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Family sells Plymouth Nursery

Era ends with sale of business to English Gardens

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After dedicating his entire life to Plymouth Nursery, owner Jeff Jones has ended a 55-year era by selling the gardening and landscaping business his parents bought in 1963.

"I've been married to this business my entire life," Jones said. "To run a suc-

cessful business like Plymouth Nursery, you have to live it. It takes over your life."

Not anymore.

Jones, 63, has sold Plymouth Nursery to English Gardens, the nation's 10th largest garden center. The business temporarily closed Dec. 30, but will reopen March 1 at Ann Arbor and Gotfredson roads.

Renamed English Gardens Plymouth Nursery, the 19-acre site becomes the

sixth English Gardens location in metro Detroit. Jones was ready to sell and English Gardens needed a new location after losing the lease for its Ann Arbor store last January.

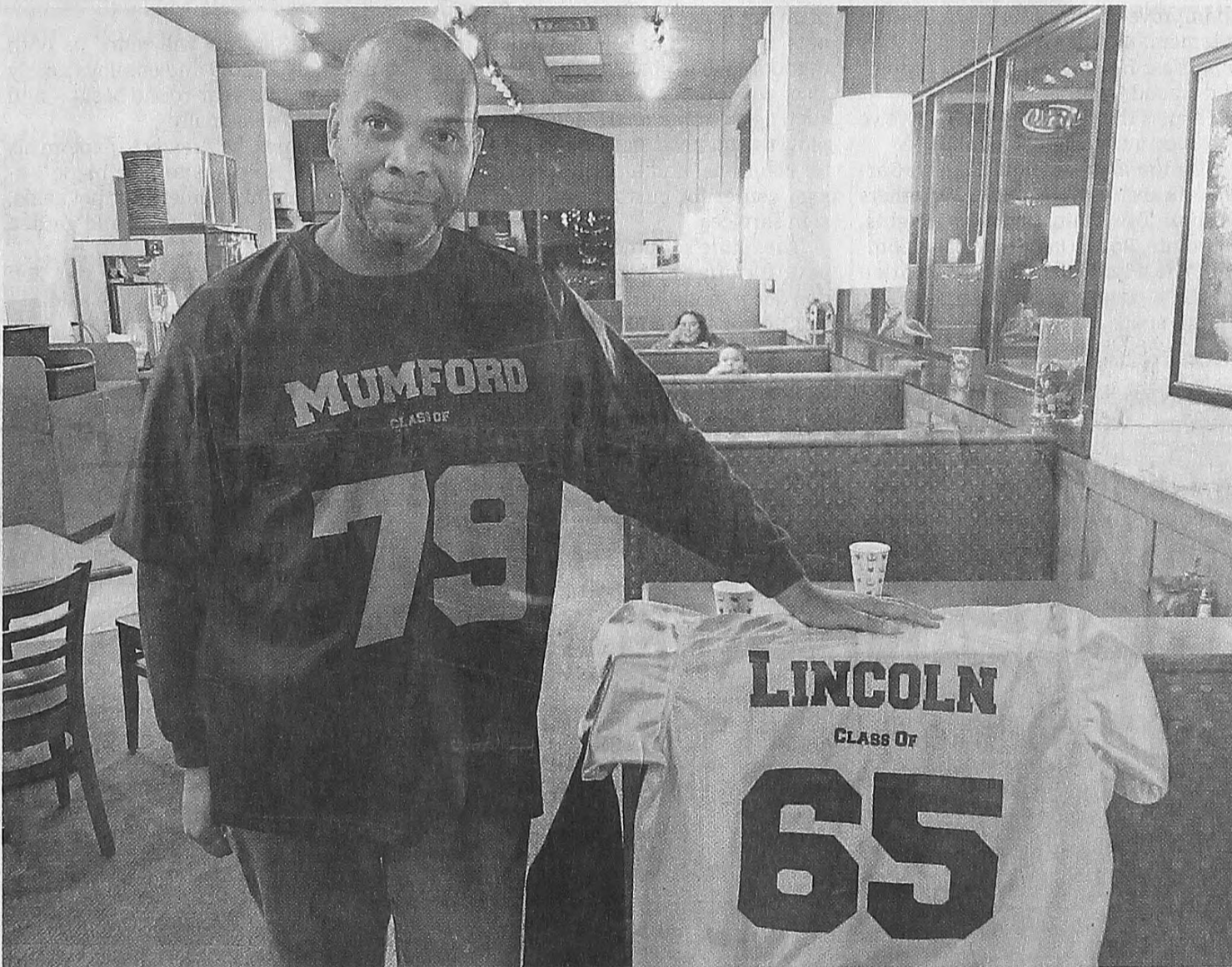
"We are very pleased about this opportunity and look forward to servicing customers who frequented our previous store and meeting current Plymouth Nursery customers," English Gardens president John Darin said. "Jeff and his team have built a beautiful operation. We plan to continue his tradition of offering high-quality products and ser-

VICES, while expanding upon the store's selection."

Jones' parents, Wayne and Nancy Jones, bought the nursery from Pete Christensen in 1963, when it was located on Ann Arbor Road, east of I-275, in Livonia. A decade later, the business was moved to its current location in Superior Township, though it has a Plymouth mailing address.

It's not lost on Jones, a South Lyon resident, that Plymouth Nursery never

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Mike Williams is a Detroit Mumford graduate who is trying to launch a museum of high school memorabilia. He's holding a replica jersey of the defunct Ferndale Lincoln High School. TIM SMITH | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Detroit auto show: What you need to know

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The Detroit auto show is less than one week away.

True, the public won't get a direct look at all the new sheet metal until Jan. 19, but the official start of the 2019 North American International Auto Show is set for this weekend and most of the estimated 30 vehicles being revealed will have their day in the sun as part of the media preview Jan. 14-15.

Ford and General Motors, however, plan to jump the line.

Ford unveiled the 2020 Explorer this week at Ford Field, while Cadillac planned to show off what Free Press auto critic Mark Phelan called "the brand's long-awaited, desperately needed answer" in the luxury SUV segment, the three-row XT6, Sunday at the Garden Theater.

Later on, we'll see an updated Passat from Volkswagen, Ford will showcase what is expected to be the fastest production Mustang to date — the Shelby GT 500, Lexus will show off a luxury performance coupe and Infiniti will offer up its first fully electric crossover concept. And Toyota will resurrect the Supra.

Extra goodies

Organizers have promised that the show will have plenty of goodies, such as moving vehicle "activations." Kia will provide that in the form of a "Teluride Torque Track" set on the show floor.

Ram, Nissan, Kia, Hyundai, Subaru, Lexus, Infiniti and GAC have scheduled news conferences during the media preview and floor space is set for all of the above brands, as well as Honda, Acura, Genesis, Chrysler, Fiat, Dodge, Jeep, Alfa Romeo, Lincoln, GMC, Buick and Chevrolet.

Several mainstay brands from previous shows are missing, including Mercedes, BMW and Audi.

"There's still going to be plenty of product to take a look at. There's going to be 750-plus cars on the showroom floor," Bill Golling, 2019 NAIAS chairman, said last month. "The displays

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GOOD OL' DAYS

Vintage schools gone, but nostalgia remains strong

Tim Smith
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Imagine that feeling of joy and rediscovery every time there is a high school reunion.

In a flash, aging baby boomers are kids and teenagers as they reminisce about everything from going through the cafeteria line — fish sticks or Salisbury steak, anyone? — to walking crowded halls trying to get to that next class. Or about the big games, school dances and even favorite teachers.

Now imagine that those old school buildings are no more, bulldozed into oblivion, simultaneously crushing bricks and mortar and chances for those nostalgic visits.

Enter Mike Williams, president of The Museum for High School Preserva-

tion and a 1979 graduate of Detroit Mumford High School. He wants to find an unused school building within the Detroit Public Schools Community District and reboot it as an oasis of nostalgia.

"I tried to buy an old abandoned school building from Detroit Public Schools," Williams said. "That didn't happen. I tried to buy a warehouse through the Wayne County auction and wasn't finding anything that was suitable. I'm still trying to purchase an old school building. Most of the school buildings have been deeded over to the city of Detroit from DPS."

According to Williams, 57, the concept is one that would connect with the masses.

"(Nostalgia) evokes all kinds of positive thoughts in people," he said during an interview in Plymouth. "Lots of peo-

ple who graduated in the '30s are still around. The '40s and '50s, it's plentiful the number of graduates or alumni who graduated in the '40s and '50s from Detroit Public Schools."

If getting a building for his museum continues to be a thorny quest, Williams has a Plan B.

Let it roll

In spring 2019, he intends to roll out a mobile museum, turning a former SMART bus into a place where folks of all ages and from all places can step in and wade through a 35-foot-long time capsule.

So far, he is footing the bill.

He would like a civic-minded business to help sponsor the ambitious endeavor so that it could travel all over metro Detroit.

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actually was located in Plymouth, though many of its loyal customers live in Plymouth.

"Some of our customers have been coming here forever," he said. "That warms your heart."

As a youngster working for his parents, Jones recalls pulling weeds and loading merchandise into customers' cars. His father convinced him at age 16 to dedicate himself to the family business.

"This was my father's dream. This was not my dream," Jones said.

But he committed himself even as he attended Michigan State University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in ornamental horticulture while also taking business courses. He went to college during fall and winter months, but



It's a new day as the people from Plymouth Nursery and English Gardens mark a new beginning. ENGLISH GARDENS

spent spring and summer working at the nursery.

Even during tough times, such as the last deep recession, Jones never gave up after becoming the company owner 32 years ago.

"You have to have the tenacity not to give up," he said, adding that his sister, Linnea Garvey, pitched in to handle the company's graphic design and advertising needs.

Plymouth Nursery has as many as 60 employees during spring and summer, but as few as 12 during off-season months. Darin has indicated English Gardens plans to keep the employees who customers have come to know.

"We hope that many of Plymouth Nursery's current team members will continue on with English Gardens," he said. "We're also looking to hire additional people to work in the store and landscaping operation."

Jones strove to diversify the business and improve offerings for metro Detroit customers looking to beautify their properties. He said he worked hard to build a good team.

"I'll miss the people," he said. "We've developed a very tight-knit staff."

With the new location, English Gardens has six locations, including others in Clinton Township, Dearborn Heights, Eastpointe, Royal Oak and West Bloomfield. The Plymouth Nursery location brings the company 12,000 square feet of retail space and a similar-sized en-



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closed greenhouse. The outdoor selling space is about nine acres.

English Gardens plans to offer a complete range of top-quality garden products and plants to beautify indoor and outdoor living spaces. The new store also will offer other special services such as a garden pharmacy, where employees diagnose plant troubles and offer solutions, and a patio furniture design center for custom orders and design services.

The store's outdoor area includes patio furniture and accessories and garden décor items such as fountains, statues, accessories and garden art. English

Gardens Plymouth Nursery also will offer free weekly seminars and host monthly workshops and children's events.

English Gardens will mark its 65th anniversary in 2019 and employs nearly 200 people on a year-round basis — and another 350 seasonally.

As for Jones, he's ready to explore his retirement. He plans to take piano lessons, resume his former trumpet skills, possibly join a choir, travel and garden at home.

"I'm ready to rediscover the Jeff Jones I knew 40 years ago," he said.

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"Our museum is a compendium of artifacts, that are geared toward nostalgia," Williams said, "and bringing back memories and preserving the legacy of the public high schools in the Detroit metropolitan area."

Williams also is president of a memorabilia venture, www.schoolshirtshop.com, which sells T-shirts and sports jerseys with school name and year of graduation on the front and individuals' names on the back.

"I am a graduate of Mumford High School, class of 1979," Williams said. "Our school was demolished and it took away lots of wonderful memories."

"So I thought I would embark upon a venture, a program that would go to preserve all the wonderful architecture and the legacy of the great people who graduated from Detroit Public High Schools, as well as suburban high schools."

A need to reconnect

According to Williams, many people long for the days when they could "feel like a teenager again," but unfortunately do not have a physical place to make connections.

"They tore my school down. How dare they?" Williams said. "And they built a new one. As we witnessed the demolition, there was a steady line of cars and people who were (Mumford) alumni that were driving by."

"Shortly after that, they started to demolish Redford High School and the same situation happened. You had a lot of people who had strong ties to these schools. And it tugged at the heartstrings. We literally had individuals who were sobbing."

Suburban alums know the feeling — or are about to. Livonia Ladywood High School was closed earlier this year and Farmington Harrison High School is in the middle of its swan song.

A couple of years ago, Southfield-Lathrup High School shut down with students moving over to Southfield High School; the building at Lahser and 10 Mile roads is now known as Southfield Arts & Technology.

Detroit also has had plenty of schools shuttered over the years. Some were torn down and students whisked to new facilities; others were renovated and

even renamed.

Since the turn of the century, an estimated 200 Detroit school buildings have closed, due to everything from declining population and poor student performance to the rise of charter schools. Many of those upstart charter facilities also have bit the dust.

