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Comcast promises more military hires

Cable giant makes
commitment to veterans

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Comcast, after making big strides toward hiring 10,000 military personnel by year's end, pledged Tuesday during a ceremony at its Plymouth facility to continue the effort.

Since launching its initiative two years ago, Comcast already has hired 6,500 veterans, reservists, National Guard members and military spouses, including 83 employees in Michigan, officials say. The company offers job security to on-call military personnel

when they are called to duty.

It's not simply an effort to do what's right, said retired Brig. Gen. Carol Eggert, senior vice president of military and veteran affairs for Comcast NBCUniversal.

"We're doing it because we understand the talent the military brings to us," she said.

Her remarks came before Tim Collins, Comcast's Plymouth-based regional senior vice president, formally signed a statement reiterating the company's pledge to hiring military employees. He sat next to Melvin Bauman, who chairs Michigan's Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve organization, for the signing.

Bauman said it's imperative that on-call military employees not worry about their jobs when they are called to battle or other service to country.

"That's one less thing for them to deal with," he said.

Bauman cited the Big Three automakers as another example of employers who are supportive of reservists and National Guard members.

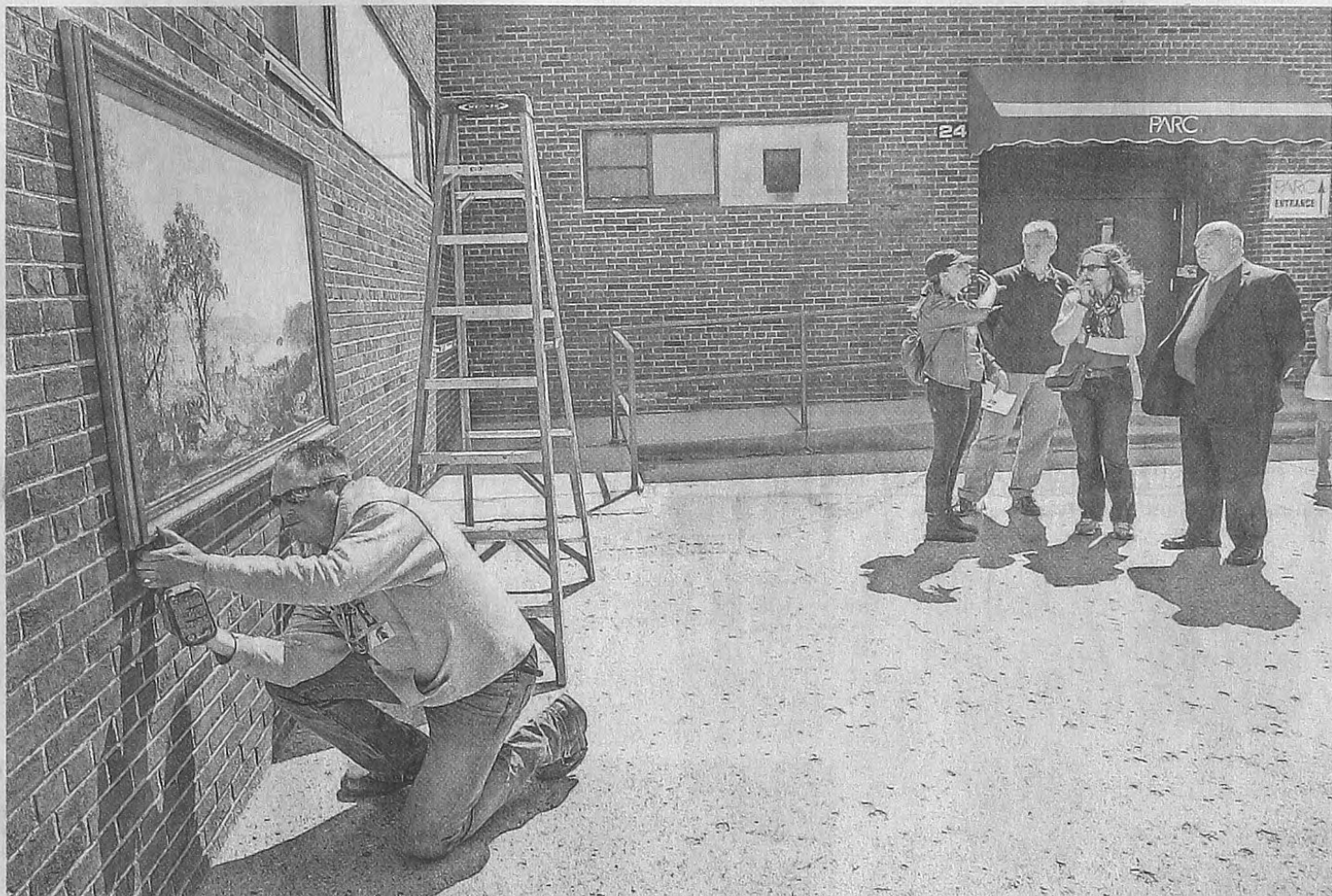
Some military personnel who work for Comcast donned their uniforms for Tuesday's ceremony, which preceded a four-hour educational summit intended to strengthen the company's already close-knit relations with reservists and



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Comcast Regional Senior Vice President Tim Collins signs a document reaffirming the company's dedication to hiring military personnel. At right, Melvin Bauman, Michigan chair for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, looks on.

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Jason Gumbrecht installs the second sign at the PARC.

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DIA art goes up in Plymouth

Local community celebrates DIA's Inside | Out
program to place masterworks outdoors

The art is here.

Representatives from the Detroit Institute of Arts and from the Plymouth PARC complex, along with Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer and PARC president Don Soenen, were on hand for the DIA Inside | Out art installation April 14 at the PARC.

A dozen reproductions of masterpieces from the Detroit Institute of Arts collection will be displayed outdoors in Plymouth as part of the DIA's Inside | Out effort to bring art to local communities. The art will be on display through mid-July.

"It's a huge deal," said Lisa Howard, executive director of the Plymouth Community Arts Council. "Everybody wants to be affiliated with the DIA. It's a big draw for people to come to our community."

Local groups and community supporters, particularly Mark Malcolm, worked together to convince the DIA that Plymouth should be chosen to display the art. Officials say the effort is sponsored by The Knight Foundation.

"This is an enormous deal. It's great for the community," said Marsha Kreza, marketing consultant for the Plymouth Arts and Recreation Complex.

The PCAC has two reproductions of paintings installed, including the oil on canvas "The Window" by Henri Matisse, from 1916. The other, also an oil on canvas, is "The Art of the Negro" by Hale Woodruff, from 1950-51.

PARC also gets two pieces of artwork, while others will be displayed at the Penn Theatre, the Plymouth Historical Museum, the Plymouth District Library, Hermann's Olde Town Grille, the alley next to The Sardine Room, the side of Dearborn Jewelers, E.G. Nick's and Westborn Market.



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The artwork is installed and ready for viewing. Gathered for the occasion are (from left) the PARC's Mark Malcolm, DIA community relations program manager Jillian Reese, PARC's Don Soenen, Plymouth Mayor Dan Dwyer, PARC's Gail Grieger, Plymouth District Library Director Carol Souchock, PARC's marketing consultant Marsh Kreza, Plymouth historians Ellen and Joe Elliott and DDA director Tony Bruscato.

Schoolcraft student earns \$40K for college transfer

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Elis Sholla was prepared to walk away from his dream.

After hearing several of his peers that had competed for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship had received word that they had won, the Canton resident and Schoolcraft College student said he was resigned to the fact he wouldn't go to the University of Michigan to earn his bachelor's degree and eventually get into a graduate program for quantum computing. He was ready to move on.

That was, until he came down to the Waterman Wing of the VisTaTech Center on April 13 for what he thought was a meeting with fellow Phi Theta Kappa members. There, he was greeted by school administrators and a cake with his name on it. He had won the prestigious scholarship and the \$40,000 a year for his education that comes with it.

"I can't believe this," he said. "This is crazy."

Sholla, a native of Albania who moved to the United States several years ago to pursue opportunities in science education, is the sixth Schoolcraft College student to receive the award, which was given to about 60 students across the country this year. The last

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Elis Sholla walks in the room and hears the news that he earned the Jack Kent Cooke scholarship.



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National Guard personnel who, Eggert said, account for nearly half of the nation's defense forces.

"The military provides an excellent channel of talent," Eggert said, "but you have to cultivate it and understand it."

Col. Shawn Harris, commander of the 63rd Troop Command of the Michigan Army National Guard, lauded Comcast for its support.

"We are always looking for ways to partner with this organization and ensure that our soldiers can find jobs," he said.

Eggert said military spouses, because they often have to relocate, can easily become underemployed. She said Comcast strives to keep them employed when they move or, at a minimum, offers a good severance package as they start anew. In a token of appreciation Tuesday, she handed out military coins to personnel attending the ceremony.

Col. Keir Knapp, vice wing commander of the 110th Attack Wing of the Army National Guard, said on-call military per-



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Comcast veterans Staff Sgt. Brian Fox of the Indiana National Guard, Sgt. Richard Rec of the Army Reserve, Lance Corp. Aaron Clark of the Marine Reserve and ET1 Brian Howard of the Navy Reserve gather after the opening ceremony and document signing.

sonnel bring skills, leadership, dedication, promptness and other traits to their jobs. In turn, he said, they require flexibility without fear of losing their jobs.

He said they could be flying combat one day "and showing up for work on Monday."

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Schoolcraft President Conway Jeffress congratulates Elis Sholla. At right, Director of Student Activities Todd Stowell, is also the adviser to the Phi Theta Kappa honor society. Sholla is president of the Schoolcraft chapter.

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Schoolcraft College student to win was Efua Crentsil, who received the scholarship in 2015.

Laurie Kattuah-Snyder, the college's associate dean of advising and partnerships, said Sholla winning the scholarship continues to show the level of high achievement Schoolcraft College is committed to.

"It's a wonderful honor, because it just underscores what we've been saying for years: that the academic rigor that we provide our students is worthy of all these Jack Kent Cooke scholars," she said. "We've had these scholars because of who they are, plus our academic rigor."

Sholla said he was ready to attend a four-year school elsewhere, as he believed he hadn't won. He even told his mother he hadn't won and that he needed to plan a new course for his academic future.

"I had to redesign all my plans because things were not working out that well for me right now," he said. "And this is crazy. I applied at Wayne State (University) and everything. I was going to go. And I had to jeopardize all my dreams, because Wayne State doesn't even offer quantum physics, quantum computers and research in those fields."

"I'm going to have such a good sleep tonight."

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Associate Dean of Advising and Partnership Laurie Kattuah-Snyder reacts to Elis Sholla's comments.

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Canton's Acts of Culture Week returns

Canton will again spotlight arts and culture during the seventh annual Canton Acts of Culture Week. This event, presented by the Canton Commission for Culture, Arts and Heritage, will begin Friday, April 28, and run through Monday, May 8, at various community locations.

Goals of Culture Week include showcasing community cultural resources and partnerships; celebrating diverse culture offerings; raising awareness of arts accessibility; instilling an appreciation of local arts organizations; and promoting arts and heritage in and around the Canton community.

In celebration of the arts, a variety of events will be held:

» Kindermusik at Evola Music Center of Canton, 7170 N. Haggerty Road, presents Cinco De Mayo Family Night, 6-7 p.m. Friday, April 28. The Fiesta Time includes Mexican-inspired singing, dancing, instrument play, stories, crafts, snacks and more. This free event is designed for children ages 6 and under with a caregiver. Call 734-455-4677 to register. For more information, go to www.capricciomusik.com

» A special Spring Art Exhibition will again brighten the lobby of



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The Michigan Philharmonic will participate in Canton Acts of Culture Week.

Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway, from 7 p.m. Monday, May 1, to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 7. More than 40 works of art will be displayed. The paintings, which are also available for purchase, have been created by the students and instructors of Canton Leisure Services Enrichment Watercolor I, Watercolor II and Oil & Acrylics classes. The exhibit is free and open to the public during normal Summit on the Park business hours. For more information, call 734-394-5460 or go to www.summitonthe park.org.

» Michigan Philharmonic's Youth Orchestra's Spring Concert will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Tickets are \$15 for adults and seniors and \$5 for students. To purchase tickets, go to www.michiganphil.org or call

the Michigan Philharmonic at 734-451-2112.

» Canton Concert Band presents Let's Dance at 7 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and youth. To purchase tickets, go to www.cantonvillage theater.org or call 734-394-5300.

» Acts of Fashion Show is set for 4 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road. Tickets are \$17 and can be purchased at www.cantonvillage theater.org. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the World War II Veterans Dormitory and The Village Arts Factory. For more information, go to www.actsoffashion.com.

A calendar of Canton Acts of Culture Week events is available at www.cantonfun.org. For more information, call 734-394-5360.

Rest stop gunman gets six-month jail sentence

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A 29-year-old Garden City man who brandished a gun during an argument with a rest area maintenance worker in Canton



Wielkopolan

will remain on probation for two years and six months after he was sentenced Wednesday by Wayne County Circuit Judge Thomas Cameron, the clerk said.

His sentencing came after he pleaded no contest in December to a

single charge of assault with a dangerous weapon.

