the things that are important for the team. And then you get him into the offensive zone and he's dangerous. He can make plays or he can rip it by you."

Castor was the star of the first period, however, making 15 saves, including many of the dangerous variety.

Less than a minute into the game, Castor slid across to get his right toe on a shot taken from the slot by Norris, one of four players on the squad who will play next year at Michigan. Norris wasn't discouraged in the least, earning honors as the game's No. 1 star.

"I think I had a couple really good chances in the first period, a couple really good plays by (Scott) Reedy and Slaggs (Graham Slaggett)," Norris said. "I tried to stay with it, I was a little bit frustrated.



Blocking a Dubuque shot Friday is NTDP Under-18 forward Josh Norris (bottom), the game's No. 1 star. In goal for Team USA is Northville's Dylan St. Cyr.

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That comes with not scoring when you know you probably should."

St. Cyr snagged a shot by Patrick Kudla and kicked out a hard drive from Scott Corbett, but then the goals started coming fast and furious. For a while, at least.

Quinn Preston, standing alone in front of St. Cyr, slammed home a centering feed with 12:24 remaining to put the Fighting Saints in front.

A flurry in the Dubuque zone finally paid off for the home team with 7:24 left. Barrett chipped in the rebound of Tyler

Inamoto's chance, evening the score at 1-1.

Nearly 90 seconds later, Team USA went up 2-1 when forward Brady Tkachuk scored on another rebound. The lead didn't last long, however, as Dubuque's Zach Solow scored.

Team USA went ahead for the first time with 16:29 to go in the middle period. Norris centered the puck in front to defenseman Nate Knoepke, whose one-timer from between the circles zoomed past Castor.

St. Cyr wasn't as busy as Castor, but he made several timely stops and then the

U18s scored an insurance goal at 19:20 of the second, when Reedy tipped in a shot by Joel Farabee.

Closing the scoring late in the period was Norris, who knocked in his own rebound after being denied twice in front by Castor (27 saves).

A key to the win was strong work on the penalty kill, particularly during the final two periods. Dubuque had a string of power plays, but could not get shots through. Team USA also killed off a five-minute major in the third with little if any turbulence around St. Cyr.

PREP FOOTBALL

# Anderson takes the reins at Catholic Central

Defensive coordinator to succeed Tom Mach as Shamrocks football head coach

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DETROIT CATHOLIC CENTRAL  
Defensive coordinator Dan Anderson succeeds Tom Mach as Catholic Central's varsity football coach.

Dan Anderson just recently celebrated his 48th birthday. Thursday morning, he got the ultimate present.

After a month-long search, Novi Detroit Catholic Central High announced Thursday that 10-year defensive coordinator will succeed Tom Mach as its varsity football head coach.

Anderson was introduced as the Shamrocks new coach prior to the start of classes at the Robert Santello Gymnasium before current players, administrators and staff.

Anderson succeeds the 69-year-old Mach, who retired in early February after 41 seasons. Mach ranked third among all Michigan High School Athletic Association coaches in wins with 370, including 10 state championships.

Mach's win total ranks behind only Birmingham Brother Rice's Al Fracassa and Farmington Hills Harrison's John Herrington. In Mach's final season, CC went 13-1 and reached the Division 1 state finals before losing to Detroit Cass Tech.

"I'm overjoyed, excited, can't wait to get started," Anderson said. "My head is spinning right now and it has been since yesterday, when they told that I got the job. Just a lot of happiness right now."

Catholic Central's search committee, spearheaded by athletic director Aaron

Babicz, interviewed a host of candidates. Anderson proved to be its No. 1 choice.

"I wanted to make sure that they understood the tradition that Tom Mach had created was going to continue," Anderson said. "There's going to be changes, obviously, because the program eventually needs to kind of reflect my attitudes and that sort of stuff. At the same time, you never replace a legend. You try and carry on the traditions that they started and I think that's what I tried to convey to them, that I wanted to carry on the traditions that Tom started, the family atmosphere that we have here, the brotherhood that we have here. And a lot of that Tom promoted and I wanted to make sure

that they knew that was going to continue."

Anderson said he plans to tweak a few things as CC football enters a new era.

"I don't see the defense changing a whole lot," Anderson said. "I'm an option guy. When I was an offensive coordinator, I was option guy. I like the flex bone and that sort of stuff. There's a lot of stuff we have to look at, though, as far as personnel and what we can and cannot do."