Williams's uncle, 89-year-old James Brogdon of Southfield, graduated in 1948 from Northwestern — the regal building on Grand River next to old Olympia Stadium where future stars of sports (Willie Horton, Alex Johnson), Motown Records (Mary Wells, Florence Ballard) and radio (Casey Kasem) attended. The original school, facing Grand River, closed in 1985, with Northwestern 2.0 (facing West Grand Boulevard) opening later that year.

The newer facility is known as Detroit Collegiate Prep at Northwestern.

"This gentleman (Brogdon) is someone who was doing great things and always supporting anything and everything that I've ever done," including wearing one of the throwback shirts produced by the School Shirt Shop, Williams noted.

Sparking memories

The historic Cooley High School is still standing, on Hubbell Road. But it is a shell of its former glory.

"Cooley, it's a shame," Williams said. "I drive by that magnificent and regal structure which is closed. I'm sure the inside has probably fallen victim to the scrappers. But there's been several attempts to try to save it. I would love to have a building like that (for his museum), but it's a little bit large for the purposes I need."

"I was hoping at some point the Ilitch family would have stepped in and maybe have done something with it. Mike Ilitch (who died in 2017) is a graduate of Cooley High School. Marian Ilitch is a graduate of Fordson High School in Dearborn, another magnificent and regal structure. Fortunately, that one is still intact and operational."

"Cooley, Fordson and Grosse Pointe South are the three schools in this region that I was just absolutely awestruck by the architecture."

Whether or not any of Detroit's long-ago glory can be recaptured is a debate that likely will rage on for decades. Still, Williams has what he thinks are surefire ways to spark memories and help people of all ages to engage about school

days gone by.

There are approximately 250,000 people who attended Detroit Public Schools still in the area who seemingly would be supportive of The Museum for High School Preservation.

The mobile museum is certain to be a popular place for people to check out.

"We're actually going to get a mural painted on the outside and I'm looking for a sponsor to pay for the painting of the mural," Williams said. "We have an artist who has created a rendering, (Southeastern alum) James Lewis. What I want to do is, engage about 14 current (high school) arts students from DPS and some of the suburban schools."

"James has created the artwork and I want to engage these young people to bring them in and actually do the painting."

Email Williams at michael@mhspdetroit.com if interested in participating.

Back in time

Inside the bus would be items Williams already has collected (through donations, primarily), including yearbooks, trophies, old desks, the actual

glass door of a principal's office.

He also intends to have a number of TV monitors that would continuously show images and videos of those erstwhile Detroit landmarks and the students who made them come to life so many years ago.

"It will be absolutely free (to visit the bus)," Williams said. "I would like to travel this around the area. Let's say we had a bank that was sponsoring. We would have it at a branch for two weeks, people could come and go inside, go in the front door, walk around, see the displays and come out the back."

"While it was there for two weeks, (the mural) would be in the process of being painted by the students. Once the mural is completed, then the museum would travel."

"Now, in the case of a sponsorship of a bank, we would take this to a different bank branch every Tuesday, so that people could visit, reminisce. Other days out of the week, we would have it travel to class reunions ... but other areas throughout metropolitan Detroit is where it would travel, so that anyone and everyone would be able to see it."

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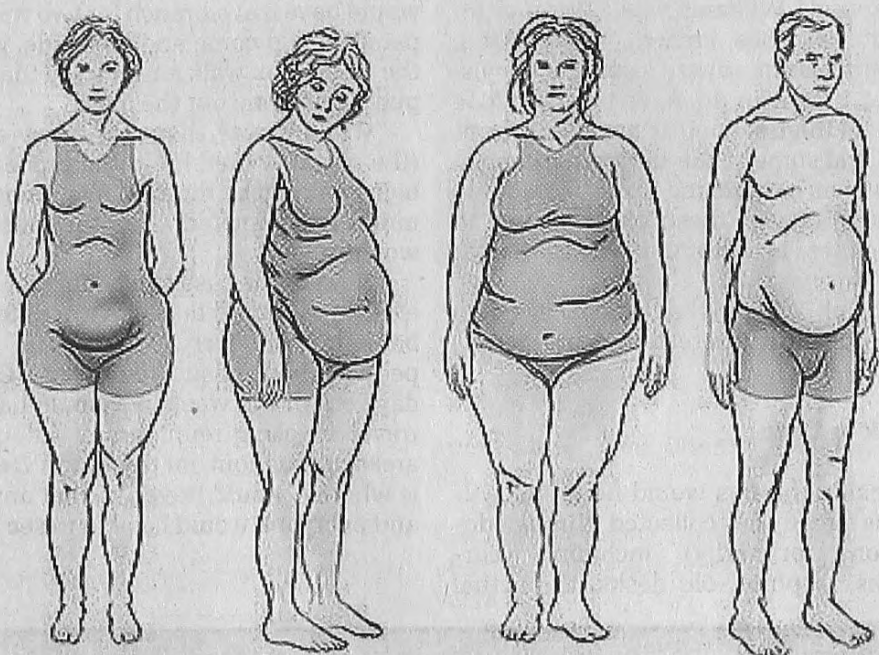
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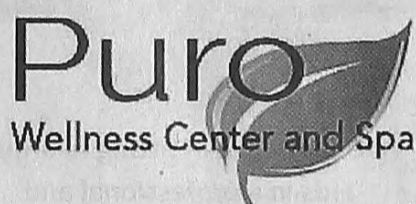
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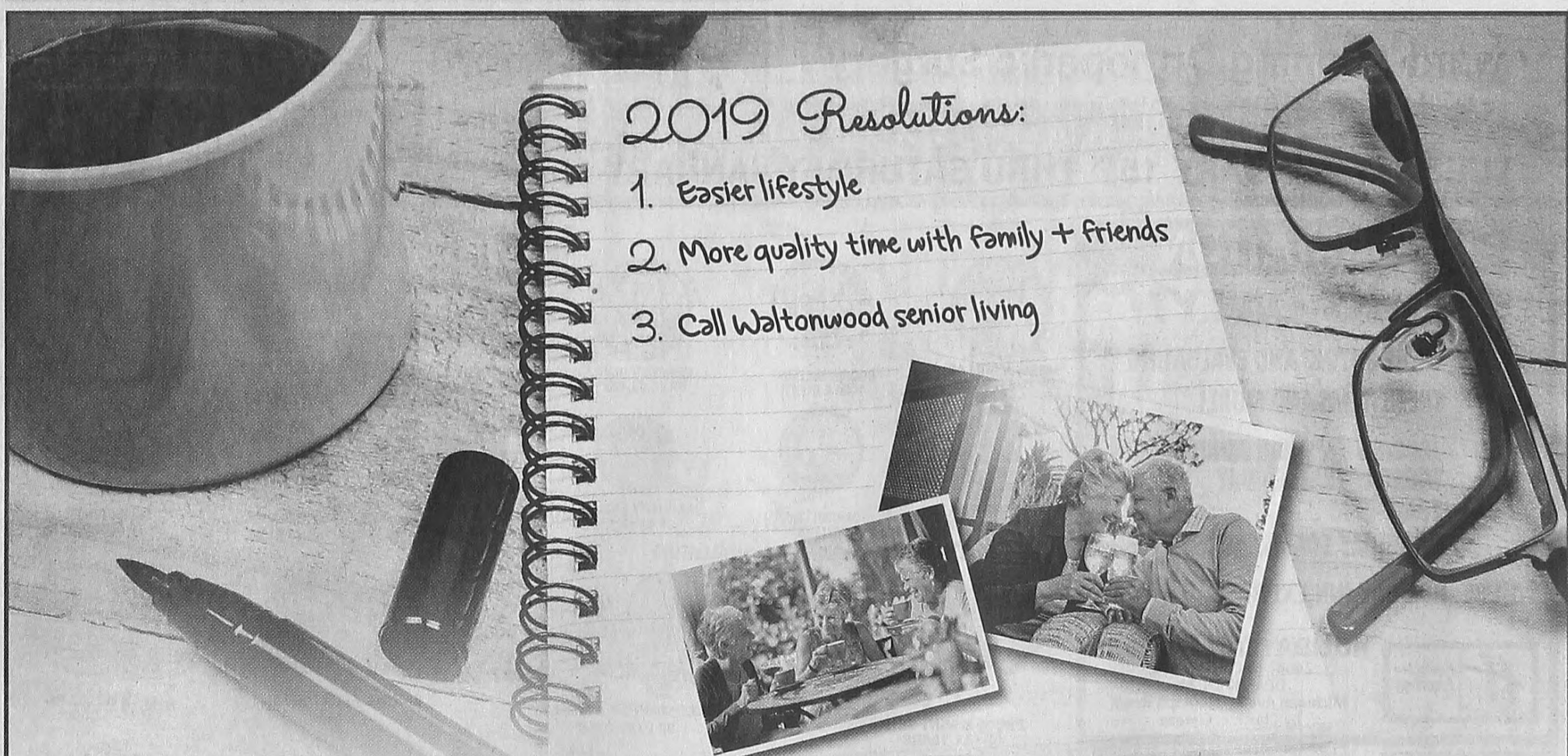
The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center's Youth Advisory Council and Canton Club 55+ made the holidays brighter for many members of the Canton Youth Connection Program by hosting a special Jingle Bell Boutique event at the Summit on the Park. The boutique allowed more than 15 children to participate in a special shopping spree as a reward for positive behavior throughout the school year. Items in the Jingle Bell Boutique included games, toys, jewelry, art supplies, hats, gloves, mittens and more. Members of the Canton Youth Connection, a supervised after-school outreach program for children ages 5-10, were able to earn "play" money for good behavior throughout the fall and then "spend it" shopping at the Jingle Bell Boutique for their families before the holidays. For more information about B.L.O.C.K., call 734/398-5570 or go to www.cantonfun.org.

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P-CEP BAND TO PERFORM CONCERT



The Plymouth-Canton Educational Park Wind Ensemble, the district's top band ensemble, was selected to participate as one of the featured performing ensembles Friday, Jan. 25, at the 2019 Michigan Music Conference in Grand Rapids. The MMC is attended by more than 9,000 music educators at the K-12, collegiate and professional levels and it is an honor to be selected to perform at the conference. The group will perform a special send-off concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 23, at the Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. Glen Adsit, professor and director of bands at the Hartt School, University of Hartford, will guest conduct with G. Jonathan Thomann, director of bands at P-CEP, and Michael Wells, co-director of the P-CEP bands. The band will be joined by guest artist Dr. Joe Girard. Tickets are \$6 and can be purchased at <https://cantonvillagetheater.org>. All ages must have a ticket, including children being held.



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MLK Day at Village Theater

Following a punch and cookie reception in the lobby, Canton Township will honor the memory and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. with a tribute on the Main Stage at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 21. The reception is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

This year's keynote address will be presented by Martin Philbert, Ph.D., provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at the University of Michigan. The program will also feature a performance by the Dodson Elementary School Choir.

Tickets will be available at door for \$2 per person or \$5 per family (cash only). Tickets can be purchased at the box office one hour prior to event time. For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to www.cantonvillage theater.org.

Socks and underwear drive

The annual socks and underwear and drive to support the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district Clothing Bank is accepting donations through the end of January. A donation box, sponsored by the Plymouth Democratic Club, is located in the lobby of the Plymouth District Library, 223 S. Main Street, through the entire month.

In addition to the donation box in the lobby, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Martin Luther King Day (Monday, Jan. 21), there will be a special collection in the Friends board room at the library. This day, along with new socks and underwear, new or gently used clothing of all types, for all ages, will be collected. All donations are tax-deductible and receipts will be provided that day.

All Saints School open house

All Saints Catholic School, 48735 Warren Road, in Canton will host an open house from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27. The school offers small class sizes, a curriculum above state standards, technology-infused class-

rooms, and state-of-the-art security.

For more information, call 734-459-2490 or go to www.allsaintscs.com.

Music at the Elks

Jazz @ The Elks happens 7-9:30 p.m. the last Tuesday of each month at the Plymouth Ann Arbor Elks Lodge No. 325. There is a \$10 donation at the door, which includes hors d'oeuvres.

The R.J. Spangler group Planet D Nonet is scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 29, featuring Spangler on drums, Justin Jozwiak on sax, Jim Holden on sax, Goode Wyche III on sax, James O'Donnell on trumpet and vocals, Charlie Miller on trumpet, Michael Zaporski on keyboard, TBone Paxton on trombone and vocals and Jeff Cuny on bass.

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

New exhibit at Village Theater

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton will host exhibit the collaborative exhibit, "All of the Tree," featuring a combination of works by Stephen Kolpacke and Jennifer Lanzilotti, through Jan. 30.

This exhibit at the Gallery@VT is free and open to the public from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Friday, one hour prior to and during public performances at the theater, as well as by appointment. For more information, call 734-394-5300 or go to www.cantonvillage theater.org.

Literacy council seeks volunteers

The Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council, a volunteer, nonprofit organization aiming to improve English literacy skills for adults in Western Wayne County, is seeking volunteer tutors. CLC provides free one-on-one tutors and conversation group tutors throughout the Plymouth-Canton community. The next training classes are scheduled for 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2 and May 18.

