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## Livonia mayor Brosnan has eye on change

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Maureen Miller Brosnan, Livonia's first female mayor, gets excited every morning when she walks into her office. "Every day feels like Christmas," she said. "I cannot wait to get into the office and find out what package is on my

desk, what I get to unpack today, what I get to look at, what I get to make an impact on.

"All of those things make this job exciting."

Brosnan likes to keep her desk clean and has three computer screens open at all times — four if you count her cell phone.

It's evident the office, decor and all, is inhabited by someone new.

And newness is where the mayor is focusing in these first weeks on the job. While Brosnan plans to foster the strong economy and popular zip code that her predecessor, former Mayor Dennis Wright fought for, she hopes to change a lot, too.

**Police and fire**

"My number one priority every single day when I come into this office is to take one step further in making sure that we get to a point where we understand where we need to recruit from,

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## Farmington Hills police chief retires

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Farmington Hills Police Chief Chuck Nebus kept busy right until the last few hours of his last work day.

Then he enjoyed a bit of cake and coffee as city employees bade him farewell.

It was a sweet, short segue for Nebus, who retired last month from a law enforcement career that spanned nearly five decades. The majority of those years were spent with the Farmington Hills Police Department and included 10 years as the city's police chief.

Nebus said he wants to spend more time with his family, and more time traveling and pursuing hobbies that include hockey, skating and golf.

"I am deeply grateful for the warm community support that I have enjoyed, and for the many friends and all of the wonderful memories made during my years of service," he said in a statement. "My wife Roberta and I will

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## Woman from Canton takes second place on 'Jeopardy!'

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When all was said and done Tuesday, Canton Township resident Kathryn Flucht's chances of winning on "Jeopardy!" were done in by the Apostolic equivalent name for Diego and the body parts affected by myalgia.

Flucht, a 24-year-old accounting student at Grand Valley State University and a 2014 graduate of Canton High School, finished second to defending champion Travis Gaylor in her dream-come-true appearance on the popular trivia game show, but her experience was absolutely golden, she said.

"Not winning was a bummer, but I had a great time," said Flucht, who was flown to Los Angeles for the show's taping just before Thanksgiving. "It was definitely a tough game, especially the Double Jeopardy! categories.

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Eats and Sweets Boutique owner Bonnie Butler displays the Plymouth ice cream, candy and gift shop's "Train Wreck." JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Eats and Sweets Boutique opens in former train station

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Waiting for the trains to cross Starkweather Road in Plymouth's Old Village neighborhood can be a drag. Bonnie Butler knows just what do to offer to make those long waits at the train tracks worth it:

Ice cream.

In addition to being a nice surprise for drivers, it's a great way for the Northville resident to let folks know of her new business, which opened last month: Eats and Sweets Boutique, an ice cream, candy and gift shop open in the old train station at 900 Starkweather Road.

"We do little samples and we throw them in the freezer so we're ready," she said. "They're always smiling when I come up to their window."

The little shop opened in mid-January and is a new iteration of the candy shop Butler had opened next door in a

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## Brosnan

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how best we need to retain people and what we're going to do in order to grow the forces, both police and fire," Brosnan said.

On the campaign trail, Brosnan seldom spoke without bringing up the city's police and fire personnel shortage.

She said the city is looking at creating a cadet program in the fire department similar to the one the police department already has with hopes of capturing young talent.

"Livonia as a whole needs to make sure that we're an attractive place to work, especially for young people," Brosnan said.

The mayor acknowledged that better pay and benefits are essential, too.

"We are going to have to resolve the pension issue," she said. "We got caught, like a lot of communities did, when the economy was bad. We had to make some cuts, we had to make some changes that reflected less money coming into the community."

"A lot of cities, like us, moved to a defined contribution program."

With that in mind, city officials considering moving back to a defined benefit plan, or employer-sponsored plan, for its public safety workers among other things.

**"My number one priority ... is to take one step further in making sure that we get to a point where we understand where we need to recruit from, how best we need to retain people and what we're going to do ... to grow the forces, both police and fire."**

**Maureen Miller Brosnan**  
Mayor of Livonia

### Structural changes

In addition to public safety, road quality, workforce development and some kind of central gathering place in the city are Brosnan's top issues. But residents will see some of the smaller things in the short-term.

Having been on the master plan committee that created Livonia Vision '21, Brosnan is using that plan as a guidebook for change.

Recently, she's turned her attention to improving arts, recreation and eco-friendliness in the city.

Coming up in the spring, people will see some of the city's efforts to improve transparency through the launch of CivicClerk. The online program will allow residents to search things like a city



**Mayor Maureen Brosnan talks about her plans for Livonia in January.**  
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council packet leading up to and after public meetings.

"It's a way of routing and cataloging and being able to search all of the items that go into making the city council agenda packet. ... It's going to make it easier for the community as a whole to go in and grab the information that they need," Brosnan said.

As she had on the campaign trail, the mayor also plans to use technology by communicating with the community through social media and video.

In the midst of all that, Brosnan plans to collaborate with other cities to better understand Livonia's issues. At the U.S. Conference of Mayors in January, Brosnan connected with Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan and Westland Mayor William Wild.

She also sought out other communities facing public safety issues.

"There's only one person in the city that does my job, so be able to talk to that person in another city that's doing a job similar to mine becomes ultimately invaluable," Brosnan said.

### Celebrating youth and women

Brosnan smiles when she says she's the first woman mayor. The elected positions of clerk, treasurer and city council president are also filled by women. This year seems to her like the perfect timing for it all, being the 100th anniversary of the women's suffrage movement, which led to women gaining the right to vote.

"I think we're going to have a year-long celebration of women in leadership roles in the city of Livonia and we definitely want to make sure our young women, our young girls, our engaged in all of that," she said.

Throughout the year, Brosnan plans to bring female officials, women and young girls into city hall through events. She also plans to bring more young people into the decision process by adding them to boards and commissions.

Before taking office, Brosnan called for people to express interest in boards and commissions. She said young people made up a lot of those responders and are people she's considering for roles in the city.

"I specifically do look for youth," she said. "I'm looking for new ideas."

## Chief

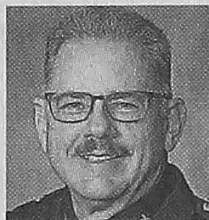
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remain proud residents and supporters of Farmington Hills."

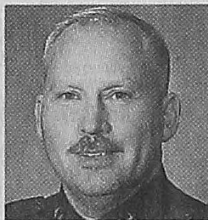
He has thanked the more than 100 officers he managed for embracing community policing, decreasing crime to historic low levels and being one of Michigan's first police agencies to achieve accreditation through the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police.

Nebus expects to miss most the day-to-day friendships that came with his job, regardless of anyone's politics.

"You try to be a chief for all of the peo-



Nebus



King

ple," Nebus said.

He's confident his replacement, Jeff King, will do a fine job.

Nebus said there are some projects in the works regarding dispatch center improvements and body worn cameras that should increase transparency in

the community and confidence with residents.

King is known for emphasizing training, modernization, and recruitment. He has more than 24 years of police experience with the city, including 12 years of supervisory and executive responsibilities.

Most recently serving as an assistant police chief, King has overseen budget matters and technological advances, developed recruitment initiatives, implemented department-wide training for fair and impartial policing practices and coordinated Oakland County Homeland Security training events.

"Throughout my career, I have had a strong community-based focus," King

said. "In my new role as police chief, I hope to work more closely with our residents and continue to honorably represent the fine men and women who serve in our department."

King has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's degree in leadership. He is a graduate of the Northwestern University School of Police Staff and Command.

He is a member of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police and the Oakland County Association of Chiefs of Police. He's also the police department liaison for community groups like the Farmington/Farmington Hills Optimist and the Farmington Area Interfaith Association.

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## 'Jeopardy!'

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"When the categories came up, all three of us had a look of 'This is not going to be our game.' The questions were definitely harder than the previous show that we watched while we were waiting. But I decided to try to make it interesting."

Which she did, right up until the final answer.

Flucht, who won \$2,000 for placing second with \$1 (Gaylord won with \$5,201, while Nipun Tulshian placed third with \$0), was in the hunt midway through the Double Jeopardy round. Trailing Gaylord, \$4,200-\$2,000, she went all-in on the Daily Double answer: "The Spanish Diego is the equal to this Apostolic name."

The correct answer is James, which eluded Flucht, dropping her total to \$0. Earlier in the show, she lost \$1,000 when she couldn't come up with "muscles" as the body parts affected by myalgia.



**Kathryn Flucht, a 2014 graduate of Canton High School, won \$2,000 for placing second on Tuesday night's episode of "Jeopardy!"** ED WRIGHT/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

Flucht entered Final Jeopardy with \$2,400, but lost all but \$1 when she guessed wrong on the game-deciding answer.

"Literally the second I placed my pen in the holder I thought of the correct answer, but it was too late by then," she said.

Flucht watched Tuesday night's episode at a viewing party with friends at an Allendale restaurant.

"I received a ton of texts, messages and calls during and after the show," she said. "Most of them were like, 'Oh my gosh! You're on TV! Look at you!' It was an awesome experience."

### A long journey

Following three near-miss attempts of advancing to the in-person audition but failing to make the televised show, Flucht was informed by a "Jeopardy!" representative this past fall that she had been selected to appear on the program, an experience millions of people strive for but never reach.

Flucht was prohibited from revealing how she fared until the show aired.

"I actually went through the in-person audition back in the summer of 2018," Flucht said. "After that, they told me I could get a call any time to let me know I made the show. However, you only have 18 months from that time to get on the show."

"When I got the call in the fall, my 18 months was almost up."

Flucht had advanced to the teen version in-person audition twice and the adult in-person audition once prior to Tuesday night's appearance.

Asked if there was a class she took at the three-school Plymouth-Canton Educational Park (Salem and Plymouth high schools are also located on the campus) that unknowingly helped prepare her for her "Jeopardy!" experience, Flucht immediately had the answer.

"There was a comic book and graphic novel class I took that was taught by Ms. (Michelle) Davis," Flucht said. "It was kind of an outside-the-box type of class that included a lot of good trivia."

### Meeting a legend

Flucht said meeting game host Alex Trebek for the first time was "surreal."

"Just seeing him walk on the stage ... like you have so many times before while watching the show on television ... it was like, 'Oh my gosh,'" she said. "There he is, standing in front of me, talking to me."

"During breaks in the show, he talks to the audience. My dad, who was at the taping with my mom and my boyfriend, actually asked Alex a trivia question and Alex answered it correctly."

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Owner Bonnie Butler carries an array of old-fashioned candy at Eats and Sweets.

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## Boutique

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building occupied by her husband, Craig. After Craig Butler used the train station as a photography studio for a few years, they decided to switch and expand on the boutique shop in the train station that dates back to the 1800s.

For sale are items such as candies, Jack Daniel's items including coffee and small gift items such as water bottles. Closer to Starkweather is the ice cream and vintage candy portion of the business, which includes varieties from Hudsonville Ice Cream and MOO-ville Creamery in Nashville, Michigan.

Customers also looking for a unique treat can indulge in one of Butler's milkshakes. Modeled after other popular locations such as the M Street Baking Co. in Howell, Butler currently has three varieties packed full of flavor and garnishes to boot. The Train Wreck is a chocolate-based milkshake with brownie, whipped cream, Oreo, chocolate-covered pretzel, a Hershey's mini chocolate bar and a cookie.

Butler hopes to create a seasonal shake for holidays throughout the year, starting this month.