Averting a jury trial, Wielkopolan accepted a plea deal after authorities agreed to dismiss three other charges of carrying a concealed weapon, felony firearm and possession of marijuana.

A no-contest plea is not an admission of guilt, but is treated as such in court.

Wielkopolan's six-month jail term comes with a charge that could have landed him in prison for four years. His decision to accept a plea deal led to less time behind bars.

Detective Sgt. Dan Traylor has said Wielkopolan was accused of brandishing a gun during an argument with a maintenance worker about 8:40 a.m. Friday, July 29,

at the rest area on Interstate 275, near Cherry Hill. No shots were fired.

Witnesses reported the incident and police say Wielkopolan fled the rest area, but his vehicle was stopped a short distance away on I-275.

Felony charges were dismissed against 25-year-old co-defendant Cheyenne Rae Allard of Westland, who was accused of getting the gun from a vehicle. She agreed to plead to misdemeanor disorderly and marijuana charges in Plymouth 35th District Court and was placed on probation for one year, according to a court clerk.

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Two Plymouth-Canton students earn scholarships

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Scholars were selected from students who advanced to the finalist level in the National Merit Scholarship competition and met criteria of their scholarship sponsors. Corporate sponsors provide National Merit

Scholarships for finalists who are children of their employees, who are residents of communities the company serves or who plan to pursue college majors the sponsor wishes to encourage.

Most of these awards are renewable for up to four years of college undergraduate study and provide annual stipends that range from \$500 to \$10,000 per year. Some provide a single payment between \$2,500 and \$5,000. Recipients can

use their awards at any regionally accredited U.S. college or university of their choice.

Students include Canton resident Matthew E. Decker of Plymouth High School, with a probable career in investment banking, the PWC Charitable Foundation scholarship; and Plymouth resident Megan E. Busch of Plymouth High School, with a probable career in medicine, the PWC Charitable Foundation scholarship.



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Bookstock back at Livonia's Laurel Place

Bookstock is back. Billing itself as the "biggest ... used book sale," Bookstock returns April 23-30 to Laurel Park Place in Livonia, offering deals on used books and media. Proceeds benefit literacy and education projects in metropolitan Detroit.

Detroit Free Press columnist Rochelle Riley and Detroit News columnist Neal Rubin are honorary co-chairs of Bookstock.

Bookstock's pre-sale will kick off at 8:15 a.m. Sunday, April 23, with a performance by Livonia's Churchill High School Drumline. There is a \$20 admission charge for the pre-sale only, which runs through 11 a.m. and offers shoppers and collectors first crack at Bookstock's bargains.

Bookstock has more than 200,000 donated used books, DVDs, CDs, books on tape, magazines and vinyl for sale at bargain basement prices. The sale will continue through Sunday, April 30, running from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

This year, Bookstock will feature six days of special sales:

» **Monday Madness, Monday, April 24:** The first 1,000 shoppers will receive spectacular giveaways and one lucky shopper will receive a \$500 VISA gift card.

» **Teacher Appreciation Day, Tuesday, April 25:** Bookstock gives 50 percent off to teachers 3-9 p.m. At 5 p.m., the Bookstock B.E.S.T. Awards, (Bookstock Extraordinary Student/School/Teacher) will be

presented to fourth-grade students from Detroit Public Schools Community District who write the top essays titled "My Favorite Book Character ... and Why." A WDIV-TV personality will present the awards live and cash prizes will be given to five students, their teachers and their schools.

» **Cookstock, Wednesday, April 26:** Bookstock will feature the area's largest collection of gently used cookbooks. Local TV celebrities Tati Amare (WDIV-TV, Channel 4), Carolyn Clifford (WXYZ-TV, Channel 7) and Sherry Margolis (WJBK-TV, Channel 2) will announce the winners of the first Cookstock Recipe Contest at 5 p.m. at Bookstock, the first recipe contest to benefit literacy in Michigan!

» **Bookbuster Special Days, Thursday and Friday, April 27-28:** Buy three books and get the fourth book free (least expensive item) 3-9 p.m.

» **Half-Price Finale, Sunday, April 30:** All books and media will be sold for half-price.

Marking 15 years of supporting the need to read, Bookstock has generated nearly \$1.7 million for literacy and education projects throughout Oakland County and Detroit. More than 800 volunteers work together throughout the year to organize and staff the week-long Bookstock sale.

For more information, call 248-645-7840, ext. 365, or go to bookstockmi.org. Laurel Park Place is located on Six Mile Road, east of I-275, in Livonia.



Bookstock returns April 23-30 to Livonia's Laurel Park Place.



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Jaclyn Miller, Farmington main library branch head, and Curtis Lewis unveil his new painting that is dedicated to Mike Ilitch.

Farmington Hills artist unveils painting of Mike Ilitch

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He'll always be known as "Mr. I."

A colorful oil and acrylic painting of Little Caesars founder Mike Ilitch was unveiled Wednesday at the Farmington Community Library. Like a pizza with many toppings, the mural includes a portrait of Ilitch and pieces of his storied legacy: from the Detroit Tigers to the Red Wings, the Fox Theatre, the new arena, the Stanley Cup – even a large pizza and some crazy bread.

Farmington Hills artist Curtis Lewis said the mural is iconic, inspiring and imaginative ... everything Ilitch stood for in life.

"When they said the last one to cross Eight Mile should turn out the lights, he held the light switch and kept the lights on," Lewis said. "And as a result, a lot of those who left are trying to get back there."

Lewis said Ilitch deserves credit for restoring the Fox Theatre after years of neglect, for buying the Red Wings when the team owned last place and for having

the vision to invest in Detroit when many others were skittish.

"He was genuinely committed to this community and was truly a catalyst for Detroit's renaissance," Lewis said. "In good times and bad times, he was always there for Detroit."

The painting, titled "Mr. I. Thanks for the Memories," is part of a larger collection on display at the library that Lewis calls "The World Class Icon Collection." The exhibit includes portraits of Barack Obama, Rosa Parks and Pope John Paul II, along with legendary pop stars Michael Jackson and Prince.

Jaclyn Miller, branch head for the library, said the exhibit will be on display through the end of May.

"When Mr. Lewis presented us with this World Class Icon idea, we loved it right away," she said. "It's a really diverse, interesting display across all walks of life, entertainment and politics and art. It's tremendous."

Lewis said he met Ilitch on one occasion, at the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History. Lewis was unveiling a

portrait of Coretta Scott King and the two men talked for about 20 minutes.

"I expected a short handshake and perhaps a quick hello," Lewis said of the meeting. "But to my surprise, he engaged me in a friendly conversation."

Born in Grand Rapids and raised in Detroit, Lewis said it was a childhood crush that first inspired him to draw. His talent earned him a full scholarship to the prestigious School of the Art Institute of Chicago, where he studied fine and commercial art.

The nationally renowned artist once received a call from former President George W. Bush, congratulating him on a painting he did in honor of 9/11.

"He's just an amazing artist," said Todd Lipa, director of Youth & Family Services for Farmington Hills. "The expressions of the subjects in his portraits are incredible. You can feel the emotion."

The Farmington Community Library is located at 32737 W. 12 Mile, just west of Orchard Lake Road.

Michigan Roundtable features youth conference, internship

Area youths have an opportunity to become engaged in social justice and also to seek an internship with the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion.

For 64 years, the Michigan Roundtable has hosted a spring youth conference engaging and connecting young people who care about social justice. The 64th annual Youth Justice Leadership Conference continues this tradition by honoring and featuring the work of youth involved in social justice and movement-

making throughout Michigan from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 29 at the Marygrove Liberal Arts Building, 8425 W. McNichols Detroit.

Join the Regional Youth Interns and the Youth Voice Fellows who are hosting this year's conference funded by DTE Energy Foundation themed "From One Generation to the Next: Bridging the Gap." They are also featuring art and spoken word from the Youth Voice Art Project on regional racial segregation, which was funded

by the Michigan Humanities Council and the Michigan Council for Art and Cultural Affairs.

All youth and adult allies from Michigan are invited to attend. The #YJLC program is designed by and for youth ages 15-25.

The Michigan Roundtable welcomes individuals and groups from high schools and college clubs, community organizations and neighborhood groups, religious youth groups and other youth in social justice programs.

In addition Michigan Roundtable opens its application process for its Regional Youth Internship Program. This is a 14-month paid internship for youth who are committed to building inclusive communities. Interns will develop community organizing skills including workshop facilitation, dialogue facilitation, leadership and professional workplace culture.

Registration for the Youth Justice Leadership Conference and the Regional Youth Internship

can take place at <http://www.miroundtable.org> or by calling 313-870-1500, ext. 107.

The Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion is a not-for-profit human rights organization located in Detroit working to overcome discrimination and racism by crossing racial, religious, ethnic and cultural boundaries. It brings together community leaders from government, law enforcement, education, faith, grass roots organizations and business to under-

stand different points of view and then take action to overcome structural impediments to inclusion and equity.

Programs are recognized by national organizations for bringing about sustainable change. The organization works to address inequity throughout the region through a process of recognition, reconciliation/reorientation and renewal. It strives to build relationships that create social justice and build sustainable inclusive communities.

Amended return should give man deserved deductions

Q: I have a tax issue that I hope you can help me with. A few years ago, my wife and I got divorced. After the divorce, I continued to use the same tax person, the same tax person my ex also uses. This year, I decided to make a change. My new tax person tells me that the old one made a few mistakes on my return. Basically, the mistakes deal with my children. Under the terms of the divorce settlement, I got custody of the kids and, according to the settlement, was entitled to all the deductions for them. It appears that since the divorce, the tax person has been giving all the deductions to my ex. My new tax person recommended that I file amended returns. He tells me with the deductions and the credit, I



Rick Bloom
MONEY MATTERS

should receive at least a \$5,000 refund for each year the money was made. The money is significant but, at the same time, I don't want to screw my ex-wife. My first question is, if I file an amended return, which I want to do, what, if any, would be the consequences to her? My second question is, do you think my old tax preparer has some responsibility?

A: In your situation, it is more likely than not that after you file your amended return, the IRS will be contacting your ex-spouse. Based upon the fact that you are the one who supports your children and that the

divorce settlement gives you the deductions, the IRS will deny the exemptions she claimed on her tax return. The result will be that she will owe money to the IRS and, based upon the tax owed, it will also assess her interest and, more likely than not, issue a penalty. While she has an opportunity to get the penalty waived, that is not a certainty. In many cases, the IRS will waive penalties and, in other cases, it will not.

I am frequently asked when it makes sense to file an amended return. If the mistake results in you owing additional taxes, it makes sense to file an amended return. After all, it is much easier to deal with the IRS and penalties if you voluntarily come forward as opposed to it catching you. When the mistake is in your favor, I generally will tell the taxpayer to

file an amended return if the dollar amounts are material. If, for example, there was a mistake and the result is you would get less than \$100 back from the IRS, I would probably tell you that it's not worth the time and the cost to file an amended return. If the dollar amounts are material and you have the necessary documentation, then I'd say it makes sense to file an amended return. In the situation at hand, where we're talking thousands and thousands of dollars, it certainly makes sense to do the amended return.

I recognize that there's the other side of the equation. Whatever you save is going to be assessed against your ex-wife. Since you are concerned about her, I would recommend giving her a heads-up as to what you're doing. It gives her an oppor-

tunity to file an amended return on her own. If she files an amended return, yes, she would still be liable for the taxes and interest, but she has a much better chance of avoiding any penalties.

With regard to your old tax preparer, if they made an honest mistake, I would think they should be liable to pay your costs to prepare the amended return. In addition, because you can only file an amended return for three years after you filed the original return, if you find that the statute of limitation prevents you from filing an amended return for a particular year when they make a mistake, then it may be appropriate to seek additional monies for the lost deductions. If it was not an honest mistake, but an attempt to benefit your ex-spouse, then in addition to seeking compensa-

tion for your costs and for any additional taxes you had to pay for the years you couldn't amend your return, I'd also consider other actions such as filing a grievance with the appropriate regulatory authorities.

One last note: Don't forget that when you amend your federal return, it may result in you needing to also amend your state return. In your particular situation, by amending your state return, I think you'll find that you're also entitled to a refund from the state of Michigan.

Good luck!

Rick Bloom is a fee-only financial adviser. His website is www.bloomassetmanagement.com. If you would like him to respond to your questions, email rick@bloomassetmanagement.com.

A physician's advice before leaving hospital



Fabian Fregoli

GUEST COLUMNIST

After a stay in the hospital, discharged patients may experience anxiety over their transition home. Many have concerns regarding their overall health and well-being, which is understandable. However, what they don't know or expect is that anxiety can develop from not having a full grasp of what to do once home. Recently-discharged patients often have questions, but find it difficult to find answers. They experience uncertainty as they try to navigate from one medical office to the next, all while making important medical decisions.

As a hospital administrator and family physician with 15 years' experience, I know firsthand that this is a reality for many. That is why I encourage my patients to ask questions before being discharged from the hospital by speaking with the attending physician, nurse or a pharmacist. Patients and their families are the best advocates and having questions answered is important to recovery. With that in mind, here are several questions I recommend you ask before leaving the hospital.

