

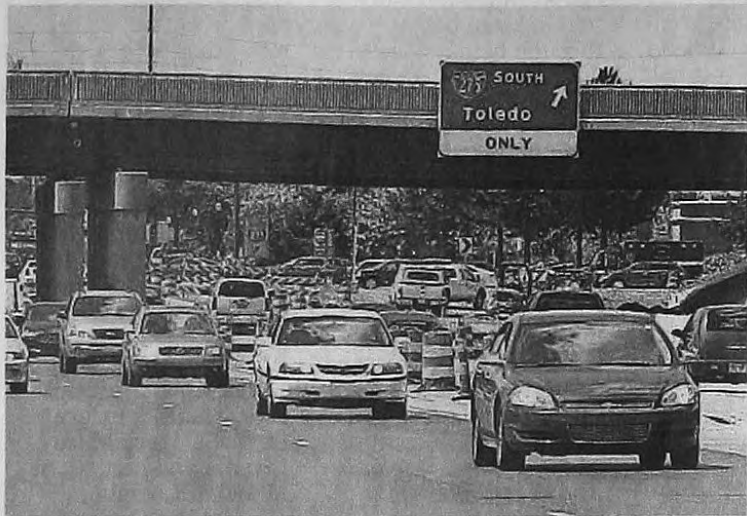
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## Ford-Haggerty loses car crash crown



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Officials say road work along the Ford Road corridor could be a reason fewer crashes have been reported.

After ranking as Wayne County's most accident-prone intersection for at least four consecutive years, Ford-Haggerty has lost its car crash crown.

"I hope Ford-Haggerty throws a party for itself," said Todd Berg, attorney for Michigan Auto Law, the Farmington Hills firm that compiled the latest rankings using Michigan State Police data from 2016.

The Ford-Haggerty intersection toppled to fourth place last year with 81 crashes, down from 116 the previous year. It fell behind first-place Schoolcraft-Telegraph in Redford (120 accidents), Middlebelt-Schoolcraft in Livonia (90) and Ford-Lilley in Canton (85). Plymouth and Plymouth Township — Canton's neighbors to the north — had no intersections listed among the county's top 10 most dangerous intersections for crashes.

"I'd love to say it's good policing or the genius of the police chief," Plymouth Township Police Chief Tom Tiderington said with a chuckle, but he attributed it to factors such as less traffic on places like Ann Arbor Road, compared to Canton's Ford Road business corridor. "I think that is a major factor."

Even though Canton is only one of 43 communities in Wayne County, it had three intersections among the top 10, with Ford/I-275 ranking 10th, Michigan Auto Law's analysis shows. All three are along the

Ford Road shopping corridor.

In a separate, statewide analysis of Michigan's worst intersections, reported in a blog post by Michigan Auto Law's Steven Gurstien, Ford-Haggerty last year plunged out of the top 20 after ranking sixth the previous year.

Ford-Lilley, Canton's only intersection among the 20 most dangerous in Michigan, tumbled from 14th to 19th.

The title for most crashes last year in Michigan went to the Orchard Lake-14 Mile intersection in Farmington Hills, with 163 crashes.

Until last year, Ford-Haggerty had long been Wayne County's worst intersection for

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## A slam-dunk job: Schoolcraft alum cooks for NBA player

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Growing up in Westland, Kevin LaFave was just looking for a job when he began as a prep cook at a senior living facility in Canton. Little did he know that would lead to him preparing gourmet meals for an NBA superstar.

LaFave, a 26-year-old recent graduate of Schoolcraft College, now works as the personal chef for Charlotte Hornets forward Michael Kidd-Gilchrist. It's a job, he said, that keep him busy pretty much all week. Whether Kidd-Gilchrist is in town playing at home or is away and has family at his North Carolina home, LaFave is there looking to create exquisite meals for him and his family.

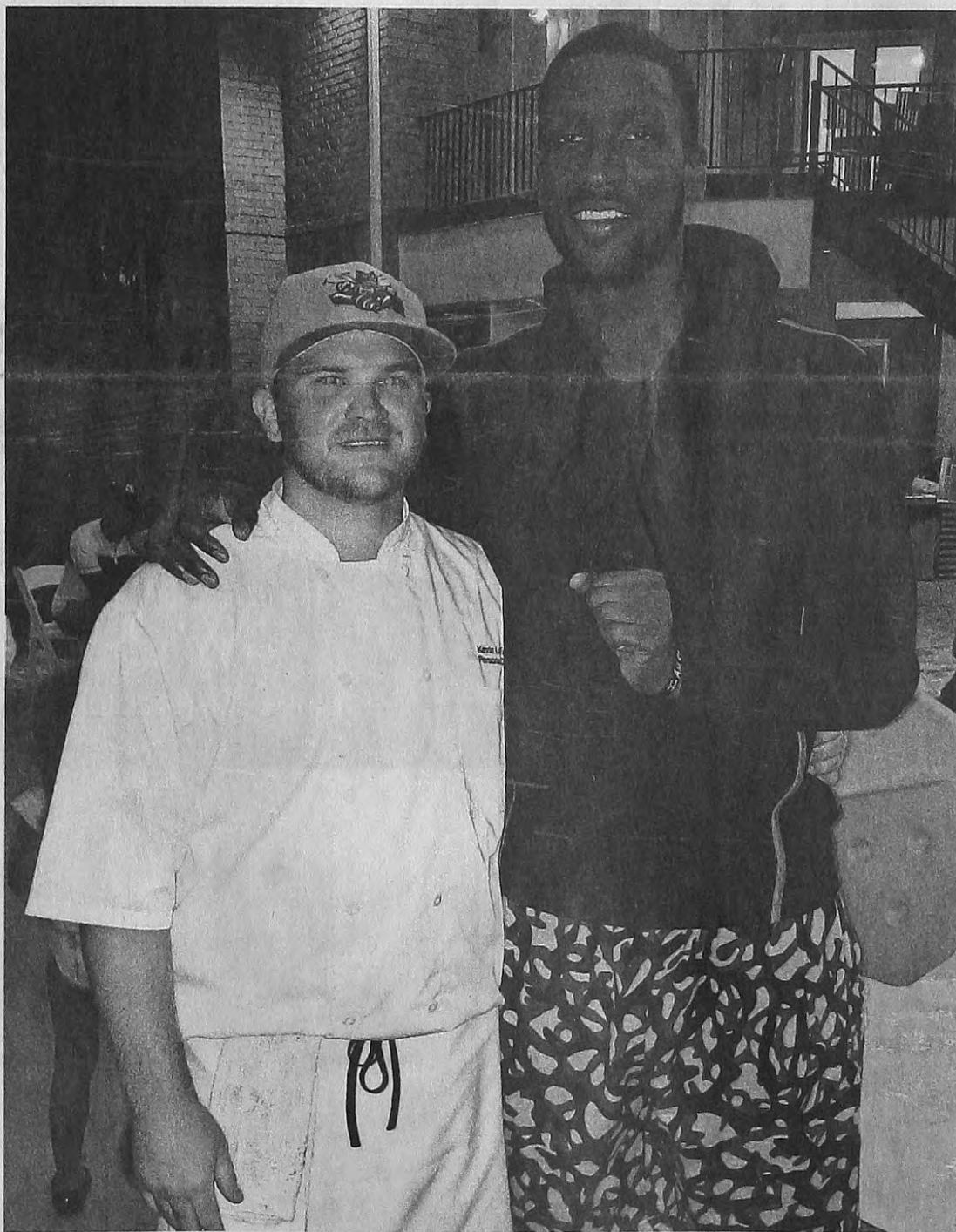
"More often than not, it's six days a week, sometimes seven," the Westland John Glenn High School graduate said in an interview with the Observer & Eccentric. "There's always some people at the house."

He's always on the lookout for new ingredients to use in his dishes, which he tends to share on his Instagram page. Kidd-Gilchrist has a wide-range of foods he enjoys, LaFave said, allowing him to try a variety of different kinds of cuisine.

He said the warmer North Carolina climate makes finding more fresh foods easier. It's not uncommon for him to head to several different farmers markets during the week, even throughout the winter, to find the best produce and other foods.

"Back home, there's certain things you can't find. Out here, it's almost year-round," he said.

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COURTESY OF KEVIN LAFAVE

Chef Kevin LaFave (left) with Charlotte Hornets forward Michael Kidd-Gilchrist. LaFave was recently hired to work as Kidd-Gilchrist's personal chef.

## Spring Senior Expo comes April 10 to Schoolcraft

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Senior citizens, retirees and caregivers can find a wealth of information that's important to them as the Observer & Eccentric presents the 14th annual Spring Senior Expo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia.

The event is completely free to the public. More than 50 businesses, health care providers, insurance companies and legal practices will be on hand to discuss all they have to offer metro Detroit seniors. In addition, there will be sessions with experienced and insightful leaders in elder law, asset management, health care and pain relief.

Speakers include Christopher Berry of The Elder Care Firm, with a presentation on protecting assets from long-term care costs. Rick Bloom, Bloom Asset Management partner and Observer & Eccentric guest columnist, will

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Please look for the Spring Senior Expo special section inside today's newspaper. The special section features articles, interests and resources for seniors and will serve as a guide for the expo.



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crashes. It and the other most accident-prone intersections in Canton are along the busy Ford Road commercial corridor that includes Michigan's only IKEA store and numerous shopping centers.

Moreover, Ford Road development is continuing, with construction coming this year of a new, two-story Art Van Furniture store on the south side of Ford, near Haggerty.

"Ford Road has just been blowing up for years," Berg said.

With Ford-Haggerty no longer the county's

top-ranked intersection for crashes, Canton Municipal Services Director Tim Faas said it's possible safety has improved after the Michigan Department of Transportation finished a road project in 2015. It involved lengthening Ford Road turn lanes, adding an extra, continuous lane from Lotz west to Lilley and improving the southbound I-275 exit ramp at Ford Road.

Faas said it's difficult to say with certainty if those changes led to fewer crashes at Ford and Haggerty. He said it's "certainly possible" it's a statistical anomaly for one year.

"But it is also likely that some of those improvements that MDOT

made between Lotz and Haggerty helped reduce the number of accidents," he said. "That has been the intent of the project all along."

Regardless, Faas said the Ford Road shopping corridor remains prone to accidents. MDOT has indicated the long-term solution is transforming Ford Road into a boulevard and eliminating left turns at intersections, among other improvements. Problem is, no money has yet been allocated for the project.

After fourth-place Ford-Haggerty, Wayne County intersections rounding out the top 10 for most crashes last year are Joy and M-39 in Detroit (80 crashes), Dix and M-39 in Lincoln Park (76), Ford-Wayne in Westland (75), I-94 and I-75 in Detroit (74), Ford-Mercury Drive in Dearborn (68) and Ford/I-275 in Canton (64).

Find more information about Michigan Auto Law's rankings by going to <http://www.michiganautolaw.com/accidents/dangerous-intersections/>. Use the search bar to filter for specific information about a certain county or municipality.

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talk about building an estate plan that fits your situation.

"Many people believe estate planning is just for the well to do — that is wrong. Estate planning is for everyone," Bloom said. "Estate planning is more than planning for your death, it is also planning for a family emergency. If you love your family, estate planning is for you."

"At my seminar, I will discuss estate planning and what you need to do to protect yourself and your family."

Dr. Stephen Mendelson and David Cunningham, R.N., from St. Mary Mercy Livonia will discuss ways to manage pain and regain mobility. And Dr. Earl Bogrow will discuss sleep apnea and snoring and present information about new dental technologies that can help you get a better night's sleep.

The Detroit Free Press will make a special appearance at the expo, showing segments of "12th and Clairmount," its documentary marking the 50th



JOHN HEIDER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Vendor booths were crowded in the afternoon as visitors got information about various services offered at a previous Senior Expo.

anniversary of the 1967 riot in Detroit, a story told in large part through home videos donated by Detroiters. The film's producers will discuss the project and answer questions.

The first 500 attendees will receive a free shopping tote. Everyone gets a free Leo's Coney Island hot dog or salad. And everyone will be entered to win prizes donated by sponsors and exhibitors, including gift baskets, gift certificates, a laptop computer, tickets to a Detroit Tigers baseball game and much more.

"This is the perfect event for retirees, senior citizens and caregivers," said Deb Scola, community affairs di-

rector for Michigan.com. "They'll have the chance to visit with more than 50 health care providers, legal practices, insurance and real estate companies that provide services vital to senior living. We're also offering 10 different sessions with local experts in elder law, asset management, health care and pain relief."

Event sponsors include Schoolcraft College, The Elder Care Firm, St. Mary Mercy Livonia and Leo's Coney Island of Livonia.

A Spring Senior Expo special publication will be inserted into all Observer & Eccentric newspapers Sunday, April 2.

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## Landing the job

LaFave worked at several other jobs before moving to North Carolina, including doing a stint working for FedEx during college as well. He worked as a sous chef at Beacon Hill Golf Club and Banquet Center in Commerce Township.

He also then became a chef at Brentwood Golf Course in White Lake.

The position came around to LaFave after getting connected to Kidd-Gilchrist through Schoolcraft College's

chef Shawn Loving, who has worked for several basketball players as the chef for several Olympic teams, including the most recent team that went to Rio last summer.

Loving referred LaFave to Kidd-Gilchrist, who had LaFave come to North Carolina and cook for him for a week. After a while, he got a callback for a second round of interviews and cooked again for a few days. He later then got the call and was offered the position.

Since moving south, he's been able to cook several types of dishes. Recently, his cooking has led to create dishes incorporating ravioli, chicken Parmesan and

seafood, featuring several of them on his personal Instagram feed.

Kidd-Gilchrist was drafted second overall in the 2012 NBA Draft out of Kentucky. He has played his entire career in Charlotte, first with the Bobcats and continued with the Hornets, the newest nickname for that franchise.

LaFave has gotten fairly comfortable working for Kidd-Gilchrist, looking up to him as he works to improve his game and he looking to improve his work as well.

"I feel like we clicked very easily. He's very dedicated to his craft. I feel the same way," he said. "I'm trying to learn

something new every day."