"For Valentine's Day, we've got one that's going to be called 'Crazy For You,'" she said. "We'll have something for St. Patrick's Day, we'll have something for Mother's Day."

Coffee is also a staple of the small business for those looking to walk in and snag a cup on their way to work. Butler hopes to add espresso and lattes to the lineup soon as well.

Butler has bigger plans to make the shop better as well, as she ponders obtaining a license to sell beer and wine to make the old train stop a hangout. She hopes to add some tables so customers can stay awhile.

The shop's winter hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

Butler said she plans on making Eats and Sweets Boutique a destination for those looking to do something outside of downtown Plymouth. Especially when the weather warms up and ice cream can be served from the window, Butler said, she's confident the idea will catch on in that part of town.

"There's nothing like that down here," she said. "In my head, I knew it would be good."

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Eats and Sweets Boutique sits at 900 Starkweather in Plymouth's former train depot.



In addition to its other offerings, the boutique has a display case of chocolates for patrons to choose from.



Butler had the old train depot's ticket window restored to be part of the shop.

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# Many celebrities have called metro Detroit home

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If you think all the famous people are from California or New York, think again.

A good share of famous television personalities, sports legends and other well-known people were either born here in metro Detroit or lived a good part of their lives here.

Let's take a look at some of these celebrities, their connections to our towns and what was going on in history in their time.

Here are several of them.

## Birmingham

**Christine Lahti:** Lahti, an actress known for her role on the long-running drama "Chicago Hope" but also for many movies, was born in 1950 in Birmingham.

She graduated from the University of Michigan in 1972, just before CREEM, a rock 'n' roll magazine that significantly influenced American music culture, moved its editorial offices to Birmingham.

**Tim Allen:** Allen, best known for his starring role on the television show "Home Improvement," was born in 1953 in Denver but moved to Birmingham when he was 13 years old and attended Seaholm High School.

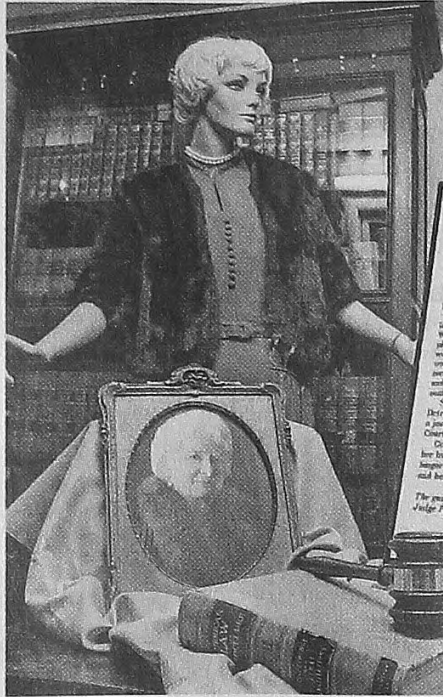
His move to the Detroit area preceded the Detroit riots, brought on by racial tensions in the city and coming to a head in 1967.

## Farmington, Farmington Hills, and Novi

**Pam Dawber:** Dawber, best known for her role in the "Mork & Mindy" television show with Robin Williams, was born in Detroit in 1951, but later lived in Farmington Hills, graduating from North Farmington High School in 1968 and later attending Oakland Community College.

During her high school years, her home town was still a township, as it was not incorporated as the city of Farmington Hills until 1973.

**Ernie Harwell:** Legendary baseball



**Phoebe Patterson, an early proponent for women's rights, was elected the first female justice of the peace in 1919. A Detroit lawyer claimed a woman could not hold that position. The case went to the Michigan Supreme Court, where Phoebe, and all women, prevailed.** HOMETOWNLIFE.COM FILE

announcer Ernie Harwell was actually born in Washington, Georgia, in 1918.

He moved to Detroit and later Farmington Hills, finally retiring to Fox Run in Novi.

While the Detroit Tigers announcer was growing up in Georgia, Farmington Hills and Novi were on the cusp of becoming cities rather than farming towns, with plenty of open spaces — much different from the suburbia he settled into later in life.

Harwell died in 2010 and is buried next to his wife, Lulu, in Farmington's Oakwood Cemetery.

## Plymouth

**Phoebe Patterson:** Patterson, the first female justice of the peace, was born in Phoebe Ely in 1857. She first lived in Superior Township and Ypsilanti, but moved to Plymouth when she married



**Comedian John Heffron, a 1988 South Lyon High graduate, started out performing in metro Detroit.** GETTY IMAGES



**Christine Lahti, actress and author, hails from Birmingham.** COURTESY OF HARPER WAVE



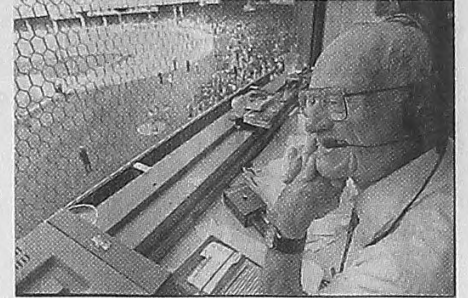
**Tim Allen, who stars on "Last Man Standing," moved to Birmingham when he was 13.** COURTESY OF FOX



**Pam Dawber is a North Farmington High graduate.** FREDERICK M. BROWN/GETTY IMAGES



**Mary Jackson, of Milford, played Emily Baldwin on "The Waltons."** FILE PHOTO



**Legendary baseball announcer Ernie Harwell was born in Georgia, but moved to Detroit and later Farmington Hills, finally retiring to Fox Run in Novi. He died in 2010.** DETROIT FREE PRESS FILE

Melvin Patterson.

There, she was active in many local women's organizations, including the League of Women Voters and the Women's Christian Temperance Union, in addition to becoming a judge in 1919.

Patterson died in 1931, just one year before Plymouth became a city, and is buried in Plymouth's Riverside Cemetery.

**Edward Corwin:** You may not recognize the name immediately, but Corwin was president of the American Political Science Association.

The Princeton University professor wrote many of today's authoritative books on the Constitution, due process, vested rights and other legal issues.

He was born in Plymouth in 1878, a couple years before Riverside Cemetery, where he's buried, was converted from farm land to a city-owned cemetery. He died in 1963.

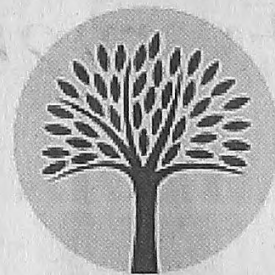
## South Lyon, Milford

**John Heffron:** Heffron, a comedian who's appeared on "Last Comic Standing" and "The Tonight Show" as well as on Detroit radio, was born in 1970 in New York City but grew up in South Lyon and graduated from South Lyon High School in 1988, the year the Iran-Iraq war came to an end.

**Mary Jackson:** This actress was best known for her role as Emily Baldwin in "The Waltons."

She was born in 1910 in Milford and, during the Great Depression, was a school teacher before pursuing her acting career. A charter member of the Milford Historical Society, she willed her historic home to the organization upon her death in 2005.

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Plymouth-Canton Education Park students take a selfie with Michigan Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist, back row at center, Jan. 27 after he met with them at Salem High. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

## Gilchrist collects ideas from PCEP students

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Michigan Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist broke the ice with a group of Plymouth-Canton Educational Park high school students Jan. 27 by revealing that he was “a nerd” in high school, someone who enjoyed dismantling computers and reassembling them.

Gilchrist described his job as Michigan’s “vice president,” then steered the course of the 20-minute meeting on the students’ high school experiences, both good and bad.

“I’m here because I want to hear from you,” Gilchrist told the students, who were gathered around a table in the Salem High presentation room. “Do you feel like this experience is preparing you for whatever you want to do in the future?”

Like most of his peers at the round table, Edward Cotton IV gave PCEP’s unique three-school campus configuration two thumbs up.

“I feel like PCEP is beneficial to my future because of the diversity it offers,” said Cotton. “Getting to know people from different cultures and backgrounds is a positive experience.”

“I’m on a medical track, so having different advanced programs like STEM available is beneficial.”

Jayla Lowry told Gilchrist that the college campus-like feel of PCEP will help her at the next level of education.

“Attending high school at PCEP is unique because it offers students so many opportunities that aren’t offered in school districts across the state,” said Lowry. “We have to time manage ourselves because with classes at three different schools, it’s almost like going to school on a college campus.”

“And if you’re struggling in a class, there are math labs and chemistry labs that you can attend to help you better understand whatever it is you’re struggling with.”

The No. 1 negative about the tri-school setup was something that was out of the school decision-makers’ hands, admitted student Madelyn Dunn.

“The weather,” she said, sparking laughter from the group. “You have to be prepared for all kinds of weather walking from school to school. I get salt on my shoes, things like that.”

Gilchrist, who attended Farmington High School, said he’s learned a great deal about the needs and concerns of students, teachers and school administrators throughout his first year as the state’s second in command.

“As far as the teachers and paraprofessionals, the

ones in the classroom every day, the main thing I hear is they want to feel more support,” said Gilchrist. “They feel that every year they’re asked to do more with less, which is why Gov. (Gretchen) Whitmer and I are making it a priority to develop programs that will increase their resources.”

“School administrators across the state want to know that the state is not going to undercut the initiatives that they have tried to pull forward over the years. I’m also hearing – and I heard here today – about the increasing popularity of vocational programs. The districts’ leaders want to know there are going to be enough resources to provide students with enough vocational-focused opportunities.”

Gilchrist said he and Whitmer acknowledge the looming teacher shortage and are working on ways to recruit and retain more people to the shrinking pool of educators.

“The No. 1 thing we need to do is restore respect to the teaching profession,” Gilchrist noted. “Our administration recognizes the importance and necessity of strong educators.”

Gilchrist also asserted that he’d like to see the teaching population better reflect the diversity of the students they guide.

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## Livonia woman claims robbers confronted her

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A Livonia woman recently was able to scare off her would-be armed robbers, who apparently tried to steal her vehicle the afternoon of Jan. 26.

According to Livonia police, the woman returned to her home in the Devonaire Park area and was confronted in her garage by two men.

One produced a handgun as they demanded the woman’s money and keys. They began loading a generator and snow blower from the garage into her minivan.

The keys were already inside the house, and the gunman tried to force her into the residence to retrieve them.

Upon reaching the front door, she began pounding while yelling for her son to call 9-1-1.

The would-be robbers ran to a burgundy Taurus and drove away.

Livonia officers located one of the men Jan. 30, along with the Taurus, in Wyandotte. The vehicle had been stolen in Monroe a few weeks prior.

They arrested the other man later in the day.

The men – a 35-year-old from Inkster and a 25-year-old from Detroit – have been arraigned in Livonia’s 16th District Court on felony charges of armed robbery and carjacking.

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"Unnecessary Farce" at the Farmington Players Barn runs through Feb. 22.  
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## Farmington Players' newest play about a sting gone wild

Get ready to laugh your heart out at a nonsensical comedy about a sting operation gone wild.

"Unnecessary Farce" runs through Feb. 22 at the Farmington Players Barn in Farmington Hills. Tickets are available now at [farmingtonplayers.org](http://farmingtonplayers.org) or at the box office: 248-553-2955.

Some of the funniest actors at "The Barn" star in this tale of two inept cops on a mission to entrap the town mayor who's suspected of embezzling money. They get tangled in a web of mistaken identities, puzzling plot twists and bedroom antics that aren't what they appear to be. Given the bedroom humor and a "hitman's" theatrics, the show is more suited to adults and older teens, so it's best to leave young children at home.