Volunteer literacy tutors do not need any prior experience. Tutors receive comprehensive training before volunteering in a setting of their choice for up to two hours each week. There is a \$30

charge for each tutor to cover the cost of training, materials and refreshments. Advance reservations are required and can be made online at www.plymouthcantonliteracy.org/get-involved or by calling the literacy council at 734-589-0011.

Cancer fundraiser at Village Theater

"Lights. Camera. Cure." is a special theatrical event that will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, in Canton. This musical fundraiser for the American Cancer Society will feature classic film hits as sung by local performers.

The event includes the performance, dessert reception, coffee bar, a silent auction and a cash bar. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society Relay for Life Canton-Plymouth event.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at www.cantonvillage theater.org or by calling 734-394-5300. Tickets can also be purchased at the box office one hour prior to show time. All ages must have a

ticket. No refunds or exchanges.

Kindermusik with Grandfriends

Educators from Evola Music of Canton will present Kindermusik with Grandfriends, an innovative concept for bringing generations together through music and play, at 11 a.m. the first Saturday of each month at Angel Gardens of Livonia, 38910 Six Mile Road.

This monthly intergenerational program will include singing, playing, dance and and more and is open to all ages. Families receive a small gift to take home. Register by calling Evola School of Music at 734-455-4677.

FAN support group

The Families Against Narcotics support group holds meetings 6:30-7:30 p.m. the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at the Canton Municipal Complex, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.

FAN is a support group for families with a loved one addicted to drugs or al-

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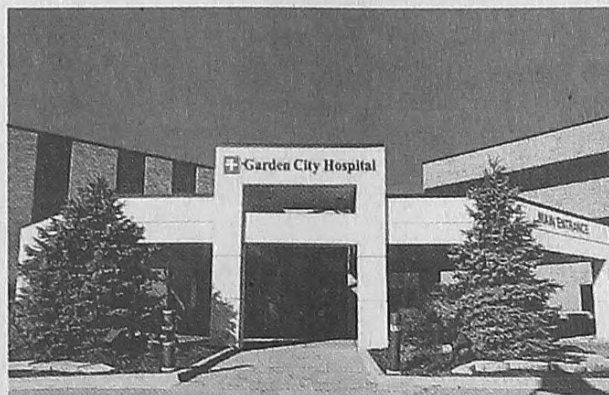


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are terrific. So there's still lots to do. We had 800,000 attend last year and we certainly anticipate the same amount this year."

Before the public show, special events, such as The Gallery (Jan.

12 at MGM Grand Detroit), which will showcase vehicles such as the 2019 Rolls-Royce Culling SUV, and the Charity Preview black-tie fundraiser (Jan. 18 at Cobo) will set a glamorous tone for Detroit's big event.

This year's show marks the end of an era and a major anniversary as Detroiters prepare to say their farewells to winter treks for auto shows at Cobo Center ahead of the switch to a June auto show in 2020, which has been promised as a one-of-a-kind auto experience. The Detroit auto show has been around in some form — with a break during World War II — since 1907, but this marks the 30th anniversary of the show's international focus, so expect a bit of a celebration from the two luxury Japanese brands — Lexus and Infiniti — that made their debut at the 1989 show.

With fewer vehicle introductions planned, some industry watchers say the show appears as if it will be subdued compared to past events.

Jessica Caldwell, executive director of industry analysis for Edmunds, said automakers have more options to showcase their products now, which is affecting how they approach the typically glitzy events. While she does not believe the auto show era is over, the changes for Detroit's show are notable.

"Detroit ... was always the biggest show in the United States, at least," Caldwell said. "It was the mecca of exciting news."

Important vehicles

Michelle Krebs, executive analyst at Autotrad-

Detroit auto show 2019 schedule

Jan. 14-15: Media preview, drawing 5,000 journalists from around the country.

Jan. 16-17: Industry Days.

Jan. 14-17: AutoMobi-D, an expo of advanced technology.

Jan. 17: Future Automotive Career Exposition, which can offer guidance for those interested in a job in the automotive industry.

Jan. 18: The Charity Preview, a black-tie fundraiser for nonprofits that help children, featuring Your Generation in Concert.

er, said that because of the transitional nature of this year's auto show, the list of new vehicles is "rather skimpy," but not insignificant.

"The list includes some important utility vehicles, notably the Cadillac XT6 and the Ford Explorer. It also appears automakers are trying to spice things up with some performance offerings, with the long-awaited Toyota Supra likely to be a star of the ONshow," Krebs said.

Caldwell also highlighted the Supra.

"Performance vehicles always tend to grab more headlines than something that is more practical. Supra certainly fits that bill. ... I think it would see a lot of coverage there," Caldwell said.

She noted that this year's show seems not to have an overriding theme, which means something unexpected

Jan. 19-27: Public show.

Jan. 27: Sensory Friendly Day.

Auto show tickets

Tickets to all Detroit auto show events are available at naias.com/tickets.

Public show: \$14 for adults, \$7 for people ages 65 and older and ages 7-12. Younger children get free admission with a parent or guardian.

Industry Days: \$110


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could emerge. Without the manic pace of past years, people should have more time to look around, Caldwell said.

Although the public show promises fewer vehicle unveilings than in past years, the lights and sounds still promise a break from the winter blahs. Some folks, however, prefer, or require, a less dramatic show.

For the second year, the music and flashing lights will take a break during Sensory Friendly Day, which is scheduled for the morning of Jan. 27, the final day of the show. The show's first Sensory Friendly Day was started last year in collaboration with then-Lt. Gov. Brian Calley and Autism Alliance of Michigan.


For baseball fans, the Tigers Winter Caravan stops by the Chevrolet display Jan. 25. And an announcement by IndyCar is planned for Jan. 15.



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Q: Back in October, I decided to quit my job and become a full-time caregiver to my elderly mom. My mom is in her 80s and is still mentally sharp and feisty; however, she has her health issues and we decided it made sense for her to move in with me. My mother has limited means; she has Social Security, a small bank account and a small annuity. My mother is a widow and I am an only child and, since my father passed away about 15 years ago, I've been on my mom's bank account and I am the beneficiary of the annuity. My first question is whether my mom's will is still valid. My mom did her will about 15 years ago after my dad's death. I am named as the beneficiary and the personal representative of the estate. My question is, do wills expire or is her will that she did 15 years ago still valid? In addition, do I need any other legal documents? My second question deals with her house. My mom and I have decided that we should put her house up for sale. I figure sometime in the summer, after I clean out the house, we will put it up for sale. The house is worth probably about \$130,000 and my parents bought the house more than 50 years ago for about \$20,000. My question is, will there be any taxes that my mom would owe on the sale of the house? My last question deals with the annuity. I was going to cash out the annuity and use the money to make some upgrades for my house, such as a walk-in tub for my mom, rails and other things to make life easier for her. My mom bought the annuity about 15 years ago for about \$25,000 and it's only worth about \$30,000 today; what taxes would she owe?

A: I commend you for putting your life on hold to help your mom. I know that being a caregiver can sometimes be a thankless job, but you should know you are going to improve the quality of life for your mom and that is something you should take pride in.

In reviewing your

mom's situation, her will is still valid. Wills do not expire and, if the will still meets your mom's needs, there is no reason to redo it. I do believe you need some other legal documents. The two legal documents I would obtain would be a general durable power of attorney and a medical durable power of attorney. A general durable power of attorney would give you the right to act on your mom's behalf for things above and beyond medical. Having a general durable power of attorney for mom would allow you to deal with any financial or legal issues that may come up. As an example, if there is an issue with Social Security, your power of attorney would allow you to act on your mom's behalf.

The medical power of attorney would allow you to be actively involved in your mom's medical decisions. In addition, the medical power of attorney would allow you access to your mom's medical records and allow doctors and medical providers to deal with you. In addition, the medical power of attorney would give you the power to deal with end-of-life issues. I believe both these powers of attorneys are important to give you the power and legal authority to handle your mom's affairs.

With regards to the annuity, since this is a non-IRA annuity, the amount subject to tax is not the gross proceeds you receive, but the difference between the gross proceeds and what you pay for the annuity. Since she paid \$25,000 for the annuity and your gross proceeds upon sale is \$30,000, the amount subject to tax would be \$5,000.

As a side note, I think cashing out the annuity and using it to do some home modifications so that your mom would have a better quality of life is a great use of that money. After all, our money should be used to provide us with quality of life and that is exactly what you are doing.

Being a parent's caregiver is not an easy job and it can be very frustrating. I think those who have become caregivers for their parents will tell you that this is one of the

most fulfilling things they ever did.

Good luck!

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

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Obituaries

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Sara Mae Mathers

LIVONIA - Sara Mae Mathers, age 84, died on Monday Dec/ 31, 2018 at the Livonia Woods Nursing and Rehab center, a caring and loving community where she resided for five years due to the development of Progressive Supranuclear Palsy. She was born in Mishawaka, Indiana on March 9, 1934 to Mildred and Albert Stanley. She had an older brother named John.

Sara attended Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana to become a nurse. There she met Bob Mathers and they married August 17, 1957. Bob and Sara raised two children together, Linda and John, and later fostered a daughter named Dorilee.

Sara worked at St. Mary's hospital in Livonia. Sara was very involved at Ward Church attending and leading many woman's ministry groups and Bible studies. She also as chairman, led the EPC woman's missionary committee for the State of Michigan. After sailing for three years, she decided that she preferred gardening. She loved her garden and called it the closest place to heaven on earth. Her and Bob shared a love of dachshunds and their yearly trips to Florida for twenty years as snowbirds.

Sara was preceded in death by her parents and her brother. She is survived by her husband Bob, daughter Linda (Chris), son John (Cathy), and Dorilee (Dan). Also survived by 13 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Special thanks to the staff at Livonia Woods.

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Dr. David Alan Doidge

- - Dr. David Alan Doidge, age 79, passed away January 3, 2019. He was born November 11, 1939 in Saginaw, Michigan, son of the late W. Alan and Ferne Doidge. David enjoyed hiking, boating, traveling and spending summers amongst family and friends at Bay View in Petoskey, Michigan. He spent 35 years with Oakland Community College beginning as an educator and retiring in 2001 as Dean of Academic Services. Following his retirement, David and Mary moved to Hendersonville, North Carolina where they lived for 14 years until moving back to Michigan three years ago. David is survived by his beloved wife, Mary of 54 years; his children: Amy (Talon) Harvey and Michael (Joanne) Doidge; and his grandchildren: Jack, Lucie and Travis. David is also survived by his brother, James (BarB-Ann) Doidge, his sister, Ruthanne (the late Kenneth) Rape and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Daniel in 2007. The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 12 from 9:30AM until the time of the memorial service at 11:00AM at First United Methodist Church of South Lyon, 640 S. Lafayette, South Lyon. Memorial donations may be made to Bay View Association of Petoskey, Michigan, www.bayviewassociation.org.

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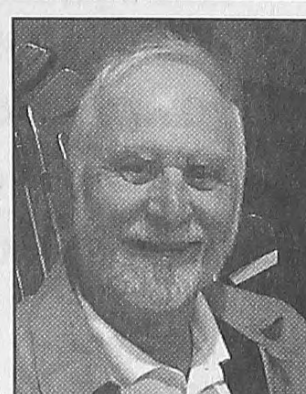
Melvyn Merle Albirte

LIVONIA - Mel Albirte, 86, passed away on January 3, 2019. Mel was born in Midland, Michigan and resided in Livonia for over 55 years. Mel is survived by his son Brad Michael Albirte of Traverse City, MI; his daughter Kristen Amy Albirte Schonberg (Mike) of Allen, TX and grandchildren Megan, Matthew and Amy Schonberg. Mel was preceded in death by his loving wife of 51 years, Beverly and his eldest son Jeff. A memorial service will be held at the Fred Wood Funeral Home 36100 Five Mile Rd. (E. of Levan) in Livonia, MI on Friday, January 11, 2019 1:00pm gathering, 3:00pm service. <https://www.fredwoodfuneralhome.com/>. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the American Cancer Society.



Mary Kilner

PLYMOUTH - Long-time Plymouth resident, Mary Kilner, passed away January 6th, just 25 days before her 107th birthday. Born in Fall River, Massachusetts, Mary and her late husband Joe raised their children in Cleveland, Ohio. Mary moved to Plymouth in the early 1980s and was a resident of Tonquish Creek Manor until she was 105 years old. Mary was the mother of three children, her beloved daughter Joan (late Robert) White and sons (late) Joe (Jo Ann) and John Kilner. Mary was also the grandmother of seven, great-grandmother of three, and great-great-grandmother of five ranging in age from 2 to 24. Well into her 90s, Mary enjoyed crocheting, puzzles, and gardening and had a lifelong love of dark chocolate, eating a piece every day. Mary's family will remember her privately.