Anderson was born in Pontiac and lived in Michigan for eight years before moving to Dayton, Ohio, where he attended Kettering Archbishop Alter High School.

The former University of Pittsburgh offensive guard (1987-92), who played under Mike Gottfried and Paul Hackett, got his coaching start at Penn Hills (Pa.), where he spent one season before going to Pomfret (Md.) McDonough High, where he served four seasons before returning to his alma mater as an assistant at Archbishop Alter.

**Full-circle**

Anderson was the head coach for three seasons at Alter, where he was named Greater Catholic League Head Coach of the Year in 1996.

"I felt like I came full-circle getting the job at my old high school," Anderson said. "Through a transfer, I got moved up to Michigan and then I applied to 30 different schools and Catholic Central was the first to offer me a job, so I took it and I've been here 18 years now."

He became the Shamrocks defensive coordinator under Mach in 2007 after being involved with the football pro-

gram starting as a freshman assistant coach.

In 2008, he was recognized by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association as its Assistant Coach of the Year.

In his 24 years of high school football, Anderson has coached a number of different positions.

"There was an extensive interview process for the position that provided the CC search committee the ability to interact with some great mentors and football minds from around the state, but when it came down to it, coach Anderson's connection to the Catholic Central community clearly set him apart from the rest of the field," Babicz said in the press release. "One of the key factors in the search for a new head coach was the factor of the Basilian charism of goodness, discipline and knowledge developed through authentic relationships between students and staff."

Anderson has taught and coached at CC since 1999, serving a variety of roles at the school, including social studies instructor, dean of students and freshman basketball coach.

"We see the athletics programs as an extension of our classrooms and coach Anderson has been living the CC mission for more than 15 years," Babicz added. "As a teacher and a coach, he will undoubtedly lead our program into the future with nothing but the best intentions for our school, our community and, most importantly, our young men."

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COLLEGE BOWLING

# Schoolcraft College squads come up big on the national stage

Gury is national champion, Jackson earns first team All-America honors

The Schoolcraft College men's and women's bowling teams made their way March 2-4 to the NJCAA National Bowling Tournament in Buffalo, N.Y., and, similar to previous tournaments during the season, did not leave town empty-handed.

The Ocelots came away with a men's individual national champion (Matt Gury) and a women's first team All-American (Kayla Jackson).

As a team, the Lady Ocelots finished the two-day tournament fifth in the 16-team field, while the men came in sixth place out of 18 teams. The women finished with an overall pin count of 10,768, holding off Hudson Valley CC from Troy, N.Y., by 250 pins to be in the top five. The men scored an 11,960 total, just nine pins shy of fifth-place Mohawk Valley CC, located in Utica, N.Y.

"We fought hard. It was definitely a marathon, not a sprint," head coach Patrick Yelsik said of the tournament format, which combined 21 total games over a two-day period. "There were some very, very good teams there, but we showed that we were one of them."

Gury, a freshman, stole the show in the singles competition, rolling a 650 three-game series to take home the



SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE ATHLETICS  
Schoolcraft College's men's and women's bowling teams had plenty of success in 2016-17.

national title. Gury was 32 pins clear of the second-place finisher, who was from Erie Community College and was bowling at his home lanes.

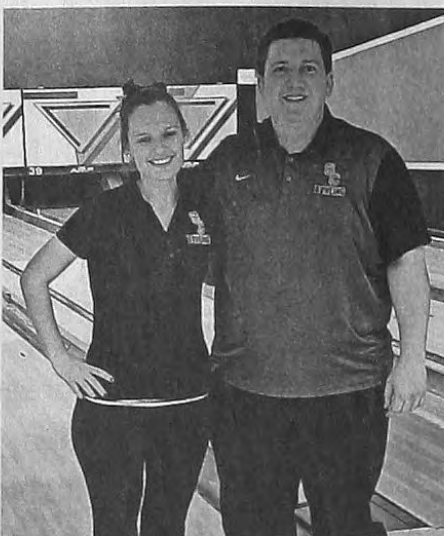
"I didn't score as well as I wanted in the competition prior to the singles event," Gury said. "So I stopped analyzing every shot and over-thinking it and, basically, just went out there and just had fun."