Gary Weinstein of Farmington Hills describes his character Agent Frank as having "multiple levels of emotional strength and weakness, fear and humility, all rolled up into one vulnerable character." Weinstein finds the theme of "underlying political corruption pertinent to today's environment, and he sees the plot's "fast-paced puzzle" as a joyful escape.

Agent Frank works with police officer Eric Sheridan (Kyle Phillips) and his partner Billie Dwyer (Ansley Barnard), who together with accountant Karen Brown (Madeleine Bien), are trying to expose Mayor Meekly (Erik Carlson) in

an embezzlement scheme. Bonnie Fitch as Mrs. Meekly and Frank Markus as the Scotsman Todd round out this all-star cast.

Markus describes Todd as "the enforcer in a Scottish mafia – a killer in a kilt. Farces don't get much more farcical than that."

"I mean, the Scots make great whiskey and have invented all sorts of stuff like the steam engine, but as a people we seldom think of them as ruthless killers," he said. "It's also loads of fun to develop an accent that the author demands be, for the most part, so thick as to be unintelligible."

Director Ann Craft of Wayne is thrilled to helm a ridiculously comical show ripe with suspense and shenanigans.

"This is a funny, well written script with believable characters," Craft says the cast shares amazing chemistry that makes it so easy for the audience to love them and become engaged in comedy. Craft says, "it is the perfect show to pull you out of the winter blues and a great opportunity for an evening of mindless fun."

Tickets for adults are \$18 and \$16 for students and seniors.

The Farmington Players Barn is located at 32332 W. 12 Mile Road in Farmington Hills, west of Orchard Lake Road.

## Police: Winter not deterring catalytic converter thieves

Susan Vela [Hometownlife.com](http://Hometownlife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

The cold has not deterred those hoping to cash in from stolen catalytic converters.

According to Livonia police reports, a catalytic converter thief struck at Mac Yard on Merriman Road last month. The theft was discovered Jan. 24.

There also were some catalytic con-

verter thefts discovered around the same time at Plymouth Livonia RV Storage on Capitol Street.

Also, a Purlingbrook Street resident said he woke up on Jan. 19 to find the tires and rims stolen from his 2016 Chrysler.

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## Police seeking driver in sideswiping

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Livonia police are looking for the other driver involved in a recent collision.

Officers said in a report they were dispatched the night of Jan. 27 to Newburgh Road and Grantland Street to talk to a Westland man about his damaged car. He told police he was on northbound Newburgh Road near Plymouth Road when a vehicle resembling a Subaru entered the northbound lanes.

The Westland driver drove around

the Subaru-looking vehicle, which then sped up, causing the Westland driver to brake to put distance between them.

The other driver pulled alongside the vehicle and then sideswiped it, a report stated. The Westland driver lost control and drove off Newburgh Road.

The other driver also drove off Newburgh Road. He approached, said he had a child with him, returned to his vehicle and continued northbound.

The suspect driver was a black male, most likely in his late 20s, standing about 5 feet, 5 inches tall and weighing 110 to 120 pounds. He wore an orange sweatshirt and blue jeans.

## Obituaries

### Beverly Jean Bailey

PLYMOUTH - Beverly Jean Bailey age 79, of Plymouth, died February 2, 2020. Born in Detroit to Samuel and May (nee Johnson) Gracey. Survived by husband Gary Bailey, children Greg (Pippa) Bailey and Christine (David) Drabicki, grandchildren Morgan (Carey), Jessica (Jeff), Taylor, Samantha (Jessie), Rachel, and Brooke, great-grandchildren Kaden, Joseph, Everly, Kylelar, Samuel and Nathaniel, and brothers Michael and Daniel Gracey. Beverly was preceded in death by her son Kevin Bailey, both of her parents, and sisters Patricia, Shirley, and Joan. Visitation Thursday, February 6, from 4-8 pm and Friday, from 2-8 pm at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth, 48170. Scripture Service Friday at 7 pm. Her Funeral Mass of the Resurrection will be Saturday, at 11 am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, 47650 N. Territorial, Plymouth, 48170. In-state at 10:30 am. To view full obituary and leave a condolence, please visit [schrader-howell.com](http://schrader-howell.com)



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### Christy L. Benbow

FISHERS, IN - Christy L. Benbow, 48, formerly of Muncie, IN passed away Saturday morning, February 1, 2020 at her home after a long courageous battle with ovarian cancer.

She was born on July 1, 1971 in Detroit, Michigan the daughter of Roy S. and Carol K. (Plump) McPhail and graduated from Livonia Stevenson High School in 1989 and received her Bachelor's Degree of Science in Occupational Therapy from Western Michigan University in 1993. On April 21, 2007 in Muncie, IN, she married Brent L. Benbow.

Christy worked as a Pediatric Occupational Therapist at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, IN for over 25 years. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Montpelier, IN and was active in OVAR-Coming Together through their walks and events to raise awareness for early detection of ovarian cancer.

She loved to go camping, especially at National Parks; she enjoyed biking and spending time with her family and friends. Christy loved to travel, enjoyed music and going to Symphony on the Prairie.

Surviving are her husband of nearly 13 years, Brent L. Benbow of Fishers, IN; one son, Owen R. Benbow of Fishers, IN; her parents Roy and Carol McPhail of Livonia, MI; one brother, Ken B. McPhail (wife, Laura) of Grand Rapids, MI and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by one son, Bradley Thomas Benbow and her grandparents.

Funeral Services will be held at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, February 7, 2020 at The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel, Muncie, IN, with Reverend Steve Walker officiating. Cremation will take place following services.

Family and friends may call at The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Washington Street Chapel, Muncie, IN, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 6, 2020 or one hour prior to services on Friday.

Memorial contributions may be directed to a scholarship setup for her son's education at <https://www.ugift529.com/Ugiftcode/H4R-34T>.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.meeksmortuary.com](http://www.meeksmortuary.com)



## Livonia council may ask for climate change study

Shelby Tankersley [Hometownlife.com](http://Hometownlife.com)  
USA TODAY NETWORK – MICHIGAN

In the coming months, Livonia could start deciding what, if anything, it wants to do about climate change.

"This doesn't just have to be an issue for the federal government," Councilwoman Cathy White said.

White asked her council colleagues to refer the issue to the mayor's office to study, a decision members are expected to decide at its Monday meeting. White said recent flooding and wildfires around the world as well as a study on climate change put out by the U.S. Conference of Mayors got her thinking about what Livonia could do.

"I'm going to assume there's some things that we as human beings can do to affect what's happening with climate change," she said.

Though council hasn't voted on whether to send the issue to Mayor Maureen Brosnan for study, climate change is already on her mind. If council does refer the issue to her office, Brosnan would then delegate the study to a city department and report back to council what she thinks the city's next steps should be.

"We often think of big change, like climate change, as something that can only be affected by the highest level of government... But the difference makers are right here in this community," Brosnan said.

The mayor said she's been talking with DTE Energy and has sent council

information on the company's MI-GreenPower program, which allows cities to make more use of renewable energy. She also plans to hear from the city's Greenleaf commission.

"I plan to rely a lot on that committee and the knowledge of that committee in taking a broader look at a lot of the things that we're doing in our community from the vehicles we're using to recycling as much as we possibly can," Brosnan said.

How the city tackles the issue could be as small as going paperless or more drastic like bringing in public transit or making city hall more energy efficient. White said the study put out by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, of which Brosnan is a member, said cities can aim for clean transportation, renewable energy and building efficiency. She thinks those changes could all have a place in Livonia.

"I want to find out from the administration what we can do as a city in our small way to favorably have impact on the climate and on the environment," White said.

Whatever those fixes might be, White said she'll push for them to be cost effective.

The councilwoman said the city should find out what grants it could get for green initiatives.

"I would not want to initiate something that's going to utilize a lot of taxpayer dollars without seeing a clear return on that in terms of savings to the city and the taxpayers," White said.

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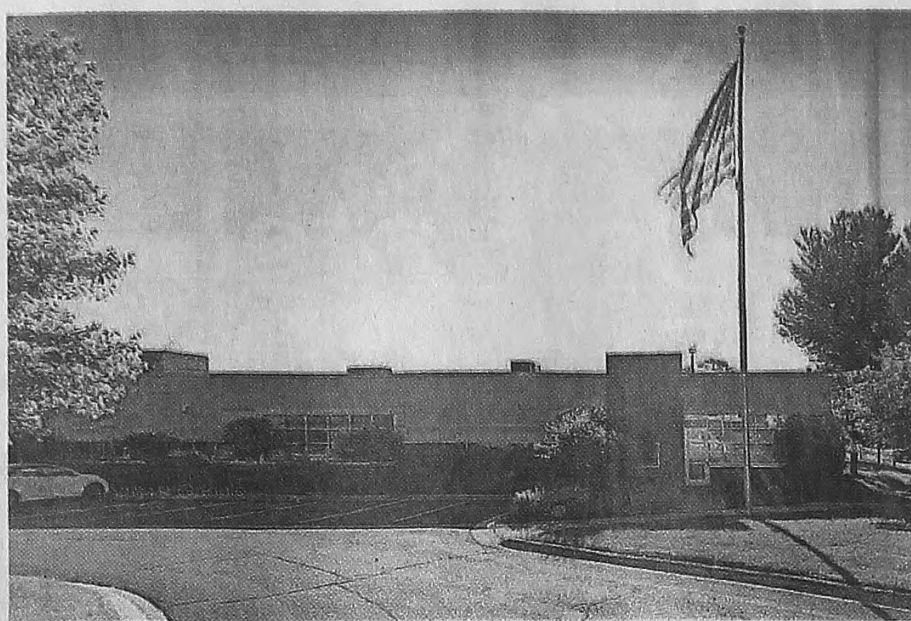
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Latcha and Associates, 24600 Hallwood Court, informed the state Jan. 27 it would lay off employees later this spring, according to the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity website. COURTESY OF GOOGLE MAPS

## ‘Mass layoff’ coming to Farmington Hills marketing company

David Veselenak Hometownlife.com  
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A longtime Farmington Hills marketing company will shrink in size in the coming months:

Latcha and Associates, located at 24600 Hallwood Court, informed the state last week it would lay off employees later this spring, according to the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity website. The Jan. 27 letter, required under the state’s WARN Act, indicates the layoffs are a result of the loss of “one of its most significant customer accounts.”

“In response to this significant downturn in business, Latcha and Associates, LLC, has been forced to immediately undergo a company-wide restructuring, which will result in a mass layoff at its Farmington Hills facility,” the company wrote in a letter to the department of labor and economic opportunity.

The company, which opened in 1997 and employs more than 250 people ac-

ording to its Facebook page, said the layoffs will take effect on March 31. The state department’s website indicates 66 positions would be affected, though the letter from the company indicates the actual number has not yet been determined. Affected employees were notified Jan. 24.

The company stated in the letter that it would not close as a result of the layoffs. The letter did not name the client.

A message was left with Latcha and Associates Monday seeking comment but was not returned by press time.

Latcha and Associates is a marketing firm that lists several companies as its clients, including Audi, Kia, Subaru and Bissell.

It had been listed as a Detroit Free Press Top Workplace for several years, including in 2014 and 2016.

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## FBI: Detroit man, 19, charged in robberies

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USA TODAY NETWORK

Fast food holdups typically aren’t the FBI’s calling.

But to Moses Champion’s surprise, the feds made an exception last month, busting him in what they described as a series of fast-food robberies that terrorized multiple suburbs across metro Detroit.

According to a criminal complaint filed Jan. 29, Champion, 19, of Detroit was arrested and jailed on federal charges this week stemming from a string of armed robberies late last year that netted at least \$5,800.