Daniel T. Grippo

FARMINGTON HILLS - age 72, beloved husband of Julie, the love of his life, for 30 years; loving father of Sam, Bec, and Scott; dear grandfather; fond brother of George (Terry) Grippo, Patricia (Dave) Cardinali and dear brother-in-law to Michelle (Jay) Horowitz and Arlene (Bob) Cook; devoted son of the late Betty and George Grippo and incredibly compassionate son-in-law to Martin Abel. An avid golfer and lover of the Florida sun, he was a walking book of facts. He devoted his days, and much of his big heart, to Hercules and Zeus, his ever-loving dogs. No services are planned at this time. Memorial tributes suggested to the Michigan Humane Society or BluePearl Animal Hospital. www.heeney-sundquist.com

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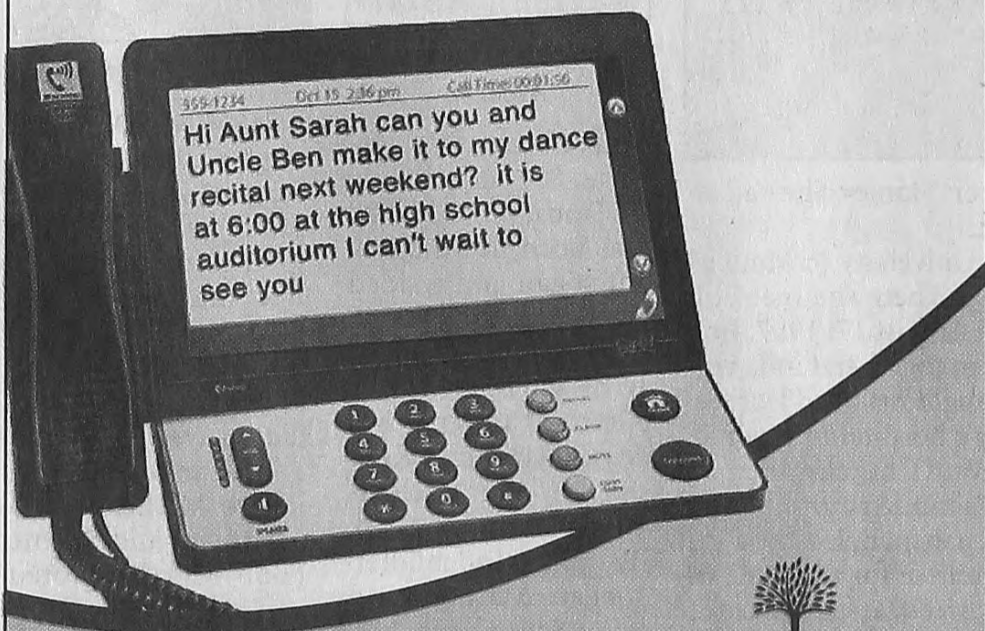
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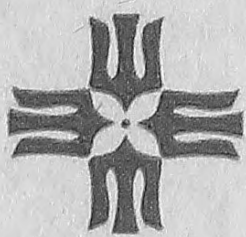
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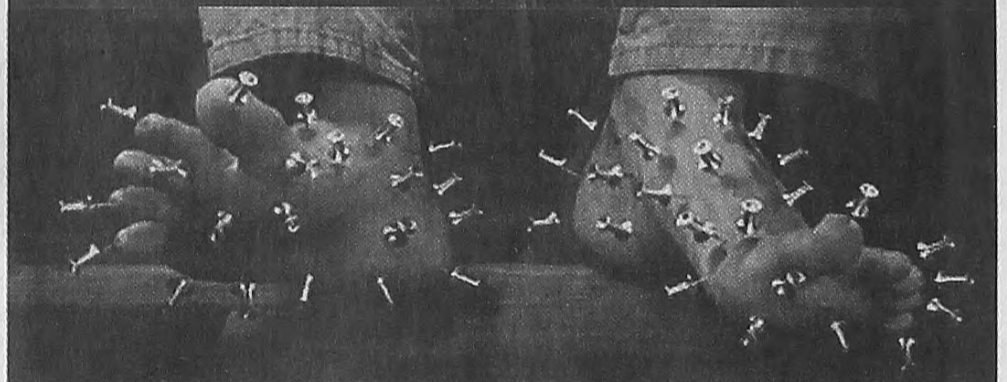
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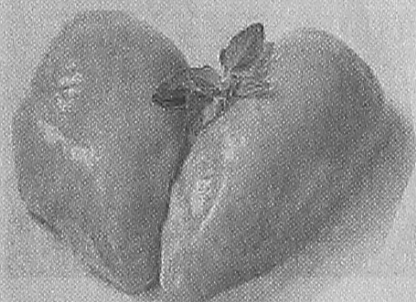
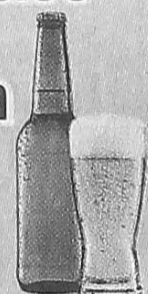
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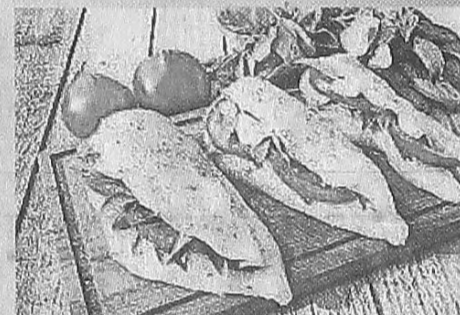
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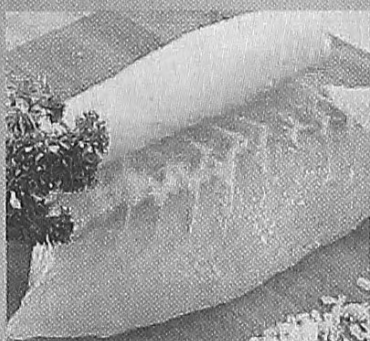
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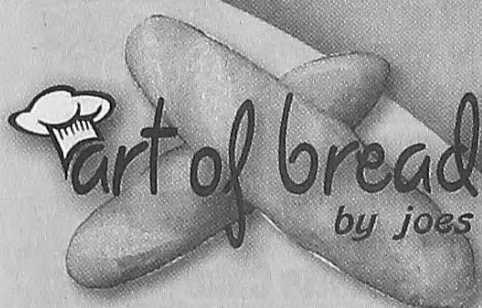
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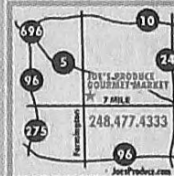


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Sports

BOYS SWIMMING

Salem's Li returns to prep scene

Columbia-bound athlete glad to return to team

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Eugene Li took a sabbatical during his junior season of high school swimming and it's safe to say he did miss it.

But in actuality, he remained active in the same pool, opting to train with the Plymouth-Canton Cruisers, his club team, where he holds several age-group records and is coached by Alex Morgan and Joe Le.

"I've been waiting to come back to high school swimming," said Li, who set a new school record last month in the 100-yard freestyle. "High school is something completely different than club swimming. It's a different feeling. You get not only the support of the

crowd, you get it from the school, too."

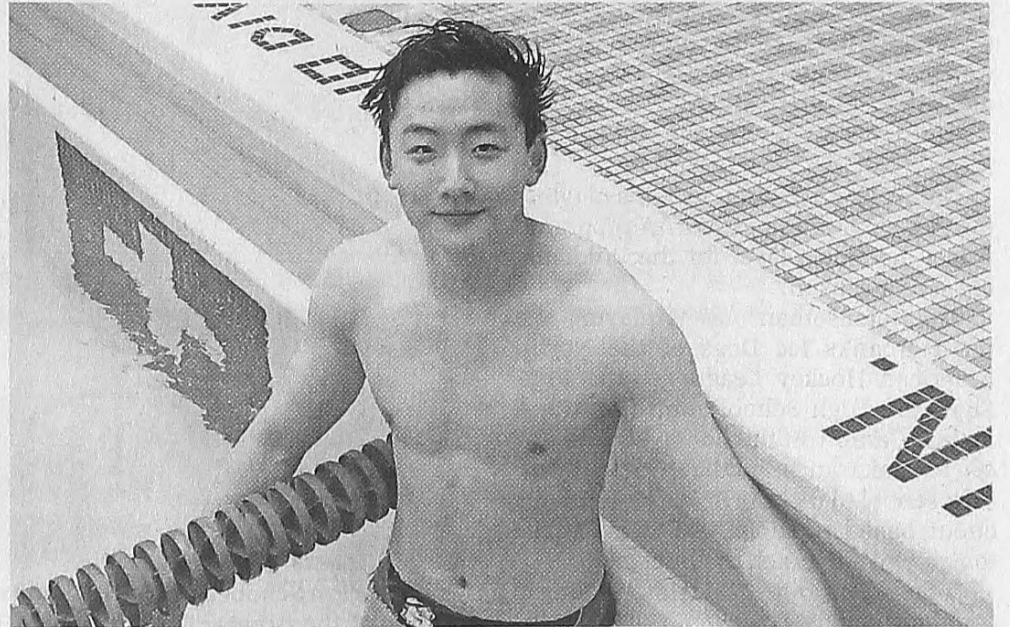
Li admits he not only enjoys the status of prep swimming, but he sees some other benefits as well.

"It's really fun to be with the team," he said. "It's a different set of people to be familiar with."

During last month's Plymouth Wildcat Relays held at the Salem pool, Li wasted little time setting his second school record with a clocking of 46.08 in the 100 freestyle, besting the mark of 46.69 set by Eric Lynn in 2001.

As a sophomore for Salem, Li broke the 100 breaststroke school record of 59.96, set in 1990, by former Michigan State standout Ron Orris with a time of 59.34.

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Salem's Eugene Li is back for his senior season and has already set a school record in the 100-yard freestyle. BRAD EMONS | HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

COLLEGE FOOTBALL



Florida linebacker David Reese makes a play during an SEC game Sept. 22 at Tennessee. TIM CASEY | UAA COMMUNICATIONS

GATOR AIDE

Farmington's Reese helps Florida subdue U-M offense

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David Reese lost his first two football meetings against Michigan, but he wasn't about to let a third one get away.

The 6-foot-1, 248-pound junior line-

backer for the University of Florida was determined to get it right after losing the 2017 season opener to U-M, 33-17, and in the 2016 Citrus Bowl, 41-7.

The Farmington High grad had three solo tackles and six assists Dec. 29 during a convincing 41-15 Peach Bowl victory over the Wolverines in Atlanta.

And it all came down to the right focus by the Gators' defense, as far as Reese was concerned.

"We made sure the emphasis was just on winning the game," he said. "We came in wanting to prove ourselves. We knew what we came in to do ... take down a big man like Michigan and we prepared great for that. I feel

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BOYS HOCKEY

Farmington United skates past Bloomfield Hills, 7-2

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Even with an 18-day holiday layoff, the Farmington United boys hockey team picked up where it left off in 2018.

Ben McColl notched a hat trick and Nathan Arnold chipped in two goals and one assist as Farmington United skated to a convincing 7-2 Oakland Activities Association win Wednesday over Bloomfield Hills at the Farmington Hills Ice Arena.


Farmington, which last played Dec. 20, when it defeated South Lyon Unified, 7-2, improved to 10-2-1 overall and 3-2 in the OAA to open the 2019 portion of its season.

"We had to get some of the rust off here; we hadn't played a game in a few weeks," Farmington co-coach Brad Levick said. "We had a few practices after the new year, but there's nothing like game time. We started bringing it

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Farmington United's Kris Kozoro (right) gets tied up with Bloomfield Hills' Stephen Kristil. CHRIS FLECK | PHLECK PHOTOS



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JUNIOR HOCKEY

Plymouth alums learning ropes in juniors

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There is no script or blueprint for young hockey players to follow as they proceed toward the goal of playing Division I college and, hopefully, beyond.

Consider Drew Garby and Jack Chumley, both 2018 graduates of Plymouth High School and valuable members of the 2017-18 Wildcats varsity hockey team. They are the first players from the Plymouth program to move on to the junior ranks, but took different routes. One is playing in Alaska and the other in Ontario, Canada.

But that's merely the far and near of it.

Garby, 18, after three seasons playing for Victory Honda's local AAA program, was a dynamic player for the Wildcats his senior season.

The defenseman now is playing for the Fairbanks Ice Dogs of the North American Hockey League — the first Plymouth High School alum (and Plymouth-Canton Educational Park player) to make an immediate jump from high school to the NAHL (a Tier II junior circuit based in the United States). Yet it took a while to crack the lineup.

"I feel like I didn't have the greatest training camp. I started out pretty rough," Garby said. "But I just kept working hard, moving my feet. I think that really helped me. I just kept getting better every skate and I think that's what they might have liked about me."

"I was not in the starting lineup at the beginning of the year. I got scratched the first three games of the season."

And when he did get into a game, the other team scored during his very first shift. More bench time followed.

"I can't even remember (that play), it was kind of like a daze, you know?" Garby said with a laugh. "I didn't fumble it, I probably could have made a play on the puck."

Meanwhile, 19-year-old Chumley forward played all four seasons with his high school (his freshman year with Plymouth's prep team, which is comparable to junior varsity) and in 2018-19 is skating an hour west of Toronto with the Waterloo Siskins of the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League.