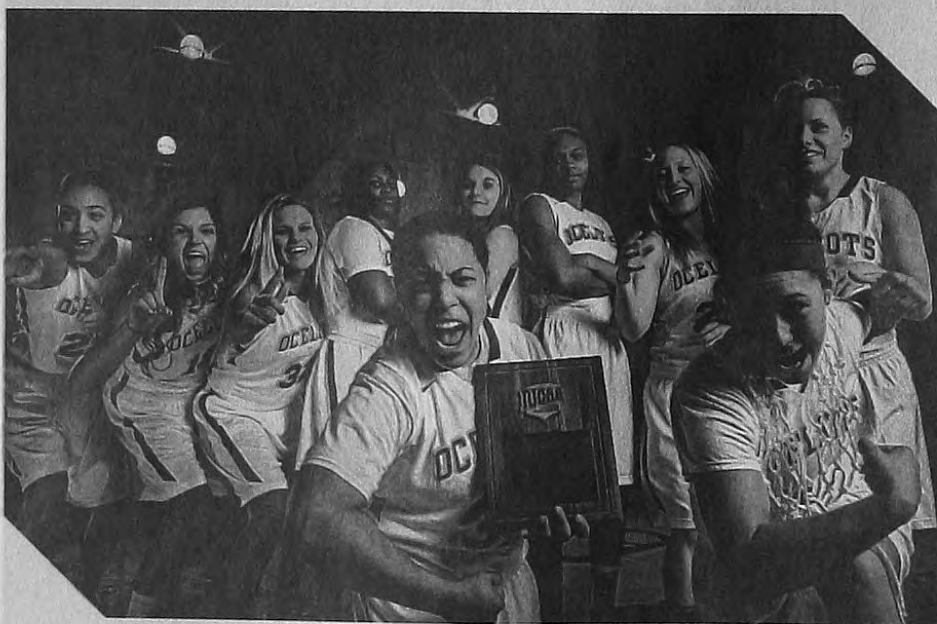
Even though he's far from home, he still stays connected with his roots in metro Detroit: he routinely speaks to Loving on a regular basis and attributes much of his success to his training at Schoolcraft College.

Staying open-minded, he said, is crucial to becoming a successful chef. That's a mentality he learned getting his degree.

"Schoolcraft is where I give all my credit to," he said. "They're very, very big on being open-minded."

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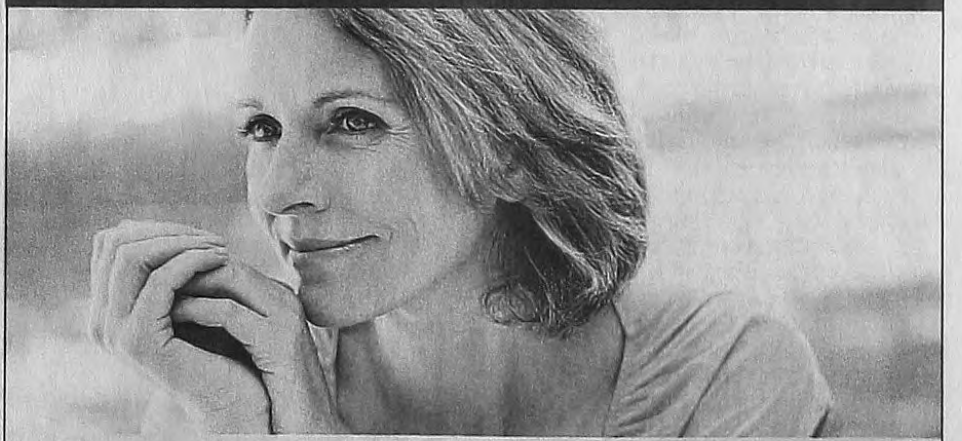


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The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps hosts a fundraiser at 7 p.m. Friday, April 21, at the Mayflower House in downtown Plymouth.

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## Performance will benefit Fife and Drum Corps

Supporters can celebrate the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps in its first fundraising event, Turning Through Time.

The event, set for 7 p.m., Friday, April 21, welcomes enthusiasts of fife and drum, alumni, alumni families and community members. Tickets are tax-deductible and partners, experience or costumes are not required.

This organization has been a part of the Plymouth community since 1971. Officials said they "want nothing more than for this group to keep providing the opportunity for other musically and historically minded kids to grow into good adults who know what hard work is."

In the city where the Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps calls home, the

traditional ballroom of the Mayflower Meeting House is playing host to the event with a plated dinner and cash bar. There will also be 18th century social dances led by Glen Morningstar Jr. and the Ruffwater String Band, followed by a silent auction.

The current corps, now in its 46th season, will perform a portion of its concert, after having

returned from band camp a month earlier. All funds raised will help continue the corps' mission of musical excellence, honor and tradition.

Tickets for Turning Through Time are \$75 (tax-deductible) and are available at WWW.PFDC.US. Anyone who would like more information regarding this event can contact

event coordinator Audra Pieknik at 248-259-3225 or email audra@pfdc.us.

The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps consist of students ages 12-18. Members are from Plymouth and its surrounding communities. The corps prepares year round for its annual performance seasons. The Plymouth Fife and Drum Corps is a non-profit organization that

is dedicated to preserving the ancient arts of color guard, fife and drumming through live performances at parades, historical and patriotic celebrations, concerts, cultural affairs and other civic events.

More information is available at www.pfdc.us or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pfdc.us/.

## Human trafficking will be focus of upcoming symposium

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Girls and boys who become victims of human trafficking are disturbingly young.

Girls, experts say, are typically ages 12-14; boys, 11-13.

Even toddlers aren't off-limits and can become victims of relatives, babysitters or neighbors who engage in activities such as showing them naked on the Internet.

Those horrific details come from Carrie Wood, a pastor and founder of Pearls of Great Price Coalition, a group of Christian churches dedicated to fighting human trafficking in southeast Michigan and raising awareness of its devas-

tating effects.

"This is underground criminal work," Wood said. "It is everywhere. It is in our own backyards."

Pearls of Great Price Coalition draws people from Canton, Plymouth, Livonia, Northville, Ann Arbor and Detroit, among other communities. The group is hosting a symposium from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, May 12, at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 S. Lilley, in Canton.

The symposium is bringing together a human trafficking survivor, law enforcement, clergy and legal representatives, among numerous other speakers, amid hopes of raising awareness of human trafficking.

"In every sense of the

word, human trafficking is the modern-day version of slavery," Wood said. "It is a growing crime and heinous sin that violates the most fundamental rights of women, children and men — and it is not something that simply happens in the inner cities or somewhere else. Tragically, it takes place right here in many of our own communities."

It comes as Polaris, a global organization fighting human trafficking, just released a new report, "The Typology of Modern Slavery," detailing sex and labor trafficking into 25 distinct categories such as the trafficker profile, recruitment tactics and victim profiles ranging from escort services to

bar employees.

"One of the primary challenges to ending modern slavery has been the lack of data to understand the problem," Bradley Myles, Polaris CEO, said, adding the new report "offers a new map to understand how human trafficking manifests throughout the country."

In Canton, organizers say the symposium is designed to give a real-world look at human trafficking in southeast Michigan and provide tools for how to spot the problem and address it.

"We really do feel that increased awareness, coupled with public involvement and support

from the faith-based community, can help make a difference," Wood said.

She said youngsters can easily become victims if they have low self-esteem, run away from home or live with someone who is willing to prey on them.

"It could be somebody you trust who comes into the house — a relative, a neighbor, a babysitter or whatever," said Wood, a retired pastor who still serves as visiting pastor at First United Methodist Church in Plymouth.

Early registration fee before April 17 is \$25 and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Registration can be made

through <http://www.stopHT.eventbrite.com>. The cost after April 17 is \$30.

For more information, contact Wood at [stophtnow@yahoo.com](mailto:stophtnow@yahoo.com).

Residents also are encouraged to help support the event's Adopt-a-Cop human trafficking training scholarship program by making a contribution on the event's registration page. Contributions will go toward supporting comprehensive human trafficking training for police in southeast Michigan.

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### PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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# Bill would allow August school start

Area officials behind effort to return local control

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A bill that cleared a state Senate committee Tuesday would allow school districts to start their academic year before Labor Day while trying to save long weekends for vacationing families.

The bill, SB 271, introduced by state Sen. Marty Knollenberg, R-Troy, would end a years-long law requiring districts to start after Labor Day, as long as no school was conducted on Mondays or Fridays during August.

Knollenberg argued that school start dates are best left at the local level.

"I believe parents, teachers and school administrators know what's best for their children and the state doesn't have any business mandating such decisions," he said. "The bill does not change the state's yearly requirement of 180 school days; it would just allow school districts the freedom to create a schedule that best meets their needs."

The local control angle is one shared by some local districts. Farmington Public Schools currently starts after Labor Day, but Superintendent Dr. George Heitsch said his district would take advantage of the earlier start, once construction on schools being paid for by bond funds was complete.

Heitsch said most of the district's families, particularly those whose children are active in marching band, sports and other extracurricular activities, are al-



Kids could be boarding school buses in August, rather than waiting until after Labor Day, if a bill in the state Senate is passed.

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ready home for the summer by early August. Heitsch also said starting sooner allows students to retain knowledge gained in the previous year.

"The cons we hear come mostly from the tourist industry and some families think it impacts their ability to plan vacations," Heitsch said. "But once you get high school activities started in the middle of August, most of our families are already home. (The earlier start) decreases some of that summer slide for students. If you can get them in a little earlier, you can catch that up."

As is the case in Farmington, officials in Livonia Public Schools also have building renovations scheduled each of the next two summers and wouldn't be able to take advantage of the earlier start until at least 2019.

But Superintendent

Andrea Oquist said the biggest advantage to the earlier start dates would be the flexibility and control the bill would give local districts.

"How we would use that or whether we would, would have to be determined," Oquist said. "Anytime we have some flexibility and local control over those types of issues is a positive thing."

Plymouth-Canton Superintendent Monica Merritt isn't a big fan of the "no school on Monday or Friday" provision — "I think that makes it difficult for families to make decisions on things like day care," she said — but, like her colleagues, likes the local control aspect.

"Ultimately, I believe districts should have local control," Merritt said. "We need to make decisions based on the needs of our communi-

ties have different needs."

The long-weekend provision is an olive branch to the tourism industry, which opposed a similar bill last year. Tourism and recreation officials who testified during a recent Senate committee hearing were unimpressed.

"This bill would be a major impediment in some of the most traveled regions in the state," said Deanna Richeson, president and CEO of the Michigan Lodging and Tourism Association.

Nicki Polan, executive director of the Michigan Boating Industries Association, explained her reason for opposing the bill simply: when school starts, boating stops.

## Parent views

Parents in local communities like Livonia or Plymouth-Canton were on both sides of the issue.

Sommer Foster, a Canton Township trustee who lives in the Plymouth-Canton district, agrees with Heitsch's perspective.

"I think summer vacation is too long," Foster said. "My son tends to forget what he's learned the previous year and it takes him too long to get back into the swing of things. I think this offers the best compromise. Families will be able to enjoy the last days of summer with long weekends and the kids won't have such a big readjustment."

Dan West, president of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce, has a unique perspective. He has elementary and middle school-aged children in Livonia Public Schools.

"I don't think it would make much difference in Livonia, as we are not a tourism destination, and we have a number of

private schools that already start class in August," West said. "I know the tourism industry is fired up about this proposed change, but I have not heard anything about it from the Livonia business community."

"As a family, we have gone on Labor Day trips in the past," he added, "but it is not a big deal to us if school starts a week earlier."

Dorian Thompson, who graduated from Plymouth-Canton schools in June 2016 and now attends Schoolcraft College, said he believes the bill "could be a good piece of legislation."

"If we allowed schools to start a week or two earlier, we could have things like later start times, additional days off during the year and have enough time to cover the material," Thompson said. "This could also help so that we don't have to be in school so far into June."

State law, as it is currently written, allows districts to request a waiver that would exempt them from the prohibition and allow them to start before Labor Day. Knollenberg contends that this waiver process shows us why his bill is needed.

"An increasing number of school districts are requesting waivers and nearly 60 percent are being approved," he said. "If we're going to allow an exemption and approve over half of the requests, why not just remove the law? It's a decision the state should have no part of anyway."

The bills have been referred back to the full Senate for consideration.

R.J. Wolcott of the Lansing State Journal contributed to this story.

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## Families Against Narcotics chapter coming to Canton

Families Against Narcotics announced the launch of its new northwest Wayne County Chapter that will meet monthly in Canton.

FAN is an organization dedicated to eliminating the stigma associated with addiction and providing families struggling with the disease with the support and resources they need.

The kickoff meeting takes place at 6:30 p.m.



Williams

Judge Linda Davis of the 41B District Court is the president/founder of FAN and will be the keynote speaker at this chapter launch. She also chairs

Monday, April 10, in the LifeChurch annex building at 6900 N. Haggerty Road in Canton.

Gov. Snyder's Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission.

Canton Supervisor Pat Williams, along with officials from the Canton Public Safety Department, are planning to attend the first meeting.

"The stigma of drugs and overdose is typically thought of as an inner city problem, but the recent opioid drug epidemic spreads across all socioeconomic bound-

aries, including Canton," Public Safety Director Joshua Meier said. "The Canton Police and Fire departments have been working for the past couple years with Growth Works and local hospitals to establish avenues of assistance for individuals they encounter in the course of their duties."

FAN was founded in 2007 and now has 12 chapters with memberships

that include individuals affected by addiction, concerned citizens, law enforcement and leaders in healthcare, education, business and religion.

"For the majority of families affected by addiction, it is uncharted territory," Williams said. "They are thrown into a situation for which they have no concept of how to handle, how to help or how to survive as a family unit."

"I believe FAN will provide a customized network and support system to help families navigate through the turbulence created by addiction, and I encourage our residents in need to take advantage of this new Northwest Wayne County Chapter," Williams added.

For more information about FAN, go to [www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org](http://www.familiesagainstnarcotics.org).

## Canton police earns re-accreditation

The Canton Police Department has once again retained its international accreditation status from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc.

The department received its original three-year accreditation status in 2007. To retain this status, the department is required to submit for re-accreditation every three years, demonstrating that the agency has continued to comply with the standards set forth by CALEA. Along with the submission of annual reports, the department must successfully pass an on-site assessment and hearing before the commission.

Last fall, representatives from CALEA conducted a comprehensive on-site assessment of the department, reviewing policies and proofs to demonstrate continued compliance. Canton Public Safety Director Joshua Meier and Deputy Police Chief Craig Wilsher recently appeared before the commission and were awarded successful re-accreditation status.

"I'm proud of this

department and the work that has gone into maintaining our CALEA accreditation over the past nine years," Meier said. "We do not take our accreditation status for granted. We are continually working to improve by incorporating the mission and philosophy of CALEA into all policies and procedures within the Canton Police Department."

CALEA accreditation is touted as "the gold standard in public safety" and is considered a highly prized recognition of law enforcement excellence. The Canton Police Department continues to be the largest municipal law enforcement agency in Michigan to be accredited, according to a press release.

Law enforcement accreditation provides numerous benefits to the community ranging from the potential control of liability costs, to a stronger defense against litigation. It also provides an in-depth evaluation of department operations, ensuring it's running at top efficiency.

Canton's re-accreditation was granted for three years.

## Federal judge bound over on CSC charges

**David Veselenak**  
hometownlife.com

A federal administrative law judge was bound over Tuesday afternoon on several criminal sexual assault charges stemming from an incident that allegedly took place last year in Livonia.