Champion, the FBI says, held up four Taco Bell restaurants, a Starbucks and a Burger King — hiding his face behind a mask in each incident. He hopscotched across metro Detroit, court records show, hitting eateries in Milford, Dearborn Heights, Redford, Livonia, Independence Township and Auburn Hills. He didn’t do this solo, but rather had an unnamed accomplice with him, court records show.

In the end, it was his DNA on a ski mask that did him in, court records show.

According to an FBI agent’s affidavit filed in U.S. District Court, here is what led the feds to Champion, and what he and his cohort pulled off:

On Nov. 6, Dearborn Heights police responded to a holdup at a Taco Bell on Telegraph Road.

Police, using K-9 search dogs, recovered evidence from the scene, including a black glove and a ski mask. The items were sent to the Michigan State Police, whose forensic lab took DNA from the ski mask. It led to a hit: Moses Champion.

On Dec. 28, Redford police responded to an armed robbery at a Starbucks on Telegraph Road. Two black males in ski masks entered the store with handguns and demanded the money, shouting: “put the money in the bag” and “hurry the f--- up or I’ll shoot you.” They fled with \$1,600.

On Dec. 15, Livonia police responded

to a robbery at a Taco Bell on Merriman Road, where a man in a ski mask and bubble coat walked behind the counter, and demanded an employee open the safe, stating: “Don’t make me shoot you.” The suspect fled with \$1,983.

On Dec. 21, another Taco Bell was hit, this time in Independence Township on Sashabaw Road. Two black males in masks entered the store with hand guns and demanded cash. One employee was held up against the wall and ordered not to move. Another was grabbed by one of the suspects and pushed to the front of the store. The pair fled with \$1,800.

On Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, a Taco Bell in Milford was hit, again by two black males wearing hoods and ski masks, demanding that the safe be opened. They fled the scene with \$200.

On Dec. 28, a Burger King in Auburn Hills was held up, only that heist failed. After two black males in masks entered the store and implied they were armed with their actions, an employee ran out of the back of the store and activated the alarm. The suspects fled empty-handed.

Another month would pass before the FBI would get involved.

On Jan. 28, after collecting evidence from numerous police agencies, an FBI-led task force executed a search warrant at Champion’s house.

According to the criminal complaint, Champion was home at the time, and detained. During the search, several items of clothing were recovered that matched clothing used in some of the robberies.

Law enforcement interviewed Champion, who according to the complaint, waived his Miranda rights, “admitted to his involvement” in five robberies and one attempted robbery.

According to the affidavit, Champion said that he tossed the .40 caliber handgun into a lake after the botched robbery at the Burger King in Auburn Hills.

Champion was charged with robbery and using a weapon in a crime of violence.

Champion’s court-appointed lawyer was not available for comment.



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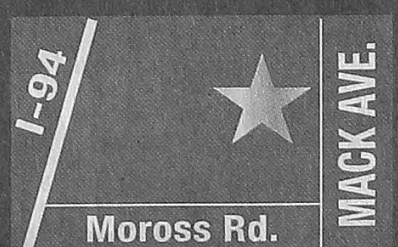


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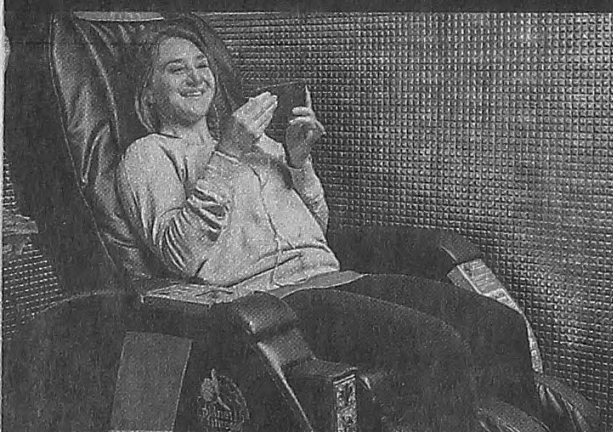




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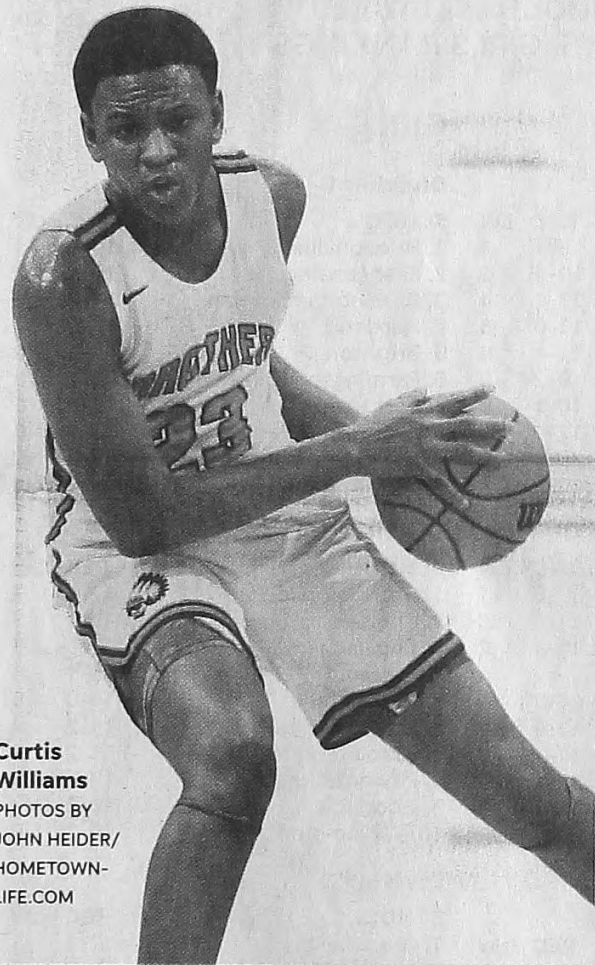
# Sports



Xavier Thomas

BOYS BASKETBALL

## Freshman starters energizing Brother Rice



Curtis Williams  
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Every gym has banners celebrating district and regional titles touting high school athletic success. Brother Rice has banners, too, but they are celebrating the only thing the athletic program thinks is worth celebrating, worth remembering: state titles.

Brother Rice basketball has not been at the same level, though, not winning a state title since 1974.

Rick Palmer was hired to change that mentality. The Detroit Country Day alumnus finished with an 8-12 regular-season record in his first campaign with the Warriors, but advanced past the district round, defeating Birmingham Groves, Birmingham Seaholm and Berkley for a regional bid.

While the 2019 season ended in the regional semifinals, Palmer saw Brother Rice make progress.

In his second year with the program, the Warriors have seemingly made a dramatic leap in the right direction, thanks to two highly-touted freshmen starters: Curtis Williams and Xavier Thomas.

### The future

Williams has known Thomas since sixth grade, but once they began playing AAU basketball together, they developed an undeniable chemistry.

Both know each other's play inside and out. Wil-

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BOYS BASKETBALL  
BLOOMFIELD HILLS 66,  
NORTH FARMINGTON 65 (OT)

## Prayer answered: Game-tying triple propels Black Hawks

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Freshman guard Noah Adamczyk came out of Bloomfield Hills' timeout, trailing by three points with 11 seconds to go in the game, ready for anything.

The play was drawn up to senior forward and captain Collin Hecker, who had found open space against the North Farmington zone all night long. However, in the case of emergency, the freshman, who had shown 3-point prowess, was ready for his opportunity.

Black Hawks forward Christian Jordan inbounded the ball, and the clock started. Raiders swarmed Hecker, throwing the ball into the direction of Adamczyk.

As he held the ball, memories of head coach Phil Kurajian talking to the team about the "basketball gods" came flooding back, about how they reward players when teams fight, when they battle.

Adamczyk threw up a prayer from three. The basketball gods answered, tying the game at 62 at the end of regulation.

After stepping up defensively in the overtime period, Bloomfield Hills (5-9) earned its first win in OAA Red play, defeating North Farmington (9-5), 66-65, in overtime at home Tuesday night.

It was the Black Hawks' first win since Dec. 20, and their first win of the season against an opponent with a winning record.

"I've just been so proud of them because at this point, it would be so easy to give up — and a lot of high schoolers I feel would," Kurajian said. "But they believe in us and believe in our system. It obviously paid off because North Farmington is a heck of a basketball team."

Here are three takeaways from Tuesday night's game.

### Finding holes in the zone

From the tip, Hecker saw an opportunity to exploit the North Farmington defense.

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ICE HOCKEY

## Stevenson alum up for Hobey Baker Award

Andrew Vaillencourt  
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Livonia native and former Livonia Stevenson hockey player Max Humitz has been nominated for the Hobey Baker Award, the most prestigious honor in college hockey.

The Hobey Baker Award is given annually to the nation's best college hockey player.

Humitz is a senior forward at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie. This season through 30 games, he has 16 goals and eight assists. Three of those goals came on the power play, while one came short-handed.

In 36 games as a junior, Humitz recorded 16 goals and 17 assists. As a sophomore he scored 13 goals and had 10 assists and as a freshman, he tallied 13 goals and seven assists.

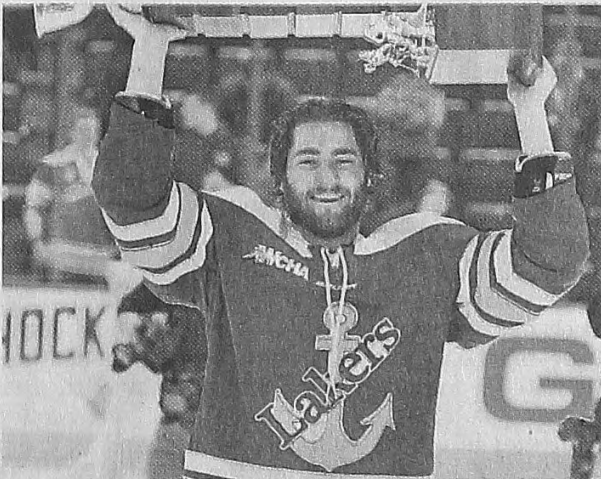
"Even though Max Humitz only played one year for Livonia Stevenson High School under Coach Gerry Vento, you could see that Max had all the makings of

an elite level hockey player," Stevenson hockey coach David Mitchell said. "Even now, when he comes back around the program and skates from time to time with us in the summer, you can see how driven he is, how much he pays attention to details and works on the 'little things' that make high level players so great. He then ties that in with a relentless work ethic and such strong character, it's no surprise that he is leading LSSU the way he is and that he has become one of the best players in Division I college hockey. We could not be prouder or happier for Max."


More than 75 players are nominated nationally, and a fan vote determines the final 10 candidates. Voting runs until midnight on March 9. You can vote once per day for Humitz at <https://www.hobeybaker.com/vote>.

Massachusetts defenseman Cale Makar won the award last year.

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Stevenson alum Max Humitz is one of 75 players nominated for the Hober Baker Award, which goes to college hockey's best player. MARK VASEY/LAKE SUPERIOR STATE ATHLETICS




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# Bloomfield Hills

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It was the first game, he said, that he had more space, playing against a zone that can't deny one person a scoring opportunity.

After the two teams traded two 3-point baskets in the first quarter, Hecker came alive. The senior forward made two 3s in the second quarter and three in the third quarter, leading the team with 22 points.

"He just showed me that when he puts his head and mind to it, he can be the best player in the state of Michigan sometimes," Kurajian said.

