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## PARC schedules initial public forum

Group hoping to spread the word about \$30 million fundraising effort

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Plans to build an 800-seat performing arts theater and renovate the existing Plymouth Arts & Recreation Complex will be center stage as project leaders roll out the first public forum since announcing in November a \$30 million capital fundraising campaign.

PARC President Don Soenen said area residents seeking to learn more about the project or voice their opinions about it are encouraged to attend the forum, set for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, at the Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Ave., in downtown Plymouth.

Project leaders will share their vision for PARC — site of the former Central Middle School, where nearly 30 arts, recreation and education tenants already are renting space — and for the performing arts center that could be built between PARC and the nearby Plymouth Cultural Center. Architectural renderings will be available for viewing in the Penn Theatre lobby.

Soenen said two more public forums will be announced later. PARC officials also are meeting with local public service groups and homeowner associations to educate area residents about the project. Direct mailings to homes



With all new windows, this is how the front of PARC would look after a massive renovation project. PARC

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Little Stars members perform a holiday concert at Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks. LITTLE STARS

## Little Stars bring holiday cheer to seniors

The Little Stars, a Canton-based youth organization ([www.thelittles-tars.org](http://www.thelittles-tars.org)), brought holiday cheer to the seniors in four local nursing homes Dec. 24 with holiday concerts and gifts, as they have done the last 11 years.

Little Stars performed at Four Season Nursing Center (Westland), Waltonwood at Cherry Hill (Canton), Halsted Place Senior Residences (Farmington Hills) and Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks (Novi).

They also brought 360 fuzzy socks as this year's Christmas gifts, purchased with the funds they raised through fundraiser activities.



Little Stars director Anna Sun, an 11th-grader, distributes fuzzy socks at Halsted Place Senior Residences. LITTLE STARS



Little Stars members distribute fuzzy socks at Four Season Nursing Center. LITTLE STARS

## Show tunes: Broadway cabaret to fight cancer

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Lift the curtain and bring on the Broadway show tunes.

Life's a cabaret in Canton — or it will be.

Denise Staffeld, co-chair of this year's Canton-Plymouth Relay for Life cancer-fighting fundraiser, has confirmed Broadway show tunes will be performed by 20 local performers at a cabaret set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 7, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill.

It seems there's no business like show business — especially when it's a musical fundraiser to help the American Cancer Society battle the disease.

"This is a big deal. It's a vision of mine that has been four years in the making," Staffeld said. "I really wanted to make this happen. We have this incredible talent and it's another great way we can raise money and put that talent to good use."

"The vision has become a reality," she added.

Canton cabaret performers who appear in various local productions recognize that music has the power to touch hearts and raise spirits of those who need a lift, Staffeld noted.

"We are excited to share our voices and song with the public, honor cancer survivors and their family members and provide a sense of support and entertainment," she said.

Megan Schaper, Relay for Life community development manager for Canton, Plymouth, Westland and Ypsilanti, said the Broadway-style cabaret reflects a move to bring more flexibility to fundraising, rather than having the sole focus on the one-day Relay, which is May 19 in Canton's Heritage Park.

"We just have more freedom to spread things out and have fundraisers happen at different times of the year," Schaper said. "With the cabaret, we can connect with a whole different part of the community that Relay has never touched before. The goal is to touch a whole new group and let them fight cancer how they want to fight it."

And it just so happens it's through show tunes.

Among the selections Staffeld mentioned: "Seasons of Love" from "Rent," "The Impossible Dream" from "Man of La Mancha," "Newsies" from "King of New York" and "My New Philosophy" from "You're a Good

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Man, Charles Brown," among numerous others. "This is a great way to kick off Relay," Staffeld said. "We're hoping to raise a lot of money."

Show tunes aside, the cabaret also includes a dessert reception, a coffee bar, a silent auction and a cash bar. Schaper said direct donations to the American Cancer Society also may be made that night.

Tickets are \$22 each

Broadway show tunes are coming to the Village Theater at Cherry Hill to raise money to fight cancer. FILE PHOTO



and available at the Village Theater website.

Groups teaming to offer the cabaret are the Women's Life Society Chapter 827, Chicks for Charity and the American Cancer Society. Staffeld also is looking for event sponsors and can be reached at dstaffeld@boa.com.

For more information about the Relay, go to the the Canton-Plymouth Relay for Life website.

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The Canton Police Department honor guard posted the colors at the start of the 2017 Relay for Life in Heritage Park. BRAD KADRIC

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## FORUM

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also are part of the plan.

"It's going to be a very comprehensive program to educate the community," Soenen said, adding later, "The community really needs to get behind this and weigh in and say this is something we want to do or not."

Depending on how much money the capital fundraising campaign can secure by spring, Soenen has been forthright that PARC may have to work with local government officials to propose a modest tax increase. A 1-mill increase would cost a typical homeowner about \$110 a year.

"It's going to be less than a mill," Soenen said.

He said PARC officials are attempting to raise as



This is a rendering of what the new performing arts center would look like. PARC

much money as possible to lessen any tax proposal.

"We've got a lot of irons in the fire," he said. "We're satisfied with the progress that is being made."

To be fair, the project has both its supporters and its detractors and both sides are certain to become more vocal as the project moves forward.

A recent survey by a Lansing polling firm, EPIC-MRA, revealed that 94 percent of city residents knew about PARC,

compared to 84 percent of township residents. An overwhelming majority also said the facility adds value to the Plymouth community.

But the real question is whether those who support the project would still favor it in the face of a tax increase.

Officials say the performing arts center would likely open in fall 2020 with a 43,245-square-foot first level and a 7,100-square-foot balcony, helping to create what Gail Grieger, PARC

executive director, has called "a destination for the arts for all of western Wayne County" and beyond.

The existing three-story, 160,000-square-foot PARC building at 650 Church St. already is used for theater productions, youth sports, culinary arts classes, orchestra concerts and arts education, among other uses.

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# Dad shuts down teen house party as officers arrive

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A Canton father shut down his teen son's New Year's Eve party after about 150 people showed up, causing a ruckus with yelling outdoors and fueling complaints about cars parked in fire lanes, police said.

The father told police he had allowed his 17-year-old son to invite a few friends over, but they apparently alerted others to the party on Amber Drive, southeast of Palmer and Sheldon.

Canton Deputy Police Director Chad Baugh said parties can easily spiral out of control as word spreads, particularly on social media.

"It can get out of hand very quickly," he said.

Police began receiving multiple complaints from neighbors about 11 p.m., Dec. 31. Callers reported loud yelling and a large group of party-goers in the street, according to a police report.

Police could smell alcohol and found one bottle in a front-yard flower bed when they

arrived, the report said. The father already

was ordering the guests out of his house as police arrived. He denied any knowledge of the teens consuming alcohol.

Police issued the father a ticket for having an open house party, a misdemeanor charge.

Baugh urged parents, before letting their teens have parties, to plan

ahead and make sure their children understand the ground rules.

"Often there's not a lot of pre-planning to understand what could actually happen," Baugh said. "We've seen it a few times with social media. An invitation goes out and causes it to quickly multiply on the families."

Party details get shared and attendance

spikes quickly, he said.

Baugh said parents and teens should take "a common-sense approach" to parties and "use sound judgment" in planning them.

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## CANTON POLICE BRIEFS

### Woman says husband pointed gun at her head

A 48-year-old Canton woman has accused her husband of pointing a gun to her head after alleging she cheated on him, a police report said.

No shots were fired as the domestic incident unfolded shortly before 4 p.m. Dec. 26 in the 1600 block of Crestview Drive, northeast of Palmer and Lotz.

The woman called police and said she was locked in a bedroom with her 14-year-old daughter, but they came out unharmed when authorities arrived.

The 47-year-old suspect also came out of the house holding only a phone in his hand. Police went inside the house and found a 9mm handgun on a fireplace mantel, the report said.

The couple, married for seven years, have been having problems and the wife said her husband became upset that she didn't spend Christmas with him. She said he then accused her of cheating on him and pointed the gun at her.

The husband denied the accusations as the investigation was continuing.

### Taser gun arrest

A Westland woman's reckless driving got her into bigger trouble after police pulled her over and found that she had a Taser gun, a report said.

Police were in the Walmart parking lot on Ford Road in Canton about 3:30 p.m. Dec. 31 when the 29-year-old suspect began trailing a police patrol car too closely, then passed it up and sped off, the report said.

Police trailed the woman's Jeep Cherokee, initiated a traffic stop and learned that she was driving with a suspended license and had a warrant for her arrest out of Westland. Police also could detect the odor of marijuana in the vehicle.

Police called in a canine and ended up searching the woman's purse for marijuana, finding a small amount. Police also found a Taser gun in the woman's purse, along with two "cabaret cards" indicating she worked in the adult entertainment business.

The suspect was facing possible charges of carrying a concealed weapon and possession of a Taser gun.

### Mom, daughter thieves?

The family that shops together steals together,

apparently.

Police say that was the case for a 31-year-old Ypsilanti woman and her mother after they were captured on a Walmart surveillance camera, a police report said.

Police went to the Walmart store on Michigan Avenue, west of Belleville Road, after an employee spotted the women stealing on a store camera, the report said.

The daughter was accused of concealing two rings and a pair of sunglasses in her pocket. Her 48-year-old mother was seen concealing two shirts, the report said.

Police took both women into custody for retail fraud.

### Stolen medication

A 37-year-old Canton woman returned from an out-of-town trip to Missouri to learn that her

birth control medication had been stolen from her mailbox, a report said.

The woman and her husband were gone Dec. 26-27 and returned home to find the woman's 90-day supply of the prescription medicine —

which they knew had shipped and arrived — was missing.

It wasn't immediately known if any other mail was missing.

— By Darrell Clem

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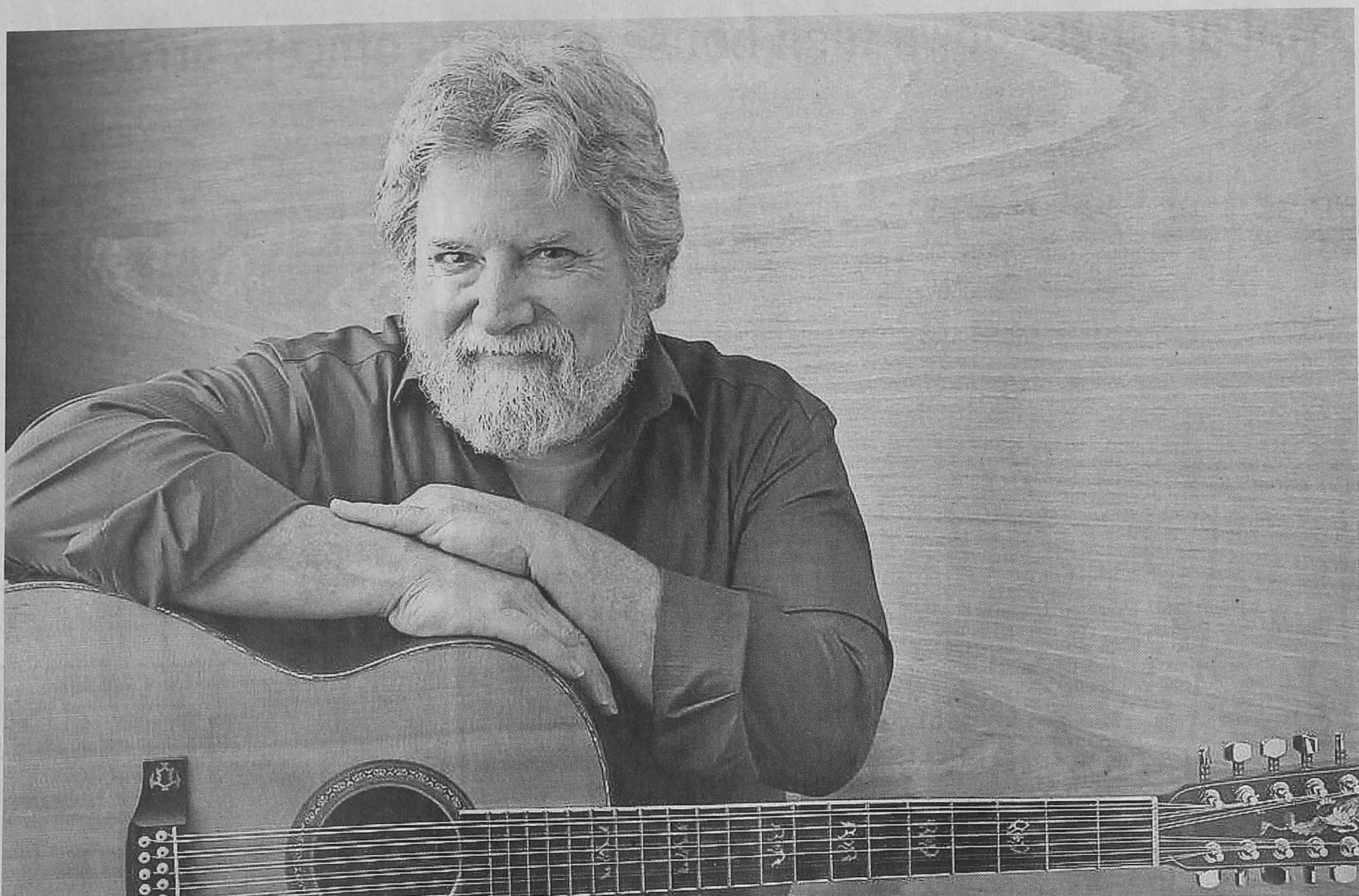
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Lee Murdoch will perform at the Plymouth District Library during the Ice Festival. PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY

## Plymouth library gets in on the ice fest fun

The Plymouth District Library will offer a warm spot for festival-goers to have some fun, enjoy some great entertainment and warm up during the 2018 Ice Festival.

As in years past, the library welcomes the opportunity to connect with the community during the large-scale events that take place each year. The Ice Festival will be no exception, when two special programs take place at the library – one for children and one for adults, both made possible through what library officials say is the “generous support of the Friends of the Plymouth District Library.”

At 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 13, songwriter, storyteller and historian Lee Murdoch will perform in the library’s main meet-

ing room. Known throughout the Great Lakes, Murdoch’s musical influences span 15 generations, combining ragtime, Irish, blues and folk.

His work is a documentary and also an anthem to the people who know the Great Lakes as the freshwater highways of North America. Murdoch has performed at the library in the past.

“We’re delighted to have him back,” library director Carol Souchock said. The concert is free of charge – no advance registration is required.

From noon to 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14, families should plan to drop in for winter crafts, maker activities, hot chocolate, coffee and some warm fun on a cold day.

“These winter events over the last few years have been a big hit,” said

Carol Champagne, youth services coordinator. “We find that folks come in and, while the children enjoy the activities, the parents enjoy visiting with neighbors and friends.”

Rounding out library activities during the Ice Festival include relaxing with a current magazine by the fireplace, checking out that favorite old movie on DVD, browsing the Friends used book sale, putting a puzzle together downstairs, enjoying computer games or staging an impromptu puppet show.

The library will be open regular hours during Ice Festival weekend – 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, go to [plymouthlibrary.org](http://plymouthlibrary.org).



The Plymouth District Library will offer a variety of activities during the Ice Festival. PLYMOUTH DISTRICT LIBRARY

## January remains the busiest month for new divorce filings



Henry Gornbein

TALES FROM THE FRONT LINES

**Q: I have read that January is the busiest month for new divorces being filed. Is this true?**

A: You are raising a good issue. Studies have shown that January is the busiest month for new divorces being filed. Following are some of my thoughts on this issue.

» Think of that Currier and Ives scene, with one big happy family congregating together to celebrate the Christmas and/or Chanukah holiday season. Reality is often far from the ideal. Coming together for the holidays is often fraught with tension and conflict.

» Therapists are very busy during the holidays because people are so unhappy in their mar-

riages. Therapy can result in someone becoming more resolved to move forward and file for a divorce after the holidays.

» I have had marriages break up over one drink too many at an office Christmas party. Often alcoholism will rear its ugly head during the holidays, when people tend to let loose.

» An indiscretion can happen at the office party, where someone is acting inappropriately with someone who is not his or her spouse.

» People are often very disappointed with the holidays because of unrealistic expectations of family and holiday traditions.

» Issues that have been festering for months or years can be exacerbated over the holidays.

» I see many people toward the end of the year who are considering

a divorce, but want to wait until after the holidays so as not to spoil the holidays for their children or other family members.

» People will make resolutions during the holidays to make sure that this is the last one to spend with a spouse.

» A common new year’s resolution will be to get rid of a spouse and not spend another year in an unhappy marriage. I have had a wife resolve to lose 200 pounds of ugly fat – her husband!

» You may hate your in-laws or other relatives and decide that enough is enough. Dealing with them during the holidays can be daunting.