Judge Sean Kavanagh found probable cause to bind over Judge Henry Perez in the case during a preliminary examination held at Livonia's 16th District Court.

Perez, 74, of Novi is set to be arraigned April 11 in Detroit's Frank Murphy Hall of Justice on three counts of fourth-degree criminal sexual conduct.

Perez is accused of



Perez

sexually assaulting a co-worker Dec. 28, 2016, at the Social Security office at 19575 Victor Park-

way in Livonia. The alleged victim was the lone witness to testify Tuesday afternoon during the hearing. She said Perez called her into his office after initiating some conversation that morning. He then closed the door and lifted up her shirt, pulling one of her breasts out of her bra, she said.

The Observer & Eccentric does not identify victims in alleged sexual assault cases.

The woman said Perez then grabbed her genitals over her pants, something she tried to stop. She said he also grabbed her buttocks.

She said she eventually was able to open the door to Perez's office, which is when he pulled her shirt back down. She then went to a supervisor's office, but did not immediately discuss what had taken place.

She didn't feel she could get to a supervisor immediately, especially given Perez's position of power.

"He's a judge," she said. "I felt like nobody would believe me."

It wasn't until a little later when she decided to call a friend and inform them of what took place,

when she revealed to her immediate supervisor what had happened, she said.

He was charged in the case earlier this month and remains on leave from his position within the Office of Disability Adjudication and Review.

Perez remains free on a \$3,000/10-percent bond and is ordered to have no contact with the alleged victim, no firearms and may not have any contact with the Social Security Administration building in Livonia. If convicted, he faces up to two years in prison.

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## Canton foundation accepting applications for grants

The Canton Community Foundation announced that it is accepting applications for grants to be distributed in June. Applications will be accepted through April 26. Applications can be made online through the Canton Community Foundation website [cantonfoundation.org](http://cantonfoundation.org).

Grants will only be made to 501(c)3 organizations. Proposed projects should aim to improve social and health out-

comes for youth and seniors in the greater Canton community. Examples for youth include (but are not limited to) prevention and cessation of tobacco use, prevention of substance abuse, conflict resolution, after-school activities, parenting education and overall wellness. Examples for seniors include (but are not limited to) cessation of tobacco use, disease prevention, management of chronic

disease, mental health care, dementia support and overall wellness. Grants requests that do not improve social or health outcomes for youth and seniors will not be considered.

Five grants will be available to serve varying proposals: one at \$5,000, two at \$2,500 and two at \$1,000.

The Canton Community Foundation, founded in 1989, is a 501(c)3 public charity. Since its incep-

tion, it has granted \$2.5 million in grants and scholarships in the greater Canton community. Grant funding is made available by generous area donors who contribute to existing funds or create funds to further their philanthropic interests. Go to [cantonfoundation.org](http://cantonfoundation.org) for more information or contact the foundation directly.

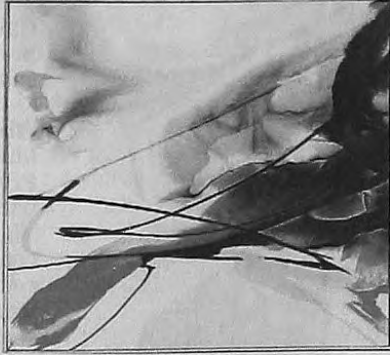


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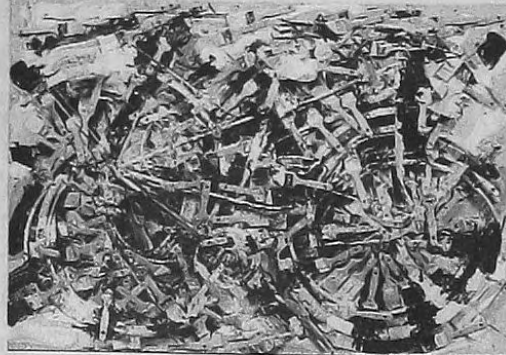
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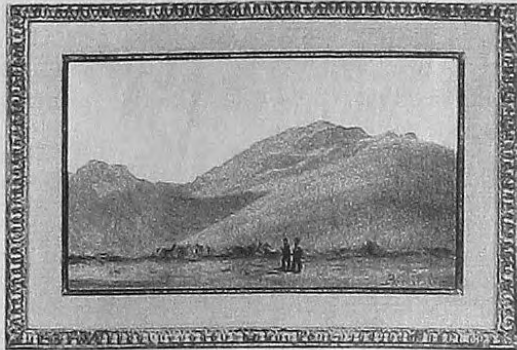
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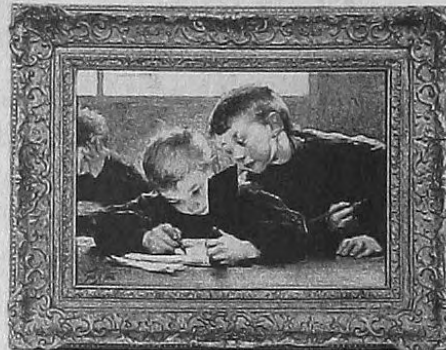
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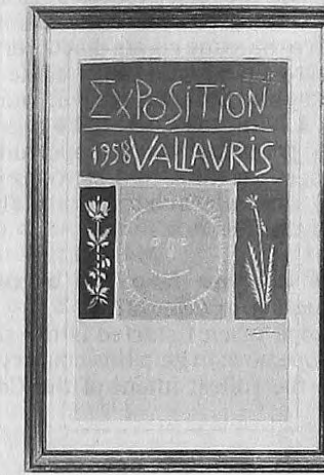
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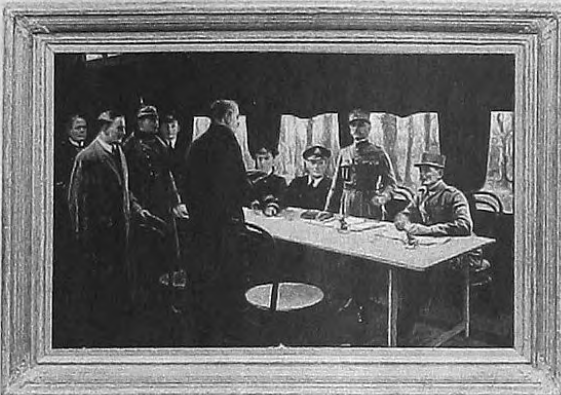
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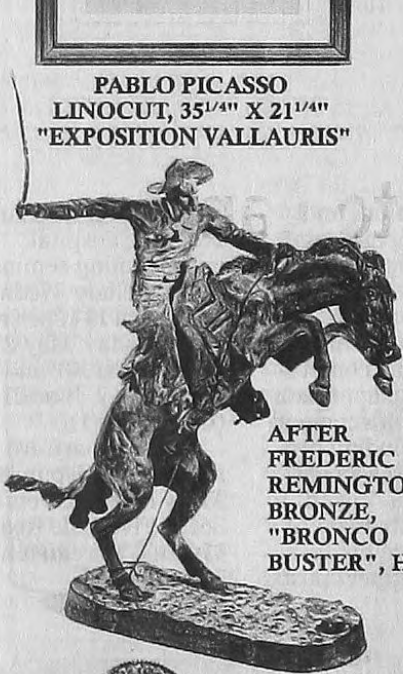
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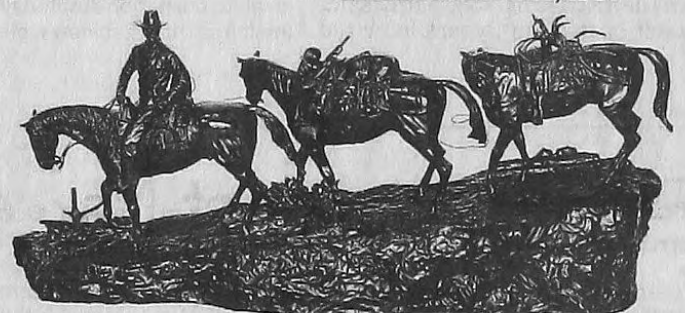
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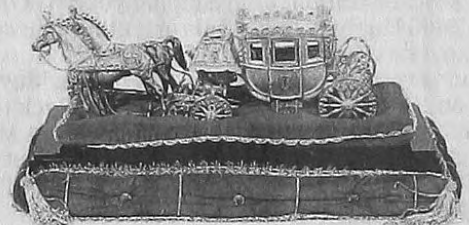
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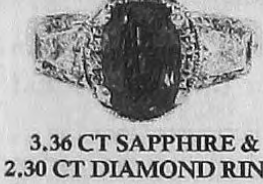
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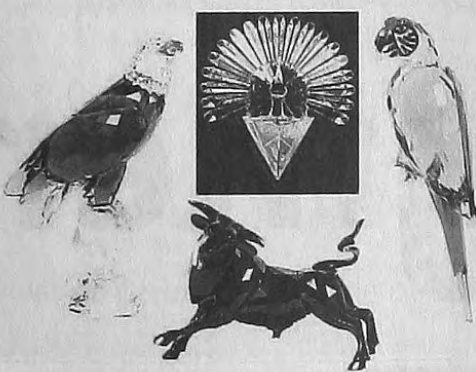
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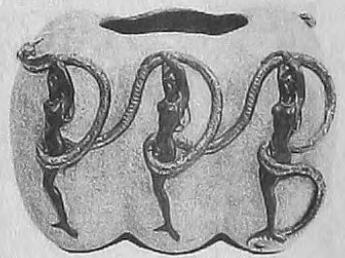
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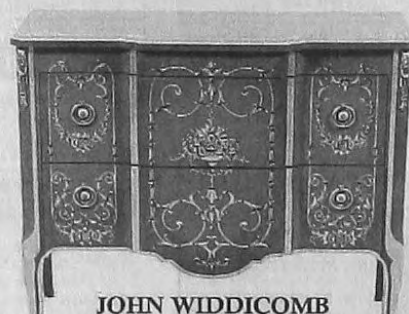
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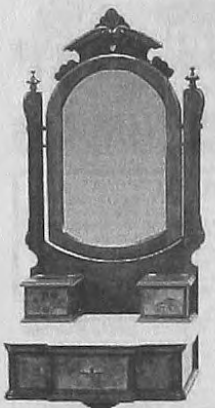
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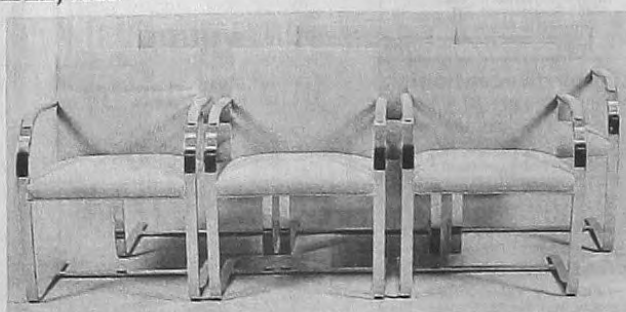
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# LAWYER HELPED DESEGREGATE SOUTH

Fred Gray filed a series of transformative lawsuits beginning in the 1950s

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MONTGOMERY, Ala. - As a young civil rights attorney in the 1950s South, Fred Gray set out to obliterate every law that kept it segregated. That practice began 62 years ago, when Gray came back from Ohio to practice law in Alabama — the state that forbade him from attending law school because of the color of his skin.

While greats like Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks mobilized the masses in Montgomery, where he was born, Gray quietly filed lawsuits that legally made it possible for the civil rights movement to keep moving.

He defended King and Parks from criminal charges. He worked with the Montgomery Bus Boycott, filing the suit that led to the U.S. Supreme Court's condemnation of segregated bus systems. Suits he filed later desegregated higher learning institutions in Alabama.

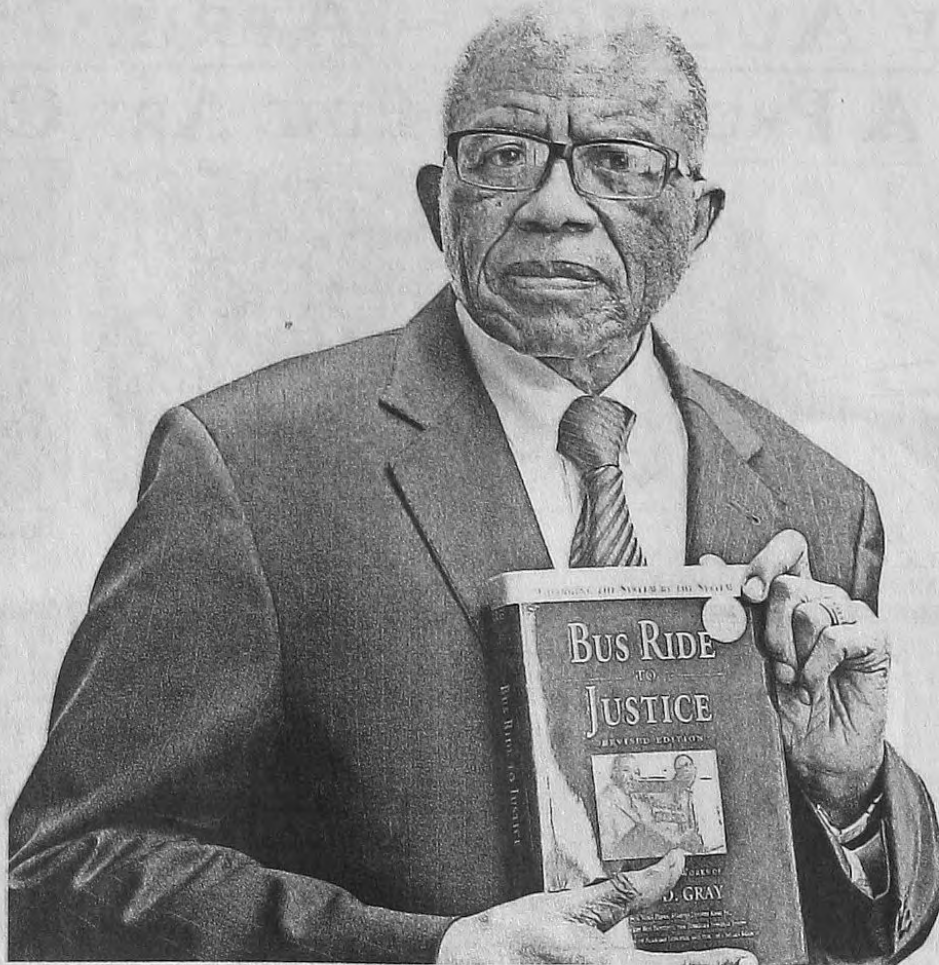
"I have used the law to file a lawsuit so that African-Americans would be able to register and vote," he said. "When the people were beaten back on what is now considered Bloody Sunday in Selma, they called me. I went across the (Edmund Pettus) bridge that night. And the next day before the close of day, I had filed (a) lawsuit."