In the final eight minutes of regulation, much of the attention of the Raider defense was focused on Hecker. With that, he started to distribute, giving teammates chances with the same open looks he was given before.

"Whenever I get going, it gets the whole team going too because if I start hitting a couple shots, they have to focus on me, and then my teammates are open," Hecker said. "That's when I start making the extra passes."

"Whenever the whole team gets going, that's when we get on fire."

Bloomfield Hills finished the game with 13 3-point makes, including seven makes in the final 16 minutes.

## Defense steps up

In the fourth quarter, Bloomfield Hills looked like it was going to roll away with its first win of 2020.

After a 3-point make from Jackson Wilkins, who finished the day with nine



Bloomfield Hills junior Christian Jordan hits a 3 against North Farmington. COLIN GAY/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

points, North Farmington called a timeout, facing a 10-point deficit.

However, the Raiders got rolling.

North Farmington exploded on a 12-0 run, bringing the Raiders to within one point in the final minute of regulation. After allowing a layup from Hecker, Raiders guard Jamal Hayes, who scored 15 points, hit a 3, giving North Farmington its first lead since the second quarter.

Deon Hayes led North Farmington with 16 points, including 10 in the fourth quarter.

After Adamczyk's trey forced overtime, the Black Hawks stepped up defensively. Bloomfield Hills allowed two makes in the overtime period, pressing

in on the Raiders near the rim on the final play to secure the win.

"They were focused, they were ready to play. They had a great gameplan. Their kids executed it," North Farmington head coach Todd Negoshian said. "They are better than people think and they took it to us."

## Proof of progress

Adamczyk could not celebrate his triple in the moment. As soon as he heard the ball swish through the net, the first thing on his mind was overtime.

However, when the buzzer sounded, the gravity of his three-pointer immediately came over him.

"After the game, it kicked in," Adamczyk said.

Adamczyk described the team as "a lot of shooters," saying that perimeter success is the key to victory and not size.

That's the game Kurajian has seen in practice, but not in 32 minutes against another opponent.

The Black Hawks head coach saw something different Tuesday night.

"I think it proved, more than anything, to ourselves what we can do," Kurajian said. "That was our message before the game: we know how good we can be. It was a matter of putting it together today."

With the help of Adamczyk's 3 and a stout defensive performance in the five-minute overtime period, Bloomfield Hills left its home court with a win, the first time since Dec. 17 the team has been able to do that.

While the moments were clear, Hecker said the game-defining moments were representative of what the Black Hawks have done all season.

"Those are the moments that everyone wants to see, that everybody is going to go crazy for. But that's not how you get there," Hecker said. "We work hard every day in practice."

The general public does not see that: the journey, how a team practices and works to get wins like Bloomfield Hills' first in nine games.

But the basketball gods do.

"The gods were on our side today," Hecker said.

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The Brother Rice bench and coach Rick Palmer, right, cheer a good defensive stop against Orchard Lake St. Mary's on Jan. 28. JOHN HEIDER/HOMETOWNLIFE.COM

# Brother Rice

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liams knows that to stop Thomas, he would have to force him out of the post where he is most comfortable, making him force his offense from deep. To stop Williams, Thomas knows he needs to lock him up defensively, not allowing him enough space to create offense.

Now, working together as starters for Brother Rice, both are leading the charge to change the culture for a basketball program that had not seen much success.

It was the approach Thomas was set on when he first stepped foot onto the basketball court at Brother Rice.

"They have not won many games, so when I got here, I told Coach Palmer that me and the team, we are going to the Breslin," Thomas said. "He said 'All right. You got to show me that.'"

Williams' focus from the start was showing, not telling, trying to earn the respect of his teammates on the court, a respect that he felt he would not entirely earn until the middle of his sophomore season.

But after he and Thomas exploded in the season opener against Brownstown Woodhaven, combining for 44 of Rice's 89 points, the respect was earned quickly.

"When I got a rhythm going, my teammates kept looking for me," Williams said. "Our coach keeps saying when we are hot, 'Keep giving it to the hot man.'"

But reality quickly set in for Brother Rice.

## Growing pains

After 13- and 41-point wins to open the season, Brother Rice came out flat in its first test, losing to Southfield Christian.

After the game, Palmer described his team as talented, yet immature, earning two technical fouls — including one by Thomas in the fourth quarter that caused a four-point swing in favor of the

reigning Division 4 state champion.

Looking back on it, Palmer views it as rock bottom.

It was a time that team chemistry was not where it needed to be. Palmer watched as starters from a season ago — Jon Brantley, Luke Newman and Zach Maynard — received less playing time with the arrival of Thomas and Williams.

But as games continued, and the team began to gel together, Brother Rice embraced the older players and the new roles they were given.

"Their success doesn't happen without those guys," Palmer said. "We've come a long way from a chemistry standpoint. It wasn't easy. We're not all the way where we need to be yet, but we are a lot better than we were 30 days ago."

After following up the loss to Southfield Christian with a 10-point loss to Macomb Dakota, the Warriors have won seven of their past 10 games, earning wins at Grand Blanc and De La Salle.

In all but one victory Brother Rice has had this season, the Warriors have scored at least 60 points, not allowing an opponent to score more than 70 points since the season opener.

As a four-year member of this team, and the first player in the past 27 years to sign a Division I scholarship, Brantley admitted that this year's version is more talented than the teams he has been a part of in years' past.

With Williams and Thomas on the court, this season feels different.

"We never came out on top," Brantley said. "But this year, we have a team with some experience, upperclassmen, some talented underclassmen. We're all willing to sacrifice to get this job done."

## Putting Rice back on the map

To Palmer, Brother Rice is not fixed. He still sees progress being made.

But the difference this season as opposed to last year is that progress is not something to be celebrated. In his second year as the head coach, expectations have shifted.

"If we can make the same type of

## MICHIGAN HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL MICK MCCABE'S BOYS, GIRLS RANKINGS

### BOYS

#### Division 1

SCHOOL	REC	LW
1. River Rouge	13-1	1
2. Clarkston	10-1	2
3. Detroit Cass Tech	13-1	4
4. Ann Arbor Huron	11-0	5
5. Orchard Lake St. Mary's	11-1	6
6. Ypsilanti Lincoln	9-2	3
7. Muskegon	10-1	8
8. Mt. Pleasant	12-0	9
9. Grand Blanc	10-3	10
10. Waterford Mo77	10-2	NR

#### Division 2

SCHOOL	REC	LW
1. Grand Rapids Christian	13-0	1
2. Benton Harbor	11-1	3
3. Grand Rapids Catholic Central	11-1	2
4. Goodrich	11-1	4
5. Williamston	12-1	5
6. Croswell-Lexington	11-1	6
7. Bridgeport	12-0	7
8. Detroit Douglass	12-3	8
9. Wyoming	10-1	NR
10. Cadillac	10-1	9

#### Division 3

SCHOOL	REC	LW
1. Flint Beecher	10-1	1
2. Hanover Horton	9-1	2
3. Detroit Edison	8-3	3
4. Iron Mountain	11-0	4
5. Maple City Glen Lake	10-1	5
6. Schoolcraft	12-0	6
7. Ravenna	11-0	7
8. Blissfield	11-1	10
9. Traverse City St. Francis	8-2	NR
10. Pewamo-Westphalia	10-1	NR

#### Division 4

SCHOOL	REC	LW
1. Southfield Christian	9-3	1
2. Kingston	12-0	2
3. Dollar Bay	10-0	4
4. Hale	11-1	3
5. Hillsdale Academy	10-1	6
6. Frankfort	10-1	7
7. Camden-Frontier	10-2	8
8. Mio	9-2	5
9. Gaylord St. Mary	9-1	9
10. Pickford	9-1	NR

### GIRLS

#### Division 1

SCHOOL	REC	LW
1. Hudsonville	12-0	1
2. East Lansing	12-1	2
3. Birmingham Marian	11-2	6
4. Hartland	11-1	7
5. Brighton	11-1	10
6. Farmington Hills Mercy	12-1	3
7. Port Huron	16-0	9
8. East Grand Rapids	13-1	NR
9. Detroit Renaissance	12-2	NR
10. Midland Dow	11-2	NR

#### Division 2

SCHOOL	REC	LW
1. Detroit Edison	12-0	1
2. Chelsea	11-1	3
3. Cadillac	12-0	5
4. Portland	13-1	6
5. Menominee	14-0	8
6. Parma Western	11-2	4
7. Grand Rapids Christian	11-2	9
8. Edwardsburg	13-1	10
9. Goodrich	10-2	NR
10. Williamston	10-3	NR

#### Division 3

SCHOOL	REC	LW
1. Grass Lake	12-1	1
2. Pewamo-Westphalia	10-2	2
3. Flint Hamady	12-1	3
4. Lake City	12-1	4
5. Kent City	13-1	5
6. Niles Brandywine	13-0	6
7. Centreville	12-0	7
8. Byron	12-0	8
9. Brooklyn	12-1	9
10. Manton	14-1	10

#### Division 4

SCHOOL	REC	LW
1. Adrian Lenawee Christian	11-1	1
2. St. Ignace	10-1	2
3. Mt. Pleasant Sacred Heart	13-0	4
4. Bellaire	12-0	6
5. St. Joseph Michigan Lutheran	11-0	7
6. Ewen-Trout Creek	12-1	8
7. Allen Park Inter-City	10-0	9
8. Martin	11-1	10
9. Kingston	11-1	3
10. Pittsford	13-1	5

strides that we did these last 38 days the next 38 days, I've been on enough of these March runs to know when you get rolling and you peak at the right time, it's March Madness, man," Palmer said. "Anything can happen."

Brantley has the same expectation.

The senior guard wants to win a Catholic League title. He wants to make a run at a state title. He wants to go to the Breslin Center.

And whatever his role may be, Brantley says, watching Thomas and Williams play, Brother Rice is closer than ever.

"These guys are setting the example that talent can come to Brother Rice, and it's going to work out for you," Brantley said. "These guys have three more years left, and I feel like they are going to be

ready to go once they are seniors, be ready for high, high Division 1 basketball."

While Williams and Thomas have time for success, they each know what guys like Brantley, Newman and Maynard have done to get to this point.

With that in mind, there is no rebuilding process with the top two players on the team being freshman. State title expectations begin now for the Warriors.

"The seniors said they really wanted this and I wanted to give it to them before they leave," Thomas said. "It's what me and Curtis decided on."

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ICE HOCKEY BRIGHTON 2, NORTHVILLE 0

# Sexsmith's 1st goal helps Bulldogs get into KLAA championship game vs. Livonia Stevenson

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Jack Sexsmith would've had a successful sophomore hockey season for Brighton if he never scored a goal.

His biggest contributions come in the defensive zone, where he's helped make the Bulldogs a tough team to score against.

But even a stay-at-home defenseman likes to score goals.

Sexsmith's first high school goal came at a key moment, getting Brighton on the board 22 seconds into the second period in a 2-0 victory over Northville Tuesday night at the Kensington Valley Ice House.

The Bulldogs (13-5-2) clinched the KLAA West championship, earning a date with Livonia Stevenson in the KLAA championship game at 6 p.m. Feb. 13 at Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

Brighton was on the power play when Sexsmith took a pass along the left boards from Lars Erkkila, skated down into the left circle and put a low shot

past goalie Dylan Eliason.

"I usually play up top (on the power play)," Sexsmith said. "But today they put me on the wall, and it worked out for the best. It was good to finally get one, especially in a game we needed it."

Sexsmith is in his first season with the Bulldogs after playing the last three seasons at the AAA level with Belle Tire. He wasn't known as a goal scorer, even at lower levels of hockey.