» Sometimes the holidays will escalate an abusive situation. Alcohol, drugs and abuse often go hand in hand. There is often a lot of domestic abuse during the holidays.

» The year end is a

***Drinking, alcohol, drugs, infidelity, money issues, lack of communication and growing apart are just some of the many examples that lead to divorces being filed at a higher rate in January than any other month.***

time for reckoning and taking account of your personal life, as well as your career. People often decide to change jobs as well as spouses.

» There may be a bonus that does not come through or is too small, with the result that this can bring more tension to your marriage.

» People often act more rashly during the holidays. The result can be a divorce being filed in January.

» Holidays are during the dark, cold, winter months, when people are often more depressed than during the spring and summer. This can

lead to action and a divorce as well.

» Disappointment in life, unreasonable expectations, a failure to communicate. These are all issues that people will look at and take stock of as the end of the old year and bring in the new year.

» This could mean that change is necessary, including a divorce.

» To recap: Drinking, alcohol, drugs, infidelity, money issues, lack of communication and growing apart are just some of the many examples that lead to divorces being filed at a higher rate in January

than any other month.

» Last but not least, we have the rise of Facebook and other social media, which means that everything is being shared. We are losing our privacy, which contributes to more divorces being filed after the new year as well.

These are some of my thoughts. Please share yours.

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# We all need a big glass of fresh water this new year



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The first summer my daughter and I hiked on the Appalachian Trail, we discovered there was something way more important than we'd expected. It was water.

When you hike or run on a trail here in southeast Michigan, like Maybury State Park or the Pinkney State Recreation Area, you always eventually come to a drinking fountain or a hose in someone's yard, etc. But the AT runs mostly along a remote, mountainous ridge line and, since you're at altitude, you become dehydrated much more quickly. Water is so important, hikers plan how far they'll go on a given day by the availability of a water source. Most of the water you get is from clear mountainous streams flowing out of the ground. It is ice cold and delicious.

John Chapter 4 tells the story of how Jesus sits down by a well and a woman there says, "Excuse me, but you're going to have a difficult time getting water because you don't have anything to draw with — no bucket or rope, etc." Jesus answers, in essence, "You know, I give people 'living water.'" The woman declares, "Oh my, I need some of that."

The woman has had a hard life, including some bad choices of her own. She's been married and

*Ezekiel speaks of a new temple of God with living water flowing out of it. It makes what is stagnant fresh again, many trees grow and there is healing. And the book of Revelation predicts a city flowing with living water forever.*

divorced five times and now she's living with another man. She's here at the well by herself because she has no friends, since all the other women reject her. The only people who ever talk to her are an occasional man who hires her for sex.

And Jesus says, "I can give you what you need. But what you need (living water — spiritual life) may not be what you think you need (physical water — just to get by today.)"

The Bible uses water as a spiritual metaphor a lot. In Genesis 1, Eden is a very well-watered place, with four rivers running through it. In Exodus 17, the Israelites were panicking in the wilderness — "How will we make it?! Is God really with us?! Will we have what we need to live?!" and God causes water to gush from a rock.

Later the prophet Isaiah offers: "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

Ezekiel speaks of a new temple of God with living water flowing out of it. It makes what is stagnant fresh again, many trees

grow and there is healing. And the book of Revelation predicts a city flowing with living water forever.

But the prophet Jeremiah points out that most people are drinking from "broken cisterns." "My people have committed two sins: They have forsaken me, the spring of living water, and have dug their own cisterns, broken cisterns that cannot hold water." Are you trusting in something that can't hold water?

So here's Jesus talking to the woman at the well. She all of a sudden asks about which temple she's supposed to worship at — the one in Jerusalem or the one in Samaria? Jesus replies that it's not about religion or worshiping at the right place, it's our hearts. It's about trusting him "in spirit and in truth."

I love a cold Mountain Dew in the morning, but this year I've given up drinking anything but water. To be honest, I still crave a Dew every morning, but I realize that pure water is what I really need. That's true in body and soul.

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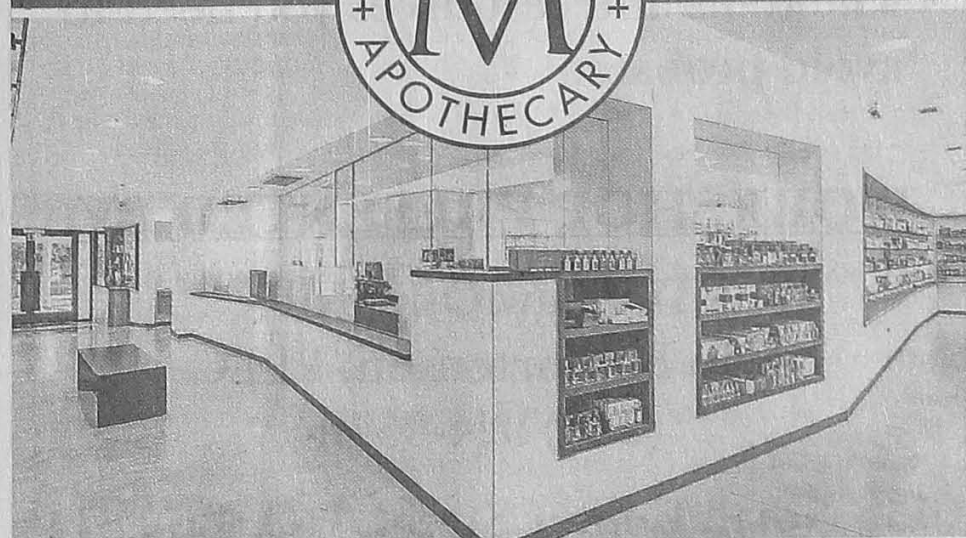
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# Installing security cameras takes careful deliberation



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**Q: I'm on the board of directors of our townhouse-style condo association and we just received a request from a new co-owner who wants to install a security camera outside her unit. She has explained that she was previously a victim of assault committed in her prior home. Per the bylaws, the co-owners need to get the association's permission before modifying the common elements. We're leaning toward letting her do it, but are there any risks involved?**

**A:** This reminds me of a famous case from Cali-

fornia, *Frances T. v. Village Green Owners Association*, which I frequently cited to my law students. The court found that there was a foreseeable danger to an owner due to a prior burglary of the unit and lack of exterior lighting and, with respect to a subsequent break-in and assault, the court found the association and individual directors could be held responsible for negligence in not addressing the lack of exterior lighting.

Does this mean that you must allow the security camera in your situation? Not necessarily. The facts applicable to *Frances T.* that led the court to conclude there was a foreseeable danger are likely different from your situation in that I assume there is adequate lighting around the unit

***Of course, if you allow one person to install a camera, you might expect others to request the same and you would have to approve other reasonable requests to install cameras ...***

and there has not been a prior break-in at that particular unit. It may be that even if you were to deny installation of the camera and a crime subsequently occurred at the unit, you would be able to argue that the crime was not foreseeable and that you did not have a duty to allow a security camera. And associations do not have a general duty to protect residents from crime. On the other hand, if you have experienced security/safety issues recently in the devel-

opment, I would want to know how those have been addressed.

Of course, if you allow one person to install a camera, you might expect others to request the same and you would have to approve other reasonable requests to install cameras, lest you face a claim of disparate treatment or discrimination. Note that it would probably not be defensible to require that the applicant had previously been a victim of assault.

If you decide to allow

co-owners to install cameras, the board should adopt rules that: 1) provide standard approved camera models to ensure uniformity (and choose a model[s] that you can observe which direction it is pointed); 2) require that surveillance be limited to the areas immediately outside of the unit and specifically do not monitor neighbors or amenities in the common elements (such as pools); and 3) require the co-owner enter into a standard modification of common elements agreement with the association.

Among other things, the modification agreement should identify where the camera is allowed to be placed and indemnify the association from any damage or injury caused by the

installation/operation of the camera or any failure of the camera to function.

Of course, all of the above should be considered further and prepared with assistance from your experienced community association attorney.

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## CANTON LIBRARY EVENTS

### Hero Hangout: Comics Reading Group

**When:** 7-8 p.m. third Wednesday of each month

**Details:** Do you love reading comics or learning about super heroes? Join us for Hero Hangout, a comic book club is for ages 7-12, and you choose what to read. Every week we will be sharing, reading and making comics. Participants are encouraged to bring a comic to share with a group, but are not required.

### On the Spot Tech Help

**When:** 5-7 p.m. each Wednesday and noon to 2 p.m. each Saturday

**Details:** A team of tech-savvy volunteers has been assembled at CPL to help you find the answers to those tech issues you can't quite figure out on your own. Whether you need help while working on a project at one of our computers, setting up an email address or downloading an app on your phone, we can help.

### ELL Conversation Groups

**When:** 9:30-11 a.m. each Thursday and Friday

**Details:** Practice speaking English in an informal setting with Community Literacy Council volunteers. See the English Language Learner Program FAQ at

[www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for more information.

### Digital Drop-In Help

**When:** 10-11 a.m. each Friday

**Details:** Stop in to get one-on-one help with your e-readers from the friendly experts at the Information desk. Just bring your device and your desire to learn. Kindle users must bring Amazon log-in information as well.

### Computer Skills Lab for Beginners

**When:** 9-11 a.m. second Saturday of each month

**Details:** If you are looking to build a foundation of strong computer skills, including Internet use and setting up an

email account, stop in to CPL's Internet Lab. We will have guided activities for practice with mouse skills, copying/pasting and more, with trusted experts on hand to answer any questions you may have or connect you to additional resources.

### Family Storytime

**Details:** Family Storytime provides an opportunity for caregivers to actively engage with their children under age 5. Together with a youth librarian, you can build early literacy skills in a welcoming environment through meaningful stories, songs and play. Encourage a love of language and reading while practicing listening and

cooperative tasks. Every Family Storytime is followed by a half-hour of ABC Activity Time. Go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for a full January program schedule.

### Preschool Storytime

**Details:** Preschool storytimes feature longer books, flannel board and rhymes designed for children ages 3½-55. These activities help develop pre-reading and school-readiness skills. Children must be able to sit independently and be attentive for 30 minutes. Parents may attend, if needed, to help transition their child to this program, and all parents must remain in the children's department. Registration is required and

you can pick a Monday or a Friday session. Go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for registration and schedule.

### Baby Storytime

**Details:** Baby Storytime is designed for babies 18 months and younger with an adult and features simple stories, songs and rhymes carefully chosen to build awareness of language and vocabulary, foster a love of books and provide a fun, interactive experience for babies and parents/caregivers. Registration is required. Go to [www.cantonpl.org](http://www.cantonpl.org) for registration and schedule.

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## Pledge to do better with finances in the new year



**Rick Bloom**  
MONEY MATTERS

I first want to take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very happy, healthy and prosperous new year. I also want to thank you for the privilege of being able to write this column and help you with the challenges we all face when it comes to personal finance.

When I first became an adult and on my own, personal finance was not something very complex and the issues were relatively straightforward. Back then, when you said shop around, that may have meant making a couple of calls. Today when you say shop around, it means something totally different. When I got involved in this business and they were talking about retirement, the general rule was, as you get older, you need less money to live on and that, at most, you plan for a 10- or 15-year retirement. Today, you must have a rising income and plan for a 30-year-plus retire-

ment. Bottom line: Our lives have become much more complex and challenging.

I hate making new year's resolutions because I never keep them. However, a goal we should all have for 2018 is to take better care of our personal finances. Whether it's paying closer attention to our investments, making sure our estate planning needs are taken care of or making sure we are living within our means, we all have to take more of an active interest in our personal financial affairs.

It would be nice if you could look at your personal financial affairs once a year and forget about them. It doesn't work that way. Handling your personal financial affairs is a 12-month job. You need to make sure that, every month, you spend time on your personal finances. Will they ever be in perfect shape? No, but if you start embarking on a project of continuous improvement, you will find that, over a short term, you'll be in much better financial shape.

Personal financial planning is more than just having a well-balanced and diversified

portfolio; it also means taking care of your estate planning needs. Have you reviewed your estate plan lately? If you don't have one, what are you waiting for? It is always important to review your insurance coverages and to receive competitive bids. Other areas of personal financial planning that we all need to review on an occasion are our outstanding debt (to see if we can be more efficient with it) and our tax situation. Remember, it is not patriotic to pay more than you have to in taxes.

One last thought — when you have financial difficulties, it doesn't impact just you. Your loved ones are affected as well. Poor finances can put pressure on marriages, family and friends and even impact your job. As we enter 2018, let's all pledge to be more proactive when it comes to our personal financial affairs.

Happy new year and good luck!

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## Area World War II veteran receives French Legion of Honor medal

Mort Harris, a World War II veteran, entrepreneur and philanthropist, received the Knight of the French Legion of Honor medal during a ceremony Nov. 14 at Cranbrook. Created by Napoleon in 1802, the Legion of Honor is the highest national decoration of the French Republic. The medal was presented to Harris by Guillaume Lacroix, consulate general of France in Chicago, on behalf of the president of the French Republic.

"I was a bomber pilot in the U.S. Army Air Corps Eighth Air Force, 95th Bomber Group, 334th Squadron, based in Horham, Suffolk, England," Harris told the audience of nearly 200 family, friends and dignitaries that gathered for the event. "I was a pilot because I didn't want to fight in the foxholes."

During Operation Cadillac, Harris led a squad of 12 B-17s to deliver cannons to the town of Footman-Lilas, where the French Maquis — courageous freedom fighters — and farmers used the cargo to liberate the first major city in France. The



(From left) Guillaume Lacroix, consulate general of France in Chicago; Mort Harris, Knight of the French Legion of Honor recipient; and Dominic DiMarco, president of Cranbrook Educational Community. ERIC FRANCHY | CRANBROOK EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY

cannons were dropped out of planes with green and white parachutes and helped turn the tide of the war. Paris was liberated soon after this mission.

"Mort is a military hero, a hero to the people of Europe and he is a life-saving hero, as some of us here can attest," Cranbrook President Dominic DiMarco said in his remarks. "Mort is a hero to all of us because of his humbleness, his friendship, his wisdom and his generosity. I am honored to know him personally and to consid-

er him one of my close friends."

The ceremony took place three days after Veterans Day in the West Wing of Cranbrook House, which was added on in 1918, the same year commemorated by the Veterans Day (then Armistice Day) holiday. Opposite the podium where Harris officially became a member of the Knight of the Legion of Honor hangs "The Great Crusade," a tapestry celebrating democracy and the end of World War I.

## Attention Back Pain and Sciatica Sufferers!



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### Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop Reveals How to Naturally Heal Back Pain and Sciatica For Good.

Do you suffer with back pain or leg pain when you stand or walk?

Do you have pain when you sit for long periods or drive?

Do you experience pain, numbness or tingling into your butt, groin or down your leg?

Does your back ever "go out" if you move the wrong way?

Are you afraid your pain will get worse if you don't do anything about it?

If you have answered YES to any of the above questions (or have a stubborn spouse who is in denial) — the Lower Back and Sciatica Workshop may be a life changing event for you...

**Testimonial: Debra Says:** I was in tremendous pain in my back until I came to Mehul for treatment, I was having hard time getting in and out of car, wake up with pain and stiffness, and cannot walk longer. Everything seems to be getting back to normal after treatment, I started feeling whole again and I'm grateful for this place.

Hello,

Back pain and sciatica can completely ruin your life... I've seen it many times.

- ✓ It can make you lean on the shopping cart when walking through the grocery store (how embarrassing)...
- ✓ It can take your focus away from enjoying your life...like spending time with your children or grandchildren...
- ✓ It can mess up your work or force you to do a job you don't want to do...
- ✓ It can ruin your travel plans...
- ✓ And it can take away your ability to live life...having to rely on others... or to wait for you to sit down for a minute.

And less movement and enjoying of life can lead to depression, increased stress and a sedentary lifestyle (mostly sitting...not moving much) which leads to bigger health problems...and life problems.

We are Sciatica and Lower Back Specialists at ALLY PHYSICAL THERAPY, we've helped 100's of people from right here in Livonia, MI...and the rest of Wayne County...who have suffered needlessly with lower back pain and sciatica...it's our specialty.

**So by request, I'm hosting a Sciatica and Lower Back Pain Workshop here at ALLY PHYSICAL THERAPY ON 10TH February 2018 at 32858 5 mile Rd, Livonia, MI-48154 at 10:30am – 11:30am.**

If you're confused about what to do and looking for answers, here's some of what you'll learn:

- ✓ The Biggest #1 Mistake back pain and sciatica sufferers make which actually stops them from healing...
- ✓ The 3 Most Common Causes of Lower Back Pain and Sciatica...
- ✓ A Sure-Fire Way to Pick the Right Treatment for the Cause of Your Pain (and save you a ton of time and money)
- ✓ How a problem in your back can cause pain, numbness or tingling in your leg...
- ✓ What successful treatment and permanent relief looks like without the side effects of medications, injections or surgery.