The bright lights of the national tournament didn't stop Jackson from what she has been doing all season long, which is knocking pins down at an eye-popping clip. The freshman from Flat Rock spun a 2,205 pinfall over the 12 games of the individual portion of the tournament, a 183.8 per-game average,

which was good for third place overall and a spot on the All-America first team.

"Because I knew we were going to bowl a lot of games, it helped take the pressure off because I knew if I struggled a game or two, there was enough games to make up for it, so I was able to really relax," Jackson said. "Strikes are flashy and that's what everybody wants, but in a lengthy tournament like this, spares are what keep you in the running."

Both Ocelots teams finish the season with first-place finishes in eight tournaments entered, including a conference and regional championship for each to go along with their fifth- and



SCHOOLCRAFT COLLEGE ATHLETICS  
Kayla Jackson (left) and Matt Gury enjoyed award-winning performances at the NJCAA National Bowling Tournament in Buffalo, N.Y.

sixth-place national finish, respectively.

"We're at a place with our program where we're not content just going and being a part of tournaments like these, we want to compete and perform well," Yelsik said. "We accomplished a lot this year and took a big step forward. All the credit goes to the kids, it shows that hard work pays off. I'm extremely proud of them all."

# Extravaganza to help ease new students into P-CEP

**Tim Smith**  
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Next fall, a new batch of ninth-graders will step into the world of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park.

That can be an eye-opener for some, what with a campus of more than 6,000 students. It is a campus that rivals some small colleges and where there is a plethora of athletics and activities for them to get involved with.

To help those soon-to-be ninth-grad-

ers — and their parents — get an early chance to dip their toes into the Park waters, the annual Eighth Grade Extravaganza is scheduled for 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at Canton, Plymouth and Salem high schools.

Youngsters from all middle schools in Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district and their parents are invited to check out the many stations where information about clubs and teams will be available to peruse.

"The event is important to incoming

freshman," said Julie Baechler, parent of current and former Canton athletes. "The size of the Park is intimidating to a lot of people, parents and students both.

"The Extravaganza gives the families a chance to see how many different opportunities there are to participate in sports, clubs, groups and to actually talk to representatives from those groups. This seems to put them at ease and realize the Park is a welcoming environment."

Eighth-graders also will have the chance to find out about any summer activities they might want to check out, including tryouts, camps and clinics.

"This is another great way incoming freshmen can become involved and make friends before they even get to school in the fall," Baechler said.

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## BOYCOTT

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March 22 before shifting March 29 to USA Hockey Arena.

It remains to be seen whether players such as Keller will take part or whether participants will be those selected from a "broad player pool" to essentially replace boycotting players.

### Option B

"It's certainly not optimal, that's for sure," Fischer said. "But life is filled with many challenges and we will, again, make efforts to get to a good place with the players that we named to the women's national team and have them participate.

"But if that is not the case, for whatever reason, then we will make sure we have a team in the world championship."

Progress at the bargaining table reportedly is needed to avoid a player boycott of the long-awaited International Ice Hockey Federation tournament, which will feature teams from eight countries.

In the Detroit Free Press, it was reported Wednesday that players are looking to receive "appropriate compensation" for non-Olympic years.

According to a statement released by a law firm representing the players, USA Hockey only pays players \$1,000 a month during their six-month Olympic residency period and "virtually nothing" the rest of the time.

But Jim Smith, president of USA Hockey, said in a press release Wednesday that USA Hockey's role is to train and select teams for international competition and "not to employ athletes and we will not do so. USA Hockey will continue to provide world-leading support for our athletes."

Meanwhile, players on the U.S. women's national team for the 2018 Winter Olympic Games will be supported during a six-month training camp to the tune of "additional support stipends and incentives for medals that could result



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Because of an apparent boycott ahead of the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship in Plymouth, these players — shown congratulating each other during a December tournament — probably won't be anywhere near USA Hockey Arena between March 31 and April 7.

in each player receiving nearly \$85,000 in cash over the Olympic training and performance period," the press release continued.

### Still supportive

"There are differences of opinion in terms of what is an equitable way forward," Fischer said. "Those are what we're in the process of trying to resolve."



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"We make efforts to help athletes, particularly the post-graduate athletes that are out of college, with a training stipend so they have some resources. Again, we support in many, many ways in terms of the best in coaching and strength and conditioning, resources for travel and training. There's much done and the premise from the current group is that we're not doing enough."