The GOJHL is a Junior B circuit in Canada, considered a cut below the level of the NAHL.

"It's different, it's faster and a lot more physical (than the Kensington Lakes Activities Association), but I can't say it's a huge difference," said Chumley, battling a groin injury much of this season. "I know playing in that division in high school really prepared me for what I'm playing now."

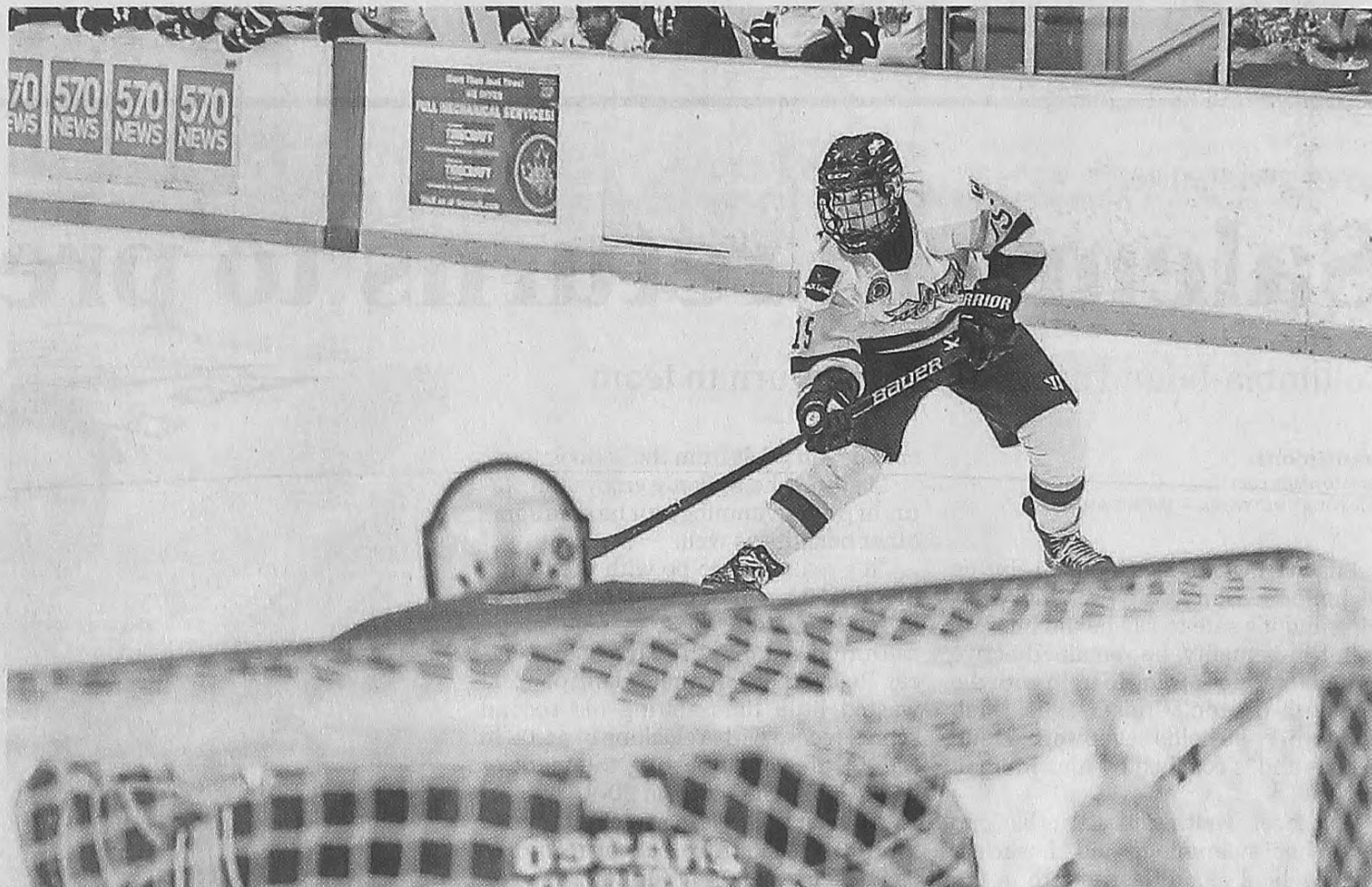
"I remember before I was playing and I was watching the games, I didn't think it looked too much different from what I would see in high school. It definitely was a lot more physical than I was expecting, which isn't a bad thing. It's just a different style of hockey than I've ever played."

Props for preps

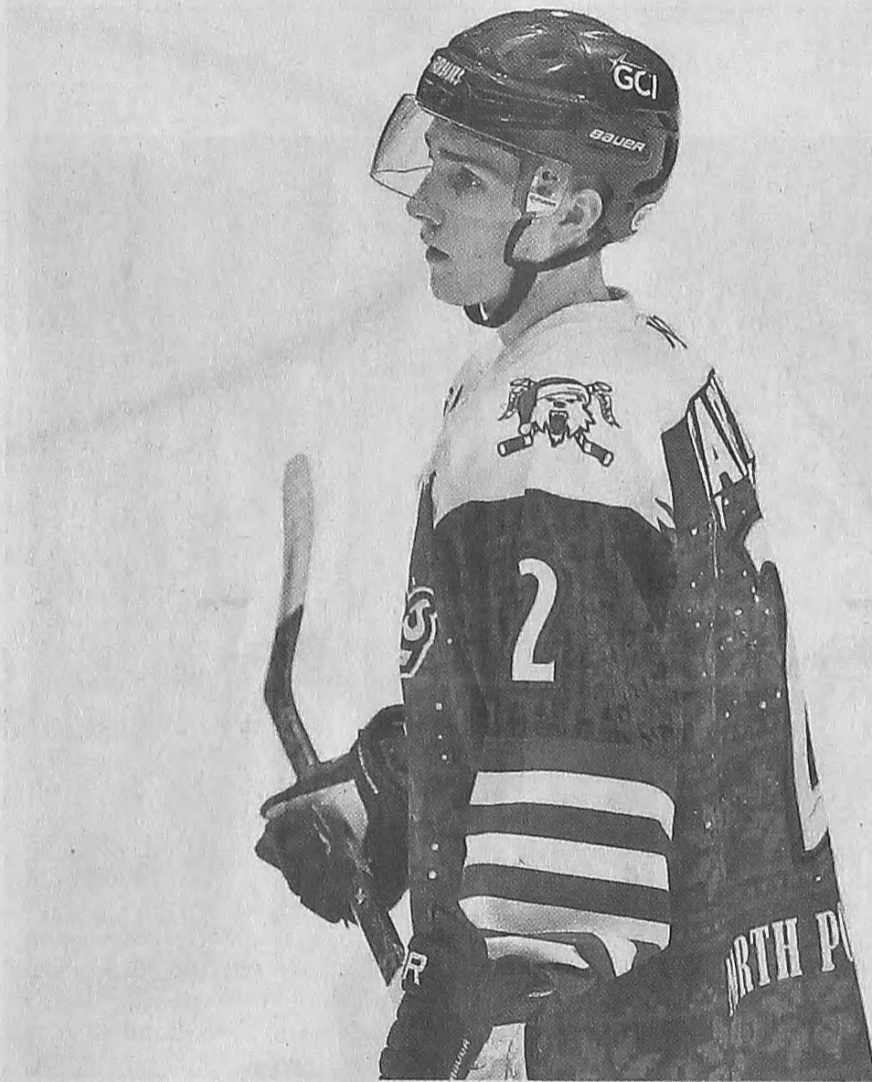
Both are paying dues at different prongs of junior hockey in the hope of garnering interest from major colleges, hopefully D-I. Both also give big-time credit to their experience playing for the Wildcats, where hard work and doing things the right way are program staples.

"I went into Plymouth (for the 2017-18 season) and I wasn't exactly excited at first to start playing for Plymouth, because I played AAA," Garby said. "And there's kind of a, like, a stigma against playing high school hockey in Michigan. But I went in not really knowing what to expect and it was one of the greatest years of hockey I've ever had."

Garby now has a much better opinion of what high school hockey is about and



Plymouth High School alum Jack Chumley takes aim at an opposing goalie during a recent game. Chumley is playing for Waterloo of the Greater Ontario Junior Hockey League. WATERLOO SISKINS



Drew Garby is the first Plymouth High School alum to directly go to the North American Hockey League. FAIRBANKS ICE DOGS

noted that "there will probably be a lot more" prep players getting noticed by junior programs.

Chumley also stressed how important his high school career was in getting him to juniors, which potentially could lead to a chance in college hockey someday.

"I think high school hockey has been pretty underrated," Chumley said. "More recently, you'll see more players move on. But playing at Plymouth is the whole reason why I'm here."

"We had great coaches that taught me how to play hockey, really allowed me to get better. They created an environment that allowed me to thrive and allowed me to get better. I definitely wouldn't be where I am without it."

Both Garby and Chumley have nothing but praise for what they experienced with the Wildcats. But their former

coach at Plymouth is just as quick to lavish accolades on the two players.

"Jack and Drew were both skilled players, which was evident when you watched them play," said Gerry Vento, whose Plymouth teams have become annual contenders both in the KLAA regular season and MHSAA state tournament. "But there are a lot of skilled players that don't get the opportunity to play higher-end juniors."

"They both had unbelievable compete levels and were constantly working to improve their game any way they could. They were never satisfied and almost had a fear of losing that edge over the next guy."

Facts of life

That competitive edge comes in handy when playing against guys who

skate faster and hit harder than they dealt with during AAA or high school.

"The first (NAHL) game was really fast for me, but I think I've improved a lot," Garby said. "Coaches are pretty happy with my effort. I've been able to find and make plays more often."

"It's pretty quick ... but the guys are also a bit bigger, have longer reach, so that also makes it a little bit shorter amount of time that you have to make a play with the puck. You always got to know what you're going to do with the puck before you get it."

According to Chumley, the GOJHL is "really a good league" that he is adjusting to.

"It's technically Junior B, but it really doesn't play like a Junior B league would be," Chumley said. "It's a really fast-paced, hard-hitting game. It's definitely unlike anything I've ever played before."

"I've had my own struggles this year with trying to adapt to this level of play. But it's definitely a great league. There's been a lot of people that move on from this league and do great things."

"There's been NHL players that come out of here, like Mark Scheifele, Tanner Pearson ... it's a really good development league and it's really good hockey. It's definitely not what I expected it to be and it's really pleasantly surpassed my expectations."

Staying college course

And now, whether living thousands of miles away in Fairbanks — which Garby describes as "just like every other place, really" with chain stores, restaurants and highways — or, like Chumley, just a few hours' drive from Detroit, the eye remains on the college prize.

"So I get this year and next year and then, ideally, after that I'll be playing college hockey somewhere," Chumley said. "For (Garby), I know he wants to play college hockey, too. He gets a little bit more time to do it than I do; it's just the hand I'm dealt."

It might take a couple of years for Garby and Chumley to find a spot on a college roster. It might never happen. But both Plymouth alums at least know they are on the right road.

"That's the ultimate goal, right?" Garby said, sounding an optimistic tone about maybe skating for a D-I team someday.

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YOUTH SPORTS

Plymouth-Canton Little League offers fast-pitch softball

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Plymouth-Canton Little League has announced it will add fast-pitch softball for the 2019 season.

Chartered and sanctioned by Little League International, PCLL is the official Little League program for the Plymouth and Canton communities.

The PCLL adheres to all of the safety measures, game-play protocols and rules and regulations stipulated by Lit-

tle League International. Little League fast-pitch softball follows the same game-play rules as most local travel programs, tournaments and area high schools, including full fast-pitch wind-up delivery.

"We are really excited to add fast-pitch softball for 2019," PCLL President Jeff Holt said. "We've had two straight years of 25-percent growth, compounded, in our baseball division alone. We just know it's time to give our kids and our growing league another option by adding Little League fast-pitch softball."

During its inaugural season in spring 2019, PCLL will add fast-pitch softball divisional play for minors (ages 7-9), majors (ages 10-12) and juniors (ages 13-14).

Boys and girls (ages 5-6) will continue to play co-ed T-ball. Girls are welcome to register for softball or baseball. A full uniform will continue to be provided to players in both divisions. Players of all skill levels are welcomed.

"We want to build relationships, to serve the kids and to be a valued partner in the local communities," Holt said.

"We are hoping to work closely with local area high school softball coaches to deliver a high-quality program that best prepares young players for the next level."

Registration for the 2019 PCLL softball and baseball programs, as well as winter skills clinics, runs through Presidents' Day (Feb. 18). For more information or to register, go to www.plycanll.com or email plycanlittleleague@gmail.com.

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PREP SWIMMING

Harrison-Farmington alums turn back the clock

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The future met the past in the annual Harrison-Farmington Phoenix swimming and diving alumni reunion held Dec. 27 at Farmington High School.

The annual meet helps promote the swim program and the success it has seen over the past seven years.