### How Do I Register for the Lower Back Pain and Sciatica Workshop?

Call our office to register at **734-525-3000** talk to Jessica or Nancy and reserve your spot today!!!!When you register, we will mail you The Lower Back Pain and Sciatica Worksheet which you will bring with you to the event.

We only have 15 seats available for the event...and this will be going out in our Newsletter and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/Ally-Physical-Therapy>).

**So if you would like to attend, be sure to register now... Call 734-525-3000.**

**How Much Is It to Attend? The Event is Free to attend.**

As a Special Bonus...the first 10 people to call, register and attend for the event will receive 15 min one on one time to discuss with Physical Therapist regarding their low Back Pain (to be scheduled on different day).

All 15 attendees for the Sciatica and Lower Back Pain Workshop will receive a Special Report: "The Top 10 Burning Questions for Sciatica". Looking forward to seeing you there on 10th February 2018 at 10:30am.

Dr. Mehul Vaidya, PT, DPT.

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# Mom pens \$10K essay about daughter's kitten

**Laura Colvin**

Livingston Daily  
USA TODAY NETWORK —  
MICHIGAN

It was Jack-Jack's big blue eyes that got him adopted into the Genoa Township home of Lauren and Jason Weber.

But it was his calming effect on their 5-year-old daughter Karina that earned him a place in their hearts.

A few days before Christmas, Lauren Weber learned her essay about Jack-Jack and Karina — who is learning to deal with sensory processing disorder — won a \$10,000 grant for Paws for Life Rescue in Troy.

"The story just flowed right out of me; it took maybe an hour to write," said Weber, a stay-at-home mom to Karina and siblings Kinley, 7, and Miles, 3. "It worked out that it's right around the holidays and I can essentially gift some funding to this amazing rescue organization."

Weber, who writes about family fun in her blog, Mrs. Weber's Neighborhood, said Kar-

ina began having "meltdowns" as a toddler, followed by a difficult time adjusting to preschool, struggles her older daughter did not have.

During that time, she began wondering, "What am I doing wrong?"

"I was following all the parent protocols," she said. "I'm involved in my kids' lives; why are everyday tasks so difficult for her?"

Luckily, she had a pediatrician who listened and recommended getting Karina evaluated early.

Before long, the struggle had a name: sensory processing disorder and social communication disorder, which are similar to autism, but with three of the five criteria required for an autism diagnosis.

"Some social situations can be very stressful," Weber said. "Loud noises, bright light. Other times, she's drawn to that kind of thing. It's tough for me as a mom because, day to day, I don't know what she needs until we're going through the motions."

The family began

*"The story just flowed right out of me; it took maybe an hour to write."*

**LAUREN WEBER**  
Genoa Township resident

getting a handle on things — learning, for example, that Karina thrives in a structured environment during the school year, but Weber felt Karina could use some additional support, especially after school and during the summer.

"I had read about how animals can help children with autism so much," Weber said, noting a friend was fostering Jack-Jack at the time and had posted about him on Facebook.

As soon as they met the kitten, who came home this past July, Weber knew he would fit right into their home.

"From the moment Jack-Jack was delivered to us, he knew just what my Karina needed," Weber wrote in her winning essay, titled "Playful kitten helps little girl find summer love." "Despite having zero training as a therapy animal, he distracted her with playful kitten shenanigans when her mind started to spiral and provided a loyal companionship when she needed a friend."

"She found calm to her chaos with slow pets to his chin and would instantly relax when the soothing sound of his purrs began. After they were acquainted, he would seek her out when she began to have a melt-



Karina Weber, 5, poses with her cat, Jack-Jack. Her mom Lauren learned her essay about Jack-Jack and Karina — who is learning to deal with sensory processing disorder — won a \$10,000 grant for Paws for Life Rescue in Troy.

down. In the thick of the summer's heat, she became his preferred human and I rested easier knowing we were going to make it through this tough season with his superpowers in my arsenal."

Because of Weber's essay, Paws for Life Res-

cue received a \$10,000 grant from the Petco Foundation as part of the Petco Foundation's Holiday Wishes campaign, which will grant more than \$765,000 to animal welfare organizations nationwide this holiday season.

Jack-Jack, she adds, is

the family's first pet. "My mom had a Siamese cat when I was younger and she still raves about this cat and how great he was for the family," Weber said. "That always stuck in my head."

## PUBLIC NOTICE Annual Meeting

The Plymouth District Library Board will hold its annual meeting January 16th, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Friends Room on the main level of the Library at 223 S. Main Street, Plymouth, MI 48170.

The Plymouth District Library will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon seven (7) days notice to the Plymouth District Library. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Plymouth District Library by writing or calling the following:

Sandra Young, Administrative Assistant  
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(www.detroitblues  
society.org). There is a \$5  
donation at the door and  
bring your dancing  
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The Broken Arrow  
Blues Band will perform  
Tuesday, Jan. 9. Members  
include Shadowhawk  
Ellis on drums and vo-  
cals, Rich Hwang on  
guitar and vocals and  
Gary Rasmussen on bass.  
Go to www.brokenarrow  
bluesband.com.

Big Ray & the Motor  
City Kings will perform  
in celebration of Mardi  
Gras, Tuesday, Feb. 13.  
Members include Big  
Ray Haywood on sax and  
vocals, Davey Fender on  
guitar, Mike Rupprecht  
on keyboard and vocals,  
Louis Eurns on drums,  
and Richard Bright on  
bass and vocals.

Jazz @ The Elks hap-  
pens 7-9:30 p.m. the last  
Tuesday of each month.  
There is a \$10 donation at  
the door, which includes  
hors d'oeuvres.

The Emma Aboukasm  
Quartet will perform  
Tuesday, Jan. 30. Joining  
Aboukasm on vocals will  
be Scott Gwinell on key-  
board, Pete Siers on  
drums and Jordan Schug  
on bass. Go to www.  
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PARC community  
forum

The Plymouth Arts &  
Recreation Complex will  
hold a community forum  
at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8,  
at the Penn Theatre, 760  
Penniman Ave., in Ply-  
mouth. PARC will update  
the community on its  
future plans to preserve  
and re-purpose the his-  
toric former Plymouth  
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School into an arts and  
recreation center and  
add a new Performing  
Arts Center as well as  
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Interfaith quilt at  
Village Theater

The Village Theater at  
Cherry Hill will feature

an interfaith quilt, cre-  
ated by the Plymouth-  
Canton Interfaith Com-  
munity Outreach group,  
on display at the Gal-  
lery@VT through Jan. 31.

More than 50 men and  
women, members of the  
Plymouth-Canton In-  
terfaith Community Out-  
reach group, spent the  
last year creating this  
interfaith quilt, which  
represents the tapestry  
of faiths celebrated  
throughout the Plymouth  
and Canton communities.  
These dedicated individ-  
uals lovingly worked  
together every weekend  
on this project to demon-  
strate their unity, friend-  
ship and commitment to  
the community.

Faiths represented in  
the quilt include B'hai,  
Buddhism, Christianity,  
Hinduism, Islam, Jain,  
Judaism, Native Amer-  
ican, Sikhism and Zoroas-  
trianism. Also included  
in the quilt are cultural  
symbols from Africa,  
India, North America,  
and the Middle East.

For more information  
about the Plymouth-  
Canton Interfaith Com-  
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11th District Debate

The Michigan Conser-  
vative Coalition and  
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will host a debate for  
Republican candidates to  
succeed Rep. David  
Trott, R-Birmingham,  
and to represent Michi-  
gan's U.S. House 11th  
District at 6:30 p.m. Mon-  
day, Jan. 8, at the Ema-  
gine Theatre, 44425 W. 12  
Mile Road, Novi.

For information about  
the debate, call 248-225-  
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on Facebook at  
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groups/222510174539264/.

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The Michigan Phil-  
harmonic, under the  
direction of Music Direc-  
tor and Conductor Nan  
Washburn, will present  
"Miniature Master-  
pieces" at 2 p.m. Sunday,  
Jan. 14, at the Inn at St.  
John's, 44045 Five Mile  
Road, in Plymouth.

The orchestra fea-  
tures its chamber en-  
semble of principal play-  
ers on this unique con-  
cert with principal flute

Dennis Carter perform-  
ing the music of Alberto  
Ginastera's "Impres-  
siones de la Puna" for  
flute and strings. Another  
highlight of this per-  
formance features big  
orchestra works ar-  
ranged for small en-  
sembles. Brahms's "Sym-  
phony No. 2" will be per-  
formed by only 13 play-  
ers in this arrangement  
by Iain Farrington.

There will also be a  
pre-concert brunch at  
Sive inside the Inn at St.  
John's starting at 11:30  
a.m. For concert tickets  
and brunch information,  
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uary.

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students and their fam-  
ilies or families interest-  
ed in getting more in-  
formation about Wayne  
Memorial High School  
for the 2018-19 school  
year. Students do not  
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attending a Wayne-West-  
land Community School  
to participate in this  
event.

Topics covered will  
include scheduling, grad-  
uation requirements,  
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ular activities and much  
more. All are welcome to  
attend and questions are  
encouraged.

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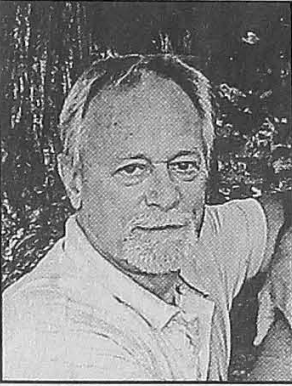
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Darel Michael Stevens

CLINTON - Darel Mi-  
chael Stevens, age 70, of  
Clinton, passed away on  
Friday, December 29,  
2017 surrounded by his  
family at his home. He  
was born February 1,  
1947 in Plymouth, MI  
a son of the late Harold  
Wesley and Stella Antine  
Pedersen Stevens. In 1982  
Darel married Kathleen



Fegan and they shared 35 years together. Darel was  
an accomplished musician and at the age of 7 he  
learned to play the piano and by 16 was playing  
in bands and teaching around the Plymouth area.  
He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church  
in Clinton for over 20 years where he played the  
organ. Darel worked as a precision machinist  
for over 30 years and made his start at Sydley  
Diamond Tool and finished his career with Fed-  
eral Mogul. In later years he was a self-employed  
window washer.

Along with his wife he is survived by his chil-  
dren, Jennifer Stevens of Sykesville, MD, Adam  
and Colin Stevens both of Clinton; one sister,  
Karen (Otto) Bufe of Grand Marais, MI; three  
grandchildren, Lauren, Conni and Riley and two  
great-grandchildren, Charlotte and Wyatt and  
several nieces and nephews. Along with his parents  
he is preceded in death by two brothers, Jared and  
Kim Stevens.

A Celebration of Life for Darel will be held on  
Saturday, January 6, 2018 at 11am at St. John's  
Episcopal Church with Pastor Susie Shaefer of-  
ficiating. Visitation will be held from 10am until  
the time of the service at 11am. Memorial con-  
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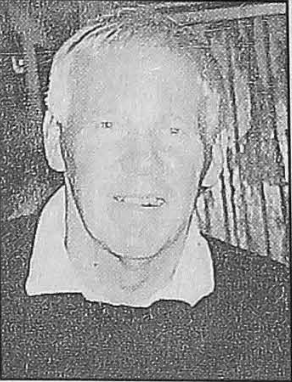
Irene Marcele Jenks (Correll) Kortess

- - Irene Marcele Jenks  
(Correll) Kortess, 98,  
passed away on Decem-  
ber 13, 2017. She was  
born on July 2, 1919 in  
Wabash, Indiana to the  
late Charles E. Jenks and  
Cora Mae Nicely.

She was preceded in  
death by her parents, for-  
mer husbands, Richard  
V. Correll and Howard  
W. Kortess; three brothers,  
Manard, Harold and  
Gordon Jenks; daughter,  
Kathleen Barry; and  
step-son, Thomas Kortess.  
Survivors include, son  
Steven A. Correll (Julie) of  
Marietta, GA; son-in-law,  
Jack Barry of Hot Springs  
Village, AR; step-daughters  
Margo A. Kortess of Lan-  
sing, MI and Mary Lee  
Ambel (Eric) of Brooklyn,  
NY; five grandchildren and  
twelve great-grandchildren.

Irene was a member of  
the Order of the Eastern  
Star in Niles, MI, First  
Congregational Church of  
Portland, MI and former  
member of the HSV Ladies  
9-hole Golf League. She  
was a secretary at Miles  
Labs in Elkhart, IN, a legal  
secretary in San Antonio,  
TX and an executive secre-  
tary at TRW in Portland,  
MI. Irene moved to Hot  
Springs Village in 1979  
from Portland, MI.

Memorial Service will be  
held 10 a.m. Thursday,  
January 4, 2017 at Caruth  
Village Funeral Home in  
Hot Springs Village. Inter-  
nment will take place at  
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Indiana at a later date.  
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mother of 4 and great  
grandmother of 7. Pre-  
ceded in death by her  
husband Flip, daugh-  
ter Dolores "Dede", one  
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# BJ's looks to sell packaged beer at new restaurant

David Veselenak  
hometownlife.com  
USA TODAY NETWORK —  
MICHIGAN

Add one more location to possibly pick up a six-pack of beer in 2018 in Livonia.

BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse will now await approval from the Livonia City Council to see if patrons will be able to take their products home with them when the restaurant opens later this year.

The restaurant, currently preparing to open in 2018 at 19470 Haggerty at the site of the former Champps sports bar in the Pentagon Entertainment Complex, went before the city's planning commission in December to request a waiver use approval for an SDM liquor license at the restaurant.

That license would allow the California-based restaurant chain to sell its own beers for consumption at home. That would include six-packs, growlers and kegs.

"Having the SDM license would allow BJ's to sell packaged beer and wine products for consumption off the prem-



A rendering of the proposed BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse in Livonia. CITY OF LIVONIA

ises," said Mark Taormina, the city's planning director.

The planning commission voted unanimously during its Dec. 12 meeting to recommend approval for the request. It now moves to city council for its consideration.

BJ's is in the process of bringing its restaurants to Michigan, with the one in Livonia being one of the first. It received approval in 2017 to construct the new restaurant and later received approval for an expansion onto the building as well.

Joan Legay, director of property development



The site of the new BJ's Brewhouse and Restaurant along Haggerty in Livonia. The former Champps sports grill was torn down beginning in December. DAVID VESELENAC | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

for the restaurant chain, said the separate request

was an oversight, as she believed it had been in-

cluded in a previous approval. The restau-

rants will typically have a cooler of packaged beer made by the company available for guests to make purchases from and leave with.

"We don't advertise it, so it's not a big part of our business," she said. "When people enjoy our beer, we like to give them the opportunity to take some home."

The beer will not be brewed in Livonia, but will be shipped in from one of BJ's breweries across the country. The restaurant boasts several styles of beer it brews, including a light lager, a Kolsch-style ale, an India pale ale and an amber, to name a few.

Legay said the restaurant is continuing to move closer to opening. The former Champps had demolition begin in December. She said it won't be until at least Memorial Day until the restaurant opens its doors.

"It generally takes us about six months until we open the doors," she said. "I'd say June, maybe late-May, opening."

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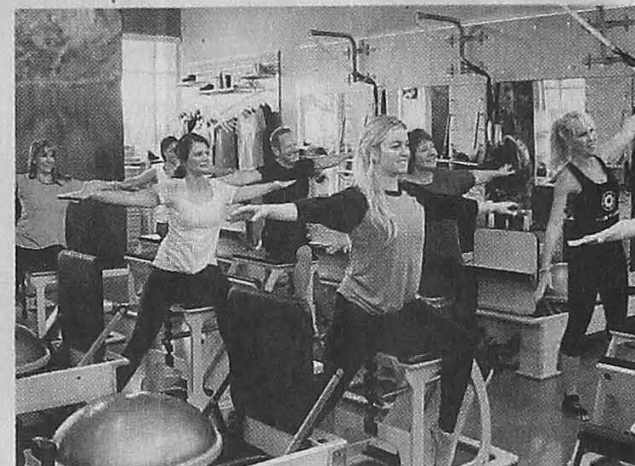
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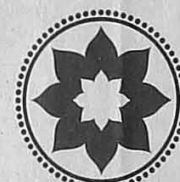
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# Griffin Claw Brewing Co. to can all beers in 2018

**Robert Allen**  
Detroit Free Press  
USA TODAY NETWORK

Griffin Claw Brewing Co. of Birmingham plans to can all of the 29 beers it releases in 2018 as it expands to a second location in Rochester Hills, the brewery announced last month.

The new, 33,000-square-foot location at Crooks Road and M-59 is to begin shipping beer in February. It will house brewing operations and, eventually, a tasting room, sales director Kyle VanDeventer wrote in an email.