"I'm usually more of a shutdown defenseman, usually make the first good pass out of the zone," he said. "But I brought an offensive presence tonight and got one."

Before Tuesday, Sexsmith had four assists in 13 games.

"He doesn't have a lot of points," Brighton coach Paul Moggach said. "He's a humble kid who's always trying to learn and get better. He's got some size, got some reach. He's good."

Once Sexsmith gave Brighton the lead, it was one of the Bulldogs' usual suspects who got the game's only other goal just 6 minutes, 10 seconds later.

Brady MacDonald took a pass from

Will Jentz in front of the net and scored on his second whack at the puck, giving him five of Brighton's last six goals. MacDonald had the game-winner in a 3-2 victory over Detroit Country Day on Jan. 29 and all three goals in a 3-3 tie with Hartland last Friday.

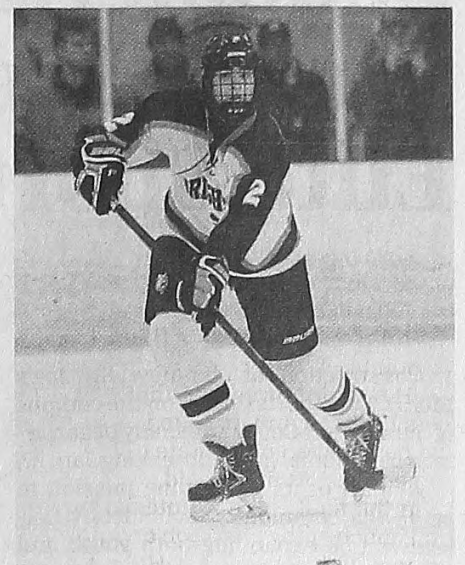
"I just think I've been getting my head back in," said MacDonald, who has seven goals in the last five games after scoring two in the previous 13. "Obviously, the team's playing better together. We're executing and passing better."

Junior goalie Chris Wozniak made the lead hold up, stopping all 16 shots he faced for his third shutout. Northville's most dangerous chances, including one that hit iron, came in the first period.

"It's always good coming out strong, keeping them in it," Wozniak said. "We were a little rocky in the start. I was making those saves, keeping the boys in it."

Brighton returned 30 shots at Eliason.

Brighton, ranked No. 3 in Division 1, will seek its first KLAA championship since winning a fourth straight in 2015



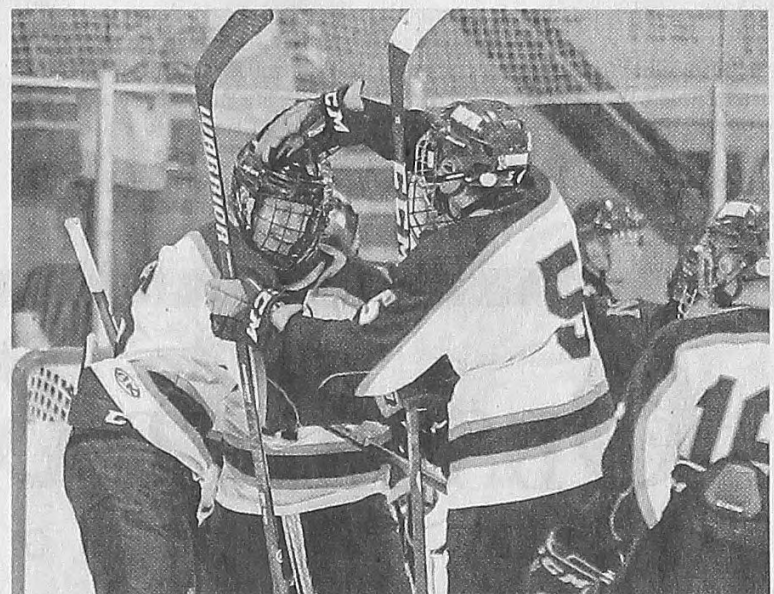
Brighton sophomore defenseman Jack Sexsmith, who scored his first career goal, passes the puck in a 2-0 victory over Northville on Tuesday.

against a Stevenson team that has won the last two league titles.

"We've got a chance to win a championship," Moggach said. "We've got to go all-in and do all we can to win that thing. It's been a while. We would like to get that one. It's a great opportunity. Stevenson's a great club. We'll work and see what we can do."

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Brighton's Brady MacDonald and Northville's Will Drieman battle for the puck. PHOTOS BY GILLIS BENEDICT/LIVINGSTON DAILY



MacDonald is congratulated by teammates after scoring the Bulldogs' second goal Tuesday.

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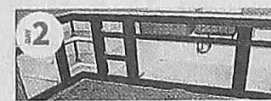
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# Schoolcraft holds groundbreaking for Elite Sports Center

Andrew Vaillencourt

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Construction of the new St. Joe's Mercy Elite Sports Center on the campus of Schoolcraft College officially began after a ceremonial groundbreaking Jan. 27.

As part of its continuing mission to serve the community, Schoolcraft College will be expanding both youth and adult continuing education programs within this facility as well. Schoolcraft students, athletes, faculty and staff also will have expanded access to wellness and fitness components provided.

In addition to being the future western suburban home of the Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy with 75,227 square feet of multipurpose space, the facility will house a state-of-the-art fitness laboratory, classroom space and faculty offices for Schoolcraft College's associate degree program in movement science.

The fitness lab is designed to train students in performance testing, applied exercise physiology and other skills. The movement science program will take advantage of Mercy Elite's presence on campus in the support of academic programs, job shadowing and internship opportunities.

"The St. Joe's Mercy Elite Sports Center is the latest example of what's been an excellent partnership between the healthcare system and the school," said Shannon Striebich, president, St. Jo-

seph Mercy Oakland. "This facility will enable us to grow our collaboration with the fitness leadership program at the college in several ways," she said. "One, we'll provide rotations for students in physical therapy, exercise science and strength and conditioning.

"Second, we'll be working closely with students using a new sophisticated level of sports performance technology. We'll be able to drill down on metrics like resting metabolic rate and create customized programs for individuals that allow them to achieve their desired results, whether that's better health or increased performance on the field."

Michigan Elite Volleyball Academy is one of the most successful and most respected volleyball clubs in the state, region and country. Steve Sack, one of the owners, said the group is "beyond excited" about the new partnership.

"At Michigan Elite, one of our primary goals is to teach our players the game of volleyball, which we do with unparalleled success," he said. "An equally important goal is the entire growth of the athlete. This new facility and partnership reflects our commitment to provide a world-class atmosphere not only for our players to grow and develop as athletes and people, but also our commitment to our families and the volleyball community in general to providing unparalleled competition and spectating experience."

Another youth sports organization,



Schoolcraft College President Dr. Conway A. Jeffress talks about the new St. Joe's Mercy Elite Sports Center on Jan. 27. In addition to 75,227 square feet of multipurpose space, the facility will house a state-of-the-art Fitness Laboratory, classroom space and faculty offices. COURTESY OF REBECCA COOK

the Livonia-based Michigan Wolves-Hawks Soccer Club, is excited to build upon its partnership as well.

"Our membership has increased by over 60 percent since our partnership with Schoolcraft College began and the St. Joe's Sport Dome opened in 2017," said Ed McCarthy, executive director of Michigan Wolves Soccer Club. "The facilities, perfectly located here on the campus of Schoolcraft College, have allowed us to maximize player development by providing the majority of our training and games at a single location with exceptional quality."

The expanded facilities and support mean a bright future for the club.

"We are excited to be a small part of this expansion with the exceptional partners we have grown with, at a location and campus we have come to call home," McCarthy said.

"I think you're going to see some marvelous things take place, not only for our own students but for the youngsters in

these other organizations," said Dr. Conway A. Jeffress, Schoolcraft College president. The new facility will be just across from the St. Joe's Sports Dome, which draws numerous youth sports organizations in addition to serving Schoolcraft College teams.

Glenn Cerny, vice president and chief financial officer of Schoolcraft College, underlined the point that skills developed playing sports are desired by employers.

"All the people you are bringing in for soccer and volleyball are our students," he said. "Our employers are looking for discipline, teamwork and communication."

The St. Joe's Mercy Elite Sports Center is expected to be completed in late summer 2020.

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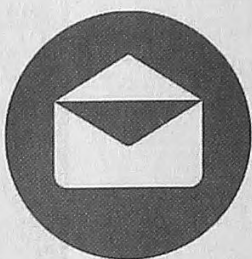
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TUESDAY, MARCH 10, 2020  
CITY OF PLYMOUTH, MICHIGAN**

**TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that any qualified elector of the City of Plymouth who is not already registered, may register to vote at the office of the City Clerk; the office of the County Clerk; a Secretary of State branch office, or other designated state agency. Registration forms can be obtained at [mi.gov/vote](http://mi.gov/vote) and mailed to the City of Plymouth City Clerk. Voters who are already registered may update their registration at [www.expressSOS.com](http://www.expressSOS.com).

The last day to register in any manner other than in-person with the local clerk is **Monday, February 24, 2020**.

After this date, anyone who qualifies as an elector may register to vote in person with proof of residency (MCL 168.492) at the City of Plymouth Clerk's office, located at 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170 at the following times:

- Regular business hours: Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, March 7, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- Election Day, Tuesday, March 10, 2020 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that a Presidential Primary will be conducted in all voting precincts and qualified electors will be voting for the following:

- » Candidates seeking nomination to the office of President of the United States and
- » The following 2 ballot proposals:

**COUNTY PROPOSAL - RENEWAL OF WAYNE COUNTY ART INSTITUTE  
AUTHORITY MILLAGE**

In 2012 the electors of Wayne County approved a 10-year millage to provide County residents with services from the Detroit Institute of Arts (DIA) through the Wayne County Art Institute Authority.

As a result of the millage, the DIA provides Wayne County residents with free K-12 school field trips including free transportation, free senior group programming with free transportation, and unlimited free general admission. To ensure transparency, the DIA submits to an annual independent audit and posts financial reports online.

To continue to provide revenue to the DIA, which will allow these DIA services for the residents of the County to continue, the Art Institute Authority is permitted by law to seek a renewal of the millage at a rate of no more than the current 0.2 mill (20 cents per \$1,000 taxable value) on all real and personal property in the County. Revenue from this millage will be disbursed to the Art Institute Authority and then transferred to the DIA as permitted by and for the purposes set forth in Public Act 296 of 2010. It is estimated that if approved and levied, this millage renewal would generate approximately \$8,500,000 in 2022.

Do you approve the renewal of the 0.2 mill on all taxable property located within the County for a period of 10 years from 2022 through 2031?

YES ☐  
NO ☐

**LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - PLYMOUTH-CANTON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS  
COUNTIES OF WAYNE AND WASHTENAW  
STATE OF MICHIGAN  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSAL**

Shall the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Two Hundred Seventy-Five Million Dollars (\$275,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following projects:

- Remodeling, equipping, re-equipping, furnishing and re-furnishing school buildings, performing arts center, activity and athletic fields, playgrounds and other facilities for safety and security, energy conservation and other purposes;
- Erecting, completing, equipping and furnishing a new stadium, activity and athletic facilities and a maintenance/storage facility and secure entryway, classroom, gymnasium, and natatorium additions to existing school buildings and other facilities;
- Acquiring and installing instructional technology infrastructure and equipment in school buildings and other facilities and the purchase of school buses; and
- Preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings, playgrounds, activity and athletic fields and other facilities for traffic control, safety and security and other purposes?