» Do I fully understand my medical condition(s)? Is there anything I can do to avoid being re-admitted to the hospital?

» Once home, what symptoms should I be aware of and when should I call my doctor for advice?

» What medications should I take and how do they reconcile with medications I took prior to being hospitalized? Have there been any changes to my medications?

» Once home, when do I see a doctor again? What follow-up appointments with my doctor(s) do I need to schedule? What assistance is there to help with appointments and transportation?

» Do I need additional outpatient therapy, services or tests and, if so, who do I call to schedule them?

» Are there any recommendations to modify my diet or lifestyle?

At St. Joseph Mercy Oakland, we go a few steps further by offering patients access to a transition-of-care specialist. This person is a registered nurse whose responsibility it is to help direct a patient to available resources and information they need to continue healing at home. This experienced care provider can help answer questions and may recommend additional resources, if appropriate.

In addition, St. Joe's, in partnership with the Bloomfield Township

Fire Department, is home to the nationally award-winning Remote Specialist Visiting Physicians program. This program was designed for admitted patients who are considered at-risk for readmission to the hospital. Together, we offer scheduled physician visits to qualified Bloomfield Township residents using remote, HIPAA-secure, audio/video technology. The program sends specially-trained paramedics to the homes of recently discharged patients to ensure they continue to progress once discharged from the hospital. The technology is available to allow face-to-face interactions between patients and a St. Joe's emergency physician.

The inconvenient truth is that sometimes a hospital stay is not the end of your illness or injury. Sometimes, it's the beginning. In such cases, recovery will largely occur at home. Having as much information as possible before leaving the hospital will empower you and your family and provide much needed confidence on your road to recovery.

Fabian Fregoli, M.D., is a family medicine physician and vice president of clinical quality and patient safety at St. Joseph Mercy Oakland.



Canton Library volunteers who were honored for their achievements.

Canton library recognizes volunteers

The Canton Public Library celebrated volunteers who contributed 8,452 service hours with a luncheon April 18. Staff prepared food to honor the 89 volunteers who spend their time at CPL shelving books, processing library materials, watering plants and more.

Volunteers were also recognized with the President's Volunteer Service Award, from the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation, by library trustees Michelle Farrell and Nancy Eggenberger.

The award given for the most time contributed is the Lifetime Achievement Award, given to volunteers who have contributed more

than 4,000 hours of service to the library in their lifetime. Bronze, Silver and Gold awards were also given to volunteers.

"That's just amazing and that's a lot of dedication to the library, so we want to give a special thank you to these people," Farrell said, before presenting the Lifetime Achievement Awards.

The following recipients exceeded the number of hours required for each level of the award:

» Gold: Linda Luke and Kathy Young

» Silver: Deb Luczkowski, Shirley Reynolds, Judy Richardson, Nancy Smith and Linda Wisniewski

» Bronze: Nancy Austin, Barb Backes, Melinda Drake, Linda Garrett,

Larry Hoelscher, Lisa Kluka, John MacGaw, Claire O'Connor, Loretta Olson, Larry Richardson, David Smith, Kathy Sonnanstine, Jody Trame, Joan Postell and Debbe Yeager

» Lifetime Achievement: Bevis Richardson and Ilene Saunders

Additional facts about the 2016 President's Volunteer Service Award winners:

» In 2011, the first year the Canton Public Library gave out the awards, CPL gave out 11 Bronze Awards. This year, CPL gave out 27 Bronze Awards.

» Award winners alone donated 5,077 volunteer hours to the li-

brary in 2016.

» Three of the award winners were teens, ages 11-15. Two teens won Silver Awards for 75-99 hours and one teen won a Bronze Award for 50-74 hours.

» Two winners were young adults, ages 16-25. One young adult won a Silver Award for 175-249 hours and one young adult won a Bronze Award for 100-174 hours.

» Thirty-three adults, ages 26 and up, won Bronze, Silver and Gold awards. Twenty-five adults won Bronze Awards for 100-249 hours, five adults won Silver Awards for 250-499 hours and three adults won Gold Awards for 500 or more hours.

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 bid for Sanitation Services and Cleaning Supplies. 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 located on 454 S. Harvey, Plymouth, MI 48170 on or before **Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** Bids shall be labeled: Bid document enclosed- "Sanitation Services and Cleaning Supplies." 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.

Board of Education
Plymouth-Canton Community Schools
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BUDGET HEARING Canton Preparatory High School

A public budget hearing will be held for Canton Preparatory High School at 46610 Cherry Hill Road, Canton, MI, on May 3, 2017 at 6:00 pm. Copies of the budget will be available at the school office.

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The application can be obtained via a link on our website <http://www.pchousing.net> or go directly to <https://plymouths82017.hdswaitinglist.com>. DO NOT come to the Plymouth Housing Commission offices, we will NOT be distributing any applications. If you need access to a computer and the internet, you can go to your local library. For any updated information refer to our website. For any updated information you may call (734)455-3670, extension 224.

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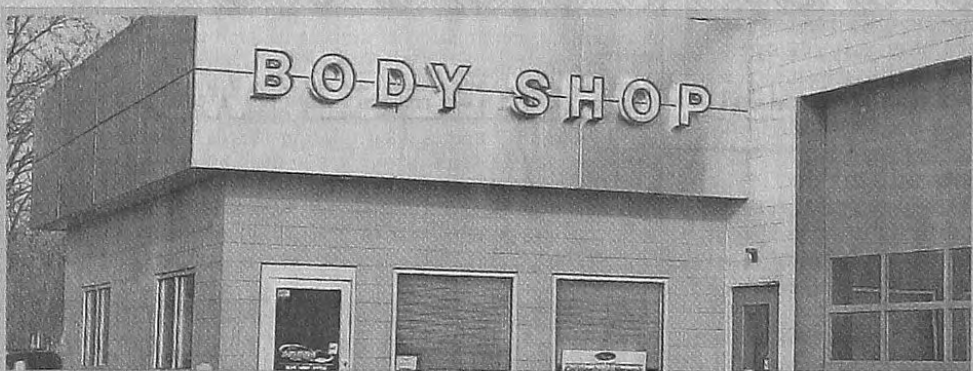


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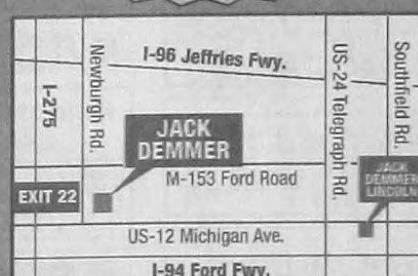
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WEST BEND, Wis. - Art museums sometimes have reputations as lofty, elitist, even unapproachable institutions.

Graeme Reid thinks art should be accessible to everyone.

As director of collections and exhibitions at the Museum of Wisconsin Art, Reid trumpets the talent and dedication of artists in Wisconsin. He judges art competitions and gives tours of the museum on the Milwaukee River.

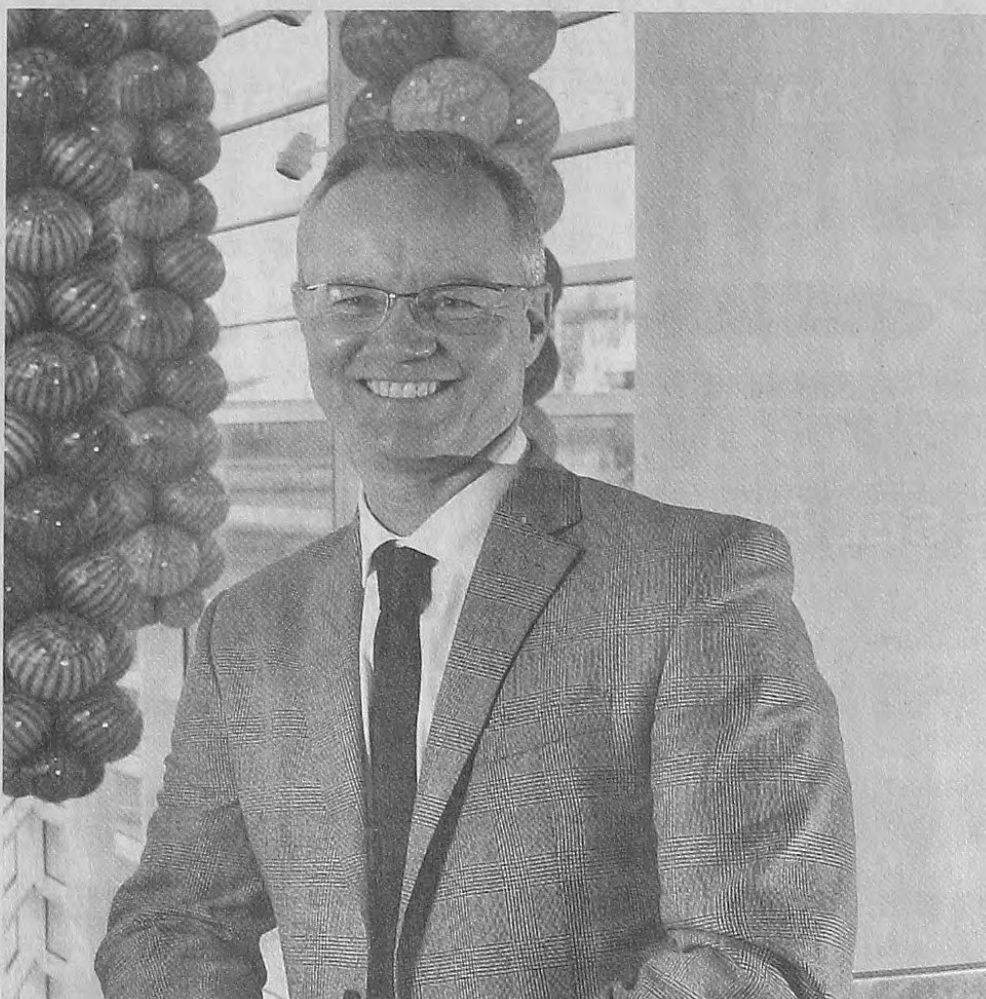
He believes beauty, in the form of paintings, sculpture, drawings and other artwork, can bring people together.

"Art offers you a different view or a different take. Maybe it makes you change your mind," said Reid, 55. "Museums tend to unite rather than divide. Museums elevate rather than denigrate. Museums are more relevant now than ever."

Reid is an American by choice. He grew up in Scotland and was a student at the University of Glasgow when he was offered a scholarship and graduate assistantship at Indiana State University. He worked weekends as a security guard at Swope Art Museum in Terre Haute, Indiana, and began giving lectures and tours before eventually getting hired as a part-time curator.

In 2001 he moved to Sheboygan, Wisconsin, to work at the John Michael Kohler Arts Center. Two years later was hired by the Museum of Wisconsin Art.

Reid believes in getting involved in his community. Though he curates professional art exhibitions and has judged competitions on the state and national level, Reid volunteers as a judge for an annual VFW patriotic art contest, home-schooled art competitions, a duck decoy



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Graeme Reid, director of collections and exhibitions at the Museum of Wisconsin Art, grew up in Scotland and came to the U.S. in 1990 on a scholarship to Indiana State University.

decorating contest and the Lakefront Festival of the Arts in Milwaukee.

After 18 years in America, Reid decided to become a citizen. America had become his country; he wanted to pledge his allegiance. He became a citizen on a Thursday, and the following Tuesday he voted in the 2008 presidential election.

"Without sounding awfully cliched, America has been very good to me," Reid said.

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Q&A WITH GRAEME REID

What does it mean to you to be an American?

To be an American means I am a citizen. Originally being from the U.K., I was a subject. But I'm a citizen here, and I get to participate in every facet of life, political life, and I can vote for the dog-catcher to the president. Being a citizen was something that was very important to me.

What moment touched and motivated you to launch this effort?

What motivated me to be part of the Museum of Wisconsin Art was to get in on the opportunity to give Wisconsin its own museum that focuses on the art and artists of Wisconsin. To be a part of bringing that to not just the people of Wisconsin but also to be part of bringing that to a national audience as well was just a tremendous opportunity.

What gives you hope or what concerns you?

What concerns me I think is the political division and a coarsening of culture. But what gives me hope is the role an institution such as the Museum of Wisconsin Art can do. I think museums provide more unity than division. It also provides an elevation of culture rather than a coarsening of culture.

What do you hope to accomplish through your efforts?

I hope that the art and artists of Wisconsin will appreciate what we do for them. But I think the public will hopefully appreciate what we do for them in terms of recognition of the talent within this state. Not just talent from the past, but current talent and future talent as well.

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Garden City used book sale

Friends of the Garden City Library will host a used book sale from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, April 24-25, at the library, 31735 Maplewood Street, Garden City. Children's Books and small paperbacks, 25 cents; large paperbacks, 50 cents; hard cover books, \$1. Bag Day is 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, April 26. The first paper bag full is \$5; second bag, \$1. For more information, go to www.garden-citylib.org.

Lighthouse Mission hosts yard sale

Lighthouse Home Mission pantry will have a yard sale from April 28 through May 6, at the mission, 34033 Palmer Road. Proceeds to be used to buy food for families and individuals in need. Volunteers needed for set-up from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, and for tear down from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. May 6. Donations of gently used items of any type will be accepted. Donations may be dropped off from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day. To volunteer, call 734-334-3104. For more information, go to www.fgtonline.org/lighthouse/.