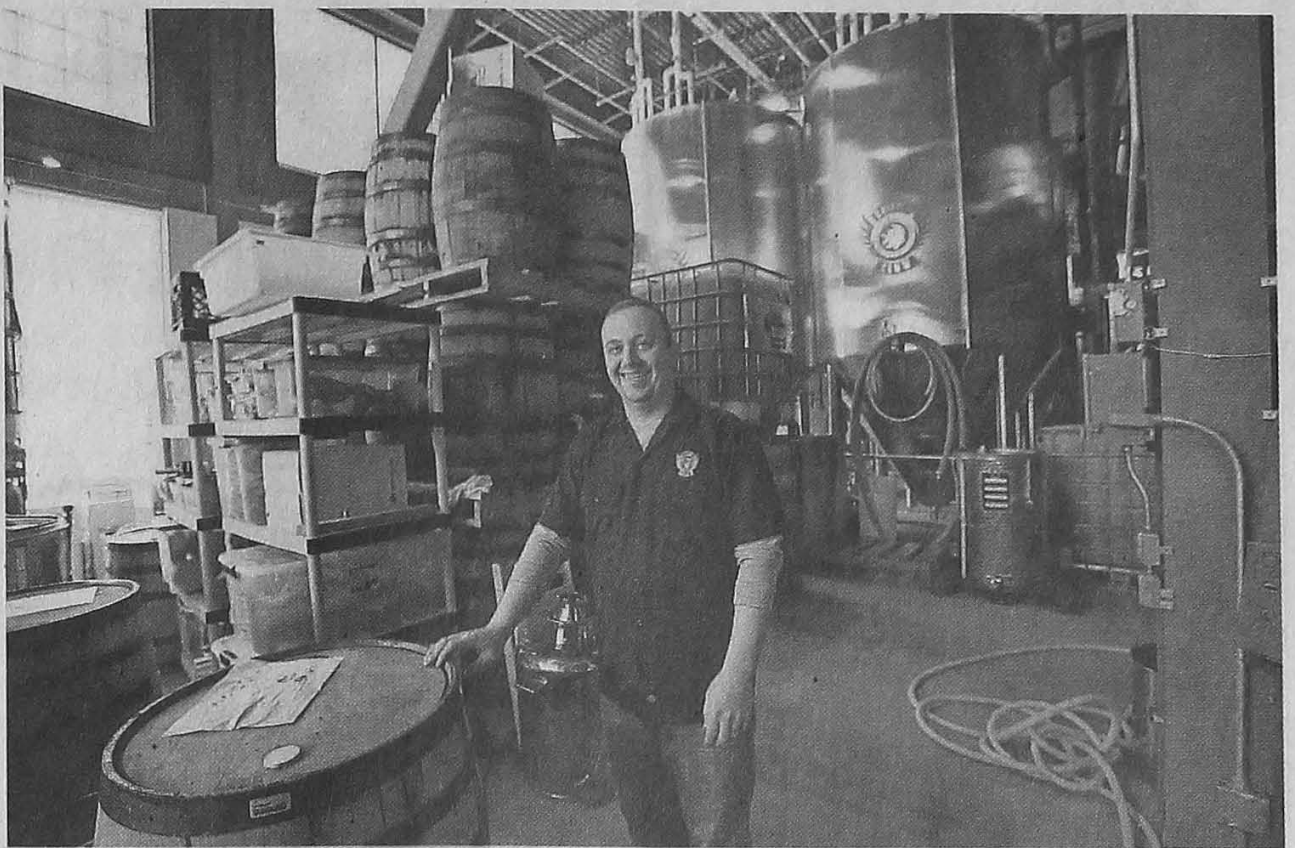
The brewery is one of many across Michigan and the United States to shift to canning, a method that better protects freshness, is somewhat more sustainable (lighter weight means smaller carbon footprint for shipping) and is more travel-friendly than glass bottles, according to the Brewers Association, a craft-brewery trade group. Everything from Griffin Claw's flagship brews to limited-release, bourbon-barrel-aged stouts will be released in

16- or 12-ounce cans starting in 2018. It will also continue to offer its beers on draft.

The brewery opened in 2013 and its best-selling beer is Norm's Raggedy Ass IPA (7.2 percent alcohol by volume). Its Birmingham location will continue to offer a taproom and restaurant. Brewing operations will grow from a 17- to 50-barrel brewing system, part of an expansion allowing for triple the production capability, to 60,000 barrels (a beer barrel is 31 gallons).

Griffin Claw in 2017 will have made about 13,000 barrels and it's planning for up to 20,000 barrels in 2018. That would rank it among the larger brewers in the state, such as Dark Horse Brewing Co. of Marshall (about 20,000 barrels), but far from the top two, Founders Brewing Co. of Grand Rapids or Bell's Brewery near Kalamazoo, both of which planned to make closer to 450,000 barrels in 2017.

But unlike those other breweries, Griffin Claw exclusively distributes in



Griffin Claw Brewing general manager Brandon Wright says, "We're always trying to be good neighbors." KIMBERLY P. MITCHELL | DETROIT FREE PRESS

Michigan. VanDeventer said that could change soon.

The brewery also released its 2018 availability calendar, with plans to start packaging its Copyright Cream Ale (4.5 percent ABV), Perry White (5 percent ABV) Belgian pale ale and Lemon Session (4.5 percent ABV) Belgian tripel made with lemon zest and juice, among others.

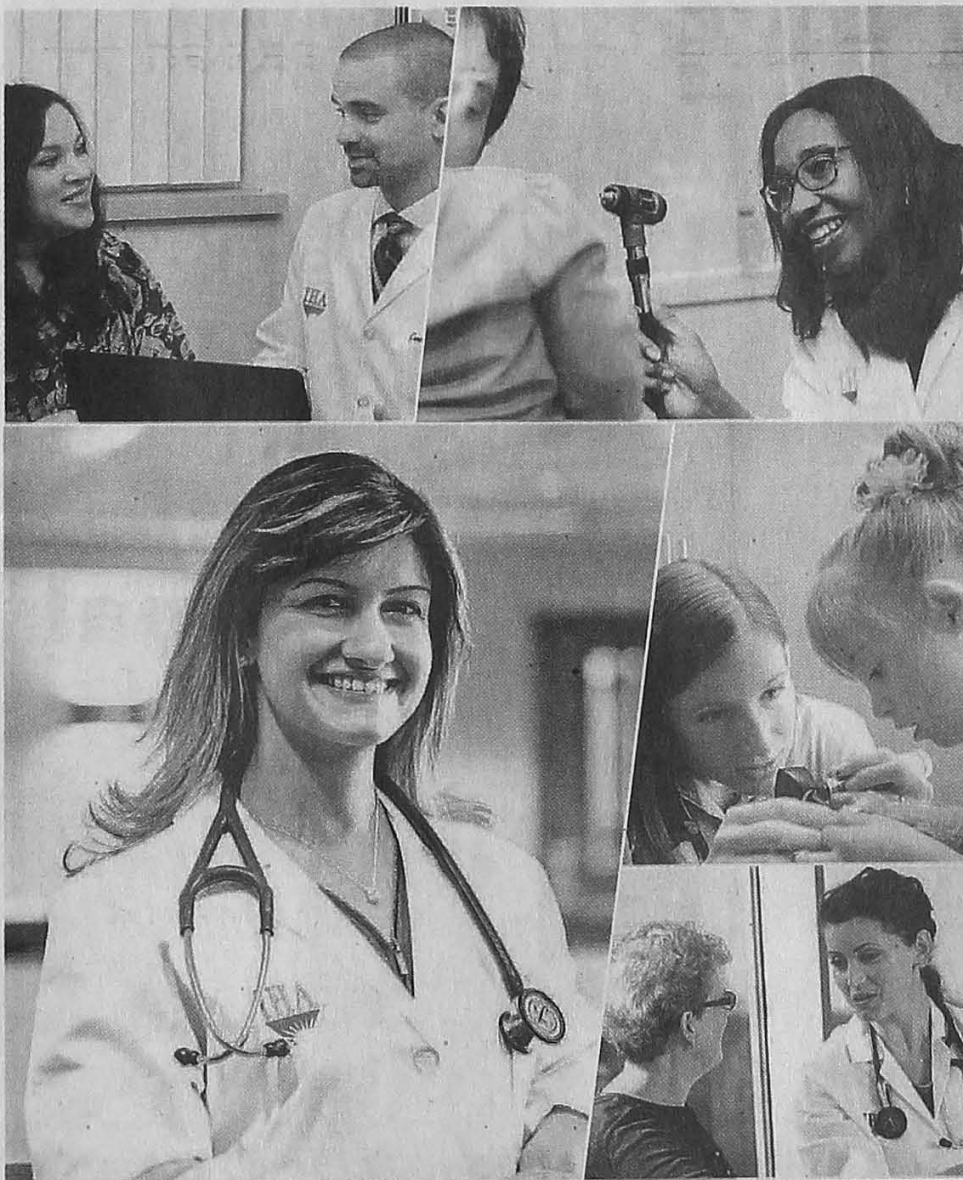
"We've been extremely fortunate to have four great years to open with, out the gate. Now we're looking forward to putting the (pedal) to the metal and really excelling in this great craft beer scene," VanDeventer wrote in a news release.



Griffin Claw of Birmingham was one of more than 75 Michigan craft breweries to participate in the sixth annual Detroit Fall Beer Festival in 2014. JOHN FROELICH | SPECIAL TO THE FREE PRESS



Griffin Claw Brewing Co. opened in Birmingham in 2013. Its planned Rochester Hills location is expected to open in early 2018. DETROIT FREE PRESS



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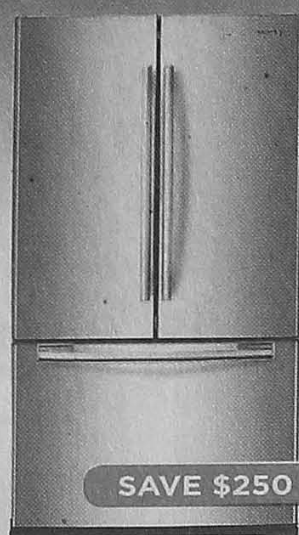


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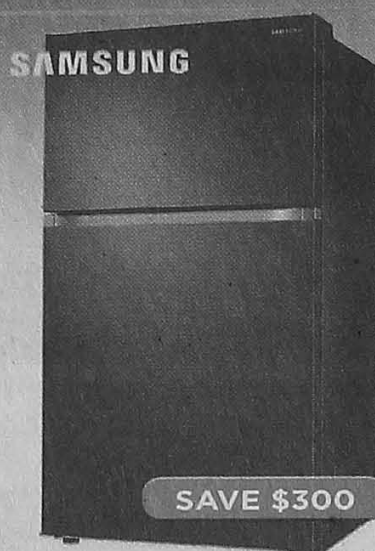
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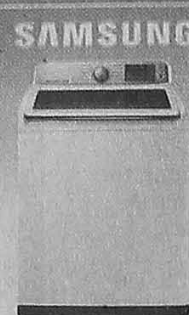
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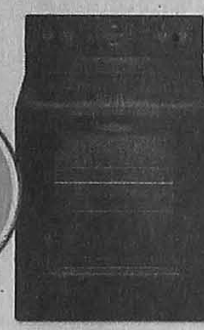


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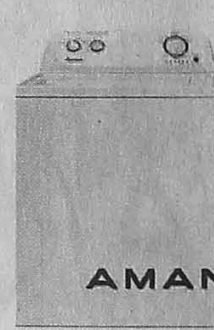
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## USA HOCKEY NTDP

# Team USA takes 5-1 bite out of Bulldogs

U.S. NTDP Under-18 team up to speed and then some against Ferris State

Tim Smith

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

Little Caesar's Arena in Detroit hosted the annual Great Lakes Invitational Tuesday, but there was also some compelling hockey going on in Plymouth.

More than 1,100 fans braved bone-chilling temperatures to watch the U.S. National Team Development Program U-18 team host Ferris State University at USA Hockey Arena. The U.S. played a strong, all-around game and posted a 5-1 victory.

Leading the charge with a solid, 26-save showing was goalie Drew DeRidder (Fenton), along with defense-

man K'Andre Miller (two goals, assist) and forward Gavin Hain (two assists).

Other goal scorers for the U.S. were forwards Oliver Wahlstrom, Patrick Giles and defenseman Mattias Samuelsson.

"(DeRidder) played a winning hockey game today," U-18 head coach Seth Appert said. "I thought he rallied in North Dakota really well (a 5-2 loss Dec. 30). He struggled early, but he rallied and gave us a chance to win that game.

"I thought he was really good early (Tuesday), because Ferris' goalie (Darren) Smith was playing great in the first



Jack DeBoer (left) of the NTDP U-18 team checks Ferris State's Dominic Lutz into the boards. Lutz is a Livonia Stevenson graduate. ANDREW KNAPIK

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## BOYS HOCKEY

# State tourney feel in air, Spartans win

Livonia Stevenson scores late to outlast pesky Plymouth, 3-2

Tim Smith

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USA TODAY NETWORK — MICHIGAN

If the Division 2 boys hockey tourney resembles Wednesday's game between Livonia Stevenson and Plymouth, it should be quite a treat.

After the Wildcats rallied from a two-goal deficit to tie the game at 2-2 early in the third, the No. 1 Spartans found a way to score next and, finally, hold off a late Plymouth surge for a 3-2 victory at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Stevenson junior forward Austin Adamic fired home a goal scorer's goal with 4:11 to go and then Spartans senior goalie Will Tragge stood tall with Plymouth putting on furious pressure in the closing moments.

"All the credit in the world to Austin, a kid that's been working tirelessly to better his game, to work on his game," Stevenson head coach David Mitchell said. "He got to the scoring area, he got to the middle and he shot to score."

Adamic carried the puck along the right half-wall inside the Plymouth zone and then weaved into the center of the ice. He ultimately snapped a short inside the right post past Wildcats junior goaltender Josh Montroy.

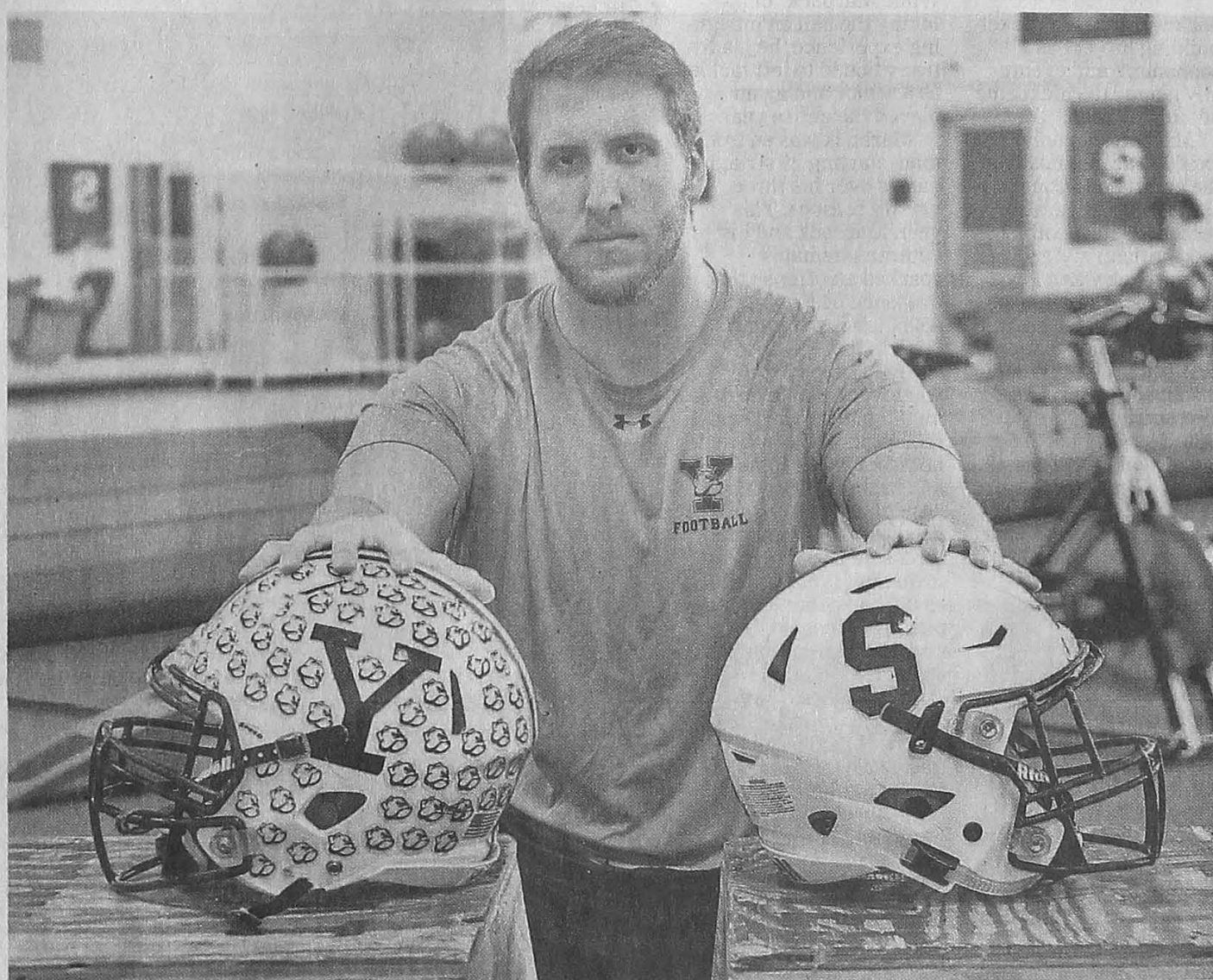
"I saw both my wingers go to the net, the middle was open, cut to the middle