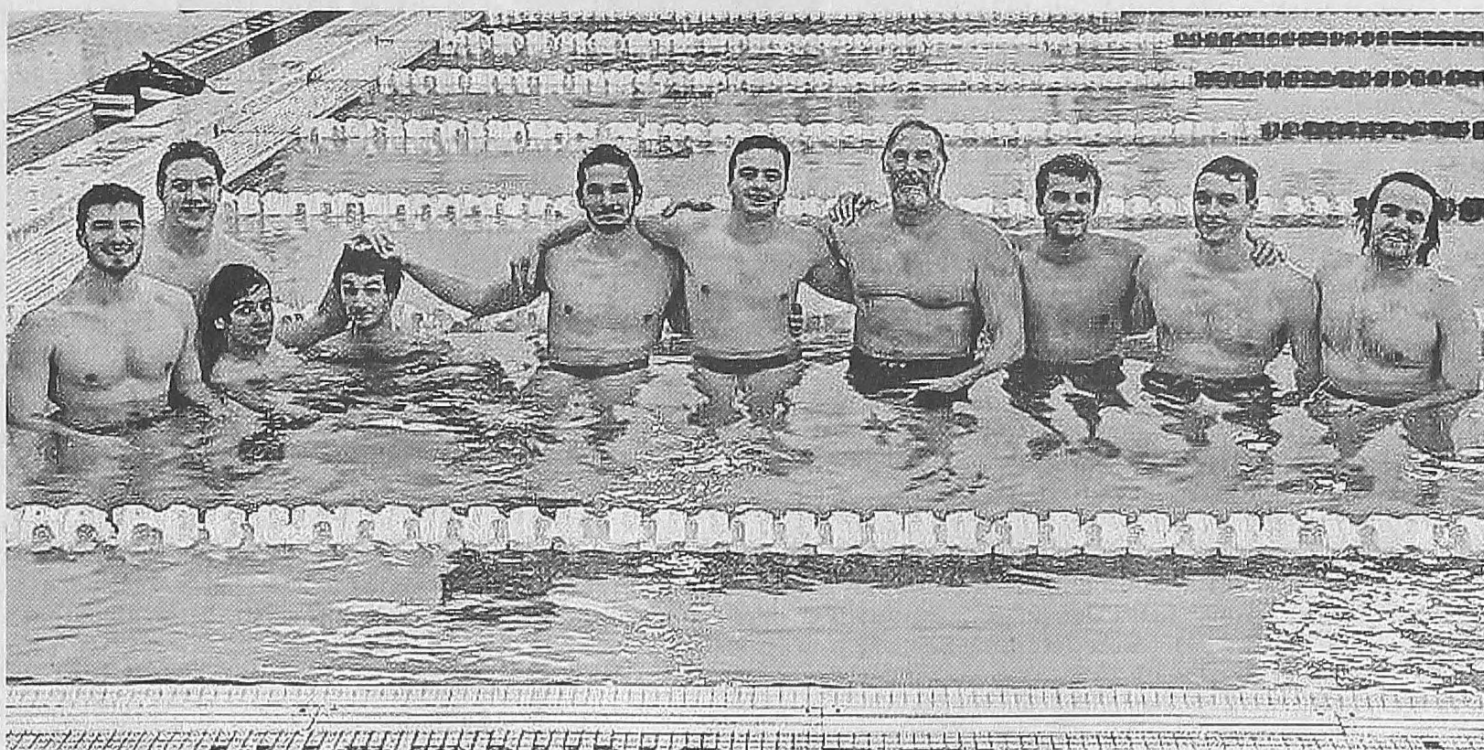
It was the largest gathering to date and it featured alums as far back as 1978, with 58-year-old Jim Pogue, a competitive masters-age swimmer in both the state and national level, leading the way.

Also hitting the water along with Pogue were Eric Gensheimer (2011), Tyler Roshak (2013) and Steven Neill (2013), all of whom went on to swim in college.

Also returning for the event were 2017 grads Seth Fleming, Alex Millinoff, Luke Pierini and Jake Weinzapfel, along with 2018 grad Drew Hinckley, who continues to swim at Saginaw Valley State.

The alumni meet featured several competitive races between the current squad and recent grads.

In the 200-yard medley relay, the alumni team of Fleming, Neill, Gensheimer and Hinckley outdueled the current Phoenix quartet of Brody Jamieson, Matt Lane, Trevor Jones and Tristan Strasberger, along with the Thun-



Alums from as far back as 1978 hit the pool for the seventh annual Harrison-Farmington reunion meet Dec. 27 at Farmington High.

derbirds' Bella Feenstra, Dayna Borregard, Emma Inch and Ashley Turak.

The alumni event also featured sibling rivalry in lanes four and five as brothers Jake and Josh Weinzapfel competed alongside each other in several races.

Meanwhile, Gensheimer and Jamieson, both sprinters, went head-to-head in the 50 and 100 freestyles, respectively. Gensheimer, who still owns one school record, swept both events in 21.87 and 48.29, still giving him the title of G.O.A.T (greatest of all time).

Alumni meet organizers Kristy Koza and Veronica Jamieson also thanked all the Phoenix parents that came out to support the event.

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Hockey

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together a little better the second half of the game."

Outshooting Bloomfield Hills 12-7 in the opening period, Farmington raced out to a 3-1 lead on a pair of goals by Arnold, including an unassisted short-handed goal to make it 2-0 at 4:20. McColl got the third off assists from Colin Rea and Kris Kozoro.

Meanwhile, Bloomfield Hills (7-4, 3-4) received a late Christmas gift when Farmington goaltender Nick Rogers let a soft shot trickle past him as the fanned while trying to make a clearing pass up the ice.

Rogers, however, didn't let the fluky goal affect him as he made 22 saves on the night.

"Nick has got a good head on his shoulders," Levick said. "It happens to the best of us, it happens to the worst of us. That's not like him and he's a great goalie. He just pushed it to the side and forgot about it and it was no big deal. He probably gave it a little chuckle. What more can you do? It happens. You laugh it off and you keep going."

Farmington kept going in the second period, building a 5-2 advantage as freshman Justin Baird, a member of the fourth line, made it 4-1 with his first goal of the season at 4:14. Gino D'Ascenzo



Farmington United's Ben Jugan (right) fights for position in front of the net against Bloomfield Hills players Dominic Yee (left) and Eddie Aguilar. CHRIS FLECK | PHLECK PHOTOS

and Ethan Choi also collected their first points of the season with assists.

At 9:59, Zach Kniffin made it 5-1, with Kozoro collecting his third assist of the night.

Bloomfield Hills got a goal back at 11:12 of the same period, when Jack Luer rifled a shot off the face-off, with Jonah Stone assisting.

In the final period, Farmington put it away as McColl, a senior, notched his 21st and 22nd goals of the year to complete the hat trick. The first came off assists from Tyler Baird and Rea, while the second was on a short-handed effort coming on a six-on-four penalty kill, with Rea collecting his third assist of the night as well.

Meanwhile, the message by Levick remained consistent in each of the two intermissions.

"Just keep going hard, keep the fore-check up, take care of the defensive zone, play as a team and the goals will come," he said.

Farmington United outshot Bloomfield Hills, 28-24.

"We really didn't convert many quality chances tonight. I thought we were pretty flat all over the place," Bloomfield Hills coach Bruce McAlister said. "I don't think we showed up the way we needed to. Got to give them credit. They played well, moved the puck well. We had our chances. We just didn't capitalize."

Junior Jeremy Kahan, who made 22 saves, went all the way in net for Bloomfield Hills.

The Black Hawks also had a long layoff. They hadn't played a game since Dec. 21, when they fell to Rochester United, 6-0.

"This is the first game back, but that's no excuse," McAlister said. "We've had good practices up until this point. There were certain basic things we didn't do well tonight. When you play a good team and don't do the basics right, you get exposed quickly. Twenty-four hours ... we'll get back to it and we'll be fine."

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Li

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During that 10th-grade season, Li earned all-state honors with an eighth-place finish in the MHSAA Division 1 state finals in the 50 freestyle, posting a season-best 21.29 during the prelims.

He also placed 10th in the 100 freestyle (47.21 in prelims) and was a member of the Rocks' 200 freestyle relay team that placed 21st (1:28.99).

That came on the heels of a freshman season when he placed 15th in the Division 1 meet in the 100 freestyle (47.37) and was a member of the Salem's state qualifying 200 medley relay that took 23rd (with a seed time of 1:39.67).

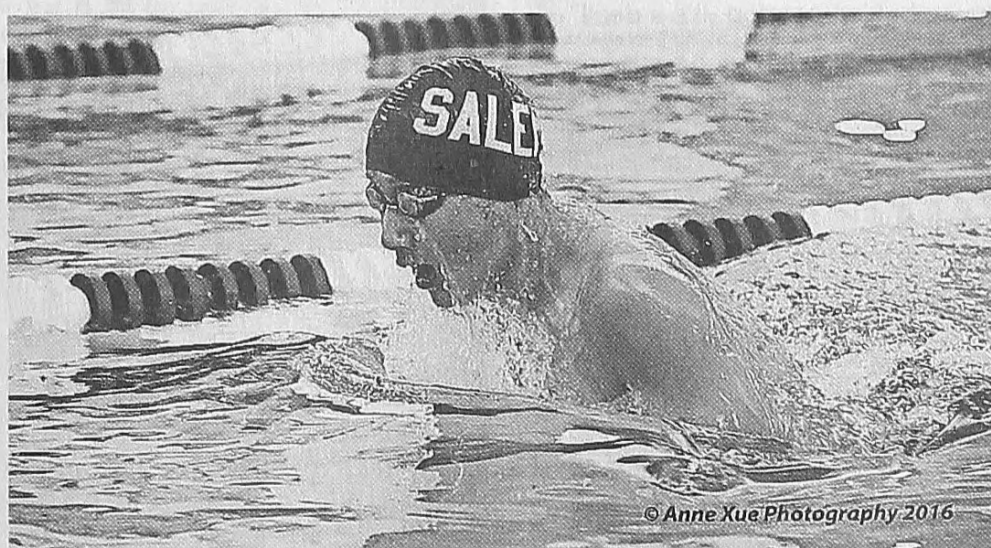
And now that he's returned, Salem coach Gloria Martinez-Perez couldn't be happier.

"He really, really wanted to be part of the team," Martinez-Perez said. "He was always around. He was going to the meets even though he wasn't swimming for the team. And he always kind of showed that he wanted to be with the team. So if we let him do it, he was going to be part of the team this year."

Li started competitive swimming at age 9 with the Cruisers in 2009.

"When I was little, I tried a bunch of different sports — baseball, soccer, basketball — and I really couldn't do any of them, so this was kind of the last resort," said Li, who now stands 6-foot-2 and weighs 185 pounds. "And then I just happened to stick with it. I couldn't do contact sports. I was afraid of the ball and afraid of other people."

During summer 2016, Li suffered a



Salem senior Eugene Li already has two school records to his credit. FILE PHOTO

life changing experience when he lost part of his left pinky finger.

"It was a weight-lifting session over the summer, just an accident," Li said. "One of the coaches slipped with one of the weights and it happened to land on my finger. It was just an accident. I was in shock; I don't remember (going to the hospital)."

After losing part of his finger, Li then consulted his club coaches, high school coaches and teammates about his future prior to the 2017-18 season.

"We all decided it would be best that I stick with what I was more familiar with, I guess, with club swimming, just to get back in for that season," Li said. "At first, it definitely didn't change my swimming, I would say. It didn't hold me back from swimming. But in terms of life, I guess, I've got a new appreciation for certain things that we might take for

granted. Ninety percent of the time, I forget about it. I forget it even happened, so that's the best I can hope for."

Li, meanwhile, just might stand out more in the classroom than in the pool. Taking four Advanced Placement and two dual enrollment courses, his weighted grade-point average hovered near 5.0 last semester.

His favorite subject is history. "He's smart, you can just tell by the way he talks," Martinez-Perez said.

Li is committed and plans to continue his swimming career at Columbia (N.Y.) University of the Ivy League, where he's leaning toward studying economics. But he remains open-minded.

"Obviously, the academics are really great," Li said. "I was thinking about maybe finance or something related to that because New York (City) is a great place for internships or an experience

like that. Also, I just wanted a big city and especially somewhere where it's cold."

Li's best individual event is the 100 freestyle, but he's also contemplating swimming the 100 breaststroke or 50 freestyle at this year's state meet March 8-9 at the Holland Aquatic Center.

"As a senior, probably win the 100 freestyle," Li said of his No. 1 goal, "but it's going to be really tough, now seeing the competition."

Martinez-Perez believes Li is more than capable of being a serious state title contender.

"My expectations are more into, like, time-wise, more than just placing," she said. "I think if he swims good, he should be in that top eight. So if everything goes like we're planning, he'll be there. And the goal this year is to get him to go as fast with a 44.0 possible going into college."

"He has a lot of talent. I think he could use it more. I think he could be better than what he is if he could like embrace the talent."

But just having Li around for his senior season has already begun to pay dividends.