Walk for Autism

The Plymouth-Canton Community Schools' 10th Annual Autism Walk will be at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 29, at Plymouth High School. The walk will be outside on campus ground. No registration needed. The walk will be held rain or shine. Donations will be accepted and baskets will be raffled. Proceeds will be used for Plymouth-Canton autism programs.

Annual stamp show arrives

The West Suburban Stamp Club presents the 48th annual Plymouth Stamp Show from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. April 29 and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 30 at the Hellenic Cultural Center, 36375 Joy Road, Westland.

Thirty-seven dealers from 11 states and Canada will sell stamps, postcards and other related

items. Nineteen exhibitors will place nearly 2,000 pages of rare and intriguing material on exhibit to be judged, with the grand award winner qualifying to participate in the World Series of Philately national exhibition.

Admission and parking are free. Seminars for youth and adults interested in learning how to collect and store stamps are offered at no cost. Stamps in Your Closet is an opportunity to bring items you have inherited for a complimentary evaluation. The United Post Office will be present on Saturday, April 29. The United Nations Postal Administration and Nordica Postal Agents will be present the entire week-end.

The West Suburban Stamp Club meets twice each month at the Plymouth Historical Museum. Go to www.thewssc.com, www.plymouthshow.com, email mywssc@msn.com or call 313-533-7737.

Kindergarten Readiness Night

MacGowan Elementary, 18255 Kinloch, Redford, will host Kindergarten Readiness Night 5:15-7 p.m. April 27. All registered incoming kindergartners and their parents are invited to come to the school, have a pizza dinner and engage in activities intended to prepare them for kindergarten. Parents will receive materials to take home to practice skills with. At 6-7 p.m. April 28, MacGowan Elementary will also host Family Cardio Drumming Night.

'Barefoot in the Park'

The P-CEP Park Players Theatre Co. will present Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park" at 7 p.m. April 21-22, 28-29 and at 2 p.m. April 29 at the DuBois Little Theater in Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road.

Tickets are \$10 and are available at tpptc.booktix.com or at the door. Credit card purchases are available online only. Tickets purchased at the door must be paid for with cash or check made to The Park Players Theatre Co.

EMS education

The Huron Valley Ambulance will host an open house for students,



Musician Jon Shain will perform May 6 at the Trinity House Theatre.

teachers and parents to explore careers in emergency services 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27, at HVA, 1200 State Circle, Ann Arbor. Tours will be offered of the education and ambulance centers. To register, email o.jackson@emergenthealth.org.

Plus-size clothing

The Michigan Bariatric Institute will host an upcoming community plus-size clothing sale in the south lobby of St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile Road. Gently used clothing for both women and men will be on sale, including sizes 40-60 and up to 5XL. The sale is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

Annual jewelry, purse sale

Canton Club 55+'s Annual Jewelry and Purse Sale returns May 2-3 to the Summit on the Park. Area residents are encouraged to stop by and discover new-to-you handbag and trinkets from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Parkview Room in the Summit on the Park, 46000 Summit Parkway.

Donations of gently used purses, totes, clutches, wallets and jewelry are being accepted. Drop off these items purged from your closets during spring cleaning at Canton Club 55+ before April 26. All proceeds from this popular sale will go toward supporting future programming at Canton Club 55+. For more information, call the Canton Club 55+ front desk at 734-394-5484 or go to www.cantonfun.org.

Trinity House folk-blues concert

Award-winning songwriter Jon Shain will perform at 8 p.m. May 6 at Trinity House Theatre, 38840 Six Mile Road, Livonia. The songwriter and acoustic picker is touring in support of his latest CD release, "Crow the Dawn," which was recorded with fellow North Carolina songwriter and frequent Prairie Home Companion guest Joe Newberry. Shain will be accompanied by ace upright bass player F.J. Ventre. Expect to hear some serious finger-style guitar-picking and spontaneous riffing.

Jazz at the Elks

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

On April 25, hear the seasoned, gritty and humorous Ramona Collins Quartet. Collins did jazz before jazz went to college and one of her proteges was Sean Dobbins. You will thoroughly enjoy hearing Collins on vocals, Cliff Monear on keyboard, Jeff Pedraz on bass and Sean Dobbins on drums.

Divine Mercy celebration

AWAKEN Ministry, a grassroots ministry of lay Catholics from throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit, will offer its first ever Divine Mercy celebration at St. Michael the Archangel Church in Livonia at 7 p.m. April 23. The evening will include the

traditional AWAKEN elements of praise and worship, preaching and Eucharistic Adoration coupled with the Divine Mercy components of confession and singing of the Divine Mercy chapel.

The evening is open to all area Catholics. St. Michael's is at 11441 Hubbard Road, just south of Plymouth Road, between Farmington and Merriam roads. For more information, call 734-261-1455, ext. 200, or go to www.livonia-stmichael.org.

Youth arts fair

From 6:30-9 p.m. Friday, April 28, Crossroads Church, 34500 Six Mile, Livonia, will host a Youth Arts Fair. The free event will feature art, music, drama and dance. Fair participants must be ages 5-19 and register by April 24 at www.crossroadsnow.org or by calling the church office at 734-338-5149.

Plymouth Oratorio Society

The 31st season concert of the Plymouth Oratorio Society will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30, at First United Methodist Church, 45201 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. The POS will perform F.J. Haydn's oratorio, "The Creation". Joining the POS will be the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra. No tickets are needed, as a free will offering will be taken. For more information, call 734-455-8353 or go to plymouthoratoriosociety.org

Gluten Free Food Fair

The Tri County Celiac Support Group is having a 16th annual Gluten Free Food Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 6 at First Presbyterian Church, 26165 Farmington Road, Farmington Hills. Enjoy samples, shopping, door prizes, raffles and more. Members are free, there is a fee for non-members. For more information, contact Ellen Hechler at 248-345-9041 or ellenhec@hotmail.com

Hearing Loss Association

The group will host Dr. Candice Colby-Scott, who will present "Common Ear Problems and Solutions." 6:30-89 p.m.

May 10 at the Westland Public Library, 6123 Central City Parkway. There is no cost and is open to all. Contact Tony at 734-664-3297 or aferack@comcast.net

Great Bacon Run

Registration for the Great Bacon Run/Walk is open. Sign up in person at Garden City Parks and Rec office at 200 Log Cabin Drive, from noon to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday or at <https://allsportsraces.redpodium.com/great-bacon-runwalk>.

Registration prices are 5K Run/Walk \$30 (through April 30), \$35 (May 1 to June 2), \$40 (June 3 to race day); Kids ½ Mile Fun Run \$10 (through June 2), \$12 (June 3 through race day)

All 5K participants will receive a finisher medal, tech shirt and Bacon Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each 5K age category, including overall. Junior Bacon runners will receive a T-shirt plus a participation medal. Lunch will be available to the public with proceeds benefiting the Garden City Goodfellows.

Advance care planning

St. Mary Mercy Livonia, St. Joseph Mercy Home Care & Hospice and Angela Hospice will host a free, three-part series, "As You Wish: Personalizing Advance Care Planning," to educate the community on health care considerations individuals should make while healthy and how they can plan ahead to make their wishes known. Upon completion of the series, participants will receive an end-of-life document they can share with their family and health care providers. Presenters will include health care experts in ethics, senior care, home care, palliative and hospice.

The time and dates are 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, May 3 and May 10, at the North Auditorium inside St. Mary Mercy Livonia, 36475 Five Mile Road in Livonia

To register, go to stmarymercy.org/acp and click on "Classes and Events" or call 734-655-8943.

On the April calendar at Nankin Mills

Wayne County Parks' April interpretive program lineup includes an Earth Day celebration and other family-friendly events at Nankin Mills Interpretive Center, 33175 Ann Arbor Trail, in Westland. To register for programs call, 734-261-1990.

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MARILYN F. (LaLONDE) Age 80, of Venice, Florida, formerly of Plymouth, Michigan passed away April 14, 2017 due to a chronic illness. She was born September 2, 1936, in Wayne, MI, daughter of Irving and Florence LaLonde, known as the miracle baby of Wayne. She graduated from Wayne Memorial High School. Marilyn was an IBM key punch operator for Ford Motor Company, Wayne Plant, for 32 years. She married her paperboy and attended Normal College (EMU) in Ypsil, MI. Her passion was for her children and grandchildren. She was a loving wife, devoted mother, (great) grandmother, "Nana". She was an accomplished bowler, loved playing in the WMHS band and loved singing in the church choir and showing and breeding horses. She is survived by her loving children, Karen (Dan) Burdette, Mark (Vicky) Arnold, Diane (Jay) Tucker and Sherri Arnold; grandchildren, Jason (Allisha) Burdette, John (Amanda) Burdette, Mark A. Arnold, Elliot Arnold, Holly Arnold, Miranda Tucker and great granddaughter, Nora Burdette. She is predeceased by her parents and her beloved husband Barry W. Arnold who passed away March 14, 2013. A Celebration of her life for family will take place in Wayne, MI later this summer. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends and her sense of humor. Please visit kays-ponger.com to leave the family your thoughts, memories and condolences on the online guestbook.

Paying tribute to the life of your loved one.

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RICHARD age 89, passed away peacefully on April 15, 2017, surrounded by family and friends. Born in Ionia, Michigan in 1928, he worked as a counselor at Wayne Memorial high school for 32 years. He was also an honorable WWII and Korean War veteran who loved playing the piano and riding bikes with his grandchildren. Richard, known as Dick to his friends, was a lifelong, loyal University of Michigan sports and Detroit Tigers fan. He is survived by sons Rick, Robert and Douglas; daughters Sharon (Terrell Mitchell) and Donna Harvey (Charles); grandsons Christopher, Brandon and Cameron; granddaughters Cassandra, Nicolette Cornell (Kirk), Ashley Ballard and Dixie Mazur (Tony); great-grandchild Myalin; and loving grand-dog Sushi. Final arrangements are being handled by RG & GR Harris Funeral Home, 31551 Ford Rd. Garden City, MI 48135. The family is planning a private summer celebration of life with burial at Highland Park Cemetery, Ionia MI. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorial contributions to the Wayne County Senior Nutrition Program (Meals on Wheels) or Beaumont Foundation - Hospice. Please share a memory of Dick at www.rggrharris.com



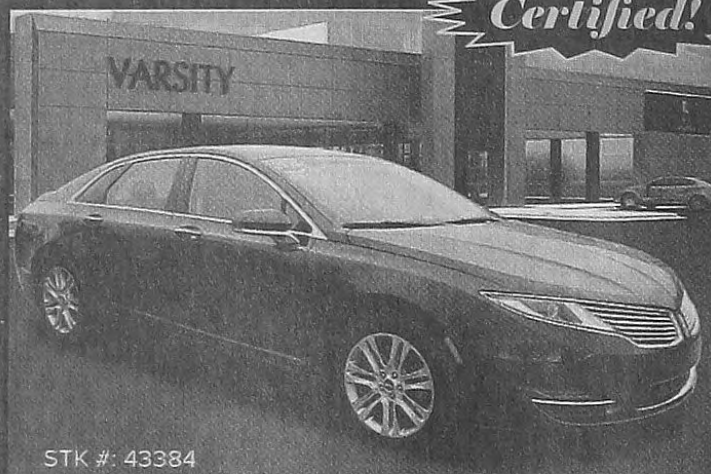
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SARA M. age 74, passed away on April 19, 2017, in Livonia, MI. Born in Bowling Green, Ohio to the late Floyd and Hilda Durlat. Beloved wife of James for 50 years. Loving mother of Sherri, Craig, Keith, Gary, Doug, Janene, Scott, Kristi, Ryan, and Todd. Cherished grandmother of 14. She volunteered with the Cub Scouts & Boy Scouts for over 25 years and was very proud of her 7 Eagle Scouts. The Harry J. Will Funeral Home in Livonia, MI has been entrusted with her arrangements, details can be viewed on their website. www.harryjwillfuneralhome.com



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COLLEGE BASEBALL

Madonna clipped at Comerica

Northwestern Ohio ace shuts down Crusaders, but doesn't spoil 'big-league experience' at home of Tigers

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

The chance to play a baseball game at Comerica Park in Detroit nearly was ruined Wednesday by Mother Nature. But rain stopped, skies cleared and Madonna University's baseball team belatedly ran onto the field where the Detroit Tigers play, against the first-place team in the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, Northwestern Ohio. The game was scheduled to

start at 7 p.m., but Madonna senior left-hander Alex DeYonker, a Livonia Franklin alum, threw the first pitch at 8:08 p.m. A couple of minutes later, the Crusaders were down 1-0 on a 375-foot homer over the left-field bullpen by Kyle Fisher. That run was more than enough offense for Racers pitcher Damon Proctor. With 955 fans watching, he threw eight scoreless innings in his team's 4-0 win. "I think it was the fifth

(pitch), but it was still the first batter," DeYonker said about Fisher's home run. "But hey, after that, I think I settled in." DeYonker joked that the blast was "what happens when you leave a pitch down the middle. They hit 'em." Madonna's offense just could not get untracked, managing five hits — a bloop double by Ryan Freemantle in the second and four singles. Fisher (2-for-5), Rafael Loza-

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KELLY CIESLAK
After Wednesday's rain delay and before playing at Comerica Park, Madonna University's baseball team took in the scene.