Fischer emphasized that USA Hockey remains a strong supporter of girls and women's hockey.

"We've worked hard over the course of multiple decades in the development and growth of girls and women's hockey," he added. "When women's hockey was first introduced into the Olympics in 1998, we had 28,000 and change in terms of players that are girls and women and today we have more than 73,000."

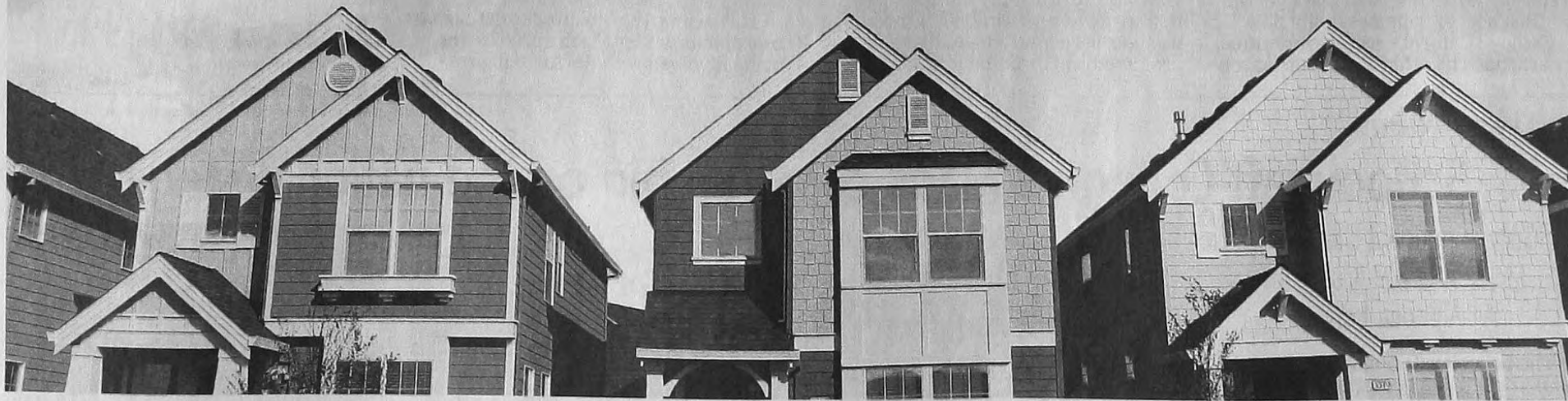
In addition to the United States, other countries to compete at the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championship include Canada, Russia, Finland, Sweden, Switzerland, Germany and the Czech Republic.

The opening game is Friday, March 31, when the Czech Republic and Switzerland square off at noon.

Preliminary round games involving the United States are slated for 7:30 p.m. March 31 against Canada, 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 1, against Russia; 7:30 p.m. Monday, April 3, against Finland. Playoffs are set to take place April 4-7.

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## Try tapping these resources to find a job

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Navigating today's job market is a daunting task. With so many apps and websites out there, it can be difficult to know where to turn for help when you're searching for a new position. And choosing the right resource is only half the battle. You must also use it the right way.

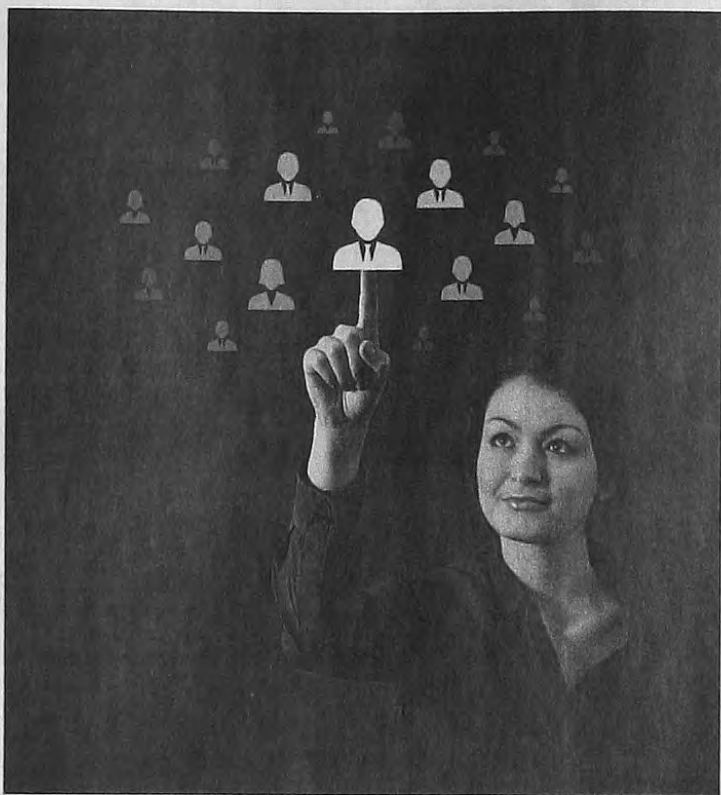
Here are a few proven resources to help you land your dream job.