"He is special," Martinez-Perez said. "He has this humor, kind of ironic thing, when he talks to people, so it's kind of hard to tell if he's serious or he's joking. Sometimes we don't know. We're trying to figure out that way to tell even with kids. It's fun and enjoyable because he's never taken things personally or taken things in a bad way."

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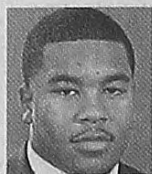
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we outplayed them, physically, all throughout the game.”

The key to putting the clamps on Michigan’s pro-style offensive attack?

“We knew we had to stop the run and be more physical than them,” Reese said. “We had to establish that early and then, after that, we had to make them pass the ball. They’ve got great wide receivers with (Donovan) Peoples-Jones, (Nico Collins) and Tarik (Black) ... they’ve got a great receiver corps, but we were able to make them one-dimensional and that was key to it.”



Reese

Reese finished the year with 26 solo tackles and 58 assists. He had a season-high 14 tackles in a loss to Missouri.

His 2018 campaign was slowed by an early-season ankle injury when he got hurt in the season opener Sept. 1 against Charleston Southern. He missed the next two games, against Kentucky (27-16 loss) and Colorado State (48-10 win), before returning Sept. 22 against Tennessee (47-21 win).

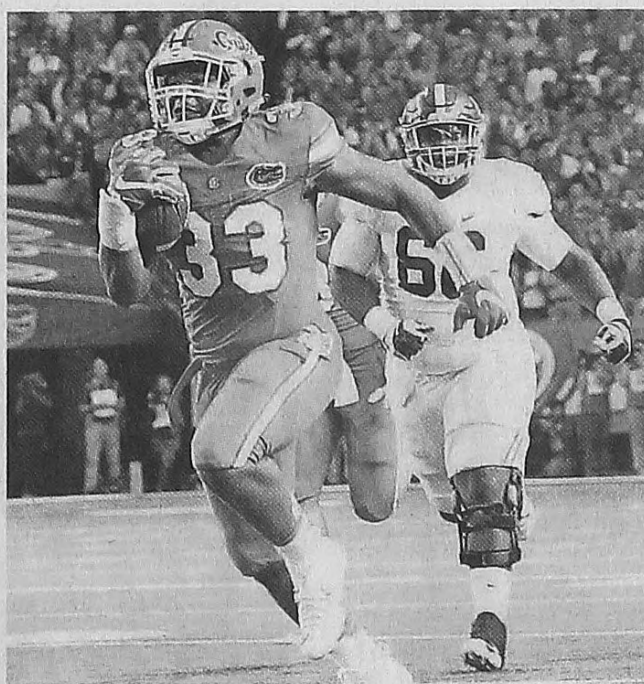
To complicate matters, Reese had to undergo surgery on both his wrists during the off-season. He hurt one of his wrists in high school and never had it checked out.

“I didn’t know something was wrong with my wrist, so I kind of just pushed through it the whole time,” Reese said. “And then I hurt one in college and, obviously, the one from high school was worse because they didn’t catch it then, so I had to have surgeries at the same time. And I really didn’t get to work out during the summer. I have plates in both of them.”

Reese has decided to return for his season season at Florida after the Gators, who finished the year on a four-game winning streak, went 10-3.

For now, the NFL can wait.

“It was an easy decision. (I) wanted to come back and I feel we have a chance to win a national championship and win the SEC and I haven’t done any of



David Reese returned this blocked extra-point attempt back for two points during the SEC championship game against Alabama. PAIGE SANTIAGO | UAA COMMUNICATIONS

those things yet,” Reese said. “There’s still a lot of promise for this program. I feel like just coming back is going to be great for me to take on some more leadership with the younger guys here. Just enjoying college and taking all that’s in for the last time.”

Ironically, Reese originally committed to Michigan prior to his junior season at Farmington. He had offers from both Michigan and Michigan State.

Reese, who was a consensus all-state choice as a linebacker and running back at Farmington under coach John Bechtel, was recruited to Florida by former Miami head coach Randy Shannon. The two remain close and have stayed in contact, even after Shannon left Florida to become the defensive coordinator this fall at Central Florida.

“Coach Shannon, he came to my house,” Reese said. “I just remember all the guys that he coached under him, all the great linebackers that he coached. The university itself ... you think of Florida Gators, you think (Tim) Tebow, you think national championships, you think winning with a program like this. Especially with the weather, you can’t beat it. It’s cold right now in Michigan, so I’m enjoying my life here right now.”

Reese’s first head coach at Florida, Jim McElwain, was fired after going 4-7 in 2017. McElwain was an assistant last season at Michigan under Jim Harbaugh before accepting the head coaching position last month at Central Michigan University.

McElwain was replaced by Mississippi State’s Dan Mullen, who took over the Florida head coaching duties in 2018.

“Coach Mullen, he’s an open guy, a great guy,” Reese said. “He loves to win and has really changed the

atmosphere here. It’s just a smooth transition. And I want to go into coaching, too, one day, so (I) get to see the different types of people and how they work, how they deal with recruits, how they bring their family around ... you get to see all those different aspects and what goes into college coaching.”

As a true freshman in 2016, Reese appeared in 12 games, but missed the Outback Bowl against Iowa due to the wrist issues. He played mostly as a reserve linebacker, but got four starts after the Gators sustained some injuries. Reese was also a member of the special teams unit as he returned a blocked extra point for a two-pointer against Alabama. He finished the year with 49 total tackles, including two for loss.

In 2017, Reese led the Gators with 102 total tackles, including 10 for loss, with 1.5 sacks and an interception. Since 2007, Reese is only the third UF linebacker to record 100-plus tackles in a season. Overall, he’s the second UF player to have 100 tackles since Ahmad Black in 2010.

“David is a leader,” Florida defensive coordinator Todd Grantham told FloridaGators.com. “David is a very conscientious guy. David gives the players around him some confidence and a calming effect in the sense he helps guys know what to do, how to do it and play. All of that makes our team better.”

“He’s a physical presence. He has good instincts for the ball. He knows where the ball is. And he can tackle. All of those things have allowed him to be a really good player for us.”

Reese believes its been a seamless transition from McElwain to Mullen.

“It’s been smooth,” Reese said. “We’ve always had great coaches here. When you’re at a university like Florida, you’re always going to have great coaches in the program, like, this it’s just a standard that we have. They’re always going to put in someone great for the job, so I had a relationship with all my coaches. I still do.”

Reese, who is majoring in sports management with a minor in business, said he plans to graduate most likely in June or prior to the start of the 2019 season.

Prior to the Peach Bowl, Reese was able to come home briefly for the holidays, visit with his family and celebrate his birthday. (His father David Sr., a former coach at Southfield-Lathrup, Southfield and Oak Park high schools, is now principal at Farmington Central, the district’s alternative school.)

Although Reese decided to stay in Gainesville following the Peach Bowl victory, he now has bragging rights.

“I feel like the season was great,” Reese said. “For me, I didn’t have the opportunity to play in the first couple of games, but our team won those games and did what we had to do to move on. And it was a story tale finish, being able to lead the seniors off ... beating Michigan, my hometown school, seeing all the work we put in during the off-season paying off ... and after not going to a bowl game to finishing top 10 in the country is a great feeling.”

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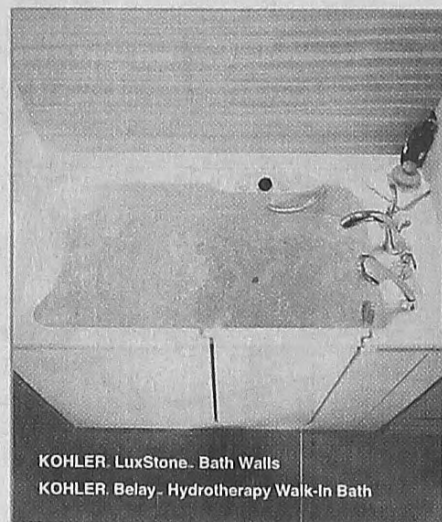
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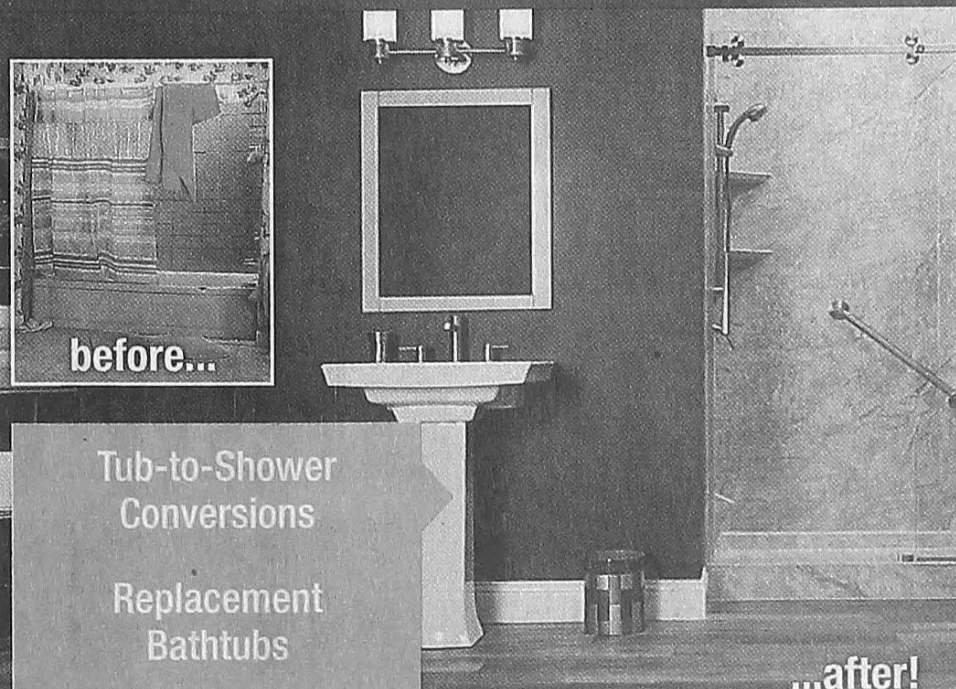
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The following list includes jobs that are kid-friendly, jobs where you can set your own working hours, and jobs that allow work life and parent life to coexist in at least partial harmony.

Speech and Language Pathologist

While these specialists can work in independent practices, oftentimes schools employ speech and language pathologists to work with kids who need help with their language abilities. Having kids can really help support you in this position to understand how to discuss speech and language issues with parents—plus, the position is automatically keyed in to the school schedule and offers you insight into available after-school programs if you must work beyond the final bell.

Real Estate Agent

Real estate agents, who often work at open houses or show clients around to homes, aren't chained to a desk 9-5—making this a great job for networkers who like being on their feet and fitting events in-between other commitments. There's flexibility to the job, especially for two-parent families where one parent will be home on the weekend. The money is based on commission—so, the



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more work you put in, the more you will make in theory. This is a job where your network and expertise can grow.

Freelance Photographer

Freelance photographers usually have an area of specialty, but portrait photography is a great option for parents—every day at school drop-off you have the potential to meet new clients for family portraits. Wedding photography or weekend photo sessions can also suit people's schedules if they work around a partner's M-F work week.

Music Teacher

Certified music teachers are often employed by school districts, but if you are musically inclined, running private group classes for small kids and parents at a common space or from your home is a great option—and a place where you can bring your own children, as well.

You can also consider offering private music lessons or contracting with schools and local community centers as a visiting artist.

Web Developer/Graphic Designer

This job requires technical and design skills in order to create websites, promotional materials, or other web or print graphics for clients. All you need is a computer, so this is definitely a job you can do from home if you want to work on a freelance basis. Whether you are paid by hours worked or contracted for a set fee for your work, you can organize your schedule in order to meet deadlines and keep your work life flexible in order to meet your family demands.

Working for a Youth Organization

Here's another kid-centric position that gets you involved in your community. Youth organizations create educa-

tional or recreational programming for children; they usually hire staff to everything from accounting, to fundraising, to directly creating and running specific activity programs. A bonus: you will be aware of the activities available to your own children and may receive discounts on things like summer camps. Plus, a family-oriented organization may be more inclined to family-friendly work practices.

Freelance Writer/Editor

From copywriting for a print magazine to blogging for corporate websites, there is a lot of freelance work available for talented writers. These gigs, which often pay by word count, can almost always be done from home. In fact, writing assignments are often flexible enough that you can have kids playing in the other room while you type away. If not, you can fit in a few hundred words after the kids go to bed.