It forced officials to let people march from Selma to Montgomery, which influenced the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. That act resulted in minorities not only being allowed the vote, but also to run for public office.

Another suit he filed led to African-Americans being allowed to serve on civil juries.

Then he realized that the U.S. was still discriminating against black farmers.

"So we filed a case in 1968," Gray said. "As a result of that suit, years later the



Fred Gray, holding the revised edition of his autobiography, discusses his work as an attorney in the civil rights movement at his offices in Tuskegee, Ala.

heirs of black farmers who had been discriminated (against) in farm subsidies were able to receive millions of dollars."

Throughout the decades Gray's work in the civil rights era proved to be not just pivotal, but unwavering.

"I have kept focused on what I started out with. I started out saying that I was going to become a lawyer and use the law for the purpose of changing things," Gray said. "And that's what I have done."

## Fred Gray

**Location:** Montgomery, Ala.

**Age:** 86

**Profession:** Lawyer

**Mission:** Using the legal system to break down racial barriers and to fight discrimination.

## Q&A WITH FRED GRAY

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

It means to be able to live in a country where you have various freedoms and can participate in democracy. It means you're able to exercise your God-given rights and should be able to do so to the best of one's abilities without being discriminated against for anything.

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

Problems that I saw in Montgomery, Alabama, as a teenager (motivated me). Those problems were African-Americans were being mistreated and were not receiving the same rights as other Americans. And I decided that I would try to do something about it. They told me that lawyers helped people, so I concluded that I was going to become a lawyer. I have kept focused on what I started out with. And I started out saying that I was going to become a lawyer and use the law for the purpose of changing things. And that's what I have done.

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

I am very much concerned about conditions as they exist in America. America was founded by people who came to this country for various freedoms — freedom of religion, political freedoms and other freedoms. But there was one group of persons, African-Americans, who did not come to this country. People who looked like me. They were brought to this country as slaves. So we had to begin from slavery and had to go through the whole business of getting slavery done away with, going through Reconstruction, then the long process of filing lawsuits so that African-Americans could receive the same rights that other Americans received when they came to this country and those others who were born here. I think today we have a group of young people who have opportunities ... who need to realize that, as young people, (they) can make a contribution. They can make a difference.

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

My hope when I started is the same as my hope now: to help this country develop to the fullest intent of the Constitution.

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## ST. MARY MERCY BRIEFS

### Health education programs at Kirksey Center

This spring, several free educational programs will be offered at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, Livonia, to help educate and provide resources to Livonia and surrounding communities. Programs offered include:

- » 6:30-7:30 p.m. April

11: First Aid and Safety in the Home — St. Mary Mercy's Injury Prevention Specialist, Maurice Cox, RN, CCE-MT-P/IC, will provide tips on making your home safer, reducing your risk of falls and other emergencies.

» 6:30-7 p.m. May 11: Nutrition 101: Back to the Basics — St. Mary Mercy's Registered Dietitian, Katie Tuomi, RD, will

provide a refresher course on nutrition basics.

» 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 31: Forgetfulness or Something More? — Receive a free memory screening by the trained professionals at St. Mary Mercy.

All programs are held at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard, in Livonia. Registration is preferred. For

more information, go to [stmarymercy.org/healthy-livonia](http://stmarymercy.org/healthy-livonia).

### Joint replacement education

The Center for Joint Replacement at St. Mary Mercy Livonia will offer free monthly educational seminars this spring and summer. Seminars will include participation from an orthopedic surgeon and expert staff to

answer questions and discuss joint pain, joint replacement procedures and available implant options.

Attendees can also learn about the comprehensive group approach to the joint replacement program, including pre-surgical classes, choosing a personal "coach" to provide assistance throughout the process and what to expect post-

surgery and discharge from the hospital.

Upcoming seminar dates include: Wednesday, April 19 (Classroom 1); Thursday, May 25 (Classroom 10); and Wednesday, June 21 (Classroom 1).

All seminars are scheduled 6-8 p.m. at St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36154 Five Mile Road, in Livonia. To register, call 734-655-2345.

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**Wayne reunion**

Wayne Memorial High School class of 1957 is having its 60th class reunion from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, May 20, at Wayne Tree Manor, 35100 Van Born Road, Wayne. If you have questions or information about classmates, contact Wanda Putman Boice at 734-748-5249 or boices@aol.com.

**Widowed Friends activities**

» Join Widowed Friends, a peer support group for Widowed Men/Women hosting Stage Play/Dinner, The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill, Sunday, April 9, 2 p.m., show time and dinner after. A musical play "Hello Dolly" is being presented by the Spotlight Players. Then enjoy a dinner at a local restaurant TBD by number attending. Ticket price for show is \$16. RSVP to Mary Ann at 734-589-8292.

» Widowed Friends hosts Dinner/Games, Wednesday, April 12, 5:30-9 p.m. Dinner at 6 p.m. Cost \$16 for buffet, beverage, dessert, tax and tip. Pay at the door, cash only. Corsi's, 27910 W. Seven Mile, Livonia. Stay for games and cards. RSVP 248-357-2183 or 313-274-2950.

» Widowed Friends hosts Mass/Dinner, St. Hedwig Church, Saturday, April 29, 4 p.m., St. Hedwig, (3245 Junction near Michigan) was the third Polish Church established for Polish immigrants in 1902 and now serves as the destination for immigrants from Mexico. Dinner, restaurant TBD. RSVP to call 734-927-0610 by April 20.

» Widowed Friends hosts fish fries at the following churches: 4 p.m., April 7, Our Lady of Loretto, 17116 Olympia, at the corner of Six Mile and Beech; 4 p.m., April 14, at St. Robert Bellarmine, 27101 West Chicago at Inkster.

**A safe Internet for kids**

Crossroads Church presents, Creating A Safe Internet for Our Kids: A Special Internet Safety Seminar, at 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 12. Hear from a leading expert about how to help create a safe internet for kids. Visit [www.CrossroadsNow.org](http://www.CrossroadsNow.org) for more information. Free admission.

**3D Photography Club**

The club will meet from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday, April 12, at Livonia Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The meeting will feature a presentation on "Stereoscopic Optical Illusions" by Jay Horowitz, a former NASA scientist who specialized in visualization and virtual reality and is the current president of the Ohio 3D club.

After a refreshment break, the meeting will conclude with the monthly club 3D image competition. The meetings are free to attend, and visitors are always welcome. Stereo cameras, 3D movies, and educational videos are available for members to borrow or rent. For more information, visit [www.Detroit3D.org](http://www.Detroit3D.org) or call Dennis at 248-398-3591.

**Office hour**

State Rep. Jeff Noble of Plymouth will host an open office hour 1-2 p.m. Monday, April 3, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady, Northville.

**Hilltop Church of the Nazarene**

Hilltop Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty, north of Eight Mile, has the following services:

**Sunday Schedule:** 9:30 a.m. Classic Worship; 11 a.m. Revive (contemporary) Worship; 11 a.m. Kids Worship; 11 a.m. teen worship; 9:30 and 11 a.m. Sunday School

**Monday:** 7 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship Men's Bible Study

**Tuesday:** 9:25 a.m. Women of the Word Bible Study; 6:45 p.m. Evening Women's Bible Study

**Wednesday:** 6:30 p.m. Little Trikes (Birth - K) and Kidventure (1st-3rd grade) programming; Club 45 for fourth-graders and fifth-graders; Merge Middle School Worship night; Various classes and Bible Study; Alpha class from 6:30-8 p.m. - an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. Alpha is for high school to adult. Free English as a Second Language classes!

**Thursday:** 6 a.m. Men of Purpose Prayer and Bible Study; Men's 33 study; Engage (Young adult) small groups and community.

For more information, call 248-348-7600 or visit [www.hilltopnaz.org](http://www.hilltopnaz.org)

**Hippity Hopity**

Join the fun at the Jack E. Kirksey Recreation Center Hippity Hopity Open House, 15100 Hubbard, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 9. Enjoy the pool, climbing wall and a variety of gym activities. The gyms will be set up for roller hockey, pickleball, volleyball and basketball. Guests can learn about organizations and business in their community. Participating organizations and businesses will be handing out treats to children. Admission is free for the day for residents and \$3 per person for non-residents. For more information, call the Kirksey Recreation Center at 734-466-2900.

**Spring career fair**

Madonna University will host a Spring Career Fair from 3-5 p.m., April 4 at Madonna University Activity Center, Administration Building. Register at [http://madonna.a21.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_ewX3LuoTek](http://madonna.a21.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ewX3LuoTek) OGEI Bring your resume and meet with employers who will be interviewing for part-time, full-time, internship, and career positions. For more information, email [careerservices@madonna.edu](mailto:careerservices@madonna.edu) or call 734-432-5623

**Easter Egg Hunt**

St. Matthew's United Methodist Church will host an Easter Egg Hunt from 1-2:30 p.m. Saturday, April 8, at the church, 30900 Six Mile Road, Livonia. Join inside for crafts, cookies and a basket giveaway; then head outside for the big Easter Egg Hunt. There is no charge for this event and all are welcome. Come rain or shine. For more information, call the church office at 734-422-6038

**Curbside pickup**

In Canton, curbside pickup of residential yard waste will begin April 3 and continue until Nov. 30. All yard waste should be placed with recyclables on the opposite side of your driveway from your refuse. Yard waste and recyclables must always be placed separate from your refuse to avoid confusion during collection.

Acceptable yard waste items include; grass clippings, leaves, yard and garden waste, pruning debris, wood debris and brush. Unacceptable yard waste items include; food scraps, animal waste, batteries, chemicals and sod.

Twigs, branches, brush, pruning, and wood debris must be tied with heavy twine into bundles no longer than three feet, not exceeding 1 1/2 inches in diameter, and weighing no more than 50 pounds. Bundles are limited to six bundles a week.

Grass clippings, leaves and garden waste must be placed in 30-gallon paper yard waste bags or 32-gallon reusable containers with sturdy handles marked "YARD WASTE." Stick-

ers for reusable containers are available at the Canton Treasurer's Office. Please note, dirt and clay are unacceptable yard waste items; if either are placed in the yard waste bag or receptacle, GFL Environmental Services will leave the yard waste behind.

Residents are advised that the oversized container rule also applies to yard-waste containers. Any container over 32 gallons and weighing more than 50 pounds will be left at the curb. For more information on yard waste collection, visit [www.canton-mi.org](http://www.canton-mi.org) or call GFL at 866/722-8900.

**Bariatric seminars**

The Michigan Bariatric Institute will offer free monthly educational seminars to the community, from 6-7:30 p.m. The public is invited to hear a presentation about Laparoscopic Bariatric Surgery by Dr. Tallal Zeni, director of Minimally Invasive and Bariatric Surgery at St. Mary Mercy Livonia and Dr. Jacob Roberts, a bariatric surgeon at St. Mary Mercy. The upcoming seminars will be at 3622 Five Mile Road, Suite 202, in Livonia: Thursday, April 6; Thursday, May 5; Monday, May 15; Thursday, June 1; Monday, June 12

Seminars are free, but registration is required. To register or for more information, call the Michigan Bariatric Institute at 877-949-9344.

**Blessings in a Backpack**

"Blessings in a Backpack-Livonia is holding its second annual Summer Cereal Drive. It currently provides weekly meals to 210 children in the Livonia Public School system during the school year, but when summer vacation starts, often hunger does too. Help send lots of cereal home with students again this year to help them start their summer days out right.

To hold a cereal drive, email [biablivonia@gmail.com](mailto:biablivonia@gmail.com) or visit [www.biablivonia.org](http://www.biablivonia.org).

**Artists-of-the-year**

Tuesday Musicales of Detroit presents its 2017 Artists-of-the-Year concert featuring duo pianists Yuki and Tomoko Mack, at 3 p.m. Sunday, April 2, at Birmingham Unitarian Church, 38651 Woodward Ave., just north of Lone Pine Road, Bloomfield Hills. The concert will benefit a program supporting scholarships for outstanding young musicians.

The Mack Sisters will perform works by Brahms, Mendelssohn, Liszt, Smetana, Rachmaninoff, Barber and Gershwin.

Admission is adults \$25; students \$10; students 18 and under free (Courtesy of Perlman Insurance Agency). Scholarship Support: \$50, \$75, \$100, \$250, \$500, \$1,000 (gifts above the cost of tickets are tax-deductible). Make credit card purchases at 313-885-7882. Mail checks payable to Tuesday Musicales of Detroit, P.O. Box 36535, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236, or log on to [www.tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org](http://www.tuesdaymusicaleofdetroit.org) for more information. Tuesday Musicales of Detroit is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

**Monte Nagler speaks**

Three Cities Art Club is proud to have Farmington Hills photographer Monte Nagler as our guest speaker as he reveals some of his secrets for creating award winning photos. The public is welcome to attend this free event from 7-9 p.m. Monday, April 3, at Canton Township Hall, lower level meeting room, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Marilyn Meredith at 313-231-3939 or email [way.com or visit \[www.threecitiesartclub.org\]\(http://www.threecitiesartclub.org\).](mailto:marilynmeredith@wow-</a></p>
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**Bunny Brunch**

The annual Bunny Brunch is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at the Civic Park Senior Center, 15218 Farmington Road. The event includes lunch, crafts and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Tickets are available for \$6 for Livonia residents and \$9 for non-residents at the Kirksey Recreation Center, 15100 Hubbard. All attendees over age 2 must have a ticket. For more information, call 734-466-2900.

**Easter Egg Hunt**

The Cherry Hill United Methodist Church will host an Easter egg hunt from noon to 1 p.m. Sunday, April 9, at the church, 321 S. Ridge Road, between Cherry Hill Road and Michigan Ave., Canton. For all children. Hunt for candy and small toy-filled plastic eggs that will be hidden inside the church. Have a picture taken with the Easter bunny. For more information, call the church at 734-495-0035.

**Neighbors and Friends**

Livonia Neighbors and Friends, a Women's Club in Livonia, will welcome retired Sgt. Robert Haig of the Detroit Police Department on Tuesday, April 11. Haig will discuss how not to become a victim of gypsy scams, utility work impersonators, pigeon drops and computer and phone scams.

The "Don't Get Scammed" event will take place at the Emmanuel Lutheran Church at 34567 Seven Mile Road in Livonia. Livonia Neighbors and Friends (A Women's Club in Livonia) is open to women who live/work in Livonia and its surrounding communities. General meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month, September through May at 7 p.m. Special activity groups continue to meet year round. For more information, visit <http://livonianighborsandfriends.tripod.com>

**Spring Bazaar**

Spring Bazaar at St. John's Episcopal Church, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, April 8. Arts, crafts, baked goods, etc. Lunch available. 555 S. Wayne Road. For more information, call 734-721-5023.