### Job boards

Online job boards are a great place to start your job search, says Beth Griffiths, a recruiting expert with Zest Education, a Birmingham, England-based recruitment agency. These sites usually allow you to search for jobs based on your preferences. You can also receive email alerts of new job postings based on those preferences so you never miss an opportunity.

### College and alumni associations

One of the most overlooked job seeker resources is your college alumni office, says Carlota Zimmerman, success strategist, Huffington Post contributor and keynote speaker. "The diploma is only



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one reason you went to college," Zimmerman says. "Your alumni association is the true pay off. Most job seekers [don't know] how to put their alumni associations to work for them. Besides the data bank, many alumni associations nowadays offer free résumé and career coaching."

Local alumni events are also a great place to network and make connections, says Robin Sendrow, founder of Job-Sparker, a New York-based career counseling website.

### Social media

While it's usually not a good idea to send friend requests to recruiters or potential employers, Facebook and other social media platforms are emerging as a reputable resource for job seekers. Facebook recently announced it is adding a feature that will allow you to apply to a position directly through a company's Facebook page, says Moréa Pollet, a marketing specialist at Piedmont Avenue Consulting.

Twitter is also a great resource. Follow companies, job forums and industry leaders and join their conversations. Most companies don't get a lot of engagement from followers, so it's likely that your retweet, favorite or reply will be noticed. It's a great way to get on a company's radar.

### Networking

"When it comes to finding a job, community has always been the job seeker's best tool," says Susan Joyce, owner and operator of Job-Hunt.org. "Your connections can provide you with information, introductions and advice that help you land a job. Now, thanks to technology and the internet, job seekers' networks are bigger than ever." Begin by attending industry-specific engagements so you're meeting people in fields directly related to your areas of interest. A happy hour event offers a relaxed atmosphere that lends itself to the small talk necessary to start building a bigger network.

Networking doesn't always have to be done in person, though. Online professional networking is important too. While it may seem easier than meeting face-to-face, only a small segment of the population uses the online resource correctly, says Sendrow. She suggests using professional

networking platforms to build connections with headhunters, specifically.

"Ask your friends and trusted former colleagues how they found their new job," Sendrow says. "If they worked with a headhunter or recruiter, ask if they can introduce you through LinkedIn. Even if there isn't an opportunity immediately, it will help you get on their list if a good fit comes up in the future."

### Career coaches

Professional career coaches can also be useful to help you determine your next career step. "Career coaches will help you figure out the best path for your career and life and how to go about achieving that," says Brittany Gunter, a content marketer and career coach at Faction, Inc. In addition to helping you craft and word-smith your résumé and cover letter, career coaches can help you understand why you want your dream job, Gunter says. This is important because it helps ensure the job you're applying for is the right one for you.