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After scoring the tie-breaking goal late in the third period, Livonia Stevenson's Austin Adamic (right) is congratulated by Connor Jakacki. MICHAEL VASILNEK

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



After prepping at Birmingham Seaholm, Karl Marback is about to conclude a prosperous college career at Yale. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# 'ROCKET MAN' SPARKS YALE

Maple Nation launches Karl Marback's incredible college football career with Ivy League champion Bulldogs

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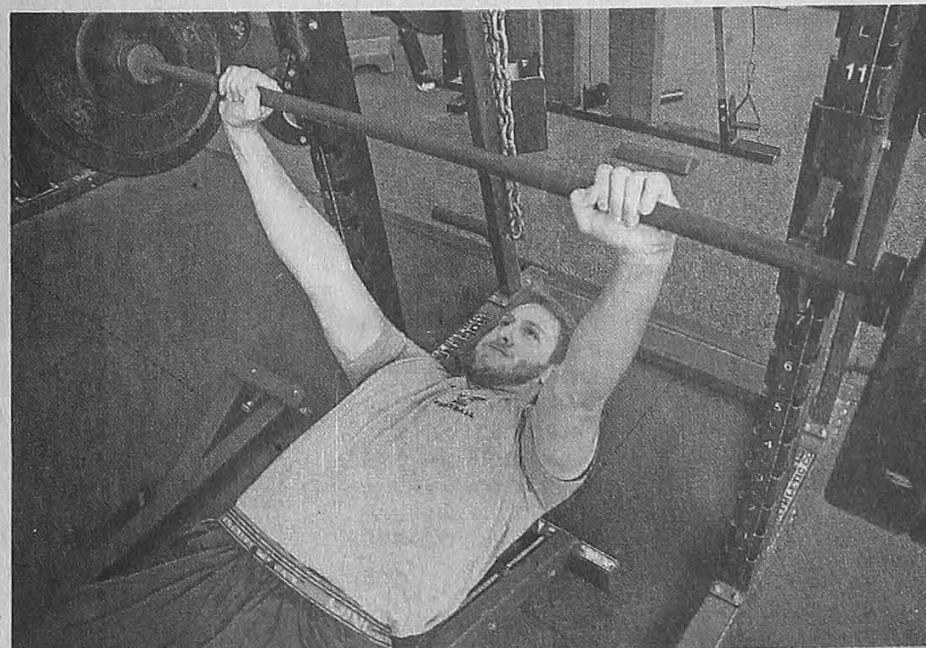
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Biomedical engineering. Rockets. Football.

Those primary interests fueled Karl Marback's amazing Yale University experience.

The Birmingham resident will graduate in May sporting a major in biomedical engineering, hoping to launch into an ambitious career working in medical research and development. A member of the Yale Undergraduate Aerospace Association, Mar-

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Birmingham native Karl Marback was a strongman on an offensive line that helped carry Yale to the Ivy League championship this past season. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## BOYS BASKETBALL

# Rocks bounce back, down Eagles to win their own holiday tourney

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The way Salem's varsity boys basketball team performed against Canton in its final pre-holiday contest Dec. 22, it wouldn't have been crazy to think the Rocks would get lumps of coal in their

stockings.

But veteran head coach Bob Brodie's squad redeemed itself for the 67-28 loss at the hands of the Chiefs, taking both games it played in the Salem Holiday Basketball Tournament.

Salem opened Dec. 28 with a 54-45

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Salem's varsity boys basketball team celebrates Dec. 29 after winning the Salem Holiday Tournament. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO



## YEAR IN REVIEW

## Livonia readers push Franklin football to top story of 2017

Livonia Franklin football may have found the going tough Nov. 24 at Ford Field, but its appearance in the Division 2 state final game capped a remarkable season for the Patriots. And readers of hometownlife.com agreed, voting it the top story for 2017.

It was a one-two finish for Livonia story lines, with Franklin receiving 65 percent (4,752) of the vote, while the dedication of Livonia Clarenceville's Shaw Stadium came in a distant second with 33 percent (2,418) of the votes.

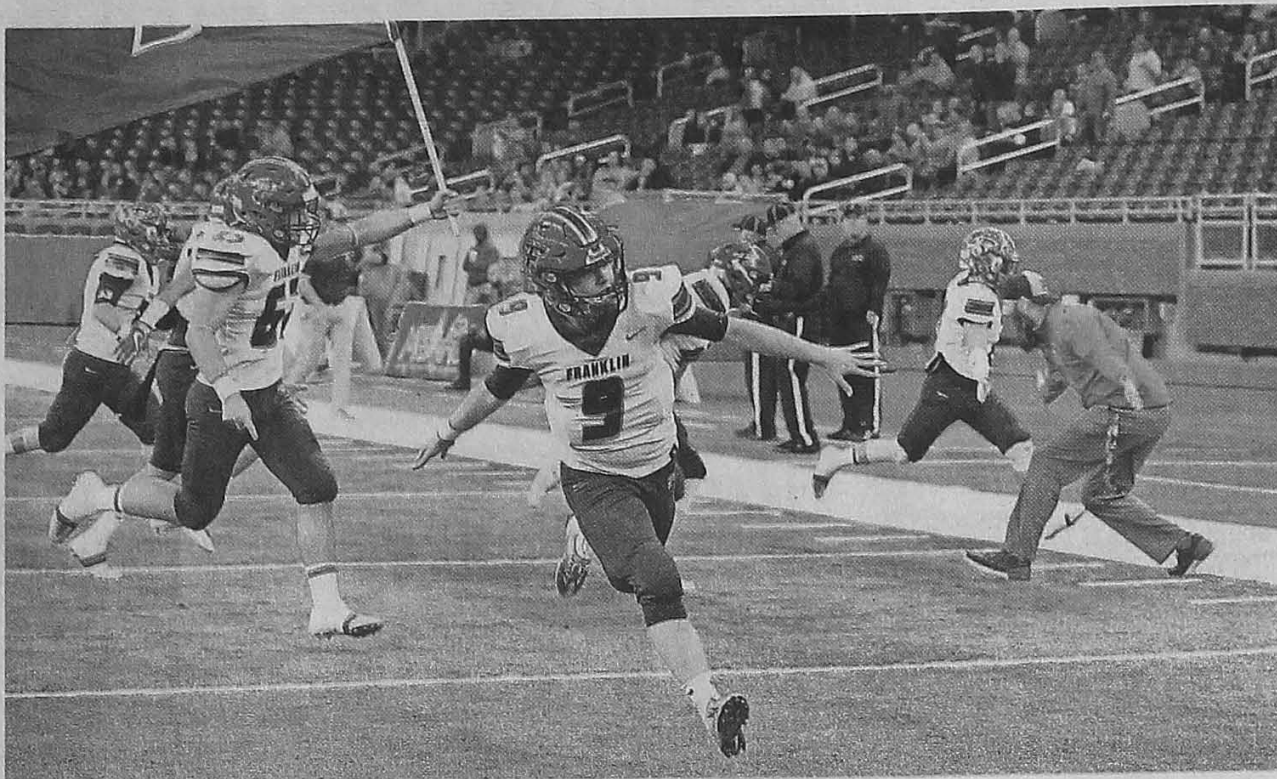
Franklin had hoped to repeat the performance of the 1975 team that won the inaugural Michigan High School Athletic Association Class A championship. But in 2017, Warren De La Salle

pounced on a series of Franklin first-half mistakes to secure its second state title in school history with a convincing 41-6 victory.

On Aug. 26, amid standing ovations and chants of "Shaw, Shaw, Shaw!", Livonia Clarenceville's football facility became known as David B. McDowell Field at Shaw Stadium in honor of former Trojans and NFL star Tim Shaw.

An emotion-packed halftime ceremony unveiled the new Shaw Stadium sign.

Livonia Franklin players run onto field before the start of the Division 2 state championship game at Ford Field. DAN DEAN | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



## MARBACK

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back worked on a rocket-building project as a sophomore and eventually gained the nickname of "Rocket Man."

Marback not only excelled academically at the prestigious Connecticut institution, he also gained all-star football recognition.

Marback was a key member of the offensive line that helped lead Yale this past season to its first Ivy League championship since 2006 and its first outright title since 1980. The 6-foot-5, 296-pound senior was one of just two Bulldogs to earn all-ECAC first team honors as Yale finished with a 9-1 record (6-1 in the Ivy League).

How in the world did the 2014 Seaholm graduate manage all those commitments? Marback will tell you it wasn't easy, but high school certainly helped prepare him in the classroom and on the field.

"Football in college becomes pretty much a full-time job," said Marback, who was home over the holiday break. "We totaled it up and, on a regular week, we'll have 40 hours a week with meetings and practice. It's not that we practice more, it's just that we met so much more. It becomes much more of a mental game and I learned so much more about the strategy and it was very interesting."

"The thing that stuck with me most from my Seaholm experience that really benefited me in college was the ability to work harder than everyone else, to be able to get through things. Because at Seaholm, we did, like, the week of champions. We'd get up at five in the morning and go to the gym and do workouts in the spring and stuff like that prepared me for doing similar things in college with spring ball."

"A lot of high school kids don't have things like that," he added. "Having that experience and being prepared in that way really helped me out going into college."

## A versatile lineman

Marback displayed tremendous versatility as a college lineman.

After committing to Yale as a defensive end, Marback was moved to defensive tackle as a member of the junior varsity team. He moved up to varsity as a sophomore and played in seven of 10 games at right tackle, starting five of them.

Because of a teammate's injury heading

into his junior season, Marback became the starting center and played all 10 games. While Marback found hiking the ball an intriguing experience, he gladly transitioned to left tackle as a senior and again played the entire year.

Marback was an iron man, starting 25 straight games over his three varsity seasons. This year, Marback and his veteran linemates sparked an offense that averaged 34.5 points and 450.7 yards per game (12th in the FCS).

"I was happy to do whatever I had to do to help the team out," said Marback, who captained both Seaholm's football and basketball teams. "And if coach says he needs me to play on the offensive line, I'm going to do that. I picked it up as if I had never stopped playing offensive line and it went incredibly smoothly."

"I played offensive line pretty much as long as I've played football. Because every year I played football, except for probably the first year, which was in, like, sixth grade, I've played both ways."

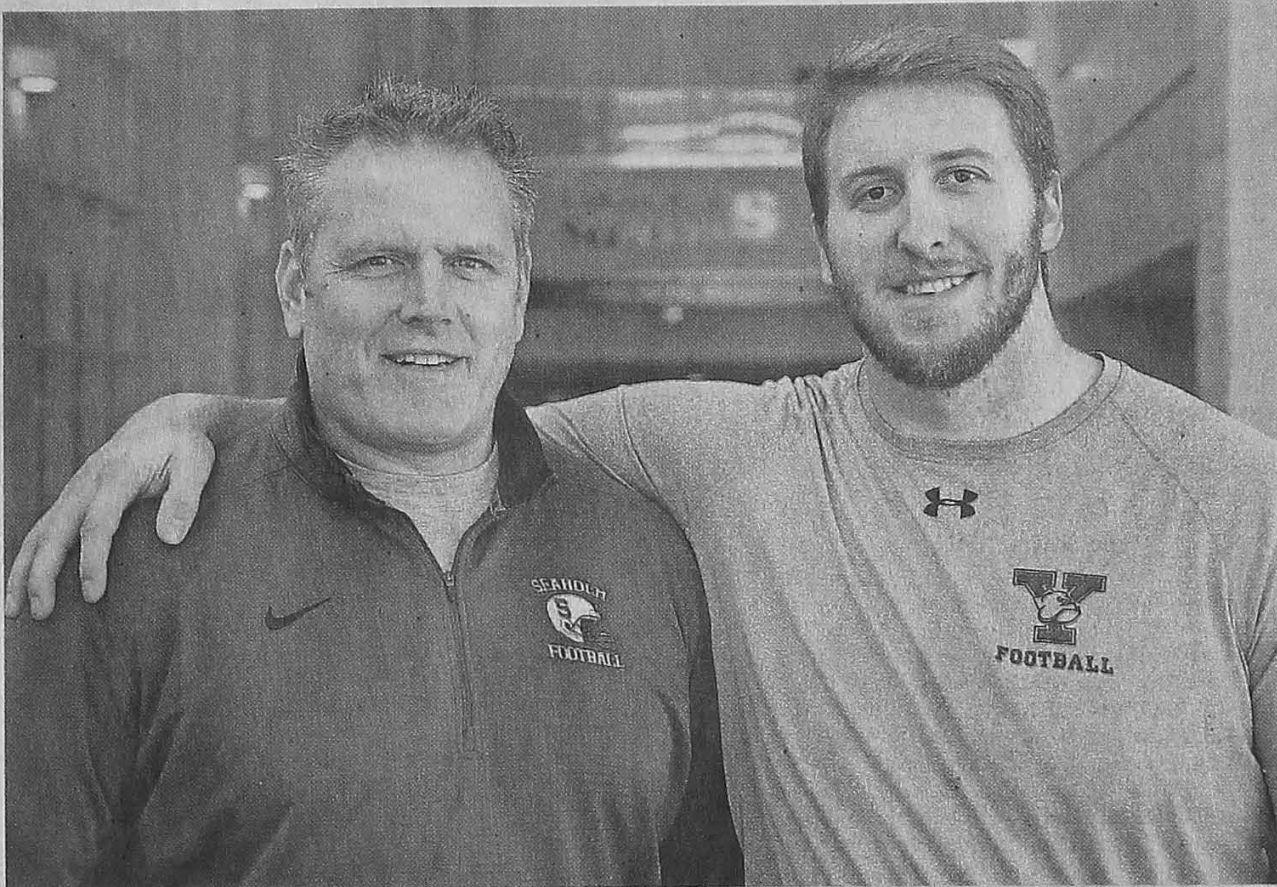
"I played with the Birmingham Patriots (youth program) and that was the best thing I could have ever done. I was part of the group who was coached all four years by Doug Fraser (Seaholm's former varsity head coach)," he added. "I couldn't have asked for a better first coach for football. There were a few of us who played four years together with the Patriots and we all went to Seaholm together."

## Seaholm's soothsayers

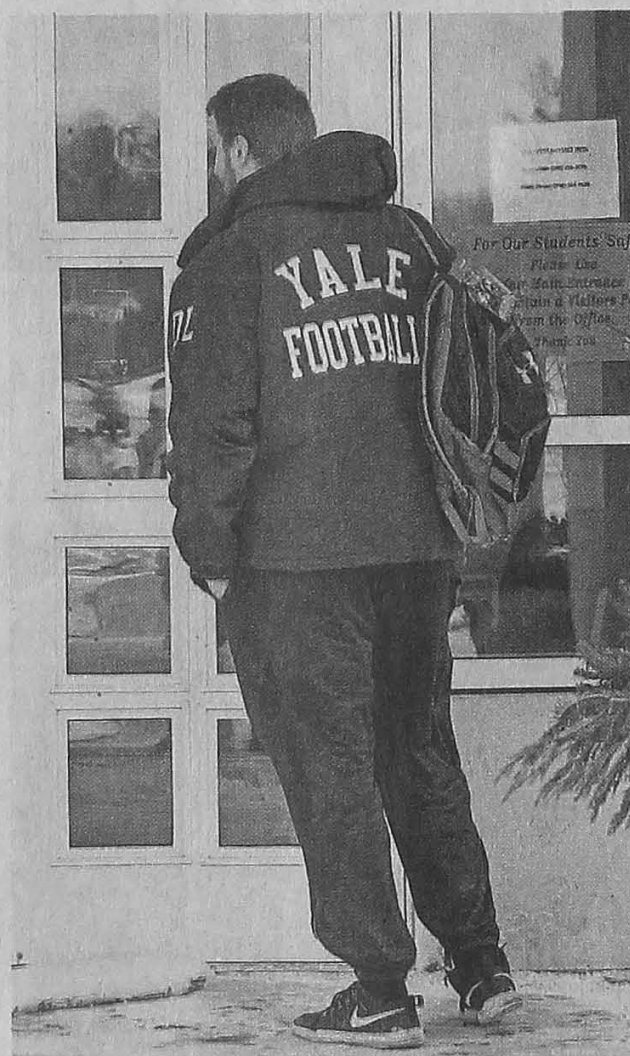
Seaholm head coach Jim DeWald is not surprised that Marback prospered in college as an offensive lineman. In fact, one of the team's varsity coaches at the time predicted as much.