**Mother Truckers**

Tickets are on sale for Better Than Ever Productions third season opener, "Mother Truckers," a comedy by Judith Sapperstein and Gary Murway performed April 5-9, at the new PARC facility downtown Plymouth. Show dates include April 6 at 1 p.m.; April 7 and 8, 7 p.m.; April 9, 2 p.m. at the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex, 650 Church St., Plymouth.

**Hello, Dolly!**

Spotlight Players is pleased to present the Broadway Classic "Hello, Dolly!" at the Village Theater of Canton. Show times are March 31-April 2 and April 7-9. The shows start at 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturdays, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets for \$16-\$18 may be purchased, and printed at home or held in will call at no extra charge by using [www.cantonvillage theater.org](http://www.cantonvillage theater.org). Tickets can also be ordered over the phone at 734-394-5300 x3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays. You can purchase tickets in person at the box office which is open between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays at 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton. If remaining tickets are available, they can be purchased in person one hour prior to show time at the box office. For more information, visit [spotlightplayersmi.org/](http://spotlightplayersmi.org/).

**Spring Senior Expo**

Senior citizens, retirees and caregivers can

find a wealth of information that's important to them as the Observer & Eccentric presents the 14th annual Spring Senior Expo from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, April 10, in the VisTaTech Center at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, in Livonia.

The event is completely free to the public. More than 50 businesses, health care providers, insurance companies and legal practices will be on hand to discuss all they have to offer metro Detroit seniors. In addition, there will be sessions with experienced and insightful leaders in elder law, asset management, health care and pain relief.

Speakers include Christopher Berry of The Elder Care Firm, with a presentation on protecting assets from long-term care costs. Rick Bloom, Bloom Asset Management partner and Observer & Eccentric guest columnist, will talk about building an estate plan that fits your situation.

**Benefit for the Great Lakes Art Center**

Fish Fridays at the Moose Lodge in Garden City are 5-8 p.m. through Friday, April 14. Chef Mike Zadorski, owner of Cooking Unlimited, will host the weekly fundraiser for the Great Lakes Art Center. Chef Mike will be baking, grilling, and frying some fantastic cod and halibut. Cole slaw, mac and cheese, and potatoes included. \$12 each dinner. Open to the public. Adult beverages available at additional cost. Bottled water free. Art Director Don Wakefield, will be on hand to talk about the art center and show the storyboards for anyone interested in learning what's going to develop at the facility.

**Good Friday breakfast**

The 42nd annual Good Friday Men's Breakfast will feature guest speaker Jason Hanson, retired Detroit Lions kicker, Friday, April 14 at St. Michael Lutheran Church, 7000 N. Sheldon Road, Canton. This community outreach event includes a full breakfast, beginning at 8 a.m. Tickets are \$6 for men and \$3 for boys 10 and under. Call 734-459-3333 for more details.

**Miracle League Easter egg hunt**

MLP will host its Family Easter Egg Hunt from 11 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 8, at Bilkie Family Field. Buddies are welcome to join us. Arrive by 10:30 a.m. RSVP at [info@miracleleagueplymouth.org](mailto:info@miracleleagueplymouth.org). If you would like to help to clean up after the Easter

Egg Hunt, it won't take longer than a half hour. Donations, contact Patty Donnick: [patriciaordick@gmail.com](mailto:patriciaordick@gmail.com)

**SJ5K Run Walk**

The seventh annual SJ5K, a student-organized charity race also known as the Super Jess 5 Kilometer run/walk, is set for Sunday, May 7. Show support for seven families from the community, including P-CCS staff, students, alumni and parents. The SJ5K will stand alongside these seven families, which is the most amount of worthwhile families the race has supported since it began in 2011. This means we need to raise more money than ever.

**Hearing Loss Association of America**

Rap Session. This event will allow guests to share questions, concerns, successes and disappointments in an open session that focuses on individual needs. There is no cost and is open to all. April 12 meeting

**Westland gallery exhibit**

Local artist and art instructor, Vincent Maiorana, will have his art showcased in a solo exhibition at Westland's Gallery at City Hall during the month of April. The public is invited to see the exhibition during this month-long exhibition of some of Maiorana's best paintings.

His acrylic and watercolor paintings are owned and enjoyed by people throughout the States. He has exhibited and sold paintings at art fairs in Wyandotte and Livonia, Canton's Liberty Fest and Fine Art Exhibition, Northville's Sharing the Gift and City Halls in Livonia and Garden City. Upon request he has also hung his art in local places of business. He has been affiliated with art clubs in Redford, Farmington and Livonia. He is currently a life member of Three Cities Art Club.

The exhibition is part of joint operating agreement between Three Cities Art Club and the city of Westland. It will be on display from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and any other times city hall is open April 1-26, in the Gallery at City Hall, in Westland's City Hall, 36300 Warren Road. For other times, city hall will be open, go to [www.cityofwestland/services/eventsinwestland.com](http://www.cityofwestland/services/eventsinwestland.com). For more information or to purchase art, contact Vincent Maiorana at 734-495-9153.

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Tuesday, 4:00 p.m. for Thursday papers  
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**HUNT**

**PATRICK** Age 54, passed away on March 30, 2017 while being surrounded by loved ones. Patrick is survived by his wife, Judy Hunt, who have been married for 33 years and currently living in Macomb Township. He is also survived by his sister, Denise and her husband Ken; his children, Jonathan Ricker and his wife Amy; Nichole Nicholas and her husband Jim; Jessica Witinko and her husband Scott; grandchildren, McKayla, Michael, Elaina, Mackenzie, Jonathan, and James; close relatives, Joan, Philip, Louis, Kathy, and Rosie; and his ever faithful Schmiegel the Beagle. Preceded in death by his mother, June; father, Walter; and brother, Tim. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

**ROSS**

**JUANITA** age 69, of Knoxville, TN and formerly of Wayne, MI passed away on Monday, March 27, 2017 at her residence. She was preceded in death by her father, Homer Lee Ross. Survivors include her mother, Avalene Adkins Ross of Knoxville, TN; brother and sister-in-law, David Wayne Ross (Tracey) of Belleville, MI; sisters, Carolyn Ross of Knoxville, TN, Judy Ann Blood of Knoxville, TN, and Patty Ross of Wayne, MI; and several dear extended family members. A private burial will be held at Liberty Cemetery in Murray County, GA. Peeples Funeral Home & Crematory of Chatsworth, GA is in charge of the arrangements.





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# Plymouth Road resurfacing begins in April

**David Veselenak**  
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Springtime means two words many Michiganders dread: road construction.

Redford Township and Livonia motorists will experience more of that work this year as the resurfacing project along Plymouth Road is expected to begin in early to mid-April, said project manager Jeff Horne.

The project, being overseen by the Michigan Department of Transportation, could start April 3 but might begin a little later in the month depending on several factors, Horne said.

"We don't have the date nailed down yet," he said. "It's going to be weather-dependent."

The \$6.2 million project will consist of resurfacing the road, which remains under state control as Old M-14. The 4.8-mile stretch will see work all summer, with a planned completion date sometime in September.

Horne said the work will not take place throughout the entire stretch of road during that time. The first phase will see work from Farmington to Harrison in Livonia, and the second phase will have work from Harrison to Telegraph in Redford.

Lane closures will exist throughout the work; however, Horne said, one lane in each direction will be maintained. Closures will begin with the outer lanes so concrete curb and sidewalk ramp work can take place along with the resurfacing. Once the outside lanes are complete, crews will switch to the inner lanes and resurface those. The contractor for the project is Canton-based Cadillac Asphalt.

## Other area work

The Plymouth Road project is the only MDOT project taking place in northwest Wayne County this construction season, which is a year removed from the major work completed on I-275 last year and the reconstruction of I-96 in 2014. Horne said some planting is expected to take place along I-275 between Five Mile and 10 Mile roads in the next month, though it's expected that will only result in shoulder closures.

Other MDOT road-

work will take place in southwest Oakland County, including the resurfacing of 4.5 miles of Grand River in Farmington and Farmington Hills; and several repairs made to M-5 in Novi and Commerce Township, according to the MDOT 2017 construction map.

Paving will come during off-peak hours, Horne said, which will include weekends and nights. The noise waiver approved by the Livonia City Council last summer, Horne said, does not allow for night work to take place over

the weekend. Paving in Livonia will take place during nighttime hours during the week and during the day on the weekends. The noise waiver approved in Redford allows for work 24/7.

Not only will paving at night be helpful to commuting motorists, but it will hopefully lessen the economic impact on the businesses that line the road in Livonia and Redford.

"We're going to maintain all of the businesses access," Horne said.

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The intersection of Plymouth and Middlebelt is shown in this file photo. Plymouth Road will see resurfacing later this spring from Telegraph Road in Redford Township to Farmington Road in Livonia.

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**REQUEST FOR BIDS**

Notice: Huron Charter Township is accepting bids for cleaning services for all Municipal Offices. Township Hall located at 22950 Huron River Drive, Police Department located at 36500 South Huron River Road, Krzyzyske Senior Center located at 28245 Mineral Springs, and Senior Center Barn located at 28245 Mineral Springs, New Boston, Michigan 48164.

Bid specifications are available to be picked up at the Township Clerk's Office Monday thru Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. And at [www.hurontownship-mi.gov](http://www.hurontownship-mi.gov).

A walk through tour of the locations is scheduled for April 11, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

All bids must be sealed and clearly titled: Cleaning Service Bid.

All bids must be returned to:

Kathlene Van Wasshova  
Township Clerk  
Huron Charter Township  
22950 Huron River Drive  
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All bids are due by 2:00 p.m. on April 13, 2017.

Huron Charter Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Kathlene L. Van Wasshova, CMC,  
Township Clerk

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**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, as well as Any Unknown Alleged Fathers, whose whereabouts are also unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.

**YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED** to appear before the Judge of the Lake Superior Court, 3000 W. 93rd Avenue, Crown Point, IN 46307, 219-660-6900 for a CHINS Publication Service Return Hearing on 6/12/2017 at 1:00 PM. At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is a child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing.

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**YOU MUST RESPOND** by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition and a dispositional decree may be entered against you without further notice.

Dated this 14th day of March, 2017 Michael A. Brown  
Juvenile Court Clerk

Justin R Paris, 31076-64  
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services, 661 Broadway, Gary, IN 46402  
Work: 219-881-6944

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**PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

The Board of Education of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools invites all interested and qualified companies to submit a proposal Structured Cabling FY2017 USF Bid. Specifications of the Request for Proposal (RFP) are available on at PCCSK12.com, under departments and business office or by contacting Kristen Hennessey, Director of Procurement, and Plymouth Canton Community Schools at kristen.hennessey@pccsk12.com. Proposals will be accepted as specified in the Request for Proposals at PCCS - E.J McClendon Educational Center Technology Department located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on/or before Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at 2:00pm. Bids shall be labeled: Bid document enclosed- "Structured Cabling FY2017 USF Bid." The Board of Education reserves the right to accept and/or reject all bids, as they judge to be in the best interest of the school district.

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American players look sharp in 2-0 victory over Canada

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Each crisp, tape-to-tape pass and energetic burst up and down the USA Hockey Arena ice Friday night demonstrated to a near-capacity crowd that there was nothing to be worried about. The U.S. Women's National Team — which did not settle a protracted labor battle with USA Hockey until Wednesday — faced arch-rival Canada in the opening game of the 2017 IIHF Women's World Championships and didn't miss a beat. With a confident, laser-sharp 2-0 victory before 3,152 fans, any worries that coach Robb Stauber's squad might be somewhat off-kilter and disorganized because of the uncertainty surrounding

its participation in the eight-team tournament were unfounded. "I think one of the first games of the tournament is always one of the most important ones," said Team USA's Megan Keller of Farmington, who played solid defense. "It sets a tone for the rest of the games you're playing. To be able to come out here and compete hard and play with speed was important for us. I think we accomplished that." But it took nearly two full periods of dominant play before busting through the force field that was put up in Canada's crease by goaltender Shannon Szabados — who stopped 19 of 20 shots through 40 minutes (28 of 30 overall), while U.S. counterpart Nicole Hensley



See USA, Page B2 USA's Kelli Stack (left) and Canada's Bailey Bram battle for the puck Friday night. JUNFU HAN | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

PREP SOFTBALL

## 'Cats keen on another big year

Plymouth came close to repeating as state quarterfinalist in 2016

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Every spring seemingly features Plymouth's varsity softball team enjoying a deep postseason run. There is no reason for things to change this time around, as Wildcats head coach Lauren Evans and company look to build off last year's 27-7-2 season. "We graduated two awesome athletes that we will miss," Evans said. "However, our returning varsity players are back and ready for the season to start. "I know that we will come ready to compete daily in the KLAA as our athletes have shown dedication to every practice so far." Plymouth didn't win the KLAA South Division and came up just short in the Kensington Conference. But the squad won its district and made it to the regional final, ulti-

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Going back to the fence for a nice catch during the 2016 district is Plymouth's Whitney Holden. MICHAEL VASILNEK

SCARY ADVERSITY

# TRIUMPHANT RETURN

Big obstacles don't deter tiny Canton senior Jana Hilditch from reaching individual state finals