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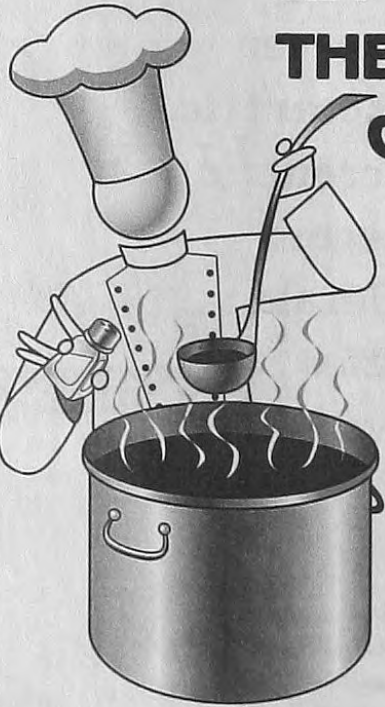
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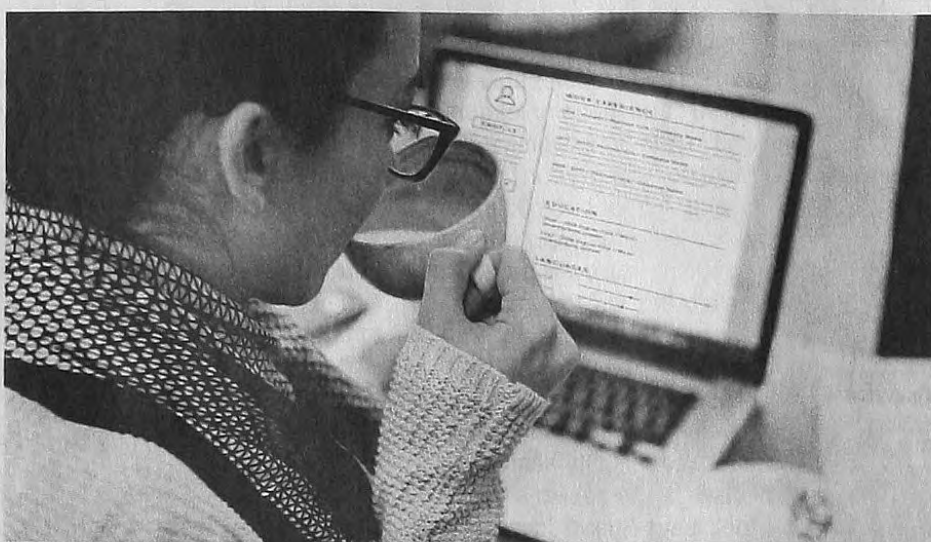
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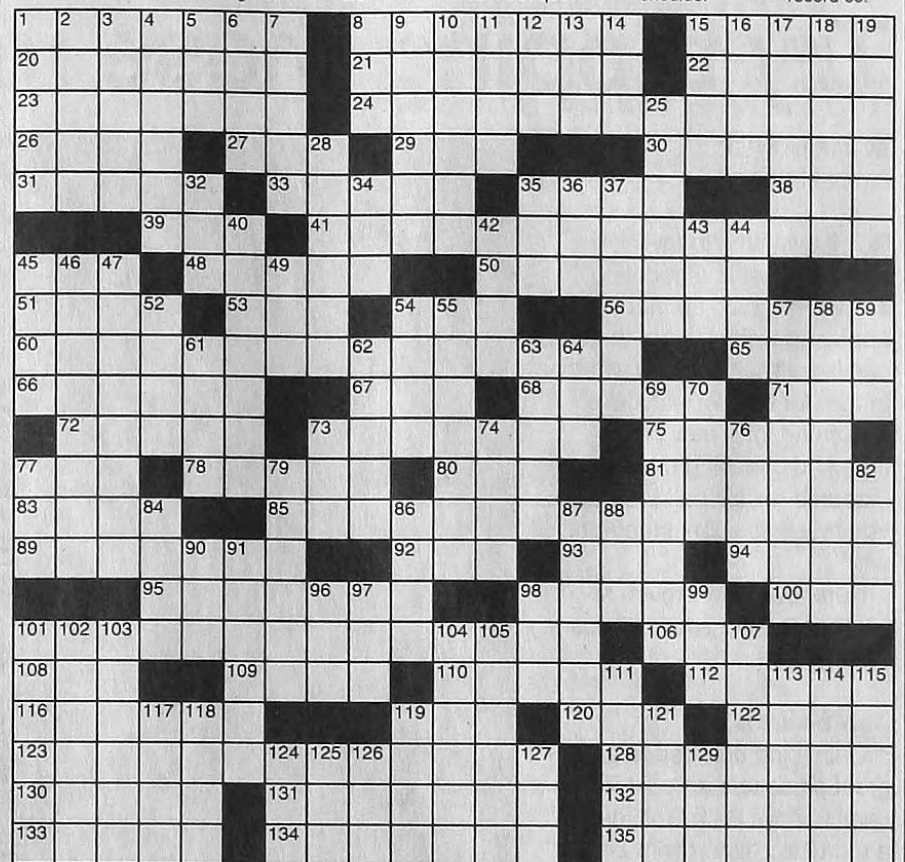
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# Car Report

## HONDA PILOT IS WINNING IN THE LARGE-SUV DERBY BECAUSE IT BRINGS THE BRAND'S DISTINCTIVE DNA TO THE SEGMENT



By Dale Buss

I've always had a thing for the Honda Pilot, back to when the first version was introduced 15 years ago. A large, seven-seat SUV was such an un-Honda-like idea, I thought.