REALIZING A DREAM



Canton's Matt Roy (left) takes a hit to move the puck for Michigan Tech during the 2016-17 season.

MICHIGAN TECH ATHLETICS

GETTING CLOSER

Hard work paying off for Canton's Matt Roy, who leaves Huskies early to sign with NHL's L.A. Kings

Tim Smith
hometownlife.com

When Matt Roy steps onto the ice, he brings a hard-nosed, gritty approach that he's never wavered from since his years playing with local hockey programs such as Victory Honda in Canton. That lunch-bucket mentality and his work ethic caught the attention of the Los Angeles Kings, who recently signed the Canton resident to a two-year entry-level contract. "I talked to them about that (his determination) and they said they really liked it," said Roy, so dedicated to his off-ice training that he'll ride a bike to get there. "So they just wanted me to keep doing my thing." Roy, 22, a 2013 graduate of Canton



MICHIGAN TECH ATHLETICS
Matt Roy is all smiles after signing a two-year entry contract with the Los Angeles Kings of the NHL. He gave up his senior year at Michigan Tech University to turn pro. He currently is in the playoffs with the AHL's Ontario Reign.

High School, is foregoing his senior season at Michigan Tech University in order to turn pro — and he already has several games under his belt as a defenseman with the Ontario Reign of the American Hockey League. As of Wednesday, the 6-foot, 200-pounder had one assist in eight regular season games with Ontario, located in California, and is beginning his first pro playoff stint. **Time to reset** "I signed it when I was up at school (Michigan Tech) with some of my roommates," Roy said during a telephone interview. "I kind of relaxed for a little bit and then I realized I had to refocus or

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The Roy family of Canton gathered to congratulate Matt Roy (back row, second from right) after Michigan Tech University won the WCHA championship game to earn a spot in the NCAA tournament. Pictured in the back row are his dad Rich, brother Chris, Matt and girlfriend Linsey Palise. In front (from left) are sister Megan and mom Julie.

ROY

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else it won't mean anything if I'm not playing well. So it was really cool to sign."

He described his style of play as "a little bit of everything. I'm not a go-to fighter, but I try to be physical and I make sure I move the puck well and all that."

The son of Rich and Julie Roy also is beginning to experience what he's dreamed about since he first skated at age 5 with the Plymouth Sharks at the Plymouth Cultural Center.

"Playing professional hockey has been a dream of Matt's since he could lace up the skates," Rich Roy said. "He continues to put in the work required and we are very proud and excited for Matt as he takes his next step in realizing his

dream."

Matt Roy, who also played AAA hockey with Honeybaked and Belle Tire before moving over to Victory Honda during his high school years, knows he will need to work harder than ever as soon as this year's stint with the Reign comes to an end.

Ready to work

On his to-do list is training in Livonia with former Kings (and Michigan State) player Mike Donnelly, who currently is on the Kings' player development staff.

"He has a gym and shooting warehouse close by that I will be attending," Roy said.

That summer regimen hopefully will enable Roy to be ready to go during the NHL training camp in September. "I heard it's pretty difficult," he said.



Roy

And he doesn't want to disappoint the organization that drafted him 194th overall in the 2015 NHL Entry Draft after his freshman season with the Huskies.

That season, he tallied nine points in 36 games. His game has grown by leaps and bounds in the two subsequent seasons.

In 2015-16, Roy had seven goals and 13 assists in 37 contests and followed that up this season with a five goals and 21 assists in 44 games — helping the Huskies win the WCHA championship game in overtime and earn a spot in the NCAA tournament.

Proving them right

"I believe my sophomore year at Tech was my breakout year and my junior year backed it up," Roy said. "I broke out offensively my sophomore year

and continued with more points and more responsibility my junior year.

"Luckily, I have been on some great teams to help me and I kept the same 'D' partner all three years, Shane Hanna, so I think that helped me grow, having him as my partner the whole time."

According to Roy, one reason he wants to work harder than ever is to repay the confidence shown him by the Kings since drafting him two years ago.

"They have been great with reaching out to me and helping me during the past few seasons at Tech to help develop my game in areas they thought I could improve," Roy said.

"They stayed in contact with me a lot, which made me feel very comfortable with them."

With his pro career already starting, Roy can't completely forget his Michigan Tech career — including plenty of suc-

cess, as well as several games at Joe Louis Arena, the venerable home of the Detroit Red Wings that hosted its last NHL game April 9.

In each December of his three seasons with the Huskies, Roy and his teammates played in the Great Lakes Invitational.

"I always loved playing there," Roy said. "Of course, a bunch of guys on my team that didn't grow up in Detroit, they hated Joe Louis because it was so old and all that."

"But I definitely think it's time for Detroit to get a new arena. Little Caesars Arena is going to be very nice and fun."

And the sooner he gets to play hockey at the next home of the Red Wings, the better.

That means Roy indeed realized his dream to be an NHL player.

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MADONNA

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da (2-for-4) and Carlos Baerga Jr. (2-for-2) sparked the offense for Northwestern Ohio, now 33-10 overall and 23-2 in the WHAC.

The best

"We went up against the best team in our conference and No. 18 in the country and faced the best arm in our conference," first-year Madonna head coach Ted Falkner said. "It was a great challenge for our guys and we got work to do."

"But we have depth here, we just need the guys to continue to buy in to the team part of it and I think we're going to be fine setting up for the conference tournament."

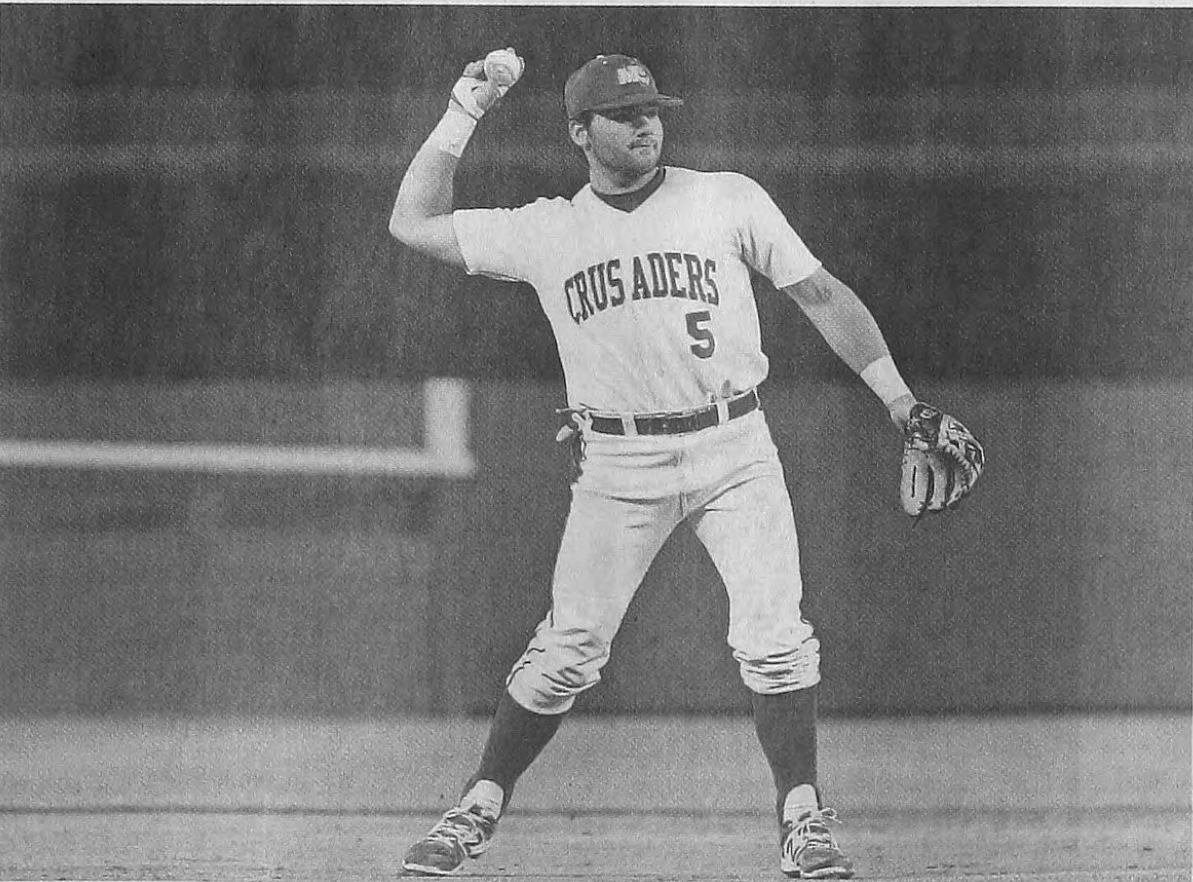
Proctor showed his mettle, striking out eight and throwing 131 pitches before Racers head coach Kory Hartman brought in Ross Cervantes for the one-inning save.

The early run would have been enough, but the Racers tacked on a single run in the fifth (on a wild pitch with two outs) and two more in the seventh for good measure.

On the flip side, even in innings when Madonna batters barreled up on the ball, Proctor escaped unscathed.

In the fifth, after Mitch Hudvagner singled to center, both Matt Deneau and Jared Dokey smoked liners right at Northwestern Ohio infielders.

Madonna put a runner in scoring position with two outs in the second inning, when Freemantle's opposite-field fly ball down the left-field line dropped between converging Northwestern Ohio fielders, but Matt Deneau struck out.



Throwing the baseball during Wednesday's game at Comerica Park is Madonna third baseman Frankie Lucska of Garden City. He played stellar defense for the Crusaders.

Other than those chances, the Crusaders only managed singles by Ryan Lambrecht, Jared Hagan and Jalen Thomas.

Perhaps the biggest cheer of the night from Madonna fans came in the top of the seventh, when freshman third baseman Frankie Lucska (Garden City/Dearborn Divine Child) dove to his left to field a one-hop smash and threw out the batter.

Adrenaline rush

Lucska said it was his second game at Comerica, having

faced Birmingham Brother Rice for the Catholic League championship his junior year of high school.

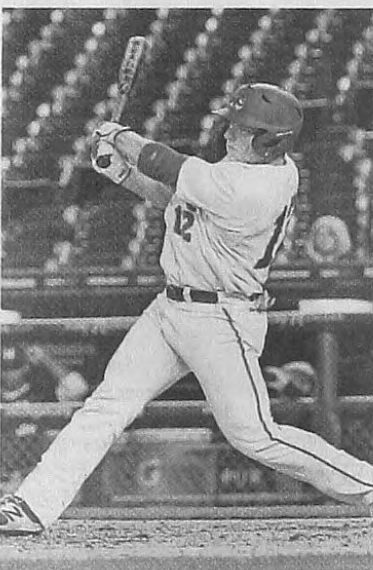
"Definitely, but as soon as the first pitch, it's all about baseball," Lucska said about whether the adrenaline was pumping more than usual before the Comerica contest began. "I'd love to come out here every year, but gotta come out and get a 'W.'"

According to DeYonker (4-2), who took the loss despite giving up just one run over three in-

nings, he occasionally caught himself glancing at the huge grandstands enveloping the lush field.

"Every couple pitches, I would just take a look around, see what was going on and then I'd have to focus right back in," DeYonker said. "It was an awesome sight to see."

Falkner was instrumental in the Crusaders being able to use the stadium, as his son plays T-ball with the son of Tigers owner Chris Ilitch. Madonna gave up a home game at Ilitch



KELLY CIESLAK
Following through on his double in the second inning is Madonna's Ryan Freemantle.

Ballpark.

"It's a big-league experience for them," Falkner said. "And the Tigers have done such a great job. They wanted to treat this as a home game for us. It was first class, everything they did for us."

He added that hopes are to play a game at Comerica every year, perhaps against Wayne State University.

"Talking with administration and the athletic director, I think we can make this annually," Falkner said. "Now whoever the opponent will be, we'll see down the road."

"We think we can make this something where we'll play Wayne State and we can have a metro Detroit challenge."

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IIHF U-18 MEN'S WORLDS

Team USA advances to quarterfinals

U.S. squad on roll so far at IIHF Worlds in Slovakia

Tim Smith
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Sparked by the strong play of Northville goalie Dylan St. Cyr, the U.S. Men's National Under-18 team posted a 5-1 win Tuesday over Sweden to advance to the quarterfinals of the 2017 IIHF Under-18 Men's World Championship in Slovakia.

St. Cyr won his fourth game of the tournament, making 35 saves, and Oliver Wahlstrom scored twice while Sean Dhooche registered a goal and an assist. The squad finished the preliminary round in first place in Group B with a 4-0-0-0 record and was scheduled to play in the quarterfinals Thursday.

"We've got a group of guys who are playing passionately," Team USA head coach John Wroblewski said. "Sometimes that comes out in the wrong way, but we have been successful because our (locker) room is really dedicated and wants to win."