"During Karl's junior year, we noticed his potential at the next level," said DeWald, who will start his seventh season at Seaholm next fall. "He was a multiple-sport athlete who was very athletic and strong. One of our coaches, coach Dontayo Gage (the former offensive coordinator) used to say, 'Mark my words. Yale will move him to the offensive line and he will get a chance to play in the NFL.'"

While Marback had considered the NFL a possibility, he decided his desire to delve into medicine was the more achievable career course. Marback plans to spend time earning his master's degree in England and then continue working in the medical research and development field.



Karl Marback (right) was a key member of head coach Jim DeWald's Seaholm squad that captured the OAA Blue Division championship in fall 2013. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM



Seaholm grad Karl Marback enters the school to meet his former coach Jim DeWald. BILL BRESLER | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

"I had a couple of options, but after talking with my family, it wasn't the way I wanted my future to go. I decided that I didn't want to pursue (pro football)," Marback said. "I really like being able to find clinical problems that doctors have and create a solution to those types of problems."

"Really what I want to do is study abroad because, as an athlete, I haven't had the chance to do so," he added. "So I'm looking at master's programs in the U.K. I think it would be really cool to have an experience of living and studying

abroad."

## Missile launching experiments

Missile launching was an activity that simply skyrocketed for Marback. A passion for engineering and a "loose interest" in aerospace led him and a friend at Yale to build and launch rockets to learn more about microbes living in the Earth's atmosphere.

Marback and his YUAA friends had two launchings – one in Maryland and one in Utah – where their missiles traveled some 9,000 feet skyward. A local newspaper and television

station in Connecticut featured their missions, his football teammates eventually learned of their escapades and thus the "Rocket Man" moniker was born.

"The day after the story came out, when I walked in the locker room, a bunch of the guys played Elton John's 'Rocket Man.' It just kind of stuck after that and it was funny," Marback said. "The last time I flew back to school after Thanksgiving, I ran into this guy at the (Hartford) airport who asked me about the football team and the season. Then he asked me if I was 'Rocket Man' and that was the first time anyone outside the football program ever recognized me from the news and it's something I never expected to happen."

Marback said he hopes to rejoin his friend on another launch of a three-stage rocket in the near future. According to Marback, it would be the highest flying rocket the YUAA has ever made.

"I think rockets is one of those things where everyone has an interest in space or an astronaut or the final frontier type of thing and, of course, that's never going to be a dream that I will realize," Marback said. "During my sophomore year, my friend was telling me about this rocket project that he was the leader of. I thought to myself that would be so cool, to build and launch a rocket for academic purposes."

"The idea was to try and find out what microbes were living in the atmosphere and do a DNA amplification on," he added. "We flipped off our samples to a lab after we did it. It was a cool opportunity that was presented to me and I decided to run with it. I

had a good time with all those people."

## Enjoying life at Yale

Marback thoroughly enjoyed his time at Yale and the 2017 football championship made it that much more special. He compared it to his senior season at Seaholm, when the Maples defeated crosstown rival Birmingham Groves to win the OAA Blue Division championship. Both play-off-bound teams entered that monumental Week 8 battle with an undefeated record.

"One of the best things about ending my career at Seaholm was being able to play the last game against Groves at home when both teams were undefeated," Marback said. "That was a big game. We sort of had a similar experience being able to play Harvard at home for the Ivy League title this year."

"A lot of people will tell you going into college is not the same as in high school, that you won't develop the bonds in college that you did in high school. But I did not find that. Because the Ivy League does not give college scholarships, there's nothing that keeps you from quitting other than wanting to be on the team."

"All the guys who are playing really want to be on that team, so it's very similar to what it's like in high school," he added. "We had a tight-knit, close group of guys. And being around such a fun-loving, positive atmosphere and seeing it translate to results on the field really was incredible. It was a great experience and definitely a good way to go out. I couldn't have asked for a better team."

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## USA

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period, the first half of that game.”

The U.S. scored three times in the middle period to break open the game, with Miller scoring the first two — including a point shot that hit a Ferris State player and eluded Smith (32 saves).

Ferris State (9-13-1) finally got on the scoreboard with 2:48 to go, when Drew Dorantes skated up the middle and ripped a high shot past DeRidder.

“I just try to keep calm, act like it’s another game,” DeRidder, 17, said about facing a college team. “I don’t think about the age at all. I’ve been playing against older kids all my life.”

DeRidder, although wishing he had the Dorantes shot back, was overall happy with how he performed.

“I thought I played a pretty good all-around game,” DeRidder said. “I just tracked pucks, controlled rebounds and played the puck behind the net pretty well.”

Following are several other takeaways:

### MOVING ON UP

Forward Jack Hughes, who tore it up for the NTDP U-17 team with 13 goals and 35 assists in 24 games, was called up to the U-18 squad in late December. The Ferris match-up was his second with the older squad. He notched an assist against the Bulldogs.

“I think I just got to be a good guy in the locker room and produce on the ice, play well, play my game and click with some of the players,” the 16-year-old Hughes said.

He said the biggest adjustment will be get-

ting used to facing older opponents on college teams rather than the younger players the U-17 team always faces in the United States Hockey League.

“Of course they’re heavy, they’re big, strong guys, older,” Hughes said. “It’s tougher to play than in the USHL, but it’s been a good adjustment so far.”

Appert said he likes what he has seen so far from Hughes in two games, including an “off the charts” compete level.

“I think he’s playing pretty good,” Appert said. “It’s college hockey games, it’s hard, he’s 16 years old. He stepped into a game at North Dakota, No. 6 team in the country, in front of 10,000 fans. And North Dakota and Ferris are both old, strong, physical teams.”

“I know he’s going to keep getting better as he gets used to the strength and the pace of college hockey. He has a couple points and I think he could easily have four or five.”

### LOTS OF LUTZ

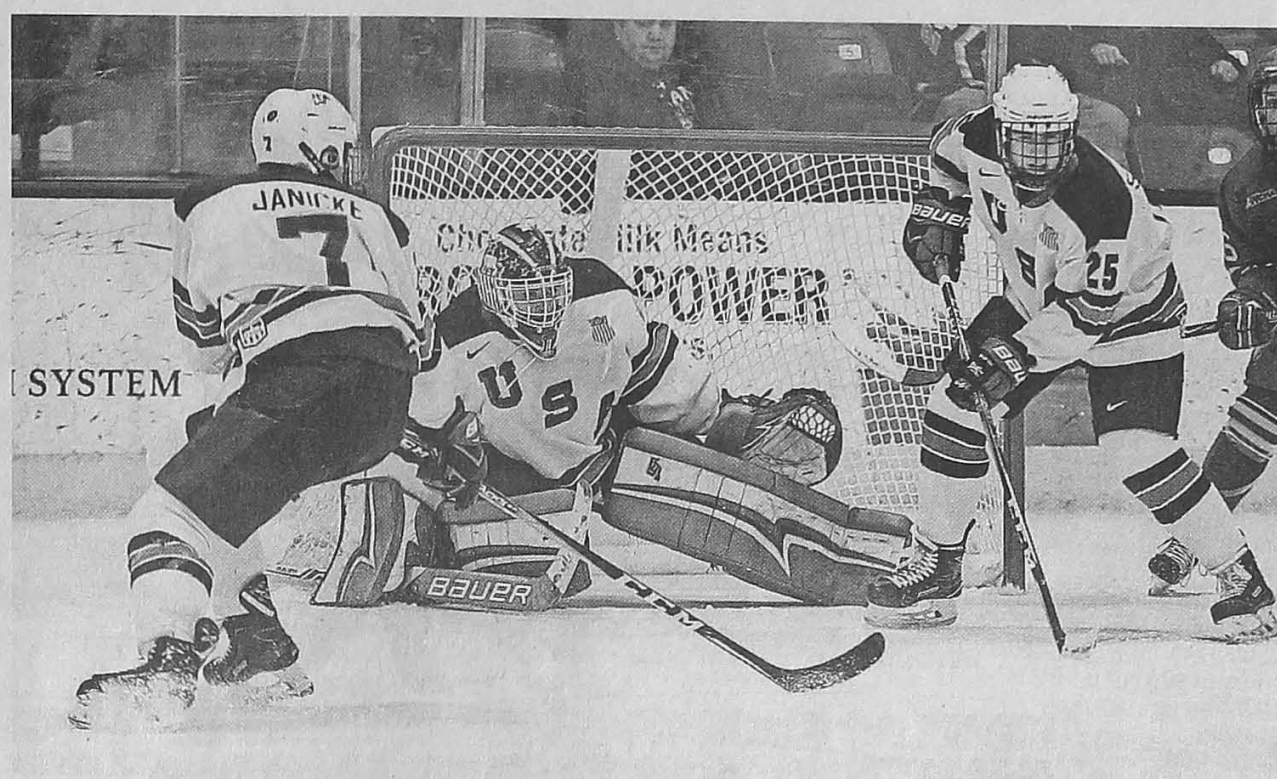
Ferris State’s roster includes several area players, among them Livonians Dominic Lutz and backup goalie Cullen Barber (both grads of Livonia Stevenson).

Lutz, a forward in his second year with the Bulldogs after playing two seasons with the Topeka Roadrunners of the NAHL, has two goals in nine games, while Barber was still looking for his first action with the Bulldogs. He graduated from Stevenson in 2014.

“It’s been a long way since Stevenson, obvi-



Lutz



U.S. goalie Drew DeRidder looks through traffic against Ferris State. Helping out are Trevor Janicke (left) and Spencer Stastney. ANDREW KNAPIK

ously,” Lutz said. “It’s been good. I like it there a lot. We have a great group of guys, a great coaching staff. I’m enjoying it so far.”

Lutz added that he continues to work hard every practice and game to keep up with the physicality and pace of college hockey.

“Everyone here is the best guys from their junior teams, so coming from where you might be the star, you have to readjust,” Lutz said. “We’re a very competitive group of guys and it’s very tough in practice every day. Just getting used to keeping up with that.”

Playing at USA Hockey Arena, less than 10 miles from the Stevenson campus, was “a great experience,” Lutz said.

“My parents are able to come to most of my games, but some of my other extended family and friends are very busy with school and college

and work,” Lutz said. “This gives them the chance to come watch me play and I get to play in front of them. It’s just a good experience to come back home and play.”

Barber was ready to go in during the first period, after junior goalie Darren Smith was knocked over and slow to get up. But Smith ultimately shook off the cobwebs and showed he was OK, making a nifty glove save against DeBoer a couple of minutes later.

Other Ferris players with area ties include forwards Taylor Fernandez (Northville) and Zack Szajner (White Lake) and defenseman Tyler Dorantes (Waterford).

### BLASHILL IN THE HOUSE

Detroit Red Wings head coach and Ferris State hockey alum Jeff Blashill was in attendance at USA Hockey Arena. Blashill and Ap-

pert are good friends and made up a goaltending tandem for the Bulldogs during their college years.

“Ferris is a special place for me,” Blashill said. “I met my wife there, so it was good to come out and see Ferris and the U.S. team play. Obviously, the game ended up one-sided with the U.S., but I thought it was a hard-fought game both ways.”

Blashill added that college teams such as Ferris State coming in to play the NTDP is intriguing.

“They’re obviously a real special group of talented young guys,” he said, “and this gives them measuring sticks against older players who are a little bit more physically mature. But as you saw tonight, certainly the skill level of this U.S. team is phenomenal.”

Appert, meanwhile, said Blashill is “as good a

friend as you can have. We’ve been through everything together, teammates, goalie partners (at Ferris), in each other’s weddings, going on family vacations together.”

But he laughed when asked about which of them was the better college goalie.

“He beat me out more often than not,” Appert said. “I don’t think either one of us were good enough. Ferris State’s had a lot better goalies than us in the last 20 years, thankfully.”

### BRING YOUR SKATES

The U-18 team will host Utica College at 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7. Following the game, fans will get the opportunity to skate with the team. Kris Nolt of the NTDP said the annual event always is a good way for the community to bond with players.

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## SPARTANS

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and just let it go,” Adamic said, noting that the way the Spartans responded to Plymouth’s tying salvo is part of the team’s DNA.

“That’s what we’re strong at, we can bounce back at any moment,” he added.

Stevenson (8-2-0, 5-0-0) broke out to a 2-0 lead on goals in the second period by senior defensemen Kevin Stefanick and Jake Beaune.

It looked like the Spartans would carry that lead into the third period, but the Wildcats had other ideas.

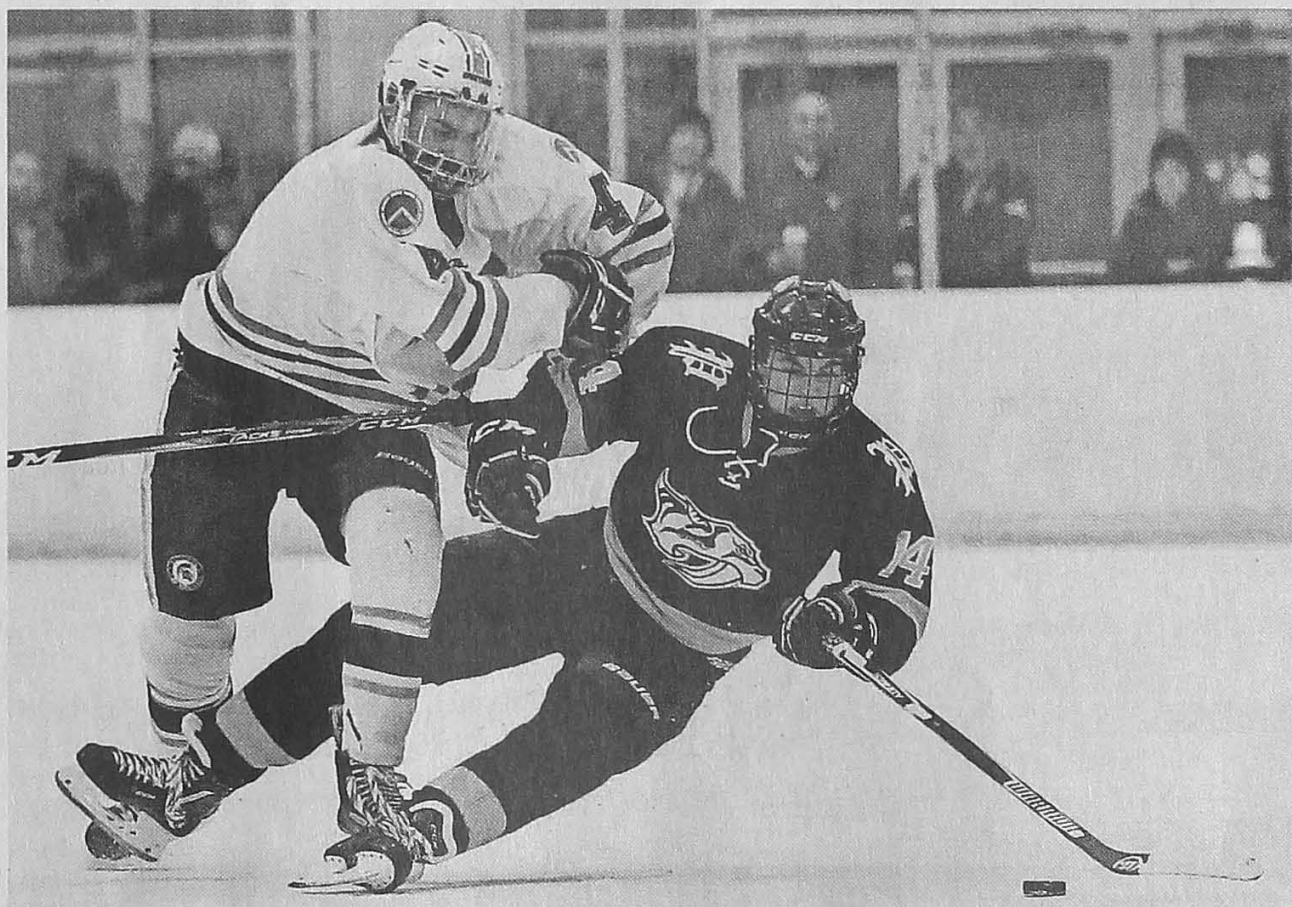
With 42 seconds to play in the second, junior defenseman Adam Rebecca — jumping up into the play — tapped in a feed from senior defenseman Andrew Garby. Winning the faceoff in the Stevenson zone and making the play possible was senior forward Tim Baldwin.