But when Pilot first hit the streets, I appreciated it as a very successful execution because it was so Honda-like: understated design, high functionality, great driveability like all of the brand's vehicles – and delivery on its *raison d'être* of big human and cargo capacity.

Fast forward to today, after a few iterations of Honda Pilot have come along including an all-new version a couple of years ago. Still sharing its platform with the Acura MDX as well as the Odyssey minivan and even the Accord sedan, Pilot remains one of my favorite vehicles in the



Pilot covers a lot of possibilities.

category.

And I am not alone. Sales of Pilot in 2017 so far were about 15 percent below year-earlier levels through February, but its largest SUV remains Honda's second-best-seller, in deep second place after the CR-V, a best-seller among utility vehicles. So many mid-size and compact utility vehicle nameplates have become available these days that highly capable and even fuel-efficient larger SUVs like Pilot are suffering a bit.

When Honda redesigned Pilot for 2016, the company made a lot of improvements to a platform that was pretty good in the first place. It enhanced exterior styling with more creases and other lines that

further reduced the original boxiness of Pilot and made it a more appealing form. Critics say this softer form is more reminiscent of a minivan than a hulking SUV, but it's an improvement nonetheless. Honda also lengthened and lowered the entire platform to further emphasize the streamlined look.

But Honda focused much of its attention in this third-generation Pilot on the interior. It's more modern than before, and more spacious, and offers much more visibility thanks to the lower beltline and the generous sunroofs. Honda also added extra leg room and head room in the third row, which made it more accommodating for passengers of all sizes. Honda also took maximum practical advantage of all the nooks and crannies in the vehicle with new spaces for personal belongings.

A new 8-inch touchscreen interface brings Pilot up to date in the crucial arena of connectivity and digital controls. There also are softer and improved materials all around and noise reduction via additional acoustic materials.

The addition of the top-of-the-line Elite model of Pilot for the new version was a brilliant stroke, something that helps elevate the



The 2017 Honda Pilot.

entire nameplate.

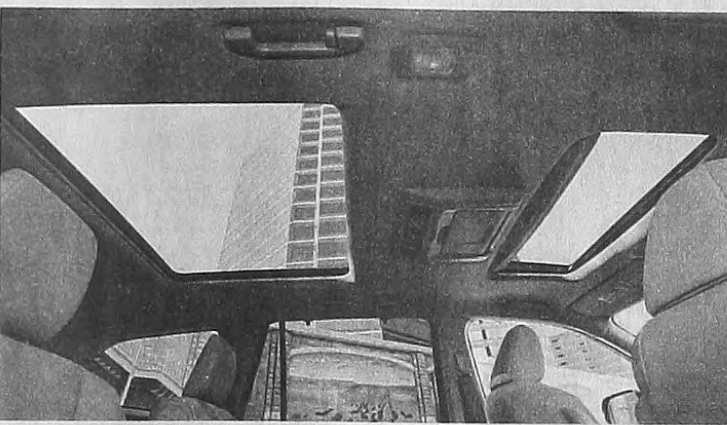
The Elite version comes loaded with all-wheel drive, leather, navigation, heated and ventilated front seats, heated second-row captain's chairs, two sunroofs, a Blu-ray rear-seat entertainment system with HDMI and RCA inputs, and Honda's full complement of driver-assist features: forward-collision warning with automatic emergency braking, lane-keeping assist, adaptive cruise control, blind-spot monitors and automatic high beams.

All versions of the new Pilot benefit from the fact that Honda improved ride and handling thanks to a stiffer structure made with more high-strength steel and a weight reduction of about 250 pounds. Although the performance isn't worthy of a luxury SUV, it's very reassuringly Honda-like: controlled,

steady, smooth and lending you a clear sense of control of a vehicle that after all is one of the largest mainstream utility vehicles now. There also are new transmissions and 30 extra horsepower to help with the effort.