Earlier in the tourney, St. Cyr stopped all 17 shots April 13 to blank Belarus, 7-0. On April 15, the U.S. escaped with a hard-fought 5-4 victory over Russia behind Dhooche's three assists and two goals by Ryan Poehling.

Team USA then defeated the Czech Republic 5-2 on April 17.

Should the U.S. prevail in the quarterfinal game, the squad moves on to the semifinals (April 22). The bronze and gold medal games are scheduled for Sunday.



Brady Tkachuk (right) and his teammates with the U.S. Under-18 squad, shown during November's Five Nations Tournament in Plymouth, defeated Sweden in the preliminary round of the IIHF U-18 Men's World Championship.

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HEADED TO ROBERT MORRIS

They're going to the Windy City

Park's O'Shaughnessy, Macunovich sign to bowl for Chicago-based university

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For several years, both Justin O'Shaughnessy and Meghan Macunovich have put much of their energy into sharpening their abilities as high school bowlers.

That meant putting in extra time in bowling alleys and analyzing technical aspects such as where to stand and how to throw.

On April 8, the pay-off came for Plymouth's O'Shaughnessy and Canton's Macunovich as both signed to bowl beginning next year at Robert Morris University in downtown Chicago.

"I actually never thought this would happen," said O'Shaughnessy, 18, whose senior season with the Wildcats was just his third bowling competitively. "I didn't think I'd become this good, to be able to go to this type of school for bowling."

"It's just hard work and dedication. I'm in the bowling alley (Super Bowl in Canton) almost every day and it's paying off."

Chicago awaits

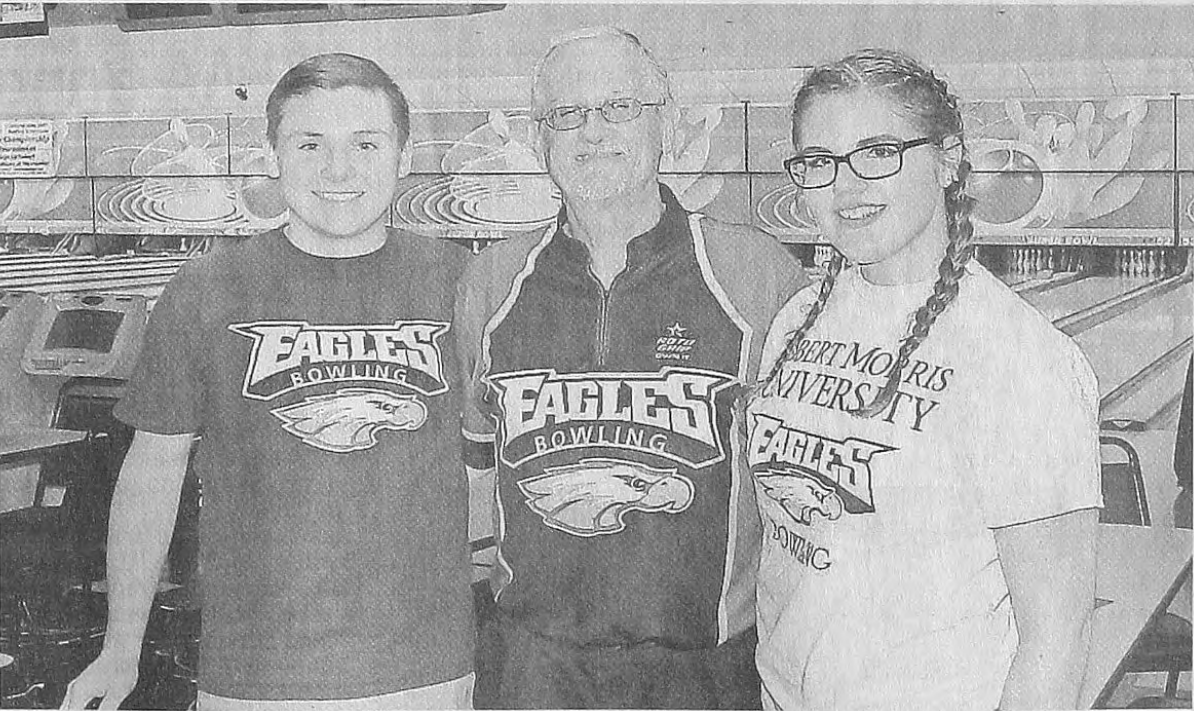
With a smile, Macunovich said going to the same college with another student-athlete from Plymouth-Canton-Educational Park turned out to be a bonus.

"It will be great; we're friends," Macunovich noted. "So it will be fun. I'm ready for it."

So will Robert Morris head coach Dale Lehman, who originally planned to come to Canton and leave only with O'Shaughnessy's name on official paperwork.

But two days before the planned signing ceremony, also at Super Bowl (the home alley for Canton, Salem and Plymouth), Macunovich had visited Robert Morris and liked the experience so much that she wanted to be added to the agenda.

"She's been looking at Robert Morris and some other colleges," said her mom, Suzanne Macunovich of Canton.



Dale Lehman (center), head coach of Robert Morris University's bowling team, welcomes Plymouth's Justin O'Shaughnessy and Canton's Meghan Macunovich to the fold.



SUBMITTED

Plymouth senior Justin O'Shaughnessy proudly signs his national letter of intent to bowl for Robert Morris University during an April 8 ceremony at Super Bowl in Canton.

"This past week, she visited Concordia and Robert Morris and made her decision.

"We knew Justin was signing, we knew coach Dale was going to be in town, so we figured today would be a good day to do it all."

According to Justin's dad, Phil O'Shaughnessy of Canton, there are nothing but positives about his son's college choice. Among other possibilities were Madonna, Siena Heights, Adrian and Concordia universities.

"I love the fact that he's in downtown Chicago, a lot of

things to do for him," the elder O'Shaughnessy said. "It's a great college; they have lots of national championships.

"The program is phenomenal. But also it's a smaller school, which I think Justin will excel at. They have a great criminal justice program. Justin wants to be a police officer."

Justin added that going to Robert Morris with another Park alum will be a plus.

"It will be great to know someone there," he said. "I'm always happy if it's someone I know doing something just like me. We're good friends."

Giving kudos

Phil also gave props to his son for going so far, so fast, in the sport of bowling.

"This is the first time one of our child (got) a scholarship for athletics. It's a big deal for us," he said. "I'm proud of the other two, they've graduated from college as well. But to have Justin go into a scholarship program for bowling is pretty impressive.

"He's worked hard at it; we've traveled around the country with him. It's a nice reward."

About Justin O'Shaughnessy, who averaged 202 as a senior and bowled a 300 game, Lehman said he will be a perfect fit for the college and bowling

program.

"He's a great bowler, great kid, great academics and that's what we're always looking for," said Lehman, who founded the Eagles bowling program 13 years ago. "Not just great bowlers, but we're looking for great kids that want to get a good education and go on and become better bowlers than they already are."

Lehman added that he was excited to visit metro Detroit and leave with two bowlers on the roster for next year.

"I'm excited to come and sign Justin and I've got a young lady (Macunovich) I'm signing right after him," he said. "Two bowlers from the metro Detroit area and very excited to have them."

Macunovich, who averaged 196 in 2016-17 and qualified for the state finals all four years of her Canton career, plans on going into sports and business management. On hand for the signing were parents Suzanne and Mike Macunovich.

A number of O'Shaughnessy's family members were at Super Bowl for the signing, which was capped off with a "Congratulations Justin!" sheet cake. His parents are Phil and Carolyn O'Shaughnessy.

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GIRLS TENNIS

Salem looks to make noise in division

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With a solid cast of returnees and some promising newbies, Salem varsity girls tennis coach Ty Moss sees a bright 2017 season for the Rocks.

"We are looking forward to a strong season," Moss said. "We expect to place third in our division, right behind Novi — which is where we finished last year."

The Rocks are off to a 2-2 start overall, including 2-1 in the KLAA Central Division.

Helping the fourth-year head coach is assistant Deanna Henderson, but the team also benefits from outstanding leadership from fourth-year seniors Trina Pal and Bianca Ghita, who are co-captains. "(Both) are great role models and passionate players," Moss said.

Ghita also is Salem's No. 2 singles player, possessing "a wicked backhand."

Pal, meanwhile, will team up with senior Sarah Martin at No. 2 doubles.

"These are two strong players, ... who complement each other nicely on the court," Moss said. "Sarah loves playing at the net and Trina is great at setting her partner up with winning shots."

Spearheading Salem at No. 1 singles is sophomore Lizzy Lu, who was in the No. 2 singles slot as a freshman.

"She is extremely valuable to the team as she is already a force to be reckoned with on the court," Moss said.

Rounding out the singles lineup are hard-hitting junior Corian Ghita and sophomore Ovyia Venkat.

Salem's No. 1 doubles tandem features juniors Raegan Henderson and Emilee The.

"The chemistry between them is undeniable," Moss said about Henderson and The, who are in their third season as a tandem.

At No. 3 doubles will be freshman Neha Narayan and sophomore Aria Mason, while the other doubles teams include sophomores Charlotte Bartzian and Megan Trulock at No. 4 and senior Sharon Chen and junior Rachel Zhou at No. 5.

Salem also has a No. 6 doubles unit, featuring sophomores Charlotte Jewett and Panida Khuansanguan.

PREP SPORTS ROUNDUP

Boys golf

CATS THIRD AT RED RUN:

Seniors Jack Boczar and Justin Kapke both registered 74 Monday to spark Plymouth to a third-place showing at the Red Run Invitational in Royal Oak. Plymouth finished third out of 26 teams.

Other Plymouth finishers were senior Joe Fontana (83), freshman Ian Smith (83) and freshman Josh Wein (87).

Novi Detroit Catholic Central and Clarkston took the top two spots.

Next up for the Wildcats is Sunday's Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Invitational at Golden Fox Golf Course.

RU PREVAILS: Seniors Evan Albright and Pierce Hall shared medalist honors with 48 Tuesday as host Redford Union opened its 2017 season with a 208-228 non-conference win over Southfield Bradford Academy in a match at Glenhurst.

Jesse Suiter added 49 for the Panthers (1-0), coached by Michael McCrea and Justin Rosin.



Plymouth's varsity boys golf team finished third at the Red Run Invitational.

Baseball

DEARBORN 9, CLARENCEVILLE 3:

On Tuesday, the host Pioneers scored seven times in the first three innings and added two more in the sixth to earn the WWAC crossover victory over Livonia Clarenceville (1-3).

The Trojans made five errors bringing their total to 12 over the last two games.

"I'm moving kids up and down between JV and varsity and moving kids all over the field," Clarenceville coach Craig Cotter said. "It will be a long season if we can't make the routine plays.

Clarenceville starter Kam MacIver threw strikes, but gave up six runs on seven hits over the first four innings. Austin Portwood and Nick Shute finished up, allowing three runs over the final two innings.

Junior Brad Trout and MacIver both went 1-for-3 with an RBI. Justin Kelley, Nick Snage and Shute collected the other Clarenceville hits.

Trout also had a stolen base along with an "ESPN highlight play" at short, according to Cotter.

Softball

CANTON 7, NORTHVILLE 1:

On Monday at Canton, the Chiefs rolled behind a home run by Izzy Dawson (3-for-4) and two doubles by Stephanie Schmuck (three RBIs).

Sydney Dawson went 2-for-2 to back up the pitching of freshman Shay Scott, who also doubled to help her cause.

GARDEN CITY BATS BOOM: The Cougars improved to 4-1 overall with Wednesday's 13-0 win over Dearborn.

Alicia Ascencio tripled among three hits, scoring four times. Other Garden City contributors included Shelby Casey (2-for-3) and Natalie Billings (2-for-4).

The winning pitcher was April Rudolph, who gave up just two hits.

"It was probably our most complete game of the season to date," Garden City head coach

Barry Patterson said. "We hit some balls hard, ran the bases well and made some big plays on (defense)."

On Monday, Ascencio homered, tripled, scored three times and drove in four as the Cougars routed Taylor Truman, 12-1. Winning pitcher Rudolph went 2-for-3 at the plate.

CRESTWOOD 14, CLARENCEVILLE 1: On Wednesday, host Dearborn Heights Crestwood earned a run-rule victory over visiting Livonia Clarenceville (0-3, 0-1).

Sophomore pitcher Emily Schmidt, who struck out five, took the loss. She went 1-for-2 at the plate.

Junior Ashley Kato added a first-inning double to run her hit streak to three straight games.

Boys lacrosse

SALEM 13, WLC 2: On Monday, the Rocks enjoyed an offensive surge against Walled Lake Central.

Scoring three goals each for

Salem were Marty Mills and Ian Wunderlich, while Devin Farmer added two. Chipping in four and three assists, respectively, were John Jaaska and Walker Sievers.

Girls lacrosse

ROCKS ROMP: On Monday, Salem defeated Walled Lake Consolidated, 15-3.

Scoring three goals each were Izzy Murphy-Morrow, Madison Mullins and Alexis Hess. Adding two each were Kayla Goleniak and Leah Tardiff, with single goals by Britany Mitton and Stephanie Miller.