“It was a hard challenge, it was really fun,” Rebecca said. “They threw everything they had at us, we threw everything we had at them. Battled both ways, it was a good game.”

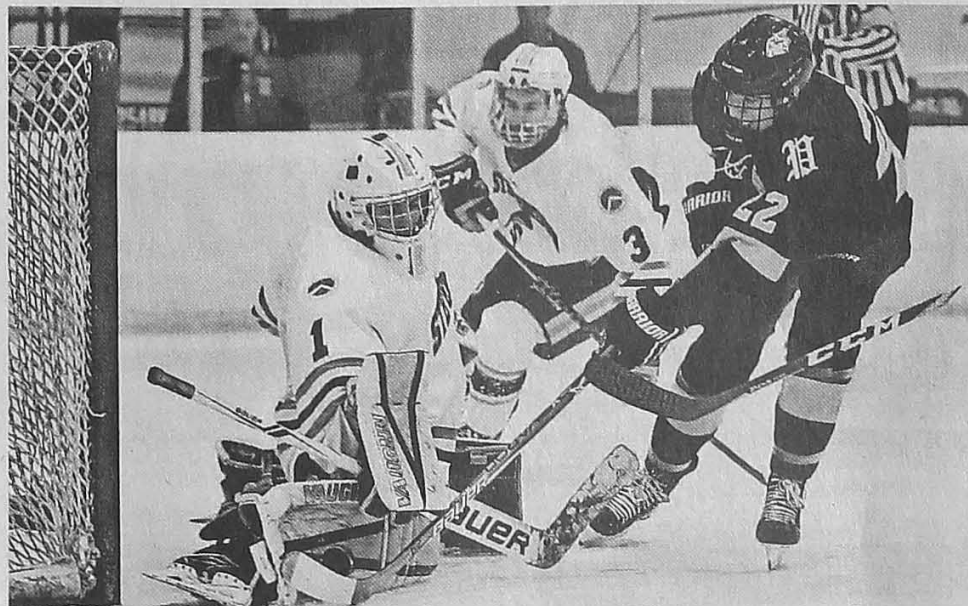
Plymouth (6-3-1) then drew even at 2-2 just 1:22 into the third period, when senior forward Thomas Casari sent a wrist shot from the high slot that got past Tragge. Making the perfect pass was junior linemate Jack Blake.

That set the table for a back-and-forth home stretch, with both Tragge (18 saves) and Montroy (18 saves) trading clutch stops. Montroy, who is playing in a rotation with senior Brendan Olepa, displayed solid positioning and quick reflexes.

Following are several other takeaways, the second half of an Eddie Edgar twinbill (North-



Livonia Stevenson defenseman Jake Beaune (left) delivers a check against Plymouth’s Luke Kaledas. MICHAEL VASILNEK



Livonia Stevenson goalie Will Tragge, with help from defenseman Joe Sharkey, thwarts Plymouth’s Tim Baldwin (right). MICHAEL VASILNEK

ville edged Livonia Churchill 3-2 in the opener):

### FRIENDLY RIVALRY?

The contest featured the two top teams in Division 2, with Steven-

son facing his former assistant coach (Vento).

“They’re a top 10, top five team overall, in D2 they’re two or three, they’re right there with us,” Mitchell said.

“They’re an extremely well-coached team with a lot of high-end players. We have the utmost respect for Plymouth and what they do. It was a good hockey game.”

*“It was a hard challenge, it was really fun. They threw everything they had at us, we threw everything we had at them.”*

ADAM REBECCA  
Plymouth junior defenseman

Even though the coaches are friends and former colleagues, the game was physical throughout and even chippy at times.

### WAIT A MINUTE

After the puck drop to start the second period, both teams waited for about 10 minutes because of excess water on the ice. Finally, an official emerged with a squeeze to help alleviate the problem.

Then, following the ensuing faceoff in the Plymouth zone, Stefanick rifled a shot past Montroy.

“I thought (Montroy) played really well,” Vento said. “The first goal was a screen shot from the point, he didn’t see it and it goes in the net. The second one, we don’t pick up the late guy coming and the third one’s off a rush. They didn’t get anything off sustained pressure and I’m happy with that.”

### ZONED IN

According to Vento, it was good to see how well his team performed in all areas of the ice against one of the state’s best teams.

“I thought we did a great job in all three zones,” Vento said, noting that he thought it was the Plymouth defense’s best showing of the season. “I don’t remember us being hemmed in for long periods of time and, against a team like that, it’s quite an accomplishment.”

### CHEER UP

As usual, the east end of the Eddie Edgar bleachers was filled with loud, enthusiastic Stevenson fans — most of them standing from start to finish.

Plymouth fans were less vocal in the visitor’s student section. But when the Wildcats bounced back to tie the game, the Stevenson section became very quiet.

### FOR THE RECORD

Both sophomore forward Seth Lause and junior forward Josh Suzio had two assists for Stevenson, with single ones by Adamic and senior forward Julian Decina.

Also on the scoresheet for Plymouth was senior defenseman Luke Kaledas, who drew the second assist on Casari’s goal in the third period.

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## PREP ROUNDUP

# Plymouth falls in Motor City Roundball Classic

Coaches and team representatives are invited to send game information and story tips to [LIV-sports@hometownlife.com](mailto:LIV-sports@hometownlife.com). Game information will be accepted up to 24 hours after the game ends.

## Boys basketball

**WITHROW 61, PLYMOUTH 57:** Abby Lawal, a 6-foot-11 junior center, scored 17 points and Mike Hill added 14 as Cincinnati Withrow (4-4) edged the Wildcats (3-3) at the Motor City Roundball Classic on Dec. 28 at Detroit Renaissance.

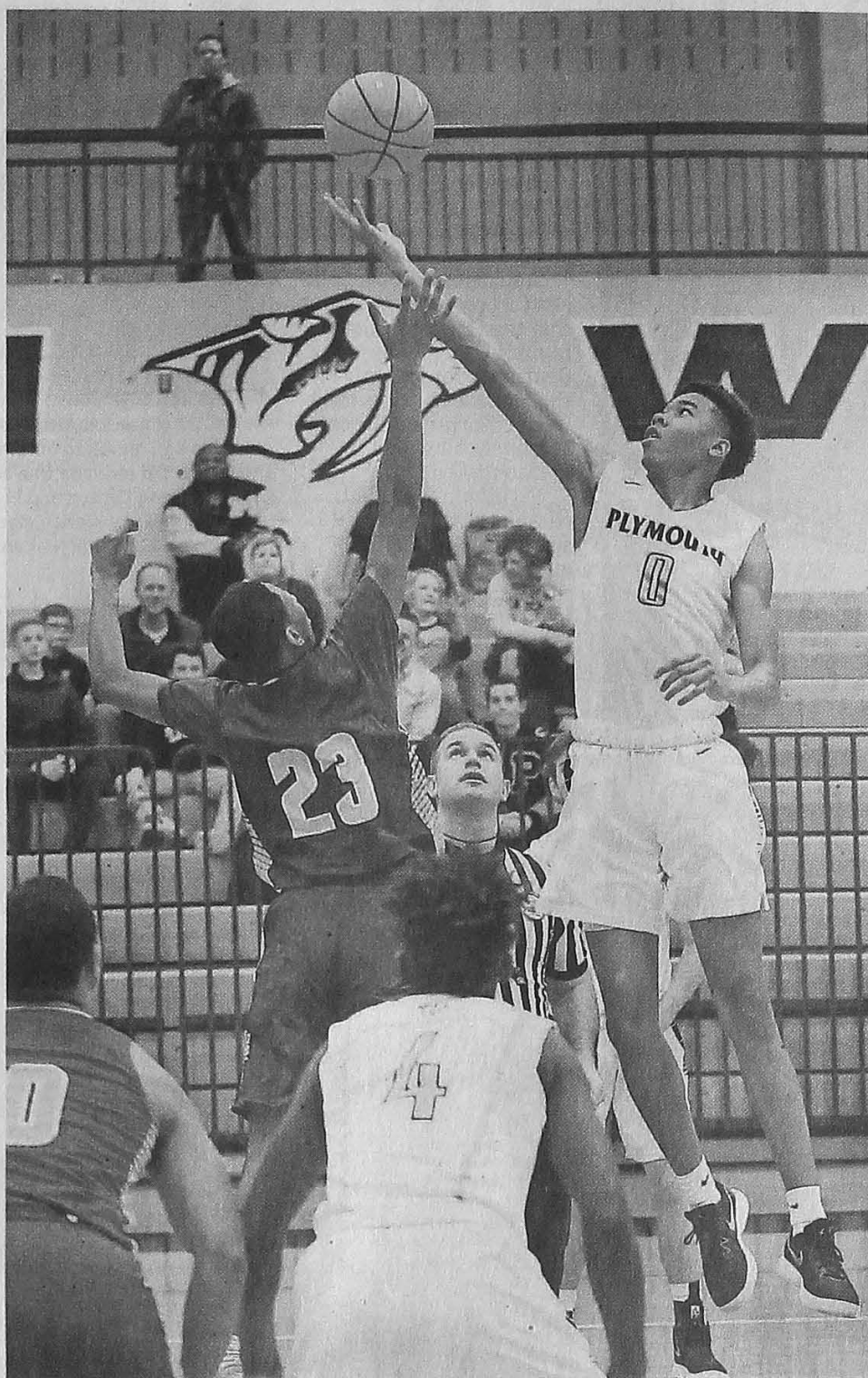
Anthony Crump tallied a game-high 19, while A.J. Neal added for 14 for Plymouth, which gave up 22 offensive rebounds leading to 18 Withrow points.

**NORTHVILLE 82, LINCOLN PARK 31:** Mark Grimes scored a game-high 17 points to lead four players in double figures as the Mustangs (5-2) earned a spot the Northville Holiday Tournament final with a convincing victory Dec. 27 at home over the Railsplitters (3-2).

Northville, jumping out to a 56-18 halftime lead, also got 14 points from Niko Barach, while Steven Morrissey and Sriram Papolu added 12 and 10, respectively. The Mustangs made 7-of-15 free throws.

Khalid Flemming paced Lincoln Park with 12. The Railsplitters went 6-of-9 from the line.

**WAYNE 73, NORTHWESTERN 20:** Isaiah Lewis led the way with 21 points as Wayne Memorial (4-1) drilled Detroit Northwestern at the Detroit Public Schools' Christmas Hoops Classic



Plymouth senior Anthony Crump (right), shown during a game earlier this season, scored 19 points Dec. 28 against Cincinnati Withrow at the Motor City Roundball Classic. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Dec. 27 at Detroit Cass Tech.

Rashad Williams added 17 points and 10 assists, while Terrence Williams also contributed 13 points and eight boards for the victorious Zebras.

**COUNTRY DAY 77, NOVI 58:** Wendell Green poured in 32 points and Dylan Sandhu added 23 as Beverly Hills Detroit Country Day (3-3) downed the Wildcats (1-5) in the Motor City Roundball Classic Dec. 27 at Detroit Renaissance.

Julian Roper chipped in 10 for the victorious Yellowjackets, while Traveon Maddox Jr. scored 22 points to lead Novi.

## Boys hockey

### SALEM UP NORTH:

The Salem Rocks won two of three games over a three-day span in Traverse City.

On Dec. 28, Salem lost 7-5 to Saginaw Heritage at Centre Ice Arena, despite Colin Goleniak's hat trick.

But the Rocks bounced back on Dec. 29 with a 5-4 win over Bay Reps and capped off the annual trip on Dec. 30, with a 5-1 victory over Midland.

Against Bay Reps, the Rocks received single tallies from Garrett Christie, Alex Schaumburger, Tyler German, Dante Doute and Devan Grayshaw. Splitting time between the pipes were goalies Austin Goleniak and Max Van Wert.

Salem then posted the win over Midland, sparked by multi-point games by Tyler German (two goals), Schaumburger (goal, assist) and Colin

Goleniak (goal, assist). Adding a single goal was Anthony Gattoni.

Stopping 28 of 29 shots for the victory was goalie Austin Goleniak.

**NOVI 7, FRANKLIN 2:** Issac Gibbs scored a pair of goals, while Nathan Graff added one goal and two assists as the Wildcats (5-7, 2-6 KLAA Gold) earned the crossover win Dec. 22 over host Livonia Franklin (6-5-1, 2-4 KLAA Black) at Edgar Arena.

Novi, jumping out to a 4-0 first period lead, also got goals from Jay Naidu, Eric Budd and Maanas Sharma, while assists went to Logan Londo (2), Chris Martin and Evan Chippa.

Trevor VanVliet scored both Franklin goals in the second period with assists going to Trey Ziebol and Nic Anderson.

Ethan Hunsinger was in goal for Novi, while Will Augustine tended net for Franklin.

## Wrestling

### SALEM ELKS TOURNEY:

The host Rocks took sixth place out of a field of 27 teams at their annual Salem Elks Invitational. Winning the Dec. 30 tourney was Livonia Franklin, with Dearborn Fordson second.

"There were some really tough teams here and to place sixth was awesome to do in front of a lot of our family, friends and alumni," Salem coach Jeremy Henderson said.

Canton also participated, with top performers including senior captain Zack Dehnke (third in 145-pound weight class) and junior Chris Little (second at 171).

## PREP ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

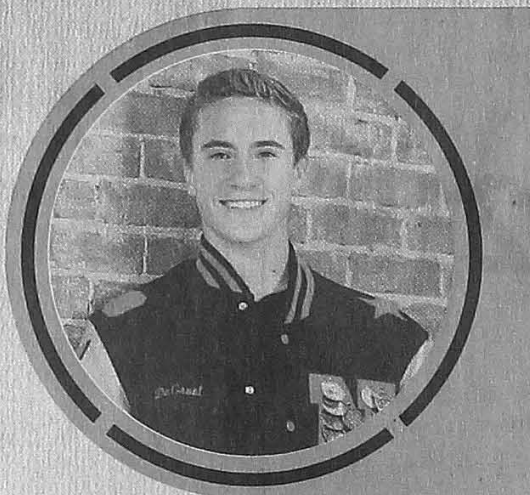
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## TREVOR DEGROOT

SWIMMING  
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NORTHVILLE MUSTANGS

Northville senior boys swimmer Trevor DeGroot did what he does best to win the Hometown Life Prep Athlete of the Week poll for the week ending Dec. 15.

He finished strong to outlast staunch competition. Such was the case both in the pool and in the poll -- DeGroot tallied 6,957 votes, more than 49 percent of the total 14,121 votes cast. DeGroot 's main competition entering the final "lap" was Canton senior girls basketball player Carli Vaughan (6,021 votes, 42.6 percent). In third place was Livonia Franklin senior boys basketball player Mark Mettie (1,009 votes, 7.15 percent).

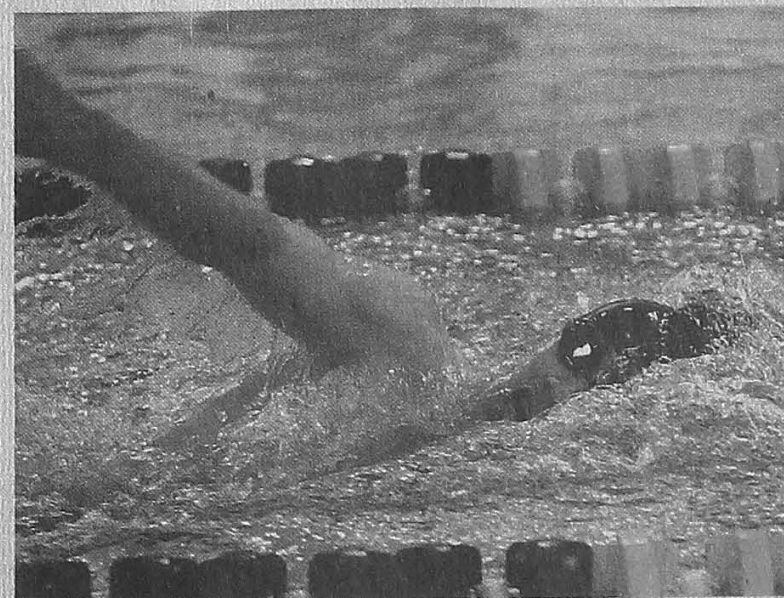
**WHAT HE DID:** The Mustang won the poll thanks to a big-time effort Dec. 12 against defending Division 1 champion Birmingham Brother Rice. He swept the 200- and 500-yard freestyles in 1:48.49 and 4:59.34, respectively, to spark the fifth-ranked Mustangs to a 94-91 victory over the Warriors, ranked No. 3 in the state. "For the past three years we didn't beat Brother Rice so I was pretty excited heading

into this one," DeGroot said. "I really tried to focus in on those races and we just had a great team effort all-around." DeGroot said he "just felt good, felt loose in the water. I felt like I had pretty good turns."