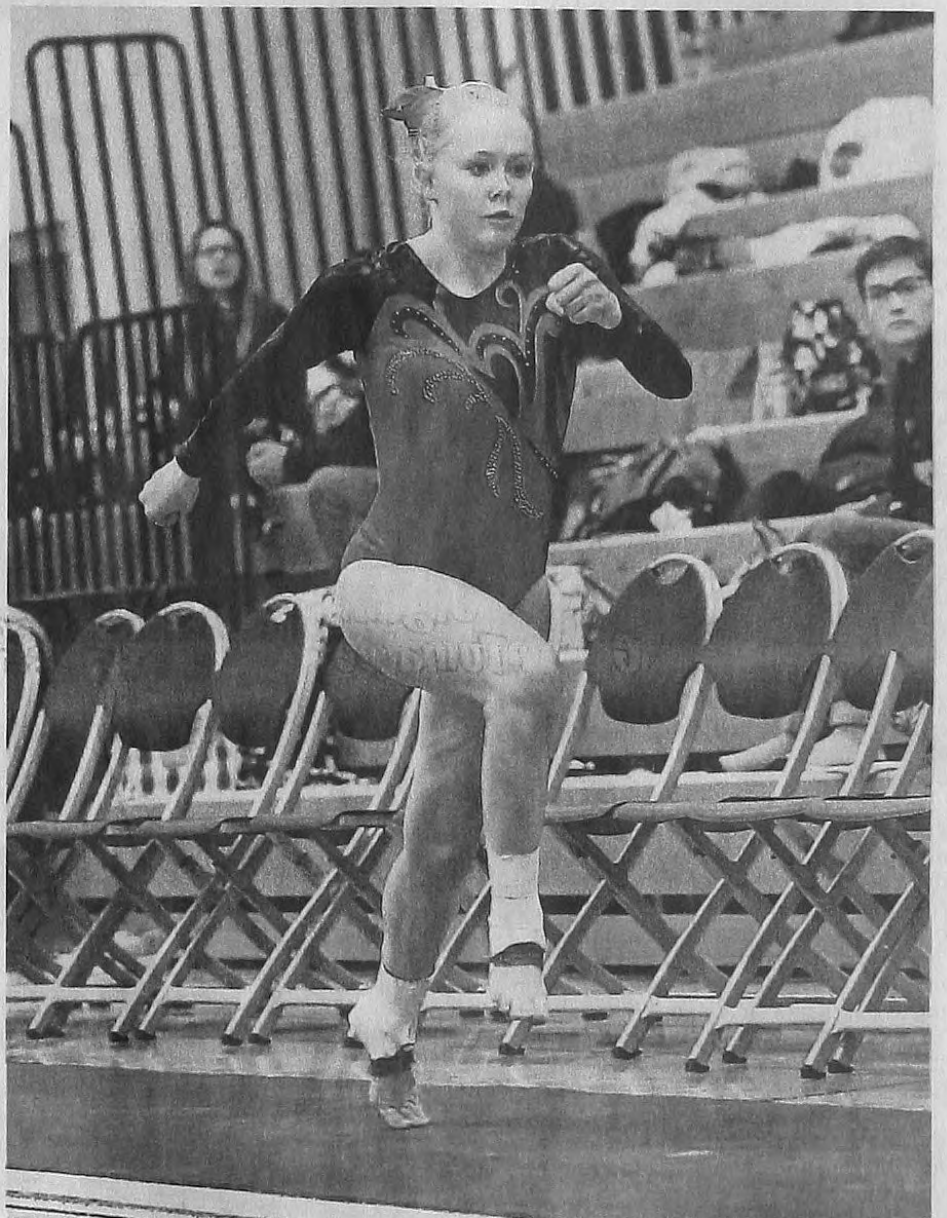
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When Jana Hilditch wants something — especially in gymnastics — she keeps her eye on the prize and flicks off all surrounding distractions until she gets it. For the 17-year-old Hilditch, a senior at Canton High School, the 2016-17 gymnastics season was her final chance to get the personal goal she wanted the most: to qualify for the MHSAA individual state finals. But then came the Monday morning after Thanksgiving break, something that turned her world upside down in the same way she catapults through the air during another on-the-money vault routine. Hilditch suffered a seizure in her bedroom, blacking out for a couple of minutes and not being clear-headed for at least 20 minutes. After getting up, she rolled her left foot and broke a toe while trying to make her way to the ambulance. "We don't have any family history of seizures, so it was kind of sudden and we really didn't expect it at all," said Hilditch, a tiny young woman (4-foot-11 and 96 pounds) with a big knack for nimble performance. "It was kind of big, because I was out of school for two days and I then I was out of gymnas-

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### ALL ABOUT JANA

**Who:** Jana Hilditch, 17-year-old senior and Division 1 (Level 8) gymnast at Canton High School.  
**What:** She overcame two seizures during her senior year to be a key contributor for Canton's MHSAA regional team championship and qualified for the individual state finals in balance beam and floor exercise. On floor, she finished 13th with a 9.2 tally.  
**Honors:** Hilditch, whose parents are Canton residents Gina and Jim Hilditch, carries a 3.5 grade-point average and is a member of the National Honor Society.  
**College:** Her plans are to attend Grand Valley State University and pursue a business degree.  
**Her fave:** Of the four disciplines in gymnastics, her favorite is beam: "I think it's because I've gotten better at it over the years, so it starts to become easier."  
**Senior trip:** In late May, she will go to Fort Myers, Fla., for the National High School Gymnastics Association meet, which is for high school seniors. Taking the trip and also competing will be friend Jessica Weak of Livonia Blue.



With sheer determination and focus, Jana Hilditch keeps running full-tilt after her goals. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



It's another perfect dismount for Canton senior Jana Hilditch, who qualified for individual state finals on balance beam. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

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BOYS LACROSSE

# Canton should score goals a-plenty

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There's no denying the Canton varsity boys lacrosse program is on an upward trajectory.

Playoff spots and winning records already are becoming the norm for head coach Fred Karam's squad and the Chiefs want more in 2017 — looking to take the next step up following a 13-5 season last time around.

According to Karam, "a new blend of juniors, sophomores and freshmen talent provides the opportunity for the team to be competitive right out of the gate this season."

Looking to steer the ship from a player leadership standpoint will be team captains Nathan Janice, Steven Szymusiak and all-state midfielder Nick Polydoros. But they and their teammates also can get it done on the field.

Canton should score plenty of goals, with senior Drew Montgomery back after a 30-goal season.

Rounding out the attack will be senior Grant Davidson, sophomore Patrick Distelrath and freshman Zachery Sweet.

Polydoros, only a junior, will set the tone in the midfield. He will be augmented by junior Connor Flanigan, one



MICHAEL VASILNEK

Drew Montgomery (left), shown from a 2016 game, scored 30 goals for the Chiefs last season.

of the area's top face-off performers and an all-state honorable mention pick last year.

Also solid in the midfield is junior Chase Meredith, who "brings size and

grit and has shown to be a threat to score every time he touches the ball."

The Chiefs have others ready to help in the transition game. Seniors Ben Turbaro, Ed Lang and Nick Meyer "pro-

vide a tough-minded approach to defense," while juniors Ian Schneider, Jake Kendall and Alex Yoder "play key roles in the new developing offense."

Helping the cause with athleticism and a fundamentally sound game is freshman Jack Cervantes.

Szymusiak is one of the seniors on Canton's defensive line, with others including Reid McDonnell, Emerson Taylor and Michael Maes.

"All our interchangeable pieces on defense," Karam said. "This group makes it very difficult for the opposing teams to score."

Backstopping them is senior goaltender Janice. All were instrumental in the team having the No. 5-ranked defense in the state in 2016.

Juniors Diego Marzejon, Jared Golles (both long-stick middies) and goalie Jack Rumohr also are talented and gritty defenders.

Canton already is showing it will make life tough on rival goaltenders, with a combined 33 goals in three games. The Chiefs defeated Dearborn Divine Child, 11-4, on March 24, then routed Holt, 13-0, Monday and edged Saline, 9-8, Wednesday.

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## USA

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handled only nine.

### Ice-breaker

Cracking the scoreless tie with 2:06 left in the second period was forward Brianna Decker, who finished off a brilliant rush and pass by blue liner Megan Bozek.

On the play, Bozek skated down the right side of the ice into the Team Canada zone, circled the goal and centered the puck. Standing at the right post for the tap-in was Decker and soon the miniature American flags were waving in unison all across the Plymouth arena.

"I knew exactly what she was going to do," Decker said. "I'm used to playing with her and against her growing up. I knew she was going to try for the wrap-around and swing it back door to me."

Decker said the team was not getting frustrated at that point, pushing the play without being rewarded.

"We were just taking it shift by shift there, just focusing in on how you can get pucks to the net and what not," Decker said. "We were just pressing and pressing and we knew it was going to pop in sooner or later."

There were some anxious moments in the first few minutes of the final period, as Team Canada upped the offensive ante with a handful of dangerous chances.

Ready each time was Hensley, the game's No. 1 star with her 18-save shut-out. She denied Blayne Turnbull on the doorstep, kicked out a pad to stop Jennifer Wakefield and then got her blocker on Haley Irwin's chance from the slot.

Team USA then scored a huge insurance goal with 15:11 to play. Gigi Martin intercepted a clearing pass inside the Team Canada zone and sent a low shot that changed direction and eluded Szabados.

From there, Stauber's team managed the puck expertly. All that was left was to wind the clock down and for Team USA fans to party.

The U.S. team then congregated at center ice and hoisted sticks into the air.

Keller emphasized that being able to play in the Women's Worlds after all has put things into perspective about "how important these tournaments are and how much they mean to you and your teammates. And we're all excited to be here, playing for a gold medal."

### Reason to believe

Meanwhile, no matter how Keller and company fare throughout the tournament, which wraps up April 7, Livonia Knights players considered it a big win just to have them back representing the U.S. on the international hockey stage.

"They really showed us that we need to stand up for what we want and what we believe is right and equal for us," said Nicole Stefanick, 15, of the Knights 16-Under Tier 2 girls team.

Stefanick and Knights teammate Anna Braschwitz, 15, did not have tickets to the U.S.-Canada game, but instead had freebies to watch the late



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Team USA's Megan Keller (right) of Farmington looks to make a pass in front of Canada's Natalie Spooner.



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Team USA's Hilary Knight (right) and Jocelyne Lamoureux and Canada's Jocelyne Larocque battle for the puck.

afternoon contest on the Olympic-sized ice sheet between Germany and Sweden. They hoped to land tickets for one of the other U.S. contests.

"I was a little nervous," Braschwitz said about wondering almost down to the wire about whether Team USA would settle and end the boycott in time to play. "But from all the support everybody was giving the team I thought, of course, they would get it."

According to Stefanick, it was tough getting pumped up about the Women's Worlds because of all the uncertainty.

"But I mean, I think they deserve the right to have better pay," Stefanick said. "So I think it's for a good cause. But I think it was a little nerve-racking not knowing if they were going to be here or not."

Meanwhile, Braschwitz said she thought the way players stuck together through thick and thin would carry over into their games — hopefully all the way to another gold medal.

"Definitely, they worked so hard to get into this, they're going to work hard to win."

### Sigh of relief

Also relieved that USA Hockey and the women's team reached an agreement was Scott Monaghan, senior director of operations for the U.S. National Team Development Program. He also is in charge of marketing and sales for the arena.

With just two days from settlement to first puck drop, Monaghan said there was "a lot of stress on the folks here at the building who did a heck of a lot of work to get ready for this."

"But I think we were all confident that the folks at the top could manage this and that everybody wanted get to the same conclusion," he said.

As for how ticket buyers reacted to all the uncertainty during the boycott, Monaghan admitted it wasn't easy for the USA Hockey Arena box office.

"There was some people that were concerned about the product on the ice," he said. "But at the end of the day, we had very minimal refunds. Most people waited, just like we were waiting to see how things sorted themselves out."

Monaghan added that the tournament will hopefully be the first of many global events at the arena.

"Our goal is to continue to host more really good events like this as we move forward," Monaghan said. "I think it brings the international community to Plymouth and Northville and Canton and which is kind of cool for the communities."

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## WILDCATS

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mately falling in a heart-breaker to Allen Park to deny the Wildcats an encore spot in the Division 1 quarterfinals.

"Our culture this year is very unique and something special," Evans said. "We have six talented juniors and seniors who have decided to lead by example every day."

"They strive to continue our winning tradition and work together a collective force to lead this team."

Those returning players and team leaders include seniors Gina Barber (infield), Mikayla Rose (first base) and Kelly Gryniowicz (utility) and juniors Jenny Bressler (pitcher), Whitney Holden (utility) and Jessica Tucci (util-

ity).

Helping the cause will be returning sophomores Arie Bartholomew (catcher, utility), Haley Gagnon (catcher, infield) and Kiersten Metz (DH, utility).

Evans also is optimistic that a trio of freshmen can continue the Plymouth tradition of young players stepping into action and making an immediate impact.

Sophia Dibbles has the potential to "add power to the lineup and help at first (base)," while utility player Alexis D'Alexander could provide consistency in the lineup and defensively, perhaps at a middle infield spot.

Freshman Angela Schmidt, also a utility player, could chip in at pitcher.

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Plymouth's Jenny Bressler again will be the top pitcher for the Wildcats.



PREP SOFTBALL

# Twigg new driver at wheel for Ladywood

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Jerry Twigg hopes to keep the ball rolling as Livonia Ladywood's new varsity softball coach.

The Blazers enter the 2017 season with high expectations despite a coaching change after Scott Combs stepped down following nine seasons, as he compiled an impressive 284-85 record.



Twigg

Ladywood finished 32-13 last year, losing to Vicksburg in the Class B state semifinals, 7-5.

Twigg spent the past two seasons as Canton's JV coach under Al White and also coached previously at Detroit Cass Tech.

"Our transition has been good," said Twigg, who returns five starters off last year's district and regional champions. "I came over here not really knowing what to expect, but the girls work hard. You ask them to do and they do. They don't say, 'Oh, coach, why? What?' They just go out and do it and they work hard."

The biggest question mark facing Twigg is on the mound where two-time all-stater and four-year starter Rozlyn Price, now at NCAA Division I Binghamton (N.Y.) University, must be replaced.

Junior Elizabeth Kemp, who started last year as the team's designated player, will be the No. 1 starter, while freshman Madison Wasen will be the backup. Both can also play first base.



Ladywood's four senior captains include (from left) Lauren Holdsworth, CeCe Werner, Jamie Gietl and Sarah Cervanen.

Four other key starters graduated, including Alexa Flores and M.K. Warner, both playing softball at Davenport University, along with Erika Selakow-

ski, who is rowing at Fordham (N.Y.) University.

Twigg will lean on his four senior captains to pave the way this season,

led by shortstop-third baseman Lauren Holdsworth, who has signed with Eastern Michigan University; shortstop CeCe Werner (Adrian College); second baseman Jamie Gietl (Northwood University); and outfielder Sarah Cervanen.

"These four captains are phenomenal, they've been well-coached," Twigg said. "(Combs) set us up for success. These four captains are leaders. They have talent, they have leadership and they're going to lead this team."

Other returnees include sophomore Allee Schellenger, a starter last year in the outfield; sophomore infielder Emily Paluk; junior first baseman-outfielder Anna Francone; and sophomore catcher Bridget Folk.

Among the promising newcomers are sophomore catcher Kelly McCullough and freshman outfielders Katilyn Kramer, Mackenzie Campbell, Katlyn Errigo and Mary Lauria.

Under Combs, Ladywood captured a Division 2 state title in 2012 and finished runner-up twice (2014 and 2009) while reaching the state semifinals six times.

Big shoes to fill, to say the least, as the Blazers open their season at 4 p.m. Wednesday, April 5, at home against Wixom St. Catherine of Siena.

"We're looking for a good season," Twigg said. "Nothing changes. It's always the same thing. Ladywood always expects to be competitive in the Catholic League, compete for championships and do well at the states."

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## HILDITCH

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tics for about a month."

And during that absence, the daughter of Gina and Jim Hilditch of Canton openly wondered if her quest to reach the finals her senior year was upended.

### Fighting the urge

It was tough for her to cope with at first.

"It made me very upset when I was off," said Hilditch, with her mom during an interview at Grand Traverse Pie Co. in Plymouth. "I kind of had to sit at practice and watch my teammates practice for a month. I just kind of sat there."