PLYMOUTH PREVAILS: Also Monday, Cathryn Vandenberg scored seven goals as the Wildcats routed Grand Blanc, 13-6.

Other contributors included Michelle Cirino (two goals, assist) and Madeline Caswell, Emily LeBlanc, Amber Steiner and Kari Schoen, with one goal each. Goalkeeper Elizabeth Elliott and the Plymouth defense also stymied the Bob-

cats.

Plymouth grid meetings

Plymouth's football program is holding its 2017 Meet the Coaches informational meeting for incoming ninth-graders 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, in the Plymouth High School cafeteria.

The meeting is to give incoming freshmen and their parents a jump on what expectations are for the upcoming season.

Also, a mandatory parent/player meeting is set for 6-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 23, also in the Plymouth cafeteria. The session is for players entering grades 10-12 in 2017-18.

"We will talk about player and parent expectations, as well as booster club information and responsibilities," Plymouth football coach Mike Sawchuk said. He can be reached at michael.sawchuk@pccsk12.com for those with any questions about either meeting.



Plymouth and Livonia Churchill athletes compete in the 3,200-meter run Tuesday. From left are Lily Tiplady, Christina Murphy, Annie Bonds, Kathleen George and Caroline George. The George sisters finished first and second, with Bonds in third place. Churchill won the meet, 80-57.

PREP TRACK

Churchill tops Plymouth; Stevenson teams win

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Plymouth's varsity girls track and field team gave it a strong effort Tuesday against Livonia Churchill.

But the Wildcats fell short 80-57 to the Chargers — once again led by talented sisters Kathleen and Christina George.

Earning first for Plymouth were sprinters Ryen Draper (100 dash, 200 dash, 400 dash), the 400 relay team of Erin Bradley, Paige Sanders, Joyelle Washington, Reghan Draper; the 800 relay team of Joyelle Washington, Faith Washington, Reghan Draper and Ryen Draper and the 1,600 relay team of Kennedy Chanstang, Natalia Grasso, Delia Brennan and Sydney Romps.

In the 100 hurdles, Plymouth's Kayla Dudek and Bradley finished second and third, while Dudek also came in second in the 300 hurdles.

Finishing second in their respective field events were Emily Caragay (pole vault), Gabby Chouinard (high jump) and Sanders (long jump).

Spartans teams roll

On April 11, both the boys and girls teams for Livonia Stevenson enjoyed comfortable wins against South Lyon East.

In the boys meet, the Spartans won, 88-49, while the girls won, 84-53.

Victorious for the Stevenson boys were the following: Carter Ackman (200 dash, 27.91), Ethan Hamm (400 dash, 57.53), Ben Griffith (800 run, 2:09.82),

Jack Balint (1,600 run, 4:51.87), Alex Brauer (3,200 run, 10:11.31), Michael Grisa (110 hurdles, 18.80), Jake Kaupp (300 hurdles, 45.19), Asa Hassan (shot put, 39 feet, 1.5 inches), Ian Knoph (high jump, 6-5) and Collin Bowersox (pole vault, 12-6).

On the girls side, Allie Terry (400 dash, 1:06.23), Emily Lauzon (800 run, 2:31.59; 1,600 run, 5:48.16), Alexa Loconte (100 hurdles, 18.82), Beth White (300 hurdles, 52.23), Alexa Pierzynski (shot put, 28-7.5), Madi Droste (high jump, 4-6) and Kyra Gowman (pole vault, 8-6) took individual wins for the Spartans.

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PREP ATHLETICS

KLAA announces future division alignments

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New division alignments have been announced for the 14-school Kensington Lakes Activities Association with Grand Blanc exiting after 2017-18 season and Belleville accepting an invitation to join in 2018-19.

Grand Blanc, which was voted out of the KLAA by a 13-1 margin last month, will be part of the seven-school Gold Division for its last year, along with Brighton, Hartland, Howell, Livonia Stevenson, Northville and Novi.

The Black Division, meanwhile, will consist of Canton, Plymouth, Salem, Livonia Churchill, Livonia Franklin, Livonia Stevenson, Westland John Glenn and Wayne Memorial.

With the exception of football, the 2017-18 division alignments for all other boys and girls sports were based on geographic locations and proximity to other member schools.

"The majority of our schools could not support Grand Blanc being in the league," KLAA president and Novi High Principal Nicole Carter said in a press release. "The original development of the league was based on geography, so with 10 schools leaving the league, it created a hole between the schools because of the mileage situation with an outlying school."

Last April, a total of 10 schools departed from the KLAA.

Milford, South Lyon, South Lyon East, Walled Lake Central, Walled Lake Northern, Walled Lake Western, Waterford Kettering, Waterford Mott and White Lake Lake-land broke off and formed their own nine-school Lakes Valley Conference, which will start this fall. A 10th member school, Pinckney, decided to join the Southeastern Conference.

Next fall's football divisions, however, will be based on a past performance stan-

dard involving MHSAA play-off points and enrollments.

The Gold Division will include Northville, Plymouth, Churchill, Grand Blanc, John Glenn, Franklin and Wayne, while the Black Division will consist of Canton, Hartland, Stevenson, Brighton, Howell, Novi and Salem.

Divisions could also be tweaked next season for KLAA schools that do not field lacrosse, hockey or gymnastics teams.

Belleville, which was officially voted in as a 2018-19 member last week, will remain in the 12-school Western Wayne Athletic Association through the 2017-18 year.

On April 11, the KLAA principals and athletic directors also made recommendations for 2018-19 division realignments that will be voted upon at a later date when Belleville becomes a member.

According to a reliable source, it was tentatively agreed that the seven-school Black Division will consist of Belleville, Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, John Glenn, Wayne and Salem. The seven-team Gold Division will consist of Canton, Plymouth, Northville, Novi, Brighton, Hartland and Howell.

Based on the KLAA's charter criteria — geographical, financial and educational — the KLAA's board determined that Grand Blanc was no longer feasible for the other member schools and their student-athlete populations.

Grand Blanc is 45 or more miles away from 10 current KLAA schools, including Canton, Churchill, Franklin, Stevenson, Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Salem, Wayne and John Glenn.

The addition of Belleville will lessen the travel burden between outlying schools, as only Brighton, Hartland and Howell are located more than 40 miles away.

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Learn the facts about background checks

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After reviewing your résumé, reading your cover letter and talking to you in a live interview, employers have a lot of information about you. So what more do they hope to learn from a background check?

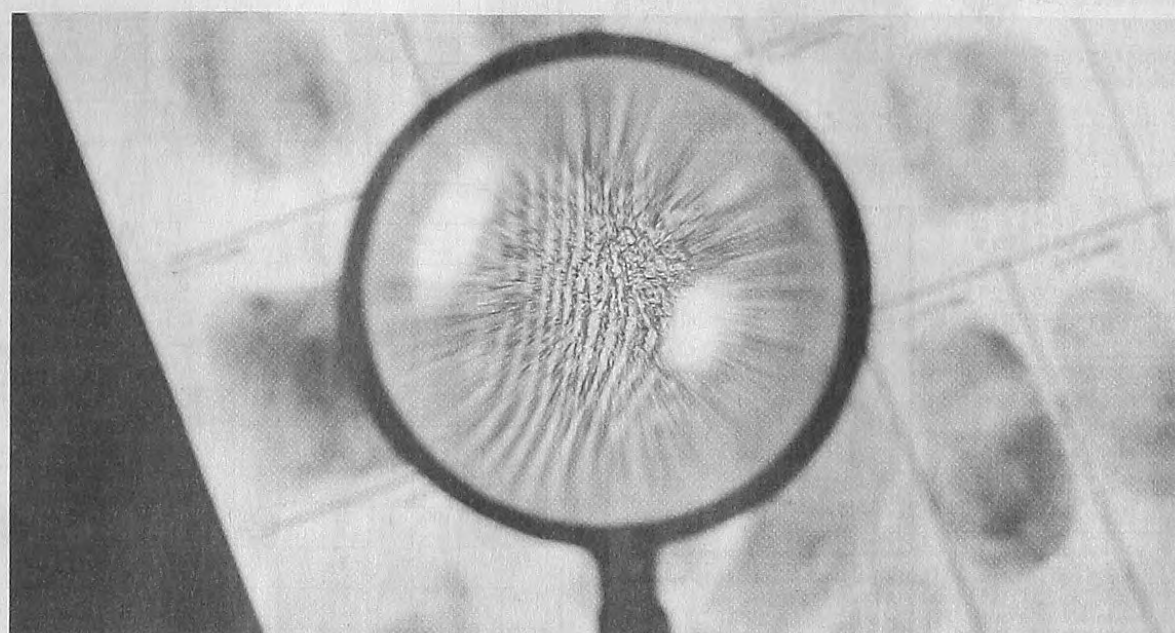
If you've ever asked yourself this, you're not alone. According to a 2017 CareerBuilder survey, 46 percent of job seekers say they don't know what information companies are looking for when they conduct background checks. To make sure you understand what you're signing before agreeing to one, here are a few things you should know.

Why run a background check?

Simply put, companies use background checks to make sure they aren't putting themselves or their employees at risk by hiring you.

"Generally, employers are looking for consistency in the candidate's background. They want to confirm that everything the applicant has said about their experience and previous work lines up," says Chris Heinz, managing partner of Westport One, an executive contract staffing affiliate of MRINetwork.

"Background checks are



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run by employers for a variety of reasons. In some financial industries they are mandatory, for example, when an employee will be responsible for handling or making decisions about someone else's money," says Kelly Brooks, executive director of human resources at Atrium Staffing. "But whether it's a simple employment verification or an all-out investigative report delving into all aspects of your life (criminal, credit, education, DMV), you should know what is on each report before you start your search for employment."

How am I protected?

Companies aren't allowed

to run a background check on you without your written permission. However, if you do choose to deny the request, employers may reject your candidacy.

Requiring your permission isn't the only way you're protected as a job seeker. The Fair Credit Reporting Act (FCRA) also sets rules for what information employers can request and how they have to go about requesting it.

Most notably, if a company rejects your application based on information found in a background check, they are required to provide you with a copy of the report along with a document detailing your rights

under the FCRA and contact information for the company that provided the report. This way, in the event that you're rejected due to an error in the report, you have the opportunity to refute the information.

The FCRA is a federal act, covering the entire United States, but some states have put in place additional protections regarding background checks.

What can they find?

Once you've given permission, a background report may include your credit score and address history (through Social Security number validation). Employers are also likely

to follow up on items from your application.

"Job seekers should assume all information they have provided in the application and interview process will be checked. This includes places of employment, how long they worked at these companies, to whom they reported, education and social media presence," Heinz says.

What may be included in a background report varies significantly from state to state, so be sure to check with your state's Department of Labor for up-to-date laws and regulations.

Are there risks in agreeing to be checked?

Heinz says that job seekers generally need not worry about submitting themselves to a background check.

"The only reason for concern would be if the candidate has something they are trying to hide. In that scenario, it is best that the applicant discloses this information to the prospective employer before the background check is performed."

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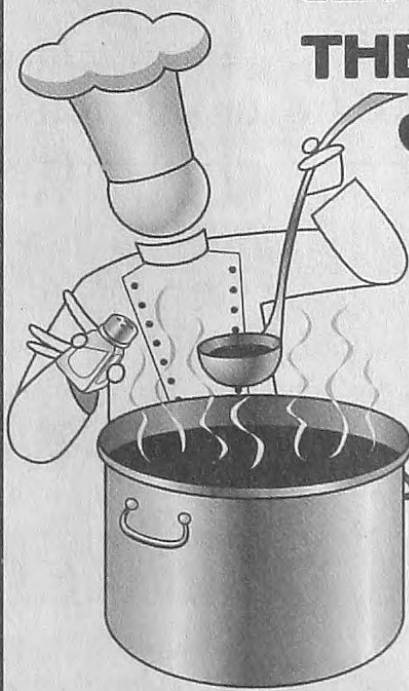
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Rear yard setback
Zoned: B-1, Local Business District
Applicant: Nick Hermann

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6 Cartoon thud
9 Snively cries
15 Film format
18 Chat session
20 The Bruins' Bobby
21 Author — de Balzac
22 Aussie leaper
23 "You only have so much time"
26 Ron of "Tarzan"
27 Quaint suffix with poet
28 Virgil's 61
29 "How sad" anew
32 Den furniture
33 Swimmer also called a blueback
36 Scheduled mtg.
39 "—" or "—" atom
41 Take — (cab it)
42 Wee child
43 Boggy area
45 Possess
47 Campbell's product, in Spanish
49 Netherlands cheese
52 Forts made of squared timbers
55 Any "50" time
58 Slo — fuse
59 One of the Greys on "Grey's Anatomy"
60 Emailer's "incidentally"
61 Gun of Israeli design
63 "The Waste Land" poet
65 Suffix with trick or hatch
66 New Nintendo system of 2012
68 Bingham of "Baywatch"
71 Where all eight X's appear in this puzzle
74 "No —, Bob!"
77 Greek island near Paros
78 "Time —" (1990s sci-fi series)
79 Blabber
82 Trunk gunk
84 Actress Farrow
85 Pronounce
86 Bella — (British Columbian native)
88 CPR-trained pro
89 Be dozing
91 Has a frank discussion
94 Heavy hammer
96 Old Pontiac muscle cars
98 TV scientist Bill
99 On deck
100 Tump, e.g.
103 Regal crown
105 Sis or bro
107 Royal name of Norway
108 "Gravity" actress
112 — T-Pak (Wrigley's gum unit)
114 Worry-free
115 Nerve cell extension
116 River islet
117 Devilkin
120 Broadway's Hagen
121 "A Treatise on Money" economist
126 Click in Morse code
127 "Crack a Bottle" rapper
128 Dr. — ("Crack a Bottle" rapper)
129 Wilds
130 I, to Johann
131 Really uncool types
132 Nile snake