**PERSPECTIVE:** Northville coach Rich Bennetts also stressed to the Mustangs not to get too wrapped up in defeating Brother Rice. "Coach Bennetts told us at the end of the meet that it was an awesome win," DeGroot said.

"But at the end of the day it was just a dual meet. We have bigger goals than that. It really can't be the highlight of our season."

**ABOUT WINNING AOW:** DeGroot said winning Athlete of the Week is "an honor. I'm happy that people recognized swimming because it's not in the news too often. I'm thankful for that."



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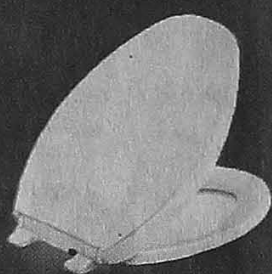
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### BOYS HOCKEY

## Plymouth brings heat in 9-1 triumph

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High school hockey fans brought new gloves and hats Dec. 27 to Canton's Arctic Edge Arena, to help the needy stave off unrelenting winter chill.

And after they helped stuff a box with the items that the Plymouth Community United Way will distribute for its Hats for the Homeless drive, they were entertained to some red-hot hockey by the Plymouth Wildcats.

Plymouth thumped campus rival Canton, 9-1, spearheaded by a four-goal game from senior forward Tim Baldwin (who also had two assists for a six-point night).

"The feedback I received from the United Way is that it was a huge success," Plymouth varsity boys hockey coach Gerry Vento said. "They said the amount of hats and gloves they received was what they would see (donated) from one of their major corporate sponsors. It was a great effort by Canton and



On Dec. 27 at Canton Arctic Edge Arena, hockey fans brought new hats and gloves to donate to Plymouth United Way. Those who did received free admission to the varsity hockey game between Canton and Plymouth. From left are Gavin Vaughan, Hailey Vaughan, Rachel Smith, Randi Williams of United Way, Karishma Nair and Nick Yoshioka. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

Plymouth."

Chipping in a goal and four assists was senior forward Jack Chumley, while senior forward C.J. Mullenax helped the cause with a goal and two assists.

Other Plymouth contributors on offense included junior defenseman Adam Rebecca (goal, assist), senior defenseman Andrew Garby

(three assists), junior forward Nathan Stoneburg (goal) and junior forward Jack VanDenBeurgueury (goal).

Wildcats junior goaltender Josh Montroy made 13 saves.

A Plymouth hockey alumni game preceded the varsity contest.

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Fighting for a rebound are Salem's Jordan Ingram (middle) and Redford Thurston's Zach Crofford (right) during the tourney final. At left for the Eagles is Karlos Berry. JOHN KEMSKI | EXPRESS PHOTO

## ROCKS

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win against Southgate Anderson and then captured the tournament championship Dec. 29, defeating Redford Thurston by a 53-47 score.

"We had a bad taste in our mouth after that (Dec. 22 loss). Canton took care of us pretty good, they're a good basketball team," Brodie said. "We regrouped a little bit, had some pretty good practices. The kids stepped up and (won the) two-game stand here for a championship. And it was at their house."

The Rocks, now 3-4 and idle until Jan. 9 against Dearborn, were spearheaded by all-tourney players Ben Dierker, Jordan Ingram and Thomas Noble.

Dierker had back-to-back double-doubles, including a 15-point, 12-rebound effort against the pesky Eagles (4-2).

"Ben Dierker had a good game; he had a good tournament overall," Brodie said, adding that the junior forward registered 13 points and 13 boards against the Titans.

Ingram helped the cause both nights (19 points total), while Noble scored 10 against Thurston.

"Jordan Ingram is starting to step up a little bit better," Brodie said. "He had 10 points in the first game and nine points in the second."

Thurston's Karlos Berry also made the all-tournament team.

"Karlos Berry played well, he kept us in the game," veteran Thurston coach Brian Bates said. "I thought we played hard, but I thought Salem played well and deserved to win the tournament. They ran their offense and defense well."

The Eagles reached the championship game thanks to a 52-47 victory over Pontiac in the other

game Dec. 28.

Both coaches said having holiday week tournaments is a good way to stay sharp over a long break.

"If you don't put some games in there, it's tough for those kids to practice regularly every day when you're on break," Brodie said. "It's good to have something to look forward to and a chance to maybe win something, like we did here."

"You get to meet competition you don't see all the time. It gives them new energy and new hope to move into the new year."

Bates said playing over the break "gives us the opportunity to continue to improve and get meaningful practices in. If we didn't play over break, we would have had almost a month off before our last game before break and the first one after break."

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### How to answer 4 top phone interview questions

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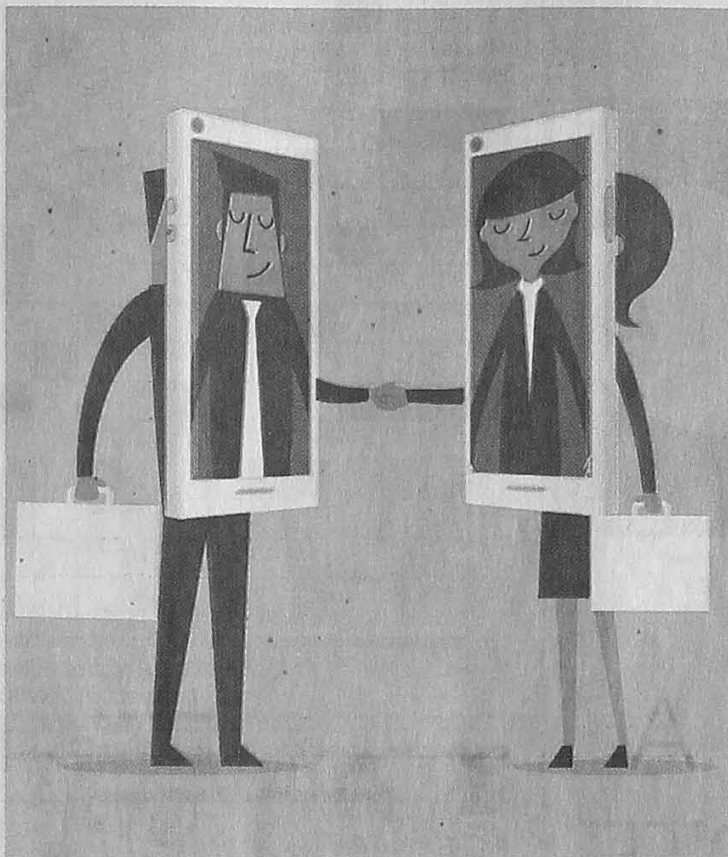
**Y**ou've submitted your resume for a job opening, and now you've got your first bite — a phone interview. You might encounter the phone interview for two reasons: You're currently far away from the hiring company, or the company wants to do a preliminary screening.

Either way, it's likely a precursor to some kind of physical meeting. The main goal is usually to see if you meet certain requirements and would likely be a good fit for the job. If a company has a lot of great-on-paper applicants for a single position, phone interviews are a way to narrow the candidate pool.

#### How do phone and sit-down interviews differ?

There's the obvious format difference, for starters. Instead of physically sitting face-to-face and being able to read body language cues, you're sitting by yourself. That can be a benefit, but also a drawback. You're in a bit of a void, counting on your conversational skills to get you through to the next round.

Also, while an in-person interview is usually with the hiring manager, you may be talking to a human resources representative or a recruiter



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for a phone interview. It's important to know who the interviewer is upfront. If it's a recruiter or HR person, you can be a little more general. If it's the hiring manager, you should be more detailed about your qualifications.

#### How to prepare

Make sure your voice is calm, confident and conversational. It may help to dress

up in your normal interview clothes and call a friend or family member right before the interview to get into a conversational mode.

You want to come across as friendly and competent. Make sure you're allowing the person to finish speaking before you answer, and don't feel like you need to fill in any brief silences with nervous chatter. Do your homework on the

company, the job and the interviewer. The beauty of the phone interview is that you can have notes right in front of you, without the interviewer knowing you've got a crib sheet, or the talking points about your resume that you want to emphasize.

Lastly, make sure you're settled in a quiet spot where you can conduct your interview in peace.

#### THE INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Here are some common phone interview questions, and how to approach them:

##### "Tell me about yourself."

Limit your answer to a few highlights about your career, especially those relevant to the job for which you're interviewing. An elevator pitch comes in very handy here.

##### "What interested you about this job?"

This is where your pre-interview research comes in handy. Talk about one of your goals that this job would help you achieve or mention something you like about the company.

Make it clear that this job is an opportunity you didn't want to miss. The more specific and authentic your answer, the better.

##### "Tell me about your current/most recent job."

The interviewer isn't necessarily interested in every one of your daily tasks, thoughts and opinions about the work. Instead, focus on the parts of your job that relate most directly to the job you want, and highlight the accomplishments.

##### "Why are you leaving your job?"

Part of the phone interview process is weeding out people who aren't a good fit. They want to know you're not a flight risk or unable to work as a member of a team. The answer shouldn't focus too much on what dissatisfies you about your current job. Instead, emphasize your goals and this new job.

A phone interview may not be the main interview in your hiring process, but it's such an important first step that it should be treated every bit as seriously as any other kind of interview. Being prepared will help you be ready to answer any question that comes your way.

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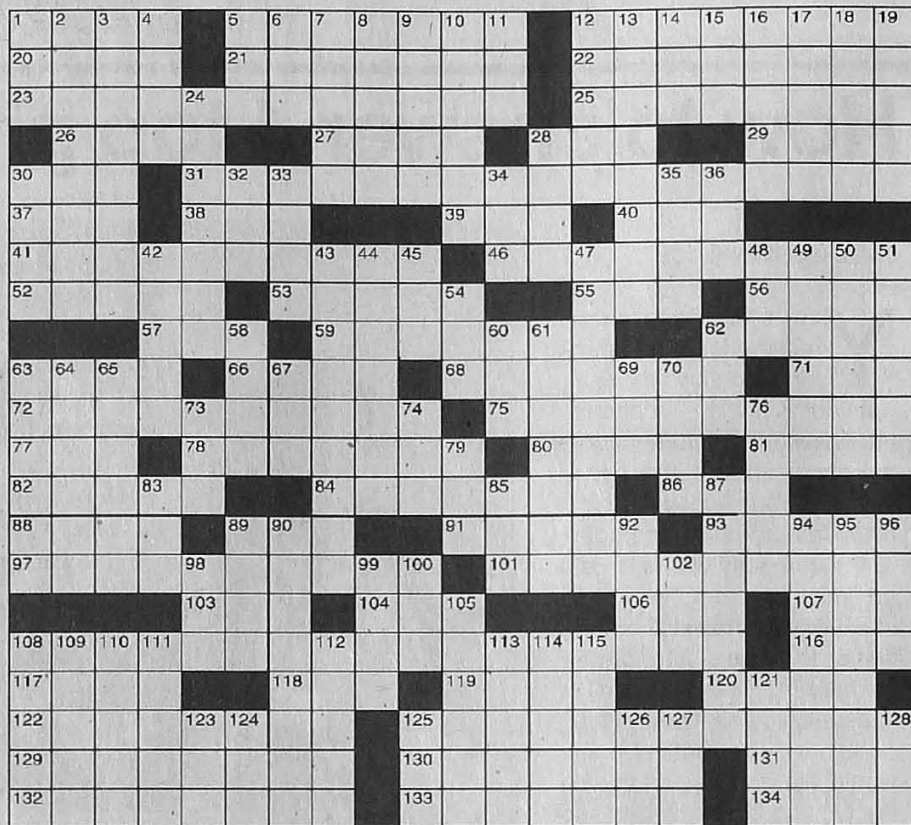
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Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

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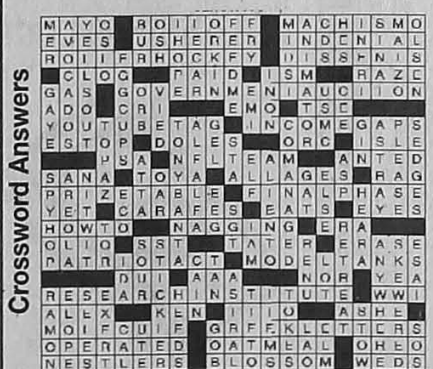
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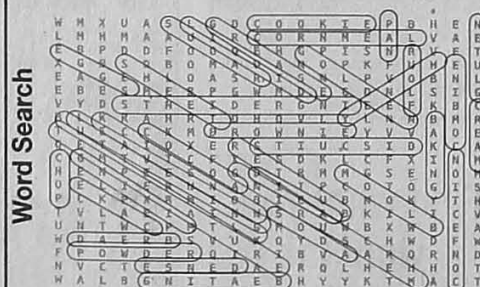
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# Car Report

## LINCOLN LAUNCHES ALL-NEW NAVIGATOR AT IDEAL TIME, ASSISTED BY BRAND MUSE MATTHEW MCCONAUGHEY



By Dale Buss

Lincoln is about half-way toward tripling its sales volume, its goal for 2020 over 2014 levels, and its marketing partnership with Matthew McConaughey gets a substantial share of the credit for that.

So do a handful of worthy new vehicles that the Ford-owned luxury brand has fielded over the last few years.

Now, Lincoln is debuting one of its most widely-anticipated and timely models ever—an all-new version of its big-body Navigator SUV—and once again, the much-decorated, enigmatic actor with broad appeal is helping to do the honors.

It may have seemed counterproductive for Lincoln to stage the marketing launch of this crucial vehicle in the midst of the zenith of holiday messaging by competing auto brands that were all trying to get their pieces of what has become a very important seasonal market for premium marques.

“But when you look at luxury and the luxury automotive industry, the last two months of the year is a very high-volume period,” John Emmert, Lincoln’s marketing manager, told me.

Nearly given up for dead by previous CEO Alan Mulally, and revived under recently ousted CEO Mark Fields, Lincoln has a long way to go to recall its glory days of a generation ago. It’s aiming at 300,000 sales globally in 2020; this year’s sales in the US will be north of 100,000, and more than 45,000 in China, where Lincoln started just a few

years ago.

In an effort that launched last week, Lincoln is breaking a new campaign featuring McConaughey in a Navigator doing what he does best: saying little, implying much more.

“Perfect Rhythm” is our launch spot,” Emmert said. McConaughey doesn’t have any dialogue, “but what’s really interesting about the spot is this idea around one of those moments where everything is going your way. He’s on a journey of sorts, where he’s kind of in the zone and he’s just in that moment.”

I talked with Emmert about the new Navigator on the even of its big launch, as well as about working with McConaughey.

John, how would you describe Lincoln’s competitive position these days?

It started with the new MKZ, MKC, MKX and Continental. We’ve got the new Navigator. We introduced a freshened MKC in LA at the auto show [in November]. There’s also coming a new Lincoln Nautilus, which is the successor to MKX in the lineup.

Our U.S. retail sales are up this year by 5%, which is pretty significant when you look at the overall luxury part of the (U.S. auto) industry, which is down. We’re off to our strongest start since 2007. In 2015 we crossed the 100,000 overall sales mark for first time since 2007. Both cars and utilities are up and we’re seeing tremendous momentum in China, where we’re up almost 100% over last year. That helps us everywhere.



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What do you still need to accomplish in terms of the brand’s renaissance?

Our products have achieved world-class stature but what else do we need to do? We’re saying the products are great and need to bring along the world-class client experiences. Pick-up and delivery launched in 2016 and gained momentum through this year. Service satisfaction has spiked up. We’re working toward this ecosystem of services that deliver warm, human and personally crafted experiences.

This is the ethos of our brand. We want to deliver this idea of effortlessness. With luxury, consumers are expecting more than great products.

We’ve got the subscription service and a personal-driver service being piloted. Our subscription service is lower-priced because these are pre-owned vehicles so the benefit of the subscription fee is that it incorporates [car] payments, insurance and maintenance into one payment for a one-month commitment. It gives you a lot of flexibility.

What’s the significance of the new Navigator, particularly given how every brand now seems to be focusing on enhancing or adding large SUVs?

For us, it represents a big step forward in terms of competitiveness in this segment. It’s a big vehicle in a relatively small segment, but a stable one. It’s really the flagship utility for us and sets the tone for the rest of our utility lineup. It’s important to have a strong presence there.

And it’s actually our youngest and most affluent customer. The utility that comes along with a vehicle the size of Navigator—it’s a great vehicle for families. We found out that most of the folks that influence the purchase decision and actually drive the Navigator are women. These people tend to be aspirational folks in areas that tend to be thought leaders.

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