"I was so tempted to just get up and go and run and do flips, but I wasn't allowed to because I wasn't cleared yet. There were a few times when I just had to step out into the hall and compose myself."

Finally, Hilditch was given the green light to return to the Chiefs and — despite another seizure in January — she was a key contributor to Canton's latest team regional championship.

And yes, the Division 1 gymnast was able to qualify for individual finals in the balance beam and floor exercise.

But not before an anxious week leading into the individual regional filled her with a rare kind of self-doubt. Not to mention she was dealing with a sore back that hampered her.

"The week up to regionals, it was a very bad practice and I was kind of concerned that I wouldn't make it to states," she said. "I knew the team would make it, but I wasn't sure if I was going to make it to individuals or not. I couldn't get skills consistently."

"I had a lot of thoughts: What would I do if didn't make it to states? It was really hard. But when I made it to states, all the pain was worth it."

Although Hilditch didn't garner all-state honors, she was pleased with how she performed.

"Floor was good and beam was pretty good," Hilditch said. "Except I fell on my mount."

### On her feet

Getting up after slipping is something Jana Hilditch is getting pretty good at though. Her mom definitely is noticing that about her daughter these days.

"I've learned that she's a pretty strong kid," Gina Hilditch said. "I think at first she was embarrassed about (the seizure). But she realizes it's part of life now. ... I think she's overcome it well."

"She's hung in there and she continues to hang in there and bounce back well."

Gina Hilditch said Jana had an "episode" earlier in 2016, but that "they had not classified it as a seizure. After she had the second one, it was very clear that that's what had happened before."

"There's no good explanation for what happened to her; all her tests have been normal. She is just classified with a generic epilepsy, because they don't have anything else to call it," Gina added.

But now Jana takes medicine for the condition. She will need to continue taking it for two years.

"We don't know that there were ever any indicators that it was going to happen," Gina said. "It was just very sudden. And there really was no predictor at all. I think it's important for people to understand ... your life is *not* over. You can be pretty much normal. It doesn't have to label you or control your life."

### Ups and downs

So needless to say, Jana Hilditch's senior season was a roller-coaster ride,



Family love and support helped get Jana Hilditch through her ordeal this year. Here, Jana is flanked by parents Gina and Jim Hilditch following another medal-winning event.

to say the least.

Although waiting to hear doctors give her the green light to compete again seemed to take eternity, a strong support system with the Chiefs really buoyed her spirits.

"It helped a lot," Hilditch said. "I think gymnastics really helped get me back in the mood and towards the swing of things, because I wanted to go to states and everything and I actually ended up going to states this year and that's always my main goal at the beginning of a season."

"I did, which I was really happy about. It made the season a lot better."

Of course, once Hilditch was cleared to return to the team, it took some time to sharpen her skills again.

"She had to put off starting her skills and practicing for a month," Gina said. "And that's really difficult in gymnastics to take that much time off and be able to go back to where you started."

"You're behind at that point. So it was really hard for her to be able to come back and get where she was."

But that didn't take as long as some might have thought, what with her doing the same drills and movements since joining Splitz Gymnastics Academy in Canton when she was about 3 years old.

Hilditch stayed at Splitz until joining Oakland Gymnastics in Walled Lake as an eighth-grader. Two years later, she joined the Chiefs to give high school gymnastics a try.

"Usually, if I take time off, I'm better when I come back, it's easier for me to do things," she said. "I feel once you start doing skills, it's in your blood and you know how to do it. So once you get back, it's not hard to get your skills back."

"You have muscle memory, so you remember how you do it."



Canton senior Jana Hilditch strikes a pensive pose during a recent tournament.

### Comfort zone

Also big was the love and support from family and friends, not to mention teammates and coaches such as John Cunningham.

"He's very supportive," Hilditch said about the longtime Canton coach. "He's probably one of the best coaches I've had, ever."

"But he knows where to push me and he knows what I've been going through. ... He knows how to push me and help me be the best gymnast I can be."

Also important, her mom said, was Jana's "faith in God helped her get through all the hard times."

Having such a strong and comforting

support system undoubtedly wrapped itself around her enough to come back strong.

Yet for a while in the weeks after the late November seizure, Hilditch felt conflicted about whether she should even talk about her situation outside the family home.

"I didn't originally tell people," she said. "But sometimes people would ask, 'Why isn't your car in the parking lot?' And I'd say, 'Oh, I can't drive, I haven't driven since November.'"

"And they were always wondering why. I just said, 'I had seizures' and they were freaking out about it. ... When a lot of people find out about it, they're supportive and they don't judge me about it."

### Time to chill

Hilditch noted that she needs to wait six months after suffering a seizure to drive. Because she had a subsequent episode in January, she isn't permitted to drive until July.

"On my birthday, I can drive. I get to drive again on July 9," she said, adding that getting behind the wheel again will be a "very nice 18th birthday present."

One of her first drives will be to Grand Valley State University, where she will attend school and possibly do club gymnastics.

Or maybe she'll head over to Starbucks for her favorite beverage, a chai tea latte on ice.

"They know my order and they know my name," she said, with a beaming grin.

Why *not* drink it up and drink in the accolades?

After so many unknowns and detours, Jana Hilditch definitely stuck the landing.

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## Re-entering the workforce after a long gap

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Getting back to work after a long period of unemployment is a daunting task – but it's far from impossible. Here are some key steps for anyone who's ready to get back to work after a long gap.

### Get reacquainted with the industry

Rejoining the workforce is often a gradual process. You'll find you have more success and more confidence if you lay some groundwork before sending out résumés and applications.

"If you haven't maintained your past professional relationships, now is the time to start networking like mad. Talk to as many people as possible in the field you're trying to get back into," says Tomas Ondrejka, co-founder and CMO of Kickresume. "If possible, find a volunteering position related to your desired job. Volunteering is also a good place to start if you're looking for new networking connections."

### Brush up on key skills

The biggest concern employers may have about a gap on your résumé is that your skills will either be rusty or outdated. Luckily, with courses, workshops and seminars,



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this is a pretty easy fix.

"Getting certificates, degrees etc. may be a good place to start in order to catch the [employer's] attention and replenish for the lack of recent working experience," says Stelios Lambropoulos, CEO and co-founder of Inforearn, an IT solutions company specializing in training software applications. "Many e-learning sites provide the chance to get a certificate once you finish watching a video les-

son. However, certificates that come upon completion of certain tasks are definitely more valuable, because they provide the chance to feel more confident about the skills acquired."

### Gain current experience

"Someone who has been unemployed for a year or two is not as likely to have current experience in his or her field as someone who is employed," says Cheryl

E. Palmer, owner of Call to Career. "The solution to this is to perform contract, temporary or volunteer work. Doing this will help you fill in the gap on your résumé, and it has the added benefit of keeping your skills fresh."

### Use a "functional" résumé format

While it's important to never lie about gaps in your résumé, there's also no point in putting them front and center. A typical chronological résumé focuses on your work history as a timeline and therefore may keep your gap at the top of the employer's mind.

"A functional résumé helps divert attention away from employment gaps and keys the reader in on your most marketable abilities," says Geoff Scott, career adviser and résumé expert at Resume Companion. "By placing work experience at the bottom and highlighting your achievements and skills at the top, you can redirect the hiring manager's focus toward what makes you a viable candidate for their company. This will boost your chances of getting to the interview stage, where you can address work experience questions directly."

### Keep it positive

Once you feel prepared to start applying for jobs in ear-

nest, be ready to talk about the gaps in your work history during interviews. "No matter what situation led to your period of unemployment, make sure you keep things positive," Scott says. "It's important to be honest, but you don't need to dive into incriminating details. Spin things in a positive light and your employment gap will appear a lot less damning."

### Be patient

Rejoining the workforce can be a frustrating process. You're probably very eager to get back to work before the gap on your résumé gets any wider – but trying to leap right back in can be even more frustrating in the long run.

"Remember that depending on your profession, re-entering the workforce can easily take about a year. It will take time and effort to re-establish your personal identity, so don't get frustrated if you don't succeed immediately," Ondrejka says. "Start by clarifying what you want to do. It will help you devise a plan of how to get there."

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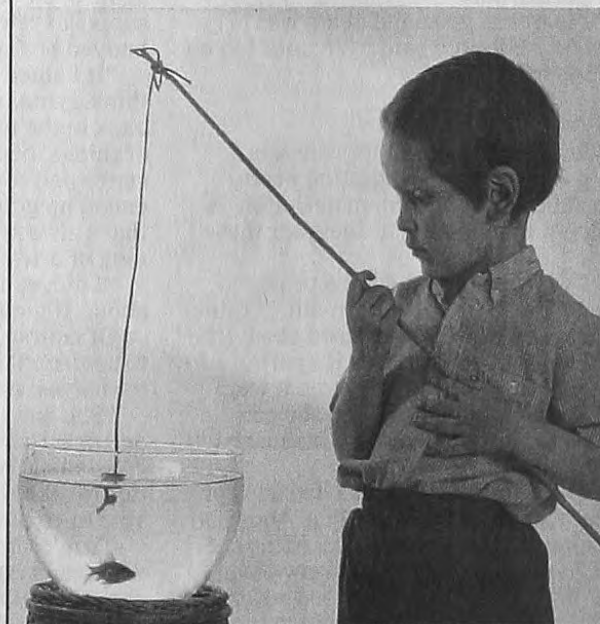
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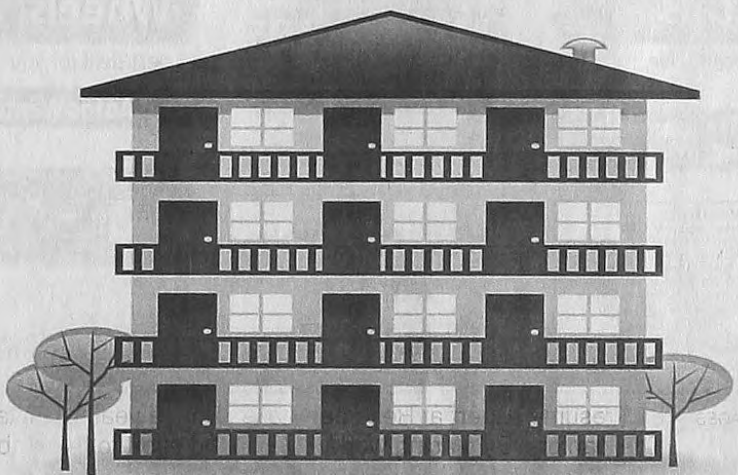
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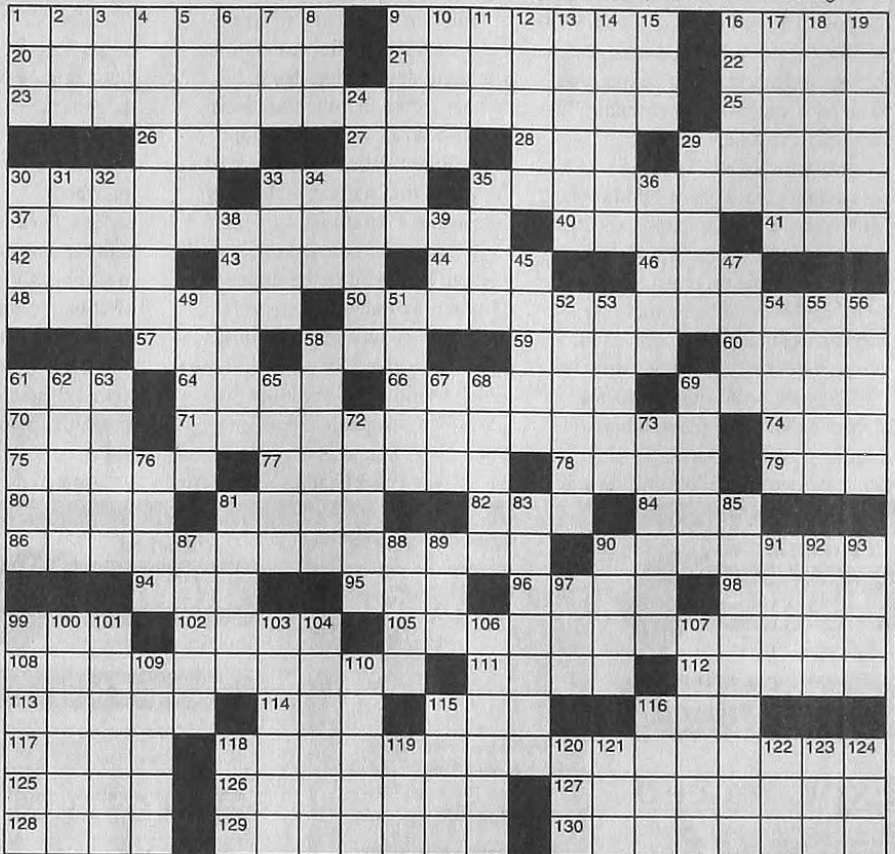
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28 One paying dues: Abbr.  
29 Phoebe, e.g.  
30 Pop or jazz, in Germany  
33 Throw with force  
35 Biblical "verily"  
37 Like much deep-dish pizza  
40 Arctic slab  
41 Pretty picture  
42 Roadwork marker  
43 Morales of "Rapa Nui"  
44 Name a price of  
46 Shaming cluck  
48 Gleeeful laugh  
50 Remotely  
57 Old TV's "— Na Na"  
58 Zee precursor  
59 City just west of Sparks  
60 Former coin of Italy  
61 The norm  
64 Orem's place  
66 — Marcus (high-end retailer)  
69 Male and female  
70 Org. for cavity fixers  
71 Korea, e.g. (or any of eight lands split literally in this puzzle)  
74 Horace work  
75 Numbers on clothing tags  
77 Apprehend  
78 Sub in a dell  
79 Motion "yes"  
80 First-time driver, often  
81 SI mass unit  
82 Apt., e.g.  
84 Manet works  
86 Old Brooke Shields sitcom  
90 "Good goin', kid!"  
94 Egg opener?  
95 R-V link  
96 With 8-Down and 113-Across, big Baja resort  
98 City east of Wichita  
99 Peculiar  
102 AFB truant  
105 Earthworm  
108 Verdant spot in an urban area  
111 Hits hard  
112 An inert gas  
113 See 96-Across  
114 Archaic verb suffix  
115 Sliffe legally  
116 Back-to-sch. day  
117 Kuwaiti VIP in this networks or video games  
118 Social Michelle  
125 Uncourteous mother:  
126 Virgin Mary's clothing  
127 Groups of spreadsheet figures  
128 Went hastily  
129 Kitchen scourers  
130 Kind of  
**DOWN**  
1 Jitney cousin  
2 Cry at 1-Across  
3 Actor Palillo  
4 Ones crying "Hallelujah!"  
5 Daughter of Donald Trump  
6 Test version  
7 Onassis' nickname  
8 See 96-Across  
9 In a kind way  
10 Investments for later yrs.  
11 Hoopster Jeremy  
12 Leo Delibes opera  
13 Covered with foliage  
14 Creature  
15 Dude  
16 First lady  
17 — party (sleepover)  
18 Applications  
19 Tennis great  
24 Beef up  
29 That is, to Livy  
30 Livy's 1,300  
31 "This looks very bad"  
32 Relating to China: Prefix  
33 Wash (down)  
34 Uncle Sam's land  
35 Rural ascent to a lady  
36 "That's a lie"  
38 Italian ice creams  
39 China's — tzu  
45 Merited fate  
47 Frilly veggie  
49 Sounds upon impact  
51 Zellweger of the screen  
52 Video game losses  
53 Navel variety  
54 Watergate president  
55 Belief system  
56 Simplified  
58 Having rapid rotation  
61 Histories  
62 "Goodbye"  
63 Tore down  
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68 IV part  
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72 Smeltery residue  
73 One elocuting  
76 Within: Prefix  
81 Is sure about  
83 Spellbind  
85 Like Keelung residents  
87 Dale riding Buttermilk  
88 — Reader (quarterly digest)  
89 Anna of fashion  
90 Basics  
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6	8	1	2	4	3	7	9	5
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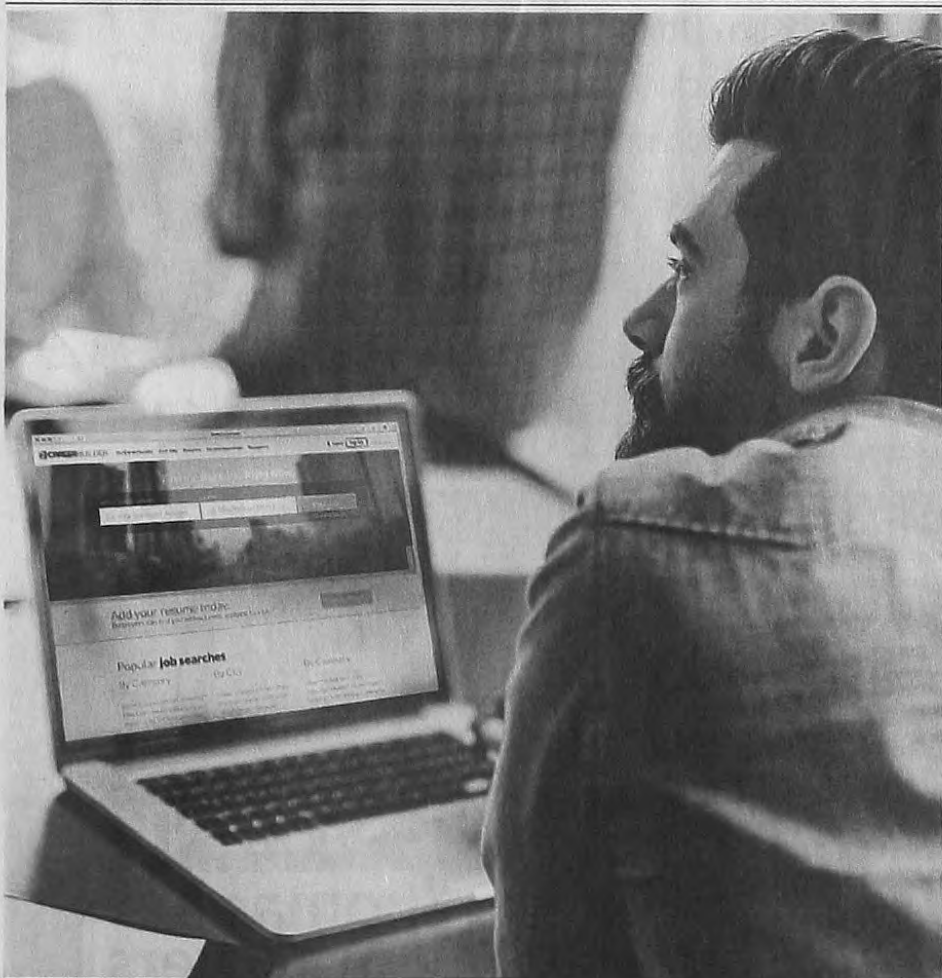
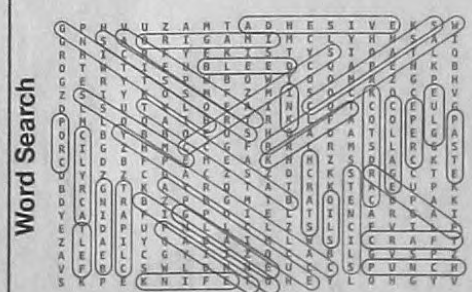
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