Social Media Specialist

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 63 Most blaring
 66 Sculling tools
 68 As blind as —
 69 Elegant tree
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 78 Lady Grey
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 80 Stays away from
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 84 Neighbor of a Swede
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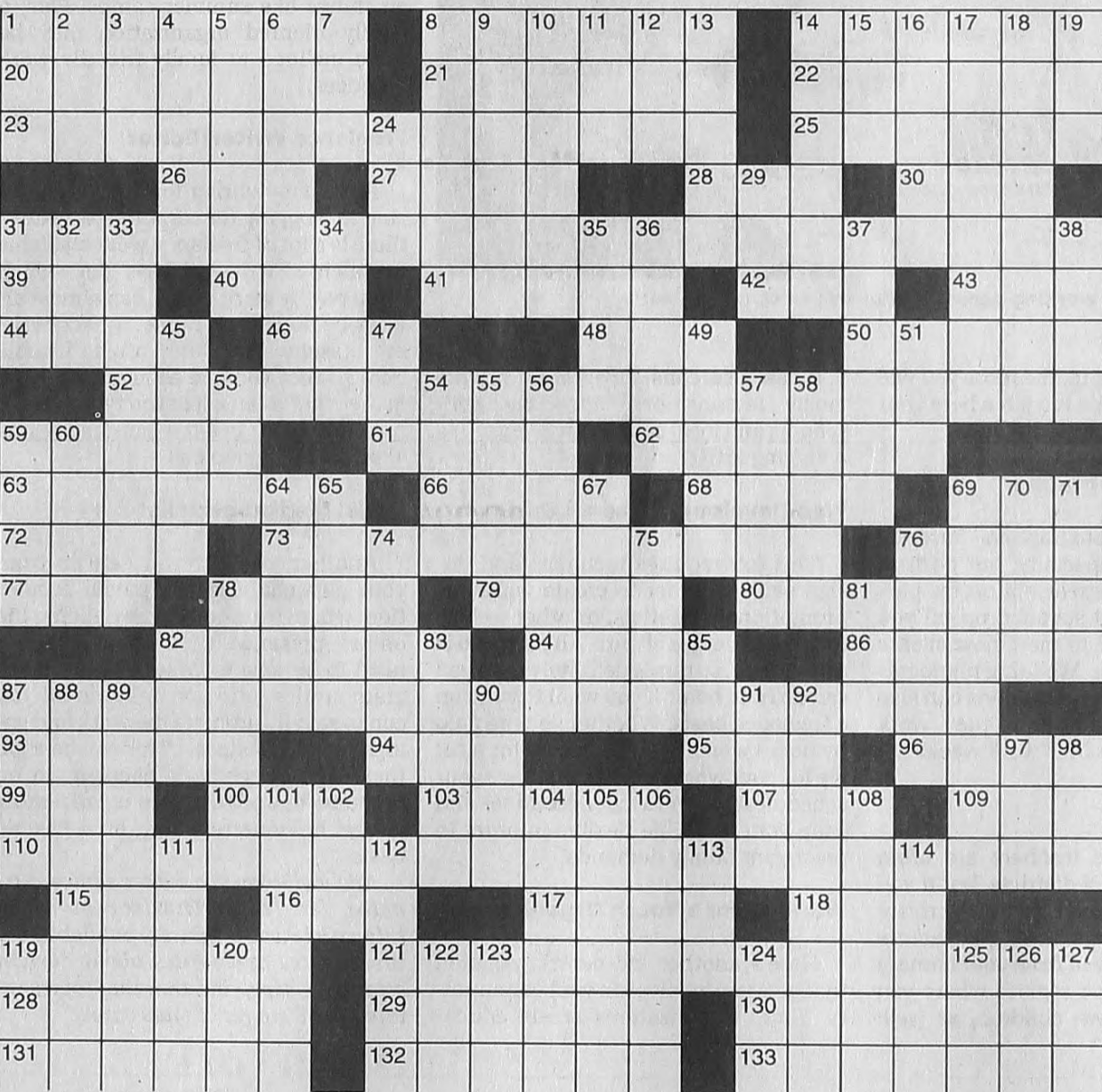
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 8 Biblical angel
 9 Chicana, e.g.
 10 Many flying creatures
 11 Got together

12 Compadre
 13 "Shrek!" author William
 14 Like time, speed and temperature
 15 Bad, to Luc
 16 Including everything
 17 Author Steel
 18 More sandlike
 19 MS markers
 24 "Yuk" relative
 29 PC screen variety
 31 Special — (mil. group)
 32 Toll, for one
 33 Atomizer for spraying paint
 34 Turned right on a horse
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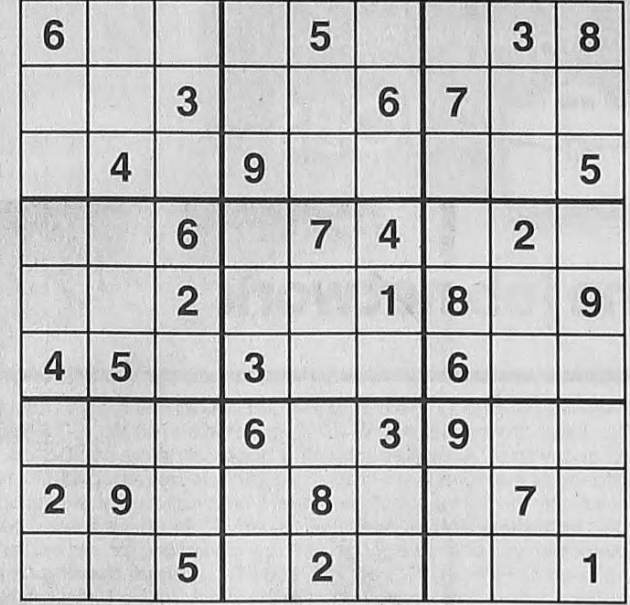
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 60 Doves' calls
 64 Horrify
 65 Reasonably muscular
 67 Lactose, e.g.
 69 Unrequired course
 70 Rob of the Brat Pack
 71 Disorder
 74 Gets close
 75 Mom or dad's sister
 76 "Da Doo Ron Ron" singer Cassidy
 78 — Tull (rock band)
 81 — Magnon man
 82 Persian, e.g.
 83 Country singer Rimes
 85 Suffix with lion
 87 Army group
 88 Ball of perfume in a closet
 89 Exhausting

90 Urged in defense
 91 Intentions
 92 Close friendship between guys
 97 "Wheels"
 98 Nav. officer
 101 Expunges
 102 African viper
 104 Implant that helps in returning a lost pet
 105 Athens' land
 106 Husband of Lily Munster
 108 Greet with a hand motion
 111 Resulted in
 112 Followed a curved path since '75
 114 "— & Kel" (1990s teen show)
 119 — Khan
 120 Hunter fig.
 122 Hunters' gp.
 123 — de plume
 124 Cyclotron bit
 125 Actress Longoria
 126 Apt humor
 127 Letter encl. to facilitate a reply



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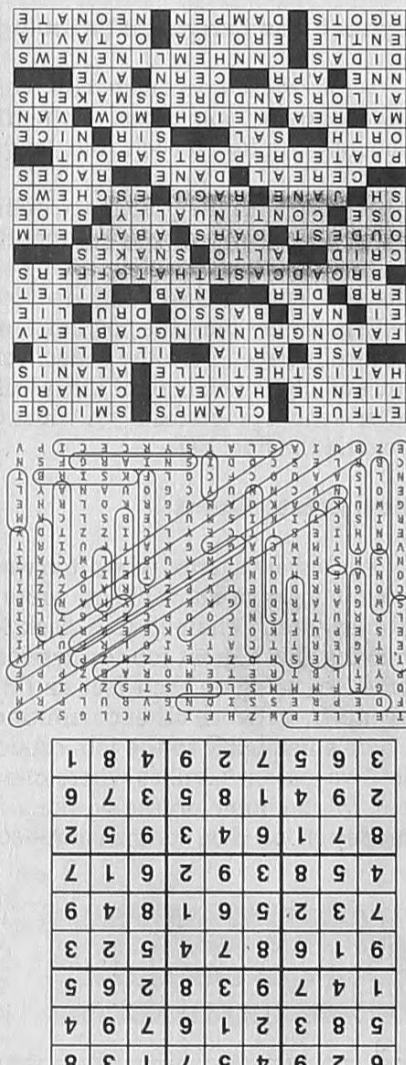
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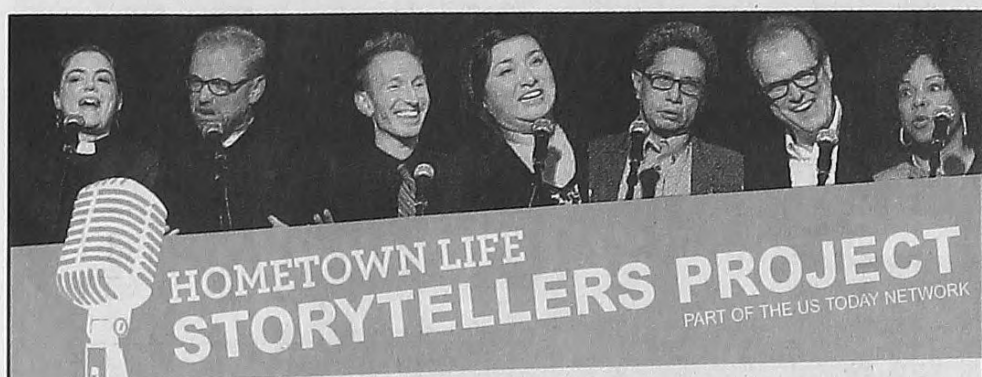
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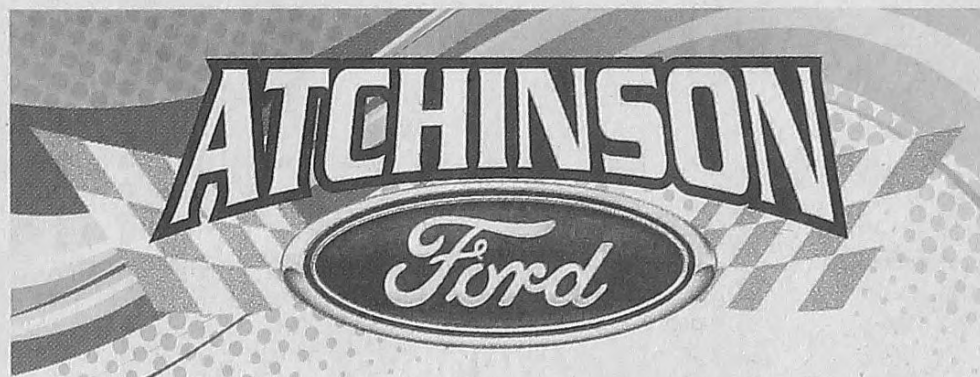
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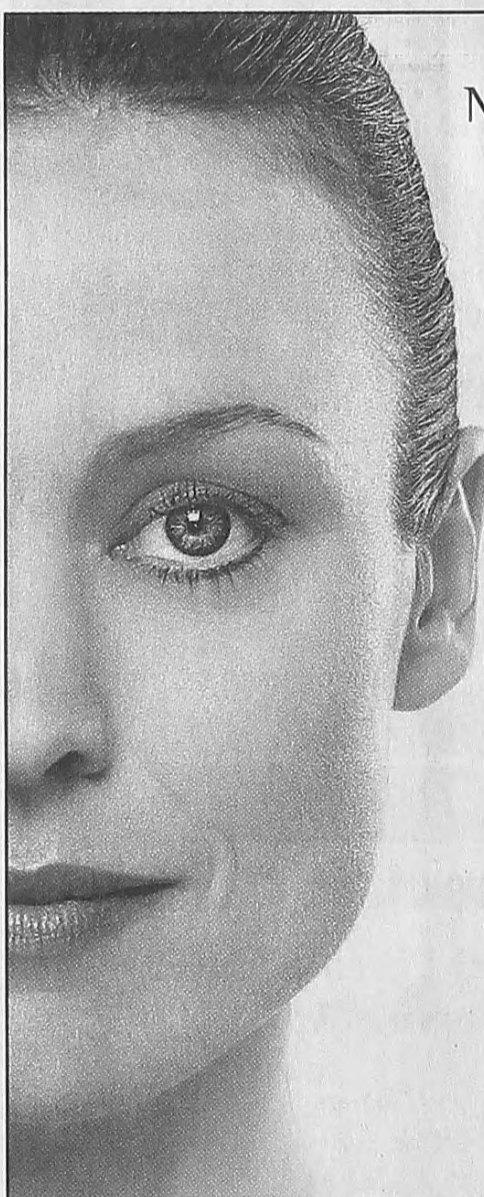


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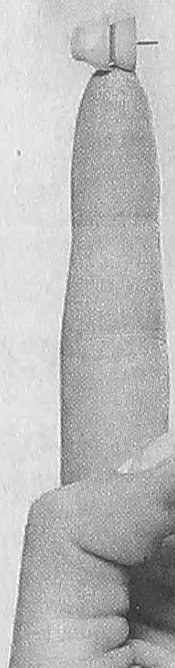
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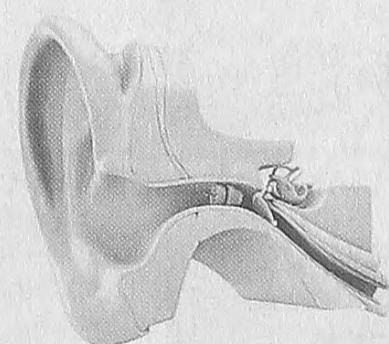
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