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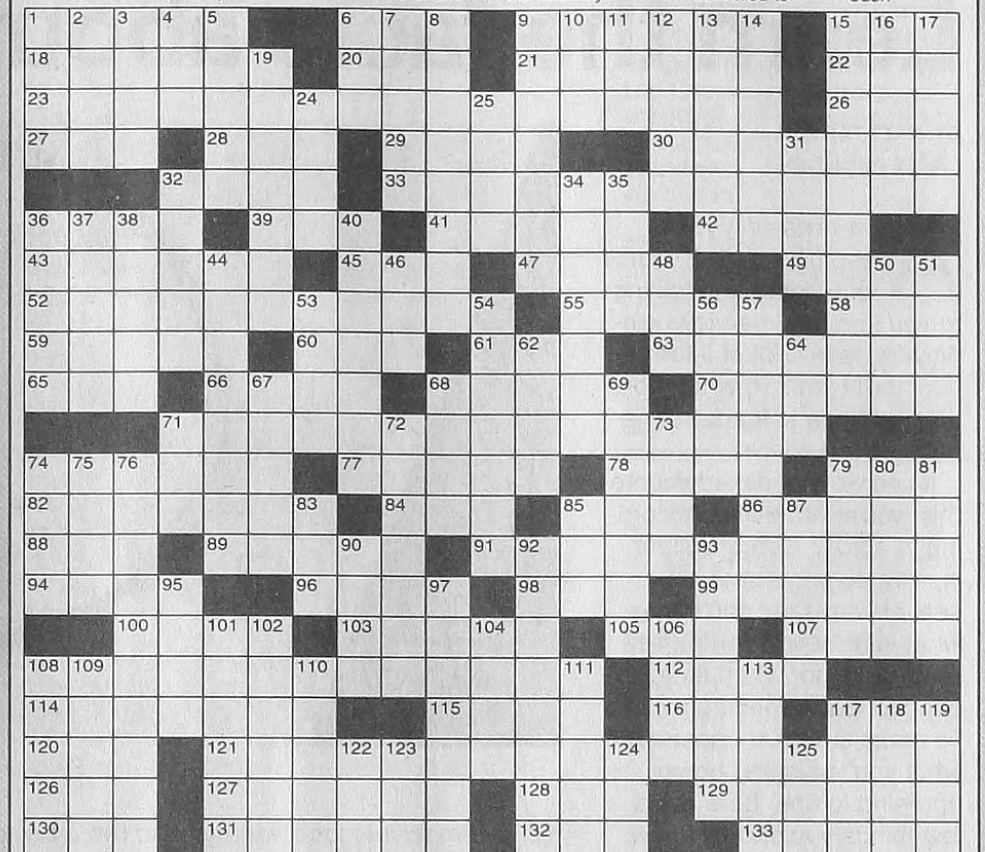
1 Part of a French play
2 — scale of hardness
3 Individuals
4 16-team grid gp.
5 Noted family name in wine
6 — choy
7 Opera solos
8 "Entertaining —" (Joe Orton play)
9 Cat food brand
10 Ad —
11 Pen filler
12 Bête —
13 Borgnine of film
14 Self-balancing two-wheeler
15 Had lofty aspirations
16 Saab rival
17 Senior group member
19 Puffer's cousin
24 "Bye now!"
25 Savoir-faire
31 Sommer of the screen
32 Actress Keanan
34 Unusual foreign objects
35 "Criminy!"

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36 Stroll along
37 Gondola guide
38 Authorized substitute
40 Sign bannin 180s
44 Statistical asymmetry
46 Compass pt.
48 Telling insect
50 Salvage plant
51 Verbal gems
53 Big Apple stage award
54 Tunic worn over armor
56 Port of Japan
57 Annual PGA Tour event
62 Drummer Starkey and screenwriter Penn
64 Secular
67 Perfect
68 Poison: Prefix
69 Entry points on pipes
71 Suffix with press
72 Karosene
73 Abstainers from alcohol
74 — la Douce
76 Address that bounced email is delivered to

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79 Rustic sort
80 Vega of "Spy Kids" films
81 Cable shows, e.g.
83 Tent securer
85 Clever
87 "Smoking —?"
90 Reproach to Brutus
92 Big boa
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95 Ore deposit
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106 Apple tablet
108 — Arabian
109 Garret
110 Vikki Carr's "It Must —"
111 Knots on tree trunks
113 Digital book, e.g.
117 As to
118 Dole (out)
119 "Hey, you"
122 Dir. 135 deg. from 46-Down
123 Sea, in Caen
124 Sales —
125 Hedge bush



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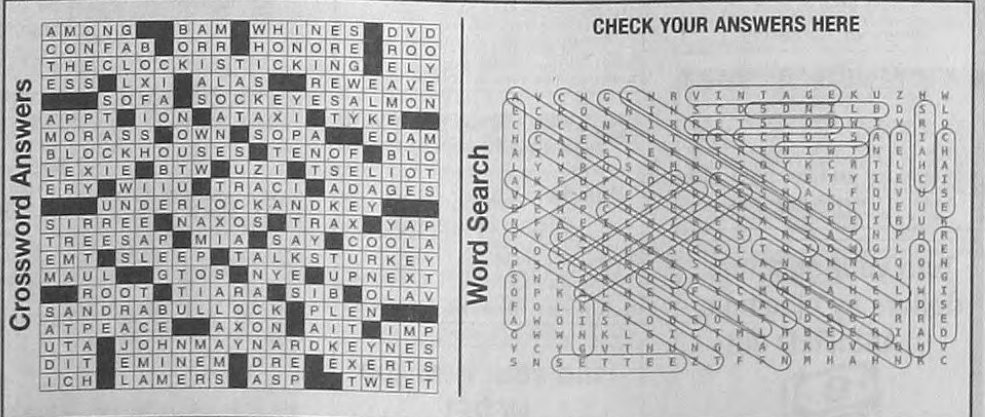
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Car Report

TOYOTA GETS IT RIGHT WITH COROLLA AND YARIS, PROVING SMALL CARS CAN STILL HAVE RELEVANCE



By Dale Buss

Oh, how quickly we forget about the value of small cars.

Several years ago, amid a surge in gasoline prices to more than \$4 a gallon, we couldn't get enough of fuel-efficient lifesavers like the Toyota Corolla compact and the Toyota Yaris subcompact. Their stratospheric mileage performance helped keep financial distress at bay for a generation of American car buyers who weren't sure they'd ever see \$3-a-gallon gasoline again, much less \$2-a-gallon fuel.

Now, of course, all small cars – in fact, all sedans – are much less appreciated as a class because Americans have convinced themselves that gasoline isn't going to go above \$3 a gallon anytime soon.



Snappy 2017 Toyota Yaris wears its blue well

And while they're at it, they'd much rather have the height, roominess and flexibility of an SUV or crossover even if that means sacrificing just a little bit of fuel economy.

But maybe U.S. car buyers are smarter than we think as a whole. Because even amid the general swoon in sales of small cars over the last couple of years, they have shown

the good sense to ascribe higher value and to see more appeal in Yaris and Corolla than most other small cars. Yaris sales actually have risen by 25 percent year-to-date over a year ago, while Corolla sales were only down by 10 percent through March.

Corolla, of course, is one of the most venerable nameplates in the global automotive industry and was the lead vehicle in the U.S. invasion that put Toyota on the map in the 1970s. Toyota marked its mind-boggling 50th anniversary last year, a continuous-production achievement that places it alongside a rarefied few nameplates such as the Ford Mustang.

For the 2017 version of the 11th generation of Corolla, Toyota made some improvements that are significant for a light makeover and which comprise a package not usually found on a small sedan.

They include new safety features and driver aids on all models,



A high-end Corolla interior

including a rearview camera, forward collision warning, lane-departure intervention and adaptive cruise control – all of great utility and protectiveness, especially in a small vehicle that tends to fare worse in crashes with the increasing number of behemoths on the road today.

Corolla also boasts estimated fuel economy that meets the magic 30-mpg mark combined, including a robust 35 mpg on the highway. Still, its 1.8-liter four-cylinder engine in most trims generates 132 horsepower. It's a little light on giddy-up, but Corolla is going to give you what you need when you engage the accelerator in all types of driving.

It also can't be said enough that Corolla – while definitely middle of the pack when it comes to some important small-car attributes – is definitely a leader in reliability. No car lasts a half-century if it disappoints too many owners.

Yaris, by comparison, was launched only in 1999 by Toyota, making it a youngster relative to Corolla. But in those nearly two decades, Yaris has come to capably fill the important subcompact niche for Toyota in the United States, packaging many of the familiar attributes of the brand – utility, reliability and a capable ride – into its smallest mainstream vehicle.

For 2017, Toyota found some ways to upgrade Yaris, including making several important safety and driver-assistance features standard, very unusually for the class. Yaris also sports a standard touch-screen display and impressive cabin materials for a car in its segment, including lots of soft-touch panels.

Of course, like most cars in this class, Yaris isn't long on acceleration, with engine power that is adequate for highway driving, and its handling is middling. There are also Yaris challenges with interior space and many aspects of comfort.

But for a mere \$17,200, you can get into a base Yaris SE that sports up to 36 mpg in highway driving and that you know will reliably get you here you need to go. That proposition still has plenty of value even when a gallon of gasoline is only \$2.50.



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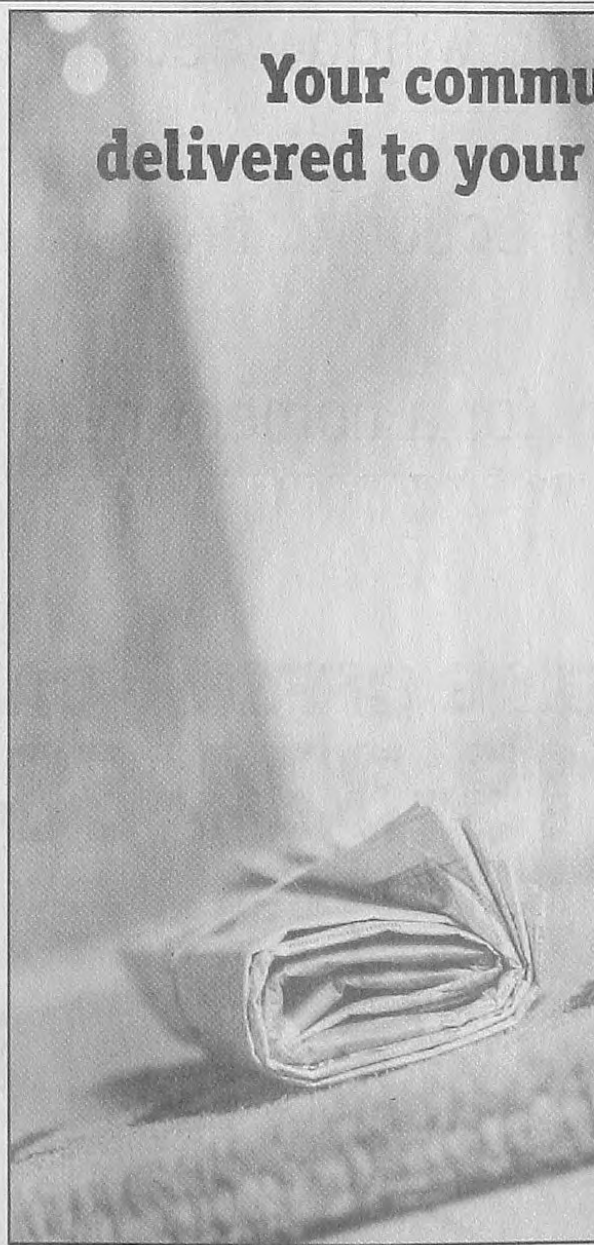
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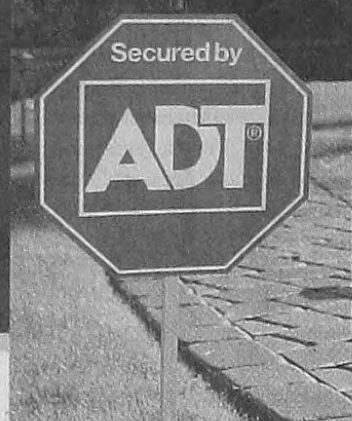
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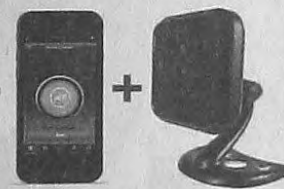
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