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# Car Report

## FACTORY JOBS IN WAYNE WILL BOOST REGION, BUT FORD'S NEWS ABOUT NEW DATA CENTER MAY BECOME MORE SIGNIFICANT



By Dale Buss

For all the potential political significance of Ford's Michigan-jobs announcement, the most important part of it over the long term might be the part of

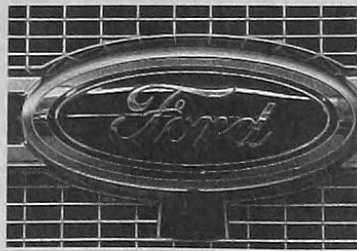
it that is actual news: The company is going to spend a previously undisclosed \$200 million to put a new data-storage center at its plant in Flat Rock, Mich., to boost Ford's digital capabilities for the mobility services and other computational needs which may define its future.

Yes, Ford said it will spend \$1 billion at its Michigan Assembly plant near Detroit and at a nearby engine plant to start producing an all-new Ranger midsize pickup truck and all-new Bronco SUV in 2020.

But potentially more significant is the fact that Ford plans to invest \$200 million for an "advanced data center to support the company's expansion to an auto and mobility company," as Ford put it in a news release.

It is the second of two new data centers that Ford is building in Michigan, as the company expects its data usage to increase 1,000 percent -- "driven by manufacturing and business needs and new mobility services, such as more connected, autonomous and electrified vehicles."

The new center will be located at Ford's Flat Rock plant, where the company also announced a while ago it is investing \$700 million and



The Ford logo on an F150 grille. AP photo/Gene J. Puskar.

adding 700 direct new jobs to create a factory capable of producing high-tech electrified and autonomous vehicles.

That all sounds rather pro forma in a new era in which every automaker must invest heavily to be a player in the self-driving future. And it's true that Ford is talking about data storage and manipulation at this just-announced facility, not about shelling out another \$200 million to hire a bunch of code writers and instructing them to beat Silicon Valley to the punch in every advancement that will determine the future of automated driving.

But Ford's decision to spend the extra \$200 million on another Michigan data center also is another signal that the traditional auto industry continues to fight with Silicon Valley for control of the wheel that will drive the auto industry of the future.

By now, the conventional wisdom has tilted in the direction of assuming that -- maybe only eventually, maybe even painfully -- automakers like Detroit's Big Three will determine their best bet is to allow tech companies like Google, Uber and Apple to take control of all the software that handles the external

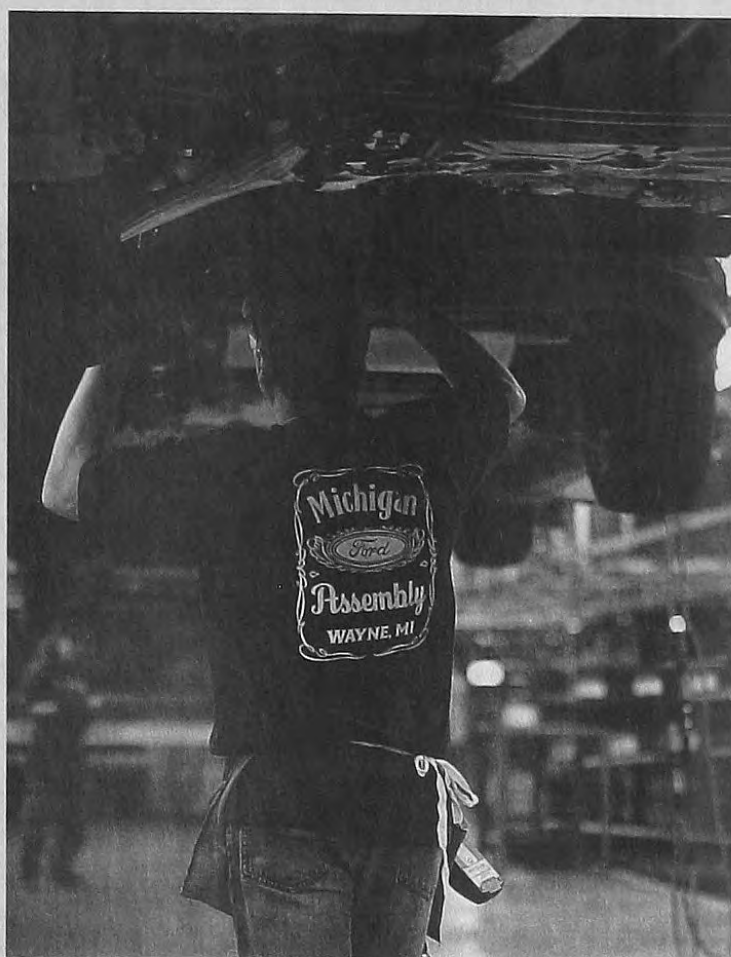
interfaces for automated vehicles and for the algorithmic guts of ride-sharing networks and the like. Along with that would surely go Silicon Valley's control of much of the data generated by the transportation systems of the future. Partner with the interlopers rather than compete with them in the area they command.

In a big way, that resounds of Michael Porter and his theory of regional comparative advantage: Car companies had better retreat to what they know best, this reasoning goes, if they want to retain key roles in the future. And what they know best is making vehicles capable of supporting an overlay of self-driving wizardry created and maintained by the tech titans of California.

Put another way: Can a place like Michigan, which has trouble getting even native-born software writers to stick around long enough to get their degrees from the University of Michigan, possibly hope to keep these kids away from the siren song of the bloated compensation and lifestyle allure of Silicon Valley? Data-storage centers aren't the same thing as massive campuses where the true value is added to the digital economy in terms of software and interfaces.

But Ford's announcement about another data center in its backyard in stubbornly industrial southeastern Michigan seems to help fudge this theory. So do Ford's plans to overhaul Michigan white-collar facilities to make them more like the most appealing places to work in Silicon Valley.

And so does the oft-expressed



A line worker at Ford's Michigan Assembly plant in Wayne.

determination by Ford CEO Mark Fields to make the future of his company all about mobility services; it would make no sense at all for Fields to be planning to outsource this emergent new essence of Ford to another entire industry. General Motors' Mary Barra is taking a similar approach.

So while the Sturm und Drang over Ford's announcement predictably focuses on whether the factory moves represent some sort of knuckling under to President Trump, or whether he will benefit at all politically from it, the real import of what Ford said may lie in the \$200-million outlay, not the \$1 billion.

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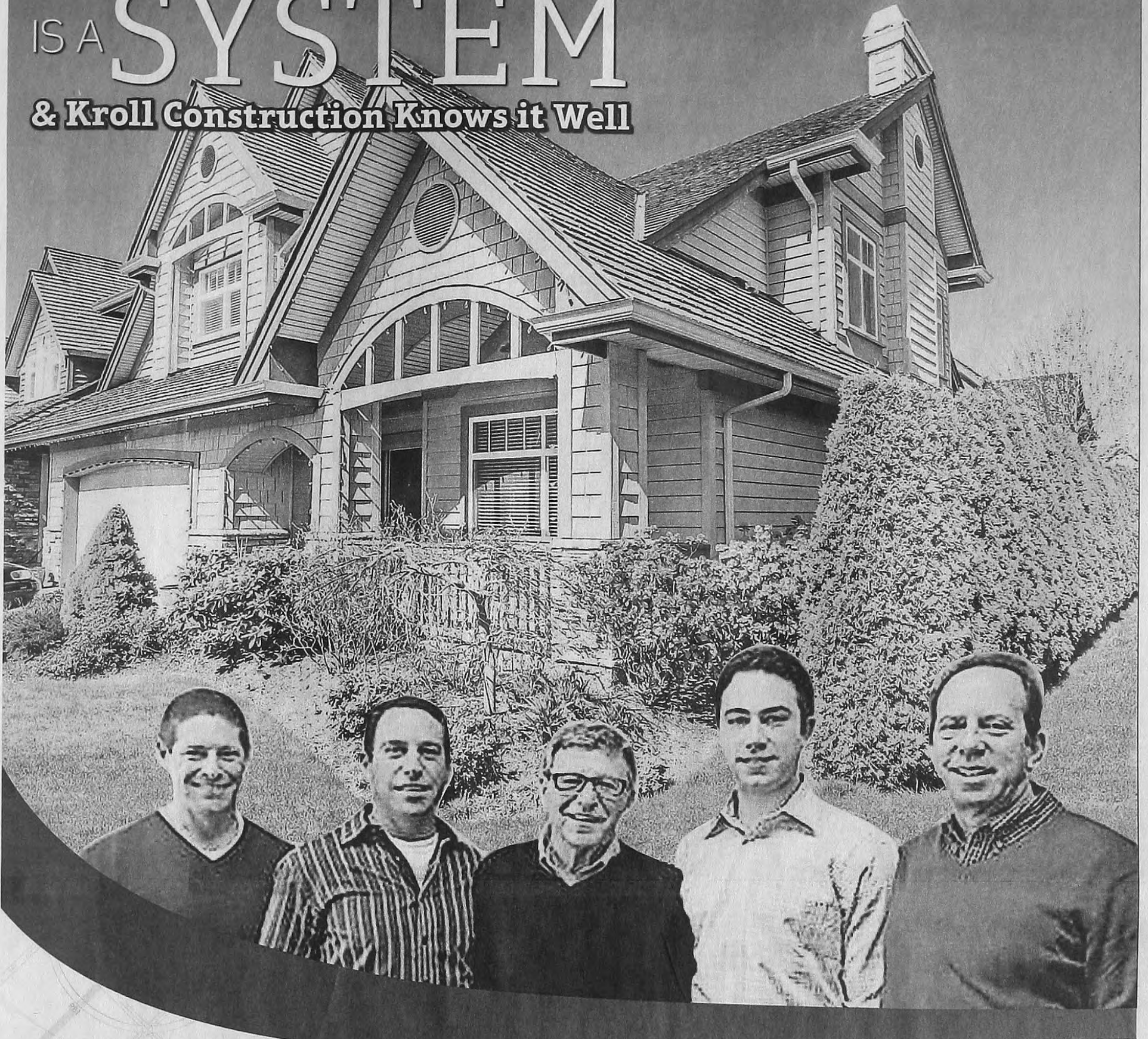




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