Every Pilot comes equipped with a 3.5-liter V6 that's good for 280 horsepower and 262 pound-feet of torque. Front-wheel drive is standard, but there's an all-wheel drive optional system that not only sends power front and back but also between left and right wheels for improved handling.

Fuel economy is EPA-estimated at 22 mpg combined, with 19 in the city and an impressive 27 mpg on the highway. Leave it to Honda – whose DNA, after all, is engines – to provide mileage that impressive in a vehicle as large as Pilot is.



Panoramic sunroof brings the outside into Honda Pilot.

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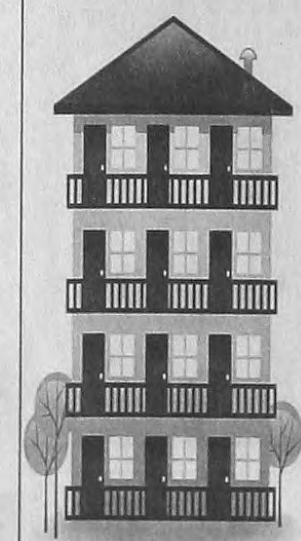
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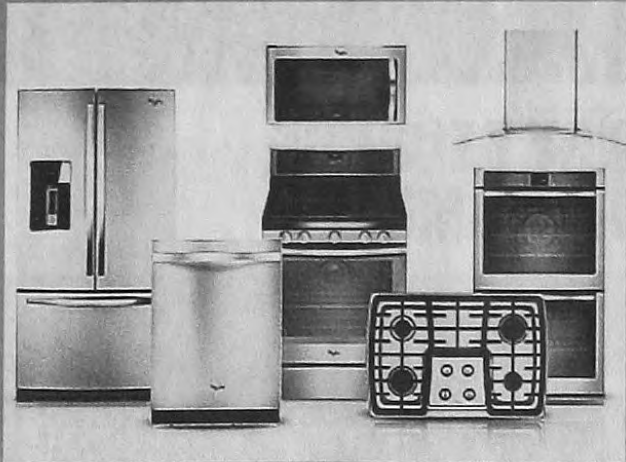
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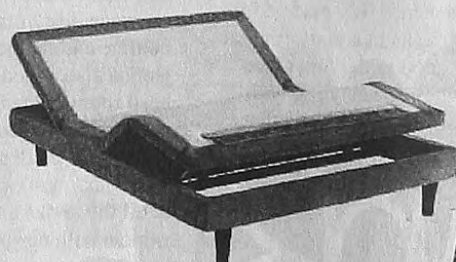
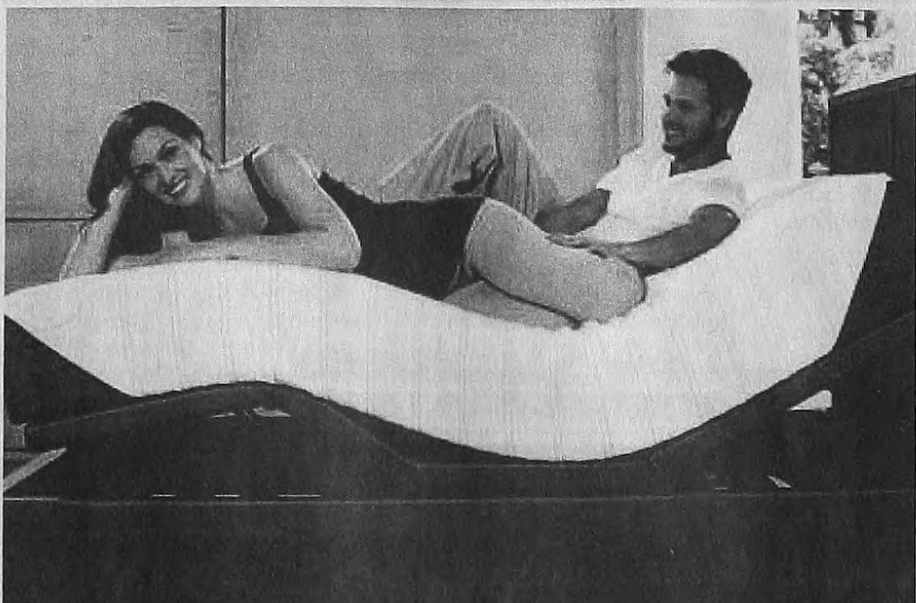
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