The annual debt millage required to retire all bonds of the School District currently outstanding and proposed pursuant to this Proposal is expected to remain at or below the annual debt millage of 4.02 mills levied in 2019. The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than twenty (20) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 0.98 mills (which is equal to \$0.98 per \$1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of bonds is 1.65 mills annually (\$1.65 per \$1,000 of taxable value).

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

YES ☐  
NO ☐

The official list of candidates, full text of these proposals and sample ballots may be viewed at [www.mi.gov/vote](http://www.mi.gov/vote). Sample ballots may also be obtained at the City of Plymouth Clerk's office, 201 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170. Persons with special needs as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act and needing accommodations should contact the Clerk's office at: 734-453-1234 x234, 225 or x203.

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### How Boomers can overcome ageism in the workplace

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Often when we hear about “unconscious bias” in hiring and recruiting it’s focused on gender or cultural discrimination. And while those are significant barriers to many job seekers, there’s one that can be just as insidious: ageism. Companies may not be intentionally discriminating against mid- or late-career employees, but many people inadvertently internalize stereotypes about older people in general: He’s over 60, he’ll probably retire soon anyway, so why make the long-term investment? She’s probably not very technically savvy...Would he be able to innovate?

To overcome these kinds of stereotypes, many Boomer job seekers feel pressure to appear young and hip, potentially shortchanging the many advantages they bring to any job interview or application: experience and hard-earned skills. So how should you approach the job search in a world of ageist typecasting?

#### Debunk the myths

Older workers are often perceived as less open to change or resistant to new training or methods. You can challenge those supposed “norms” by creating an application package that shows your flexibility – as well as your willingness to embrace change.

One way to accomplish this is by making your resume and cover letter very active. Using powerful action verbs and focusing on ways you’ve shifted and adapted along the way can help show movement.

For example, in your work experience bullet points, instead of saying things like “responsible for,” use words like “in-



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novated,” “implemented,” or “onboard.” If you’ve been on the cutting edge of anything in your career (a new process, a new system, a new technology), flaunt it.

#### Embrace your experience (and edit it)

Do you know what advantage younger job seekers don’t have? The long tail

of experience. If you’re worried about appearing overqualified, you have the luxury of editing your job history. You don’t need to list every job you’ve ever had; and in fact, that can be a deterrent to someone who has just a few seconds to read your resume and determines whether to move you forward.

Highlight only the most important and relevant points of your job experience and really make them shine. You

should be aware of creating any “gaps” in your employment history that might seem odd, but by using a header like “Relevant Work History” you can convey to the reader that you’re creating a thoughtful, curated list of work experience. (Though you should still be prepared to provide dates, company names, or other details about any other jobs you’ve had.)

#### Always be learning

One of the most effective ways to overcome stereotypes as an older applicant is to show that you haven’t checked out and are still actively engaged in your career path. Taking classes (either traditional or online), adding new tech skills, or publishing fresh professional content on social media shows you’re not only keeping on top of things but are also seeking out new knowledge and experiences.

#### Be confident in who you are and the experience you have

In an ideal state of things, no one would have to take extra steps just to show that they can still hack it in today’s professional world. But in the world we have, putting some extra care and attention into showcasing your talents and experience can help put you in a better position to fight bias. You bring so much value to the table and remembering that fact can give you an extra confidence boost as you hunt for new opportunities.

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 American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. has openings for **Fluid Dynamics Analytical Engineers** at its facility in Detroit, MI.

**Job duties include:**

- Handling purchasing activities, including supplier selection, negotiations, issuing purchase orders for electrical and mechanical indirect commodities for assembly, machining, and forging processes;
- Reviewing deficient or unacceptable supplier performance with engineers, users, suppliers and others to determine source of trouble and support corrective action;
- Working with global suppliers and markets for competitiveness and global presence/capabilities;
- Conducting technical reviews with suppliers and plants to review scope compliance, systems compliance, and cost detail analysis experience on each of the following: Oracle and Plex;
- Providing proposal evaluation ensuring that suppliers can deliver complete and cost-effective manufacturing solutions;
- Ensuring that 4-Squares are developed and tracked according to program timing;
- Support long term supply strategies by commodity / supplier;
- Traveling internationally to supplier facilities and plant manufacturing locations as required;
- Analyzing and communicating conclusions of supplier performance through metrics, data and reports

**Position requires:** Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, Finance, or Engineering, or foreign equivalent education, and 3 years of experience working as a Buyer in the automotive industry. The position requires 3 years of experience in each of the following:

- Purchasing electrical/mechanical/indirect commodities;
- Strategic sourcing across multiple regions to negotiate global contracts;
- Working with Global Suppliers establishing worldwide contracts for indirect commodities;
- Managing the contract systematically on Oracle/Plex systems;
- Integrating strategic global contracts at the plant manufacturing level by working directly with manufacturing procurement teams.

Experience may be obtained concurrently.

 Applicants should apply on line at [AAM.com/careers](http://AAM.com/careers) and reference job ID# JREQ-184333.

#### Engineering & IT

 American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. has openings for **Fluid Dynamics Analytical Engineers** at its facility in Detroit, MI.

**Job duties include:**

1. Performing Computational Fluid Dynamics Analysis on Axle, PTU, RDM internal components to predict lubrication performance and thermal parameters using ANSYS Fluent or STAR-CCM+ and CFD coding tools Matlab, C++ or FORTRAN
2. Performing Computational Fluid Dynamics Analysis on vehicle underbody airflow and thermal analysis of driveline systems using ANSYS Fluent or STAR-CCM+ and CFD coding tools Matlab, C++ or FORTRAN
3. Analyzing design parameters, testing results and FEA results and providing design guidelines for better axle efficiency and lubrication performance using Matlab or C++ or FORTRAN
4. Working with Product Engineering to ensure axle efficiency and lubrication meet performance requirements
5. Coordinating projects and priorities within the department
6. Analyzing simulation and test data and making recommendations on unusual or complex technical problems using Matlab or C++ or FORTRAN
7. Writing technical reports
8. Creating and presenting oral presentations to internal and external customers.

**Position requires:** Master's Degree in Energy Systems Engineering or Mechanical Engineering or related field, or foreign equivalent education, and 3 years' experience working in CFD field. 3 years of experience is required each of the following:

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2. Fluid/solid interface temperature effects modeling including radiation Application of CFD theoretical concepts, such as adequate meshing resolution, solution accuracy and convergence, boundary condition setup, transient modeling, turbulence modeling
3. Cross-functional team work experience which would include interacting with CAE, test and manufacturing engineers to provide optimum product design recommendations
5. CFD coding experience using Matlab or C++ or FORTRAN
6. Analyzing test data trends and CFD model benchmarking

Experience may be obtained concurrently.

 Applicants should apply on line at [AAM.com/careers](http://AAM.com/careers) and reference job ID JREQ-183874.

#### Engineering & IT

 American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. has openings for **Product Engineers - Clutch Engineering** at its Advanced Technology Development Center (ATDC), located in Detroit, Michigan.

**Major Duties / Requirements:**

- Responsible for design, development and release of clutch and hydraulic components for AAM's All-Wheel Drive (AWD), Torque Transfer Device (TTD), eDrive units, electronic and mechanical Limited Slip Differential Applications (eLSD and mLSD) applications
- Develop product specifications for clutch plates, clutch baskets, pumps, pistons, valves and filters
- Lead / coordinate and manage component level DFMEA and DVP&R
- Implement GD&T and Tolerance Stacks Analysis. Perform 3D CAD for concept designs. Submit requests for design services.
- Support completion of ADVP&R per program timing. Perform CAE for concept designs. Submit requests for advanced CAE analysis.
- Lead / support documentation, presentations and attendance in customer meetings, supplier meetings, design reviews, peer reviews and management report-outs for AAM Product Engineering.
- Develop, coordinate and pursue plans for strategic projects to support department roadmap.

**Position requires:** Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering or foreign equivalent education, and 1 year of experience in the automotive industry. 1 year of experience is required in each of the following:

1. Design and development of driveline/powertrain components
2. Design and/or testing of friction material for automotive clutch applications
3. Design and/or testing of hydraulic components and/or systems
4. Implementing GD&T Concepts and Design Failure Mode Effects Analysis (DFMEA)
5. Define and/or coordinate DVP&R for component validation

**Experience may be obtained concurrently.**

Applicants should apply on line at [AAM.com/careers](http://AAM.com/careers) and reference job ID # JREQ-184195.

#### Engineering & IT

 American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. has openings for **Senior Application Engineers** at its facility in Southfield, Michigan.

**Job duties include:**

- Develop Engineering Applications using C, C++ and Java to support AAM Global CAE Virtualization and Design release processes.
- Support CAD (Catia), PLM (Teamcenter) and CAE suite of Applications for all AAM Global Product and Manufacturing Engineers.
- Configure and support PLM (Teamcenter) for CAD data transfers with OEM's (GM, Ford, and Nissan) to meet OEM's standards and compliance requirements.
- Develop shell scripts for CAE high performance computing and deploy software in Linux/Windows/UNIX environments.
- Configure Engineering Application licenses and generate dashboards for software license management.
- Package and deploy of PLM (Teamcenter), CAD (Catia) and CAE software's by creating custom scripts and packaging tools such as Microsoft SCCM.

**Position requires:** Bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, or related field, or foreign equivalent education, and 3 years of experience working in the automotive field as a Senior Software Engineer. 3 years of experience is required in each of the following:

- Application Development Using C, C++, Java
- Application support for CAD (Catia), PLM (Teamcenter) and CAE software's
- Generating License reports
- Package and deployment of PLM (Teamcenter), CAD (Catia) and CAE Software's
- Developing shell scripts on UNIX environment

Experience may be obtained concurrently.

 Applicant should apply on line at [AAM.com](http://AAM.com) and reference job ID# JREQ-184332.

#### Engineering & IT

 American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. has openings for **Senior CAE Structural Analysis Engineers** at its facility in Detroit Michigan.

**Job duties include:**

1. Develop computer aided engineering (CAE) models to address strength, durability and NVH concerns relevant to automotive industry.
2. Perform structural durability, including non-linear contact thermal and fatigue analysis of driveline and powertrain systems and use the analysis results to improve the design.
3. Perform linear and non-linear structural CAE analyses for complex driveline and powertrain structures using Abaqus Standard and also perform life prediction/analysis using fatigue and fracture mechanics simulation procedures using Fe-safe.
4. Develop CAE models to match test setup by creating continuum, shells, mesh independent fastener elements, shell to solid couplings and sub models using Hypermesh, SIMULAB, Hyperview and Abaqus-CAE tools.
5. Perform stress and fatigue analysis/life prediction of driveline components and assemblies and use the analytical data to provide design guidelines.
6. Perform NVH thermal sensitivity analysis to improve the robustness of driveline product.
7. Perform sealing and contact pressure analysis to determine the effect of operating conditions (temperature, bolt preload, etc.)
8. Perform modal analysis, dynamic time history analyses and frequency domain simulations to determine the system excitation modes/ strength and correlate with experimental results.
9. Perform topology Optimization of driveline system to reduce weight and improve stiffness using Optistruct.
10. Correlate CAE results with vehicle and lab data for fatigue, abuse testing conditions by using material modeling techniques and theory of manufacturing processes to determine the plastic and fatigue behavior of driveline systems and document the correlation level and lessons learned.

**Position requires:** Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering or Manufacturing Engineering, or foreign equivalent education, and 2 years' experience working in automotive powertrain industry. 2 years' experience is required in each of the following:

1. Using CAE theory, fatigue simulations and engineering software to analytically validate automotive driveline and powertrain structures.
2. Using advanced numerical problem solving techniques including non-linear contact / material modeling, fatigue analyses, modal extraction, dynamic time history analyses, frequency domain simulations and topology optimization.
3. Applying durability and advanced fatigue theory, specifically in powertrain and vehicle validation processes.
4. Using CAE tools including Simlab, Hypermesh, Hyperview, Abaqus CAE, Optistruct, Abaqus Standard, and Fe-Safe.
5. Conducting fatigue analysis and fracture mechanics simulations.
6. Using material modeling techniques / theory and applying manufacturing processes to determine the plastic and fatigue behavior of driveline structures and to validate/correlate CAE results with test results.

Experience may be obtained concurrently.

 Applicants should apply on line at [AAM.com/careers](http://AAM.com/careers) and reference job ID JREQ-183873.

#### Engineering & IT

 American Axle & Manufacturing, Inc. has openings for **Senior Mechatronics CAE Engineers** at its facility in Detroit, Michigan.

**Job duties include:**

1. Developing physics-based and high fidelity multi-body dynamics models of driveline products, including mechanical/electric drivelines, drive shafts, CVT, propshaft.
2. Using MSC/ADAMS, Matlab and other CAE tools to evaluate product performance, identify risks, and provide design recommendation through design optimization studies in order to ensure product meets customer specifications.
3. Developing driveline Multiphysics models using Romax or Masta
4. Using Multiphysics models to perform system level durability, NVH and efficiency analyses.
5. Perform bearing life assessment based on ISO 281 & TS 16281 standards, Journal bearing film thickness calculations, ISO 6336 & FE based gear life predictions, frequency domain gear whine calculations, NVH simulations of eMachine integrated driveline systems such as performing harmonic analysis, assessing the combined effect of gear mesh TE harmonics and eMachine torque ripple harmonics, and perform acoustic predictions.
6. Using results from simulations to correlate to laboratory and vehicle data, identify design risks to evaluate if product specifications are met, formulate design iterations to perform optimizations.
7. Refine current standard analysis procedures to improve CAE prediction fidelity and develop new CAE analysis techniques.
8. Supporting dynamic analysis of several engineering programs at AAM, including the following:
  - Electronic limited slip differential
  - Gear shift actuation system
  - Disconnect system
  - Park lock design
  - Differential gear noise
9. Develop analytical design verification plan and report (DVP&R)
10. Use CAD tools including Spaceclaim, NX or CATIA to build models for CAE analyses
11. Develop scripts for automation of analytical processes using C, C++ or Python
12. Creating and presenting analytical reports to internal and external customers

**Job requires:** Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering, or related engineering field, or foreign equivalent education, and 2 years' experience working in the CAE engineering field. Two years of experience is required in each of the following:

1. Multi-body dynamics simulation;
2. Using any of the following virtual simulation and data analysis software: MSC ADAMS, MatLab/Simulink, Romax, or MASTA
3. Developing scripts for automation of analytical processes using C, C++ or Python
4. Utilize CAD tools including Spaceclaim, NX or CATIA
5. Using test data to correlate models.

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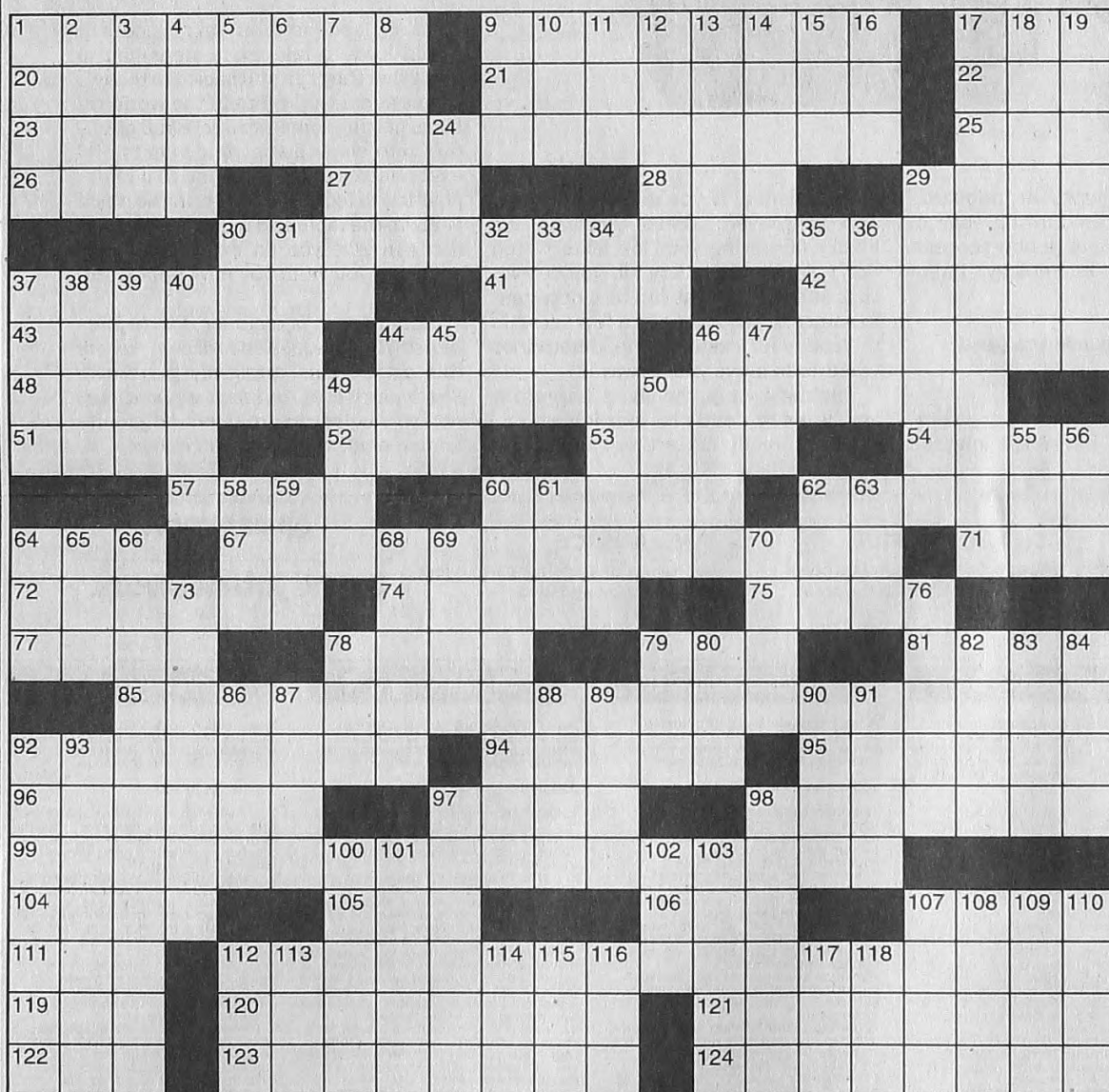


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- 1 While away the hours  
9 Amorphous, sunken-into seats  
17 Book divs.  
20 Adopts, as a belief  
21 Do a new layout of  
22 Marina del —, California  
23 Start of a riddle  
25 Musician Yoko  
26 Fixes a seam, say  
27 Drink served with scones  
28 Suffix with final or solo  
29 Heroic poetry  
30 Riddle, part 2  
37 7-Eleven drink  
41 Isn't on target  
42 Contract inker, e.g.  
43 "Stones for —" (1988 film)  
44 San —, California  
46 Most fake
- 48 Riddle, part 3  
51 With 57-Across, descent before pulling a rip cord  
52 Chilean cheer  
53 Praise publicly  
54 Margarita glass liner  
57 See 51-Across  
60 1990s Philippine president  
62 Ad entreaty  
64 ET of TV  
67 Riddle, part 4  
71 "Rock and Roll, Hoochie —"  
72 Gel alternative  
74 Bow rub-on  
75 "— Cassius has a lean and hungry look"; Julius Caesar  
77 — Sunday  
78 Let out  
79 Xenon, e.g.  
81 Fesses (up)  
85 Riddle, part 5
- 92 Deliver news about  
94 Capacious  
95 One of Jupiter's moons  
96 Rare Italian violins  
97 Trial run  
98 Watched kids for cash  
99 End of the riddle  
104 Tip jar bills  
105 Mimicker  
106 "— There Was You"  
107 — ghanouj  
111 Poetry Out Loud org.  
112 Riddle's answer  
119 Wind up  
120 Tendency to stick together  
121 "Casino Royale" Bond girl player  
122 Rds.  
123 Outburst of wild emotion  
124 Tokyo "ta-ta"
- 3 Shoot forth  
4 Male heirs  
5 "Tsk!"  
6 "Semi—" suffix  
7 Get together  
8 Road twists  
9 Male sib  
10 Always, to bards  
11 Astern  
12 Feature of a perfect ball game  
13 Audacious  
14 Just slightly  
15 Slender fish  
16 Hog home  
17 Certain liquid fuel  
18 High-tech map subjects  
19 Natalie Portman's childhood home on Long Island  
24 "Bali —"  
29 Most tense  
30 Twist  
31 Skin cream brand  
32 Ensnares  
33 Cookie giant  
34 Lead singer  
35 Beginning on  
36 Have supper  
37 Son of Willy Loman
- 38 Skyscraper beam  
39 Many an app  
40 Anguish  
44 Actor Gibson  
45 Had supper  
46 Sainted pope  
47 FDR follower  
49 Hit the links  
50 Boxing punch  
55 London lav  
56 16 eighths  
58 Tummy "six-pack"  
59 Actor Marvin  
60 Interstate stop  
61 Pal, in Calais  
62 Earlier  
63 "No — do!"  
64 Rock blaster  
65 Mauna —  
66 Big magazine pitches  
68 Suze with financial tips  
69 Stir up, as silt  
70 NASDAQ kin  
73 Polishes  
76 Bride's belongings  
78 Green start?  
79 Big Red, e.g.  
80 Poet Lowell  
82 "— calling?"
- 83 California's — Valley  
84 TDs, e.g.  
86 Fortitude  
87 — bitsy  
88 Looking up  
89 Attend  
90 Imminent  
91 Lard holders  
92 Seminal punk band  
93 Distinquished  
97 Feared fly  
98 Luxury watch company  
100 Vows  
101 In a tizzy  
102 Dol. divisions  
103 Quotes  
107 Farm building  
108 Cruising  
109 South African  
110 Actress Faris  
112 "— bin ein Berliner"  
113 Nerf ball, e.g.  
114 Make public  
115 "— will not!"  
116 Genetic ID  
117 Actor Liotta  
118 Swelled head



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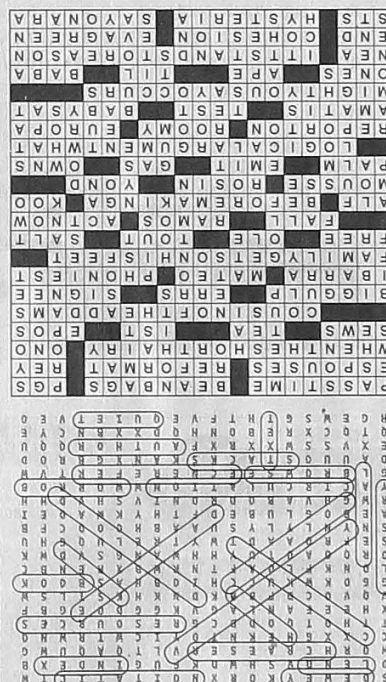
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## ANSWER KEY



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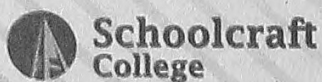
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